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Babauta: 'Raid' of Covenant funds could become a trend

Juan N. Babauta

Variety News Staff

WASHINGTON Representative Juan N. Babauta has raised alarm over the move by the US House of Representatives to take away $2 million out of the CNMI's $11 million Covenant funding for fiscal year 1999.

In a letter to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Babauta warned about the increasing tendency among US lawmakers to take away part of CNMI's annual infrastructure monies to fund other U.S. programs.

The US House this week approved an amendment put up by U.S. Rep. George Miller (D-California) to HR 4193, the FY 1999 Interior Appropriations measure that diverts the $2 million from the CNMI's 1999 grants to finance the Urban Recreation and Recovery Program.

Prior to consideration of the measure, Miller had circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter where he justified the funds diversion.

During floor debate on HR 4193, Miller reiterated the rationale for his amendment and was successful in persuading a majority of his colleagues to favor the move.

According to Babauta, the success of Miller's amendment establishes a bad precedent for the CNMI and could be borne out of the CNMI's failure to use some

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Aircraft Rescue Firefighters put out a blaze that was set up during training at the airport yesterday.

Photo by **Sonnie Sablan**

Feds: NMI could afford wage hike

US Labor says Hay Group report used 'arbitrary assumptions'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE UNITED States Department of Labor has released an evaluation faulting the recent Hay Group report on the CNMI's minimum wage policies.

It described Hay Group's contentions as based on "arbitrary or erroneous assumptions, deceptive calculations...questionable data, inappropriate interpretation of data, (a) failure to address key issues and, at times, disregard for generally accepted economic principles."

The CNMI, according to the evaluation, can maintain a higher minimum wage rate, adding that the actual rate alien workers receive is actually lower, if the cost of food, lodging, transportation and recruitment fees are deducted.

The 1997 Hay Group report, which cost the CNMI $890,000, recommends against any minimum wage hike.

The Clinton administration, however, has ignored the report's findings, and is backing a "federal takeover" legislation that includes the gradual increase of CNMI minimum wage rate of $3.05 an hour to the federal level of $5.15.

With the release of the US Labor Department's (USDOL) evaluation, the Clinton administration now has an "official rebuttal" of the Hay Group report that is backed by analysis and hard data.

Contradictory

According to the evaluation, the Hay report's assessment of the CNMI's minimum wage "boils down to two basic—and somewhat contradictory—arguments":

• Increasing the local minimum wage to federal level is not necessary since most CNMI workers are already paid near the US minimum wage, when benefits are considered; and,

• If the CNMI minimum wage is increased to US rate, local economic development will be undermined.

"Neither of these arguments is supported by credible evidence," according to the USDOL evaluation.

"Rather than being an addition to the minimum wage, (CNMI) employers commonly make de-

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2 Guam senators say Gov. not true to party

By Maxine Hillary
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — It seems the internal squabble within the ruling Party seems far, far from over.

Guam Democrats met for a special meeting early this week to lay down the party's rules on campaign practices and were expected to sign a pledge that they would not only vote for, but support and endorse other Democrats who are running for office.

Two senators refused to sign such an agreement.

Sens. Ben Pangelinan and Mark Charfauros reasoned that Guam Gov. Carl T.C. Gutierrez has not been consistent in upholding party policies and that he has blatantly encouraged others to pull support from them, as well as other Democratic candidates.

Pangelinan said it is unfair for party members to be asked to sign a pledge to support other party members running for office when the governor has a record of supporting opposing party members.

"You can't selectively support some rules and not others," he said.

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MVA will go full blast in tourism promotions

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Variety News Staff

MISS CNMI International Sonya Pangelinan yesterday left for Japan to participate in the Miss Chitose beauty pageant, as part of the annual Hokkaido Sky and Beer Fiesta organized by the Japanese city government.

"I will join the pageant with only one hope, which is to represent the Northern Marianas in the best of my capabilities. I think I am mentally and emotionally prepared for the competition," Pangelinan told Variety.

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Miss NMI-International Sonya Pangelinan with a D.C. Dancer

Transfer of business licensing to Revenue & Tax gets support

By Zaldy Dandan
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THE ADMINISTRATION will support legislation that would transfer the authority to issue business licenses from the Department of Commerce to the Division of Revenue and Taxation, which is under the Department of Finance.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's special adviser for finance and budget, Mike S. Sablan, yesterday said the "restructuring" of the division will link business licensing and renewals to tax compliance, which could lead to more efficiency in tax collection.

"We will need to do this restructuring through legislation, of course," he said, adding that the administration is in full support of a similar bill filed by Senate Majority Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

The chair of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, Reyes told the

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Mike S. Sablan

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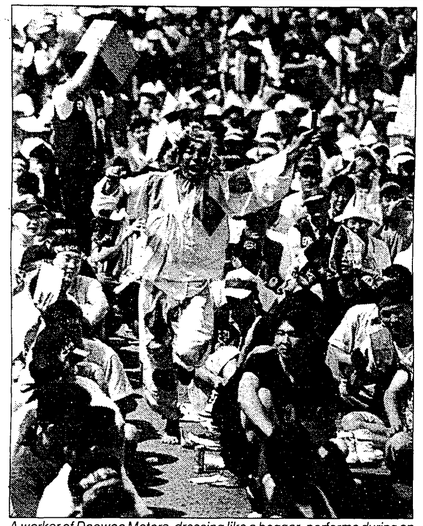

A worker of Daewoo Motors, dressing like a beggar, performs during an anti-government rally to rising layoffs outside Daewoo headquarters building in Seoul, Wednesday. Daewoo Motors workers as well as other shipbuilding and other heavy industries walked off their jobs again to protest. AP

Japanese skeptical ahead of PM vote

By JOJI SAKURAI

KAWASAKI, Japan (AP) — Yasuko Okumura is full of fears — that Japan's sour economy will ruin her husband's business, that her pension fund will go bust, that her little girl's future will be burdened by worries.

But as the three ruling party candidates to succeed resigning Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto blitz the media with promises to lift Japan out of its worst economic slump in decades, Okumura just shrugs.

"It won't make any difference who gets elected, because factional politics will win out," the 30-year-old housewife said while her toddler daughter played in a park in Kawasaki, a gritty blue-collar factory city just south of Tokyo.

Popular discontent is weighing heavily on the ruling Liberal Democratic Party as members prepare to vote Friday for a new party president — and most likely Japan's next prime minister, since the party controls the powerful lower house of Parliament.

Anger at the government and worry over the economy in urban areas like Kawasaki are at the center of Japan's political turmoil: they triggered the losses in July 12 upper house elections that brought down Hashimoto's government — losses suffered most devastatingly in the cities.

That disillusionment also could mean deeper troubles down the road for the LDP, especially as politicians

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61 arrested for election fraud after Japan polls

TOKYO (AP) — Police have arrested 61 people on charges of vote buying and other campaign violations since Japan's elections for the upper house of Parliament on July 12, the national police agency said Thursday.

The number of electioneering arrests was almost double that of the previous upper house ballot three years ago, after which 32 people were arrested for campaign fraud, said police spokesman Hirokazu Ban.

"We haven't been able to analyze the cause of the rise," said Ban. "But the police have generally become tougher on politics-related corruption."

Of the 61 arrested in the first ten days since the election, 39 were suspected of bribing constituents and 18 of making private visits to drum up votes. Four were arrested for other violations.

The arrested included political party officials, company executives and shopkeepers trying to bolster backing for their preferred candidates or parties, said Ban.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party suffered devastating losses in this month's upper house poll, forc-

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South Korea's militant labor group suspends planned strike

By SANG-HUN CHOE

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A militant labor group suspended plans to call a nationwide strike Thursday, reporting "significant progress" in talks with the government to limit rising layoffs.

But Hyundai Motor Co. workers, who began an indefinite strike on Monday, said they will continue their walkout until management cancels mass layoff plans.

In response to a call by the maverick Confederation of Korean Trade Unions, subway, telephone and hospital workers were to have joined a strike that was begun earlier in the week by union members in the auto, shipbuilding and other heavy industries.

But the umbrella labor group abruptly suspended plans to expand the strike to all of its 500,000 members, saying it was making progress in overnight talks with the government, which continued into late Thursday morning.

"We have suspended our full strike plans because of significant progress and to give impetus to efforts by both sides to forge an agreement," said Oh Dong-jin, a spokesman for the confederation.

Oh said, however, that the decision was not binding on workers at Hyundai Motor Co. and other individual work sites who have "special reasons" to continue their protest.

In overnight talks, the government promised to try to limit layoffs in the country's large auto plants, banks and a dozen state-run companies ordered to slim down to cut costs and improve efficiency.

The government also promised to reconsider its decision to arrest about 100 union leaders charged with instigating illegal strikes.

"We have heard such promises before. This time we want more concrete commitments from the government," Oh said.

In Ulsan, 280 kilometers (175 miles) southeast of Seoul, Hyundai

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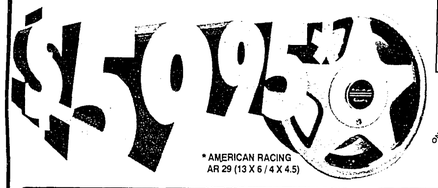

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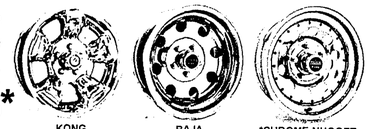

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Miller amendment OK'd

H.A. 757 will take $2M from CNMI funding

GEORGE Miller (D-Ca.) succeeded yesterday in taking $2 million of next year's CNMI Covenant Funds out of the FY99 Interior Appropriation bill, Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta reported.

Miller's amendment gives the money instead to urban recreation programs throughout the US, he said in a news release.

The congressman justifies his proposal by pointing to an $88 million backlog of federal Covenant grants which the CNMI has not used.

His amendment passed easily on a voice vote.

Miller began his play for the CNMI money with a "Dear Colleague" letter sent to all members of the House.

"There is currently a backlog of over $88 million in federaly appropriated dollars that has not been spent in the CNMI because the local government has been unwilling to provide the required matching funds," Miller wrote.

"This year, instead of appropriating our limited funds where it cannot be spent...let's allocate a small proportion of the CNMI funds to local government across this nation that are ready and willing to match (federal) grants..."

George Miller

Dana Rohrabacher

Babauta immediately responded with a letter of his own to Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Ralph Regula and Resources Committee Chairman Don Young.

Babauta explained that the CNMI had ended its reliance on an annual grant for government operations in FY93 and had continued to making a local match of federal CIP funds.

"Recovering from the loss of that $10 million in operations funding and finding new local matching funds did result in a backlog of federal grants funds. However, the new NMI governor is taking action. Between his January inauguration and March 31 of this year, the backlog has been reduced by some $2 million."

Babauta also reminded the Chairman that without its own representative in the House, the CNMI could not respond to Miller's amendment directly.

Babauta wrote, "the CNMI receives fewer federal dollars per capita than any other state or territory."

Miller's proposal, "not only singles out the area least able to represent itself, but also the area which is already receiving the least federal aid."

But during the floor debate on the amendment, Chairman Regula sided with Miller. "I am going t take a quick look at that and see if we cannot get that $80 million to put into (overdue national park) maintenance," said Regula. "I think that is a wonderful idea."

Appropriations Committee member Norm Dicks (D-Wa.) also supported Miller, "if we have got $80

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Teno's economic task force readies legislation

By Zaldy Dandan
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GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said his economic recovery and revitalization task force, which convened for the first time Wednesday, is now developing a "short term plan" to address the CNMI's economic slump.

He said the task force members, who are mostly from the private sector, are now compiling information that could be incorporated into several pieces of legislation involving labor, taxation and business incentives.

"We formed the task force because of the current economic condition, which we want to correct immediately," Tenorio said.

His special adviser for finance and budget, Mike S. Sablan, said the tax force is part of the governor's economic plan that was drawn up before he was sworn into office.

Sablan also serves as the task force's coordinator.

"The governor believes that if you allow the economic base to grow you would help the entire economy," Sablan said.

"That is why this task force is a private sector-driven effort," he added.

Sablan said the members who met Wednesday form the task force's screening committee, which will coordinate the other components of the administration's economic recovery program—the CIP/702 funds task force, the Garapan-cleanup effort, the Aviation task force, the Visit the Marianas campaign and the austerity measures.

At least 42 leading members of the local private sector have expressed willingness to assist and participate in the administration's economic revitalization efforts, which have the full backing of the Legislature.

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Guam senator: Secure water rights

Carlotta Leon Guerrero

By Jan Furukawa
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HAGATNA — Before the Guam Waterworks Authority forms a public-private partnership with any water and wastewater systems company, it should aggressively pursue rights to water sources controlled by the U.S. Air Force and Navy, Sen. Carlotta Leon Guerrero said yesterday.

During an oversight hearing by the legislative Natural Resources committee yesterday, Leon Guerrero pointed out that other property previously turned over to the government of Guam — the Navy power plant, the former NAS Agana, the old Ship Repair Facility — was "real estate with infrastructure."

She asked why the situation GWA faces is so different, saying "something at the very core of my being" is telling her that this is an issue to pursue.

She said she and other committee members would be conferring with Congressman Robert Underwood and other island leaders on the matter.

John Gilliam, testifying on behalf of GWA, said "that federal move hasn't been made yet," or that the turnover of those federally controlled resources was not an option at this time.

Leon Guerrero said that perhaps "participating in this process is acquiescing."

GWA, formerly the Public Utility Agency of Guam, has a Memorandum of Understanding with Enron Water Corporation for the acquisition of the Navy's water and wastewater systems.

That MOU, and the basis on which GWA entered into the agreement, were the subject of much of yesterday's hearing.

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No leak found at Route 16

By Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — No major leak in water lines was detected along Route 16, according to Patrick Lujan, public information officer for the Guam Waterworks Authority.

The authority has ruled out a major leak as being the cause of the lack of water and pressure in the area. Lujan said yesterday that an off-island company with the proper equipment for the job completed its survey without a hit.

The authority also is mapping out the valving system there, which is a complex grid system that regulates the flow of water. Lujan would not say when that process is expected to be completed.

Police talk man out of suicide, arrest him later

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
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BARRIGADA, Guam — A 25-year-old Barrigada man found himself locked up on Liberation Day after he was arrested for attempting to kill himself.

Larry Flores, spokesman for the Guam Police Department, said Wednesday that Anthony Peter Villagomez Perez got into a verbal dispute with his parents.

Angry, Perez left the residence.

He returned a half-hour later, however, armed with a shotgun.

He fired one round into the air to get his parents' attention, Flores said, then climbed into his green Nissan pickup truck and locked himself in, attempting to kill himself.

Police officers talked Perez out of it.

He got out of his vehicle, placed the gun on top of the truck, and walked away.

The officers subdued and arrested him shortly after.

He was charged with family violence, possession of a firearm without an ID, possession of an unregistered firearm, unlawful discharge of a firearm, and violation of probation.

Perez was booked and confined.

Teno: New bill coming on tax sunset provision

By Zaldy Dandan
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GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said the Legislature may redraft the bill that would repeal the so-called sunset provisions on excise taxes by removing the "unfair" retroactive taxation provision.

The governor said leaders of the Legislature are now having a second look at the bill, H.B. 11-103, after the administration expressed concern over the "retroactive" effectivity of the proposed law.

"I think that's one of the solutions to the bill's problem," Tenorio said, referring to the passage of an "improved version" of the bill.

Signing it into law could mean an additional $4 to $9 million for the cash-strapped government.

But the bill's effectivity date is Jan. 1 of this year.

Pedro P. Tenorio

"I don't think it's fair to tax retroactively," Tenorio said.

He has until Aug. 10 to act on the bill, which was introduced by the chair of the House Ways and Means

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Police explain 'use of force'

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
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Hagatna—Police yesterday demonstrated the use of deadly force and discussed how police officers should deal with a dangerous situation either when responding to a crime or being attacked.

According to the Deputy Chief of Police, Ron Dervish, the Guam Police Department would like to dispel the public misconceptions on the use of deadly force.

The demonstration was prompted by last Friday's shooting incident in Harmon.

Dervish recounted that he has heard many ludicrous suggestions since then as to how the officers should have dealt with the situation.

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Police Academy instructor Maurice Sayama sprays mace on a recruit's face at Tiyan yesterday as part of the training police cadets have to undergo. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

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EDITORIAL

More CNMI bullying

IT JUST keeps on getting worse for the CNMI.

After seeing how powerful Washington figures find delight in earmarking several millions from the CNMI's yearly $11 million grant for the construction of prison facilities and crime labs on Saipan, CNMI leaders are in for bolder, much more deplorable actions from its critics in US Congress.

It is bad enough for Congress to increasingly dictate on the Commonwealth government how to use the monies it receives under section 702 of the Covenant.

Now comes the move from the honorable Rep. George Miller as outlined in his latest Dear Colleague letter.

Mr. Miller's move this week in the US House of Representatives to move $2 million out of the CNMI's $11 million grants for fiscal year 1999 towards a National Parks Service program represents another stab at the spirit and intent of the Covenant.

The reasoning behind Mr. Miller's H.A. 757 that the cnmi is not using $88 million is lethargic at best.

In essence, he is penalizing the CNMI for not being able to come up with the required matching funds to trigger the disbursement of the already approved Covenant funding.

Mr. Miller should realize that the CNMI's inability to raise the matching funds for the yearly grants is borne out of a number of factors, including the region-wide recession and the fact that the economy, which he seeks to effectively destroy, is already ailing.

His argument that the CNMI should be given less funding priority because it is overrun by fiscal mismanagement and plagued by numerous scandals and investigations only shows he intends to punish the CNMI for its past mistakes, instead of help it overcome its problems.

true the $2 million being taken may just be a small portion of the grant and that giving the islands a full $11 million would only increase the already huge backlog.

But what is very insulting with H.A. 757 is the high-handed manner the money is being taken and given to an entirely different endeavor.

Not only does it show a lack of good faith on the part of Congress, it also sets a bad precedent in that it would seem practical and wise to raid the CNMI fund, whenever it is convenient.

It is like saying it is perfectly okay to disregard all previous commitments with the CNMI pertaining to Covenant funding because they are "fiscally irresponsible people anyway..."

While US Congress has seen CNMI failing in its attempts to self-govern, it should not cut the Commonwealth short just like that. It should at least use reason and logic—not pull something off by capitalizing on the fact that the CNMI nobody in Congress to head off such an arbitrary move.

Congress should realize that the battering the CNMI has taken on the issue of labor and immigration takeover has been heartbreaking enough. Crushing its morale further through insensitive actions on the issue of federal funding would already be too much to bear and would only aggravate the feeling of neglect.

There is nothing the CNMI can do, should US Congress conveniently and unilaterally set aside its commitments to the islands, except to hope that members of Congress live up to their honorable titles and act like the reasonable people they should be.

There needs to be at least a semblance of justice, lest this will be another big slap in the face for the people of this Commonwealth.

But heck, what else is new? Nothing.

Mr. Miller will always win on the floor.

Same critics, same Congress. Same bullying.

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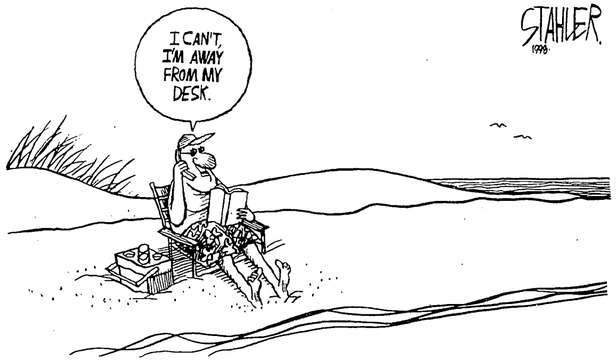

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Zaldy Dandan

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IT IS ALMOST like a Seinfeld episode: Nothing really happens—the entire show doesn't end with a Joycean epiphany nor with character development—but the audience gets a good laugh out of it anyway.

Unlike a sit-com, however, a Senate oversight probe, regardless of its entertainment value, should show results by digging up enough evidence to either declare the matter under investigation as closed, or one that should be pursued through the filing of a court case.

Last year, the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation (EAGI) spent more than six months to sift through all the sleazy transactions and dealings of the Tinian gaming commission, whose members and officials might have given a new meaning to the term "feeding on the trough." A report from the Office of the Public Auditor, which was asked by EAGI to come up with an audit, details the extent of this—to shift the animal—feeding frenzy, which cost millions of taxpayers' dollars. But instead of asking the Attorney General's Office to prosecute these officials, EAGI handed OPA's findings to Tinian's new mayor, who was then given six months to "clean up" the commission.

