

Dynasty 'cuts' staff

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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STILL yet to go full blast in its marketing efforts, the multi-million dollar Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is reportedly in the process of laying off employees

with close to 20 workers reportedly set to fly back home this week, it was gathered.

Citing the ill-effects of the worsening economic situation in the Asian region and the reported slide of the Chinese and Hong Kong

currencies, well-placed sources claimed Dynasty is planning to furlough some 300 of its close to 1,200 workers.

Five Filipino workers were scheduled to leave for the Philippines yesterday. Only three went

back home while the other two remained on the island.

The two workers are reportedly contemplating on filing formal complaints before the labor and immigration department. They were said to be brought to an undisclosed safehouse.

The Variety contacted the office of Dynasty general manager Tom Liu for comment but he was reportedly off-island.

When this reporter asked for another person who can shed light on the alleged retrenchment, a Dynasty employee said she will ask training manager Robert Groot

to return the call. No return call was made.

Dynasty insiders who asked not to be identified said several "informal" meetings have been held in each department with company officials offering those who will be furloughed a financial package.

Those who have reached the probationary period, according to Variety sources, will be given an equivalent of their one month salary and free airfare ticket to their home countries.

As if it is any consolation, em-

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Officials and dignitaries led by Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja and Sen. David M. Cing join ribbon-cutting ceremonies Friday to mark the opening of GTE Pacifica's cellular phone service on Tinian. Photo by Jojo Dass

CNMI non-voting delegate bill introduced anew in US House



Robert Underwood

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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GUAM Delegate to U.S. Congress Robert A. Underwood has again introduced legislation



Juan N. Babauta

which seeks to give CNMI representation in the US House of Representatives, as currently enjoyed by all other non-state insular areas of the US.

The move was welcomed by the Commonwealth's Resident Representative to the U.S. Juan N. Babauta, who has been lobbying for a CNMI non-voting delegate in most of his nine years at the Washington, D.C. post.

Guam and the US Virgin Islands were granted representation to the House of Representatives in 1972 while American Samoa was allowed to have its own representative in 1980. Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia were also represented in the US Lower House.

"As a Delegate, I know the difficulties attached to the kind of office I hold. There are real limitations to what I can do here.

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Hotel occupancy rate dwindling

By Jojo Dass
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TINIAN — The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) is getting alarmed over dwindling occupancy rates, according to Lynn Knight, HANMI Public Relations Officer.

In an interview, Knight said oc-

cupancy levels have dropped to a 30 percent low as compared to the same period last year. The figure was culled from "confidential statistics" that HANMI has gathered.

"Alarming low? Yes it is. It is hitting very low," she said.

"When you talk about a drop of

30 percent, that's very significant for a business. Businesses don't have a 30-percent profit margin," she explained.

Knight said HANMI members are now "dealing with it their own way."

This, she said, includes

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UN panel takes US to task over Guam

By Jan Furukawa

For the Variety

HAGATNA — The United Nations is expected to issue its strongest statement yet on Guam and the United States' administration of this non-self-governing territory before the year ends.

A U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization resolution drafted by Papua New Guinea representatives calls upon the U.S. to cooperate with Guam's decolonization commission "for the implementation and exercise of Chamorro Self-Determination in order to facilitate Guam's decolonization, and to keep the Secretary General informed of the progress to that end."

Representatives of the U.S., Guam and the U.N. special committee are scheduled to discuss the terms of the draft resolution in New York tomorrow. Guam's decolonization commission co-chairman Ron Rivera and director Leland Bettis are slated to participate in that

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Air Force Honor Guard begin folding the United States flag over the casket of Army veteran and land claimant Francisco Agüero at a ceremony held at Ritidian Point Saturday. (Variety Photo)

Africa bomb death toll rises



An Israeli special rescue team carry away a man named Nganga who was found alive after being buried in rubble for 36 hours in the collapsed building next to the US embassy in Nairobi. AP

By Edith M. Lederer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Investigators began a painstaking search Saturday for clues to the terrorist bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, while American and Israeli rescue crews and sniffer dogs took over the hunt for survivors in Nairobi.

As of late Saturday, the number of dead from the blasts totaled 148, in-

cluding 11 Americans. Victims and survivors were still being discovered in the ruins.

Thirty-six hours after Friday's attack, an Israeli team drilled through a wall at the Nairobi embassy and pulled out a man from an adjacent building that had collapsed. He was weak, a cut on his forehead exposed his skull and he had a broken leg, Red Cross spokesman Tom Maina said.

The bombings, just a few minutes and 450 miles apart, turned busy streets in two African capitals into bloody piles of concrete and knots of steel.

They caused outrage and grief in the United States and were national tragedies of immense proportions in Kenya and Tanzania, which have never before been targets of international terrorism on this scale.

With some 4,257 people injured and 154 people still missing from the Nairobi blast, medical facilities in Nairobi were overwhelmed. Some victims were taken to hospitals 30 miles away.

In Kenya, the death toll rose to at least 140, embassy officials said. The State Department said 11 Americans were killed and four other Americans were missing.

Ambassador Bushnell, who suffered cuts in the attack, said at a news conference that she saw at least one burning vehicle behind the embassy when, bloody and somewhat dazed, she was led from a neighboring building. She said 14 Kenyan employees at the embassy died and 109 were unaccounted for. Embassy staffers were trying to find out if they were still buried under rubble.

Eight people died in the Tanzanian bombing; no Americans were killed there.

About 200 people remained in need of urgent treatment Saturday at Nairobi's Kenyatta Hospital and there were shortages of syringes, needles and blood for transfusions, the Red Cross said. President Daniel arap Moi appealed for intravenous fluids, pain killers and antibiotics.

Anxious relatives and friends went from hospital to hospital, and finally to morgues looking for missing loved ones.

"I am looking for my sister. I have looked for her in all the hospitals before finally I decided to come here," Daniel Maina said outside the mortuary.

He followed a trail of bloody footprints inside, holding a hand to his nose against the stench of rotten and singed flesh. The head of a woman wearing blue jeans was blown off.

most of the 80 bodies were charred. Among the dead, Maina found his sister.

Exhausted Kenyan army, police and civilian rescue teams, which recovered eight bodies on Saturday, welcomed the arrival of 118 Israelis who brought eight rescue dogs and specialized equipment to search for victims. U.S. Air Force troops also arrived Friday with the first FBI agents and bomb examiners, and were helping with rescue efforts.

Some Kenyans complained that the Americans sealed off the embassy, refused to allow them to help with the rescue and were confrontational.

"When we tried to rescue a body from inside the U.S. Embassy they chased us away and threatened to shoot," volunteer Fawz Abubakar was quoted as saying in the East African Standard.

Ambassador Bushnell acknowledged there could be misunderstandings, but stressed it was crucial to keep the area as intact as possible for investigators.

"It is everybody's interest to find out who is behind the evil," she said. She spoke with a bandaged bottom lip and gestured with bandaged hands.

It was not known who was responsible for the blasts. News organizations received several claims of responsibility, although none of them could be confirmed.

Statements bearing the name of the "Islamic Army for the Liberation of Holy Shrines" were faxed to Radio France Internationale in Paris. They said the Tanzania operation was carried out by an Egyptian, and the Kenya blast by two men from Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

The statements said strikes would continue at U.S. targets until, among other things, Western forces and American civilians leave Islamic countries, especially the Arabian Peninsula. Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman is released from the American prison where the blind Egyptian cleric is serving a life sentence for plotting to blow up New York landmarks; the United States ends all support for Israel.



Oneida Indian Elwood Webster cradles seven-week-old Cameron Printup of Syracuse, N.Y., Saturday as he waits his turn to dance with over 300 Native American dancers, representing Indian nation's from throughout North America at the second annual First Americans Cultural Festival on Oneida Nation land in Canastota, N.Y. AP

Teno: Hiring freeze stays

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands will still have to depend on foreign workers in some fields to be able to effectively run the local economy, but Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said it is not time yet to lift the hiring moratorium law.

"It is premature to have the moratorium law lifted. The Legislature just passed the law and now they want to open the doors again. There are some areas where we still need to import foreign workers," Tenorio told reporters Friday.

Representative Melvin O. Faisao, apparently agitated by moratorium exemptions granted to some business sectors has suggested that the government repeal Public Law 11-6 which prohibits the importation of new guest workers to the CNMI.

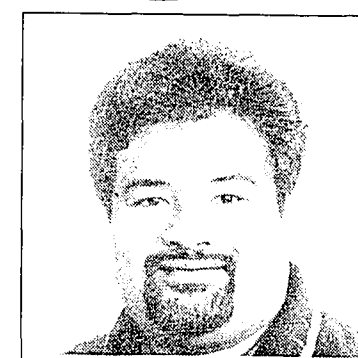
Faisao said equal treatment should be accorded to all businesses in the



Pedro P. Tenorio

Northern Mariana Islands, regardless of their investments. "Maybe we should just repeal the moratorium law and give equal treatment to all businesses here in the CNMI when it comes to hiring nonresident workers," he stressed.

He pointed out that small and medium-scale businesses remain the backbone of the CNMI economy,



Melvin O. Faisao

thus the need for equal treatment, as accorded bigger companies that have infused more investments into the economy.

"The issue of moratorium, exemptions, amendments and repealing of laws to accommodate more hiring of nonresident workers is becoming a nightmare for me," he said.

But Tenorio, who admitted the

Commonwealth would still have to depend on nonresident workers, said lifting the moratorium law may increase the discrepancy between the number of local residents and foreigners in the CNMI.

"We have a population of about 64,000 and of these, only about 20,000 are locals while the remaining percentage belong to other nationalities. I realize that there are areas that we have to look into consideration," he said.

The governor pointed out that there is a need to meet the manpower demand of the private sector and that the CNMI needs guest workers on some areas or fields which the local labor pool could not fill.

He justified this by stressing the flexibility of the moratorium law which allows some businesses to import additional workers from other countries whenever they meet the requirement of the law.

"There's a provision in the law which allows exemption and those granted are only those who meet the requirement of the law," he emphasized.

Tenorio cited a provision in the freeze-hiring policy which grants businesses on Saipan that have poured in more than \$5 million in total investments and Tinian and Rota businesses with over \$200,000 in total capital to hire workers from outside

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Chamber insists moratorium on new hiring 'not necessary'

By Jojo Dass
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TINIAN — The Saipan Chamber of Commerce wants government to repeal the hiring moratorium law.

In an interview, lawyer David Wiseman, who chairs the Chamber's government relations committee, said House Bill 11-163 was enacted into Public Law 11-6 without its proponents gathering inputs from the local business community.

"We want a repeal of it. We don't think it is necessary," said Wiseman.

He proposed that government instead put in place a regulatory mechanism where firms' manpower needs will be determined according to its operation or production output.

Wiseman said P.L. 11-6, which was meant to stop the entry of new nonresident workers, was enacted supposedly as a result from Washington D.C.

He added that the law was enacted and was immediately put into effect which, he argued, should have not been the case as a lot of business establishments were caught flatfooted.

