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Tenorio dares Borja to 'quit'

By Zaldy Dandan
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio vows to resign the day after the Nov. 1 elections if he loses to Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, and dares the Independent candidate to do the same.

Tenorio, in a media conference Friday, said he is "tired" of hearing Borja attacking his policies while, at the same time, serving in his administration.

Tenorio said his former running mate was allowed "flexibility" as acting governor, but added that "it's now a different story" when Borja is running against him.

"I don't want him making decisions inconsistent with (this administration's) policies, philosophy and principles and then attack me (afterwards)," Tenorio said.

Jesus C. Borja

"(So) I want to make a deal with (him)," he added. "I will resign if he wins this election, but he should resign if I win."

Tenorio issued the "dare" after he was told by reporters that Borja has criticized his frequent trips abroad.

"He's complaining about it (when it's my off-island trips that allowed him to be) acting governor so now he can claim that he's got experience," Tenorio said.

"What did he expect me (to do), sit here and wait for (the investments to come here?"

He added, "If (Borja) is saying that it's better to stay on the island and never mind about finding investors to come over here, never mind (about) improving the economy, I say (he) should not be running for governor."

Borja broke off with Tenorio late last year after the governor decided to seek the Democratic Party's nomination despite his December 1995 statement that he

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Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio confers with a political foe turned ally, former governor Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero, during the blessing and grand opening of Mt. Carmel's new high school facility last Friday.

Photo by Zaldy Dandan

CUC: Power back in almost all of Saipan

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Commonwealth Utilities Corp. last night said it had restored power to almost all of Saipan as of 10 p.m.

CUC Information Officer Pamela A. Mathis said only about 15 homes in Sadog Tasi remained without electricity because of downed lines.

But some homes in Dandan reportedly still remained powerless.

"As of this time (10 p.m.), 99 percent of Saipan now have electricity," Mathis told the Variety.

Typhoon Joan rendered the whole island powerless by 9 a.m. Saturday.

The CUC, however, restored electricity to areas covered by Feeder 1, including the Health Center, by 3:15 p.m.

Mathis said all seven systems had been energized by 5 p.m. but that some homes in lighted areas remained problematic.

As of late afternoon yester-

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CUC crew respond to a call about this Beach Road power pole almost being blown down at the height of Super Typhoon Joan Saturday. CUC has reportedly brought back power to almost all of Saipan.

Teno camp claims 'eligibility' circular part of 'scare tactics'

Pedro P. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

"NEGATIVE statements" regarding former governor Pedro P. Tenorio's eligibility to seek a third term is an attempt to "scare" voters into thinking that a vote for him would be wasted.

This according to Dr. Jose T. Villagomez, chair of the Republican Party's Committee-to-Elect "Teno-Pepero."

Villagomez, in a press release, said those circulating the "public notices" on Tenorio's ineligibility with only two weeks left before the election should have taken the issue to court long ago if they believe that the former governor can no longer run.

"They did not because they knew that our courts...would rule (Tenorio) eligible," he said.

Villagomez cited a 1990 ruling of the Superior Court which stated

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Super Typhoon Joan destroyed 37 homes

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is expected to call a cabinet meeting today to do an assessment of the damages wrought by super typhoon 'Joan,' administration sources yesterday said.

'Joan' left the Northern Mariana Islands Saturday night but not before its heavy rains and strong gusty winds wracked the islands and damaged 37 houses on Saipan alone, the Emergency Management Office yesterday said.

Gov. Tenorio's residence located at the Capitol Hills was among the houses damaged by 'Joan' Saturday, unconfirmed reports reaching the Variety indicated.

Statistics on damages furnished by acting EMO Public Information Officer Frank M. Eliptico showed that 37 homes were damaged--five totally destroyed, while 11 sustained

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'The entire island held its breath for Joan'

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

TOPPLING trees and throwing roofs into the air, supertyphoon Joan sent Saipan thithering on the verge of unprecedented loss as it unleashed gale-force winds and torrential rains that rendered roads impassable and threw the island's villages into isolated darkness by nightfall.

Joan made her presence felt shortly before sunrise Saturday, howling as she slammed loosely-shut windows, doors, and boards; rocked parked and moving cars; and ripped tin roofs off houses.

Except for a few utility staff and police on patrols, no other signs of moving life were on the roads as Joan's winds blew powerline cables, mowed down banana shrubs, plowed through farmlands, banged billboards and strewn twigs and leaves everywhere.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-98-0003
OCTOBER 20, 1997

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals from firms capable of supplying and delivering to CUC the following power distribution materials:

- wooden powerpoles
- transformers
- conductors

Interested parties may pick up scope of work and specifications at CUC's Procurement & Supply Office in Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI, during work hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays.

Offerors shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company has in the past, and is currently, in compliance with all applicable CNMI and federal labor laws. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such labor laws and any remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire proposal

Offerors shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the successful offeror in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

Six (6) sets of proposals must be submitted in a scaled envelope marked CUC-RFP-98-0003, to Mr. John C. Mafnas, at CUC, Material Management Division, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, Friday, November 21, 1997. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections made on the following criteria: Cost (40 maximum points); Payment Terms (30 maximum points); Performance on previous supply contracts with CUC (20 maximum points); and Experience (10 maximum points).

The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the necessary funding and/or required approval to enter into legally binding arrangements to compete the entire project.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

This RFP does not commit the CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for materials.

CUC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Ross back in ME for peace talks

By DAFNA LINZER

JERUSALEM (AP) - The U.S. special envoy to the Middle East arrived Sunday in Israel for another round of meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in an effort to push the peace process forward.

Dennis Ross was scheduled to meet with both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat later in the day.

Israel media reported that Ross will discuss America's request for a "time-out" in Israeli settlement activity and make arrangements for talks to be held in Washington at the end of the month. The talks would include Foreign Minister Yitzhak Levy and Mahmoud Abbas, Arafat's top deputy.

The peace process was frozen for seven months after Israel began construction of a new Jewish settlement on disputed east Jerusalem land claimed by the Palestinians. Three suicide bombings since then derailed the process

But recent American initiatives succeeded in coaxing both sides back to the table. Earlier this month, Ross arranged a summit between Arafat and Netanyahu, their first meeting in eight months.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is visiting the region, said Saturday that President Bill Clinton was concerned peace wasn't moving quickly enough.

"I know President Clinton is deeply concerned about the peace process here. He calls me to talks about it from time to time." Christopher said. Israel Radio said Christopher, here for the opening of a peace center run by former Prime Minister Shimon Peres, will also hold talks with Israeli officials. Christopher helped negotiate the initial Israel-Palestinian peace accords.

Also, The Haaretz newspaper reported that Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy was considering resigning from the government if Netanyahu didn't give him the authority to run negotiations with the Palestinians.

Levy has often threatened to resign over Netanyahu's handling of the peace process.

Poll: Queen should abdicate

LONDON (AP) — Seventy percent of Britons questioned in a new poll think Queen Elizabeth II should eventually give up the throne, but they're divided over whether her successor should be Prince Charles or his son.

The ICM poll in Saturday's Daily Mail newspaper said 34 percent thought she should step aside within three years, 30 percent said she should choose her own time to abdicate, and 6 percent favored her 80th birthday.

Just 24 percent said the 71-year-old monarch should remain on the job until her death.

A Sept. 15 National Opinion Poll in London's Sunday Times found that 42 percent wanted her to remain queen until her death and 53 percent wanted her to abdicate now or when she turns 75.

In Saturday's ICM poll of 1,108 people across the country, 46 percent of those questioned wanted Charles to succeed his mother and 44 percent favored his son, Prince William.

The Sept. 15 poll found 31 percent favored Charles and 60 percent favored William.

The surveys had margins of error of 3 percentage points.

Tung to tell Britain Hong Kong is doing very good

HONG KONG (AP) - Hong Kong leader Tung Chee-hwa left for Britain Sunday, saying he will tell the territory's former colonial ruler that all is going well since China took over on July 1.

Tung, on his fourth overseas trip since taking office, will stop in Brussels for trade talks with the European Union before visiting London and meeting Prime Minister Tony Blair.

He said he will discuss the legislative election planned for May 24, and will urge British officials to help rid Hong Kong of some 1,800 Vietnamese asylum-seekers left over from colonial times.

Above all, he told reporters, he will inform the British that "everything is moving forward in Hong Kong" since the change of sovereignty.

One of the main disputes has been over China's disbanding of the legislature on the grounds that the election rules were made by Britain without Chinese consent.

An unelected legislature took over, and will be replaced with an elected one in next year's poll.

"The election will be fair and open," Tung said.

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Tenorio assails CPA

$140-M bond controversy irritates the Governor

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Foilan C. Tenorio Friday rebuked officials of the Commonwealth Ports Authority in connection with the bond deal with Yu Corp. which the CPA rejected at the last minute.

Tenorio stopped short of categorically demanding their resignations, but he said he would fire them if they fail in their jobs.

The CPA refused to sign the final agreement over the $140-million bond to be floated in the international market when it was presented to officials last Oct. 2 because of what they said were excessive and unusual fees, including a 3.5 percent finder's fee and 5 percent (of the construction cost) construction management fee.

The Yu Corp., through its representative Anthony M. Ventura, has alleged that the fees had earlier been approved by the CPA in a memorandum of understanding it had signed.

The CPA has also objected to the increase in the bond's interest rate from 6.5 percent to 6.7 percent.

Tenorio, who arrived from Washington, D.C. Thursday, told reporters that "either they (CPA) approve the bond that they're dealing with before (as arranged by Yu Corp.) or there won't be any bonds of CPA at all."

The governor had invited Yu Corp. into the Commonwealth to look into investments the governor particularly had in mind—a modern medical school cum hospital and a retirees' village.

Last week Japanese businessman Masaru Horie, who claims to be a long-time friend of Tenorio, said it was he who introduced the chief executive to Yu Corp. president C. Kang C. Yu, a professor at the University of Massachusetts.

Tenorio met with Yu during one of the former's visits to Seoul, Korea.

Yu Corp., a construction management firm, also looked for the bond lender/buyer, a consortium of financiers led by Hanso of Korea.

Horie said he also asked Professor Yu' help after Tenorio had sought his advice on how the government can get the much needed money to expand and improve the Tinian airport and seaport.

When asked what he would do if the CPA doesn't go with him on the bond deal, Tenorio said, "I'm sorry, I appointed members (of the CPA board), I appointed the executive director; if I don't feel they're doing a good job, I'm gonna remove them."

He said he had not been convinced by the CPA that the Yu deal "was not a good one."

Tenorio also claimed the Yu deal was cheaper than the $22.5-million bond float CPA did with bond underwriter Altura Nelson, when CPA accordingly only got $16.8 million of the face value.

Under the Yu deal, the CPA will reportedly get 94.29 percent of the bond's $140-million face value.

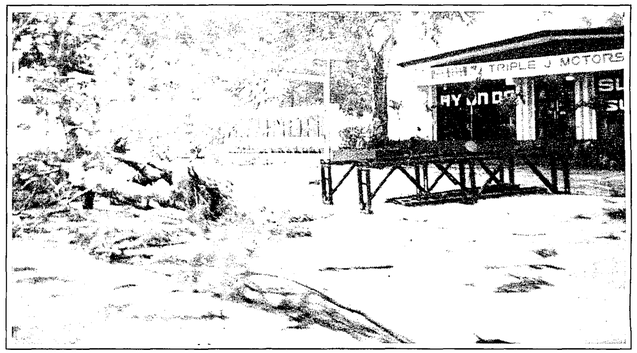
Executive Director Carlos Shoda, however, said Altura Nelson, as underwriter, is charging only 1 percent underwriter's fee, whereas Paine Webber, which Yu Corp. hired as underwriter, is charging 1.75 percent.

Tenorio, who was asked what he knew about the reputation of Yu, said, "Nothing, but what does CPA pretend to know about the reputation of Professor Yu?"

When asked further if he would demand the resignation of CPA officials, as suggested by Horie in his interview with the Variety, said, "I already stated my position."

The expansion of the Tinian air- and seaports is a critical factor to attracting more investors in the island's casino and hotel industry.

At present, only one casino operator has actually built its facility, the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, which is slated to soft-open in December.



A big trunk of a tree that collapsed in front of Triple J Motors lies along Garapan Beach Road at the height of the Super Typhoon Joan. Photo by Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr

DLNR sets 'condition' for crop damage assistance

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

ONLY commercial farmers who have taken photos of their crops before and after super typhoon Joan hit the Commonwealth may be allowed financial assistance, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources said.

The photos, explained Marianne Concepcion, DLNR Special Assistant for Correspondence, will help government in assessing damages and making an estimate on the loss.

"We can not assist them (farmers) if we have no idea how much was destroyed," said Concepcion.

The financial assistance is offered by the U.S. agriculture department's farm services and is available once a disaster has been declared.

Affected farmers must seek DLNR's Division of Agriculture for the assessment.

The photos, Concepcion said, "are a strong tool in getting the federal assistance" which, for its part, only covers farm plots not covered by an insurance firm.

"There are other requirements farmers must meet to be eligible for the assistance but taking pictures of the crops before and after the storm is important," said Concepcion.

There are close to 300 commercial farmers on the island, most of whom regularly seek financial assistance whenever typhoons cause damages to their crops.

The financial assistance is given to enable the affected farmers to recoup from losses caused by the typhoon.

Joan is feared to have caused extensive damage to farmlands mostly those alloted to bananas and vegetables situated on the island's hills.

DLNR officials have had difficulties assessing post-typhoon farmlands in the past as farmers, in the absence of conclusive evidences, fail to provide them with an accurate account of the damage caused by the weather disturbance.

BPL allows quarry firm to reopen

Tomas B. Aldan

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

ONE OF the two quarry firms recently ordered closed by government for failure to pay the required fees has reopened, the Board of Public Lands said.

Hofschneider Inc., which, along with Saipan Solid Builders, were padlocked last week for not paying $12,000 in annual operating fees for the past five years, has made a settlement with BPL.

"They (Hofschneider management) have made a payment of $10,000 and agreed to pay the balance on installment," said BPL Chair Tomas B. Aldan.

Saipan Solid Builders, for its part, has remained closed since its management has yet to make a proposed settlement with government, he said.

"They (Saipan Solid Builders) have yet to negotiate with our legal counsel," said Aldan.

The two firms are among business entities whose contract with government have been placed under review following reports of violations on provisions of the agreement.

'No need to worry about US takeover,' says Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

A BIPARTISAN "federal takeover" legislation backed by the Office of the United States President has been introduced in the U.S. Senate, but Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said Friday that the CNMI "should not worry about it."

"Why should (we) waste time on something that's not going to happen?" he said.

Tenorio, who arrived late Wednesday from his week-long visit to Washington, D.C., said he was assured by U.S. House Republican leadership that the 105th Congress will not pass any bill extending federal immigration and minimum wage laws to the CNMI.

The governor, at the same time, brushed aside U.S. Sen. Frank Murkowski's (R-Alaska) recent remarks that the CNMI's economic success "does not justify worker abuse, indentured slaves" or the "appalling" housing conditions provided to alien workers.

"Very funny, isn't it," Tenorio said, but did not elaborate.

Murkowski, the chair of the U.S. Senate committee that has jurisdiction over the CNMI, is co-sponsoring S. 1275 with U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), the ranking Democrat in the committee.

Tenorio said he hasn't even read the bill, and has no intention of doing so.

Congress will not act on the bill, he said.

At the same time, the governor praised Preston Gates for its "very effective" lobbying on behalf of the CNMI.

Tenorio said the law firm is "very effective" with the U.S. Republicans, adding that he will only consider hiring a new lobbyist if the U.S. Democrats regain control of Congress in 1998.

However, lobbying the Clinton administration, Tenorio said, is a "lost cause."

"We tried (former Democratic governor of Hawaii) John Waihee and a former chief of staff of (U.S. Interior Secretary) Bruce Babbitt, but they couldn't deliver," he said.

CNMI First Lady Grace Lynn Tenorio (fourth from left) poses with speakers and participants to the 'Breast Cancer Symposium' held at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Friday. Photo by Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.

'We stand corrected'

THE MARIANAS Variety in its Oct. 17, Friday, issue (page 22), published a cartoon advertisement without carrying the ad sponsor's name.

This was after the Variety mistakenly acceded to the advertiser's request to have the sponsor's name removed from the actual print. Our apologies for the oversight.--Ed.

Bank assets hit $.5B

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

BANK assets in the CNMI has reached the psychologically important half-billion-dollar mark in 1996, the ninth annual banking report released Friday said.

During the launching of the report, Banking Director Oscar C. Camacho said 1996 proved to be a year of growth and expansion for the banking industry as new licenses were issued for a retail bank (Guam-based Citizens Security Bank) and an offshore bank (Genex Bank Corp.).

Hong Kong Shanghai Bank and First Hawaiian Bank also opened temporary offices. The former is now constructing its building next to the Bank of Hawaii in Puerto Rico, while the latter will soon open its new offices in Gualo Rai.

Camacho also reported that two finance companies, one involved in securities brokerage and dealership (Chubb Securities of New Hampshire) and the other in remittance service to the People's Republic of China (Universal Group Development, Inc.), were given licenses.

Banking Director Oscar Camacho reads a summary of his report to the governor and the Legislature as Sue Singh-Barnes, the governor's special assistant for business (middle) and another banking official listen. Photo by Rick Alberto

The banking director's report to the governor and the legislature, which is mandated within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30), was prepared by the staff of the economic development division, banking and insurance section, of the Department of Commerce's Office of the Director of Banking.

The report said that for the first time since 1989, bank assets reached half billion dollars ($507.7 million, which is an increase of 16.2 percent from the previous year's $436.8 million).

Loans also increased by 29.5 percent from $216.3 million in 1995 to $280.2 million in 1996.

Likewise, deposits increased by 8.9 percent, from $425.2 million in 1995 to $463 million.

The report said banks earned $7.6 million before taxes in 1996, which is a 22 percent increase from 1995.

Bank earnings after taxes totaled $7 million in 1996, compared with $5.7 million in 1995.

Camacho also said banks were expanding their services particularly the establishment of more automated teller machines not only on Saipan but also on Tinian and Rota.

"In addition, increases in remittances and foreign currency exchange transactions indicate large volumes of monies entering and leaving the Commonwealth. These are signs that current conditions are healthy," Camacho said.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, commenting on the report, said, "The steady growth of a healthy banking industry in the CNMI in 1996 is a real indication of the economic growth of the CNMI. I am very pleased to hear from Director of Banking Oscar C. Camacho that banking continues to thrive in 1997. We're in good shape."