Six months later, Senator Cing wants another probe involving the former commission members and Tinian local officials. This time the amount in question is the $730,000 in developer's tax paid last year by Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. Mr. Cing wants to know who among the usual suspects on Tinian got the money, which is believed to be unaccounted for. The senator says he "suspects that certain local officials as well as officials of the former administration knew what was going on." The Senate, he adds, will "get to the bottom of this."

Afterwards, another OPA report handed to the mayor? Another "cleaning up"?

Perhaps it would be better to let the entire issue stink as much as possible and provoke concerned (and suffocated) citizens to do something that EAGI should have done before—bring the entire mess to court.

To be sure, there is nothing unusual with people who suspect public officials of thievery. (A favorite bumper sticker back home: "Don't Steal. The Government Hates Competition.") What is unusual is to uncover sufficient evidence that could prove it—and do nothing. Handing a report is nothing. It's not even a slap on the wrist.

Mr. Cing, it should be noted, was earlier accused of using EAGI in conducting a political witch hunt. The Senate probe, his opponents say, only commenced after the senator's falling out with his erstwhile Unity allies in the municipal government, which controls the gaming commission. But this is like accusing a politician of indulging in politics. Of course the Cing investigation was politically motivated; but it was also about uncovering real and blatant mishandling of public funds, as the OPA report clearly shows. However, the investigation is already closed as far as EAGI is concerned and those who are suspected of having too much fun with the taxpayers' money are still nowhere near Guma Husticia. No surprise then that questions regarding Mr. Cing's motivation and sincerity in cleaning up the gaming commission have resurfaced.

Now he wants another probe, dealing with practically the same "area of concern," the island's fledgling casino industry and gaming commission. He told the Variety recently that Tinian Dynasty may have been misled by someone in the municipal and central governments. He was referring to the $730,000 in developer's tax that is now nowhere to be found. "Misled," of course is a handy and safe explanation prior to another probe.

Meanwhile, EAGI members should probably take a long, hard look at local ordinances, directives, orders and legislation unabashedly favorable to the casino industry that were issued or sponsored by certain Tinian municipal officials, legislators and gaming commissioners from 1996 up to this year. It is likely that such a review could give EAGI a new perspective on the word "misled."

Moreover, bringing someone to court after an oversight investigation could also reassure the people that Senate probes are not just meaningless political skits staged mainly to "humor" one's political opponents to submission.

JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ridder-ridden legislation from Congress

THE strategy, if you can call it that, is now set for the remaining two months of this do-nothing Congress: Cover your base and do nothing.

At least not outwardly.

Republican strategists are predicting a historically low turnout for the fall congressional elections. And that's fine with them. They're not worrying about Soccer Moms, Reagan Democrats, Angry White Males or any other demographic group that the parties have targeted in years past. As long as the true believers show up at the polls, the GOP will thwart all threats to their slim majority.

With few defining issues to debate, many lawmakers — especially in the Senate — are doing their real work behind the scenes, away from the watchful eye of the voters or the scrutiny of public debate. Call it legislation-by-appropriation, if you will. We call it dirty pool. Here's how it works:

Every year, Congress must pass 13 different appropriations bills before adjourning. These are the bills that fund all government operations, every widget, welfare check and weapons system in Uncle Sam's domain.

Since these bills have to pass, lawmakers often attach extraneous provisions and projects that most likely wouldn't pass on a stand-alone vote. These provisions are called "riders," and when Congress nears adjournment, they multiply like rabbits.

And no bill attracts riders like the appropriations bill that funds the Department of Interior. Republicans know that their environmental positions are often unpopular with voters, and it's the last thing they want to talk about in an election year. So rather than hold an open debate on environmental policy, Senate Republicans have attached 20 separate anti-environmental riders to the Interior appropriations bill.

Some of these riders sound rather benign — like a plan to delay mining reform regulations for 18 months while the National Academy of Sciences completes a study (even though the issue has already been studied to death). Other riders have serious alarmed environmentalists — like a plan to build a $30 million gravel road through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, which would set an ugly precedent by being the first road ever built in a national wildlife refuge.

At first glance, this would seem like an easy call for the Democrats. Expose the riders for what they are — anti-environmental pork slipped into a massive bill without debate — and use the issue as a campaign sledgehammer against Republicans. It's been done before to great effect, as it plays to the Democrats' strengths.

There's only one little problem: Some of these riders are being supported by Democrats, including two who are in the midst of tough re-election races. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is one of the supporters behind the aforementioned mining measure — a favor to the hardrock mining companies that do a lot of business in his state. And Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is reported to be "having heartburn" (in the words of one environmentalist) over a provision that would encourage greater logging of old-growth red cedar trees in the Pacific Northwest. Other Western Democrats, including Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., also favor one or more of the riders.

What to do? That's what Democrats must decide before next week, when the entire Interior bill is scheduled to hit the Senate floor for debate. Some Democrats are privately arguing for an all-or-nothing approach. They want to introduce an amendment to the bill that would wipe out all the riders, including the ones favored by their Democratic brethren. Even though they'd lose some Democratic votes to election-year pressures, they argue that they'd pick up support from a few moderate, East Coast Republicans like Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I.

Others argue for a more cynical, partisan approach: Oppose only those riders sponsored or supported by Republicans. That way, the Democrats could still play politics with the environmental issue and give a free pass to their endangered incumbents. As of this writing, Democrats were still undecided on a final strategy.

Of course, the wild card in this debate is the Clinton White House. Vice President Al Gore, leery of his "ozone-man" moniker and eager to convince the corporate community that he's on their side, nevertheless spoke out against such riders in a speech earlier this year. He warned that the president would veto any rider-infested bills that came across his desk. But the administration has been strangely silent on the issue in recent weeks.

It's time to break that silence. If ever there was a bill in need of a veto, it's this one. Even if it helps perpetuate the legacy of this do-nothing Congress.

Letters to the Editor

Sad that US Congress doesn't listen

Dear Editor,

For some of us, Liberation Day is a historical reminder of a sad period in Chamorro history.

Besides the death of my mother, I also reflect on how the war forever changed the life of my people.

I am also reminded that no formal apology in the form of reparations or restitution has been given the Chamorro people up to today.

I'm all for parades, but how sad that we are celebrating the recapture of Guam by the United States when Congress doesn't even listen to our cries for self-determination.

Chris Perez-Howard

PIDB President clarifies a point

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing an article about the Pacific Islands Development Bank last June 3, 1998 issue.

In the closing paragraph, it mentioned that $5 million loan offered by Export-Import Bank of Japan to Palau has not materialized.

This is true.

However, to clarify any miss interpretation by your readers; let me add further that the reason the loan has not materialized is because Palau has then not submitted loan information and other requirements asked by the Japanese bank.

OTOICHI BESEBES
President, Pacific Islands Development Bank

Let's make our tourists happier

Dear Editor:

On the Public Law 6CMC 2301 (A)(7), the importation of contraband, does a legitimate product of a foreign country entering the CNMI without U.S. of A. label really become contraband.

Just because United States federal law requires the surgeon general's label (warning the public about cigarette effects) on all its U.S.A. cigarette products to be sold within the U.S., it is illegal to bring them into our island without such label.

Our tourist industry (the tourists) value foreign cigarettes such as 555, Sobranie set, Danhill, Cartier from Europe, Mild Seven from Japan, etc., etc., because of its name brand.

Yet our Customs officials at our port of entry, especially airport, confiscate and destroy these items.

• Our officials always go to Japan to advertise our Commonwealth as one of the best tourism destination for vacation. Yet when the tourists bring in Mild Seven, 555, Dunhill, etc. cigarettes when going out of Japan, custom officials confiscate these items because they lack the U.S.A. Surgeon General's label.

This act is infuriating the tourists because:

• these items are usually sold at Japan Airport Duty Free for outbound passengers;

• the Japanese tourists usually buy these items to bring back to Japan as gifts to their friends. Yet, our Customs officials confiscate these items to be destroyed.

• Why can't the Legislature make an exception;

• for most of the time, the tourists bought these items for personal use;

• our government is critically short of money, so instead of just confiscating these cigarettes for destruction, why can't we make the money out of them. Inform the tourists that Customs will hold the items for them because of our CNMI law but they could pick them up on the way out (to Japan) with a small fee (tax).

Several businesses who are involved with our tourists (gift shops) tried to bring in these cigarettes for that purpose.

Based on confidential information, Customs officials have already destroyed these kinds of confiscated cigarettes worth over $10,000, resulting in lots of wasted revenue which our CNMI government could have used.

A friend of mine tried to bring in 150n cigarettes without USA Surgeon General's label last week.

Customs confiscated them and is holding these cigarettes for destruction.

A $5 excise tax per carton with 150 cartons amounts to $750.

We do not blame the Customs officials for they are just following the law and they are just doing their job.

We are blaming our short-sighted elected officials for these wasted revenue on which our CNMI government could make rather than destroying them.

These cigarettes are being brought in to be sold in the gift shops to our tourists because the tourists go after these items.

Only a few (very, very, very few locals) smoke these cigarettes.

Let us make our tourists happy by selling them what they want to buy.

PETE G. PANGELINAN

PSS to oversee own CIPs

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

THE BOARD of Education will rescind the delegation of expenditure authority to the Department of Public Works for all Public School System's capital improvement projects, as soon as a resolution is finalized to that effct.

According to BOE chairperson Marja Lee Taitano, the Board is now capable of managing its own CIPs which include the construction of new schools, classrooms and other facilities.

"We are rescinding that job to the DPW for two reasons. One, we can do the job. Two, we already have the appropriate committee to handle that," Taitano said.

The PSS formally delegated expenditure authority for its CIPs to the DPW secretary on June 27, 1996 due to the absence of PSS professional staff to competently manage CIP projects.

With the hiring of architects Kathryn T. Ladoulis and Christopher F. Fryling who are working under the BOE CIP committee, the BOE wants PSS to have authority over its own projects.

"The PSS has subsequently developed the institutional capacity through the hiring of two licensed professional architects to undertake CIP construction management functions," stated the resolution.

However, the BOE failed to sign Resolution 6-1 when vice-chairman Thomas B. Pangelinan voiced out his objections on some parts of the resolution during a meeting.

Heated discussions ensued before the Board finally decided to re-word the bill first before passing it to the legislature.

Marja Lee Taitano

Meanwhile, Board member Esther S. Fleming said that PSS has to practice authority over its own projects, while DPW will continue to work with them as technical consultants.

Taitano said that the Board will adopt the resolution in its revised form.

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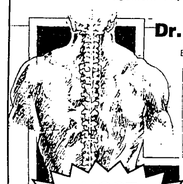

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AGENDA

I Preliminary Matters
a. Roll Call
b. Adoption of Agenda
II New Business
a. Selection ofMVA Board of Director Chairperson (Acting)
b. Selection of MVA Managing Director (Acting)
c. Personnel Matters
III Miscellaneous/Announcements
IV Adjournment

/s/ MARK WILLIAMS
Assistant Attorney General

Youth Congress going to shopping centers to push for registration

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

FOLLOWING the apparent dismal youth registration turnout, the Youth Congress office is holding separate registrations at three commercial centers on Saturday.

Mike Evangelista, acting assistant for the Youth Congress yesterday said they are expecting more than a hundred registrants once they conduct the Saturday on-site registrations.

These will be conducted at the Price Costco (10 am to 2 pm), Joeten (9:30 am to 2 pm) and Townhouse (9:30 to 2 pm).

"We hope to bolster youth participation by going out to communities and places they frequent," Evangelista told the Variety.

He added that interested youths who want to volunteer for the Saturday registration are most welcome. The Youth Congress staff will also be holding a village registration on Aug. 3.

Of the 2,500 expected youths 14 to 21 years old, only less than a hundred have registered so far. The registration period ends on August 21, while the elections will be held on September 21.

Earlier, Evangelista said that youth's growing apathy may be one of the culprits behind the low registration turnout. From the Marianas High School alone, the Youth Congress office is targetting an estimated 1,500 youth voters.

Long before the registration started, the Youth Congress office had already gone through information campaign through posters, flyers, tv, radio and print media.

Evagelista pointed out that whatever disillusionment that the youths have on the government could be answered by the Youth Congress.

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Teno names 3 to DPHS

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio has appointed three new officials within the Department of Public Health who are to serve effective immediately.

They are Ned S. Arriola, Deputy. Secretary for Public Health; Josephine T. Sablan, Director of Mental Health & Social Services and Teresa Tripp, Deputy Secretary for Hospital Administration, the Administration said in a news release.

Under Executive Order 94-3, Reorganization Plan 94-2, Section 509(a), all officials at or above the level of division director, or the equivalent by whatever title known, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Also joining the staff of the Department of Public Health are two physicians and one respiratory therapist, who have all arrived in the CNMI to fill positions at the Commonwealth Health Center.

The new medical staff includes:

• Dr. Patrick Linehan, an emergency room physician who started June 7th and who worked in emergency medicine at Smiths Falls Hospital in Canada before coming to Saipan.

Dr. Linehan received his medical degree from the University of McGill, Canada.

• Dr. Anthony A. Bottone, a psychiatrist who started June 4th, was in private practice in California before being hired here. Dr. Bottone received his medical degree in child geriatric and general psychiatry from Suny Downstate Medical College in New York.

• Donald J. Hrycun, a respiratory therapist, started May 10th and is from Canada.

Presently, CHC is still filling four physician positions and five nursing positions and is processing applications at this time.

Pedro P. Tenorio

Ned S. Arriola

Time for A Stick Dance. *Members of the local dance group "Mixed Culture" show their traditional wear before performing in the Cheju World Festival recently.* Photo by Laila C. Younis

Ohio firm sues hotel developer for alleged breach of contract

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A PRIVATE firm based in Ohio yesterday filed a lawsuit against a hotel developer on Saipan for alleged breach of contract over a construction project.

Aloha Corporation, through counsel G. Anthony Long, sought at least $350,000 in damages against defendant Inter-Pacific Resorts (Saipan) Corporation.

Inter-Pacific operates a resort hotel facility on Saipan, said Long in the complaint filed in the Superior Court.

According to Long, Aloha and Inter-Pacific entered into a written contract for services in Jan. 1997.

Pursuant to the contract, Long said, Aloha was to serve as project manager of the Inter-Pacific's construction project.

Long said the defendant prepared the written contract which provided provided for a term for the period March 15, 1997 to April 15, 1998.

The lawyer pointed out that the contract did not provide that Inter-Pacific would terminate the contract without cause.

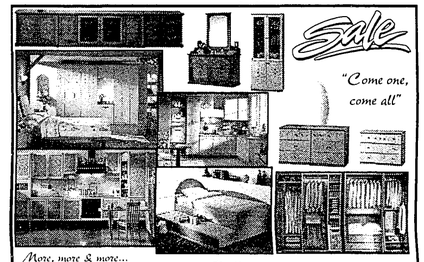
The contract, he said, contained an implied promise of good faith and fair dealings.

Long said the defendant, however, terminated the contract with Aloha last November.

"At all times prior to defendant's termination of the contract, Aloha had performed and was performing its obligations under the contract," he said.

"Defendant's termination of the contract without cause breached the contract, which includes, the covenant of good faith and fair dealing," Long contended.

The plaintiff's counsel added that the termination has caused and continues to cause Aloha to suffer damages.



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Pathway nears completion

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

The construction of the Beach Road Pathway is almost finished.

According to the Friends of the Saipan Beach Pathway chairman Joe Ayuyu, the project will be completed before the year ends.

More than $1.5 million was spent to the pathways. "The development of this area is a good tourist attraction, too. Tourists see that local people here are going to the pathway to walk, jog, run and bike," Ayuyu added.

After the construction of the beach road area, Ayuyu and the rest of the members of the Friends of Saipan Beach Pathway are planning to continue making pathways in the other parts of the islands. "Perhaps it would be nice to see if the whole islands have pathways," he continued.

"The construction of the pathway was the original project of the former Governor. After these whole thing is completed, the responsibility of taking care of the whole area will be put into the Friends of the Saipan Beach Pathway," he said.

The pathway only needs seeding and drills. The organization according to Ayuyu, will be adding some lighting system to the area to get the people who frequents the pathway more safe.

Joe Ayuyu

However, Ayuyu said that they are calling the attention of those people who frequent the place to refrain from parking their cars on the pathway because it damages the pavement.

With school opening drawing near, Guam's DOE still in need of teachers

By Sara Grant
Variety News Staff

Hagatna, Guam—With only a little over a week left until the start of the 1998-99 school year, the Department of Education announced that it is still in need of teachers to fill a variety of positions.

According to a release from the department, openings listed included Science, Japanese, Spanish, Industrial and Graphic Arts, and Counseling positions.

The highest demand is in the area Special Education, where 29 teachers are needed.

Administrator of Personnel Services Luis Reyes, said that this is nothing new for the department.

"Every year it's pretty much the same. We always have a critical need in that area," he said, "most places in the States also have a shortage in Special

Education; there's just a high demand for that type of teacher."

Reyes said he does not expect to fill all of the Special Education positions by the start of school and will have to hire individuals who have an emergency certification status.

Reyes said yesterday that most of the Counseling positions have been filled.

"On Wednesday we had 17 openings, but they have almost all been filled," he explained.

Last year, DOE lost teachers who were employed by the Department of Defense Schools. Reyes does not attributed this year's shortage to that phenomenon.

"As we lose teachers going elsewhere, we gain teachers from the University of Guam. This year, UOG had 88 education graduates and we have been able to pick all of them up, whether they are Teacher Corps or just regular education majors," he said.

Reyes pointed out that this year they even have a handful of teachers returning to DOE from the Department of Defense. He was not able to speculate on the cause of those transfers.

Principal of Untalan Middle School Ulric Mark said that he feels his school is ready to open.

"We've been working since the beginning of June to get ready because we knew school was going to

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NMBPA announces Miss NMI pageant theme tilt

THE NORTHERN Marianas Beauty Pageant Association is inviting the general public to participate in its first every 1999 Miss NMI Universe Pageant Theme Contest.

The sole winner will receive a cash prize as well as two admission tickets to next year's pageant festivities.

Each year, the pageant centers on a theme from which it focuses all pageant-related activities. Last year, the theme was "Tropical Splashes of Beauty." Accordingly, the contestants were filmed participating in numerous water sports and other activities.

Additionally, the pageant stage was designed to resemble a tropical setting - complete with coconut trees and ocean props.

Those interested in joining the contest must submit any number of themes. However, each theme must be accompanied by a short description of not more than 10 sentences.

The contest is open to all interested persons in the CNMI, and all submissions must be received by August 10, 1998.

They should be sent care of NMBPA, P.O. Box 1232, Saipan, MP 96950.

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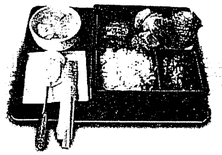

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Driving demo today for persons with disabilities

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

The CNMI Assistive Technology Project under the CNMI Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council will hold a driving demonstration from citizens with disabilities today at North Army Reserve complex.

The driving demonstration will start at 10 in the morning in cooperation with Microl Corporation Car Rental, Nicholas Nicholson and Anthony Babauta.

This new assistive technology is a dream come true to citizens with disabilities especially to those who use wheelchairs. They can now go everywhere where everyone has gone before.

Nicholson will demonstrate how disabled persons, especially people who are using wheelchairs, can drive vehicles through the new technology.

Nicholson is an experienced class driver who uses a vehicle hand control to operate a car. He volunteered to provide support and assistance to the installation, demonstration and driving training to any local individual with a disability and is using a wheelchair.

Microl Corporation with the assistance of customer service manager Frank Diaz and vice president Doug Brennan is contributing one demo vehicle including installation cost of the device.

This project is a community partnership effort of the government, business sector and individuals with disabilities.

Assistive Technology is important for people with disabilities because it allows them to be more integrated into the community. The new technology called Vehicle Hand Control is a device designed to operate a gas and break pedals of a car and it sometimes have additional features like a horn button and dimmer switch.

Under the Americans with Disabilites Act, the barrier removal for public accomodation shall remove architectural barriers in existing facilities, including communication barriers that are structural in nature, where such removals are readily achievable.

"Installing a vehicle hand control device under the ADA is one example of steps to remove barriers. Even employees with disabilities whose essential function is driving a vehicle for errands or to attend meetings are required to modify an office/company car by installing a vehicle hand control device as a reasonable accomodation," said Thomas J. Camacho, Executive Director of the CNMI GDD Council in a news re-

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Camp Manhoben enters final week

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

The kids of Camp Manhoben still have a week to enjoy the camp out at the American Memorial Park at this summer activity will end on July 31.

The camp activities were designed to help children learn on their own pace with maximum success and minimum pressure from competition.