"The most important thing," said Wiseman, "is that (P.L. 11-6) is artificially interfering with the market forces."

"And we need those market forces to operate in a more natural level," he

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Officer in Eugenio beating case asks high court to reverse his conviction

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THE OTHER police officer found guilty of beating up a burglary suspect has also asked the Supreme Court to reverse his conviction.

Chris, I.L. Guerrero, through lawyer Glenn W. Robles, filed the notice of appeal after the Superior Court ruled Wednesday that the government would only pay for Guerrero's legal fees in a related civil lawsuit if the Supreme

Court reverses the police officer's conviction.

Norbert Pua, who was also found guilty of assault and battery and misconduct in public office, has already filed an appeal in the Supreme Court.

Five police officers—Guerrero, Pua, Hillary Tagabuel, Jesse Seman, Joaquin Salas—together with former Public Safety commissioner Jose M. Castro and the CNMI government were sued by burglary suspect Francis Eugenio

in the federal District Court.

Eugenio is demanding \$3 million in damages in connection with the beating incident.

He filed the civil lawsuit following the Superior Court's ruling that found Guerrero and Pua guilty of beating him up while in police custody.

Nine other police officers, however, were acquitted.

The mauling incident occurred

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Guam land claimants bid farewell to one of their own

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HAGATNA — Family, Friends and land claimants from around the island bade retired Army veteran Francisco T. Aquero farewell Saturday at Ritidian Point.

During a 30 minute service at Ritidian Point, Air Force and Army personnel provided full honors to Aquero with a gun salute and presentation of the United States Flag to his widow Mrs. Dolores T. Aquero.

Aquero was born and raised at Ritidian Point and served in both the Korean and Vietnam War.

During the Korean conflict, Aquero was listed as "Missing In Action," but was later found and returned home to Guam.

After serving in the Army, Aquero spent most of his adult life seeking the return of hundreds of acres of land at Ritidian Point condemned in 1962 by the Navy.

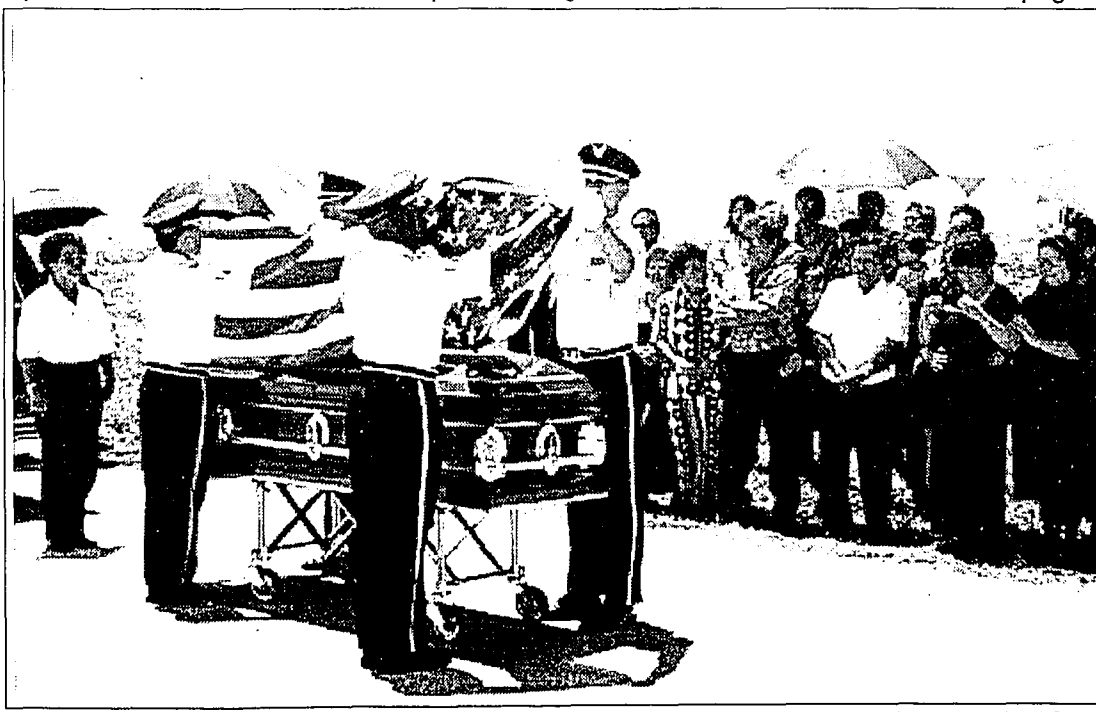
Aquero also sought access to his

families' land from the military, land that was not condemned and remained owned by the families.

When the Ritidian area was declared excess for military purposes by the Navy in 1993, families patiently waited to see if the Navy would eventually return the lands to original land owners and their heirs.

Instead, the lands were transferred to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service that continues to main-

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Family and friends of Francisco Aquero observe the Air Force Honor Guard preparing the United States Flag for presentation to his widow, Dolores Aquero. (Variety photo)

Cellular phone service starts for Tinian people

By Jojo Dass
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TINIAN — A Telecommunications firm on Friday officially opened up a facility linking the island's cellphone users to the rest of the Commonwealth.

"We are really expecting we are going to be part of the businesses here," said GTE Pacifica General Manager David Rogers in an interview shortly after a ribbon-cutting ceremony that kicked off the firm's first Tinian cellphone service.

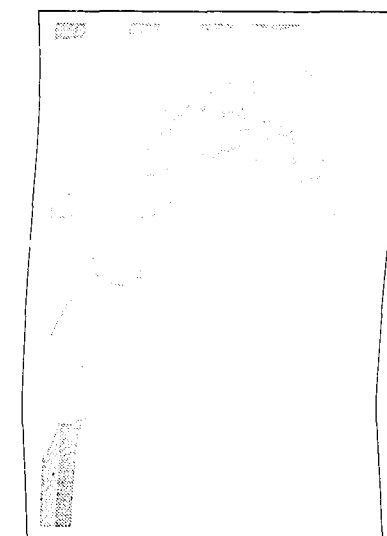
The event was highlighted by a phone call made by Tinian Mayor Francisco I. Borja to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio before a crowd of government officials and businessmen during a reception at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino (TDHC).

"Advance technology," said Rogers, "is supporting business." "Absolutely," he added, "communication is vital for business."

Rogers said his company is "hoping (the new facility) helps stimulate the (island's) economy and create some more business."

"You have people that can come to the islands, they have a cellphone service any place on the island."

Asked if the firm is optimistic its Tinian operation will experi-



HELLO GOVERNOR. A cellphone conversation between Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja on Tinian and Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on Saipan (not shown) kicks off Friday's launching of GTE Pacifica's Tinian cellphone service held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel. Photo by Jojo Dass

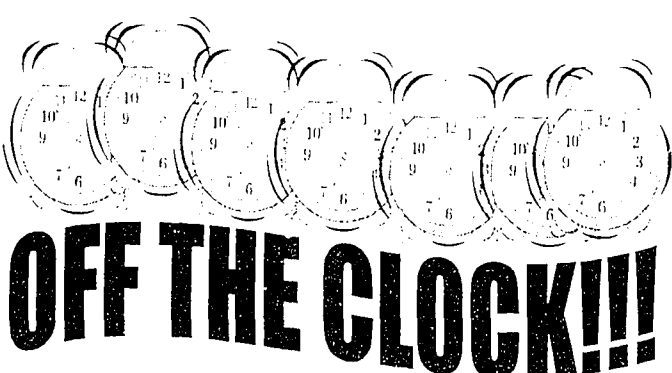
ence a boom, Rogers said, "all we can do is try."

"There are always economists that give different opinions about (the economy). All we can do is try," he said.

Officials said the firm, a subsidiary of Micronesian Telecommunication Company (MTC), has

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A useless campaign-finance reform bill

THE do-nothing Congress finally did something last week. In keeping with recent practice, even this "something" will end up accomplishing nothing.

But in the process, we learned a lot about the true motivations behind many of the self-styled "reformers" in our nation's capital. Campaign finance reform, left for dead by the Senate earlier this year, passed by a resounding 252-179 margin on Thursday despite four months of efforts by House Republican leaders to derail the measure. By hook and by crook, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his lieutenants tried to keep the most popular and far-reaching reform measure from coming to a vote. The bill would, among other things, eliminate unregulated "soft money" contributions to political parties and curtail the right of outside groups to spend money to influence specific elections.

Nevertheless, the vote was largely symbolic. For the bill to become law, the Senate would have to pass a companion bill by the end of the year, and that effort is still eight votes short of breaking a filibuster.

Conventional wisdom in the capital these days holds that campaign finance is not an issue that gets voters very excited. But last week's shenanigans make it clear that House leaders didn't share that sentiment. If voters didn't care, why would Republicans go to such great lengths to defend the current system of legalized bribery that funds political campaigns?

Earlier this year, House leaders tried sidestepping the issue by bringing up a highly partisan, pseudo reform bill destined for failure. When the rank and file rebelled and demanded a vote on the most popular measure — sponsored by Reps. Chris Shays, R-Conn., and Martin Meehan, D-Mass. — Gingrich responded with an arcane plan whereby the Shays-Meehan bill would be judged alongside 11 other alternatives and littered with an endless array of amendments. The bill winning the most votes in the end would prevail. Guess which one won?

So now we know that Gingrich and his brass don't really care as much about reform as they would have us believe. Why should they? The current system, riddled with loopholes, helps the leadership more than anyone else.

More than that, the recent debate shows the intellectual bankruptcy of another so-called reform movement — the drive for term limits.

You remember term limits. This wholly idiotic idea was quite in vogue a few years ago. Republicans embraced the idea when they were in the minority, as it would help them dislodge some of the entrenched Democratic incumbents who had kept them out of power for 40 years. The idea was so successful that 18 states passed term-limit referendums.

Then, something strange happened. Voters woke up to the fact that term limits already existed. It's called the right to vote. Those entrenched incumbents were harassed like White House interns in miniskirts. Many of the ones who didn't lose chose the safer option of retirement. At the present time, more than 60 percent of the House is made up of members who were first elected in the 1990s.

The original intent behind term limits, of course, was to eliminate some of the perks of incumbency and to rid Congress of its dead wood. Members who stay around a long time find it easier to raise money, which makes it easier to stay in office.

But the best way to level the playing field is to lower the price of admission to political office. Campaign-finance reform does that quite nicely by putting challengers on a more even footing with incumbents.

So guess who was standing front-and-center against the Shays-Meehan proposal last week? U.S. Term Limits, the leading term-limits group that has spent the better part of this decade trying to get a term-limits measure through Congress.

These aren't easy times for U.S. Term Limits. The group was effectively neutered last spring when the Supreme Court struck down term limits for federal office as an unconstitutional violation of the "qualifications" clause in the Constitution.

Yet there were the term-limits advocates, whining that the Shays-Meehan bill would prevent groups like theirs from running "issue ads" on behalf of their favored candidates. The bill is "dangerous," said Adam Bromberg of U.S. Term Limits, and "it doesn't solve any campaign-finance problems."