Tenorio says Haitai letter sender should 'elaborate'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is urging a Haitai Development Corp. executive to "elaborate" on the $50,000 allegedly given to Public Works Secretary Edward DL Guerrero in return for awarding construction contracts to the South Korean company.

Tenorio, in a media conference, said Haitai director Ho-Sup Han should send another letter to detail what happened to the $50,000.

Only then, according to the governor, would he decide whether or not the Attorney General's Office (AGO) should pursue its investigation.

In a press conference Thursday, Guerrero presented a letter from Haitai denying that the company released any "reward money" to the Public Works secretary.

The letter also apologized for any "damage" the allegations may have caused Guerrero who is running for Saipan mayor.

Guerrero said Ho-Sup may have made the allegation after failing to get the $21-million Saipan Correctional Facility project, which was rejected by the Legislature.

Acting Attorney General Robert Dunlap has said that the people can expect a "full force investigation" from AGO.

In his letter to Guerrero, Ho-Sup noted that Haitai failed to get the contracts for the Puerto Rico dump, Kagman school and new jail facility projects even after giving $50,000 each to Guerrero and to a "Mr. K.J. Kwon" and a "Mr. Manni Sablan."

Ho-Hup also claimed that he has not "spared (his) full support...to make the project come true and for (Guerrero) to be elected" as Saipan's next mayor.

Guerrero, who is on leave from the Department of Public Works, denied getting any money from Ho-Hup.

He said he received the letter only recently, adding that he will cooperate with any investigation.

"I have nothing to hide," he said.

Bishop Tomas A. Camacho and Mt. Carmel School officials cut the ceremonial ribbon during the blessing and grand opening of the new high school facility. Photo by Zaldy Dandan

Plan suggests Palau must have separate public health budget

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
(Part 12 of a series)

PALAU should establish a separate budget for public health, its National Master Development Plan recommends.

This is necessary since it is important that greater attention should be given to health education including dental care; communicable diseases such as AIDS, chronic diseases, tuberculosis and hepatitis; and behavioral illnesses and problems associated with alcohol and drugs.

"The Ministry should make a concerted attempt to reallocate a higher proportion of its existing budget towards preventive and primary health care, particularly if US grants in this area start to decline," the master plan says.

The Plan emphasizes the importance of improving the health status of Palauans, saying it "is essential to the Republic's economic and social development."

Even then, the national government, under Article VI of the Palau constitution, is mandated to "take positive action to attain these national objectives and implement these national policies:...promotion of health and social welfare of the citizens through provision of free or subsidized health care."

In 1992, the Ministry of Health developed a Five-Year Health Plan covering the period 1993-98.

The plan proposes a major reorganization of programs and services, but the master development plan notes that the health plan had not been adopted by the Ministry either in policy or administrative terms, "although some aspects of the plan have been used to assist policy discussions."

"The plan still needs to be reviewed, particularly in light of the development of the dispensary plan," the master plan says.

The master plan rings an alarm bell on the "new health problems" that have emerged.

It says "indicators for communicable diseases remain relatively high while, at the same time, indicators of non-communicable diseases are continuing to increase at relatively high rates."

Also, the infant mortality rate "is higher than acceptable."

"(All) this indicates a society that is experiencing diseases of both developing and developed nations."

Examples of "developed-nation" diseases that plague Palauans are gastroenteritis, cardiovascular disease (heart disease and strokes), cancer and diabetes.

The Plan notes that Palau relies heavily on imported food much of which is low in nutritional value.

"Government policies should support the growing and marketing of local foods, promote health and nutritional education, and should alter the relative price of imported versus domestic foods," the Plan recommends.

CRM OKs Aquarius conversion

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Coastal Resources Management conditionally approved Friday the conversion of the multi-story Aquarius Beach Tower condominium into a hotel.

One of the conditions, according to CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan, is that the change in use is good for only five years starting Oct. 17.

After the period expires, the owners can apply for a permanent conversion into a hotel, Sablan said.

Manuel C. Sablan

Sablan sent his letter of approval Friday to Mr. R.W. Gaskins, executive vice president of Jones and Guerrero Co., Inc., which owns the 17-story condominium.

The two other conditions imposed by CRM are that the management should:

•Implement a marine monitoring plan meeting the specifications of the CRM Office;

•Construct and maintain picnic tables, trash bins, traffic control devices, among other amenities on the beach fronting the condominium, for the general public's use.

Sablan also said the owners should not make any changes in the interior of the condominium. "It should be maintained for a condominium type, even though the use is changed into a hotel."

The owners of Aquarius Beach Tower decided to convert the condominium, located in Chalan Kanoa next to Town House, because of the "flat" real estate market. Not a single unit has reportedly been sold.

The owners intend to make Aquarius an all-suite hotel.

Participants of a School-Community Base Education workshop gather for a group photo last Friday. Four schools are looking to implement SCBE be next year. Photo by Laila C. Younis

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK
I MANAHANTE PARA HAMYO/LEADERSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE

If Supertyphoon Joan was your first experience with the storms that come our way from time to time, then let me extend a true welcome. You're a typhoon veteran now!

Fortunately, since Joan was in a hurry to get by, we didn't get the sustained pounding that a storm of that size can and will deliver to our islands. If you are new to all this, I'll bet one thing you noticed was how fast your neighbors started their cleanup. As usual, before we even declared an all-clear, Department of Public Works crews had trees and branches off the roads and within just a couple of hours after Joan was at her closest to Saipan and when the wind was safe for line crews to climb poles, CUC was out there restoring power and things were getting back to normal.

Meanwhile, us politicians were running around figuring out how to get our signs back up. In fact, the signs seemed to be the major casualty on Saturday.

Not so long ago, there were some other traditions after a storm like this. It was time to fire up the barbecue and start emptying out the freezer, because everyone knew the power, not to mention water, wouldn't come back for days. This custom got old, not to mention expensive, pretty soon. While a lot of us had to cook dinner outside Saturday night, that wasn't the case for most of us by later that night or Sunday as the power came back on. The water never went off.

I am sure that for those who have experienced many typhoons, this seems like something of a miracle but it is not. If the government sets out to perform such a vital service as recovery from a disaster, then it must turn in a 100% job of management. That is what makes the difference in whether you will sit in the dark without water for weeks or get on with your normal life.

This time, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation had on hand spare parts to fix problems We got coherent descriptions from both CUC and the Emergency Management Office of what was going on and smooth coordination of shelters along with the fine work of the CNMI Chapter of the American Red Cross. This is successful management at work and we are all grateful to those who went the extra mile to protect and prepare us for Supertyphoon Joan.

We all owe a big thank you to every man and woman over at CUC who worked many hours of overtime in the dark to restore our power, not to mention maintaining our water supply. Ditto for the crews at the Emergency Management Office, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Public Health, the Public School System for preparing shelters and the fine volunteers of the American Red Cross. I'd also like to thank the media, especially the radio stations, for doing an exceptional job at getting urgent information out about the storm and how to be safe during it!

Now, I know that some of you will find kudos for the above mentioned government agencies and departments strange since you still don't have power. Despite CUC's remarkable ability to restore power to a lot of us, others are still without it. In some cases there are serious problems with main lines, and rest assured that crews are working hard to fix those problems. Some of you, I know, are confused since you don't have power and your neighbors do. There are some isolated problems for individuals which will unfortunately take a little longer to rectify since the priority at this time is to restore power to our islands on a majority basis. Also, homeowners should understand that quite a few of you still don't have any power because your home has been damaged to the extent that CUC cannot deliver power to you. You'll need to repair the damage to your home so CUC can deliver the power. You can bet that a lot of electricians will be busy this week!

We've always known a lot of the danger and inconvenience caused by these storms could be overcome by good management. Now we're seeing the results.

This morning I have called my cabinet together to ensure that the continued clean up of Saipan, Tinian, Rota and the Northern Islands follows in the same rapid order as preparations before, during and immediately following Joan transpired. This administration has always made the delivery of vital public services its priority; restoring and maintaining these services during and after Supertyphoon Joan, believe me, is our main mission today and remains so until 100% of our people can safely say in harmony "our life is back to normal."

Having said that, I have to admit that Spam and eggs cooked over the barbecue can taste pretty good — once in a real long while.

Si yuus maase

Visiting staffer of US Rep. Sonny Bono:

CNMI needs 'positive press'

By: Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

A MORE "positive" and "aggressive" media campaign is needed for the Commonwealth, said a U.S. Congressional staffer.

"The CNMI needs more responsible media coverage, by having journalists coming and seeing first-hand what is really happening here," said Frank Cullen Jr., Press Secretary for U.S. Congressman Sonny Bono (R-California).

Cullen was a member of a U.S. Congressional delegation that visited the CNMI last week. The group was scheduled to leave last Friday.

"It was easy to see that the coverage done by 'Inside Edition' was not representative of real circumstances. As member of the press, I know that media groups love to jump 'on the band wagon' when it comes to sensational stories", said Cullen.

Press Secretary for US House Rep. Sonny Bono (R-California), Frank Cullen Jr., talks to the local media about the visit by a US congressional delegation last Friday. **Photo by Laila C. Younis**

"Instead of looking at the complexity of issues that exist, it is easier for some media groups to take the 'broad-brush' approach and create a one-sided story", he said.

Cullen suggested for the CNMI to "challenge the media to get the full story" and for the tourism industry to get involved.

"The tourism industry and the private sector should act as an 'oversight' and make sure that the story gets told. They (private sector) play a very important role in their communities," he said.

Cullen said the delegation was able to visit three garment factories and conducted interviews with guest workers.

"We paid particular attention to the immigration and labor issues. We also looked at the CNMI's economy and tourism industry," he said.

"We believe on less reliance on federal funds and we were encouraged by the CNMI's economic growth. The CNMI is headed in the right direction. It is a pretty good success story," he added.

Cullen noted that "abuses were not apparent" to the delegation and that the garment industry looked like a "clean and wide open" situation.

"The workers seemed happy and not overworked. They are not forced to work and their environment is under acceptable conditions," he said.

"With the wide range of other issues we looked at, we will be reporting back to Congress with our findings," he added.

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2 more escapees fall

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

POLICE caught on Friday the remaining two minor detainees who reportedly escaped from the Juvenile Corrections unit in Kagman last October 14.

Department of Public Safety Information Officer Maj. J. J. Castro said officers from the DPS Juvenile Investigation Unit spotted the 13-year-old boy near Corazon de Jesus Chapel in Chalan Kanoa District 1 at 2:35 a.m.

Less than hour later, officers also arrested the 16-year-old boy at a residence in Chalan Kanoa District 1, according to Castro.

Prior to the escape, three detainees were with two other inmates cleaning the premises of JCU Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Three detainees ran to the unlocked front gate and fled toward Kagman Homestead.

Police officers first arrested back a 13-year-old boy who was seen in Chalan Kanoa area Thursday morning.

Meanwhile, burglar/s broke into the Marianas Cleaners in Susupe on Wednesday by damaging the window glasses.

The suspect/s reportedly stole $4 from the cash register, police said.

Mrs. Kim sweeps the leaves torn apart by super typhoon Joan in front of her residence in Chalan Kanoa Saturday afternoon.
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AROUND THE islands

This section, Around the Islands covers community stories, local events, and cultural activities. Should you have a story you would like to share, or an event that needs to be covered, contact Laila at 234-6341

MHS student Janice Santos (right) is all smiles after receiving her certificate from COE William S. Torres (left). Santos's artwork was selected for the PSS Annual Report last Friday.

From left, MHS Art Instructor Joe Carothers, Jerome Taisican, Euna Yoo, Carmen Borja, Seung Jin Lee, Janice Santos, MHS Art Instructor Wesley Foster, (sitting left) Alterio Palacios and Rodrick Hernandez proudly display their winning certificates for winning the first annual PSS Art Contest at a ceremony held last Friday. **Photos by Laila C. Younis**

PSS gives recognition to island's student artists

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

NINE STUDENTS from San Antonio Elementary and Marianas High School were commended for their "outstanding" art work last Friday.

Commissioner of Education William S. Torres presented certificates to the students whose art works were chosen for "Positive-Ad" posters, the PSS Annual Report, and video presentations.

"It is a good combination to use student messages and talents to encourage them and help bring pride to themselves and their schools," said Torres.

"It helps not only students, but the community also realizes that there is a lot of talent out there and we try, in our own small way, to bring it out," he said.

The posters, said Torres will be placed around the schools, and in government buildings.

"Student winners will have their own copy and we are working with the cable stations to air the student videos," he added.

For the "Positive-Ad" poster campaign, the winners are : Manuela Aldan (MHS graduate), Euna Yoo (MHS graduate), Elterio Palacios (MHS 10th grade), Seung Jin Lee (MHS 11th Grade), and Rodrick Hernandez (MHS). For the PSS Annual Report, the winners are: Janice Santos (MHS 10th grade), Jerome Taisican (MHS), Sharon Kileleman, and Carmen Borja (SAES).

"I enjoy art and although it was a class activity, I'm glad I joined the contest," said Janice Santos.

"I didn't expect to win and it gave me a lot of encouragement. I will join contest next year, if they have one," she said.

MHS Art Instructor Joe Carothers also said that because this first PSS contest was a "real success", they should have one every year.

"I think this (contest) really increases the students' awareness for community-sponsored activities, especially in public schools," he said.

"We are working on displaying their art work at the PSS lobby. The community will see their ability to create," he added.

NMC's aquaculture program boosts production techniques

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Marianas College's Aquaculture Program is eyeing various strategies to facilitate a suitable aquaculture technology and promote its use through research, demonstration and extension services.

NMC Aquaculturist Mark J. Brotman said three recirculating 'fish-rearing tanks' and an integrated aquaculture and hydroponics system have been constructed in a 650 square meter area, which also has plantings of banana, papaya and taro.

Brotman said a chain-link fence surrounds the area for security and a diesel generator provides backup power during outages.

Brotman showed the Variety three 12 feet diameter tanks are filled with tap water and stocked with hybrid red 'tilapia'.

According to Brotman, the tanks demonstrate two different methods to remove, three techniques for biofiltration, three types of materials for tank construction, two sources of electricity for daily operation, and three methods for inducing circulation and provide aeration.

He said the NMC Aquaculture Program research has showed that a person raising fish in their backyard using their methods would recover construction and operational costs in about a year.

It said techniques have been developed to reduce construction costs, using locally available materials and make the information available to the public free of charge.

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'Stranded Colombians' to be repatriated this week

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

LABOR and Immigration Secretary Thomas O. Sablan yesterday said the four female Colombian nationals "stranded" on Saipan will be repatriated next week.

"Their (Colombians') embassy in Korea is willing to help. We are obtaining their travel documents this weekend," said Sablan.

The development came following the CNMI government's appeal for the Colombian government to assist.

The Department of Labor and Immigration has informed Colombia's embassies in Seoul and Tokyo on the condition of the four females.

The two embassies are the ones nearest to the CNMI.

Sablan said the foreigners were supposed to be bound for Japan but instead overstayed in the Commonwealth for the past seven months after their Japanese contact allegedly abandoned them.

The Japanese national was supposed to facilitate their visa acquisition.

DOLI officials said they are coordinating with appropriate Japanese government authorities to track down the alleged illegal recruiter.

The four came in as tourists. They are now under DOLI custody at its detention facility near the Saipan International Airport.

They sought government assistance after reportedly runing out of money.

Sablan kept their identities withheld.

AG opposes motion to stay Rota eviction order

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office criticized a motion filed by six Rota residents to stay their eviction from the public land they occupy.

Calling them "stubbon trespassers," Assistant Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Clifford said the six have no right to obtain court's order to continue occupying the public land regardless of their appeal.

Clifford said the six "squatters" cannot simply conjure up some unknown and extra legal right to occupy the land because their continued possession of the property is not and cannot be an issue on appeal.

"Defendants have no right to remain on public land and vacating that land will not cause them any legally recognizable hardship," said Clifford Friday in the government's opposition to motion for stay pending appeal.

The government sued six Rota residents—Vivencio Anglo, Celso Catindig, Nestor Jingco, Andronico Pelen, Aquilino Semana and Donicio Semana—for trespassing and breach of contract.

Associate Judge Miguel Demapan issued a decision last month ordering the defendants to vacate in 30 days the government property they have occupied since 1990 for trespassing.

The "squatters," through counsel Pamela Brown, asked the Superior Court to call off its eviction order pending their appeal of the case before the Supreme Court.

In the government's response, Clifford said the sole purpose of the motion for stay is to allow the defendants to remain in possession of the land in question pending their appeal.

"Regardless of any of the issues that defendants appeal to the Supreme Court, and regardless of the Supreme Court's ruling, defendants do not have, and in fact cannot have, any right to remain in possession of the land in question," Clifford stated.

Even if the defendants could prove some equitable right, the lawyer said that would only entitle them to money damages and not to acquire NMI people's land.

"No matter what happens during the appeal of this case, defendants can still be ordered off the land anytime," Clifford said.

He believed somebody have fed the defendants false hopes that the solution is simply to remain on NMI people's and in open defiance of Commonwealth law.

"There may be other solutions to defendants' alleged problems, and it may even be that private CNMI citizens should consider organizing an appropriate charity," Clifford said.

The government's counsel also suggested that the taxpayers, through their elected lawmakers, should consider some legislation to alleviate defendants' alleged plight.

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Man in 'multiple' burglaries charged

A MAN allegedly burglarized several establishments and a vehicle, taking $4,990 in cash and checks plus other items in separate incidents on Tinian.

Ricardo M. Borja was charged on Friday with three counts of burglary and five counts of theft.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan Lane in the complaint stated that on March 14 and 15, Borja entered a commercial building housing the DNR office and stole $2,460 in cash and checks.

Lane said between May 7 and 8, 1995, Borja broke into the Tinian Marine Stevedore building and took $575 cash.

On July 25, 1995 the defendant burglarized a vehicle owned by Medeco Company and ran away $705 cash, a bag, credit cards, miscellaneous papers, and keys, said the prosecutor.

On the same day, Lane said Borja also stole a hand carry bag, credit cards, passport, a purse, and identification papers belonging to Seung Woo Han.

The defendant on same incident took $1,250 cash and bag owned by Jae Youn No, Lane added.