Sonny Lim, the Camp of Manhoben coordinator said, the camp activities were divided into five groups such as the explorer camp (ages 5-6), junior camp (ages 7-8), adventure camp (ages 9-10), challenge camp (ages 11-12) and counselors-in-training (ages 13-12).

Under the explorer camp, this program provides a great full day of camp experience. It focuses on skill development and exploration through a variety of traditional camp activities and fun games. Co-ed activities include swimming lessons, beginning sports, performing arts and crafts, games, hikes, field trips and participation in the special events on activity day.

In the junior camp, personal attention and discovery activities will highlight the camping experience.

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Variety reporter Jacob Leon Guerrero takes aim at the target yesterday during a news conference in a Guam Police Department training room at Tiyan. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

Bridge session moved to Sunday

DUE to unforeseen circumstances, the regular last Saturday of the month open bridge session will not take place Saturday, July 25 but will take place Sunday, July 26 at the Joeten Kiyu Library Conference Room from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free and the session is open to anyone interested in playing bridge, meeting new partners (or opponents), arranging future games, exchanging bridge tips, etc.

If you would like more information please call Suzie Zuller at 322-1389 or Ruth Tighe at 322-3639 or send e-mail to *cdzuller@itecnmi.com*. or *ruthtighe@saipan.com.*

WSR notice

THIS is to inform all students, parents of William S. Reyes School that the last day of classes for Blue & Yellow Track is July 28, whereby students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Students will bring home their report cards.

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According to Saipan lawmaker:

Effective quarantine needed

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands needs to install an effective quarantine system in order to import fresh tropical fruits including the Philippine mangoes, according to a Saipan legislator.

At present, the United States quarantine, under the customs division, requires federal territories to institute measures that would prevent the spread of fruit flies which go with seeded fruits, according to Representative Karl T. Reyes.

"The US quarantine allows only the importation of frozen fruits or fruit juices. If the CNMI really wants to import fresh fruits, we have to make sure that certain measures are put in place to prevent the spread of insects," he said.

Reyes said the Northern Marianas has to come up with studies and means to prevent the multiplication of fruit flies or any damaging insects, once it decides to import fresh tropical fruits.

"Once preventive measures are installed, the US quarantine will still have to prove whether the system is really holding up," he added.

At present, the Philippines is still trying to convince the United States government to allow the exportation of local tropical fruits, including mangoes, to federal states and territories.

Philippine Vice Consul Ronell Santos, in earlier interview, said a lot of presentations have to be done by the RP trade promotion officer in Washington for the eventual approval of the USDA on the country's exportation of the local mangoes.

He said the Philippines has initially made a breakthrough in coming out with the Vapor Heat Treatment [VHT] of for-export fruits like mangoes and papaya. VHT is the process utilized by the RP government in its mango and papaya exports to Japan. This procedure was first used when the Philippines started exporting fresh mangoes to Japan.

"We will try to convince the USDA to accept the VHT method," the vice consul said.

Karl T. Reyes

Santos explained this is the only way to guarantee phyto-sanitary measures, which, he added, is required under international trade.

"VHT guarantees safety," he said, adding that one of the largest VHT plants was established in Davao, a province in Southern Philippines where a large number of for-export tropical fruits like Durian are sourced from.

Santos said the Philippines is also making the market pave for South Korea, which has also expressed intentions to import fresh mangoes. He expressed optimism that the RP government will be able to entice the USDA on the reliability of the VHT if the Korean trade would succeed.

"If it becomes successful in Korea, which it already is in Japan, maybe [we can get approval from USDA]," he added. But he admitted that the Philippine trade promotion office in Washington still has a long way to go in terms of trying to convince the USDA to eventually allow the entry of fresh mango exports to federal states and territories.

Dollar earnings from fresh mango exports in the first 11 months last year increased to $38.939 million a year earlier even as the volume shipped registered a more respectable growth.

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Auto-pedestrian accidents rising

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variely News Staff

VEHICULAR accidents involving pedestrians are increasing in the CNMI with a steady trend of fatalities, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The DPS report said based on data gathered within the past few years, the department is seeing a stable trend of pedestrian fatality with an increase in crashes involving "walkers."

In 1997, DPS recorded two pedestrian fatalities on Tinian with a total of 54 crashes CNMI-wide, said the High Safety Programs 1988 mid-year review submitted by DPS Commissioner Charles W. Ingram to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Statistics showed that there was an increase of 43 percent in pedestrian crashes as in 1996 there were two fatalities and only 23 crashes.

In 1995, three "walkers" were killed and 31 pedestrian crashes were recorded.

DPS said statistics indicated that pedestrian crashes involved mostly Chinese, Koreans, and Filipinos who were working at garment factories and construction companies.

In 1997, DPS, Office of Special Programs, and the Department of Public Works had worked together to improve highways by assisting in printing of educational materials for newly installed traffic signal light intersections.

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Power consortium files protest

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

CONSTRUCTION of the $120-million, 80-megawatt power plant hit another snag after one of the losing bidders filed an appeal before the Public Auditor asking that contents of the original proposals submitted by each of the six finalists be disclosed for scrutiny.

In filing its protest Wednesday, the Alson-Tomen-Singapore Power-Tan Holdings Consortium questioned the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) decision to request a so-called "best and final offer" from each of the six.

The utilities agency has reasoned this was done to clarify the proposals.

However, Robert J. O'Connor, who represents the consortium, countered the move allegedly opened the door for bidders whose proposals should have been disqualified to climb back into contention.

O'Connor added the move may likewise have allowed CUC to change its criteria for evaluating the bids.

The lawyer acknowledged though

Robert J. O'Connor

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that it is not yet clear if any major improprieties have occurred in the selection process.

He said the consortium has repeatedly asked CUC to disclose the proposals over the past several months to no avail.

O'Connor said CUC's alleged refusal to divulge the proposals raises doubts on the fairness of the selection process.

"...if they (CUC officials) are honest and behaving properly, why don't they release the information... that the award was proper... if the award was proper the information we are asking for will prove that the award was proper.

"If it wasn't proper, the information that they are refusing to disclose will show it wasn't proper. So, by not disclosing it, the suspicion, the inference is that they are hiding something," explained O'Connor.

"Government needs to behave in ways to eliminate suspicion and the way they are behaving arouses suspicion."

O'Connor alleged that CUC's refusal to release the six finalists' proposals is "just a tactic" because the utilities agency supposedly knows the "information is going to raise eyebrows and... require protests."

"So," he said, "they are hoping to move the protests... by saying there is not enough time we need electricity."

Section 3-1064 of procurement regulations require CUC to prepare the requested information for the public.

"The truth is CUC is taking steps deliberately, we think, to block protests, block this (requested) information to make it difficult for the process to work the way it is designed to," said O'Connor.

The protest was the second filed in connection with the multi-million power project.

It will be recalled that Public Auditor Leo LaMotte has earlier upheld an appeal filed by the Pacific Marine Industrial Corporation (PMIC) on grounds of flawed selection process.

The CUC leadership, despite the ruling moved to award the contract to Marubeni-Sithe, a joint venture between a Japanese and an American firm.

Pamela Mathis, CUC PIO, in a statement faxed to Variety late yesterday afternoon rebutted that the consortium is allegedly actually resorting to "attempt to promote fear and doubt in CUC in a snicky publicity stunt to stop the power project."

Mathis went on to say that the consortium, to which businessman Willie Tan is part of, will, if the project is stopped, "try to make more money by suddenly offering emergency 'sly' bids on emergency power barges or generators."

On O'Connor's repeated requests for copies of the six finalists' proposals, Mathis, also citing procurement regulations, stressed that "no documents are released until a contract is signed."

"There are several companies who did not get rich from this contract," said Mathis.

"(These firms)," she added, "are just out there trying to delay this power plant so that can run, jump in to sell CUC emergency power barges..."

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Mayor backs transfer of Zoning office

THE STAFF of the Division of Zoning met with Saipan Mayor Jose C. Sablan recently to discuss about the possible transfer of Zoning under the Mayor's Office, a report from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources said.

According to a news release from the Administration, the Mayor is in favor of the transfer, saying he has ample space to accommodate the staff.

The Zoning staff also attended the Saipan Legislative Delegation session where the Governor submitted a recommendation to develop a simplified zoning system.

Zoning's Planner II Richard Sana says the board is awaiting guidance from the Legislature on the parameters of a simplified system.

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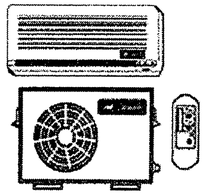

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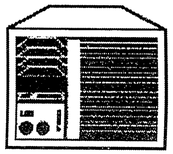

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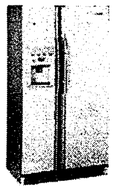

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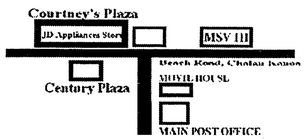

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NMPASI: At least 3 ADA cases could go to court

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) has revealed that at least three of its 11 Americans with Disabilities Act cases since January are likely to go to court.

"Right now, we do have 11 ADA cases, but only three are really potential litigation cases," Lydia F. Barcinas, NMPASI executive director, yesterday told the Variety.

She, however, did not divulge the name of these companies since preliminary investigations are still going on. These cases, she said, are violations against Title III or Public Accommodation section of the ADA.

Title III covers businesses and non-profit service providers that are public accoommodations, privately operated entities offering certain types of courses and examinations, privately operated transportation, and commercial facilities.

Hotel Nikko was once sued for violation of the ADA's Title III, but has now complied with the law, Barcinas said.

Barcinas also pointed out that the remaining cases are still negotiable, and do not need to go to court.

"The other pending cases which we're trying to negotiate are about Titles I (Employment) and II (State and Local Government Activities)," she said.

The NMPASI chief also said that the figure for this year, which is almost the same as last year's, is "a lot for ADA". She did not elaborate. There are approximately 500 persons with disabilities in the CNMI.

Barcinas added that the signing of the ADA will observe its 8th year on Sunday, July 26.

"I am reminding everybody, especially the providers of public services, to comply with the ADA. It's on the 8th year and there's no more excuse why they should not comply or know about it," said Barcinas, adding that people should join hands in promoting the cause of people with disabilities to become more productive citizens.

In the United States, the General Mills Co. joins hands in observing the 8th anniversary of ADA by giving discounts to people with disabilities who purchase their products. Part of the money generated from this will go to disabilities organizations, said Barcinas. She added that NMPASI is still trying to work with General Mills for the same program this Sunday.

DFW embarks on fisheries suvey

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH's Division of Fish and Wildlife is currently using an invoicing system to collect fisheries data from hotels and other establishments, according to a newly-released government progress report.

The survey is part of efforts to finally develop the fisheries sector as a possible alternative revenue source for the Commonwealth's ailing economy.

According to the progress report, the division's Fisheries section is also sampling the Northern Islands' bottom fishery which include the so-called "Catch per Unit of Effort" or (CPUE) and lenght frequency data or fish measurements being obtained from vessels fishing in the area.

Since January this year, the report said, DFW's Fisheries Section personnel obtained CPUE data for 32 of the 39 documented trips and length of frequency samples from 12 of those trips.

Since March, a study of mafute (lethrinus harak) has been done through purchasing samples, fish bought from vendors through grant money.

For its part, the division's Wildlife Section's survey of the Marianas fruit bat population on Rota has accounted for 224 bats in May, a figure higher than the 151 bats monitored last month.

Meantime, the division, still according to the progress report, has issued 16 violation notices, eight of which has been resolved.

More than 300 fishing and hunting permits have also been issued.

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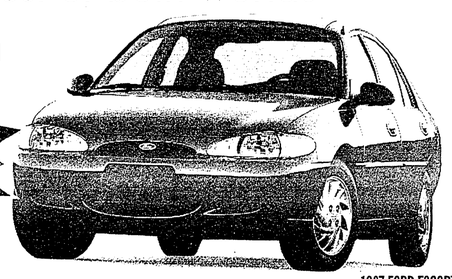

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Wiseman fights DOC action

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE LAWYER representing a garment factory which is facing possible revocation of license over alleged violations has said he is "extremely disturbed and confused" by the commerce department's move.

In his letter to Labor Director Gil San Nicolas, David A. Wiseman maintained Jin Apparel has defended itself "in a criminal case arising from the same allegations as those that are the subject of a pending Labor action."

David A. Wiseman

"They (Jin Apparel management officials) are now facing action by the Department of Commerce to revoke... business license, again, on same allegations," said Wiseman.

"I am extremely disturbed and confused by the Department of Commerce's action as Jin Apparel has been conducting business in the Commonwealth for a long time and, to my knowledge, has not engaged in actionable conduct other than these recent charges," he added.

Wiseman asked San Nicolas to provide the garment factory's management with any files of the Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) on violations Jin Apparel had been held for in the past.

Wiseman, in an earlier interview, expressed disappointment over the possible permit revocation saying a lot remains to be seen on the government's efforts to entice investors into operating in the Commonwealth if establishments are being ordered to close down.

In a recent public announcement issued, acting Commerce Secretary Palacios issued a notice of intent to revoke or suspend Jin Apparel's license.

"The Secretary of Commerce," read Palacio's statement, "has determined that you have violated Section 4 CMC 5611 (f) (1) (D) of (the) Business Licensing Statute."

Jin Apparel, according to Palacios, also violated business licensing regulations.

According to the public announcement, a hearing has been scheduled on the matter on July 28 this year at the commerce department's Administrative Hearing Room.

Palacio's letter was addressed to a certain Eric S. Smith, Jin Apparel's registered agent.

Benavente sued for alleged land fraud

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A SAIPAN resident yesterday filed a lawsuit against former House Vice Speaker Luis C. Benavente for alleged fraud over a land transaction.

Augustin N. Rios, through counsel Douglas W. Rhodes, asked the Superior Court to order Benavente to pay $65,000 in damages by the loss of title to his land.

The 49-year-old Rios in the complaint cited claims for unjust enrichment, fraud, and fraudulent misrepresentation against the former House vice speaker.

The plaintiff stated that in 1982 his father transferred to him a certain parcel of land in As Lito containing an area of 717 square meters.

Rios said that in 1989 while he was working at the former Marianas Review owned by Benavente, he and the defendant entered into negotiations regarding his land.

At the time, the plaintiff said, he was in need of transportation so he approached Benavente for assistance in obtaining a loan for the purpose of buying a car.

"I was aware of the defendant's political position and many business contacts and believed he was in a position to provide assistance," said the plaintiff.

Both parties then agreed that Rios would sell the land to Benavente in exchange for possession and title to a car worth $13,540.72.

In reliance upon their oral agreement, Rios said in July 1989 he executed a deed of conveyance of his property to Benavente.

After repeated repeated requests, Rios said Benavente gave him in July 1992 a bill of sale for a 1989 Toyota Tercel.

"Defendant led me to believe the car was 'free and clear' of any debt, encumbrance or other obligation," Rios stated.

The plaintiff said unknown to him, there existed at that time a Bank of Hawaii lien on the vehicle.

Rios said then learned that Benavente had no interest whatsoever in the vehicle and that the car was in fact sold in 1989 by Microl Corp. to a person named Roderick Seaman.

Rios said he does not know the relationship between Benavente and Seaman and how defendant came into possession of the car or under what circumstances the Bank of Hawaii lien existed.

"Despite my attempts I have been unable to obtain information from the Bank of Hawaii or Microl that would clarify this puzzling relationship," he said.

Rios said Benavente never intended to give him a fair exchange for the land despite his promises.

Bank of Hawaii repossessed the car in 1993.

Rios said he demanded from the defendant a new automobile or, in the alternative, the return of the land.

Benavente repeatedly assured him that he would remedy the situation by providing him with a new vehicle.

"Unknown to me, the defendant allowed a judgment to be taken against him by default in July 1994 by Alexander Well Drilling Expert," Rios said.

Rios said Benavente permitted the land which he transferred to him to be attached for purposes of satisfying the judgment which defendant owed to Alexander.

Rios said he first became aware that he had lost his land and received nothing in return when he tried to reenter the property and was provided a copy of the judgment by a representative of Alexander.

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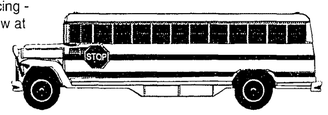

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PBDC to join APEC planning

HONOLULU — Guam Governor Carl T. C. Gutierrez, President of the Honolulu-based Pacific Basin Development Council (PBDC), yesterday announced that the Council has been asked to participate in the planning for the upcoming Asian Pacific Economic (APEC) Oceans Conference.

"I am pleased that the State of Hawaii has invited us to participate in the planning process of this most important international gathering," Gutierrez commented as he made the announcement.

"This fits in with our orientation of PBDC involving the American Flag Pacific Islands Governors in the APEC process," he said in a press release from the Council.

Gutierrez designated PBDC Executive Director Jerry B. Norris to serve on the steering/host committee on behalf of the members.

"I look forward to results of this important summit because it will lay the ground work for a special joint summit of PBDC and the Council of Micronesian Chief Executives (CMCE) in Guam later this year," said Gutierrez.

In addition to Guam, American Samoa and the CNMI, who are members of PBDC, the Presidents of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Governors of Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Chuuk constitute the Council of Micronesian Chief Executives.

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

The APEC Oceans Conference will be held in Honolulu on October 13-16.

Sessions are planned on balancing coastal development and resource protection; ensuring safe and sustainable fisheries and understanding the oceans and seas.

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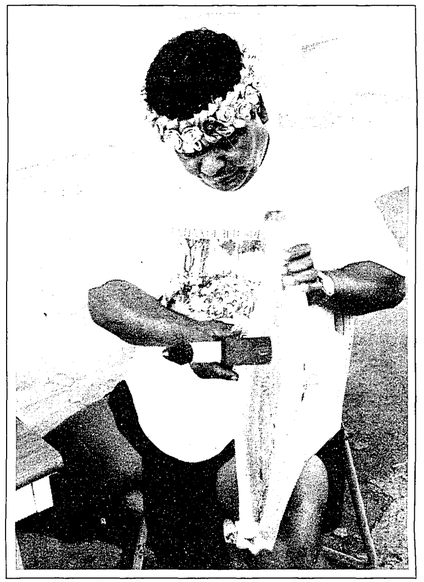

Master carver Tony Piailug (left) works on a carving for a canoe at the Cheju World Festival for Island Cultures opening ceremonies recently.
Photo by Laila C. Younis

SGMA lauds Teno's call to US Customs

THE SAIPAN Garment Manufacturers Association unanimously endorsed and supported Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's decision to request U.S. Customs to help monitor any illegal transshipment of apparel from the CNMI.

"With the additional help, perhaps each and every container of fabric entering the Commonwealth could be inspected before delivery to their designated factories," SGMA Chairman James Lin suggested.

"This may dispel the allegations that finished goods are entering the CNMI to be shipped as manufactured here in Saipan."

SGMA Executive Director Richard A. Pierce added that just as important, would be the "technical education provided on the documentation process, value added determination and the dialogue between both local and federal Customs officials and the manufacturers with respect to all costs allowed in the manufacturing process."

"We believe there is some clarification required for the benefit of all parties when it comes to what is acceptable sub-contract work, what can and cannot be declared as direct manufacturing costs and documentation hazards. Having the governor take the lead in promoting the resolution of these difficult questions is appreciated by the manufacturers," Pierce added.

Pierce reminded the SGMA general membership that U.S. Customs officials' focus is primarily directed toward China's apparel manufacturers' attempts to circumvent quota restrictions during the implementation of the General Tariff and Trade Agreement's (GATT) 10 year phase out of quotas from foreign countries.

"U.S. textile manufacturers have vigorously opposed this phase out and have managed to secure U.S. Administration agreement to limit the effects.

"This increased interest in CNMI transshipment activity is, no doubt, in part, as a result of the GATT fallout," Pierce concluded.

SGMA welcomes the signing of an MOU, and looks forward to future dialogue with all parties.

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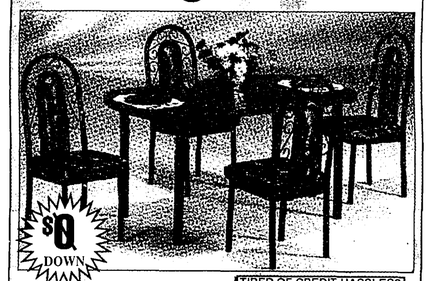

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School kids dressed in native costumes perform a local dance number during a program Wednesday to welcome new PSS teachers hired from off-island.
Photo by Sonnie Sablan

DPS plans to buy more patrol boats

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety is planning to purchase two big boats intended for the Boating Safety Division's marine enforcement operations.

DPS Deputy Commissioner Claudio Norita said the boats, which were designed for search and rescue enforcement like the Zodiac boats currently used on Saipan, each cost $60,000.