How ironic that a group that spent so many years assaulting the Constitution is now wrapping itself in the First Amendment.

Maybe the term-limits crowd has become infected by the very problem it purported to cure: self-preservation.



SWITCHED AT BIRTH...

Info-tech corner

When 'free speech' becomes 'net abuse'

By DAVID T. HUGHES
For the Variety

LITERALLY all my adult life I have attempted to fight censorship in any form. This is especially true when it comes to the Internet.

The old adage of "I may not like what you say, but, by gosh, I'll fight to the death for your right to say it," has been my constant companion.

Now, as junk email (SPAM) numbers increase daily, I'm wondering if some-free speech shouldn't be curbed a bit.

During my previous life at a local Internet provider I got into screaming fights with youthful technicians who wanted to go in and censor all manner of email to kill spammers and porn monger sales pitches. I explained the "Free Speech" concept of the Constitution, but the finer points seemed to escape them. However, cooler, legal minds intervened and said I was right and customer email should be left alone.

"There oughta be a law," is now on the lips of many email users as they go to their email boxes and find them stuffed with the electronic equivalent of fliers handed out on a supermarket parking lot. However, instead of being able to just ignore it, email is a lot like having those same fliers glued over your car door keyhole. You have to move it to go on.

I'm sure many of you are saying to yourself (especially if you DON'T have an email account somewhere) "what's the big deal? We all receive junk mail in our regular mail boxes."

Yes... That's true - to a point. That mail pays its own way with postage costs. The onus is on the SENDER to provide a delivery method. Spammers get a free ride because they have little or no up-front costs such as printing, postage, etc. The recipient based on their monthly access fees and how much email space they are allowed essentially pays for their message.

How long would you put up with advertising sent to your mailbox being COD?

That's what spam is - COD junk mail.

ISPs also foot a big part of the cost because the junk messages are sent over the public Internet through their routers and stored on their servers until customers log in to retrieve.

Consumers who don't want spam are then forced to buy software that will filter out the unwanted messages. Worse still, they have to "figure out" how to set up message filters that won't trash good messages along with the bad.

Spammers retaliate by changing the wording of their messages to sound more like personal emails that you do not want filtered. It's a war between them and us... and - folks, we seem to be losing.

The time for Band-Aids is over. Congress needs to act on this problem. I am not advocating that sending unsolicited advertising be banned on the Internet. What I

would like to see is a legal requirement forcing any kind of advertising to be easily identified in a uniform manner. One way might be to manner that spammers use the same wording such as ADVERTISEMENT: in the message title. Then, anyone could delete those messages with one filter.

You've heard of "smoke free dining," why not "spam-free email" as a come-on from Internet Service providers?

Congress banned advertisers from sending junk messages to personal and business fax machines because the end recipient had to invest in a fax machine and expendables such as paper and toner to receive them. Until that happened, if your fax number was known the chances of getting a junk fax.

Perhaps if you keep copies of the spam you receive and then about once a week or so write a letter of complaint (it could be the same letter each time) and email - even better - fax - your concerns to your member of Congress, along with copies of the offending mails, the problem might get higher attention. You won't technically be breaking the law because you aren't sending - unsolicited - faxes. The elected officials - ask - constituents to mail or call (grin.)

Elections are coming up soon for many members of Congress and when they hold town meetings or rallies one of the questions they should be asked is their stand on unsolicited email. If I had enough money to run for that august office, I would make regulating spammers one of my campaign planks. Notice I didn't say "ban spam," just "regulate" it. After all, "free speech" still applies in the good old U S of A.

Spammers should have the right to say or sell whatever they wish. By the same token those who do not want to - read - their sales pitches should not have to read it if we so choose. Where there's free speech, "free listening" should also enter somewhere in the equation.

NETSCAPE STRUGGLES ON

Netscape has made the first beta of their version 4.5 browser available online at their web site (www.netscape.com) download area. I guess the powers that be there saw their market share continued to erode and decided - something - needed to be done.

Rumblings on the Internet are saying their touted Version 5 is having some problems on the drawing board. Perhaps 4.5 is better than nothing.

Cosmetically, 4.5 is just about the same, but I noticed in my short test of the product that it seems to run faster. Netscape seems to be getting back on the browser track, jettisoning such losers as their push technology and chat.

Is it worth dumping Microsoft's Internet Explorer? Not yet O if ever. It's my - personal - opinion that Microsoft will eventually win the browser battle - not because they give their product away, but because it's a better browser.

Sablan elected MVA chair

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE MARIANAS Visitors Authority board of directors has elected David M. Sablan as the MVA chair and Perry John Pangelinan Tenorio as the managing director.

During Friday's meeting presided over by MVA acting Managing Director Alvaro Santos, board members who were present unani-

Governor's son also named managing director

mously voted for David Sablan to chair the board.

After the selection of officers, board members Frances DLG. Borja and Marian Aldan-Pierce underscored the need to fill up the managing director's position with someone who has been in the MVA. Aldan-Pierce citing Perry's vast

Decline in tourist arrivals can easily be reversed, says Sablan

By Ferdie de la Torre
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MARIANAS Visitors Authority board chairman David M. Sablan has expressed confidence that the trend on the decline of tourist arrivals in the CNMI can easily be reversed.

"I firmly believe that we can turn it around (decline) without too much effort. I really firmly believe that," said Sablan, adding that it doesn't take much to promote "this small island."

Under his term, Sablan in an interview after he was elected as MVA board chairman Friday, vowed that he will try his best to reverse such trend in four months.

"I have my own ideas on how we do it. It's too much of a detail to go through with that at the organizational meeting, but there will be a write up. I plan to write a strategy on how to approach this... both from the standpoint of internal issues what Saipan, Tinian and Rota have to do to prepare to a new era in tourism," he said.

The chairman said he would like to see the public relation and advertisement committee to be subdivided because it is too big of a job to a selected few to concentrate on all

Shoe store robbed in broad daylight

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — A One shoe store was robbed in broad daylight last Saturday, at the Agana Shopping Center in Hagatna.

According to PIO, Larry Flores, of the Guam Police Department, a man walked in the store asking the cashier to buy shoelaces.

The cashier, an 18-year-old Dededo woman, told the suspect where to look; he walked away and returned with a can of KIWI shoe polish.

The suspect handed the cashier \$3 to pay for the polish, just when she opened the register the man punched her in the face.

He took around \$450 from the register and left the store. The suspect was last seen walking from the parking lot towards Route 4.

The cashier received a bruise to the forehead and indicated pain to her lips and mouth. She was treated at the scene.

The suspect is described to be, male, possibly local, 5'10" tall, with a medium to dark complexion. He is described to be in his mid-30's, with a medium build, and short black hair.

He was wearing a gray short

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Perry Tenorio (left) takes oath as Marianas Visitors Authority managing director before MVA board chairman David M. Sablan during the agency's organizational meeting on Friday. Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

experience and skills in the industry nominated Gov. Pedro Tenorio's son to the key position.

No one among the board members present opposed such nomination.

Perry has served as the agency's public relations and community programs manager since July 1991.

The board also elected Frances DLG. Borja as vice-chair, Marian Aldan-Pierce as treasurer, and Julian S. Calvo as secretary.

For the committee chairmanship, David Sablan appointed Aldan-Pierce as chair for finance and public relation and advertisement committees. Joseph Masga Mendiola as policy head, and Kioshi Aikawa as chair for the tourist site development.

Roberta Guerrero on the other hand, was tapped to lead the "Visit the Marianas '99" campaign.

David Sablan appointed himself to lead the personnel committee.

Ron Sablan, Bartley Jackson, and Calvo failed to attend the meeting because they were off-island.

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Teno on rebate installments:**'DOF just reviewing returns'**

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Variety News Staff

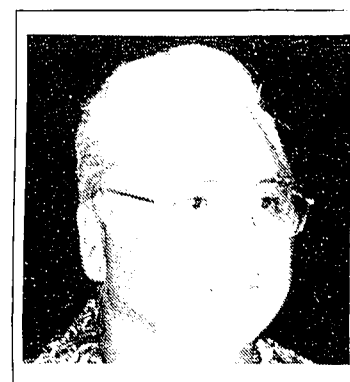
GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio insists the CNMI government has enough funds in its coffers to pay tax refunds and rebates, dismissing allegations that the installment release of checks were made to "stretch the money."

"There was no intention to delay the release of the checks by issuing two separate checks for refund and rebates. It was not intended, we have the money [to pay refunds and rebates]" Tenorio told reporters Friday.

He explained that the refund checks are released first because the Department of Finance is thoroughly reviewing the more than 30,000 tax returns filed during the last Fiscal Year.

"They were reviewing the returns thoroughly in order for them to deduct the balance of those who have outstanding account to the government. They know what they are doing. As a matter of fact, I want to see these people receiving their checks as early as possible," he added.

Delinquent taxpayers will not re-



Pedro P. Tenorio



Lucy Nielsen

cashier's check. The government received more than 38,000 tax returns this year.

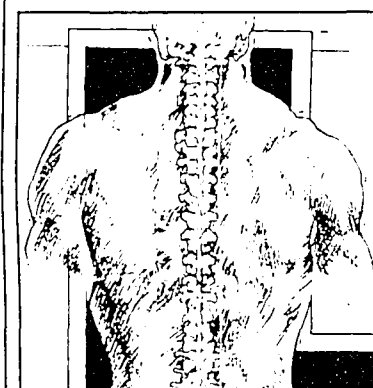
According to the finance department, rebate checks will only be processed after all tax refunds have been paid which is expected to be completed in the next two weeks, while those who filed income tax returns on or before March 27 should have received their refund checks within the next few weeks.

Finance Secretary Lucy Nielsen, in previous interview, said the amount that will be processed first will be the refund portion or overpayment of tax. She added that refund process will be on a first-in-first-out basis, depending on the filing date of the tax return, stressing that rebates be processed separately.

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ceive their refund checks until they settle their outstanding taxes due the CNMI government. "[Those who] have any outstanding taxes and other fees due the government at the Division of Revenue and Taxation or Division of Customs Service will not

have their checks released until their tax delinquency has been resolved," the finance department said.

Those who have issued bounced checks may not also receive their refunds or rebates until they replace their bad checks with either cash or

Man sued for not giving back lost dog to owner

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

FOR NOT returning a lost dog to its owner, a Tanapag resident has been sued for theft.

In a complaint filed in the Superior Court, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) is alleging that Ramon C. Blas "came into control" of a rottweiler dog belonging to Misako Kamata "he knew to have been lost."

Blas allegedly "failed to restore" the dog to its owner.

The dog's value is greater than \$250, according to the complaint.

A hearing is set on Aug. 31.

In another court case, two women, apparently relatives, have slapped each other with assault and battery charges.

Ignacia Igisiar Okaruru, 31, alleged that on or about July 18, Kareme Okaruru Hasan, 39, "attempted to cause and purposely caused bodily injury" to her person with a dangerous weapon—a knife. Hasan, for her part, sued Okaruru for allegedly striking, beating and wounding her during the same day, July 18.