The Superior Court summoned Borja to appear and answer the charges this Oct. 27. **(FDT)**

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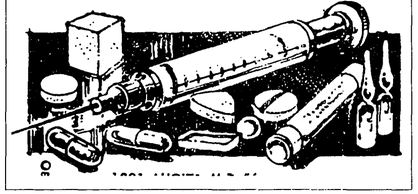

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Demapan claims 'tarnished name'

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE HARM suffered by Demapan Engineering and Construction Company as a result of the Department of Public Works' termination of the classroom contract is beyond what money can pay, according to DECC president Juan S. Demapan.

Demapan in his declaration submitted in Superior Court Friday said among the consequences of such DPW's action is it "destroyed DECC's existing and future clientele because of tarnished reputation."

"DECC has worked diligently building its business goodwill and business reputation and not once was I ever accused of any mismanagement, wrongdoing, fraud and lack of professional engineering proficiency," said Demapan, a former Senate president.

He said the DPW's move destroyed the company's business reputation and ability to secure new design and construction projects, including those requiring government permitting.

DECC entered into a construction contract with the government to build the $2.7 million 60 emergency classroom project.

Juan S. Demapan

DPW terminated the contract because the firm allegedly failed to make appropriate progress and demonstrate an ability to complete the work contracted for within the time allotted.

DECC asked the court to prevent the government from proceeding construction of classrooms for use by Public School System arising from a contract dispute with DPW.

DECC objected with DPW's termination of contract, saying it was enforced without notice, infringing its right to due process.

Demapan explained in his affidavit that DECC requested $1,099,872 in mobilization fee which the government approved, but withheld 10% as a retention fund.

Demapan said it left $989,885 for disbursement to DECC, and the government issued only $500,000.

"Upon realizing that the government was not going to honor its previous commitment in full, I proceeded to make arrangement to obtain financing from the Bank of Guam," he said.

Demapan pointed out that while DECC was closing the financing arrangement with the bank, DPW issued a stop work and then terminated the contract.

In light of the termination, the bank placed a hoid on processing DECC's financing application, Demapan said.

The DECC president stressed that although the government has completed the project since June 1996, by June 1997 it had not conclusively determined the site locations for all of the classrooms.

Excavation can not begin until DECC received final site locations and the foundation work permits, he added.

Supreme court rules on 'double jeopardy issue'

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPREME Court upheld Thursday the decision of the Superior Court denying the release of a man who was convicted for delivering crystal methamphetamine.

The high tribunal in an opinion signed by Chief Justice Marty W. K. Taylor and Justices Ramon G. Villagomez and Pedro M. Atalig affirmed the lower court's order dismissing Francisco M. Cabrera's petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Court records showed that on May 20, 1992 Cabrera was arrested for possession and delivery of "ice" and his vehicle, a 1988 Toyota pickup truck was seized.

After trial, Cabrera was found guilty of delivery of "ice" and was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. He was acquitted on possession of marijuana.

According to court documents, the defendant's truck was confiscated and the Department of Public Safety kept it for three years.

The government filed in 1993 a complaint for forfeiture of the truck. Cabrera answered, but no further action was taken until Feb. 6, 1996 when the defendant moved to dismiss the lawsuit to recover his vehicle.

In March 1996 at the government's request, the Superior Court dismissed the forfeiture complaint and ordered that the truck be returned to Cabrera.

Cabrera in April 1996 petitioned for writ of habeas corpus, claiming he had already been punished by the seizure of his vehicle.

Cabrera said further punishment and restraint upon his liberty would be unconstitutional.

The lower court dismissed the petition on May 16,1996. Cabrera, through counsel Douglas F. Cushnie, appealed the ruling.

The appeal asked the Supreme Court to determine whether the seizure of the vehicle constitutes double jeopardy, barring any further punishment of Cabrera under the criminal case.

The Supreme Court said the defendant asserted that after a civil sanction constituting punishment, he may not be criminally prosecuted based upon the same offense without violating his double jeopardy protection against multiple punishments.

He argued he has already been subjected to punishment because the government took possession of his truck for three years.

The Supreme Court said based on the 9th Circuit ruling, a forfeiture of Cabrera's truck would have violated the defendant's right against double jeopardy.

However, the high tribunal said, a recent US Supreme Court decision held that "civil forfeitures do not constitute 'punishment' for purposes of the Double Jeopardy Clause.

Under this ruling, the Supreme Court said the government is allowed to both forfeit the truck and sentence Cabrera to a jail term in the underlying criminal case.

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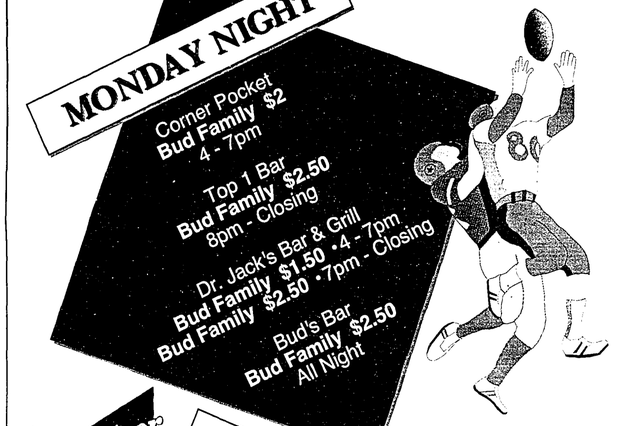

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21 inmates bolt RP jail

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Twenty-one inmates escaped from an overcrowded jail in suburban Manila on Sunday, officials said, in the third major jailbreak in the capital in recent months.

Police captured one inmate, and shot and wounded another, after the escapees sawed off steel bars at the Las Pinas City jail and dashed to freedom before dawn, officials said.

Most of the prisoners that police were hunting for were convicted murderers, rapists or drug dealers, said Marcos Cabanero, an official at the jail.

Philippine jails are notorious for jailbreaks, mostly due to overcrowding, dilapidated cells and alleged corruption among guards. For instance, the Las Pinas jail, where the escape occurred, was built to accommodate 75 inmates, but was crammed with more than 200, jail authorities say.

Cabanero said the inmates who fled sawed off steel bars and destroyed a steel mesh in the window of a cell, then climbed a fence behind the jail, which is surrounded by residential areas.

Carpenters constructing a new facility at the jail were awakened by the escape and called two guards, who fired warning shots before firing at the fleeing inmates, police said.

Last April, eight inmates escaped from the same jail but all were recaptured after a few days.

About 40 teen-age inmates escaped last month from a youth rehabilitation center near the Manila City Hall amid a commotion triggered by the beating of a fellow prisoner by guards. Only a few of the inmates have been recaptured.

Nilo dela Cruz, chief of the Revolutionary Proletariat Army and head of the former urban guerilla group Alex Boncayao Brigade, raises his hands during their presentation to the media by Philippine Army chief Lt. Gen. Clemente Mariano (seated) Friday. The brigade is blamed for more than 100 assassinations of police and military officers since 1987. AP

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Super Typhoon Ivan approaches Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A powerful typhoon swept toward the Philippines Sunday, threatening the rice and tobacco fields of the northern provinces, the weather bureau said.

Typhoon Ivan, packing winds of up to 220 kilometers (136 miles) per hour, was 170 kilometers (105 miles) east of Casiguran town in Aurora province on the main island of Luzon, the bureau said. It was expected to hit land Sunday night.

Weather forecasters warned against flying offshore and advised coastal villagers in northern regions to move to higher ground to escape possible flooding and big waves.

The storm was moving west at 15 kilometers (9 miles) per hour toward the northern Philippine province of Cagayan and was expected to cross several islands off the northern Philippines early Monday.

The weather bureau issued typhoon warnings in the northern and some central provinces of Luzon, which produce much of the country's rice, tobacco and vegetables. The storm would rough up seas and bring heavy rains in affected areas, the bureau said.

Meteorologists said the typhoon would not affect metropolitan Manila. Provinces surrounding volcanic Mount Pinatubo, which erupted in 1991, would also be spared, they said.

Those provinces often are ravaged by volcanic mud flows during the typhoon season.

An average of 20 typhoons batter the Philippines each year, with the strongest hitting between September and November.

RP war veterans sue for benefits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Filipino veterans who fought alongside Americans during World War II have filed a lawsuit seeking full benefits and back pay.

A 1946 congressional act limited benefits for an estimated 200,000 Filipinos who fought for the United States.

The lawsuit representing 220 of them — all in their 70s and living in the United States — is the latest in a series of efforts by the veterans to gain more compensation.

The Filipinos faced the same dangers as American soldiers and are entitled to equal compensation as "conscripted soldiers" in the U.S. Army, according to the lawsuit, filed Friday.

ADB delays Marshalls loan

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO—An Asian Development Bank loan of about $4.5 million to help the Marshall Islands with its government reform program has been delayed by at least three months as Marshalls officials work to meet Bank conditions.

Finance Minister Ruben Zackhras said that he is optimistic that the loan, which will provide essential severance payments easing the transition for hundreds of public workers being laid off, will be available during January. It was supposed to have been released in early October. He added that the ADB has been very cooperative in working with the Marshall Islands on its reform program.

The ADB delayed releasing the second phase of a total $12 million loan because the government has not complied with the conditions of earlier agreements on the reduction in force (RIF) program that is attempting to streamline a bloated government sector and stimulate private sector development.

The $4.5 million loan is to be used to subsidize operations of Air Marshall Islands, establish a government trust fund and provide a three year cushion of severance payments to employees being cut by the RIF program.

Zackhras said the Bank and the Marshall Islands government were not having disagreements, but he acknowledged that 3conditions of the loan have not been fully complied with,2 adding that the government had to satisfy two key requirements before the loan would be released:

•a general manager for Air Marshall Islands must be appointed who can run the airline on a commercial basis (in August, the most recent AMI general manager, Canadian Randy Hanna, was forced to resign eight months into his contract).

•a Commission of Inquiry report into financial mismanagement and abuses at Social Security—which was the subject of heated debate between government and opposition leaders in the parliament in recent weeks, but has not been officially released—needs to be publicly issued. The Finance Minister indicated that the ADB1s concern for what he described as 3good governance2 was the reason the Bank wanted the report released.

"The President has already said he will enlarge the scope of the Commission of Inquiry," Zackhras said. The expanded report is expected to be delivered to Nitijela (parliament) in the January session, he added.

"Part of the second phase loan is $500,000 to start a government trust fund that will earn interest to support government operations. The idea of the trust fund is to build up the fund to the point where it will be a source of revenue in the future," Zackhras said. The ADB is providing the—seed money to start the trust fund, and the government will be seeking additional contributions from other donors, he said.

"We've had a positive reaction from the Bank that we1re doing our part to satisfy the Bank on some of the conditions that we agreed to," Zackhras said. Earlier, Marshall Islands and Bank officials had agreed that 200 workers would be cut this year. But the number was reduced to 74 in the current budget.

Most of the other 130 positions that were planned for cuts were in the Ministries of Education and Health, positions considered essential such as nurses and teachers, he said. "Although we still have to reduce the size of the civil service, the Bank agreed to initiate a study of Health and Education to identify where cuts can be made," he said.

"The exact number (to be cut) has been put aside until the study has been done. The ADB has been very sympathetic to our situation."

Government officials said that the public service has already been reduced from 60 to 43 percent of the total workforce since the Marshalls launched its RIF program two years ago.

The ADB study of Health and Education employment levels is expected to begin later this month, and other ADB officials are expected back in Majuro next month for continued discussions on loan matters.

Operation Pacific Fury revisited

Re-enactors dressed as World War II era U. S. Marines invade the beach at Galveston, Texas, Saturday as part of Operation Pacific Fury. Operation Pacific Fury was the re-creation of a World War II style beach invasion produced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Admiral Nimitz Museum. AP

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Elsewhere in the Pacific

Ona not responding on Bougainville truce

CANBERRA (Pacnews)—There's still been no public response to the truce on Bougainville from secessionist leader, Francis Ona.

The Burnham Declaration signed in New Zealand one week ago by the Papua New Guinea government and the warring factions on Bougainville called for the immediate end of armed conflict, a commitment to peace and reconciliation, and the restoration of essential government services on Bougainville.

The declaration required secessionists to lay down their weapons, and the PNG defence force, in turn, to lift its blockade of the island. Ona, who did not attend the two weeks of talks at the Burnham army camp which led to the declaration, is known to have been fully briefed by his representatives.

To date, there has been no response from Ona. Efforts to contact him by satellite telephone at his jungle headquarters on Bougainville have been unsuccessful. Reports from Bougainville say the situation is calm and the truce is being observed.

Ex-employee who forged crop damage checks jailed

PAGOPAGO (Pacnews)—A former employee in the American Samoan government who embezzled United States government cheques for local farmers whose crops were damaged by Hurricane Val in 1991 has been sentenced to 28 months in jail.

Salaina Tulafono was convicted of 8 counts of embezzlement and one count of forgery for misusing more than $5,000 worth of cheques for local farmers.

Tulafono, a supervisor for the hurricane farming assistance programme at the department of agriculture can be released after one year in jail if she pays a $US5,000 fine and about $4,000 in restitution within 12 months.

Air Pacific's new chief soon

SUVA (Pacnews)—A new chief executive for Fiji's national airline, Air Pacific, is to be named next week.

Top contenders for the post, Ken Glover, a Honolulu based airline executive and Roger Robertson of Australia are in Fiji for talks with the Air Pacific board, the Daily Post reports.

Solomons, New Zealand to start bilateral talks

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands' minister for development planning, Fred Fono, has assured New Zealand of his government's commitment to provide a conducive climate to encourage foreign assistance consistent with the development aspiration of Solomon Islands.

Foni made the assurance Thursday at the New Zealand/Solomon Islands annual aid consultations meeting held in Honiara, SIBC reports.

He thanked the NZ government for the assistance it has given to Solomon Islands over the years and acknowledged its decision to maintain the level of bilateral aid allocation to Solomon Islands for the 1997/1998 financial year.

The NZ high commissioner, Rhys Richard, in response revealed that his government spends over $SI 12 million ($US3.3 million) every year in aid to Solomon Islands.

He says NZ stands ready to assist Solomon Islands development efforts

Fiji prepares food policy

SUVA (Pacnews)—The Fiji government is putting together a food and nutrition policy in an effort to get people to grow and eat better quality food.

This was revealed by the deputy secretary of agriculture, Peni Kunatuba, Wednesday at the opening of a food and nutrition workshop in Suva, Radio Fiji reports.

Kunatuba says the formulation of the food and nutrition policy will be accompanied by the development of the Fiji plan of action for nutrition.

He said all these developments are aimed primarily at placing food and nutrition high on the national agenda, and to highlight the importance of food security to Fiji and its people.

Kunatuba says consumption of highly nutritious crops in Fiji has dropped significantly. He says many families are cutting down on nutritious crops from their budgets..

Immunization rate in Vanuatu said alarming

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—Health authorities in Vanuatu have expressed concern at the alarming rate of infants not receiving immunisation against diseases such as measles. Authorities at the Vila Central Hospital says mothers are failing to take their babies to the hospital for vaccination, Radio Vanuatu reports.

Hospital records show that 5,000 babies have not turned up for vaccinations against diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, hepatitis B and measles. The babies are at a high risk of getting infected if there is an outbreak of sickness in the country.

Mercy flights to PNG to start

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—Australia is to begin emergency aid flights into the worst-affected areas of famine-stricken Papua New Guinea early next week. The National quotes AAP stating Australia's foreign affairs minister Alexander Downer saying the flights will cover areas which can only be reached by air after Australia's offer was accepted by the PNG government.

Downer said in a statement that the emergency aid flights will concentrate on category five, the worst affected areas, where the situation is described as extreme with no food available at all, water very short, widespread illness and young children and older people dying.

Downer says the flights will carry high priority food aid, like rice and flour to the areas at greatest risk.

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Singaporeans trek to Kusu

By KENNETH L. WHITING

SINGAPORE (AP) - It's the ninth lunar month and little Kusu Island is again packed with people, the pious and the practical and the merely superstitious who regard the trip as a necessary ritual.

Childless couples hoping for a baby are there along with gamblers looking for better luck. The grateful who are convinced that their prayers were answered return, as do the ambitious in search of business success.

Thousands made the pilgrimage over the weekend, the third in the ninth month of the lunar calendar - Oct. 2 through Oct. 30. this year.

Hundreds lined up on Clifford Pier before daybreak for a six kilometer (four mile) ferry ride from the main island of Singapore to palm-fringed Kusu. This year floating booms protect the island from oil spilled in the collision of two tankers last week.

Husain Bin Hashim, left, assists a pilgrim at a Malay Saints' Holy shrine on Kusu Island near Singapore, Saturday. Kusu is sacred to both Muslims and Taoists and both make a pilgimage there during the ninth lunar month. AP

Vendors on the pier do a brisk business selling joss sticks and incense paper.

The mood is one of a holiday outing. Whole families make the trip, laden with picnic supplies as well as temple offerings that can range from chrysanthemums to chicken curry.

The origin of the annual visitation is lost in time. One legend says that a Malay and a Chinese who were shipwrecked were rescued by a giant turtle which obliged them by turning itself into an island. Kusu means tortoise in the Chinese Hokkien dialect and the island is shaped liked a turtle.

Another version says the helpful turtle took the pair to what is now Kusu. Out of gratitude, they returned to the island, discovered the tomb of a hermit and declared the place sacred.

Beyond the apocryphal tale of the turtle turning into a chunk of land, no major miracles are ascribed to the 7.8 hectare (4.8 acre) island. It is not renowned for miraculous medical cures, nor is it publicized as the home of a prophet or other remarkable personality.

Kusu features a Malay kramat (Muslim shrine) on a small hill and the Da Bo Gong Temple at the water's edge, where the deity is said to confer wealth, avert danger, calm the sea and bring good health.

The Chinese temple, dedicated to the Taoist goddess of mercy, was opened in 1923 with a donation by a businessman Chia Cheng Ho.

The well-maintained temple set in trim grounds appears prosperous.

Incense is offered at a 60 centimeter (23.6 inch) black statue of the goddess which is swathed in yellow.

Smoke swirls in the air as pilgrims murmur their prayers while standing and waving joss sticks. Others shake a bamboo tube until one of the marked sticks inside tumbles out. The markings foretell the future, according to believers.

Few leave the temple without taking a crack at one of the tin cans near the altar. Grasped in both hands, it is rattled vigorously four times to extract pieces of cardboard with numbers on them - lucky numbers for four-digit lotteries.