Norita said DPS will take the money to buy such boats from the yearly federal transportation funding for the CNMI's boating safety program.

He said CNMI will be awarded $390,000 in annual boating safety grant for Fiscal Year 1999 or about $50,000 increase from the previous fiscal year because of the additional transportation funding.

Claudio Norita

Norita, as head of the DPS special programs and administrator for the CNMI's boating safety, recently attended the annual western state boating safety administrators' meeting in Montana.

At present, the Boating Safety has four boats on Saipan, one on Tinian and two on Rota.

Norita said the boats will be purchased maybe in 1999 or year 2,000 because they have to finish first the boating safety building project.

The boating safety grant will be utilized to train boating safety officers, to purchase boats, and for public education, among things.

Norita added that DPS is now looking at providing life vest to the interested people to prevent drowning incidents.

More local teachers this school year

By Haldee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

AT LEAST 60 of the 101 newly-hired teachers for this school year come from the CNMI, a development that is expected to boost the educational system.

Rita Sablan, Acting Public School System Commissioner, yesterday said that having a fewer number of foreign teachers is an indication of the local peoples' willingness to serve the students.

"This is an exceptionally good news. Our own students are coming back to teach, as well as the retirees," she told the Variety. Only 37 of the newly-hired teachers come from US and other countries.

She added that last year, almost 80 percent of the new teachers were from off-island.

With 101 new teachers, the PSS only has only seven total vacant positions for teachers. There are currently 469 certified PSS employees which consist of teachers and librarians, including the newly-hired teachers. The PSS, however, stopped filling up 75 vacant non-certified positions as part of the government-wide austerity measures.

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SGMA addresses trash issue

THE SAIPAN Garment Manufacturers Association has begun efforts to alleviate the existing trash situation involving the scrap material it creates in its manufacturing process.

SGMA Chairman James Lin has initiated contacts for the installation of trash incinerators to be used by island garment manufacturers in the disposal of their own material scrap pieces normally disposed of at the dump sites.

"We're very aware of the burden our manufacturing process places upon the island's infrastructure, but I would say we are actually more concerned about the island's delicate environment. That's why we believe we should accept more responsibility in this area," said Lin in a news release.

James Lin

Richard A. Pierce

Proposals have been received, and more are forthcoming, to supply the necessary equipment for this project, Lin said.

Each large manufacturer will be individually responsible for its garment pieces which are accumulated at each day's end of production, primarily from the cutting rooms activity.

SGMA Executive Director Richard A. Pierce will be contacting all concerned parties about this long-term project including the Office of the Governor, local and federal Environmental Protection Agencies, the US Department of Labor's OSHA offices and other regulatory agencies affected by the installation and use of these trash incinerators.

Pierce feels the possibilities exist where small factories can share incinerator units to make it more affordable.

Lin is even more convinced of the urgency to address this situation due to a recent event where garment material scrap ended up being dumped on private property just this past Saturday.

The Saipan Mayor's Office contacted SGMA about numerous plastic bags filled with scrap material.

SGMA then issued a memo to all manufacturers to determine where the material had come from. CNMI DEQ and DPS offices were alerted.

SGMA found the factory, determined that a locally contracted disposal firm had illegally dumped the material, and the responsible firm immediately cleared the area and properly disposed of the waste.

DDC reminds on ADA mandates

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council reminders private and public entities on compliance to provisions and mandates of the the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

According the DDC, those who could not comply with the federal law will be faced with complaints or lawsuits which can be "too costly if someone who is a qualified individual with a disability or by association brings forth a discrimination charge against you, your department/agency or business."

The council encourages government officials charged with the responsibility to make decisions within their respective department to ensure that efforts are taken to comply with the act as soon as possible.

Thomas J. Camacho, Executive Director of the CNMI GDD Council in a news release said effective January 26, 1992, state and local governments cannot discriminate against applicants and employees who have disabilities.

Private employers could only be subject to ADA if they have 15 or more employees.

The move to recognize the rights of persons with disabilities was started in 1993 where the CNMI Governor's Developmental Disabilites Council "Priority Area Mandates" charged the office with the responsibility to monitor those entities mandated to comply with the ADA.

From February to July 20, 1998, a total of 70 technical assistance were rendered.

Forty seven were ADA and 23 among them belong to DD Act, Parking Act and other disability related inquiries.

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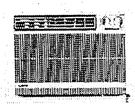

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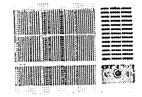

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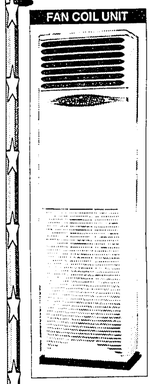

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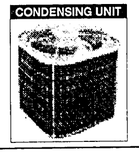

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RP WWII vets lobby for benefits

By EUN-KYUNG KIM

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their numbers dwindling, Filipino World War II veterans who fought under the American flag renewed their annual appeal to lawmakers Wednesday for benefits they say are long overdue.

Thousands of Philippine Army veterans who fought along U.S. troops — and who were denied medical and other benefits by a 1946 congressional act — appeared before Congress to support a bill to give them full aid.

Patrick Ganio, 78, was a member of the Philippine Commonwealth Army when he was inducted into the U.S. armed forces during World War II. Appearing before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, he recalled how he was beaten with baseball bats by Japanese soldiers while being held as a prisoner of war.

When Ganio was discharged in 1947, he was deemed to have a "10 percent disability" but was given half the compensation he would have received had he been a U.S. citizen.

"It hurts to be treated less than any other American veteran," said Ganio, who became a U.S. citizen in 1981.

President Roosevelt placed the entire Philippines military under U.S. control in 1941. After the war, and in anticipation of Philippine independence, Congress attached a rider to an appropriations bill making Filipinos ineligible for veterans benefits.

Ganio said he took the act personally.

"We sense an act of discrimination in treating us differently and disparately from other classes of American veterans," said Ganio, president of the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans.

Opponents to the bill, including Committee Chairman Bob Stump and the Department of Veterans Affairs, regard the measure as too expensive.

"Our resources in this country

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Man kidnapped at his wedding reception in RP

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Ten masked men kidnapped a mainland Chinese man at the reception following his marriage to a Filipino woman in the southern Philippines, police said Wednesday.

Police said Xiao Liu, 24, was abducted Monday night in the strife-torn island of Jolo in Sulu, the country's southernmost province.

Xiao was talking with his new father-in-law at the reception at his bride's home when the kidnappers, armed with rifles and pistols, dragged him to a waiting vehicle, police said.

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PAL ground crew join strike

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The ground crew labor union of financially troubled flag carrier Philippine Airlines Inc. began a long-threatened strike Wednesday over recent mass layoffs.

The walkout was confirmed by Avelino Zapanta, senior vice president of the airline, and Alex Barrientos, who heads the ground crew union.

Zapanta said the strike forced Philippine Airlines to suspend all flights Wednesday morning. A total of 40 domestic flights and one international flight bound for Hong Kong were scheduled Wednesday.

Philippine Airlines ground crew also service other international carriers such as China Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Northwest Airlines, according to radio reports.

In June, PAL was embroiled in a crippling three-week pilots' strike that brought the company close to financial ruin.

At the height of the strike, PAL laid off 5,000 of its more than 13,000 workers to minimize its losses.

The ground personnel union then threatened to go on strike to demand the reinstatement of the terminated workers but the labor department assumed juris-

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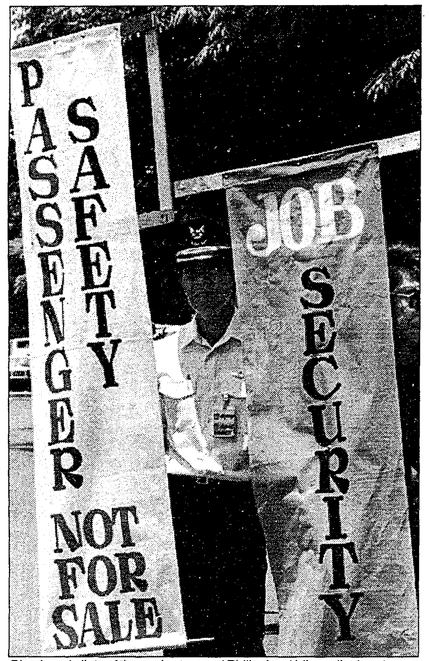

Dismissed pilots of the cash-strapped Philippine Airlines display streamers as they join ground personnel of the ailing airline who went on strike Wednesday at the Manila Airport. AP

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In tsunami-hit PNG villages

Bodies rot, diseases spread

By ROHAN SULLIVAN

SISSANO LAGOON, Papua New Guinea (AP) — The threat of disease from thousands of rotting corpses is so dangerous that the government may have to evacuate the survivors of the deadly tsunami, a senior official said Thursday.

More than 1,200 people are officially confirmed dead after a tsunami smashed villages on the north coast last Friday, but another 6,000 villagers are missing and feared dead, their bodies hidden in the impenetrable mangrove swamps.

Crocodiles, dogs, pigs and sharks are feasting on the rotting corpses.

Prime Minister Bill Skate told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the government was considering sealing off the Sissano lagoon area and evacuating all survivors.

Only 2,500 to 3,500 people have been found alive out of a total population in this part of West Sepik province estimated at 8,000 to 10,000 before the disaster.

"I think the government will have to go with that decision and just abandon the area completely and allow the bodies to decay, allow the bodies to just rot off," Andrew Kumbako, the local member of Parliament who is also the vice finance minister, said Thursday.

After letting nature take its course, he said, Australian engineers could enter the area and determine if water supplies will be safe enough to ever allow resettlement.

The area may have to be sealed off and resettlement banned, he told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Makeshift villages are already springing up on higher ground around Sissano lagoon.

That is the area that bore the brunt of the force of the three 23-foot (7-meter) tsunami waves that crashed ashore last Friday evening.

The waves — triggered by a magnitude-7 undersea earthquake — arrived within minutes, making it impossible to warn coastal villages.

Australian military doctors who have set up a military hospital at Vanimo, a nearby administrative town that was not hit by the waves, are already facing a second wave of infections among survivors whose wounds were untreated for days.

Doctors performed four amputations of gangrenous limbs Wednesday night on villagers who only emerged from the jungle after being driven to seek help for their festering wounds.

"I just don't know when it's going to end," said Australian medical officer Les Robert-Thompson.

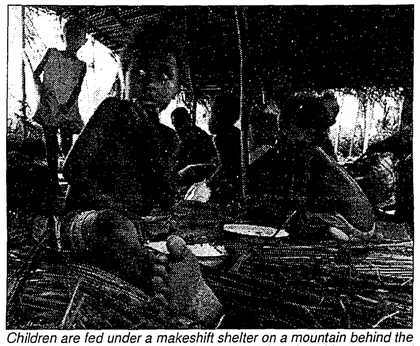
Medical teams from Australia, New Zealand and Japan are working to save survivors brought into Vanimo by relays of helicopters.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will make a brief in Papua New Guinea next Wednesday to discuss how the United States can help the relief effort.

She will stop over en route from a meeting of Southeast Asian and Pacific foreign ministers in Manila, the Philippines, to talks in Sydney, Australia with her counterpart there.

Pacific leaders meeting in Fiji, members of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, will discuss Thursday how they can offer help to Papua New Guinea.

Fiji has already offered to send 50 medics to the disaster site.



Children are fed under a makeshift shelter on a mountain behind the Papua New Guinea village of Sissano Wednesday. After a tsumani struck several small villages, many of the survivors have taken to the jungle in fear of the tidal waves coming again. AP

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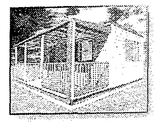

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Solomons police reveals crime stats

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Over half-a-million Solomon. Island dollars ($US106,000) has been reported stolen from the public in the first six months of this year.

This was revealed by the Commissioner of Police Frank Short, SIBC reports.

Revealing the crime statistics of the period, Short further stated that over$SI319,000 ($US67,800) worth of property were also stolen during the same period.

The thefts, Short said is among the 1,583 cases that were reported to the police throughout the country.

He said a total of 411 people were arrested and charged with offences, including 13 females in the first six months of this year.

But despite the high numbers, Short said the crime trend for the period reflected a 24% drop nationally compared to the same period last year.

He said the drop is encouraging but the national detection rate remains low at only 22-percent which reflects the lack of man-power, transport and equipment.

Vanuatu provinces to get funding

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—All provinces in Vanuatu will receive an allocation of funds for the independence celebrations based on their populations.

For Malampa Province, for example, 200,000 vatu ($US1,545) has been allocated for Malekula, 50,000 vatu ($US386) for Ambrym and 50,000 ($US386) for Paama.

A statement from office of the prime minister says similar arrangements are proposed for each province.

The sums involved are already being sent out.

In addition to the payments to provinces, the two municipalities will receive funds to cover their budgeted activities and small sums are being sent to campuses or universities to enable the students from Vanuatu to organise celebrations for ni-Vanuatu in these places.

Elsewhere in the Pacific

'No error in tsunami warning from Hawaii'

HONOLULU (Pacnews)—The geophysicist in charge of the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, Chip McCreery, says there was no error in their recorded message last weekend, which said: "No Pacific-wide tsunami was generated," from the monitored earthquake that occurred in the seabed north of Papua New Guinea.

McCreery said there is no doubt a tsunami - a very destructive one - was generated. However, he added that the center only issues warnings about a tsunami "that is going to sweep across the Pacific."

He said the warning center's responsibility is "really for Pacific-wide type" tsunamis only.

The PNG tsunami, generated by a 7.0 Richter scale earthquake, was extremely tragic, McCreery stressed, that fortunately did not become Pacific-wide.

Even if Papua New Guinea had an effective tsunami warning system, he said, it probably would not have helped the coastal villagers Friday, as the time between the earthquake and the tsunami was very short.

Fiji chiefs begin discussion

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)—Fiji's highest traditional body, the Great Council of Chiefs has begun a three day meeting in the capital Suva, to discuss key issues.

High on the agenda is whether Fiji should invite Britain's Queen Elizabeth to become the country's head of state again, RNZI reports.

The Queen was Fiji's head of state as represented by the governor general until the prime minister Sitiveni Rabuka carried out his second military coup in 1987, and declared Fiji a republic.

Another issue to be addressed by the chiefs is the Monasavu Hydro land dispute where traditional landowners are demanding $US18 million in compensation.

Cooks PM meets with his NZ counterpart

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)—Cook Islands prime minister Sir Geoffrey Henry has met with New Zealand prime minister Jenny Shipley in Wellington to discuss his country's reform programme.

Sir Geoffrey also met with the minister of finance Bill Birch and the leader of the opposition labour party Helen Clarke, RNZI reports.

The Cooks Islands prime minister is also expected to discuss the possibility of superannuation for Pacific islanders that cannot at this stage take the entire pension back home. Meanwhile, Cook Islands political and traditional leaders have condemned the government's $US21.5 million budget, as physically "irresponsible".

Democratic Alliance and New Alliance party leaders have questioned the ability of the government to achieve revenue projections which are a million dollars higher than the last financial year when the budget collapsed.

3 sugar mills threatened

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)— Fiji sugar industry union has threatened to shutdown the country's three operating sugar mills if the Fiji SugarCorporation keeps the Ba sugar mill closed this year.

The company has decided to keep their Ba mill closed because the area has only 220,000 tonnes of cane compared with the annual production over a million tonnes, RNZI reports.

The decision means about 900 mill workers will be without jobs until the 1999 crushing season begins mid next year. Fiji's Island Networks News reports that the Fiji Sugar and General Workers association has threatened to close down the other three mills if their Ba mill remains closed.

Fiji's sugar industry has already been devastated by a prolonged drought and a month long harvest boycott.

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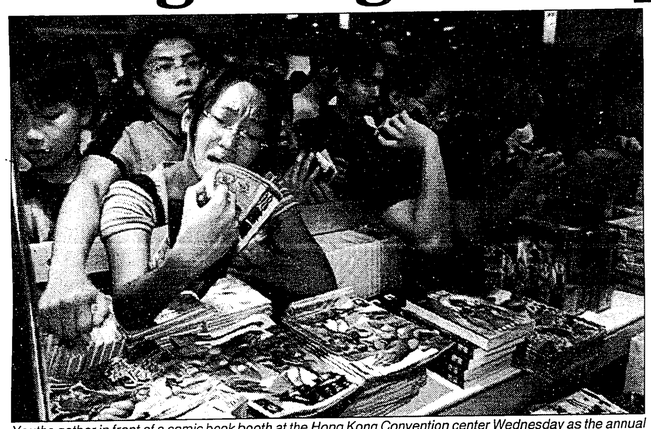

Youths gather in front of a comic book booth at the Hong Kong Convention center Wednesday as the annual Book Fair opened. Hong Kong youths are great enthusiasts of comic books. AP

HONG KONG (AP) — Led by Hong Kong, Asia's most open economies are among those doing the best job of weathering the region's crisis, a report said Wednesday, noting that while protectionism is falling, it remains a serious risk.

Asian economies face large challenges and temptations to impose limitations on goods, services and investment as they try to work out of their problems, the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy said.

Among them are the desire to protect domestic companies during a time of trouble, the weak state of major sectors like banking in China that could threaten social stability if liberalized too quickly, and U.S. policy, the report said.

One of the most serious external worries, it said, was that the United States would "push too hard for reform in some Asian countries in ways that are not politically or socially digestible."

But it would be even more serious, the report said, if the United States moved from promoting liberalization to protecting its own market from Asia's problems.

A survey of more than 400 business executives in the region found Hong Kong the most open economy, followed by Singapore and Taiwan.

Those economies have not escaped the Asian economic crisis, but still are faring better than many of their neighbors.

On the bottom of the scale, Vietnam was judged to be most protectionist, slightly worse than South Korea, China, Thailand and Indonesia.

Despite Hong Kong's wide-open economic tradition, it could be hurt by changes in trade policies, the report said.

If other Asian countries open up their economies, Hong Kong's competitive advantage could disappear, and it also may lose its edge as an exporter to the world as regional trading blocs are formed and importers look for supplies closer to home.

It may also lose an edge as China looks to trade directly through its own ports, the think tank said.

Despite their poor rankings, the report cited changes in South Korea and Thailand that are making them more open. However, at the same time, recession means Thais now simply cannot afford imports they might otherwise buy.

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition
June 30, 1997 and 1996

ASSETS	1997	1996
Cash and due from banks	10,133,071	4,220,710
Investment securities	728,039	682,869
Loans receivable, net	72,538,993	66,391,608
Accrued interest receivable	568,556	544,654
Premises and equipment	7,129,754	6,998,397
Foreclosed real estate	0	254,340
Other assets	703,136	506,143
TOTAL ASSETS	91,801,549	79,598,721
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Deposits	74,164,622	57,637,434
Borrowed funds	8,963,305	13,785,476
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,372,484	1,226,942
Guam income taxes-current	202,299	33,299
Guam income taxes-deferred	24,800	12,400
Total liabilities	84,727,510	72,695,551
Stockholder's Equity		
Guarantee stock, $1 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding 622,777 shares	622,777	622,777
Additional paid-in capital	369,885	369,885
Retained earnings	6,327,791	6,156,617
	7,320,453	7,149,279
Less treasury stock, 30,182 shares in 1997 and 30,121 shares in 1996, at cost	246,414	246,109
Total stockholders' equity	7,074,039	6,903,170
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	91,801,549	79,598,721

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ASSETS	1997	1996
Interest income:		
Loans	7,376,699	6,736,233
Investment securities	110,708	101,923
Total interest income	7,487,407	6,838,156
Interest expense:		
Deposits	2,013,907	1,578,105
Borrowed funds	777,656	899,320
Total interest expense	2,790,753	2,477,425
Net interest income	4,696,654	4,360,731
Provision for loan losses	(7,771)	(42,931)
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	4,688,883	4,317,800
Non-interest income:		
Service charges	711,061	261,310
Gain on sale of investment securities	0	18,013
Other	1,838,336	2,161,206
Total non-interest income	2,549,397	2,440,529
Non-interest expense:		
Compensation and benefits	3,530,443	3,368,249
Occupancy and equipment	1,194,510	1,169,757
SAIF deposit insurance premiums	439,316	129,973
Information systems	330,182	233,385
Advertising and promotions	164,161	173,290
Professional fees	158,743	125,344
Printing, stationery and supplies	135,599	125,742
Insurance	109,446	109,180
Communications	99,695	106,305
Other	428,548	333,964
Total non-interest expense	6,590,643	5,865,189
Income before Guam income tax expense	647,637	893,140
Guam income tax expense	239,400	335,600
Net income	408,237	557,540

Japan newspaper to reopen Beijing Bureau after 31 years

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Sankei Shimbun newspaper will reopen its bureau in China's capital for the first time in 31 years, the newspaper said Wednesday.