Okaruru and Hasan have been named defendants in separate lawsuits filed by AGO in the Superior Court, which will hear the case on

Aug. 31.

Meanwhile, a security guard who works for a public elementary school has been sued for assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

According to the complaint filed by AGO, the security guard, 31, allegedly beat up his wife on or about July 26.

AGO is also alleging that the security guard "unlawfully, willfully acted so as to unreasonably annoy, disturb (his wife), depriving her of her right to peace and quiet and which provoked a breach of the peace."

A hearing is set on Aug. 31.

Hagatna man robbed

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — A 32-year-old, Hagatna man was robbed Thursday night in the capitol at knife-point.

According to PIO, Ron Taitano, of the Guam Police Department, the victim was walking along Soledad Avenue, by the Quan's building, when three men confronted him. One of the suspects brandished a knife and demanded for the victim's money. Another suspect went behind and re-

strained him.

The victim resisted and was cut by the suspect with the knife. He received a cut to the left forearm. The suspects stole \$20 from the victim and then fled. The assailants wore red bandanas around their faces.

The Hagatna-man was transported to Guam Memorial Hospital. The case is still under investigation.

If you have any information please call GPD at 472-8911 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 477-HELP.

Winchells loses 'dough'

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — A lone assailant robbed Winchells Doughnuts, in Mangilao, early Friday morning.

According to PIO, Ron Taitano, of the Guam Police Department, at around 4:20 a.m. a man walked into the shop and was buying coffee, when the cashier rung up the price of the coffee the suspect reached over and punched her in the chest. The suspect took the money out of the register and fled

on foot.

The suspect ran off with \$200. The cashier reported having pain in the chest area, she refused treatment.

The suspect is described to be a male local, between 5'8"-5'9" tall. He was wearing a baseball cap on his head, a gray shirt, and dark pants.

The case is still under investigation. If you have any information please call GPD at 472-8911 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 477-HELP.

New rooms for MHS, SVES

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

WITH 14 newly-built and fully furnished classrooms, the Marianas High School opens its doors today to around 1,700 students, while the San Vicente Elementary School received six new rooms.

MHS Principal James Denight, saying that the school is "absolutely ready" for opening, told reporters that the new air-conditioned rooms will accommodate a total of 420 students for their social studies, mathematics, home economics and language arts subjects.

"I hope the students will take care of these rooms," Denight said.

He also remarked that existing MHS classrooms will also be upgraded to be able to have a more conducive learning place for students.

"The first thing we'd like to do for the old rooms is to upgrade the lighting system so that the students can see what they're working on.

"We're also getting new airconditioners and they should be put up within two months. We'll also do refurbishing," said Denight.

Fletcher Pacific, the contractor for the Public School System's 40 new classrooms for this school year, said the new structures are made up of cement board and metal framing which is ideal for school application.

"This is a pre-fabricated modular building system, and the cement board and steel beams are fully rated for typhoons. It's actually a very nice system, ideal for this kind of application to classrooms," said H. Chieng

Inos to schools: 'Be resourceful'

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

PUBLIC School System Commissioner Rita H. Inos has asked the "resourcefulness" of school officials to provide continuous service to students amidst the worsening economic slump.

"This is a time of crunch for all of us, and I'm asking schools to be very resourceful and to prioritize their needs," Inos told the Variety.

She remarked that it is hard to do some belt-tightening, especially when schools have so much in the past, but "it would be for the best interest of the school children to do this."

The PSS official said "resourcefulness" is all about "making full use of existing things" rather than pinning hopes on buying new ones.

"I want teachers and all PSS staff to look at the things we have within our own existing environment and making them useful," she said, but added that PSS will definitely get new things.

She also urged schools to find ways in bringing in other "resources" not just through the PSS' regular process of procuring.

She cited as an example the tapping of business sectors, as well as the parents themselves in making education more meaningful for the children.

"I know a lot of people are willing to help but sometimes they don't know if we need their help unless we come to them. We don't want to hear teachers always saying 'I need this, I need that, I can't do this and that,'" she said.

Tan, area manager of Fletcher Pacific.

Tan added that this type of structure is "equal to a concrete building."

The ribbon cutting ceremonies for the MHS and SVES' new rooms were held on Friday, and were attended by a number of government officials, led by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, Saipan Mayor Jose C. Sablan, Cong. Rosiky Camacho, Cong. Frank Cepeda and Cong. Malua Peter.

Aside from MHS and SVES, the William S. Reyes Elementary School and Hopwood Jr. High School will also be receiving a total of 20 classrooms. The ribbon cutting ceremony for WSR's rooms will be held today, while Hopwood will be held on Friday.

SVES Principal Martha Habermann said a total of 180 students will be using the six newly-built rooms.

"These rooms are conducive for learning. The payback is when the students do their part which is to learn. If they put a lot in their learning,

all of these are worth it," she said.

Meanwhile, PSS Commissioner Rita H. Inos said there is no reason why school officials and government

leaders should not help the whole educational system.

"The kids are fortunate enough to have new rooms. With government

leaders who came to join us and are always willing to help, then the school system should also do its best," she said.



Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio leads the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the 14 newly completed classrooms at the Marianas High School Friday. Also in photo are (from left) Rep. Rosiky Camacho, BOE member Tony Pellegrino, PSS Commissioner Rita H. Inos and (partly hidden) Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan.

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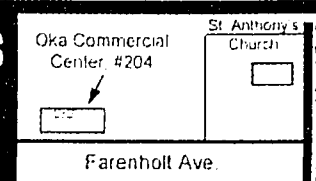


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'Vision concert' this Friday

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

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Sophie Tenorio

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

THE BUDWEISER end-of-summer concert will rock Saipan down on Aug. 14 at the Pacific Gardenia Hotel in Chalan Kanoa.

Dubbed as the "Vision Concert," the event will feature four local island

music bands. Local performers include Kool Change, Marianas Rhythm, and the Reefs Band.

The opening act will be performed by one of the known local artists in Guam, the Trendz Band.

This will be the first time that Trendz will be performing on Saipan. They are expected to put more spice on the concert night on Friday.

Concert organizers Jobie Macabalo and John Waters of Budweiser, said the event is meant to raise funds for the Vision Foundation activity of First Lady Sophie Tenorio.

"People could expect great music and total enjoyment," said Waters. Budweiser will have special give aways during the concert.

The Vision Concert night will be an exclusive Budweiser party.

Organizers of the event are expecting more than 350 people. The en-

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NMC placement exams on Math, English today

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Marianas College (NMC) announces to all new students who are planning to attend class this fall semester should apply for the admission and take the required and scheduled English and Mathematics placement tests immediately.

The required placement tests are free. The English and Mathematics placement tests begin today, August 10.

Today's Mathematics placement test begins at 5:30 until 6:30 in the afternoon at the A-7 and A-4 rooms of NMC.

For tomorrow, August 11 Mathematics placement tests, it will start at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at A-4 and A-7 rooms.

The schedule for English placement tests begin today at 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon at A-7 and A-4 NMC rooms while the English placement tests on August 11 will start at 5:30 to 8:30 in the afternoon at the A-4 and A-7 rooms.

NMC advises the students with special testing needs to contact Jami Sefiane at 234-3690, extension 2200.

Smith new SCC principal

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

THE SAIPAN Community School (SCC) has appointed Ron Smith as its new principal for academic year 1998-1999.

SCS will start its classes on August 19 and Smith's appointment as well as the new faculty of teachers from the United States is expected to add excitement for the new school season.

The new staff are said to be graduates from US colleges and universities.

Smith used to teach in SCS as a fifth grade teacher.

He also had a 20 years teaching experience in the US and periods of

service as administrator in non profit organizations in the mainland.

In addition to Smith's qualifications as an educator, he exemplifies the spiritual and moral values that are considered an integral part of SCS.

All administrators and faculty are not considered only on basis of credentials and ability, but also on their character and commitment to the Christian faith.

SCS is associated with Saipan Community Church (SCC) and seeks to convey high moral and social values along with a quality academic experience through the use of US Public School curriculum and Bible principles integrated into the curriculum plus classes in Bible.

DEQ marine water report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages this week and found that the samples collected at the beach in front of Hafa-Adei Hotel contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

High concentrations of fecal coliforms may be the result of high

surf conditions or stormwater runoff due to storms. Fecal Coliform bacteria are not usually disease causing.

The bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

In order to adequately address public health concerns, DEQ maintains its policy of advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations within 48 hours of this notice.

Heritage Month activities slated

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

THE SIGNING ceremony proclaiming September as the CNMI Heritage Month will be held on August 28 at the Aging Center.

The proclamation ceremony will be highlighted with at least two traditional dances from different local artists.

The CNMI Heritage Month will be marked with cultural diversity and interaction.

The celebration is meant to stir awareness and promote the local languages and traditional culture.

The CNMI Heritage Month will start on September 4 with an exhibit of the Micronesian arts and crafts which will be hosted by the Arts Council.

The exhibit will be displayed at the Arts Gallery.

The exhibit starts at 5:00 in the afternoon to 7:00 in the evening on its first day.

It will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm from Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays until Sept. 28.

On September 6, a mass celebration at the Mount Carmel Church will be held.

Every Wednesday of the month starting from September 9 until 23, the Historic and Preservation Office (HPO) will host series of fieldtrips from the famous sites of CNMI.

A demonstration of cultural activities will take place on September 14 to 17.

The activities include storytelling, Chamorro dance lessons, bandana and coconut weaving, Chamorro and Carolinian food preparation and cooking at the Aging Center.

The Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission will host a Language Symposium at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on September 18. The symposium is meant to gauge

the value of how the local language is perceived by the people and the importance of the Chamolinian language in the local community.

From September 19 to 26, the Carolinian week-long event starts with a celebration of the Carolinian Chief Aghurub at the Managaha Island on the 19th.

There will be a mass celebration on the Managaha Island to coincide with the event.

Likewise, there will be a Carolinian mass celebration at the San Jose Church on Sept. 20.

On Sept. 21, there will be an opening ceremony of the Carolinian week at the Carolinian Uti.

The event will be highlighted with cultural activities, demonstrations and contests.

On Sept. 22, there is a cultural demonstration at the Carolinian Uti between 8:30 to 11:30 am. From 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm of the same day, booths will be opened at the Uti.

Cultural demonstration and local food preparation will highlight the celebration on Sept. 23 at the Carolinian Uti.

On Sept. 24, cultural performances to be performed by students will be held.

Another cultural demonstration will take place on the Sept. 25 at the same venue.

The fishing contest will be held on Sept. 26.

The venue is yet to be announced though.

From 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm on the same day, a dinner show at the Uti with a \$5 entry fee (non-alcoholic preparations).

On the closing of the CNMI Heritage Month celebration on the Sept. 30, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) is planning to have a Carolinian and Chamorro activities to end the event.

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WCC manager guests at SHRM's meeting

THE COMMONWEALTH'S Chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), the major national personnel organization, will be holding its monthly membership meeting this Thursday, August 13.