A carnival atmosphere prevails and food vendors line the path between the temple and kramat. Visitors still concerned about the unknown after a call at the temple and kramat can consult fortune tellers at Kusu, which also includes swimming beaches, picnic areas and rain shelters.

The island also boasts a shallow wishing well where pilgrims drop coins among the resident turtles.

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Jiang asks for understanding

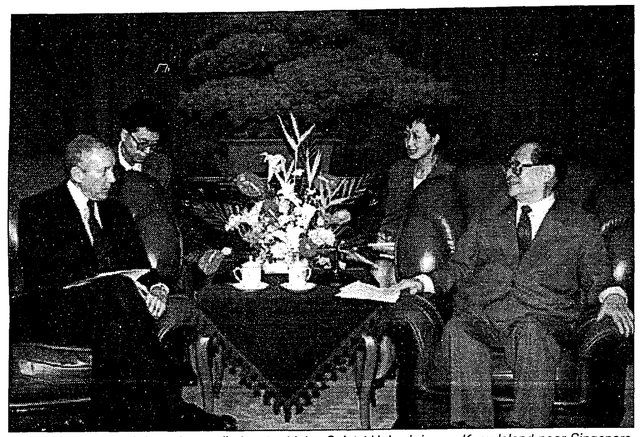
WASHINGTON (AP) - Chinese President Jiang Zemin says he hopes to raise Chinese-Americans relations "to a new level" on an upcoming visit to the United States.

In an interview with The Washington Post conducted Friday in Shanghai, Jiang urged Americans to tolerate China's political systems and seek "common ground despite differences."

He also said China and the United States "share the responsibility for preserving world peace and stability."

The interview appears in the Post's Sunday's editions, a week before Jiang leaves on for an official state visit to the United States. The trip includes a stop in Hawaii to lay a wreath at a memorial for U.S. soldiers killed in the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a news conference with President Bill Clinton, several television interviews and a speech at Harvard University.

The Post quoted unidentified Chinese and American officials as outlining a series of initiatives, including a pledge by China to end sales of anti-ship cruise missiles to Iran, that will be discussed by Jiang and Clinton at the White House.



Husain Bin Hashim, left, assists a pilgrim at a Malay Saints' Holy shrine on Kusu Island near Singapore, Saturday. Kusu is sacred to both Muslims and Taoists and both make a pilgimage there during the ninth lunar month. AP

The report said the two countries will sign an accord pledging coordination to avoid naval incidents at sea and probably will agree to implement a 1985 agreement on nuclear cooperation that would allow U.S. companies to sell China nuclear power plants and equipment.

The Post said Jiang, 71, read from a prepared text at times during the interview, interspersed his comments in Russian and English and quoted a line from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as well as quoting from Chinese proverbs.

"The theory of relatively worked out by Mr. (Albert) Einstein, which is in the domain of natural science, I believe can also be applied to the political field," Jiang told the newspaper. At another point, the Chinese president said: "We have to seize this opportunity to promote understanding between our two countries. No matter how telecommunications develop, they cannot replace face-to-face talks. They are very important for carrying out an exchange of feelings and sentiments."

Turning to Tibet, Jiang referred to the Gettysburg Address, which he often quotes in public, and said:

"Lincoln was a remarkable leader, particularly in liberating the slaves in America. When it comes to slavery in China, most of China got rid of slavery long ago, except in Tibet, where it was not until the (spiritual leader) Dalai Lama left that we eliminated serfdom. ... The impression I get is that you (Americans) are undoubtedly opposes to slavery, yet you support the Dalai Lama."

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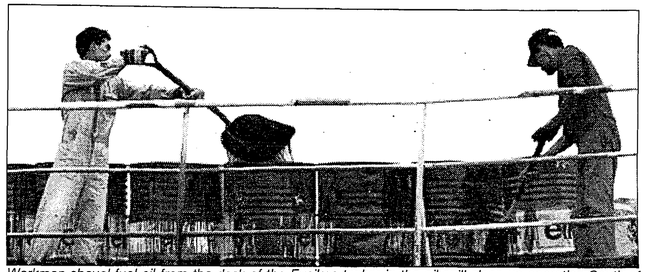

Workmen shovel fuel oil from the deck of the Evoikos tanker in the oil spill clean-up operation South of Singapore Friday. The Evoikos spilt 25,000 tons of fuel oil after it was involved in an accident with another tanker in the Singapore Straits early Thursday morning. The hull of the ship is covered in the oil. AP

SINGAPORE (AP) - Favorable winds and a growing team of pollution fighters protected the main island of Singapore Sunday from a massive offshore oil slick.

Most of the seven million gallons of fuel that spilled into Singapore Strait after two ships collided remained to the south and southwest of the main island and the tourist islands of Sentosa and Kusu.

The Maritime and Port Authority said only the islands of Senang, Palwai and Sudong have been hit. They are used for gunnery practice by the Singapore Air Force.

Almost 50 boats were involved in the cleanup, some spraying chemical dispersants, others skimming up oil or positioning floating containment booms.

Helicopters dispatched to spot the slicks and drop chemicals have been hampered by the noxious gray haze caused by forest fires burning out of control in Indonesia. However, environmentalists said seasonal winds that spread the smoke were also keeping the oil away from Singapore.

Japan flew in more equipment on Sunday in addition to the skimmers provided earlier by the Petroleum Association of Japan.

The marine fuel oil came from burst cargo tanks on one of the two ships that collided late Wednesday. Singapore Strait, between the city-state and neighboring Indonesia, connects the South China Sea with the southern end of the Strait of Malacca.

The Cyprus-flagged Evoikos was carrying nearly 36 million gallons of marine fuel oil and the Thai-registered Orapin Global was empty when they collided. Authorities at first believed only 882,000 gallons of oil had escaped.

There were no injuries in the collision and the heavily damaged Evoikos was in no danger of sinking, officials said.

A thick oil slick surrounds the stricken tanker Evoikos as it lies at anchor south of Sentosa Island, Singapore. AP

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CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors, hereby give notice that the regular meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Friday, October 24, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the CPA Conference Room, Rota International Airport on Rota.

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 (9/4&12/97)
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. CPA Ports Revenue Bond
      - Public Hearing (10/23/97)
VI. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Supplemental Budget Request No. 98-01
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.

/s/**VICTOR B. HOCOG** — *Chairman, Board of Directors* — **October 10, 1997** — *Date*

CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law, the CNMI Board of Education, hereby gives notice that the meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 23, 1997 at the Nauru Building, 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 (August 28, 1997)
II. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REPORT**
   1. 60 Classrooms Project
   2. Dandan Elementary Construction
   3. Kagman Elementary Construction
   4. Tinian High School Status
III. **PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**
   1. High School Graduation Requirement
   2. Bilingual Instruction Status
   3. Language Arts Action Plan Amendment
IV. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**
   1. Counselor's Contract
   2. Substitute Teachers
   3. Food & Nutrition Service Contracts
   4. Salary Inequities
V. **BUSINESS**
   1. Review of performance of Commissioner Torres
      a. Outcome of Review
      b. Determination
VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Jail standoff in New Zealand ends

Prisoners release guards

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) - Rebellious prisoners on Sunday released six guards they held hostage after authorities agreed to investigate their claims that they had been unjustly convicted and jailed.

A woman prison officer was released from Paparua prison after midnight, a male guard was freed Sunday afternoon, and the last four men went free about 24 hours after the seige began.

No one was harmed during the crisis.

One of the freed hostages, Barry McCallum, said: "It's been very, very tiring and a bit tense at times. We've been looked after well, the fellas have been pretty good."

Attorney General and Corrections Minister Paul East confirmed that a lawyer and investigator would hear the grievances of the ringleaders, who claimed to have rigged explosives to the jail doors in case of an assault by police.

The revolt broke out in the old east wing of the medium-security prison of about 360 inmates, about seven miles (12 km) southwest of Christchurch, the South Island's biggest city.

Eighty to 100 prisoners are on the east wing cellblock, which is now locked down and being searched for explosives.

It is not known what sparked the hostage drama but one of the ringleaders, convicted killer Rex Haig, has called for justice.

Haig has been protesting his innocence of the murder of a fisherman and alleging police incompetence for two years.

Other inmates involved in the drama are also said to want reviews of two other murder cases and an investigation into the collision of the container ship the Sydney Express and the trawler the Maria Luisa in Wellington harbor early this year. Five fishermen died in the incident.

The inmates said they were also using the hostage situation to promote their campaign want a Criminal Cases Review Commission set up.

Paparua Prison has had a history of problems; 10 prisoners escaped between December 1996 and March 1997.

On Dec. 3, two inmates stabbed three guards and used one as a hostage to escape.

Last month police recovered a stick of gelignite and a detonator from within the prison grounds.

The capture of prison guards for negotiations was the first in New Zealand since an incident at Auckland's Paremoremo jail in 1970.

Son Chhay, the exiled Parliamentary Member who belongs to the Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party, flashes a victory sign upon his arrival at Phnom Penh airport on Friday. Son Chhay fled Cambodia after factional fighting erupted in Phnom Penh on July 5-6. AP

Minister admits revenue crisis in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Finance Minister Keat Chhon said Sunday that the Cambodian economy is facing a revenue crisis - thanks in part to poor tax collections.

Speaking to reporters upon his return from a meeting of ASEAN finance officials in Kuala Lumpur, Keat Chhon said there is a "crisis in the sense that we are not in a position to collect taxes as scheduled."

He insisted that "low-level management problems" - not a lack of funds - have prevented some civil servants, military and police from receiving their salaries. Improved tax collections and a cutback in government expenditures would help solve the problem, he said.

Keat Chhon said the finance ministry - which has estimated that the government loses millions of dollars in uncollected tax revenues every year - will not resort to printing money this year or next to solve the problem.

"All taxes allowed by law, we will collect," said Keat Chhon, who attended a World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meeting in Hong Kong before traveling to Kuala Lumpur for the inter ministerial meeting.

Second Prime Hun Sen said Friday that corrupt customs officials risk losing their jobs if they continue to cheat the country out of much needed import and export tax revenues.

Listing a string of examples of how customs officials have pocketed tax revenues which should have ended up in the state coffers, the second premier said it was time to introduce swift reforms.

Since he led a July coup which resulted in the ousting of his co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Hun Sen has come under mounting pressure to address high inflation, a sharp drop in foreign investment and cuts in international aid.

A regional downturn has also contributed to the country's economic woes.

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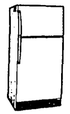

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8. I will respect my children as individuals even if I don't always agree with them.
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Khmer Rouge says PM also committed crimes

'Try Hun Sen like Pol Pot'

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - The Khmer Rouge said Sunday that if their notorious leader Pol Pot is to be handed over to an international tribunal on charges of genocide, Cambodian Second Prime Minister Hun Sen should also be tried.

In a clandestine radio broadcast, the radical Marxist guerrillas said they told American journalist Nate Thayer who was allowed into Khmer Rouge territory last week that "handing over Pol Pot is no problem."

"(But) Hun Sen has committed crimes, treason, and mass killings of Cambodian people. Funcinpec (party members) were also murdered by him," they said. "If the international court arrests Hun Sen, try him along with Pol Pot."

The Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia from 1975-79, transforming the country into a vast labor camp. Under the policies of Pol Pot, as many as 2 million of the country's 7 million people were killed through starvation, exhaustion and execution.

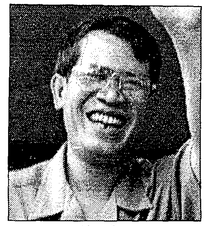
The Khmer Rouge waged a guerrilla war in the countryside after they were ousted by a Vietnamese invasion. But the movement began to crumble last year as thousands of war-weary guerillas began defecting to the government.

The group's last hardliners - in an attempt to make themselves more palatable to the international community - announced in June that they had cut their ties with Pol Pot.

In a trial witnessed by Thayer, a journalist with the Far Eastern Economic Review long recognized for his excellent contacts with the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot was denounced by his comrades as a murderous traitor and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Doubts persist, however, as to whether the Khmer Rouge has truly repudiated Pol Pot, or whether the trial was staged as a propaganda ploy.

Thayer last week was allowed to return to the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Anlong Veng, 310 kilometers (190 miles) northwest of Phnom Penh, to interview Pol Pot and others in the movement, according to guerrilla radio and journalistic sources.



Hun Sen

Pol Pot

The contents of those interviews have not yet been published.

A high Khmer Rouge military advisor, Chhit Choeun, met with Thayer and a handful of his colleagues Oct. 16, saying that "Hun Sen's guilt is heavier than Pol Pot 10,000 to 1 million times," according to the radio broadcast.

Members of the royalist Funcinpec party in June claimed they on were on the verge of signing a peace pact with guerrilla hardliners in Anlong Veng.

The deal, spearheaded by the country's then first prime minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh, would have allowed the remaining Khmer Rouge to defect to the government. The guerrillas, in turn, reportedly agreed to hand Pol Pot over to an international court.

Disputes over how to handle the Khmer Rouge holdouts ended with the other premier, Hun Sen, deposing Ranariddh in a bloody coup July 5-6. At least 40 of the prince's supporters were executed in the weeks that followed, according to human rights workers.

The Khmer Rouge said they handed over documents to Thayer implicating Hun Sen in "great crimes" since the guerrillas were ousted from power in 1979. Hun Sen's government held power in Cambodia after they were overthrown.

Since July, the guerrillas have formed a loose alliance with resistance forces loyal to the prince in northern Cambodia. Hun Sen and his newly appointed first prime minister Ung Huot have said they support an international tribunal for Pol Pot.

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Swiss freeze Bhutto accounts

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Swiss authorities have frozen 12 more bank accounts belonging to former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and her family, Pakistan's anti-corruption chief said Saturday.

Five accounts were frozen earlier at the request of Pakistan, which is pursuing allegations that Ms. Bhutto siphoned off millions of dollars of public funds while in office.

Swiss authorities will bar withdrawals from the accounts until any legal proceedings in Swiss courts are completed, Accountability Commissioner Saif-ur Rehman told a news conference.

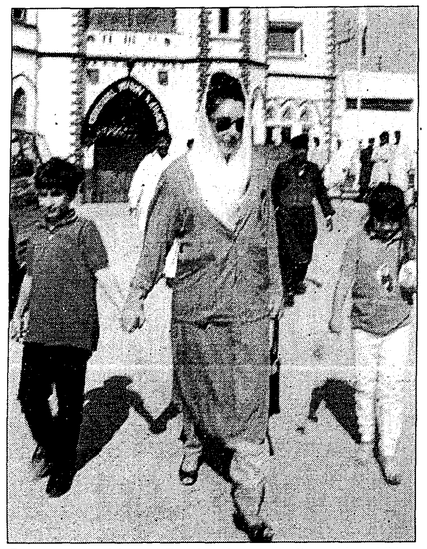
The Swiss earlier gave Pakistani authorities until Dec. 8 to prove that the money being held in Swiss banks was earned illegally.

Rehman would not say how much money had been found in the 17 bank accounts, citing Swiss secrecy laws. On Wednesday, however, Swiss authorities said $13.8 million had been found so far.

Rehman said his department was negotiating with authorities in four other countries to freeze other assets belonging to Ms. Bhutto, husband Asif Ali Zardari and mother Nusrat Bhutto.

Zardari has been in jail since November, when his wife was dismissed as prime minister on charges of economic ineptitude and runaway corruption.

Ms. Bhutto has denied the corruption allegations and accused Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government of carrying out a political vendetta against her and her Pakistan People's Party.



Former prime minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto and her children Bilawal, right, and Bakhtawar coming out of central prison Karachi after meeting her jailed husband Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday in Karachi. Asif Ali Zardari is facing corruption and criminal charges. AP

At least 100 killed, 10 boats destroyed in Sri Lanka clash

By OSHAN FERNANDO

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Navy gunboats attacked a convoy of Tamil Tiger rebel boats Sunday off Sri Lanka's northeastern coast, where at least 100 people were killed and 10 boats destroyed, an official said.

Seven rebel boats, carrying at least 100 people, were sunk in the attack, 275 kilometers (171 miles) northeast of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, said Maj. Kumar Dewage, a military spokesman.

The battle lasted for five hours during which rebel suicide bombers crashed two explosive-laden boats into a navy boat as the vessels were returning to base, he said. The boat was destroyed and five sailors aboard were rescued, Maj. Dewage said.

Two other sailors were killed in the fighting and seven more were missing, he said. Earlier military officials had said five sailors were killed.

There was no rebel comment on the new fighting and no independent verification of Dewage's assessment was possible since the military bars reporters from the war zone.

The attack came days after a bomb blast Wednesday in central Colombo, where Tamil rebels bombed the city center and fought a nine-hour battle with troops that left 18 dead and 105 wounded.

The attack damaged the 39-story World Trade Center, and two luxury hotels, the Hilton and the Galadari. The guerrillas have not claimed responsibility for the attack.

Sunday's dailies said that the government was considering deploying the military permanently in Colombo to guard the city. A new plan also envisaged searching all cars and trucks entering the city, said the Sunday Times and Sunday Leader newspapers.

On Saturday, skirmishes between Tamil Tiger guerrillas and government troops in Sri Lanka's north and east left eight people dead.

Vietnam-era bombs found

By John Howard

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Railroad workers discovered eight more Vietnam War-era bombs Saturday, nearly two weeks after finding a similar bomb in the same yard.

The site was near an area where a train load of bombs exploded 24 years ago.

The discovery on Oct. 6 near Roseville in Sacramento County prompted authorities to evacuate about 400 people. The bomb, about 5 feet long and as much as 500 pounds, was moved to a nearby field and detonated. There were no injuries or damage.

Chinese revolutionary Fang Yi dies

BEIJING (AP) - Fang Yi, a guerrilla leader in China's communist revolution and an able financial administrator who rose to become vice premier, has died. He was 81.

China's official Xinhua News Agency said Fang died Friday in Beijing but did not disclose the cause of death.

"Fang was a battle-hardened communist fighter, a proletarian revolutionary and outstanding leader," Xinhua said.

Fang joined the Communist Party at 15 in 1931. He served as political commissar in a guerrilla detachment that harassed the Japanese in Central China during World War II. He helped administer areas communist forces freed from the control of Chiang Kai-shek's nationalists during the 1945-49 civil war.