The basic agreement on the re-establishment of a permanent presence in China was reached Tuesday in talks held in Beijing between Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan and Sankei Shimbun President Takehiko Kiyohara, the daily said.

Chinese authorities ousted the Sankei's bureau chief in September 1967, during China's "Cultural Revolution," over alleged anti-China reporting.

The Sankei and China had intermittently discussed reopening the Beijing bureau since late 1970s.

Over the years, the conservative paper was allowed from time to time to send reporters into China on special assignments after getting permission from the Chinese government.

Hisao Miyazaki, spokesman for Tokyo-based Sankei, said the exact date of the bureau's reopening and the number of staff to be posted there have yet to be decided.

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Japan court convicts US Marines

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

TOKYO (AP) — An Okinawa court convicted two U.S. Marines of assaulting a nightclub employee and gave them suspended prison terms Wednesday in a case in which three American congressmen had lodged protests to have the defendants released on bail.

The Okinawa District Court sentenced Pvt. Rocky Stubbs of Coshocton, Ohio, to nine months in prison, suspended for three years. That means he would not go to prison but remains under surveillance for three years, court officials said.

Pfc. William Costello of Farmingdale, New Jersey, was sentenced to 10 months, suspended for three years. Both Stubbs and Costello, who pleaded innocent, had been freed on bail before the sentencing.

The two were charged with assaulting a nightclub employee in a fight on March 7 at a bar near their military base on Japan's southernmost island of Okinawa.

Stubbs acknowledged striking the man, and Costello said he head-butted, kicked and hit him. Both Marines, however, said they did so in self-defense.

The case drew attention in the United States when three American congressmen lodged protests with Japan's ambassador in Washington to win the Marines' release on bail.

Sens. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey and Mike DeWine of Ohio and Rep. Christopher Smith of New Jersey met with Japanese Ambassador Kunihiko Saito in June and said they were troubled by reports the two Marines were interrogated for 10 to 12 hours.

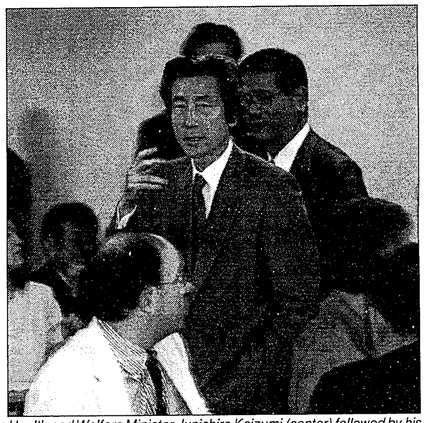
The congressmen had also written a joint letter to Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto about the pair's treatment by Japanese authorities.

A week later, Stubbs was handed over to U.S. military forces on 1.7 million yen ($126,000) in bail paid by his family and a lawyer. Costello was released shortly after.

Stubbs' mother has accused the U.S. military of treating her son unfairly to gain the favor of the Japanese amid growing opposition against the heavy U.S. military presence on Okinawa.

The U.S. Marine Corps, in a statement released after Wednesday's ruling, denied the accusations, saying: "All records and accounts from military and Japanese officials indicate that Costello and Stubbs were treated fairly under the policies and guidelines prescribed by the Japanese legal system."

Okinawan opposition to the heavy U.S. military presence on the island grew after three U.S. servicemen abducted and raped a 12-year-old schoolgirl on Okinawa in September 1995. The three were convicted in 1996 and given jail terms ranging from 6 1/2 years to 7 years.



Health and Welfare Minister Junichiro Koizumi (center) followed by his supporter lawmakers, enters a conference room to meet foreign journalists at the ruling Liberal Democratic Party headquarters in Tokyo Wednesday. Koizumi is one of three candidates for the party president to replace resigning Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. AP

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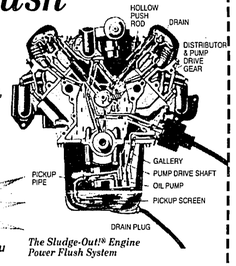

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Admiral: Nuke stockpiling a threat

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's new defense force chief Admiral Chris Barrie warned Wednesday of the prospect of nuclear war next century as other nations follow India and Pakistan in acquiring nuclear weapons.

Barrie said that within 20 years most countries might keep a few nuclear weapons as commonly as they now keep jet fighters.

"It is possible to conceive of a world in a couple of decades in which the possession of a limited number of nuclear weapons by most states would be commonplace, much as we see states now operating sophisticated fighter aircraft," he said.

"If this happens, the risk of a nuclear conflict is much, much greater than anything we have seen since World War II."

Barrie said any country possessing nuclear weapons needed a sophisticated command and control system, a strong intelligence system and positive political leadership.

"It's not the sort of thing you just have three of in your backyard," he said.

"But that's the problem I have got with unleashing the genie. If we end up with a world where we have all got a few, that is just a very frightening prospect."

Indonesia boat sank by Australian navy

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — An Indonesian fishing boat was rammed accidentally and sunk Wednesday by an Australian navy patrol boat after being caught fishing illegally in Australia's northern waters.

Five Indonesian crewmen and two members of a navy boarding party were rescued unharmed from the water by the HMAS Cessnock, a Navy spokesman said.

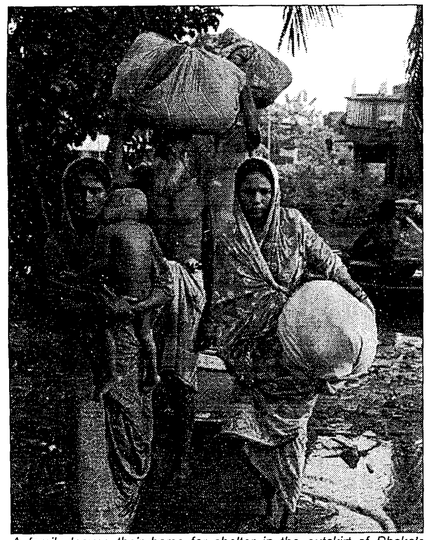
He said two Indonesian fishing boats had been intercepted and successfully boarded Tuesday after they were caught fishing illegally within the Australian Fishing Zone.

"At around 1.30 am. on July 22, Cessnock was leading the two fishing boats to Darwin," the spokesman said. "But because her minimum speed was greater than the top speed of the foreign fishing vessels, she needed to reverse course to circle around the boats every two hours or so.

"During one of the maneuvers, the trailing fishing boat apparently swerved off course and crossed the bow of Cessnock. A collision was unavoidable despite evasive action taken by Cessnock."

Wednesday's incident follows criticism of the defense force for being too lenient on Indonesian fishing vessels after another intruder led HMAS Cessnock on a 500 kilometer (300-mile) chase earlier this month.

Despite shots fired across the bow and the two vessels colliding without damage, the fishing boat escaped into Indonesian waters.



A family leaves their home for shelter in the outskirt of Dhaka's Kamragir char on Wednesday The flood in Bangladesh has already claimed 109 lives and affected nearly 10 million people. AP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-98-0034
July 17, 1998

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is requesting proposals from experienced contractors to perform repair and replacement work on the Ca'an Reservoir in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands.

The work performed will involve welding, machining, fabrication, and other metal works, sandblasting and painting. Mr. Antonio C. Reyes, Deputy Director of CUC in Rota, will schedule site inspection. Parties interested in inspecting the site should make an appointment with Mr. Reyes by calling (670) 532-4010 or 0227.

Interested parties may pick up a statement of work at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office in Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI, during normal working hours (7:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m.) or have the scope of work faxed to them upon receipt of written request.

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.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged the successful offerors in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections made based on cost (40 max., points), approach to project (20 max., points) experience on similar projects (20 max., points), and time for completion (20 max., points).

One (1) original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC RFP 97-0008, to Mr. Mariano DLG Fajardo. Supervisor for Procurement & Supply, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, August 26, 1998. Late submission of offers will not be entertained.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose or obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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

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

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW98-RFP-017
July 3, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural/Engineering Design of a new Hemodialysis Ward addition to the Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, July 31, 1998. Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW98-RFP-017; A/E Design of CHC Hemodialysis Ward".**

All inquiries must be submitted in writing to Mr. Andrew W. Smith, P.E., Director of Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than close of government business, Monday, July 20, 1998.

Proposals must include the following:
1. Updated Standard Forms 254 and 255;
2. Design Approach and Methodology;
3. Design Team members/Firms
4. Project Schedule

Proposals will be evaluated by committee and a selection will be made based on the following criteria:
1. Demonstrated competence in the design of medical facilities with documented experience in the design of hemodialysis units. (50%)
2. Qualifications of Principal(s) and key staff to be assign to this project (30%)
3. Approach to providing design services. (10%)
4. Time frame to complete the project. (10%)

The selected firm will be required to work jointly with DPW and DPH to determine the available area for the new hemodialysis ward, patient population (existing and projected), and comparability with existing CHC facilities.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified A&E firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the CNMI Government.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal in the interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/Juan B. Cepeda
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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers' Compensation Commission, are hereby giving notice that the Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fund Conference Room, Tinian.

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
C. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
D. REPORT OF THE HEARING OFFICER
E. REPORT OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL
F. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
G. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
H. CORRESPONDENCE
I. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Dhali Rab v. Island Security
J. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Health Insurance Rates
   2. P.L. 11-9 Opinion
   3. MHL - Minimum Construction Amount
   4. Generator Maintenance Agreement Proposal
K. MISCELLANEOUS
   1. Atalanta Sosnoff - Qtrly. Report 6/30/98
   2. Prior Service Trust Fund
L. NEXT MEETING
M. ADJOURNMENT

China cracks down on dissent

Ticket speculators are declared to commence their prisonship at the Beijing Railway Station Wednesday. Ticket profiteering has been a annoying problem both for tourists and the railway authorities and the police has arrested over 230 speculators from July 15 to July 20. AP

BEIJING (AP) — In a widening crackdown on dissent following U.S. President Bill Clinton's visit, Chinese police detained a labor activist Wednesday and searched his home, a human rights group said.

Seven police officers went to Zhang Shanguang's home in southern Hunan province and took him away, the Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said.

In a two-hour search, police even checked his son's school books and wife's sanitary towels and confiscated books and a charter Zhang was drafting for an association he was planning to set up to protect laid-off workers' rights, the Information Center said.

Zhang already has served seven years in prison for pro-democracy activities, the Hong Kong-based group said. It surmised his latest detention was linked to his preparations for a workers' association.

Zhang is at least the 15th dissident to have been detained since Clinton ended his nine-day visit to China on July 3. While many were later released, other activists remain in detention, including three founders of an illegal opposition party.

Authorities have charged another veteran activist, Li Bifeng, with fraud. On Tuesday, a court in southern China also sentenced dissident Fan Yiping to three years imprisonment, a verdict his wife and brother attacked Wednesday as political persecution.

Ai Hua and Fan Weiping said Fan's conviction for helping a fellow activist escape China was punishment for his pro-democracy activities.

"This is another act of sabotage against members of the democracy movement, another crime," they said in a statement released by the New York-based Chinese Democratic Justice Party.

"The authorities have used underhanded means to manufacture another case of wrongful persecution," the statement said.

The detention of Zhang, himself a former factory worker, shows that China is in the midst of a planned, nationwide suppression of dissent, the Information Center argued.

It also indicates that Chinese promises to join international human rights covenants were aimed at "cheating world opinion," the Hong Kong-based group charged.

It said Zhang's plans to form an association for workers' rights were in line with a U.N. covenant on economic, social and cultural rights that China signed last year, but has yet to ratify.

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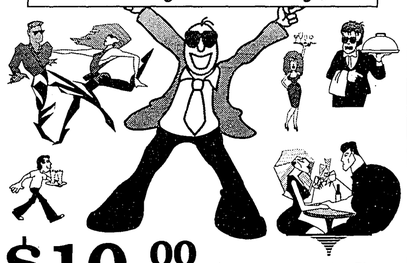

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Taiwan talks reunification

By Annie Huang

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan's president today countered China's growing diplomatic clout with his most specific policy statement to date on reunification, urging more cooperation between the foes to narrow their differences.

"China must be reunified," President Lee Teng-hui said.

"However, this reunification must be under a system of democracy, freedom and equitable prosperity that will safeguard the rights and interests of all Chinese."

He urged China not to press his island of 21 million people too hard for reunification.

"Reunification of China should proceed in a gradual and orderly fashion," Lee told the annual meeting of the National Unification Council, a panel appointed six years ago to advise the president on building ties with China.

"When conditions are ripe, success will come naturally."

Lee's insistence on reunification only under democratic conditions is nothing new.

But the pledge, showing greater sincerity, could please Beijing, which has long criticized Lee for making covert efforts towards independence.

The comments came amid indications that Taiwan is preparing for talks with China on political issues.

The president apparently was reacting to a perception that China is gaining international support for its effort to isolate Taiwan.

That concern grew during President Clinton's trip to China.

Clinton — in a first for a U.S. president — publicly stated U.S. policy that it would not support Taiwan's independence or membership in organizations such as the United Nations.

Taiwan is governed by the Nationalists, who fled to the island after being swept out of the Chinese mainland by Mao Tse-tung's Communists in 1949. China regards Taiwan as a renegade province, and has not ruled out using force to reunite.

The two sides are moving slowly toward resuming dialogue that Beijing froze three years ago.

Taiwan has wanted the dialogue to pick up where it left off by focusing on practical matters such as trade and fishing disputes, but there are indications it may agree to China's demand for political talks.

Lee tried to underscore Taiwan's advantage as a full-fledged democracy, and sought to ease public concerns that the United States, Taiwan's greatest ally, was tilting towards Beijing.

He urged strengthening Taiwan-U.S. relations as the United States improves its ties with China in order to ensure peace and prosperity in the Asian-Pacific region.

One of the 300 Taiwan independence supporters carries a mainland China map's model made of foam shaped like a cock, demonstrate outside the Foreign Ministry Wednesday to demand stronger government reaction to declare formal independence from China. The placard on the right, reads: "Sound of the Taiwan Independent People." AP

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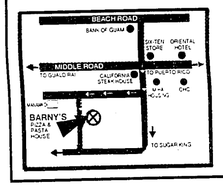

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW98-IFB-019
July 10, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Lands & Natural Resources (DLNR) are soliciting sealed bids for Construction of Kagman Water Tanks on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Magnitude of this project is between $100,000.00 and $300,000.00.

Sealed bids, in triplicate, must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, Monday, August 10, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A bid bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury listed insurance company, certified check or cashier's check made payable to the CNMI Treasurer with a notation on the face of the check: "Check Account No. 44660".

The specifications, drawing, and bid documents are available on or after Friday, July 17, 1998 at the Technical Services Division (TSD), DPW, Lower Base, Saipan. A cost of one hundred fifty dollars (US$150.00) is required for each set; payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer, credit "Account No. 6108".

A Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time, Monday, August 3, 1998 at the DPW Conference Room, Office of the Secretary, Gualo Rai, Saipan. All questions/concerns regarding this project must be submitted in writing to the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base no later than close of government business, August 3, 1998.

The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds executed by a U.S. Treasury listed insurance company and in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price. Performance time for completion of the project is one hundred fifty (150) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at two hundred dollars (US$200.00) per calendar day.

Attention is called to the Labor Standard Provisions for wage rate determination and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specification must be paid on this project.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's checks which will be returned in accordance with the specifications section title "Instruction to Bidders".

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/**Juan B. Cepeda**
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/**Joaquin A. Tenorio**
Secretary of Lands & Natural Resources

/s/**Herman S. Sablan**
Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

HK official defends airport mess inquiry

HONG KONG (AP) — A senior Hong Kong official on Wednesday rejected criticism that the government's inquiry into the problems of its new airport would be too general, too slow and too limited in scope.

Financial Secretary Donald Tsang told Hong Kong radio that the two-member commission appointed by Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa would conduct a "judicial inquiry" to find out what went wrong at the $20 billion Chek Lap Kok airport, which opened July 6.

Despite press reports Wednesday that a passenger had gotten stuck the airport's driverless people-mover and missed two flights to London, most people agree that passenger services have improved after a bad start.

However, cargo-handling problems are more serious. After computer and mechanical breakdowns, the main cargo handler now says it plans to be up to full speed at the new airport only at the end of August.

Economists have warned that crimps in air cargo supplies could lead to layoffs, making Hong Kong's 15-year unemployment high of 4.5 percent even worse.

"We have been disappointed, and we want to get to the bottom of it," Tsang said.

The investigative commission, announced Tuesday, will include respected Justice Woo Kwok-hing, who also headed the commission overseeing May 24 legislative elections, and former stock exchange chairman Edgar Cheng. Tung said they would issue a report in six months.

Critics immediately questioned the lack of outside experts on the

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To stimulate economy:

Malaysia ups infrastructure spending

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's prime minister said the country will plow ahead with massive infrastructure projects to spend its way out of economic problems, news reports said Wednesday.

"The bigger the construction, the more economic activities," Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad was quoted as saying by Wednesday's Star newspaper.

Mahathir said the new policy had been worked out by the National Economic Action Council, a committee of experts and officials, which he chairs.

"We will spend money on anything involved with infrastructure so that there will be spinoffs to stimulate other industries," Mahathir said, adding that 140 industries would benefit from the construction spree.

Malaysia has made a dramatic about-face in recent weeks, with Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim announcing two fiscal stimulus packages worth 12 billion ringgit ($3 billion).

The cash injection reverses a fiscal austerity package the government announced last year, which included 18 percent spending cuts in an effort to choke off excess demand and stabilize the economy. The reforms were widely viewed to be as stringent as those recommended by the International Monetary fund.

"It's the right strategy because we followed the IMF and tightened liquidity, and there's actually a contraction in the first three months of this year," Mahathir said.

In the first quarter, the country's economy shrank by 1.8 percent, compared with 6.9 percent growth in the previous three months — one of the steepest slides seen in Asia so far since a regional economic crisis began last year.

The government now concedes that the economy could contract by up to 2 percent this year, although private economists say it could shrink by up to 5 percent.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
CUC-IFB98-0032

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of TANAPAG/SAN ROQUE WATERLINE PROJECT, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sealed bids shall be identified on the outside of the envelope by the Invitation for Bids No. CUC-IFB98-0032. Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the Office of the Special Advisor, Procurement and Supply, CUC, at Lower Base, Saipan until 3:00 p.m., on July 28, 1998, at which time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or other form acceptable to the CNMI government made payable to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general, of installation of approximately 4 miles of underground PVC pipes, size ranging from 4-inch to 8-inch diameter, including valves, fittings, service laterals, and meters.

A non-refundable payment of $250.00 is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after July 7, 1998 at the Water Division Office, CUC, Saipan. A pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on July 14, 1998, at the CUC Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit is scheduled following the pre-bid meeting.

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

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

/s/TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director

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Application deadline for this position is August 07, 1998, or until filled.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the 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., August 7, 1998,** 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 areas 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 days (60) from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for ninety days (90) 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 containing in the 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 on Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

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 ensure 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 called 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, 1977, 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 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulation of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

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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 9:00 A.M. at **Friday, July 10, 1998** 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 the 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 a form substantially similar to the 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 H. SALAS
Executive Director

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Clinton signs IRS overhaul bill

President Clinton announces in the Old Executive Office Building in Washington Wednesday that the Justice Department will make $2.2 million in grants available to 16 cities to reduce youth violence. AP

By Robert Burns

WASHINGTON(AP)—President Clinton, once an opponent of congressional efforts to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service, signed a bill Wednesday designed to mold the agency into a friendlier, fairer tax collector. Republican lawmakers were at his side, sharing the credit.

"We've all worked hard to give the American people an IRS that reflects America's values and respects America's taxpayers," Clinton said of the popular election-year legislation.

Clinton had resisted IRS overhaul attempts by the Republican-controlled Congress until nationally televised Senate hearings last September featured taxpayers and IRS employees weaving tales of agency abuses. The hearings created unstoppable political momentum for change, and the Clinton administration jumped on board.

Among the Republican lawmakers who attended the bill-signing ceremony in the East Room of the White House were Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth of Delaware and Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, one of the IRS's harshest critics in Congress.

Roth, a main author of the legislation, issued a statement lauding the bipartisan effort and saying that without last September's hearings by his committee, no bill would have passed.

"Today marks the dawning of a new era for the IRS—the way it does business, its service orientation, its efficiency and mission," Roth said, calling it the broadest IRS reform ever.

Among the changes the new law requires: the burden of proof in many tax court cases would shift from the taxpayer to the IRS. In addition, a nine-member board—including six private citizens — will oversee IRS operations and recommend the hiring and firing of the IRS commissioner, but could not intervene in individual cases.