Takeo George, CNMI Manager the Workers' Compensation Commission, will discuss both the private and government workers' compensation programs.

George and other members of his staff will answer any questions that Society members and guests might have about workers' compensation issues and any problems that they might be having.

All members and interested individuals are invited to attend the meeting and present any questions they might have on this subject.

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management is anew, but growing, forum for discussion and training in personnel matters.

Over the past several months, personnel professionals from a variety of industries, large and small, recognizing a need for a local society for professionals in the personnel field, have joined together to found this local branch and have also affiliated it with the national organization.

Chapter membership meetings are not limited to members. Prospective members and companies or individuals interested in the discussion topic are invited to attend.

This week's luncheon meeting will be held at the Giovanni Room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at 11:30 on Thursday, August 13.

The cost for the luncheon is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members.

Members and others interested in attending this luncheon discussion, should contact Rheta or Pearl at the Hyatt Regency Human Resource Office, at telephone number 234-1234 or fax number 233-0182, to make reservations.

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TUESDAY August 11 Soup: Carrot Cream Pork Tamales Salad Mexican Rice Refried Beans	THURSDAY August 13 Soup: Centil Soup Pork Chop Salad Mexican Rice Refried Beans	

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MAP: MARPAC, PIZZA HUT, JOETEN ACE HARDWARE, SHELL GAS STATION, MOCHI'S, THE FIELD, CMS, TOWN & COUNTRY, CDA, SHELL

Jones not keen on 902 topics

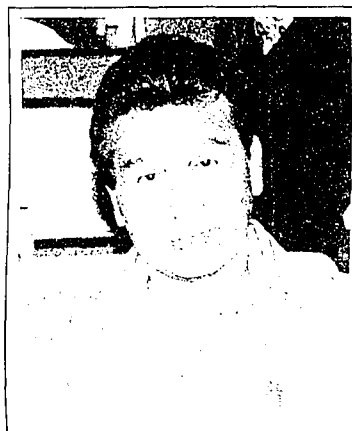
REPRESENTATIVE Dino Jones said the issues that were agreed to be discussed by both the federal and local negotiating panels during the Covenant Section 902 talks will lead CNMI nowhere.

"It may just be waste of time to discuss only these issues," Jones said, referring to the proposed four-point agenda identified by both negotiating teams.

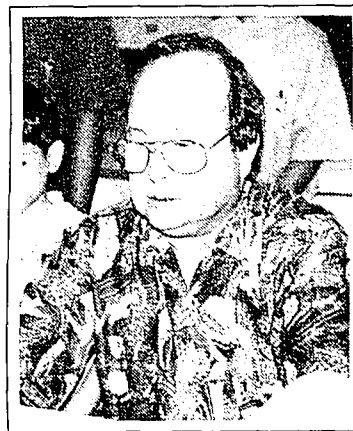
The 902 consultations will focus on four main issues that include minimum wage, immigration control, customs issues associated with the garment industry and enforcement of federal laws in the CNMI.

CNMI and US negotiating teams will meet on Saipan beginning on the afternoon of September 16. Consultations will continue the following day and would be wrapped up on the morning of September 18.

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan last week said federal representatives have



Dino Jones



Jesus R. Sablan

agreed to resume Covenant 902 discussions September 16, with hopes to establish better relations between the Commonwealth and the United States.

"I don't see any need for issues such as immigration, minimum wage

and tariff to be included in the 902 agenda while these issues are under the consideration of the US Congress," Jones said in his letter to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio.

He also prodded the CNMI 902 negotiating panel to include the issue

on sovereignty and self-rule for the Northern Mariana Islands and its people "as laid out in the Covenant through 902 forum."

"...or we may have taken this issue back to our people for a referendum. I am deeply concerned about the reappropriation of \$2 million in Cov-

enant funds to other states," he added.

Jones claimed that this is a "clear" violation of the provisions stipulated under the Covenant reached between the US and the local governments. "This issue must be included in the 902 discussion agenda." (A.R. Fajardo)

Worker stabbed by unknown teenagers

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

TWO UNIDENTIFIED young men beat up and stabbed a construction worker for not giving them cigarettes, according to Department of Public Safety spokesperson Rose T. Ada.

Ada said the victim, Andres D. Dar, 56, was brought by responding police officers to the Commonwealth Health Center, where he is now in "stable condition."

Citing the victim's account, Ada said the incident happened around midnight on Friday in front of the San Jose church.

Dar was passing by the area when he was approached by two young men, who are believed to be teenagers.

"They asked him for cigarettes," Ada said. "He said he didn't have any, and walked away."

At this point, she said, one of two

punched Dar in the back of his head. Dar ran towards Beach Road, but the two caught up with him near Midnight Karaoke.

One of the two stabbed Dar several times, Ada said.

When the two left, Dar asked the people at Midnight Karaoke for help.

Ada said Dar, who works for Fay Hargrove, sustained multiple stab wounds, lacerations on the right arm, on the right side of his rib cage, on the chest, under the left armpit and on his lower back.

Asked if he knew the assailants, Dar could only describe them as "locals," Ada said.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is asking the public for any information regarding the incident and the suspects, Ada said.

DPS's phone number is 234-6333, while the Crime Stoppers hotline is 234-7272.

Bill seeks to bar non-US citizens in advanced pregnancy from entering

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

IN AN EFFORT to curb "contrived" practices of acquiring US citizenship, a legislator filed a bill that prohibits the entry from CNMI of non-US citizens who are in their seventh month of pregnancy.

House Bill 11-263, introduced by Rep. Max "Timmo" Olopai, noted high-risk pregnant persons come to the CNMI after seven months gestation to deliver their babies, sprouting adverse local consequences.

These effects involve using pregnancy as a front to acquire US citizenship for newborns and health risks for pregnant women and their babies.

The bill said there are nearly 3.4 million newborn infants die within the first week of life every year due to gestational diabetes, poor health, childbirth and inadequate care during pregnancy.

"While travelling after seven months pregnancy is in itself a deadly gamble, the CNMI seems clearly to be a site for contrived US citizenship acquisition," Olopai said.

Known as the "Control of Illegal



Max "Timmo" Olopai

Alien Childbirth Act," the bill said ignorance of this practice will evoke undeserved, vicious sentiments and ill will from the US.

"It will lead to rejection of the CNMI political and legal system, and further tarnish CNMI credibility as a protector of US borders and defender of US citizenship," Olopai said.

The bill also mandates the mobilization of resources between the Department of Public Health and the Department of Labor and Immigra-

tion to ensure the enforcement of the bill once it becomes a law.

It particularly directs both agencies to use a continuum of prevention for high risk pregnant persons. This includes air carrier and tourism industry public education about the requirements of pregnant persons who seek entry into the CNMI, and the consequences of surreptitiously attempting to enter the CNMI to give birth.

The bill added that any person who commits a violation of this Act may be assessed an administrative civil penalty by either DOL or DPH, and a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each offense.

Olopai's bill also authorized three years funding of \$20,600 per year for immigration inspector training and public education costs associated with the requirements of the Act.

"Political will and community desire support the necessity of this legislation... Making it illegal for a pregnant alien to enter the CNMI during or after seven months gestation is in the compelling best interest of the CNMI," the bill said.

Babauta murder trial reset for '99

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE TRIAL of a man accused of murdering his cousin has been reset again, this time for June 7, 1999, after an expert witness on temporary insanity said he would not continue with his assignment.

Dr. James Kiffer of Guam told the Attorney General's Office (AGO) that he doesn't agree with a July 27 Superior Court ruling

that allows Kiffer to interview murder suspect Oscar R. Babauta without the presence of his lawyer.

But the court at the same time will allow the interview to be tape recorded by Babauta's representative.

Kiffer nonetheless said he withdraws from the case.

He was earlier asked by AGO to be its expert witness of

Babauta's defense of temporary insanity.

Babauta has been charged with murder in the first degree for the gunslaying of his cousin, Jose Boki Babauta, in As Matuis on Feb. 1, 1997.

His trial has been set for April 20 of this year, which was then reset to Sept. 8.

AGO's Criminal Division chief

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Non-NCLEX nurses to go

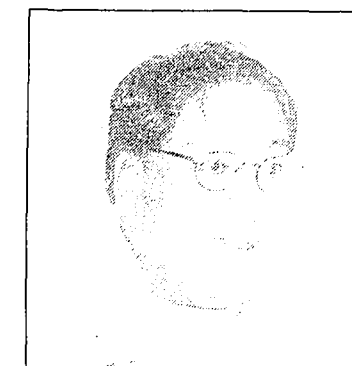
By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

THE Division of Public Health said it will replace nurses who will fail to secure the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) accreditation on their third and last chance of taking the examinations this September.

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez told reporters that DPH is continuing its process of hiring NCLEX-certified nurses to replace the demoted nurses.

He added that the salaries for soon-to-be-hired nurses will be added to the DPH budget for 1999.

"We are planning in our 1999 budget submission to put back FTEs for nurses that were taken out. We are



Joseph Kevin Villagomez

continuing the process of hiring nurses who passed the NCLEX because there is going to be a percentage of these people which will not pass," said Villagomez.

Only 30 percent of the close to 140

nurses presently employed by the CHC are NCLEX-certified.

According to Villagomez, there are four to five local nurses who are not eligible, while the rest are non-resident nurses.

In June, the local licensing board allowed these non-NCLEX certified nurses to continue with their employment at the CHC on conditions that they will not be allowed to perform professional duties. But while they were demoted to nursing assistants, the nurses continue to get the same

monthly salary.

"These people will be replaced by NCLEX-certified nurses," Villagomez added.

The health chief remarked that DPH gave the nurses three chances to take and pass the NCLEX. Their third and last chance to take the exam will be this September.

"Above and beyond that, we cannot continue (to keep them) because I have to look at patient care and accountability," he said.

But the health secretary is optimis-

tic that the remaining nurses will pass the NCLEX.

"We will be able to stay off massive exodus by encouraging nurses to

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DEQ reminds on well permits

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

DIVISION of Environmental Quality Director Ignacio Cabrera advised all well owners whose operation permits expire on September 30 to complete their renewal requirements immediately.

Ignacio recommended that all

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Saipan's Hard Rock Cafe taps Glimpses as PR firm

HARD ROCK Cafe Saipan announced the selection of Glimpses>McCann-Erickson as their public relations firm, effective July 1, 1998.

Glimpses>McCann-Erickson will handle all public relations activities for Saipan's rock 'n' roll theme restaurant.

"We are excited about opening the second Hard Rock Cafe in Micronesia on Saipan and look forward to working with the professional group at Glimpses>McCann-Erickson," says Michael McCann, general manager of Hard Rock Cafe Saipan.

"Glimpses>McCann-Erickson handled the PR activities for Hard Rock Cafe Guam during their grand opening and demonstrated that professional service and strategic planning are the key elements for a successful PR program," says Steve Ruder, vice president of Glimpses>McCann-Erickson. "The opening of Hard Rock Cafe Saipan is a great addition to the island's tourist attractions and we are excited to be a part of this project."