After revolutionary leader Mao Tse-tung's utopian Great Leap Forward ruined the economy, Fang was among a coterie of officials brought to Beijing in the early 1960s to return order. He served as a member of the powerful State Planning Commission and handled foreign trade.

In 1978, the year Deng Xiaoping consolidated his hold on power after Mao's death and embarked on pragmatic economic reforms, Fang became a vice premier and served for four years. He accompanied Deng on his successful tour of the United States in 1979.

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1980-83	Graduate - Special Ed. (BA) University of Guam
1977	University of Oregon, Eugene
1975-77	Field Work Training at UOH Manoa School of Public Health (Burns School)
1972-73	Cooperating Teacher Certification
1969-71	Teacher Certification (CCM)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1969-97	Member, Food & Pharmaceutical Committee (CHC)
1990-97	Member, Special Education State Advisory Panel
1996	Assistant Public Relation Officer, Governor's Office
1993-94	Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Coordinator for Individual with Mentally ill in patients and out patients
1987-93	Karidat (aka Catholic Social Services)
1979-80	Regular Classroom Teacher (San Vicente & Tanapag)
1966-69	District Land management (Agriculture & Village lots assigner

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1994	Member, Marianas Public Land Trus Fund
1994	Member, Mental Health Planning Council for CHC
1988	Member, Special Education P.T.A.
1979-82	Member, Board of Education, Member Board of Regents
1978	Advising the parents of Handicapped on "How to deal with their disabled children"

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

1978	Eucharistic Ministry (Catholic) Chairperson in Translating all Gospels, Prayers, and Missal into Carolinian Version
1974	Instructor for Doctrina for 7, 8 and 9th graders member for Carolinian Community on Worship Commission (CCWC)

WORKSHOPS:

1997	International Symposium on Herbal Medicine (Hawaii)
1996	National Diabetes translation Conference (Wash., D.C.)
1987	Labor Relations Alternatives Inc. (Incident Investigations, Honolulu, Hawaii)
1990	Restraining and Seclusion for Mentally ill Individuals in Psychiatric Ward (Detroit, Michigan)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

10/17/97

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section11, 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 on Thursday, October 23, 1997 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, Wakin's Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan

AGENDA

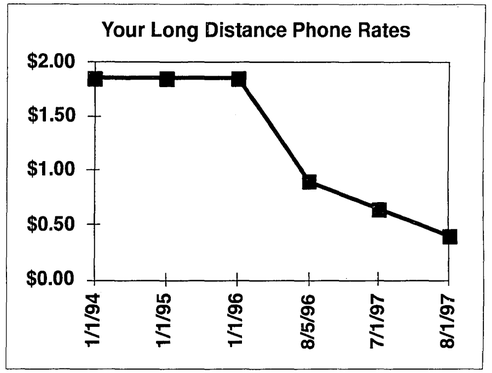
I. Roll Call
II. Adoption of Agenda
III. Adoption of Minutes
IV. Reports
V. Old Business
VI. New Business
VII. Other Matters

/s/ **JESUS D. SABLAN**
Chairman

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU SAVED ON YOUR LONG DISTANCE BILL?

Governor Tenorio actively pursued the enactment of federal telecommunications policies designed to ensure that citizens in the Commonwealth reap the benefits of the Information Age. We have submitted at least 60 formal filings and letters with the FCC since March 31, 1995. The Governor's Office has held at least 30 meetings with FCC staff in his efforts to bring about policy changes.

Governor Tenorio's efforts have been successful.



Governor Tenorio succeeded in integrating the long distance rates in the CNMI with those of the mainland U.S. effective August 1, 1997, resulting in rapidly declining long distance rates. Rates have gone down by $1.45 a minute in just three years. The CNMI became part of the North American Numbering Plan effective July 31, 1997.

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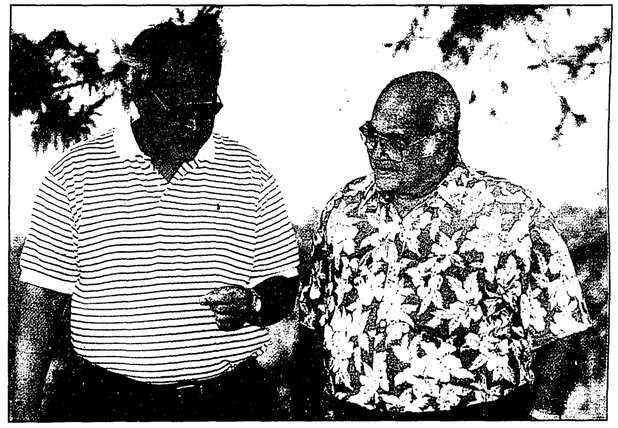

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US-Argentina climate plan OK'd

By Terence Hunt

BARILOCHE, Argentina (AP) — Against a spectacular background of snowcapped mountains, President Clinton and Argentine President Carlos Menem agreed to global-warming commitments Saturday that the United States hopes will be followed by other developing countries.

"We agree with the United States when you say that a global problem such as climate change requires a global answer from all countries," Menem said at a ceremony near the shores of Nahuel Iluapi Lake, renowned for its crystalline water.

"This is clearly a global problem, and we must all do our share," Clinton said.

Argentina agreed that developing countries share with industrialized nations the responsibility to abide by specific limits on heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases. Other developing nations have been reluctant to make such a commitment, and Clinton was unable to win such a pledge from Venezuela or Brazil, the other countries he visited in a weeklong trip.

With the sweeping panorama of the Andes Mountains as a backdrop, President Clinton and Argentina's President Carlos Menem smile during a ceremony in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina, Saturday. The leaders agreed to improve cooperation in preserving the environment. AP

Argentina was the last stop, and Clinton set out for home after a round of golf with Menem and two Argentine professionals. His wife, Hillary had spent part of the afternoon hiking. Air Force One took off in a huge cloud of dust, higher than the plane and stretching the length of the runway. Menem's plane followed minutes later.

Clinton used the South American journey to press his case that free trade will create jobs and lift standards of living throughout the world. He faces a tough battle at home to win congressional approval of enhanced authority to negotiate foreign trade deals.

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger proclaimed Clinton's trip a success despite the absence of other major accords.

"What we're seeing here is, literally, a sea change in relations between the United States and Latin America," Berger said. "It didn't just happen on this trip; it's been happening. But this trip, I think, reflects it, accelerates it, encapsulates it."

Although Clinton's visit sparked some street violence in Argentina and Brazil, Berger said strong anti-Americanism evident in Latin America as recently as eight years ago "simply is dissolving."

While agreeing to the concept of limits on greenhouse gases, neither the United States nor Argentina are saying what those limits should be. Europeans are pressing for an emissions cap at 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010. The United States has called such a deep reduction unrealistic. The issue comes to a head in December when more than 150 nations come together for negotiations in Kyoto, Japan.

Framed by forests and the Andes Mountains, Clinton and Menem also announced agreements on space and environmental cooperation. The accords provide that two Argentine satellites will be launched from the U.S. space shuttle to track migrations of endangered whales in the Southern Hemisphere and to monitor pollution.

Clinton said global warming is among the world's severest environmental challenges.

"The evidence is compelling that increasing emissions of greenhouse gases are leading to the warming of our plant, and that global warming could lead to profound and destructive changes in the way we lead our lives," the president said.

"Among the consequences will be the more rapid spread of diseases, the rising of the oceans, flooding lowlands on various continents and islands in the oceans, and more frequent and severe weather events in all continents, including more severe droughts and floods," the president said.

"For the children in this audience," Clinton said, "our partnership to protect the environments of our nations and the entire globe is perhaps the most important part of what we must do together."

Many developing countries argue that tough environmental controls will hamper their struggle for the economic growth that industrialized nations achieved during an era of unregulated pollution.

"The strategy we embrace today does not ask developing nations to sacrifice the legitimate aspirations of their people for economic growth," Clinton said.

"Instead, it offers an important opening to chart a new energy course that is consistent with growth but makes sure that today's progress does not come at tomorrow's expense," Clinton said. He said the United States would spend $1 billion to help developing countries explore alternative energy sources and use them more efficiently.

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Clinton raps voucher plan

BARILOCHE, Argentina (AP) — Anticipating a vigorous debate next week over how best to improve America's public schools, President Clinton again rapped Republican plans for federal subsidies to allow pupils to attend private schools and demanded national testing to set universal academic standards.

Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., a leading opponent of national tests and one of Clinton's staunchest critics on education in Congress, countered Saturday that the president's proposals lack common sense and ignore local and state authority over schools.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton repeated his position that the voucher idea would rob public schools of much-needed tax dollars.

"Some people think we should give students vouchers to pay for private schools if they don't think public schools are good enough," Clinton said. "They say the competition will even make the public schools better. I think it's wrong. Too many of our public schools are underfunded already."

Clinton's remarks, recorded as he neared the end of a weeklong trip to South America, preceded a series of education-related White House events next week, including college preparation, reading and teacher certification.

The president plans to inject himself into the education debate in the Republican-controlled Congress by arguing for national testing standards.

"We must set national standards of academic achievement, and then have voluntary tests starting with fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math to measure them," Clinton said.

The House has banned going forward with national tests, but the idea remains subject to debate in several bills before House and Senate negotiators trying to work out differences.

Goodling, chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, issued a statement rebutting the president's remarks shortly after Clinton's broadcast.

"Anyone who thinks that bureaucrats in the U.S. Department of Education can dictate quality education standards and tests must also believe that the Internal Revenue Service is fair and friendly to American taxpayers," the statement said.

But he welcomed Clinton's support for charter schools — public schools run under contract by teachers, parents or community leaders. Clinton supports bipartisan efforts to open 3,000 more charter schools through incentives to states.

Gore pushes for a 'clean water plan'

By Nancy Trejos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore says the Clean Water Act has had great successes in its quarter-century, but not enough. He ordered federal agencies Saturday to come up quickly with a plan to flush the poisons and pollutants from the nation's waterways.

Speaking at a ceremony commemorating the act's 25th anniversary, Gore told the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture to present him the plan in 90 days.

The Clean Water Act was designed to prevent waste from factories and sewage treatment plants and other urban runoff from entering the nation's waterways. Since its 1972 passage, the number of rivers, lakes and other domestic waterways deemed safe for swimming and fishing has doubled.

Earlier this month, however, the EPA announced that 57 percent of the country's 2,111 water-drainage regions have moderately serious or serious pollution problems. The agency blamed the fouling mainly on runoff from farms, factories and sewage systems.

"For all our success, there are still dangerous runoffs of toxins and pollutants in our streams," Gore said. "We need to recommit ourselves to the vision of the Clean Water Act — and we need new action to move it forward."

The vice president did not exclude Congress from the cleanup effort. He urged members to strengthen the Clean Water Act and abandon proposals such as the Regulatory Improvement Act of 1997, which could allow companies to block some environmental rules.

"We ask members of Congress in both parties, in honor of 25 years of overwhelming national support for clean water, to abandon these dubious bills ... and work with us now to strengthen and reauthorize the Clean Water Act," he said.

A woman cleans "anti-imperialist" graffiti from a store front on Buenos Aires' Santa Fe Avenue Friday, a day after leftist youths smashed windows and started fires in protest against the visit of U.S. President Bill Clinton. AP

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SEALED PROPOSALS for ARRIVALS AREA AIR CONDITIONING, AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. R-CPA-A-001-95 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00 P.M., November 25, 1997 at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of enclosure and air conditioning of the existing Arrivals area as well as the installation of a shell type baggage conveyor and various other upgrades throughout the interior and exterior of the terminal building.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) days from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the established CNMI wage rate.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (Project No. R-CPA-A-001-95) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Proposal).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.

b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1997, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Sat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, requests prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as requested.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 10:00 A.M. on **Tuesday, October 14, 1997** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same mailed, simultaneously, to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied with the contract documents not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished with the contract documents by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

September 9, 1997
Date

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVERTISING
(INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL/NOTICE TO PROPOSERS)

1. The proposed contract is under the subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.
2. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI law.
3. Each proposer must supply all the information required by the proposal documents and specifications.
4. The (EEO) requirements, labor provisions and wage rate are included in the specifications and proposal documents and are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
5. Each Proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the proposal), the Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause, and the "Certifications of Non-Segregated Facilities" as contained in the specifications.
6. A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be award a contract $50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
7. To be eligible for award, each proposer must comply with the affirmative action requirements which are contained in the specification.
8. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
9. Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of minorities.

US struggles with immigrant problem

By Sharon Cohen

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — When a team of immigration agents swooped down on the slaughterhouse at 7 a.m., handcuffs and search warrant in tow, word spread fast on the killing floor. So did the panic.

Some workers dashed outside to an adjacent gravel lot, hunkering down among skittish cattle thrashing about in pens. Some climbed into dark recesses of the plant's rafters, forcing flashlight-toting agents to ferret them out of hiding.

It was the beginning of the end.

A journey that had begun months, or for some, years ago, furtively, desperately, hundreds of miles away in dusty villages in Mexico, across the border, across the vast expanse of rippling wheat fields to this corner of America's heartland, was about to give way to one more journey.

Destination: back to the border. Then, across the Rio Grande to Mexico.

This one-way ticket would come courtesy of the U.S. government.

The roundup of more than 80 workers this summer day at the slaughterhouse and at a second plant, both owned by Greater Omaha Packing Co., was just one more trickle in the widening stream of illegal immigrants migrating to — or being smuggled though — the Midwest.

At times, the flow of undocumented workers has overwhelmed federal agents, strained county jails and exhausted authorities struggling to keep pace with a problem — a perpetual pipeline of illegal immigrants — once considered largely the domain of states such as Arizona and California.

For Jerry Heinauer, who has led dozens of raids as head agent of the Omaha district of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, there's a message behind the crackdown:

"It can't be that once you're past the border you're home free," he says. "You can't have that kind of mentality."

His district — which includes Iowa and Nebraska — has deported a record number of illegal immigrants this fiscal year: about 2,400, a six-fold increase since 1994. The Greater Omaha raid marked the 20th local agents have conducted since January in what has become a routine:

Raid a work site, round up undocumented workers, fly them to the border, watch them leave the country. Then hope they don't come. back.

In December, agents raided the city's garbage hauler. In January, it was a liver processing plant. In February, a meatpacker. In April, a foundry. In May, a metallic industry. And on and on.

This July day, every cubbyhole, every meat carcass in the chilly slaughterhouse was checked for stragglers. Every worker was questioned. Every suspected illegal was identified, then escorted out, some still wearing floppy rubber boots and bloodstained shirts. Two were just 16 years old.

As they all climbed aboard a chartered bus, the first leg of an 877-mile flight to El Paso, Texas, some smiled, others waved jauntily to TV crews. When the lumbering vehicle belched its smoky farewell, it revealed the name etched on front in the silver grille: "Good Life Coaches."

For most illegal immigrants, the Midwest is a magnet for one simple reason: the promise of a good life.

With Nebraska and Iowa boasting two of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, this is a job mecca. Restaurants, construction companies, factories and foundries all are hungry for anyone with a strong back, steady hands and a willingness to work. English is not required.

"In Los Angeles, they apply at 30 places and nothing," says the Rev. Damien Zuerlein, of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Omaha. "Here, they apply at two places, right away there's a job."

Unlike states such as California, where grape or strawberry picking is seasonal, there's steady work here, paying $7, $8, even $10 an hour, a solid day's wages in Mexico. Tack on benefits and modest living costs and it all becomes even more inviting — so much so that word quickly spreads south of the border.

Nowhere is the 'help wanted' sign out more than in meatpacking.

Iowa and Nebraska have about 220 meatpacking plants and it doesn't take much math to figure out that in an industry where experts estimate turnover may be as high as 100 percent annually — strenuous, blood-and-guts work and high injury rates are contributing factors — job openings are frequent.

Often, local residents shun these jobs, leaving them to those near the bottom rung of the labor ladder — legal immigrants, including Mexicans, Laotians, Vietnamese and, most recently, Bosnians.

But despite denials by some companies, Heinauer estimates up to 25 percent of the meatpacking work force in the two states is illegal.

It's part of a shifting trend, says John Martin, special projects director at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a non-profit group in Washington, D.C.

"It used to be the Mexicans and Central Americans coming across illegally were primarily getting jobs in agriculture," he says. "There's been a transformation over the last 10 years that increasingly the illegals are going into large plants that employ unskilled workers."

Sometimes they blend in with legal immigrants; other times they replace them, knowing they have no options.

"They're the ones who take

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Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority, on Thursday, October 23, 1997, will hold a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with respect to a proposed issuance by the Commonwealth Ports Authority of Revenue Bonds: 1997 Series A and B Airport and Series A and B Seaport Bonds in an amount in total not to exceed $140,000,000.00 for the purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital improvements, including runways, terminal, docks, wharfs, dredging and other renovations, improvements and expansions of the airports and seaports owned and operated by the Commonwealth Ports Authority including those located at West Tinian Airport, Saipan Airport, Rota Airport, San Jose Harbor on Tinian, Saipan Harbor and Rota Harbor.

This meeting will commence at one o'clock (1:00) p.m., and will be held in the Conference Room of the Tinian Municipal Council on Tinian Island. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of such bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities being financed will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to Carlos a. Shoda, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Saipan International Airport, or via mail to P.O. Box 1055 CK, Saipan, MP 96950.

Dated this 7th day of October, 1997.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG
Chairman, Board of Directors
Commonwealth Ports Authority

US 'Drug Czar' visits Bolivia

By Peter Mcfarren

CHIMORE, Bolivia (AP) — President Clinton's top adviser on drug policy flew over Bolivia's cocaine-producing region in a military helicopter Saturday, looking on as soldiers destroyed illegal coca fields.

Barry McCaffrey also watched the burning of $15 million in processed cocaine and met with Bolivian government officials during his visit to this tropical region, where a third of the world's cocaine is cultivated and refined for shipment abroad.

"We must support the strategic mission of Bolivia to protect the country's economic future and families with the elimination of coca leaf cultivation in Bolivia within five years," McCaffrey said.

President Hugo Banzer Suarez, who met with McCaffrey, said his government is committed to taking Bolivia out of international cocaine network during his five-year term.

The Chapare, a remote jungle area located 490 miles southeast of La Paz, is Bolivia's main coca-producing region. About 120,000 acres are devoted nationwide to the cultivation of coca, the raw material used for making cocaine.

McCaffrey, accompanied by Bolivian Interior Minister Guido Nayar, flew to the Chapare, where hundreds of Bolivian police and soldiers armed with machetes were destroying illegal coca fields.