Just last Friday, the IRS acknowledged that internal audits showed it had improperly seized property from taxpayers in more than 25 percent of cases studied from the 1997 fiscal year.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Clinton "deserves credit for changing course and joining the Congress" on IRS reform.

Clinton, in remarks before signing the bill, struck a conciliatory tone toward Congress, which has thwarted some of his top priorities such as campaign finance reform and anti-smoking legislation.

"This bill shows what we can do when we work together, when we put the progress of America ahead of our partisan concerns, when we put our people over politics," he said. "That is how we have balanced the budget for the first time in 30 years while cutting taxes. ... It is how I believe we can continue to make the tax code fairer for our people."

Not missing a chance to address another election-year tax issue, Clinton renewed his call for Congress to hold off on major tax cuts until it has settled on an approach to reforming Social Security.

House Republicans are clamoring for big tax cuts, and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, wants to use the projected federal budget surplus to reduce taxes by $500 billion or more over the next decade. Clinton, however, insists it is too early for big tax cuts, considering that this year's projected budget surplus would be the first in 29 years.

"After 29 years, it seems to me it's worth taking one year to address the challenge of fixing the Social Security system before we start spending the surplus on tax cuts or new spending programs, however worthy they might be," the president said.

"I know there are many people who think we should spend the surplus now and spend hundreds of billions of dollars on tax cuts before we have the bipartisan plan to save Social Security," he added. "I think it's the wrong course for America."

In touting the IRS reform bill, Clinton said it would make the agency work more like a company.

"It will help the IRS to serve taxpayers as well as the best private companies serve their customers, building on efforts to offer simple, high-tech options for filing taxes and making tax forms more easily available over the Internet," he said.

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Senate panel OKs $18B for IMF

By LAURA MYERS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key Senate committee approved $18 billion in fresh IMF funding Tuesday, setting up a likely battle with House lawmakers who oppose giving more money to an organization they consider mismanaged.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens of Alaska said replenishing the International Monetary Fund is necessary to help it save troubled economies across Asia and in Russia, and a refusal to approve the Clinton administration's $18 billion IMF request could damage the U.S. economy.

"If the global economy goes sour, our economy will go sour," Stevens warned. "This is an international commitment the United States must keep."

The $18 billion was attached to a $12.6 billion foreign operations bill the Senate Appropriations Committee sent to the full Senate for approval. The Senate approved a separate IMF measure in March, but that has languished in the House of Representatives.

The House version of the foreign operations bill doesn't contain the full funding. Instead, a House Appropriations subcommittee set aside only $3.4 billion for the IMF. The full committee is expected to take up the measure Wednesday. Differences between House and Senate versions would be resolved by a conference committee.

Some Republican leaders have suggested the full House Appropriations Committee might restore the $18 billion for the IMF, but House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas vowed Monday to "defeat it on the floor" if necessary.

"It would come to the floor under the most rigorous terms of contest," Armey said.

IMF critic Rep. Jim Saxton of New Jersey, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, contended the IMF had $75 billion to $96 billion in reserves, including gold.

But Sen. Pete Domenici, a New Mexico Republican who is on the committee approving the IMF funding, compared the reserves to a bank's equity that shouldn't be touched.

"I don't think we have good reason not to replenish the IMF," Domenici said, urging senators "to stick to our guns" and get IMF funding approved.

Sen. Lauch Faircloth, a North Carolina Republican who is the committee's only senator who opposed the IMF funding, said the organization wastes American taxpayers' money.

"Where and when will the bailouts stop?" he asked. "As long as we provide more funds for the IMF, we do not know when the bailouts will end."

IMF critics want conditions and restrictions attached to the money such as requiring the IMF to publicly disclose minutes of its meetings and budget details, and to end below-market subsidized loans to regular borrowers.

The Senate measure calls for more IMF reporting on bailouts and a conference to study possible IMF reforms, among other things.

The latest IMF bailout came Monday when Russia agreed to economic reforms as a condition for receiving an $11.2 billion loan.

The $12.6 billion foreign operations bill sent to the Senate for approval for fiscal year 1999, beginning Oct. 1, maintains nearly the same level of funding as last year, but is $1 billion less than President Bill Clinton requested.

The measure includes:

• $740 million for states of the former Soviet Union, setting aside $210 million for Ukraine, $90 million for Armenia and $95 million for Georgia.

• $432.5 million for Eastern Europe and the Baltics, capping assistance for Bosnia at $200 million.

• $15.3 million for the Baltics to continue NATO modernization.

• About $3 billion for Israel with economic aid reduced and "security assistance" increased in near equal measure. Egypt would get $2.1 billion and Jordan $150 million.

• $800 million for the World Bank, although funds wouldn't be available until the General Accounting Office completes an audit of the bank.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Strom Thurmond (left) huddles with Sen. Joseph Lieberman (center) and Sen. Carl Levin on Capitol Hill Wednesday during a hearing of the committee to vote on the nomination of Air Force Secretary-designate Daryl Jones. The committee rejected, on a tie vote, the nomination of Jones. AP

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Message

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Discrimination in any form is wrong, and we must all strive for equality and harmony in our community.

Congratulations to the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy System, Inc. for conscientiously educating the public about this important law.

PEDRO P. TENORIO

JESUS R. SABLAN

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$88 million in Covenant infrastructure monies that accumulated over the years.

Under the Covenant and a succeeding US public law, the CNMI is to receive a yearly grant of $11 million for infrastructure improvement projects.

The CNMI government has yet to use the $88 million due to a provision that conditions the disbursement of the funds on the Commonwealth's matching of the federal grant monies dollar for dollar.

To date, the CNMI has had difficulty coming up with the required match for the yearly grants.

Babauta in his State of the Washington Office report months ago, warned that the continued failure of the CNMI in using the federal grants may prompt US Congress to dip into the annual CNMI funding to fund other programs, a pattern that seems to hold true in the case of HR 4197.

"The $11 million set aside annually for capital improvement projects for the CNMI is now up for grabs by any member of Congress, particularly since it is common knowledge that the CNMI cannot find local matching to obligate the outstanding $88 million that has been appropriated by Congress," said Babauta.

"This is exactly the approach that Mr. Miller took."

In his July 22 letter, the resident representative asked Gov. Tenorio for guidance on how to approach the issue and prevent the further loss of Covenant monies.

He specifically asked the governor for information on how the Teno administration plans to spend the available CIP funds, so he can use the information up on Capitol Hill.

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ductions from the minimum wage to cover food and housing supplied," the evaluation states.

Recent investigations, it added, revealed that the deductions range from $170 to $200 a month, "while the housing provided, in most cases, is substandard and the charges for it excessive."

Further, "in many cases," alien workers also bear the cost of transportation to and from the CNMI, which include recruitment fees.

Deductions

Regarding the health care provided to the alien workers, the evaluation states that the medical services are usually government-provided, not employer-provided.

In a footnote, USDOL states that "In any event, any such benefits would not credit toward the minimum wage under federal law."

In addition, "Contrary to the Hay report contention that (alien) workers experience a low tax burden, they do pay wage and salary taxes to the CNMI government. These taxes allow no deductions...and are thus much higher than US taxes on low income workers."

But while alien workers pay taxes "they are not entitled to the privileges of citizenship or permanent residence, nor will they ever benefit from the Social Security insurance system."

$1.23 wage per hour

In summary, "After the cost of food, lodging, transportation and recruitment fees are deducted, the cash value of the CNMI minimum wage is estimated to be actually worth $1.23 per hour...."

The USDOL evaluation at the same time dismissed as "seriously flawed" the Hay Group report's contention that a wage hike will devastate the local garment industry.

The evaluation states that Hay's "arbitrary" forecast is based on a seriously flawed Input/Output (I/O) model.

"It is a huge reduction in investment...and not the proposed change in the minimum wage that initiates the I/O model.

"Even so, reduced investment would not cause lower apparel output in the near term. In fact, the focus on investment is unconventional and inappropriate," the evaluation states.

"Even if one could ignore these fundamental problems, analysis of Hay (report's) estimates for the value of the current minimum wage, (garment) industry production costs, and the portion of those costs represented by wages leads to the conclusion that a 30 cent annual increment to the minimum wage will not have significant negative economic impact."

The CNMI minimum wage was $2.15 per hour in 1992, but under pressure from Congress—particularly in the wake of widely publicized reports of exploited garment workers—then governor Lorenzo I.DL. Guerrero signed a bill raising the rate by 30 cents every year until it reaches the then federal rate of $4.25 per hour.

In 1993, the minimum wage was raised to $2.45, and to $2.75 in 1995.

In early 1996, however, the Legislature passed a bill "freezing" the gradual increase, and exempting the construction and garment workers from any additional 30-cent increase.

Then governor Froilan C. Tenorio warned legislators of a possible "backlash" from Congress if the bill becomes law, but signed it nonetheless.

Tenorio then contracted the Hay Group, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm, to study the local wages and recommend a minimum.

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Japanese . . .

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are slowly forced to wean themselves from backroom politicking and appeal more directly to voters.

"The successor to the Hashimoto administration should know that he will be severely punished by voters in the next lower house election if he fails," the Yomiuri newspaper said in an editorial this week.

The choice on Friday is in the hands of 413 LDP members. The winner will then go before the Parliament sometime late next week for a vote for prime minister.

61 arrested ...

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ing Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to announce his resignation.

The LDP will vote Friday for a new party president, who is almost certain to replace Hashimoto because the ruling party controls the more powerful lower house.

Ban did not say which political party had the most supporters arrested for illegal canvassing.

Japan has been rocked recently by a series of scandals involving cozy ties between government officials and businesses.

In February, a ruling party lawmaker, Shokei Arai, committed suicide apparently to avoid being charged of accepting bribes from Nikko Securities Co., one of Japan's biggest brokerages.

But the LDP's poor showing at the polls prompted a group of younger party dissidents to push for an open campaign, forcing candidates to bypass backroom brokering and debate their ideas in the open, hoping the sign of change would win back some public support.

Not everyone is convinced.

"I think the LDP election could determine Japan's new direction," said 28-year-old office worker Toshiyuki Inoue. "But I'm not expecting anything good to come out of it."

Driving . . .

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lease.

"Consistent with the AT Project Goal of promoting quality of life for our citizens with disabilities, today's demonstration is hoping to send a clear message that assistive technology equipment or device is a life tool that is now readily available and accessible to assist persons with disabilities by just calling the AT Project," said Camacho.

HK . . .

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commission, the amount of time it will take to issue a report, and whether it would be able to scrutinize independent contractors such as the the air cargo handler.

But Tsang said the commission amounted to a "full-scale judicial commission of inquiry."

He said it would have power to seek international expert testimony, but that Hong Kong could not expect any overseas expert to stay with it for the entire length of the study.

"This is a judicial inquiry, and it has to do a very thorough job, including taking evidence from a whole host of people: the Airport Authority, the government officials, and there will be all the franchisees involved," he said.

A government ombudsman and the legislature also have announced inquiries into the airport's failures.

RP WWII ...

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are not infinite," said Rep. John Cooksey, R-La.

The bill's sponsor said the measure is more about restoring the dignity and honor of Filipino veterans than about money.

"The historical record remains blotted until we recognize these veterans," said Rep. Bob Filner,

Rep. Benjamin Gilman, the New York Republican who chairs the International Relations Committee and a co-sponsor of the measure, acknowledged that the "current fiscal climate may preclude the awarding of full benefits."

But he urged lawmakers to work toward a compromise that would recognize the sacrifice made by Filipinos and "provide some of the compensation that they have so valiantly earned."

"We have a moral obligation to look after their welfare," he said.

PAL . ..

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diction of the union's labor dispute with PAL on July 10 and prohibited any work stoppage.

Labor officials also ordered the airline to suspend any more layoffs.

The union, however, said it would go ahead with the strike plans.

PAL officials have said another strike could force Asia's oldest airline to close after 57 years of operation.

Man . . .

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Xiao and his wife met earlier in Japan, they said.

Xiao, whose hometown was not available, arrived in the Philippines with his mother on Saturday to marry Joselyn Ismæl in a Muslim ceremony.

The two were scheduled to leave for Manila the day after the wedding.

No ransom demand has been received, police said.

Tourists have been advised not to visit Jolo, where at least two Muslim rebel groups are active.

Several foreigners, mostly Christian missionaries, have been kidnapped in Sulu.

Kidnapping for ransom is a thriving criminal activity in Manila and the southern Philippines.

With school ...

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be starting early this year," he said.

Mark said Untalan only has a few teaching vacancies.

"We're still getting referrals for the openings we have and I think they will be filled by next week," he said.

Meanwhile, the department reminds regular full-time teachers and on-call substitutes that processing and orientation will be held at the Tamuning

Elementary School Cafeteria on Saturday, July 25 (regular teachers will be processed at 9:00 a.m. and on-call substitutes at 1:00 p.m.).

Reyes said that Saturday's processing is for those people who have been hired by the department and will start work on August 4.

Teno's economic ...

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"We will look into tax reform issues, labor reforms and other long overdue economic issues," Sablan said

"The immediate term plan is now being drawn up, while the long term plan, which includes alternative industries, will be ready by June of next year," he added.

Besides the governor and Sablan, those who attended Wednesday's meeting included Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Prec. 2, Saipan), Duty Free Shop's Dave Hawkins, Triple J's Robert Jones, Hyatt's Mustafa Issa, Bank of Guam's Tony Leon Guerrero and Marianas Visitors Authority acting board member David M. Sablan.

South Korea ...

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workers said they will continue to protest the company's plan to lay off 2,678 workers next week. The nation's largest auto firm earlier shed 5,000 workers.

But workers of Daewoo Motor Co., the nation's second largest auto company, returned to work Thursday when the company reopened its main plant outside Seoul after a three-day shutdown.

Since May, the labor confederation has called several short-lived strikes to protest layoffs by manufacturers seeking to cut costs in the face of plummeting sales.

The government called the strikes illegal and threatened to arrest some 100 union leaders. It fears labor unrest will scare away needed foreign investment.

Layoffs are spreading as South Korea struggles to overcome its worst economic crisis ever. A flexible labor market aimed at restructuring South Korea's bloated industries is a key condition of a $58 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund.

Thousands of financially shaky companies have collapsed in the past six months as part of the IMF-set conditions. The number of jobless people has doubled to 1.5 million and is expected to reach 2 million by year's end.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following person(2) (Employee of Richard U. Hofschneider) with pending Labor or Agency Case are hereby notified to report to the Division of Labor, Enforcement Section (EBC). located on the 2nd Floor of Afetna Building, San Antonio, Saipan within TEN (10) days from the date of the publication of this notice.

NAME	LABOR/AGENCY CASE NO.	HEARING DATE & TIME
1. Tej Bahadur Adhikari	LC# 97-567	July 28, 1998 10:30 a.m. (Tuesday)

Failure to appear at the Division on or before the date and time specified above shall be ground for dismissal of the above cases and appropriate action and/or sanction shall be taken against the above individuals, including the referrals of their matters to the Immigration Office for their actions.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 1998.

/s/GIL M. SAN NICOLAS
Acting Director of Labor

We are now accepting listings for our new Community Calendar section.

Listings must pertain to events such as weddings, christenings, anniversaries, special observations or occasions, achievements of local residents and activities of non-political local organizations and groups. We will be happy to list ongoing or weekly events such as club meetings, support groups, sports events, etc.

How to list your event with Community Calendar

- **Listings must pertain to events such as weddings, christenings, anniversaries, special observations or occasions, achievements of local residents and activities of non-political local organizations and groups.**
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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Division of Labor

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following persons with pending Compliance Agency Case(s) are hereby notified to report to the Division of Labor, Compliance and Monitoring Section, located on the 2nd Floor of Afetna Building, San Antonio, Saipan, on the specified date and time indicated below.

NAME	AGENCY CASE NO.	DATE & TIME
Kim, Moon A	CAC# 98-001-01	8/11/98 at 01:30 p.m.
Sung, Mi Hyun	CAC# 98-001-01	8/11/98 at 01:30 p.m.
Kim, Ho Min	CAC# 98-001-01	8/11/98 at 01:30 p.m.
Yang, Seung Kil	CAC# 98-001-01	8/11/98 at 01:30 p.m.
Kwon, Oh Kil	CAC# 98-001-01	8/11/98 at 01:30 p.m.

Failure to appear shall be grounds for dismissal of the above cases. Furthermore, appropriate action(s) and/or sanction(s) shall be taken against the above individuals, including the referrals of their matters to the Division of Immigration for their action(s).

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MOTOR POOL SUPERVISOR

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

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW98-IFB-021
July 24, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Construction of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Off-Site Drainage on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

An original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, Monday, September 21, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids submitted after the specified time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 15% of the total bid amount. Bid security may be a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check, made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1471."

Plans, specifications, and Bid documents are available on or after Monday, August 10, 1998 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of two hundred dollars (US$200.00) for each set; payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer. A receipt of payment should be obtained from teh CNMI Treasurer before applying for the project package.

A Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at the DPW Conference Room, Office of the Secretary, Gualo Rai, Saipan. All inquiries regarding this project must be submitted in writing to Mr. Andrew W. Smith, P.E., Director of Technical Services Division, Lower Base no later than 4:30 p.m. local time, Friday, September 11, 1998.

The Department of Public Works hereby notifies all bidders that Small Business Concerns, Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, and Women-Owned Small Business Concerns will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration of contract award.

A contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder, as determined by the Government, submitting the lowest responsive bid. The bidder awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds equal to 100% of the contract amount executed by a surely holding a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Circular 570). Performance time for completion of the project is three hundred (300) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at eight hundred dollars (US$800.00) per calendar day of delay beyond the established time.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid security which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section titled "Instructions to Bidders".

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Juan B. Cepeda
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

FIRST ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

We, the family of the late **ALFRED EARL HOCKETT JR.** would like to invites our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Anniversary of passage unto eternal life of our beloved.

Nightly rosary will start on July 27 to August 3 at 8:00p.m.,at the residence of Merced A. Hockett in Koblerville. Daily Mass will be offered at 6:00 am, Mount Carmel Church from July 27 to August 3, 1998. On the final day Tuesday, August 4, the mass will be at St. Jude Church at 5:30 p.m.

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

Luis C. Benavente,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Ohtani Company, Ltd.,
Defendant.
Civil Action No. 98-669B

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint a copy of which is published nerewith, within (21) days after the last publication of this Summons upon you, which last publication shall be July 31, 1998, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the law offices of Douglas F. Cushnie on August 21, 1998, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 949, San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

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

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with the Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court.
DATED this 1st day of July, 1998.

JOVITA C. FLORES
Clerk of Court

/s/Deputy Clerk

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Luis C. Benavente,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Ohtani Company, Ltd.,
Defendant.
Civil Action No. 98-669B

COMPLAINT AND SUMMONS

Comes now Luis C. Benavente, Plaintiff herein and for this his complaint states and alleges:

1. That this court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 1 CMC §3202.

2. That Plaintiff is a United States citizen, a person of the Northern Marianas descent and resident in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; that Defendant is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Japan and upon information and belief is not licensed as a foreign corporation to do business within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

3. The Marp Company, Ltd. held three leases covering respectively Lot No. 028 D 10 (File No. 91-4442), Lot No. 028 D 11 (File No. 91-4440), and Lot No. 028 D 12 (File No. 91-4441) effective October 2, 1991.

4. That is the course of certain work done pursuant to a construction contract between Luis C. Benavente, dba Benavente Enterprises and Marp Company on the aforementioned lots (File No. 92-2188) a notice of lien was filed by Benavente Enterprises on December 21, 1992 under file No. 92-3868.

5. That Marp Company, Ltd. in Civil Actions 93-166 and 93-432 was prohibited by court order from disposing any of its assets other than the normal course of business, said orders having been entered on July 14, 1993; that notwithstanding the foregoing prohibitions Marp Company, Ltd. executed an assignment of lease of Defendants Ohtani Company, Ltd. March 30, 1994, said assignment being filed under File No. 94-846 on April 5, 1994.

6. That pursuant to a suit filed by Plaintiff against Marp Company, Ltd. and judgment entered, a deed of sale was issued to Luis C. Benavente covering the aforementioned lots on February 23, 1996 as a result of a writ of execution issued from this court, said deed of sale being filed February 26, 1996 under File No. 96-485.

7. That the assignment from Marp Company, Ltd. to Defendant Ohtani Company, Ltd. was in direct violation of the court orders entered in civil actions 93-166 and 93-432.

8. That said transfer from Marp Company, Ltd. to Ohtani Company, Ltd. was with notice of lien having been filed by Benavente Enterprises as alleged herein and was a transfer in avoidance of creditors to Ohtani Company, Ltd.