The original Hard Rock Cafe was founded in London in 1971 by two young Americans, Isaac Tigrett and

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Man in biggest NMI drug bust gets 17 years in jail

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE US District Court has handed down 17 years and six months of jail term to a man who was involved in a conspiracy to import and export 14 kilograms of heroin.

Citing that the case was the largest drug operation so far in the CNMI, Judge Alex R. Munson slapped the maximum sentence to King Wa Kwan.

The heroin involved in the case was estimated to cost between \$8.4 million to \$14 million, according to the US Attorney's Office.

Munson during Thursday's sentencing said the court wished to deter any other individuals who might otherwise be inclined to use Saipan for drug importation.

According to investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Agency/CNMI Drug Task Force, Saipan had been used by Kwan's group as the transshipment's "jumping point" of heroin from Thailand and Hong Kong to Australia and Canada.

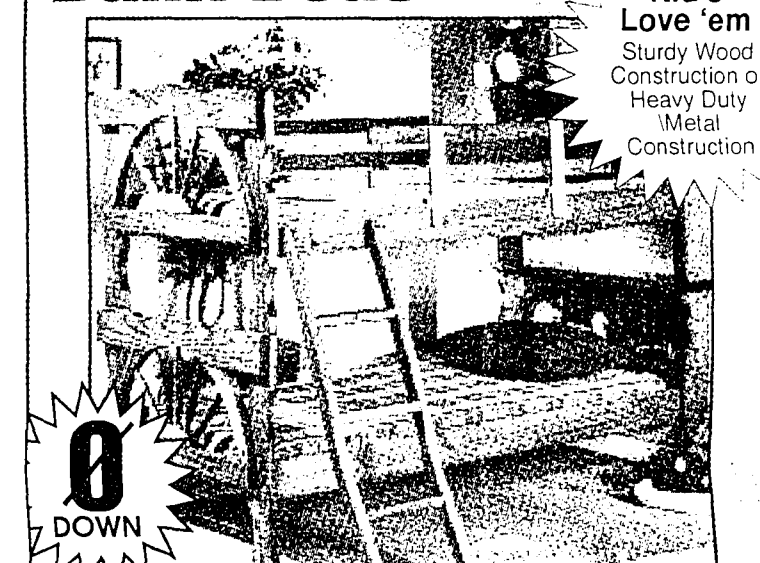
Assistant US Attorney David T. Wood said the investigation conducted by the DEA/CNMI Drug Task Force involved drug operations in Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, and the United States (Saipan).

Wood said the DEA and the US Attorney received information that Kwan and his group had successfully transhipped heroin using the same routes four to five times in the past.

Wood said the investigation involved aid from and cooperation of law enforcement officers in Thailand, Hong Kong, the United States, Canada, and Australia.

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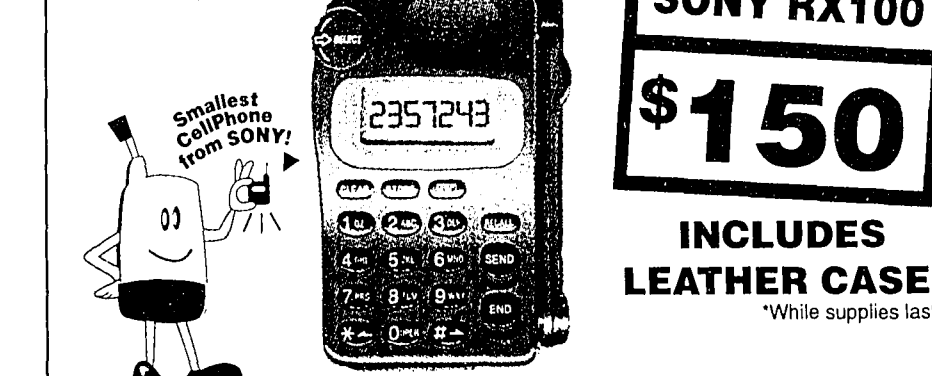
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South Pacific sees change in climate

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)—New research shows there's been a significant change in the climate in the South Pacific in the past twenty years.

The study was carried out by New Zealand National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) in partnership with France's meteorological service.

It says since 1977, the northern Cook Islands, Tokelau, and parts of French Polynesia have become

substantially wetter, while Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and New Caledonia had become drier.

It also says droughts had become a more regular occurrence in countries like Papua New Guinea and the Marshall Islands.

NIWA's senior climate scientist Dr Jim Saveridge says the change is attributed to the abrupt movement eastwards of storms and winds called the South Pacific Convergence Zone, which lies between Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

Concern on over-fishing

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)—Fisheries officials in the Pacific region have expressed concern at the negative effects of over-fishing both commercially and in sports fishing.

The issue was raised in an international fisheries meeting, organized and funded by the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, held this week in Hawaii.

The meeting heard that an increasing number of vessels have endangered fish stock by over-fishing and that a rise in the number of game fishing charters operating in the Pacific was also adding to the problem.

The Pacific Fisheries officials also discussed the lack of proper records kept by fishing vessels.

Japanese aid expert in Samoa

APIA (Pacnews)—An expert on Japanese foreign aid has arrived in Samoa for a lecture tour.

Professor Koichiro Katsurai from the Faculty of International studies at Japans Keiai University,

will deliver a lecture series called "Japanese Aid to Developing Countries".

Professor Katsurai has worked with the Japanese International

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Elsewhere in the Pacific PNG Parliament votes to extend tsunami emergency

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)—Papua New Guinea's parliament has voted overwhelmingly to extend the State of Emergency declared after the recent tsunami disaster.

Parliament accepted the recommendation from its emergency com-

Opposition: 'We have the numbers to take over'

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands opposition claims to have the numbers to take government.

Opposition leader, Job Duddley Tausinga says the opposition has twenty-six members - and added that due to the resignation of six government ministers - more will be joining his side soon.

Meanwhile, two of the four M-PS who withdrew from the Solomon Islands Alliance for Change government are yet to resign from their parties.

Sacked finance minister, Mannaseh Sogavare is yet to resign from the National Party and Johnson Koli has not yet terminated membership of the People's Alliance Party.

mittee that the State of Emergency be extended for public health reasons for two months, but that its coverage be scaled down.

The committee says the extension is needed to prevent the movement of people in and out of areas, where disease is evident.

It has also recommended that an

Authority be established to oversee the reconstruction process.

It says the government should buy land in the area to resettle the thousands of people left homeless by the disaster.

This comes amid reports that some survivors would like to return to the stricken coast.

Health campaign for Fiji youth

SUVA (Pacnews)—A health campaign targeted at young people to promote information about family planning and safe sex was launched today in Fiji's capital Suva.

The programme - is being funded by the aid agency New Zealand Overseas Development Assistance.

Speaking at the launch, the New Zealand High Commissioner to Fiji, Tia Barrett, outlined the importance

of health promotion as an essential element of human development.

The one-year project aims to improve the delivery of information about family planning, reproductive and sexual health issues through implementation of an advertising campaign.

The programme is being undertaken by the Fiji Reproductive and Family Health Association.

Tonga water supply OK

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)—Tongan Water Board authorities have denied that the country's water supply system has been affected by poisonous chemicals and pesticides seeping into soils.

Tongan Water Board manager,

Saimone Helu says previous tests have shown that the water supply is free of such pollutants.

This came after an investigation by the South Pacific Regional Environment Program found signifi-

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US surgery for Filipino baby

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Filipino baby with a rare defect called prune-belly syndrome will undergo lifesaving surgery next week thanks to his parents' search for help on the Internet and an anonymous donor who funded the boy's travel and hospitalization.

Eleven-month-old Paul Anthony Estares and his mother, Menchi Estares of Manila's Paco district, arrived from the Philippines last week.

Surgeons will operate on the child Monday at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center's Children's Hospital, where reconstructive surgery for the syndrome was developed. They are confident the surgery will give Paul a normal life.

Prune-belly syndrome is a congenital birth defect. Victims have a lack of abdominal musculature, undescended testes and severe urinary tract dysfunction. More than disfiguring, the condition is usually fatal without corrective surgery.

Paul has spent five of his 11 months in hospitals and has almost died several times from

infection, said Dr. Richard Ehrlich, who wrote the original article on the reconstruction technique with Dr. Malcolm A. Lesavoy, a plastic surgeon.

Ehrlich, Lesavoy and Dr. Andrew Freedman will operate, donating their services, doctors that his condition could not be treated in the Philippines, said UCLA Medical Center spokeswoman Simi Singer.

Using the Internet, they contacted the National Organization for Rare Disorders, which listed Ehrlich as the expert in such cases.

Mrs. Estares wrote a letter to Ehrlich, describing her son's condition.

"I thought it was terrible," said Ehrlich.

Ehrlich sought out a wealthy benefactor to cover travel costs and hospital fees that will range from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The benefactor requested anonymity.

The surgeon telephoned the family, and Paul and his mother

were on their way. The boy's father stayed behind.

The baby has already been hospitalized once due to infection

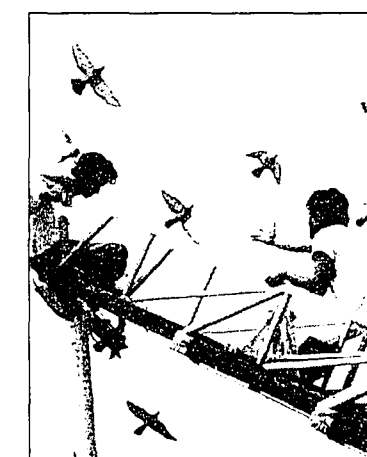
since arriving in this country, Ehrlich said.

The surgery will take six to eight hours, Ehrlich said.

The doctor characterized the syndrome as "very rare" and 99 percent of the time it occurs in boys.



President Joseph Estrada looks at Chinese national Xiaoliu Liu as he presents him to the media Friday in Davao City following his rescue from his kidnappers in Jolo, Sulu. Liu was kidnapped last July 20. AP



Gabriel Velayo, left, is persuaded by his friend to come down from a street lamp post in Manila's Rizal Park Saturday before he jumped to his death in the presence of park-goers. The jobless Velayo was depressed after he failed to find his lost relative in Manila. AP

Japanese

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worked with the Japanese International Co-operation aid agency for 21 years.

While in Samoa he will observe Japanese aid programmes, particularly the National University of Samoa campus - which was built with Japanese aid money.

He will also study technology transfers from Japanese experts and volunteers, to their Samoan counterparts.

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gation by the South Pacific Regional Environment Program found significant stocks of obsolete chemicals and pesticides in 13 Pacific nations.

Investigators found that in many cases the chemicals were stored in containers which were breaking down and allowing the substances to leach into the soil and affect the water table.

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Families mourn bomb victims in Kenya



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (right) talks with members of her staff about the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Saturday at the State Department in Washington. AP

By Brent Kallestad TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Clara Aliganga was not thrilled about her son going to Africa, but he seemed to love his job so.

"He was just so proud to be a Marine," Mrs. Aliganga said of her son, Marine Sgt. Jesse N. Aliganga.