U.S. coca leaf expert Francisco Alvarez demonstrated to McCaffrey how farmers reproduce coca plants.

"There has been no progress in net eradication, none at all, and we welcome the strategic concept of this new government to eliminate coca production in five years," McCaffrey told The Associated Press during a visit later to an anti-drug base operated by police in the heart of the Chapare.

There, the retired Army general looked on as authorities incinerated millions of dollars in confiscated cocaine.

According to Bolivian law and agreements with the U.S. government, coca fields planted in the last five years are illegal and subject to eradication without compensation.

Farmers growing coca in older fields receive $2,500 for every 2.5 acres of coca that is destroyed.

Bolivia must destroy 17,000 acres by the end of the year or face decertification by the U.S. government and loss of U.S. aid. Coca farmers reached an agreement Friday to eradicate the remaining 5,000 acres by the end of the year.

Evo Morales, a congressman and leader of the farmers, said Friday that Bolivia was under pressure from the United States to eradicate coca at whatever cost, under threat of economic sanctions.

Police and soldiers began two weeks ago destroying new coca crops in two national parks.

The U.S. provided $48 million during fiscal year 1997 for counternarcotics activities and $72 million in economic aid. McCaffrey said additional aid is not likely.

McCaffrey said he will meet privately with Colombian President Ernesto Samper during his visit to Colombia next week, despite U.S. charges that Samper has links to drug lords.

McCaffrey to meet Samper

By Frank Bajak

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The White House's point man on drugs is doing what some in Washington consider ill-advised, even heretical: Barry McCaffrey is meeting with the very man he has branded an accomplice of international drug traffickers.

The U.S. drug czar's scheduled meeting Monday with President Ernesto Samper, who won office with $6 million in Cali cartel contributions, was privately opposed by many in Washington's anti-drug establishment, administration sources say.

McCaffrey insists the Bogota tete-a-tete, one element of a three-day fact-finding visit to examine Colombia's anti-narcotics efforts, signals no shift in U.S. policy toward corruption-sodden Colombia.

Yet the meeting breaks a more than two-year moratorium on high-level U.S. contacts with Samper, and appears to reflect growing concern over Colombia's inability to cope with a strengthening leftist rebel insurgency that could imperil this longstanding democracy.

Though McCaffrey's portfolio is drugs, the ex-Army general is a Gulf and Vietnam war veteran concerned with security — and well aware of Colombian guerrilla involvement in narcotics. He is acquainted with this Andean nation from his days as chief of the U.S. military's Southern Command.

"The issue is not Samper ... and it's not just drugs, but political stability," said Marc Chernick of Georgetown University. The Clinton administration "is just now discovering that there's more going on in Colombia than just drug trafficking."

U.S. Ambassador Myles Frechette has applied steadily intense pressure on Samper that many credit for Colombia's enactment of new laws stiffening jail terms for drug kingpins and allowing the state to seize their assets.

But he hasn't yet attained reinstatement of extradition, banned by the 1991 constitution, that would allow jailed Cali cartel drug lords to be tried in U.S. courts, where convictions would likely mean life imprisonment.

With Colombian lawmakers due to vote on extradition in coming weeks, Frechette considered a McCaffrey-Samper meeting worse than ill-advised, said several administration sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In a cable to Washington, Frechette said that no matter how McCaffrey portrays the meeting, Samper will "undoubtedly twist it to his own ends — the cleansing of his sullied image" in search of personal and political rehabilitation, the sources said.

The State Department pulled Samper's U.S. tourist visa last year after congress cleared him of charges he solicited drug money. Although Samper insists he was never told about the drug money, U.S. officials don't believe him.

"There is every reason to believe Samper has been complicit with international criminals," McCaffrey said in February.

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Pauline victims still ailing

By Niko Price

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Threats of starvation and disease hung over victims of Hurricane Pauline on Saturday as workers struggled to rebuild washed out roads and reach thousands of hungry villagers.

Nearly 20,000 people in Oaxaca state, southeast of Acapulco, remain isolated by storm damage, state Health Secretary Miguel Angel Colmenares told the newspaper La Jornada in Saturday's editions.

Helicopters had been flying in small amounts of food and water, but dense fog and rain since late Thursday have prevented further flights. Many communities report going for up to five days without food.

The Televisa television network on Friday reported the death of a 4-month-old child from hunger in the Oaxacan coffee-producing village of Pluma Hidalgo, but that report could not be independently confirmed.

Leticia Alonso embraces her daughter Sarai Jimenez, 3, while she receives a vaccination, as people line up to see the doctor at Colonia Renacimiento in Acapulco. Epidemiologists in Acapulco are watching for cases of cholera, salmonella, dengue and diarrhea, hoping that outbreaks would not hit shelters housing thousands of homeless. AP

Hurricane Pauline plowed past Mexico's Pacific coast Oct. 8-9, leaving at least 240 people dead in three states and 300,000 homeless — mostly in Oaxaca.

For the third time since the hurricane struck, President Ernesto Zedillo visited Acapulco, warning on Saturday that people may soon begin starving to death in Oaxaca.

As he walked past open sewers, flooded streets and houses filled with sand in the nearby community of Puerto Marquez, Zedillo said the government was working on an emergency footing to get food to the isolated mountain communities.

"In Oaxaca, we have the risk that people could die of hunger if we don't act," Zedillo said.

While millions of gallons of water have been rushed to Acapulco, one of Mexico's most important tourist centers, towns further down the coast such as Puerto Escondido still lack water, La Jornada reported.

In Acapulco, broken water systems and flooded sewer drains have raised the specter of epidemics.

Three new cholera cases were detected here, raising the number of confirmed cases here to 13, Health Secretary Juan Ramon de la Fuente said. More cases have been reported in Oaxaca, but the greater problem there is dengue, a sometimes painful mosquito-born fever, he said.

To avoid an epidemic, health workers are going house to house checking on residents and offering advice on how to avoid infection. In addition, hundreds of people have been quarantined for every confirmed case, De la Fuente said.

Meanwhile, workers continue to repair Acapulco's ravaged water system, and some activities in this city of 2.5 million people are slowly returning to normal.

For the first time since Pauline struck, large numbers of tourists swam in the Pacific on Saturday.

"The dead dog that was floating here two days ago is gone," said Mike Blackwell, 39, of Wales. "The water is quite nice."

Most schools are scheduled to reopen Monday, but some will probably remain closed until officials can ensure they're safe, Zedillo said.

Of Acapulco's 583 schools, 339 were damaged and two completely destroyed.

To stress his concern for getting children back to school, Zedillo handed a packet of textbooks — one of 15,000 sent by the government — to a shyly smiling 6-year-old student, Angelita Saratiave Aguila.

Meanwhile, Transportation Secretary Carlos Ruiz Sacristan promised to spend $3.2 million to complete road and bridge repair in Acapulco by Dec. 15, in time for high tourist season.

Another $16.8 million will be spent repairing federal highways, with work to be completed by May 1998, Ruiz said.

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Puerto Rico: High AIDS rate

Third among US states, report claims

By Luis R. Varela

PONCE, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico has a higher rate of AIDS than all but one state and the District of Colombia, a former U.S. surgeon general said Saturday.

The U.S. commonwealth has 59 cases of AIDS per 100,000 people, ranking it third behind the District and the state of New York, Antonia Coello de Novello said. Nearly 13,000 Puerto Ricans have died of AIDS.

Only five states have a total number of AIDS cases larger than Puerto Rico's: New York, California, Florida, Texas and New Jersey.

"Puerto Rico, which is such a small island, is sixth in accumulated cases with 20,626, and this is alarming," Coello de Novello said.

A Puerto Rican, Coello de Novello was the first woman and first Hispanic to hold the post of the nation's top public health advocate. She was named to the position by President George Bush.

She made her comments from Washington during a radio fundraising show broadcast in Ponce, a city on Puerto Rico's southern coast, to raise money for Hogar La Providencia, a shelter for AIDS patients.

In Puerto Rico, 52 percent of the AIDS cases are blamed on drug use, usually due to addicts sharing needles. Another 21 percent contract HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, through heterosexual contact, and 17 percent through homosexual contact, Coello de Novello said. She did not specify the source of the other 10 percent.

Liposuction doc defends self

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An anesthesiologist testified that he acted properly as he monitored the vital signs of a woman who died after undergoing 10 1/2 hours of fat removal surgery.

Robert K. Hoo told a medical board hearing Friday he also kept track of how much saline was used during the multiple surgeries, but it was the surgeon's job to decide on the amount of local painkiller injected.

Hoo and physician W. Earle Matory Jr. are facing the loss of their medical licenses. They have been accused of gross malpractice and dishonesty in the death of Judy Fernandez on March 17.

Fernandez, 47, died after operations that included liposuction, "mini" face and brow lifts and two laser surgeries on her face and chest.

The Medical Board of California contends that too much fluid was put into Fernandez's body, diluting her blood so that it could not sustain the pressure necessary to stay in her arteries.

Nurses' kin arrive in Saudi

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Relatives of two British nurses convicted in the murder of an Australian colleague have arrived in Saudi Arabia, the British Embassy said.

The four relatives will visit the women Saturday in Dammam Central Prison in eastern Saudi Arabia, British Embassy spokesman Alex Brown said.

A Saudi court found Deborah Parry, 38, guilty of intentional murder and sentenced her to death, lawyers for the victim's brother announced last month. Lucille McLauchlan, 31, was sentenced to eight years and 500 lashes for being an accessory.

However, the victim's brother waived his right Wednesday to have the death penalty carried out against Parry. Frank Gilford said he agreed to a deal, which included U.S. dlrs 1.2 million in compensation in return for clemency.

Under Islamic law, the court only decides on guilt, and the victim's closest relatives have the right to demand or commute the death sentence, which in Saudi Arabia is usually carried out by beheading in public.

Saudi lawyers say convicts usually spend no more than five years in prison once the victim's family commutes the death sentence.

McLauchlan's parents, Stanley and Ann, and Parry's sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Jonathan Ashbee, arrived Friday night from England and have permission to visit Parry and McLauchlan also on Sunday and Monday, Brown said.

Brown said Saturday the nurses heard about Gilford's decision on the radio, but would be briefed on the details by their relatives and British consul Simon Lovett.

Yvonne Gilford, 55, was found Dec. 11 in her room at the King Fahd Military Medical Complex in Dhahran where the three worked. She had been stabbed 13 times, beaten and suffocated.

The nurses confessed to Gilford's murder after their arrest in December but later retracted their statements saying they were made under duress.

Saudi newspapers reported the two were arrested after using Gilford's cash cards to withdraw money from her bank account, and the prosecution charged that robbery may have been the motive. But the nurses' lawyers deny the women used the victim's cards.

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Red Cross picks up Congo dead

By Kamanga Mutond

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) — Red Cross workers started picking up corpses from the rubble-strewn streets of Brazzaville on Saturday, cleaning up after a four-month war that ended with an ex-dictator returning to power.

Search teams found 32 corpses by midday Saturday, but hundreds and possibly thousands more were expected to be recovered as debris was cleared away and searchers gained access to more neighborhoods.

Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso made his first public appearance late Friday since declaring victory the previous day.

From his hometown of Oyo, 250 miles northeast of the capital, Sassou-Nguesso called for a government of national unity but gave no timetable for elections or a return to civilian rule in the Republic of Congo.

Sassou-Nguesso's rival, the elected president, Pascal Lissouba, remained in hiding and refused to concede defeat despite losing Brazzaville and the commercial capital, Pointe Noire, on Wednesday.

France, the former colonial ruler, said Saturday it was sending a mobile hospital equipped with surgery, hospitalization and clinical units to Brazzaville to deal with what the Foreign Ministry called a "worrisome" health situation.

Sassou-Nguesso's victory returned him to power six years after demands for democratic reforms ended his 1979-91 military dictatorship.

He lost the country's first multiparty election to Lissouba in 1992, and the two were expected to face each other at the polls again last July. But fighting between their private militias derailed the election.

Despite Sassou-Nguesso's victory over the capital, Brazzaville was far from calm. Heavily armed militiamen were a menacing presence in the streets, looting everything from women's wigs to board games.

No one knows how many people died in the city or elsewhere in the war, which started June 5. Shelling and gunfire made it too dangerous for searchers to comb the streets regularly for victims.

Across the river in Kinshasa, capital of the country once named Zaire but now called Congo, refugees from Brazzaville were wary about rushing home.

"It's good that peace has returned," refugee Pierre-Claver Ouesso said, but quickly added that he couldn't help but wonder "if the losers are getting ready for another war."

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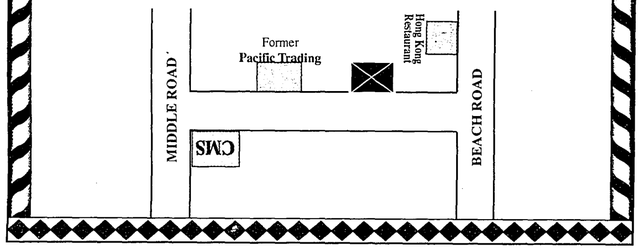

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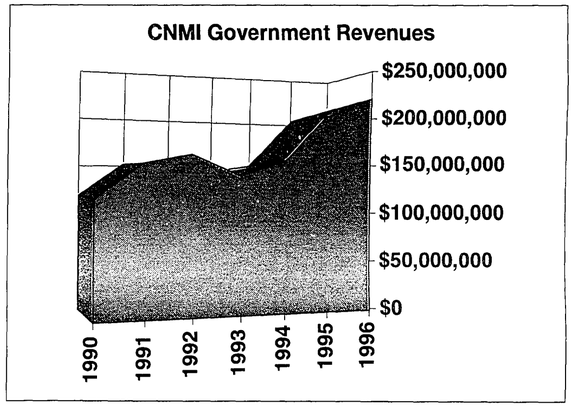

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By taking the initiative and visiting businesses, the Department can nip the cause for complaints in the bud and make businesses accountable. It is the job of the Compliance and Monitoring Section to execute the law, by making either announced or unannounced inspections of job sites and worker housing.

- The records of one investigator give an idea of how much has been accomplished with enforcement. From April, 1996, to August, 1997, this investigator handled 146 cases, 40% of which were Agency Complaints. The findings for these cases included: $3,421,476.41 in back wages, and $192,600.00 in fines. A total of 27 employers were barred permanently from further use and/or hiring of guest workers, and one employer was barred for five years. When collections on such judgements are problematic, they are referred to the Atoorney General's Office.

- The Secretary of Labor and Immigration recognizes the shortage of investigators in this crucial area of the Department, and is committed to expanding the section. Training is a top priority.

In May 1997, there was an intensive two-week long workshop conducted by two directors of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. Twenty-five employees from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian learned the basics of investigation, computation, and violations and how to handle them.

- Following the workshop, the CNMI Department of Labor and Immigration and the U.S. Department of Labor continue to work together.

- In the area of health and safety, another critical area of compliance and monitoring, the Department has been working closely with a Public Health Liaison assigned to the Department since January of 1997. The Liaison is working to provide reliable and uniform health screening procedures. Such procedures are an absolutely essential part of assuring the health of everyone on our islands.

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Cuba prepares for Pope

By John Rice

HAVANA (AP) — The archbishop of Havana celebrated an open-air Mass here Saturday to prepare for the upcoming visit of Pope John Paul II, a week after officials blocked a similar Mass.

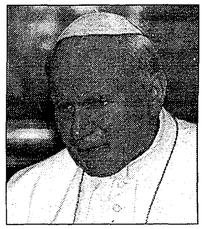
About 700 people cheered an icon of Cuba's patron saint, the Virgin of Charity, and took communion from Cardinal Jaime Ortega in the tree-shaded town square of Santiago de las Vegas, on the southern edge of the Cuban capital.

Shouts of "Viva John Paul II!... Viva Cuba!" rose from the congregation as a stream of bicyclists rode by on the muddy, rutted street bordering the park.

A similar service planned in another neighborhood on Oct. 12 was forced indoors, evidence of lingering tensions between the Roman Catholic Church and the communist state.

Caridad Diego, chief of the party's Office for the Attention of Religious Affairs, said communist officials reserve the right to limit outdoor worship services or processions if they believe there could be "political manipulation" of the observances by participants.

Besides the friction over holding outdoor Masses, another irritant in church-state relations here is a recent government decree sharply limiting wholesale purchases by the island's Roman Catholic and Protestant churches.



Pope John Paul II

The measure increases the cost of the churches' humanitarian efforts by forcing them to buy most items retail with dollars, according to the decree, a copy of which was seen by The Associated Press.

Many of the items barred from wholesale purchase are electrical goods. Officials in May told the Mexican magazine Proceso the limit was imposed partly to conserve electricity.

But Proceso also reported that the Communist Party was upset by reports that some churches were buying wholesale goods at what the government considers subsidized prices, including alcoholic beverages, and reselling them at a profit or using them as gifts to attract new members.

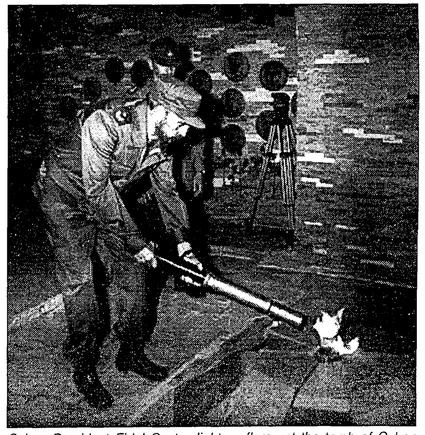
On Saturday, however, few of the tensions between the government and the church were evident. Other than a brief power failure — common in Cuba — Saturday's Mass went smoothly. It was just one of a series of worship services authorized by the government to pave the way for John Paul's visit, scheduled for Jan. 21-25.

The outdoor Masses are extraordinary events in a country that banned public religious celebrations in 1961, the year the country officially embraced socialism and atheism.

Relations have improved since 1991, when the Communist Party said religious devotees could be members. But the number of churches and the scope of church activities remains limited.

The Mass and the upcoming papal visit in January "frankly are marvelous," said Jose Manuel Rodriguez, a 47-year-old dock worker assisting at the service.

"Cubans had been marginalized from religion by the state ... but that is something that is passing," he said. "The people feel more relaxed."