WHEREOF, Plaintiff prays for judgment over and against Defendant as follows:

1. That this court enter its order declaring that the assignment from Marp Company, Ltd. to Ohtani Company, Ltd. for lots no. 028 D 10, 028 D 11 & 028 D 12 is null and void, and

2. Plaintiff receive his attorneys fees, costs of suit and such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

DATED this 24th day of June, 1998.

By:/s/DOUGLAS F. CUSHNIE
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

Union Bank,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Juan L. Evangelista,
Defendant.
Civil Action No. 94-1046

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Amended Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 22, 1996, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property:

Tract 22845-19 (part of original Tract 22845-REM, A.H. 31), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2083-84, the original of which was recorded August 2, 1984, as Document No. 84-1398 at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 14, 1998, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery or bids. Any person, including the Plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.

a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the Plaintiff, in care of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, Plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval Required. Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted.

d. Removal or Storage of Personal Property. The successful bidder shall have one (1) working day after court approval of the sale to remove any personal property purchased from the place of sale. After the expiration of this 24-hour period, the successful bidder shall bear the entire risk of loss of or damage to such property, and shall be liable for all expenses of caring for and/or storing such property.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written and 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 all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 2nd day of July, 1998.

/s/John B. Joyner, Auctioneer

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Benjie Bernard Ramon Dacnas, et a.,
Plaintiff
vs.
PACIFICA MICRONESIA TOURS, INC., et. al.,
Defendants.
Civil Action No. 97-1032C

SUMMONS

TO: KIYOSHI YAEGASHI

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, within twenty one (21) days after the last publication of the Summons in this newspaper, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Offices of Vicente T. Salas, attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 1309, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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/s/Deputy Clerk of Court
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01 COOK-Salary:$3.05 per hour
01 EXPEDITER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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12 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
19 MASON CEMENT-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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02 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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Contact: NORTH PACIFIC ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. 233-3990(7/24)F27272

02 H.E. OPERATOR-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
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01 COOK-Salary:$3.05 per hour
01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:$3.05-5.80 per hour
Contact: J & S CORPORATION Tel. 234-1688(8/7)F27503

01 MODEL MAKER II-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
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01 ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER-Salary:$1,500.00-2,500.00 per month
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01 SUPERVISOR, RESERVATION-Salary:$5.50-8.65 per hour
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:$4.50-6.15 per hour
01 ASSISTANT CHEF-Salary:$7.50-10.10 per hour
06 SUPERVISOR, COOK-Salary:$8.00-10.67 per hour
04 WAITER-Salary:$3.05-3.28 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:$3.05-3.28 per hour
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02 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05-3.57 per hour
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01 ENTERTAINER-Salary:$8.25-10.25 per hour
Contact: MARINO PRODUCTION, INC. dba Tahara Show Tel. 233-3255(7/31)F27359

01 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
Contact: AQUINO PRINTING dba Express Printing Tel. 235-2638(7/31)F27351

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Contact: CARRIER GUAM, INC. Saipan Branch (7/31)F73421

01 ARCHITECTURAL-Salary:$5.00 per hour
Contact: EFRAIN F. CAMACHO dba EFC Engineers & Architects Tel. 322-7814(7/31)F73431

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:$1,550.00 per month
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12 WAITRESS-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
03 WAITER-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
03 COOK-Salary:$3.30-4.50 per hour
Contact: J.E.T. HOLDING COMPANY dba Saipan Bowling Center Tel. 234-6420(7/31)F73422

01 COOK-Salary:$4.70 per hour
03 WAITRESS-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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03 COOK-Salary:$3.05-3.90 per hour
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02 WAITER (RESTAURANT)-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
02 WAITRESS (RESTAURANTS)-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
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02 GARDENER-Salary:$3.05-4.05 per hour
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01 KITCHEN CHEF-Salary:$3.50-4.65 per hour
01 CLEANER, COMMERCIAL-Salary:$3.05-3.30 per hour
Contact: HOTEL NIKKO SAIPAN, INC. Tel. 322-3311(7/31)F73443

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:$1,000.00-1,200.00 per month
Contact: J.C.A. INC. dba McDonald's of Saipan (8/7)F73524

01 TRASH COLLECTOR-Salary:$3.05 per hour
Contact: GREAT PACIFIC ENTERPRISES Tel. 234-7499(8/7)F73535

01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:$3.05 per hour
Contact: BNT ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. 234-5495(8/7)F27520

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01 SALESPERSON-Salary:$3.05 per hour
Contact: BONG ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Esther Fashion Tel. 234-1899(8/7)F27445

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02 DRESSMAKER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
Contact: CARMEN CRUZ CABRERA dba The Perfect Look (8/7)F27502

01 BEAUTICIAN-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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02 PAINTER-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
05 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
01 STEEL WORKER-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
06 CEMENT MASON-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
Contact: REMEDIO S./DANIEL S. BUNIAG dba Marfran Enterprises Tel. 322-0414(8/7)F27509

01 CIVIL ENGINEER-Salary:$800.00 per month
01 PLUMBER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
01 WELDER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:$650.00 per month
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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.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're going to have to work hard to come up with the answers you need today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You know how to attract the attention you need at this time. The question is, do you know when enough is enough?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You'll have no trouble reacting to what comes your way today. Be especially receptive to pleas for assistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Take care not to give in too soon today. Someone may work hard to turn you around, but you must hold your ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — There's no point in being indirect or guarded today. Your best bet is to be aggressive, to-the-point, and outspoken.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Others expect you to say what's on your mind, but today you may choose to remain silent for a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may not be used to having things run according to plan, but today they may do just that! Enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Take care not to add insult to injury today as an argument winds down. When you find yourself the victor, don't gloat!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Share and share alike today — but it may be difficult to persuade a friend to get with the program.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's important to behave appropriately today. Don't indulge in erratic behavior at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You know how to do everything right today, but you may choose to indulge in a little experimentation.

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ACROSS

1 Affection
5 TV host Martindale
9 Is able to
12 Wild goat
13 A Chaplin
14 Summer drink
15 "Seinfeld," for one
17 "Blackboard Jungle" auth.
18 — Tin Tin
19 Cooled
21 Actor Nick —
23 Destinies
27 Math term
28 Fairy in "The Tempest"
29 Roman 104
31 Pester
34 Eastwood ID
35 Father
37 Gratuity
39 Negative
40 Drag
42 Female ruff
44 — butter
46 "Dinner — Eight"
48 Spiritually symbolic
50 Order
53 Radiate
54 Mal de —
55 Vowel sequence
57 Among
61 Sue — Langdon
62 Mil. deserter
64 Ireland
65 — sequitur
66 Bay at the moon
67 — estate

DOWN

1 Fleur-de- —
2 Kimono sash
3 Horse doctor, for short
4 Stirred up
5 Females
6 Maiden loved by Zeus
7 Opp. of SSW
8 Madeline — of "Cosby"
9 Comedian George —
10 Mine entrance
11 Hawaiian bird
16 Of the eyes
20 Winter mo.
22 — art
23 Datum
24 Cookie with the creamy center
25 Smallest St.
26 Perch
30 Prey
32 Wild ox
33 Score
36 Not a Rep.
38 "Lilies of the Field" Oscar winner
41 A Beatty
43 Sight organ
45 Calloway ID
47 Tantalum symbol
49 Undersized
50 "— — and a Woman"
51 Attorney General Janet —
52 Slangy affirmative
56 — Jima
58 Expire
59 Sp. woman
60 — Aviv
63 Expression of pain

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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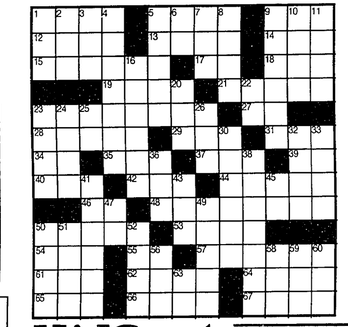

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1. RE__D WHAT YOU DO WITH A BOOK.
2. __RE__D PART OF A SANDWICH.
3. RE__D__, SET, GO!
4. ___RED FRIGHTENED.
5. __R__E__D PAL, BUDDY.
6. __RE__D USED WITH A NEEDLE TO SEW.
7. ____RED THE NUMBER THAT COMES AFTER 99.

Dick Rogers

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05 STEEL WORKER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
12 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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01 SUPERVISOR, RESERVATION-Salary:$5.50-8.65 per hour
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01 ASSISTANT CHEF-Salary:$7.50-10.10 per hour
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02 SALESPERSON-Salary:$3.10 per hour
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01 COOK HELPER-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
02 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-BLDG.-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
12 WAITRESS-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
03 WAITER-Salary:$3.05-4.00 per hour
03 COOK-Salary:$3.30-4.50 per hour
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01 COOK-Salary:$4.70 per hour
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01 FRONT DESK CLERK-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
02 WAITER (RESTAURANT)-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
02 WAITRESS (RESTAURANTS)-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:$3.05-3.70 per hour
01 CHEF ASSISTANT-Salary:$3.50-5.45 per hour
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02 GARDENER-Salary:$3.05-4.05 per hour
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01 TAILOR-Salary:$3.05-3.30 per hour
01 KITCHEN CHEF-Salary:$3.50-4.65 per hour
01 CLEANER, COMMERCIAL-Salary:$3.05-3.30 per hour
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01 GAME ATTENDANT-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
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01 TRUCK SUPERVISOR-Salary:$5.50 per hour
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03 MECHANICAL ENGINEER-Salary:$800.00-1,800.00 per month
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02 DRESSMAKER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
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01 BEAUTICIAN-Salary:$3.05 per hour
Contact: JIHAN CORPORATION dba Jihan Beauty Shop & Supply Tel. 322-0414(8/7)F27510

02 PAINTER-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
05 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
01 STEEL WORKER-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
06 CEMENT MASON-Salary:$3.05-3.50 per hour
Contact: REMEDIO S./DANIEL S. BUNIAG dba Marfran Enterprises Tel. 322-0414(8/7)F27509

01 CIVIL ENGINEER-Salary:$800.00 per month
01 PLUMBER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
01 WELDER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
04 CARPENTER-Salary:$3.05 per hour
01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:$650.00 per month
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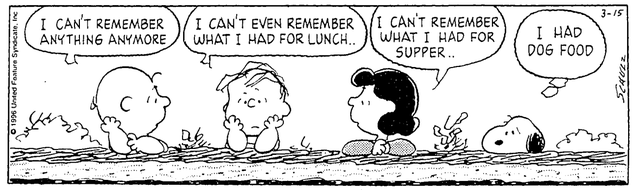

STELLA WILDER

YOUR BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY

Born today, you are an adventurer. When you can't pursue the kind of excitement and satisfaction that you enjoy, you are willing to settle for living your life vicariously through others. There's a daredevil side to your nature, and you often race towards outcomes you haven't considered ahead of time. However, you can also be careful, methodical, and protective of your family when the need arises. You can be a decent provider, but sometimes your wild nature forces you to go without.

Also born on this date are: Alexandre Dumas, author and creator of "The Three Musketeers"; Amelia Earhart, pioneer aviatrix; Ruth Buzzi, actress and comedienne; Lynda Carter, actress; Robert Hays, actor.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're going to have to work hard to come up with the answers you need today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You know how to attract the attention you need at this time. The question is, do you know when enough is enough?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You'll have no trouble reacting to what comes your way today. Be especially receptive to pleas for assistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Take care not to give in too soon today. Someone may work hard to turn you around, but you must hold your ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — There's no point in being indirect or guarded today. Your best bet is to be aggressive, to-the-point, and outspoken.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Others expect you to say what's on your mind, but today you may choose to remain silent for a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may not be used to having things run according to plan, but today they may do just that! Enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Take care not to add insult to injury today as an argument winds down. When you find yourself the victor, don't gloat!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Share and share alike today — but it may be difficult to persuade a friend to get with the program.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's important to behave appropriately today. Don't indulge in erratic behavior at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You know how to do everything right today, but you may choose to indulge in a little experimentation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't deny your needs and desires today — as long as they're the kind you can share openly with those around you.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Affection
5 TV host Martindale
9 Is able to
12 Wild goat
13 A Chaplin
14 Summer drink
15 "Seinfeld," for one
17 "Blackboard Jungle" auth.
18 — Tin Tin
19 Cooled
21 Actor Nick —
23 Destinies
27 Math term
28 Fairy in "The Tempest"
29 Roman 104
31 Pester
34 Eastwood ID
35 Father
37 Gratuity
39 Negative
40 Drag
42 Female ruff
44 — butter
46 "Dinner — Eight"
48 Spiritually symbolic
50 Order
53 Radiate
54 Mal de —
55 Vowel sequence
57 Among
61 Sue — Langdon
62 Mil. deserter
64 Ireland
65 — sequitur
66 Bay at the moon
67 — estate

DOWN

1 Fleur-de- —
2 Kimono sash
3 Horse doctor, for short
4 Stirred up
5 Females
6 Maiden loved by Zeus
7 Opp. of SSW
8 Madeline — of "Cosby"
9 Comedian George —
10 Mine entrance
11 Hawaiian bird
16 Of the eyes
20 Winter mo.
22 — art
23 Datum
24 Cookie with the creamy center
25 Smallest St.
26 Perch
30 Prey
32 Wild ox
33 Score
36 Not a Rep.
38 "Lilies of the Field" Oscar winner
41 A Beatty
43 Sight organ
45 Calloway ID
47 Tantalum symbol
49 Undersized
50 "— — and a Woman"
51 Attorney General Janet —
52 Slangy affirmative
56 — Jima
58 Expire
59 Sp. woman
60 — Aviv
63 Expression of pain

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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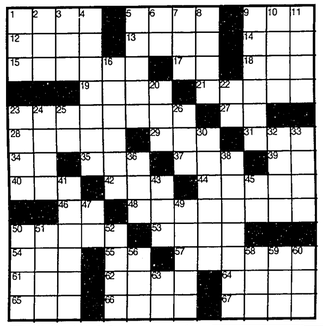

KidSpot™ THE PUZZLER

by Dick Rogers

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1. RE__D WHAT YOU DO WITH A BOOK.
2. __RE__D PART OF A SANDWICH.
3. RE__D__, SET, GO!
4. ___ ___RED FRIGHTENED.
5. __R__E__D PAL, BUDDY.
6. ___ __RE__D USED WITH A NEEDLE TO SEW.
7. ___ ___ ___RED THE NUMBER THAT COMES AFTER 99.

Dick Rogers

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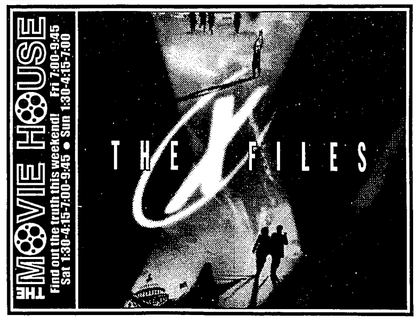
ANSWER: 1. READ, 2. BREAD, 3. READY, 4. SCARED, 5. FRIEND, 6. THREAD, 7. HUNDRED.



Miller . . .

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million sitting in a trust fund and the chairman can get $78 million for the (national parks) and we can get $2 million for this urban recreation thing. I think that is the kind of program the American people support."

Fellow Washington Democrat Jim McDermott agreed.

"For us to take $2 million out of $80 million that is sitting somewhere being unused because we have a law that says we have to put the money in there, we made some kind of deal, but they never matched it. I am upbeat because Seattle put in a grant for $250,000 and we know how to use it. We have got the matched money ready to go, but we would like to access to this money."

The only member to oppose Miller's proposal was Dana Rohrabacher (R-Ca).

"What we are talking about here is breaking an agreement or not setting aside the funds that are necessary or taking advantage of funds that may or may not be available that are in contradiction, and this is in contradiction to an agreement we have reached with these people in the Northern Mariana Islands," Rohrabacher explained.

But Rohrabacher failed to sway the House.

"It was crystal clear yesterday what a disadvantage the CNMI faces without our own representative in Congress," reflects Babauta. "The deck is completely stacked against us. If we have no representation, of course, Miller will always win the debate on the floor."

Police . . .

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"Run him over with the police car, or sneak up behind him and hit him over the head with the nightstick," he said.

Police officers who kill are put on administrative leave and provided with counseling and psychological evaluations.

They continue to attend sessions based on the determination of the psychologist.

The officers also turn to other officers for moral support.

Present and future police cadets are slated to use a Fire Arms Training Systems unit.

The unit is a simulator, which provides officers with an opportunity to test split-second shooting skills and judgment.

The unit is composed of a projector, movie screen, and a handgun or shotgun linked to a computer.

The FATS simulator monitors and tracks response times to threats and shot accuracy, putting the trainee through a variety of shoot or no-shoot scenarios.

The system is a new addition to the department.

It cost $71,917.36.

GPD maintains that it saved $20,000 by purchasing it under a federal GSA contract.

The police purchased the equipment from the Los Angeles Police Department.

In addition to firearms training, officers also learn to use pepper spray effectively against an opponent.

At a demonstration yesterday afternoon, police cadets experienced the caustic effects of the spray.

Offensive Tactic Instructor, John Rabon, stated it is an all-organic compound that inflames body tissue upon contact.

"It feels like a lot of peppers smashed in your face," said cadet Jesse Naputi.

He also said that he couldn't breathe, and minutes later, his skin was still burning.

Police Academy Instructor Cindy Alviedo said the spray hit her very hot and painful.

Alviedo reflected that she could barely see and could only breathe through her mouth by gasping for air.

After being drenched in the spray, trainees had to call out how many fingers the instructor would flash them and react when the instructor pretended to draw a weapon.

Then they were allowed to wash off the spray.

Rabon said that the overall goal of GPD's training is to teach officers to react to each situation with as little force as possible to resolve it, and only to increase their force level response when needed.

2 Guam . . .

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"You can't just ignore rules when they don't suit you." Pangelinan said, referring to comments Gutierrez purportedly made at pocket meetings in Barrigada where he urged people to not vote for Pangelinan and Charfauros and to vote for candidates that he favors.

In a letter to Guam's Democratic Party chairman Joe T. San Agustin, gubernatorial candidate Sen. Angel Santos and his runningmate Jose T. Terlaje cited the remarks regarding Pangelinan and Charfauros and alleged that "Gutierrez maneuvered to divide the Democratic Party and destroy anyone who gets in his way in order to get to the top."

Pangelinan charged that Gutierrez is encouraging support for Republicans when members of his own party need his support.

"You can't be a Democrat and campaign against other Democratic candidates. Governor Gutierrez has endorsed Republican candidates and asked his followers and supporters to vote for them."

Pangelinan said Gutierrez has singled him and Charfauros out because they oppose many of his policies.

"He's singling me out because I don't agree with what he does and I'm firm in my positions on certain issues. He continues to tell his supporters, 'We've got to stop Ben Pangelinan.' He can attack me all he wants, just not through the Democratic Party."

Charfauros charged that Gutierrez has yet to support a Democrat in a primary he's lost. "Every time he's lost, he openly supports the Republican candidate," he said.

Charfauros also alleged that the governor, against party guidelines, has given opposing party members important jobs in his administration.

"He offers jobs, cabinet positions to Republicans," Charfauros said.

Charfauros mentioned several incidents wherein Gutierrez allegedly violated the rules of the party such as publicly endorsing his son, Tommy, and Sonny Orsini for office, while not offering the same support to other party members.

Charfauros also charged that Gutierrez has singled him out because of his opposition to policies.

"I just won't give a rubber stamp to everything he comes up with," he emphasizes.

Charfauros said the Democratic Party is the party of the people on Guam and that they won't tolerate the governor's alleged violations of party rules.

"The Democrats are the grassroots party here," he says.

"We aren't blind to what's happening here. We're not robots and we don't make deals."

Both Pangelinan and Charfauros say that they hold nothing against other Democrats who did sign the pledge of and that they will support Democratic candidates who act in ways they consider ethical.

"I will support a person who we can trust," emphasizes Charfauros.

"A person who will uphold the party ideals. I can't trust this governor."

Charfauros does, however, support some of what the governor represents.

"I support the governor's position on Commonwealth and his position on self-determination one hundred-and-fifty percent."

Meanwhile, Gutierrez has declined to discuss the issues brought up by Charfauros and Pangelinan.

According to spokeswoman Ginger Cruz, "Mr. Gutierrez is a Democrat and he's supportive of the party. There have been attacks both ways, but by showing up at this meeting and signing the pledge, he is saying that he'll play by the rules."

Cruz says issues will always arise during election periods and what is happening now is not unusual.

"Party politics will always be there," she says.

"Not everyone's been kind to the governor."

Cruz says that Gutierrez has pledged his support during this election and that by signing the pledge, his intentions are clear.