"He was so proud he made it through boot camp at Parris Island," she said referring to the South Carolina boot camp. "It was something he was really good at."

Aliganga, 21, was one of two Florida residents killed in the bombing attack Friday in Nairobi, Kenya, where he served in the Marine Security Unit. The Pentagon also said Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Lynn Olds, 40, of Panama City, was among at least 11 Americans killed in the blast.

At least 148 people died when terrorist bombs exploded at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Thousands more were injured. No Americans were believed to be among the eight killed in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The Army had already identified Sgt. Kenneth R. Hobson II, 27, of Nevada, Mo., as one of the victims.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright released the identities of victims Jay Bartley, son of Consul General Julian Bartley; Prabhi Kavalier, of the general services office; Tom Shah of the political section; Jean Dalizu, of the defense attaché's office; Michelle O'Connor, who worked for the General Services Office; Arlene Kirk, 50, of South Bend, Ind., who worked for the Air Force, and Molly Huckaby Hardy, 51, of Valdosta, Ga., a 26-year veteran of the State Department.

Relatives identified the eleventh victim, Louise Martin of Atlanta.

"The United States lost a very important person and a lot of people are going to be affected by it," Olds' younger sister, Marsey Comett, told The News-Herald of Panama City.

"She led a very fulfilled life. The family is very proud."

Aliganga joined the Marines shortly after graduating from

high school in Tallahassee in 1994. He had agreed to a 30-month extension last year on his original three-year enlistment.

"I wasn't particularly fond of the idea when he had put in for Nairobi," Mrs. Aliganga said. "But I stood behind my children 100 percent, whatever their decision."

Arlene Kirk, a civilian who worked as an accountant in the Air Force budget department, had just returned to Kenya with her husband after spending leave in the United States. Robert Kirk was not injured. Arlene Kirk is survived by a 14-year-old son and 23-year-old daughter.

"She was a terrific mother and wife. She was just a very supportive person, whatever was happening," her brother, Dennis Bradley of Chicago, said.

Relatives and friends gathered Saturday to mourn Ms. Hardy. Ms. Hardy was to return to the United States from Nairobi on June 15, but had to wait for a replacement first, said longtime friend Marsha Bates.

"We were anxiously awaiting her to come home," she said. "I had just finished a new house and thought, 'As soon as Molly comes home, I'm going to make sure she comes over and spends one night so we can talk all night like we used to.'"

Meanwhile, Susan Bryson of Lawrenceville, Ga., was informed by her brother-in-law that her sister, Ms. Martin, was killed in the blast.

Ms. Martin worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Kenya, along with her husband Douglas Klauke. She would have turned 46 on Tuesday.

"I still don't believe it's real," Mrs. Bryson told WSB-TV. "The only thing, she died in a country she loved, she died doing the things she liked.... She's left behind so many people who loved her."

US won't recall troops, envoys

By George Gedda WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton said Saturday he has no intention of withdrawing diplomats or troops from global hotspots despite the terrorist bombings at two U.S. embassies in East Africa.

Any pullback "would give terrorism a victory it must not and will not have," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "We will continue to take the fight to terrorists."

The American death toll from the bombing in Kenya rose Saturday from eight to 11.

The Pentagon identified the military casualties as Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Lynn Olds, 40, of Panama City, Fla., assigned to the Air Force Security Element in Nairobi; Marine Sgt. Jesse N. Aliganga, 21, of Tallahassee, Fla., part of the embassy's security unit; and Army Sgt. Kenneth R. Hobson II, 27, of Nevada, Mo., assigned to the office of the defense attaché in the embassy.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright released the identities of seven others: Jay Bartley, son of Consul General Julian Bartley; Jean Dalizu, defense attaché's office; Molly Hardy, administrative office;



President Clinton finishes his weekly radio address Saturday in the Oval Office of the White House devoted to the two bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. AP

Albright said one American diplomat remained unaccounted for. Earlier statements indicated at least two other Americans were missing.

Expressing sentiments similar to Clinton's, Albright said the United States "will not be intimidated by terrorists, and we will never forget their victims."

Twelve American citizens, all victims of the Kenya bombing, were hospitalized — 10 embassy officers and two private citizens. Of the 12, 10 were to be flown to Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Five injured Kenyan employees of the embassy were to join them on the trip.

The eleven American fatalities compared with seven U.S. terrorism victims worldwide for all of 1997.

Clinton discussed the events in East Africa Saturday with French President Jacques Chirac, who expressed sympathy over the loss of life. Regrets over the bombings were offered by countries as diverse as Israel and Cuba.

A White House meeting involving Albright and other high-level officials was held Saturday to take stock of the situation and to weigh future steps.

Officials remained mum on likely suspects, while acknowledging that it would be foolish to ignore the possibility that exiled Saudi militant Osama bin Laden may have been involved.

He has threatened a holy war against U.S. troops in his homeland and

Americans elsewhere overseas.

In an interview with ABC News last May, he said Islamic terrorists would "send the bodies of American troops and civilians home in wooden boxes and coffins" and added that "we don't differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians. They are all targets."

There was no immediate assessment of a claim of responsibility by a group calling itself the Army for the Liberation of Islamic Shriners.

Statements were circulated Saturday claiming the bombings for the Army for the Liberation of Holy Shriners. Neither name has been used before, and it was unclear whether they represented different groups.

Clinton urged Americans to have faith in the government's resolve to hunt down terrorists.

While acknowledging that those who killed 19 U.S. servicemen in Saudi Arabia in 1996 remain at large, he cited breakthroughs in the struggle against terrorists such as resolution of cases involving terrorist acts at the CIA and the World Trade Center, both in 1993.

Friday's explosions killed around 140 people, and the number of injured topped 2,200. In addition to the dead Americans, five Kenyan employees at the embassy died.

A U.S. officer from the embassy in Tanzania, seriously injured, was flown to London for treatment.



The US Embassy (at left) with the blasted ruins next to it in down-town Nairobi Saturday the day after terrorist bombs in Kenya and Dar es Salaam exploded killing 107 and injuring 2,212. AP

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United States Department of Agriculture
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PUBLIC NOTICE
US President Clinton released a Clean Water Action Plan in February, 1998. This plan provides a blueprint for restoring and protecting the nation's waters, and emphasizes a cooperative watershed approach to solving our water quality problems. The President backed the plan with an additional \$568 million in new funding to restore impaired watersheds. To be eligible for this money, states and territories are required to conduct a United Watersheds Assessment, which identifies their highest priority watersheds requiring restoration (Category I); and those watersheds that need preventive action or an extra measure of protection.

The CNMI's Watersheds Group (including representatives from DEQ, NRCS, SWCD, CRM, DPW, DPW, DPL, and the private sector) analyzed existing water quality data, Geographic Information System maps, and status of natural resources to categorize the CNMI's watersheds. The Watersheds Group has made some preliminary determinations on the following watersheds to be placed in "Category I."

Saipan Takpochau, Susupe, Kagman, Lau Lau, and Achugao

Tinian Makpo and Puntan Diaplo-Lamanibot

Rota Sabana Takahaya/Paile, Songsong, and Uyulan Hulo/Teteto

Northern Islands Pagan and Alamagan

These watersheds should be restored to solve water quality problems. The President's additional funding can only be spent to address problems in these watersheds.

The Watersheds Group is asking for the public's comments, questions, and concerns regarding this designation. Copies of the complete United Watersheds Assessment can be obtained at the NRCS, DEQ, or Mayor's office on Saipan; the DPW or Mayor's office on Tinian; and the DEQ, DPL, or Mayor's office on Rota. The watersheds group will revise the assessment to reflect the public's comments. The public is invited to submit their comments, in writing, to any of the above offices or attend the next meeting of the watersheds group.

9:30 am, August 12, 1998 DPW, Gualo Rai -- Saipan

For more information, contact Dick Howard, NRCS at 233-3415; Susan Burr, DEQ Saipan at 234-1011, Jude Holschneider, DPW Tinian at 433-9255; Fred Ayuyuy, DEQ Rota at 532-3102; or Joe Rosario, DLNR Rota at 532-9495.

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Bid specification may be obtained at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP or the Tinian PSS Administrative Services Office on Tinian during regular working hours. All inquiries telephone number 664-3706 or 3709 or Mr. Henry Hofschneider at telephone number 433-0570/9277(Tinian).

All bid submission shall be in duplicate in a sealed envelope facemarked IFB98-010" and delivered to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 3:20 p.m., August 26, 1998 at which place, date, and time all bids will be opened and read aloud. Late submission of bids will not be accepted under any circumstances.

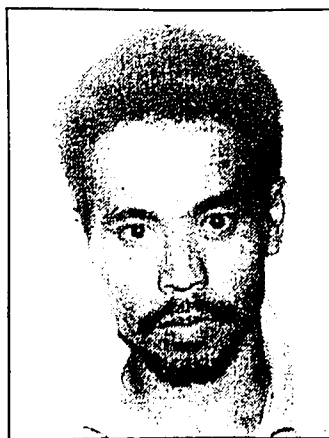
The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject any or all bids if to do so is to the best interest of the Public School System.

/s/Rita Hocog Inos, Ed. D.
Commissioner Of Education

/s/Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

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Rain storms in Korea lull

By PAUL SHIN
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The worst rains to hit Seoul in nearly 80 years eased Sunday, but storms in central South Korea caused new flooding and mud-slides that reportedly left six dead.

In Sosan, 150 kilometers (93 miles) southwest of Seoul, where up to 32 centimeters (12.5 inches) fell overnight, six people were reported killed in two different mud-slides.

In a nearby village, two others were killed by lightning, the state KBS-TV said.

That brought the total death toll from this week's storms to 149.

Sixty-nine others remained missing and more than 80,000 people were left homeless. Property damage estimates ranged from \$200 million to \$2 billion.

The rains — dubbed by local media as "guerrilla-style rain storms" because of their unpredictability — were moving slowly south Sunday, deluging many western coastal regions, weather reports said.

As the rains moved south, millions of people in and around Seoul got a lull from storms that dumped more than 1 meter (39.3 inches) in the past four days.

Most of the deaths and property damage were reported in the capital and its surrounding areas, where nearly half of South Korea's 44 million people reside.

Wide parts of Seoul, with a population of 12 million, remained flooded Sunday after receiving torrential rains incessantly in the past four days. On Saturday, 33.2 centimeters (13 inches) fell in Seoul, the most to fall in one day since Aug. 2, 1920, weather reports said.

Millions of people in Seoul's low-lying areas stayed at their homes or makeshift shelters overnight, keeping an uneasy vigil on the Han River and its tributaries, which government officials warned could overflow if more rain falls.

But the rains over upper South Korea eased after midnight Saturday. The skies over Seoul were heavily overcast Sunday with only scattered showers.

"It's really difficult to make an exact forecast. The rain storm is highly unpredictable and may reappear any time," weatherman Kim Sung-soo told The Associated Press. Kim said the rain storm was swept in from China.

Three national television networks that had continued weather-related broadcasts non-stop for the past three days returned to normal programming Sunday morning, saying that "the worst appears to be over."