Cuban President Fidel Castro lights a flame at the tomb of Cuban revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara in Santa Clara, Cuba Friday. The entombment Friday of Che's remains capped a week-long celebration of Guevara's memory here in Cuba, 30 years after the man who helped Fidel Castro take power died in an abortive effort to bring another revolution to Bolivia. Man in background is unidentified. AP

6 killed in Texas accident

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A car holding five relatives and a family friend sped past other vehicles in a no-passing zone and ran head-on into another car early Saturday, killing all six.

The driver and sole passenger in the second car were hospitalized in critical condition, state police said.

Miguel Bahena, 19, was driving the 1991 Oldsmobile on Texas 105 in Cut and Shoot, 40 miles north of Houston, when he began to pass other cars, said Sherri Deathrage Green, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ms. Green said he was driving at "a high rate of speed" but she didn't know how fast.

While in the wrong lane and at the crest of a hill, Bahena's car crashed into the second car, she said.

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Israeli flooding kills 5

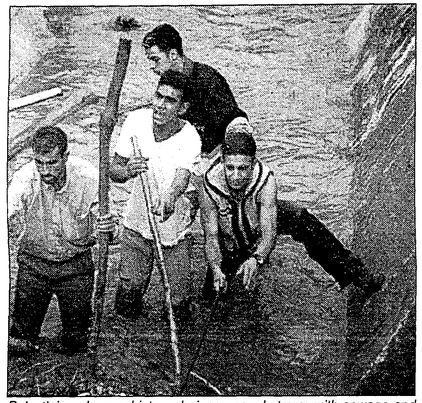
By Jack Katzenell

JERUSALEM (AP) — Strong storms accompanied by flash floods and high winds swept through Israel, killing five people, including a woman knocked off a cliff and four people whose cars were carried away by raging waters.

The storms, which brought cloudbursts, thunder and hail, landed Friday evening and continued through Saturday. They came at a time when many Israelis, celebrating the eight-day Sukkot festival, were camping and hiking in nature reserves and national parks. Thousands cut short their vacations and headed home.

Sukkot is a festival commemorating the fall harvest and the wandering of the Hebrews in the Sinai desert during the Exodus.

Storms were just as fierce in the Egypt's Sinai peninsula, where thousands of Israelis also were vacationing. Many were unable to return to Israel because of flooding near the Taba crossing point.



Palestinians lowered into a drainage canal strewn with sewage and garbage and swollen by heavy rains search for an 8-year-old boy who reportedly fell into the canal in east Jerusalem Saturday. Five people were killed and six were missing Saturday as Israel and Palestinian areas were swept by severe thunderstorms and flooding. AP

In southern Israel, a 24-year-old woman was swept away by a flash flood Friday evening while rappelling down a cliff near the Dead Sea, police said. Her companions clung to the cliff face all night and were rescued in the morning by an air force helicopter.

Throughout the south, wadis — dry water courses — became raging torrents, sweeping cars off the roads. Three people were killed and three injured Saturday when their car was swept down a wadi near the Dead Sea shore, police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin said.

Another man was killed when the car he was riding in was swept away near Beersheba, the main city in the Negev desert. Two others were rescued. One was injured, Menuhin said.

North of Beersheba, three Bedouin shepherdesses ages 7 to 11 were missing and feared swept away by a flash flood, Menuhin said.

At the Bedouin village of Yattir, in the northern Negev, an air force helicopter rescued a woman and eight children from rising floodwaters, Menuhin said.

In east Jerusalem, an 8-year-old Arab boy reportedly fell into a drainage canal, but police divers were unable to find him and the police were checking whether the report was true. It came from another child and so far police have received no complaints of a missing child.

In Beersheba, power was cut, window blinds were ripped out, solar heaters toppled from roofs and many streets and ground-floor apartments were flooded.

Many were stuck in elevators and traffic lights were out of order. Police appealed to residents to stay at home and avoid driving.

The Palestinian city of Jericho in the Jordan valley also was without electricity, with low-lying neighborhoods flooded. At the nearby Jewish settlement of Naama, fields were flooded and plastic-covered hothouses were swept away.

The Allenby Bridge crossing point into Jordan was closed because the Israeli terminal buildings were damaged and the power supply cut off, the army spokesman said.

UAE prince, Turkmen head swap gifts

ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan (AP) — What to give the desert ruler who has everything? A golden palm tree, perhaps, or a rare golden-colored horse.

Abu Dhabi's crown prince and Turkmenistan's president, Saparmurat Niyazov, exchanged those gifts when they met Friday on the helicopter landing pad of the president's palace in the Turkmen capital, Ashgabat.

The 1 1/2-foot golden palm given by Crown Prince Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan wasn't even the first Niyazov has received; he got one from a Saudi sheik in 1995.

The prince from the United Arab Emirates was so pleased with his own gift — an Akhal-Teke dun colt, of a breed known as the "golden horse of the desert" — that he promptly went hunting in the desert to try it out.

Economic cooperation between the two countries is negligible, but emirates leaders frequently go falcon hunting in Turkmen deserts. The two leaders are discussing plans for cooperation in oil and gas production.

Turkmenistan, a former Soviet republic on the Caspian Sea, has oil resources to rival those of the Middle East, but no pipeline to export it. Most of Turkmenistan's population lives in poverty.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMER JOB

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT THE **GOVERNOR'S JTPA OFFICE** IS SOLICITING ONE HUNDRED (100) APPLICANTS FOR THE YOUTH VACATION EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM.

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ORIGINATOR:

/s/ FELIX R. NOGIS
JTPA Executive Director

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would not run in 1997.

He then endorsed Borja to be the party's 1997 candidate.

However, citing the clamor from the party leaders, Tenorio by mid-1996 announced his candidacy and asked Borja to remain as his running mate.

Saying that he had already made commitments to his family and supporters, Borja in November 1996 announced his intention to run against Tenorio in the Democratic Party gubernatorial primary.

But party leaders said a primary would be "divisive" and instead endorsed a Tenorio-Borja ticket, which, in turn, led to the independent candidacy of the lt. governor.

Tenorio and Borja are running against former governor Pedro P. Tenorio, the Republican Party standard bearer.

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major damages and 21 minor damages.

No injuries were recorded.

Reports of damages from other islands were not immediately available.

As of 8 p.m. Saturday, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio declared an 'all clear' signal and cancelled typhoon warnings on all the islands but warned residents to stay home unless extremely necessary.

Although typhoon warnings were cancelled, intermittent heavy rains continued until yesterday.

The Associated Press reported yesterday that Super Typhoon 'Joan' packed 115 miles per hour winds as it swept through the CNMI.

Forecasters days before reported sustained winds of 185 miles per hour with gusts to 225 miles per hour--to make Joan possibly one of the strongest typhoons recorded in the western Pacific Ocean.

EMO Director Robert Guerrero yesterday said more than 900 people remained in eight emergency shelters on Saipan as repair crews from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. began restoring electrical power Saturday while telephone circuits remained jammed.

Among the emergency shelters that were occupied until Sunday morning were Koblerville Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Oleai Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Tanapag Elementary School, Marianas High School and the Convention Center on Capitol Hill.

Electrical power was shut down at 6:45 a.m. Saturday to avoid the danger of live wires as gusty winds began to kick up.

Second Anniversary Mass

Margarita Aguon SANCHEZ

October 13-21, 1997

We, the family of the late Margarita Aguon Sanchez (Palau) invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayer for our beloved mother.

Daily Masses will be offered every 6:00 a.m. at Mt Carmel Cathedral commence October 13 and end October 21, 1997.

On the final day, October 21, breakfast will be served after the Mass.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Ramon/Merlinda Sanchez
Ben/Lou Sanchez
John/Bobbie Sablan

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day, 90 percent of Saipan was put back on line, Mathis said, adding that by midnight the area with restored electricity would hopefully increase to 95 percent.

Several homes whose lines had been downed had to remain disconnected from the poles, according to Mathis.

Mathis also said the CUC crews, which worked overtime until 12 midnight of Saturday and Sunday, required more time to fix downed power poles with transformers, since heavy equipment were used.

Yesterday morning the CUC crews worked on downed poles on Beach Road, Chalan Kiya, Kanat Tabla, Papago, San Vicente, and Sadog Tasi.

Mathis said Chalan Kanoa and San Antonio were the hardest hit by the typhoon where high-voltage lines were affected.

Also, the transformers that were downed in Dandan, Tanapag, and San Roque were more difficult and tedious to fix, Mathis said.

Mathis said downed poles in the jungle parts of Sadog Tasi could not be put back on line faster than other parts of the area.

Mathis also said CUC can't connect homes with damaged weather heads that don't conform with the building and safety codes, Mathis said.

She said homeowners of unsafe weather heads should get an electrician to make sure they're safe.

Power has been restored on the islands of Tinian and Rota.

Mathis advised residents of houses with no power yet to switch off their main breakers or unplug connections to protect their appliances from big electrical surges when power is finally restored.

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that then Rota mayor Prudencio T. Manglona could seek a third term.

"The court held that (the constitutional amendment on the two-term limit) did not apply to the terms served prior to the effective date of the amendment," Villagomez said.

Manglona and Tenorio were incumbents when the term-limit amendment was ratified in 1985.

Villagomez also cited a recent decision of the Ninth Circuit Federal Appellate Court that struck down term limits for legislators, which he said "may have an effect in the CNMI."

He added, "Most legal scholars (say) that the existing CNMI case law and the general principles of constitutional and statutory interpretation does not bar" the former governor from seeking a third term.

Further, Tenorio himself has publicly stated that he would never run if he doubted his own eligibility, Villagomez said.

In an interview Friday, the former governor said he still welcomes anyone to take the issue to court.

"I've been saying that for the past six months so all I can say now is to vote for Teno-Pepero," a smiling Tenorio said.

Villagomez's press release was issued after the Variety reported Friday that a "public notice" on the former governor's alleged ineligibility to seek a third term is being circulated on Saipan.

The camps of Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, the independent candidate, and that of reelectionist Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio have both denied involvement in this apparent last-ditch effort to derail the former governor's candidacy.

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Only a few establishments--mostly retail stores and a rain-or-shine-24-hours-a-day Middle Road restaurant--braved the deluge.

Their patrons, an odd mixture of tourists out on a stroll; residents stocking up on butane gas, cigarettes and food supplies, vodka and six-packs of beer; and government personnel ordering servings of french fries on overtime.

Most people, expecting Joan's fury to set in at around noon as storm warnings announced, stayed deep into their homes the whole morning, their link to the outside world, a regular broadcast of the supertyphoon's position being aired several hours late of the actual monitor.

A semblance of normality was finally felt late in the afternoon as Joan's bothersome escapade appeared to be over: more cars were out on the roads, more stores have opened up, and power was back to Garapan's tourist-belt area; the rains, winds, and howlings have eased too.

And by twilight, albeit laborously, the island began slowly coming to life again.

Joint Death Anniversary Rosary

MARTIN M. SABLAN
2nd

JOSE M. SABLAN
16th

VICENTE A. SABLAN
6th

Mrs. Mina A. Sablan and the family of the late Martin M. Sablan, Jose M. Sablan, and Vicente A. Sablan invite all our friends and relatives to the 2nd anniversary, 16th anniversary and 6th anniversary of our loved ones.

Rosary will be said nightly at 8:00 p.m. from October 16th to Oct. 24 at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Vicente M. Sablan in Dandan

On the last day, Mass will be offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m. After the mass, dinner will be served at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Vicente M. Sablan.

Thank You Yan Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ginen I Familia

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GEROGE A. MANGLONA
and KEIKO Y. MANGLONA,
Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-1108

NOTICE OF FIRST SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants - George A. Manglona, deceased, and Keiko Y. Manglona - in the following described, improved, real property situated in Tinian will be sold at an auction sale:

(Leasehold Interest)
Lot No. 006 T 158, containing an area of 1,178 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 006 T 05, dated September 28, 1983, including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 29, 1997,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
2. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale.
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
3. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Joaquin Q. Dela Cruz, Loan Manager, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 21-49, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-71-45, Fax: 234-71-44; or to F. Matthew Smith, Law Offices of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 1309, Saipan MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
4. Minimum Bid. The minimum bid for any property listed in this notice shall be the total amount of principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs of sale due and owing CDA by the defendants- or the appraised value of the property - whichever is greater.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

Dated this 30th day of September, 1997.

/s/ FRANCISCO C. DUENAS, Acting
Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Commonwealth Development Authority,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Augustin M. Tagabuel and
Margarita S. Tagabuel,
Defendants.
Civil Action No. 96-907

NOTICE OF THIRD SALE

Following two unsuccessful auction sales in this matter, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety ("auctioneer") and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA") hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants - Augustin M. Tagabuel & Margarita S. Tagabuel - in the following described real property, located in As Teo, Saipan, will be sold at a third auction sale:

Tract No. 22805-R1 (part of Tract 22805 formerly A.H. 194) and containing an area of 29, 051 square meters, more or less.
Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1 having plane rectangular coordinates of 52,951.391 meters N and 56,760.571 meters E of the Mariana Islands District Coordinates System of 1966.
Thence, S 18° 14' 44" W, 47.97 meters to Corner 2;
Thence, S 70° 27' 54" E, 112.02 meters to Corner 3;
Thence, S 34° 47' 53" W, 77.07 meters to Corner 4;
Thence, N 68° 36' 28" W, 265.50 meters to Corner;
Thence, N 16° 36' 05" E, 125.79 meters to Corner 6;
Thence, S 66° 39' 54" E, 179.79 meters to Corner 1, the point of the beginning.

The third auction sale shall proceed without a minimum bid, will be open to the general public, and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 29, 1997,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
2. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer CDA shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
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   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specifi property is stuck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
3. Minimum Bid. The propeny is offered without a minimum bid.
4. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balane within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
5. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

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the risk their fingers will get cut off, the ones who will work in cold temperatures," says Mark Krikorian, director of the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C.

They're also the ones who are most powerless, says Mark Grey of the University of Northern Iowa, who has studied the impact of meatpacking plants on local communities — an issue now being explored by General Accounting Office investigators.

"I'm sure there are many in the industry who have already figured out when you have illegal immigrants in your plants, they're far less likely than other workers to complain, to go to police, to go to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), to go to the district attorney," Grey says.

Meatpackers insist they don't hire undocumented workers intentionally, they don't have expertise to detect bogus documents and they're hamstrung by laws that limit questions they can ask applicants.

"We pay the price," says Ken Kimbro, vice president of human resources at IBP Inc., the meatpacking giant raided in recent years in Texas, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska. "We hire these people believing they are authorized. We spent time, money and energy training them. Some have been with us nine years."

In June, a raid at an IBP plant in Joslin, Ill., netted more than 140 workers.

"When you lose 100 people, particularly in the tight job market that exists in the heartland, we will be four, five, six months, replacing these people," Kimbro declares.

The company is working with the INS in a pilot program that gives the meatpacker access to a government database to help verify whether applicants are authorized to be in the United States.

Greater Omaha says it, too, does all it can to ensure workers are legal; after the raid, INS agents helped train the company spot bogus documents.

But the company also questions the INS crackdown.

"How much was spent putting that raid on?" asks Bill Ramsey, a spokesman. "You would think that the company would have had the opportunity to cooperate before being raided."

Ramsey also said Greater Omaha feels vindicated in receiving a warning — but no fine.

In fact, despite dramatic, TV-friendly raids, the INS' Omaha district has levied only about $100,000 in fines in the last 18 months.

Heinauer says fines aren't the point; the real financial squeeze comes from shutting down production.

He defends the raids. Undocumented workers, he says, are depressing wages and taxing small communities by competing for low-income housing, jobs and limited social services.

But some critics are skeptical of both sides and say workers are the pawns.

"If the INS really, really wanted to take care of this problem, they could," says Grey, the university expert. "If these plants really wanted to take care of the problem, they could. ... It's obvious it benefits enough sectors of our economy to have them here. When they're no longer needed, or whenever it's politically expedient, they're thrown out."

After seven years and almost as many jobs, Juan's grand plan to make it in America is over. For now.

He sits hunched over in an armory a few miles away in Council Bluffs, Iowa. INS agents are photographing, fingerprinting and interviewing their quarry, then hunt-and-peck-typing the responses into laptop computers.

Juan waits to be called. So do scores of men and women staring vacantly or sprawled out on rows of green cots, where they will spend their final night in the United States. Some clutch plastic bundles stuffed with sweat-stained work clothes. Others stand in line, waiting to make phone calls.

They will not be allowed to leave this room.

They will leave behind cars, furniture, homes — and in some cases, family members who are U.S. citizens.

Juan's wife and 5-year-old son will remain behind the next day when his hands and legs are shackled as he boards a government plane to the border checkpoint.

Juan, 25, a wiry, mustached man, says he came to Nebraska after bouncing from California to Oregon to Iowa, working in restaurants, the garment industry, auto parts and construction. He was at the plant three months.

"They take advantage of us," he protests, a knot of his curly brown hair protruding from the hood of his black sweatshirt perched on his head to conceal part of his face — despite sweltering summer temperatures.

"They pressure us a lot to do more work to the point where we can't complain about anything," he says through a translator. "If we do, they threaten to fire us or say, 'If you don't want to work, we'll call immigration.' " The company denies the charge.

But the caravan continues. In September, 91 illegal immigrants were stopped in six days on highways in Nebraska; local jails were so crammed the nearest place to detain them was 220 miles away.

In recent months, the INS has been so busy it has not been able respond to some calls from state police who have stopped vans filled with undocumented immigrants, almost all of them Mexican. They were allowed to continue on.

The tips keep coming in, too — from law enforcement agencies, plant co-workers, and on occasion, informants.

"I'll be busy for the next year just from the phone calls I've gotten this month," says Gerald Noland, INS special agent in charge of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, office that opened in January.

Heinauer says the high-profile strategy has put employers on notice.

"The companies see we're committed to this," he says. "If we're not knocking at your door this week, we might be there next week."

But Zuerlein, the minister-activist calls it "a royal waste of time."

"It's a good show,' he adds. "They want to say to the American public, 'We're doing our job.' In their eyes, they are. The INS is playing their little role in the whole charade."

And the illegal immigrants?