"The governor would like his actions to stand (as testimony of his intentions)."

Transfer . . .

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Variety that his bill, which is being drafted, seeks to improve the CNMI's tax enforcement in light of the current financial crisis.

If Revenue and Taxation handles business licenses, he said, the division could easily identify businesses that don't pay taxes.

Reyes said a CNMI taxpayer recently informed him of certain "night markets" that may not be properly licensed.

In his letter to Revenue and Taxation acting Director Ramon V. Reyes, the senator said it is "annoying...that legitimate businesses on the islands are obtaining business licenses and are paying taxes religiously while others appear to be doing business and either paying little or no tax."

Currently, however, Reyes said, "Revenue and Taxation can't do something about these night markets without first going to the Department of Commerce to check if these markets are licensed."

"At one time," he added, "Revenue and Taxation was responsible for the business licenses. I think it's about time we give them the authority once again."

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1990 Micronesian Games Baseball Tournament

By Frank M. Palacios

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	PCT
Palau (Gold)	4	1	.800
Guam (Silver)	4	1	.800
CNMI (Bronze)	4	1	.800
Pohnpei	3	3	.500
Kosrae	1	3	.250
Chuuk	0	3	.000
Marshalls	0	4	.000

TEAM	PITCHING AT BATT	INNING AT BAT	R	HIT	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
Palau	Issued	32	11	19	2	1	0	13	16
	Scored	133	38	440	7	3	0	27	10
Guam	Issued	32	18	28	6	3	0	27	19
	Scored	128	36	38	5	3	1	23	6
CNMI	Issued	31	12	25	2	1	0	11	17
	Scored	131	32	35	2	2	0	12	21
Pohnpei	Issued	3	26	47	4	0	0	10	23
	Scored	143	40	43	4	3	0	27	15
Kosrae	Issued	24	31	26	3	0	1	19	13
	Scored	98	19	31	3	0	0	10	7
Chuuk	Issued	16	36	26	3	3	0	20	5
	Scored	61	5	9	2	0	0	8	11
Marshalls	Issued	23	39	33	4	3	0	17	4
	Scored	69	3	8	1	0	0	10	27

1990 Micronesian Game Baseball Leaders

By Frank M. Palacios

"BATTING"

PLAYERS	TEAM	AB	HIT	BATTING
Martin Bernie	Pohnpei	14	7	.500
Huber Jesus	Guam	17	8	.471
Peter Roberto	CNMI	11	5	.455
Daniel Panuelo	Pohnpei	11	5	.455
Ron Benavente	CNMI	14	6	.429
Tulenkun Ittu	Kosrae	14	6	.429
MLIB Tometuchel	Palau	12	5	.417
Tony Adelbai	Palau	15	6	.400
Salesi Santos	Palau	18	7	.389
Felix Kyota	Palau	13	5	.385

Runs: (6) Salesi Santos & Rdialul Rumong (Palau), Rolphy Monkeya (Kosrae) (5) Felix Kyota (Palau) five players with (4)
Doubles: (2) Ken Desoto & Huber Jesus (Guam), Tulenkun Ittu (Kosrae), Tony Adelbai (Palau)
Triples: (2) Rdialul Rumong (Palau) seven players with (1)
Homerun: (1) Glen Palacios (CNMI)
RBI: (6) Tony Adelbai (Palau) and Wainrick Etse (Pohnpei) (5) Mohner Esiel (Pohnpei)

"PITCHING"

PLAYERS	TEAM	G	INN	ER	HIT	BB	SO	ERA
Dominic Chong	CNMI	4	12	0	5	5	6	0.00
Elmer Sablan	CNMI	3	9	0	7	2	2	0.00
Junior Rikrik	Palau	4	13	1	9	4	5	0.54
Felix Francisco	Palau	3	12	2	5	6	7	1.17
Vincent Alcazar	Guam	3	6	1	2	3	4	1.17
Simion Martin	Pohnpei	5	16	4	14	6	18	1.75
Kaleb Dulei	CNMI	2	8	2	5	3	9	1.75
Carl Joshua	Pohnpei	3	11	3	19	3	2	1.91
Primo Atanacio	Pohnpei	4	9	3	11	1	3	2.33
Jorge Pecina	Guam	2	6	2	10	9	5	2.33

"TEAM BATTING"

	AVE	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	E
Kosrae	.316	98	19	31	5	0	0	10	10	7	11
Palau	.301	133	38	40	7	3	0	26	27	10	15
Guam	.297	128	36	38	5	3	0	25	23	6	5
Pohnpei	.273	143	40	39	4	3	0	34	27	15	19
CNMI	.267	131	32	35	2	2	1	22	12	21	9
Chuuk	.148	61	5	9	2	0	0	5	8	11	12
Marshalls	.116	69	3	8	1	0	0	2	10	27	16

"TEAM PITCHING"

	ERA	INN	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO
Palau	1.09	32	11	5	19	2	1	0	13	16
CNMI	1.35	31	12	6	25	2	1	0	11	17
Pohnpei	1.94	35	26	10	47	4	0	0	10	23
Guam	3.28	32	18	15	28	6	3	0	27	19
Kosrae	3.79	24	31	13	26	3	0	1	19	13
Marshalls	6.39	23	39	21	33	4	3	0	17	4
Chuuk	9.19	16	36	21	26	3	3	0	20	5

1990 Micronesian Game Batting Record

By Frank M. Palacios
CNMI All Stars

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	BATTING
Ada James A.	4	7	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	.429
Benavente Ronald T.	5	14	4	6	1	0	0	2	1	0	.429
Camacho Albert (AL)	3	8	4	5	1	0	0	3	1	0	.625
Camacho Tony C.	5	13	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	.154
Celis Reno M.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Dela Cruz Jess F.	5	12	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	.000
Guerrero Micheal (Mike)	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	.200
Kani Isidro (Sid)	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Palacios Glen	5	10	3	1	0	0	1	4	2/1	5	.100
Pangelinan Cris M.	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Pangelinan Frank S.	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1/1	2	.250
Peterson Jess C.	4	7	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	.286
Rekemesik Darius	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Roberto Peter B.	4	11	1	5	0	0	0	3	0	3	.455
Tenorio Paul P.	5	12	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	.250
Wills Takeo	4	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Naruse Idip	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	.750
TOTAL		132	31	35	3	1	1	21	11/2	20	.265

"PITCHING RECORD"

PLAYER	G	INN	R	ER	HIT	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	W/L	ERA
Chong Dominic	4	12	4	0	5	1	0	0	5	6	2-0	0.00
Dulei Kaleb	2	8	2	2	5	0	1	0	3	9	1-0	1.75
Magofna Sherwin	1	1.2	4	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	12.65
Sablan Elmer	3	9	2	0	7	0	0	0	2/1	2	1-0	0.00
Santos Eddie	.1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	14.00	
TOTAL	5	32	13	6	25	2	1	0	11/1	17		

Guam . . .

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tangs can pull this one off.

Saturday's game

Mobil is much more superior talent-wise to the Giants, and much deeper.

Pepsi has lost several starters for some reason or another and have to go more miles with the talent left over. Linebackers Ryan Rios and Bill Ada will be exhausted trying to run down Angels' running sensation Scott Persing. This could be a long night for Pepsi's defense.

Speaking of Persing, the 25-year-old rookie needs just 116 yards to crack the 1000-mark. That could probably happen before halftime, barring any long runs called back because of penalties. If Persing doesn't get injured, expect history to be made on Saturday night.

Sunday's game

Which Kraft Eagles team will show up? Will it be the Eagles which looked impressive in a 10-0 loss to the Bears two games ago, or the Eagles which couldn't get anything going in a meaningful game against the Giants last weekend? Which type of team will determine how this game will come about.

PacSports hopes to do better itself after a poor outing against the Mustangs last week. The defense is steady, but the offense is ready to explode. Quarterback Darryl Brown has had a long dry spell and is bound to come out of it.

Guam . . .

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Senators asked about the "non-binding" MOU, the authority's power to enter into such agreements, the procurement procedure, agreements with other companies, and the general state of affairs.

Gilliam compared GWA to the Guam Power Authority and its status around 1963.

He said a great deal of work needs to be done, including answering the philosophical or ideological questions that were being raised.

"We suffer from a kind of schizophrenia," Gilliam related, saying the authority is conducting business as usual at the same time that it is undergoing the privatization effort.

GWA wells currently produce 30 million gallons of water per day. In addition, its Ugum source provides 1.5 million, and Asan and Santa Rita springs provide 3 million a day, according to spokesman Patrick Lujan.

The total reportedly still falls 4 million short of the amount required during peak demand. GWA buys about 7.3 million gallons a day from the Navy to meet resident demand and to afford the agency some back-up.

Although it pays the Navy $2.60 per thousand gallons, Lujan said, GWA charges residential customers only $2.40.

Senators yesterday also heard GWA's assistant general manager of administration report that the Navy says the authority owes more than $7 million to date for water provided by the Navy.

Bert Johnston said GWA disputes that amount, and the matter "might end up in litigation, so we can't say any more."

The authority is working out a payment plan on the undisputed arrears, he said, with an interim agreement that has them paying the Navy at least $100,000 a week.

This week, he said, GWA paid $130,000.

"That's all we can afford to pay at this time," he said.

Teno . . .

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Committee, Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Prec. 1, Saipan).

The bill, which cleared the Legislature last June 17, also seeks to eliminate the tax break on the earned income credit and increase the licensing fees for poker machines.

The bill proposes to repeal the sunset provisions in P.L. 9-22.

The 1995 law states that the 50 cent tax per cigarette pack, and 15 cent tax per gallon of fuel would only be in effect for three years.

The rates would then return to 25 cents for cigarettes and 10 cents for gas.

The sunset provision took effect last January.

Reyes has said that the loss in revenues resulting from this provision could amount to $3.5 million a year.

If the provision were repealed, however, Reyes said the governor could readjust revenue projections and submit a supplemental budget this month that could fund other necessary programs or agencies.

Will . . .

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greatest competitor never, ever folds.

The smart money says Jordan will find a way to emerge as the victor. He's already done it hundreds of times against tougher competition.

"I think he needs to make his own decision and step back and put it all in perspective," said David Falk, Jordan's agent.

"Michael is 35 years old, he's a very sophisticated man. I think he realizes he needs time to analyze his decision."

"He needs to keep all of his options open."

Trying to read each side's poker face, it seems Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause are gambling that Jordan can be bought.

When the lockout ends, the Bulls will be the only team able to pay Jordan the $37 million or $40 million he will want.

And since Jordan has backed himself into a corner by saying he won't play for any other team, Reinsdorf must believe he has the leverage.

MVA . . .

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in the pageant but throughout my stay," she added.

Pangelinan is also expected to appear in Asahi TV, one of the major television stations in Japan. "I am very excited to talk i national TV about our culture an the wonderful qualities whic make the CNMI a nice place t visit.

She will be joined by Mis CNMI First Runner-Up Katrin Manning and popular local danc group, CNMI Serenaders

The Marianas Visitors Authority is going full blast in its promotional efforts, aimed at creating a unique and strong image for the CNMI as a major tour destination. Aside from Japan, CNMI is joining several international events in Taiwan and Korea.

MVA is banking on the expected large attendance during the special events, which will hopefully raise CNMI's exposure in major tourism markets in the region. MVA is co-sponsoring the 22nd annual Sankei Summer Festival, with over 1,200 people in anticipated attendance.

One of the events which MVA will be participating in, is the celebration of the second half of the baseball season on July 25, called the Buffaloes Saipan Day. The tourism agency is also putting in efforts to continue marketing promotions in Korea, as it participates in the largest show of the wedding industry in Korea. Organizers are expecting 70,000 in total attendance for this event.

MVA will also participate in the 9th Outbound Tour Festival in Taiwan and the Kawaguchi Green Fair in Saitama, Japan. The Green Festival showcases a variety of plants and flowers from Japan and the CNMI.

Last year, the tourism organization participated in the festival by sending one representative who husked coconut.

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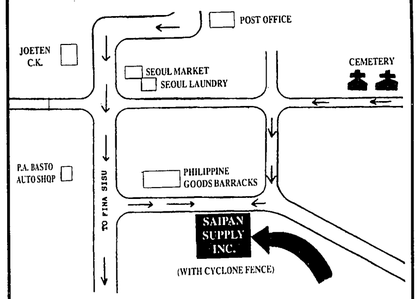

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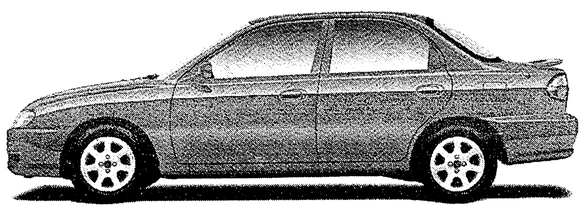

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SPORTS

'All-Mic' Fishing slated

MAJURO, Marshalls — The Marshalls Billfish Club, the oldest recreational sports fishing club in Micronesia, is gearing up to host its 6th Annual Mobil All-Around Micronesia Fishing Tournament during the first week of September.

The "All Mic," as it is commonly referred to, is Micronesia's longest running and most prestigious regional fishing tournament, annually bringing together teams from Guam, the Northern Marianas, Palau, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Kiribati, Nauru and the Marshalls.

The Marshall Islands are renown for having some of the best fishing in the world and the All Mic will feature two full days of intense competition.

Previous All Mic tournaments have turned up scores of marlin, yellow fin tuna, wahoo, mahi mahi, barracuda and other prized fish.

Two-time defending champions, Team Palau have swept the last two All Mics and currently hold the tournament record for biggest billfish—a 360 pound Pacific Blue Marlin caught by Palau Vice-president Tommy Remengesau, Jr. in 1995.

Recognized for its uniqueness and its ability to unite anglers from all over the Micronesia, the tournament has received strong support from Mobil Oil Micronesia (its major sponsor) and other dedicated businesses involved in the region.

This year's official hotel for the All Mic will be the new Outrigger Marshall Islands Resort, which has offered generous discounts to all visiting anglers.

The All Mic is open to any interested anglers in Micronesia and each island can be represented by two teams.

Several team slots are still available.

For more information and registration form, contact Baron Bigler, Marshalls Billfish Club President at (692) 625-3018, fax (692) 625-3017 or e-mail **ebigler@ntamar.com.**

Camacho RGA July Ace

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

GUS Camacho captured the Refaluwasch Golf Association's July Ace of the Month title last Saturday at the Lao Lao Bay's West Course.

Camacho shot a gross of 83 and his 19 handicap netted him to a tough to beat score of 64 points. Just two strokes behind Camacho is Joe Mafnas and Syl Ada who both netted 66's.

Mafnas equaled Gus Camacho's gross score of 83 but his 17 handicap kept him two strokes behind. Ada shot a gross score of 85 and his 19 handicap gave him a net 66 to match Mafnas for second place.

The traditional score card playoff rule determined the tie breaker and Mafnas placed second and Ada third.

Joe Lizama and Jess Wabol both with low handicaps made a share of the pot as each claimed a closest to the pin prize. Lizama slammed it closest to the pin on the 170 yard pin #3 while Wabol landed it closest and softly on the heavily guarded 160-yard pin #13.

Kelly Wardell grimaces as he is bucked by a horse named " Wild Wild West" during bareback bronco riding competition at the 102nd annual Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo Tuesday in Cheyenne, Wyo. billed as the largest outdoor rodeo staged in the world. AP

Guam MFL resets playoff

By PATRICK LUJAN
For the Variety

HAGATNA, Guam — Miller Football League officials announced this week that the playoffs will be moved up one week than previously scheduled.

On the initial schedule, officials gave one weekend off following the eighth and final week in case of any rainouts during the regular season.

Since there has not been any rainouts, that slot will be used for the semifinals.

According to MFL commissioner Frank Leon Guerrero, the weekend of Aug. 7-9 will be slated for the semifinals rather than make-up games. The championship game will then move up a week as well at 7 p.m. on Aug. 15.

All four playoff slots have been filled: Hal's Mobil Angels, Miller Bears, PacSports Cardinals and Pepsi Giants. The final two weeks of the regular season will determine the seatings for the semifinals, where the first place team will face the fourth place team with the other semis featuring the second and third place teams.

MFL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Mobil Angels	6	0	1.000	—
Miller Bears	4	2	.667	2
PacSports Cardinals	4	2	.667	2
Pepsi Giants	3	3	.500	3
Kraft Eagles	1	5	.167	5
Keico Mustangs	0	6	.000	6

Friday's game

The Bears will look to solidify their spot in second place against the winless Keico Mustangs. Miller is bigger at the line of scrimmage and has more experience and talent than the Mustangs. It would be a huge upset if the Mus-

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Far East Little League Baseball Tournament Schedule Saipan, CNMI

July 27-August 2, 1998

Participating Countries
1. CNMI 4. Hong Kong
2. Guam 5. Korea
3. Philippines 6. Japan

July 27—Monday	
CNMI vs. Guam	11 a.m.
Korea vs. Japan	1 p.m.
July 28—Tuesday	
Korea vs. Philippines	9 a.m.
Hong Kong vs. CNMI	11 a.m.
Guam vs. Japan	1 p.m.
July 29—Wednesday	
Japan vs Hong Kong	9 a.m.
Korea vs Guam	11 a.m.
CNMI vs Philippines	1 p.m.
July 30—Thursday	
Philippines vs Hong Kong	10 a.m.
July 31—Friday	
Korea vs CNMI	9 a.m.
Philippines vs Japan	11 a.m.
Guam vs Hong Kong	1 p.m.
August 1—Saturday	
Philippines vs Guam	9 a.m.
CNMI vs Japan	11 a.m.
Hong Kong vs Korea	1 p.m.
August 2—Sunday	
Make-Up or Tie Breakers	9 a.m.
If Necessary	11 a.m.

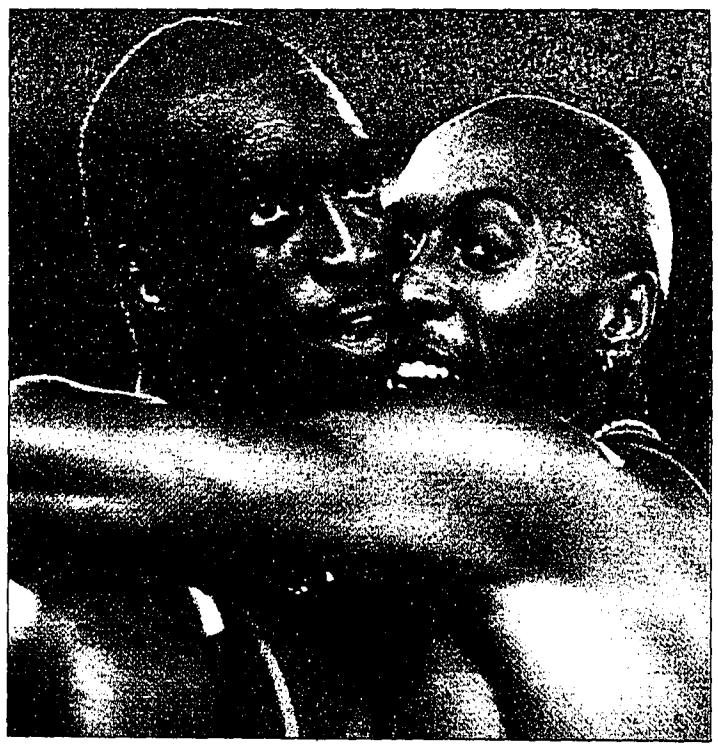
August 3—Monday
Teams start departing

US breaks track record

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The United States men's 1,600-meter relay team, anchored by Michael Johnson, smashed the world record Wednesday night, clocking 2 minutes, 54.20 seconds in the Goodwill Games.

Jerome Young led off the relay and was followed by Antonio Pettigrew Tyree Washington and Johnson.

The previous record was 2:54.29 by a U.S. team, also anchored by Johnson, in the 1993 World Championships at Stuttgart, Germany.



Tyree Washington, right, hugs teammate Michael Johnson of the United States after their 4x400 relay team set a world record of 2:54.20 in the 1998 Goodwill Games Wednesday. AP

Will Michael Jordan stay with Bulls or not?

By Chris Sheridan

THERE'S always some competitor who thinks he can beat Michael Jordan.

This time it's his employer, Jerry Reinsdorf, who may soon become Jordan's ex-employer and newest nemesis.

The hiring of Tim Floyd as coach of the Chicago Bulls comes as the latest and boldest move in the high-stakes game being played between the two men.

Reinsdorf has shown his cards, but Jordan still hasn't completely tipped his hand.

And in taking such a risky gamble, it seems someone should have reminded Reinsdorf that the world's

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