"They also know the game is being played. They're not depressed or upset. They're saying, 'Well, this is what we have to do. They ship us home. But we will come back.' "

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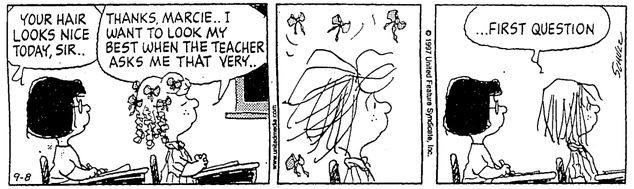

STELLA WILDER

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a courageous and forthright individual, true to your principles and always willing to do something the hard way if it means maximizing your contentment and the possibility of lasting rewards. You are fair and just in all things, but this doesn't mean you can't be mischievous at times; you enjoy playing games and pulling the wool over people's eyes now and then, but you'll always reveal yourself as the culprit and make amends before long. You are a jovial, gregarious individual; what is fun by yourself is always more pleasurable in the company of others.

You do have a dark side, but you don't often reveal it to anyone, including those who know you best. You prefer to keep it hidden from yourself as well, as you do not like to acknowledge that you are anything but positive in mood and outlook.

Also born on this date are: Dr. Joyce Brothers, psychologist and author; Art Buchwald, author and humorist; William Christopher, actor; Mickey Mantle, baseball player; Tom Petty, musician and singer.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may have to put your trust in someone else for a while today in order expedite a solution to a wide-reaching problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Do not take your frustration out on those who are simply doing their jobs. Today, you will want to demonstrate patience and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — How is it that you are able to do one thing in one place and expect to get something else done somewhere else at the same time today?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It is important that you know the difference between a suggestion and a criticism today, in order to maintain harmony at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Slow and steady may win the race, but today you may be tempted to bolt from the starting gate and turn everything into a sprint.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You have been spending too much time on peripheral issues lately, and today you'll have good reason to get back to the heart of the matter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone you know well may be acting in a manner that is wholly unsuited to current circumstances. You may have to lay down the law today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can get a great deal done in little time today, but that doesn't mean that you're finished! You have got to keep moving.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Concentrate on seeing things for what they are today, and you'll move well in competitive circles. Do not deceive yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You have many opportunities presenting themselves at this time, but what lies on the horizon is no more important than current work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Craft is likely to prove more important than inspiration today. Focus on using your skills to the best of your ability to turn out solid work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Fact and fiction may commingle all day, causing you to pay more attention to the way things are currently developing.

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CLOSERS

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The basic monetary unit of Romania is the leu, and its chief fractional unit is the ban.

The federal government owns nearly 83 percent of the land in the state of Nevada.

Some European nations recycle 60 percent of their trash; the United States recycles about 10 percent.

The world's population has more than doubled since 1950.

On average, adults have about one nightmare per year.

In Revolutionary times, the saying "lock, stock and barrel" referred to an entire gun.

Famed comedian Bob Hope was once a boxer.

Ice cream was first advertised in North America in the New York Gazette in 1777.

A human being's vision peaks at age 17.

In order to boost the domestic wool industry, English law once mandated that all corpses be buried in a woollen shroud.

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7 To and —
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11 Two (Sp.)
16 Samuel Clemens
18 Pedal digit
20 Child's sitting area
22 Facial application
23 Photographer — Adams
25 "Tic — Dough"
27 Goddess of agriculture
28 Stern
30 At this time
32 Type of music
36 Baseball club
38 Former coach Lasorda
41 Tossed a ball in a high curve
43 Deity
45 Dealing in property
47 Snare
49 Pope's scarf
52 Auction
54 Sales condition (2 wds.)
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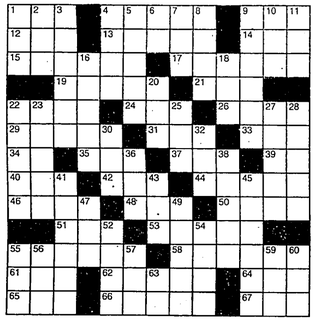

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by Dick Rogers

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Marlins. . .

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and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings and improved to 3-0 this October. Without umpire Eric Gregg's enlarged strike zone, he fanned five.

Hernandez overcame a double by Bip Roberts on the third pitch of the game. Wearing No. 32 on his cap in tribute to injured teammate Alex Fernandez, he did not shake.

Hershiser, meanwhile, lasted just 4 1-3 innings and fell to 8-2 in postseason play. With sweat creeping out on his cap bill in the 76-degree (24.4 Celsius) heat, he wilted.

The score was 1-all when Hershiser began his own downfall with a lead-off walk to Bobby Bonilla in the fourth. Darren Daulton followed with a single on a grounder that second baseman Roberts stopped but could not throw.

Up stepped Alou, whose sore left wrist contributed to him hitting only .067 in the NLCS. Hershiser got two quick strikes, then Alou hooked a drive to left that hit the foul pole for a three-run homer and a 4-1 lead.

It was the third big hit of the postseason for Alou. He had a game-winning single in the bottom of the ninth against San Francisco in the division series and hit a three-run double off Greg Maddux in a Game 1 victory in the NLCS.

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Saturdays at the Governor's Office of Youth Affairs (Ground Floor Aftena Square Bldg) in San Antonio. For more information, call 664-4201 or 664-4202.

Guam. . .

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the perpetual trophy.

Players of the DPS men's team consisted of Eric Mafnas, Andrew Taimanao, Sandy Tudela, Johannes Taimanao, John Salas, Climaco Laniyo, Juan Blas, Florencio Falig, Jack Somol, Antonio Kiyoshi, Martin Pua, Troy Palacios, Edward Flores, Deputy Lino Tenorio, Bernard Santos, Juan Barcinas, John Maratita, Jerry Ayuyu, Joe Saures, John Sabian, Frank Pangelinan, Mario Camacho and Ismael Aguon.

The women's team was composed of Alice Agulto, Norma Nestor, Ana Taitano, Rose Rideb, Marlene Aguon, Margo Celis, Regina Pangelinan, Nadia Lizama, Emma Tenorio, Cathy Pangelinan, Connie Guerrero, Kayzia Madluck, Cathy Sheu, Bertha Tudela and Linda Babauta.

Team manager Deputy Lino Tenorio said that the team did a great job and had fun playing against the Guam team.

The Department of Public Safety expressed their sincerest and most profound gratitude to all those who contributed for their trip to Guam.

German. . .

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Creek, Calif., at the 15-mile mark of the 26.2-mile run and won the women's title in 9:31:43. Fellow Canadian Lori Bowden was second in 9:41:42, and Fernanda Keller of Brazil was third in 9:50:02.

Haeggmann. . .

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beaten the U.S Tour mark 27 set by Mike Souchak at the 1955 Texas Open and Andy North at the B.C. Open in 1975 and the European Tour mark owned by Jose Maria Canizares (1978 Swiss Open) and Robert Lee (1985 Monte Carlo Open and 1987 Portuguese Open).

No one else in a pro event on a regular tour has beaten 27.

After pars at the 10th and 11th, Haeggman's round nosedived at the 12th, when he carded a triple-bogey seven after losing his ball in the bushes off the tee and then three-putting.

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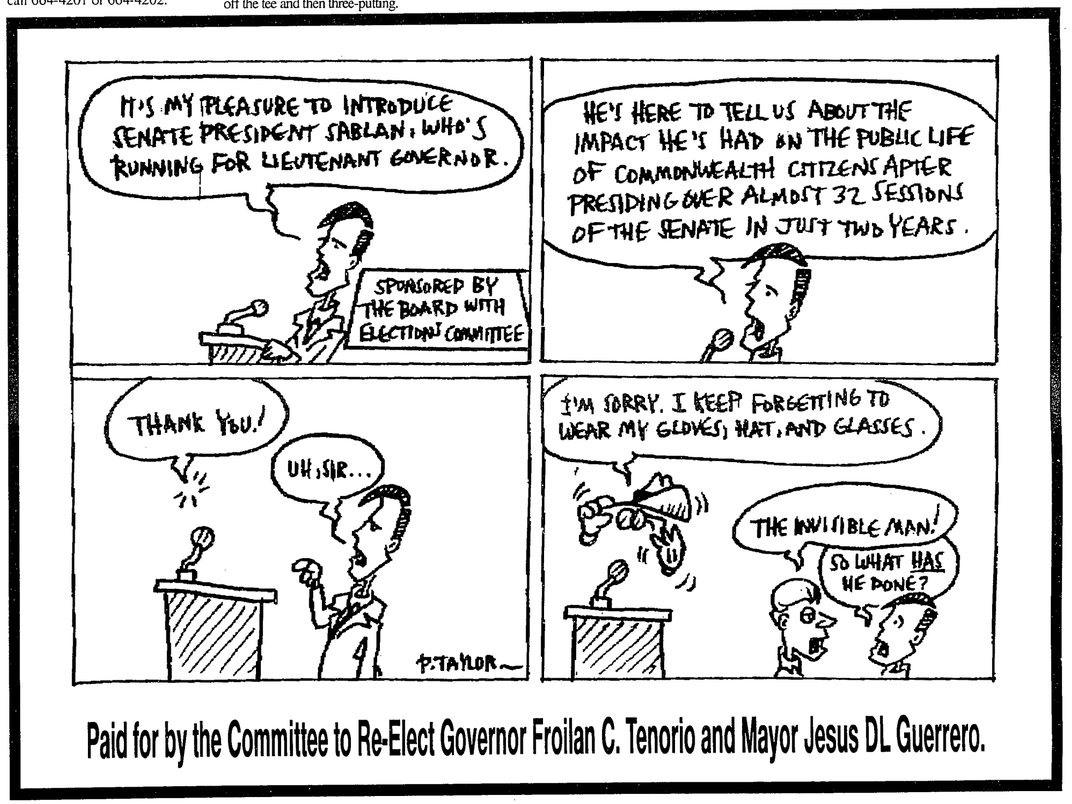
Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby soliciting sealed bids for the NMHC Maintenance Office/Shop Building Extension in Saipan. Bids, in duplicate, must be marked "NMHC MAINTENANCE OFFICE/SHOP BUILDING EXTENSION" and submitted to the office of the NMHC Corporate Director in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 10, 1997. All bids received will be publicly opened and announced. Bids received after this deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond made payable to NMHC. The bidder is required to submit the following documents with the proposal; 1) a copy of valid CNMI business license; 2) updated financial statement; 3) a listing of existing and past projects, including date of completion; 4) a listing of manpower with copies of employees' CNMI-issued work permits; and, 5) a complete listing of equipments.

Plans and Specifications of the project are available at the NMHC's Office on Saipan, on or after October 9, 1997. A non-refundable payment of $150.00 is required for each set of the Plans and Specifications. Check should be made payable to "NMHC". The project's Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Friday, October 17, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan.

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

/s/ **MARYLOU S. ADA**



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SPORTS

Off to a great World Series start:

Marlins win opener

By BEN WALKER

MIAMI (AP) - Once again, the Florida Marlins got off to a great start against Orel Hershiser.

The 5-year-old Marlins made child's play of the World Series opener, getting back-to-back home runs by Moises Alou and Charles Johnson and a nice effort by rookie Livan Hernandez to beat the Cleveland Indians 7-4 Saturday night.

In doing so, Florida picked on a familiar foe.

It was Hershiser whom the Marlins beat in their very first game as an expansion team, back on April 5, 1993, when he pitched for Los Angeles. And now, in the biggest game in franchise history, they got him again.

Robb Nen, the fourth Marlins pitcher, worked out of a first and second jame in the ninth for a save. His fastball was clocked at 102 mph (164 kph) as he struck out Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar Jr. to give manager Jim Leyland a win in his first Series game.

A Marlins' record crowd of 67,245 dressed in teal at Pro Player Stadium saw Alou's three-run homer and Johnson's upper-deck shot in the fourth inning put Florida ahead 5-1.

An inning after Alou and Johnson became the 11th set of teammates to hit consecutive homers, Jeff Conine finished the 39-year-old

Hershiser with an RBI single. In that 1993 opener, Conine went 4-for-4 in the win over the October ace.

While Hershiser was tagged for a Series record-tying seven earned runs, the 22-year-old Hernandez stayed in control. He became only the fifth rookie to win a Series opener - Philadelphia's Bob Walk did it last in 1980 _ and showed the poise that enabled him to strike out 15 in Game 5 against Atlanta in becoming MVP of the NLCS.

Florida followed its pattern of quick starts this year. The Marlins won their first 11 spring training games, won three in a row to begin the regular season and won four straight to start the NL playoffs.

The Indians, despite home runs by Manny Ramirez and Thome, lost the opener of a postseason series for the sixth-straight time. Cleveland closed to 7-4 in the eighth on Brian Giles' RBI double, but Jay Powell struck out Omar Vizquel with two runners on base to end the inning.

Game 2 will be Sunday night, with Florida's Kevin Brown pitching against Chad Ogea.

Hernandez allowed three runs

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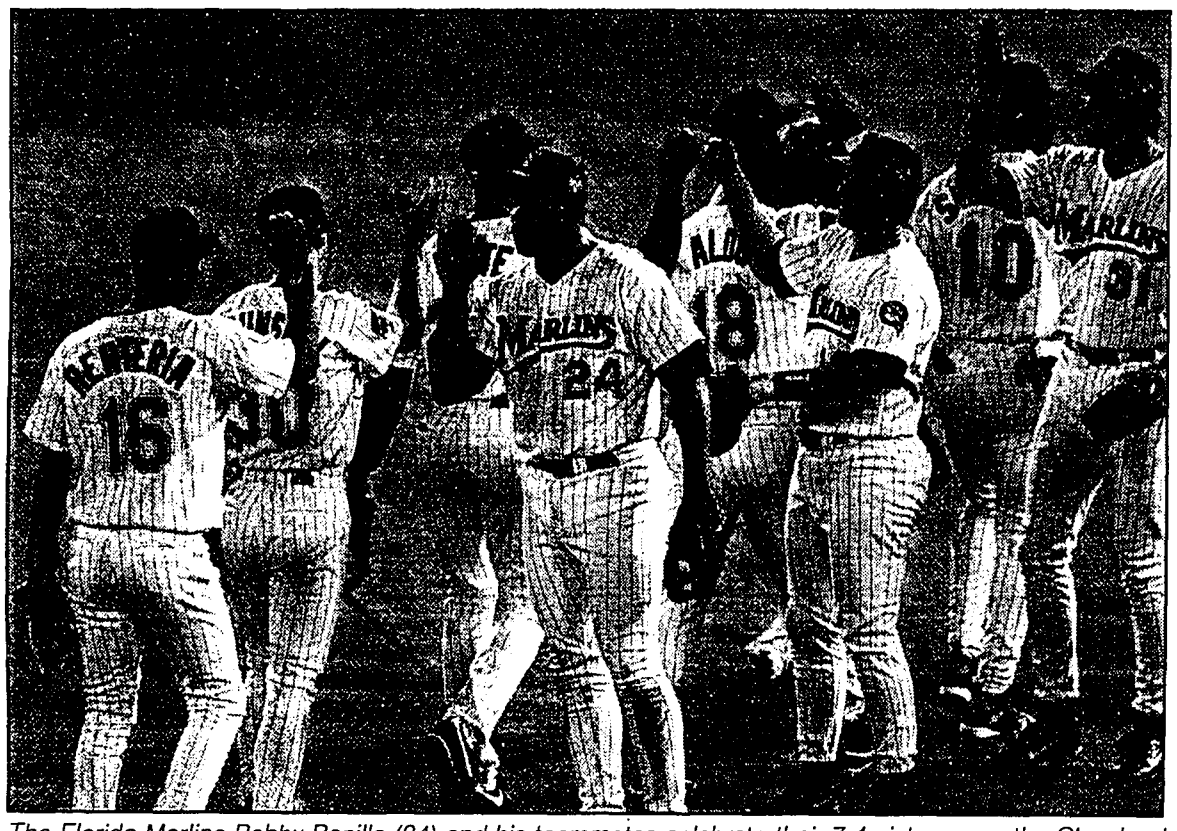

The Florida Marlins Bobby Bonilla (24) and his teammates celebrate their 7-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians in Game One of the World Series, Saturday at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. AP

Thomas Hellriegel, of Bruchsal, Germany, crosses the finish line winning the Ironman Triathlon World Championship, Saturday in Kailua-kona, Hawaii. AP

CNMI Youth Soccer deadline nears

THE GOVERNOR'S Office of Youth Affairs is advising the general public that the deadline to register for the Youth Soccer 1998 season is at the end of this month.

According to a press release, October 31st will be the last day for parents to register their children (ages 8 to 13 years) for the upcoming season.

Coaching will begin in November and the season will kick-off by January 11, 1998. Uniforms and shin guards will be provided by the CNMI Youth Soccer Organization. Parents, however, must provide footwear and knee-length socks.

Registration fee is $30 per player and there will be a discount if more than two players in one family.

Open hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on

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German wins Ironman Triathlon

By Ron Staton

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) —Germany's Thomas Hellriegel won the Ironman Triathlon World Championship on Saturday, finishing the 140.6-mile test in 8 hours, 33 minutes, 2 seconds — the slowest winning time since 1987.

"I'm so happy. All I wanted was to to win this race. I'm so happy," said Hellriegel, who took the lead 10 miles into the marathon run after fading to finish second the past two years.

Fellow German Jurgen Zack, who took the lead at the 35-mile of the 112-mile bicycle ride, was second in 8:39:17. Lothar Leder made it a German sweep of the top three positions, finishing in 8:40:29.

Heather Fuhr of Canada passed Wendy Ingraham of Walnut

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Guam DPS plays Saipan DPS in goodwill softball

By Priscilla T. Castro

For the Variety

DEPARTMENT of Public Safety and the Saipan Customs participated in the 4th annual goodwill softball tournament held on Guam Oct. 10-13 for CNMI and Guam police and customs personnel.

It was the first time Guam hosted the tournament.

The DPS fielded both men's and women's teams while Saipan Customs only had men's team.

The Saipan team played three times on Saturday and won two games. But on Sunday Guam gave Saipan a hard time. It got

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Haeggmann shoots 27 in first nine

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) - Sweden's Joakim Haeggman carded an eagle and seven birdies to go out in a spectacular world record-tying 27 at St. Andrews Sunday to take a 10-stroke lead over British Open titlist Justin Leonard in the Dunhill Cup semifinal.

Haeggman took advantage of the warm, sunny, windless conditions at the home of golf to collect an eagle two at the third with a 133-yard wedge that flew into the hole.

His birdie at the first was from 15 feet, 10 feet at the fifth, 16 feet at the seventh and 23 feet at the ninth. The other three were from four feet after accurate approaches in the ideal conditions.

Haeggman's lone par was at the 411-yard second where he two-putted from 18 feet. Another birdie there would have

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