South Korean troops remove debris in a flood-struck village during a clean-up operation in Songchu after floods triggered by record torrential rains laid waste to many low-lying towns near Seoul on Friday. AP

Brunei prepares for future ruler

By RANJAN ROY
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei — Brushing aside nagging worries of the present, Brunei's royal family, counted among the world's wealthiest, Sunday prepared to firm its grip on the future.

At the 1,788-room palace, workers gave finishing touches to a facelift as cranes mounted king-size canopies under which a procession will pass Monday after the formal proclamation of future ruler of one of the last outposts of absolute monarchy.

Decorated arches with smiling portraits of royals flanked the broad ways, streamers heralded the future king and gold-domed mosques and government buildings were festooned with shining lights.

Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah, the 24-year-old eldest son of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, will receive a broad, jeweled traditional Malay knife, called the Kris, from his father, ensuring his future right to ascend to the all-powerful throne.

The heir to the Bolkiah family's Rolls-Royces, private jets, prize race horses and oil riches is the third child of the monarch, the two older daughters being ineligible for the crown because women aren't allowed to rule.

In the blitz of local publicity ahead of Monday's festivities, the prince has been portrayed both as modern and traditional.

Official pictures show him sitting cross-legged with Muslim tutors as well as engrossed at a school desk, wearing a tie or aiming a cue stick on a snooker table, wearing a bow-tie and waistcoat.

His love for Islamic studies has been highlighted along with passing references to his fondness for Western music.

It may be sometime before Prince Al-Muhtadee inherits the throne from his 52-year-old father, but for now the Sultan probably needs all the help he can get from his grown up son.

The ceremony comes at a time of crisis both for the family and the tiny kingdom of 300,000 people on the tip of the Borneo land mass flanked by the South China Sea.

As the Bolkiah family assembled for ceremonies and prayers over the weekend, one prominent member was missing from Istana Nurul Iman, the royal palace.

Not far from Oxford University, where the prince recently received a diploma in diplomacy, one of the king's brothers, in self-imposed exile somewhere in Europe, has become a major embarrassment and strain on the kingdom.

Prince Jefri, the Sultan's brother, is alleged to have squandered billions of dollars in bad business deals. Stories of his wild orgies and extravagances have dented the Sultan's attempts to portray a clean Islamic image of the family that has ruled Brunei for four centuries.

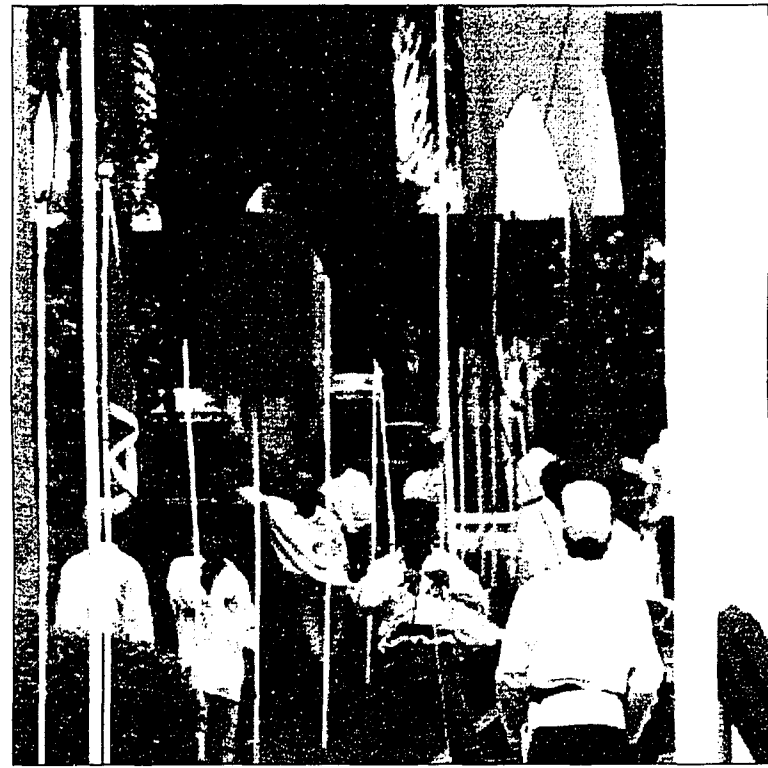
Because the country's annual budgets are never made public and the royal finances remain a secret, it may never be known how much Brunei has hurt from the wayward prince's actions.

But last week, officials announced plans to hire foreign consultants to prevent it from slipping into an economic mess.

Abdul Rahman Taib, deputy chairman of the newly formed Ministerial Economic Council, said it had nothing to do with the collapse of Prince Jefri's Amedeo company and its estimated \$16 billion loss.

"Brunei's economy is strong and totally viable. The country has enough money to carry out all its infrastructure developments," he said.

After stories about Amedeo's scandals surfaced, the Sultan moved quickly to strip his brother of control of the failed company and his position as chief of the Brunei Investment Agency, which is responsible for overseas invest-



Workers put up banners at the Palace Nurul Iman for upcoming proclamation ceremony for the crown prince of Brunei in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan Sunday. Al-Muhtadee Billah, the 24-year-old eldest son of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, will formally ensure his future right to ascend to the throne Monday. AP

ments.

Palace problems apart, Brunei also is beginning to be whacked by the Asian economic turmoil. Tourism has sagged, the construction and trading sectors are in a gloom.

People are complaining, something rare in this tightly-controlled kingdom where there is no income tax, education and medical care is free and the per capita income is among the highest in the world.

"I keep wondering how come most of the goods sold in this country cost so much more than the same goods sold in our neighboring country," said a letter-writer in the weekend's edition of Borneo Bulletin, the only English-language newspaper. The daily does not publish names of the authors of letters for fear they may be persecuted.

Another complained about the exorbitant rates charged by Brunei's only mobile phone service provider.

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Probe takes toll on Clinton

By TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seemingly immune from scandal, President Clinton has so far avoided a falling out with the American public over the Monica Lewinsky investigation. But the embarrassing probe unmistakably has weakened his presidency, diminished his power and darkened his future.

A Republican Congress once eager to cooperate with Clinton on reforming welfare and balancing the budget now thumbs its nose at the beleaguered president. A White House that had been instrumental in setting Washington's agenda is instead preoccupied with the president's survival.

Democrats hopeful of taking control of the House fret that Clinton's troubles will drag them down in November's mid-term elections. America's allies around the world worry that a U.S. president who needs to be strong in global affairs is distracted and even endangered.

"Who's looking after Kosovo? Who's worrying about Iraq?" said Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove. "I don't get the impression the president is at all involved in foreign affairs. There seems to be some concern abroad that he's not in charge."

"This has been in many respects a tragic episode in American politics," said Thomas Mann, director of governmental studies at the Brookings Institution. "We have weakened the presidency and



Bill Clinton

criminalized the political process."

"Whether the president can recoup, whether we can repair the damages caused by the zealotry of Ken Starr and the frenzy of the media and the lack of discipline by the president, who knows?" Mann said.

By any measure, 1998 has been a bust for Clinton.

The tobacco settlement that the White House hoped would be 1998's crowning achievement was shelved. So were Clinton proposals to raise the minimum wage, hire 100,000 new teachers, spend \$21.7 billion on childcare initiatives and allow Americans as young as 55 to buy into the Medicare system.

"Congress really hasn't done anything, except name the Reagan airport," said University of Rochester historian John Mueller.

White House counselor Rahm Emanuel insisted Clinton still has

clout — as demonstrated by the shrinking of tax-cutting proposals by GOP leaders in the face of opposition from Clinton and the Senate. "The president has stared down the Congress," Emanuel said. "If that's happening in the eye of the storm, I don't know how one concludes the president's power is diminished."

Constitutional scholars lament that court rulings have narrowed the boundaries of presidential privacy and privilege and established that presidents could be forced into civil litigation during their terms. Secret Service agents sworn to take a bullet for the president now may have to testify against him.

The Lewinsky scandal has had "a much greater impact than many people realize," said University of Pennsylvania presidential scholar Mark Rozwell.

"This is the stage of a second term when a president should be looking toward establishing his legacy and capitalizing on his popularity," Rozwell said.

"Instead, this president and his administration are in a defensive mode trying to protect himself. Right now it's more about self-preservation than creating an enduring legacy for the future."

Republican pollster Linda DiVall said, "The mark of an excellent president is one who is willing to use his political capital to move significant issues. This president uses his capital only to save him-

self."

Many people who watch the political world were stunned that Clinton's approval ratings climbed rather than fell after the Lewinsky investigation was revealed.

"You look at his approval rating, you could make the case that this has helped his approval," said analyst Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute.

He summed up Americans' view this way: "We think he's done this stuff. Our sense of him as a moral character is low. But we think he's doing a good job as president. He's trying to focus on things that matter for us. This is not relevant for us. We just want this to go away."

But, of course, it will go on for many more months. In the meantime, analysts are trying to assess the damage and what lies ahead for Clinton. The conventional wisdom is that Clinton will survive in some fashion.

"The bully pulpit authority of the president has been eroded by all of this," said Ornstein.

University of Wisconsin historian Stanley Kutler, a specialist on Richard Nixon's fall from power, said, "These things cost. They cost the nation. I think this is a very, very crucial time with the Chinese, and the president is playing the game with one hand tied behind his

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Monica Lewinsky (right) accompanied by her spokeswoman Judy Smith, leaves federal court Thursday after testifying before grand jury investigating her alleged affair with President Clinton. AP

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US panel votes to cite Reno

By KEVIN GALVIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an extraordinary confrontation, a U.S. House of Representatives committee voted to cite Attorney General Janet Reno for contempt of Congress.

Republicans on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee recommended to the full House on Thursday that Reno be held in contempt for resisting a committee subpoena ordering her to turn over reports recommending that she seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund raising.

Reno has called the subpoena "a form of political tampering that no prosecutor in America can accept," and argued that giving the committee the documents would damage the Justice Department's investigation.

The 24-19 vote was along party lines, with Independent Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont joining the Democrats in opposition.

The full House will not consider the issue before September, when lawmakers return from their August recess, said committee Chairman Dan Burton. "I hope that she complies so that we don't have to do that," he said.

Rep. Henry Waxman accused Burton of trying to force Reno to seek the appointment of an independent counsel to probe allegations that Clinton-Gore '96 and the Democratic National Committee violated campaign finance laws.

"Every member of this committee, Republican or Democrat, should be embarrassed by this strong-arm tactic," Waxman said.

Reno has said she expects to make a decision on seeking an independent counsel within three weeks. FBI Director Louis Freeh and Charles LaBella, former head of the department's campaign finance task force, wrote separate recommendations to Reno that she seek an independent counsel.

In testimony before the committee Tuesday, Freeh said he believed the fact that the people under scrutiny include White House officials and their associates should leave Reno no choice.

"I couldn't think of a stronger argument for an independent counsel," said Freeh, who made his recommendation nine months ago.

LaBella's report was filed July 16. But Freeh and LaBella sided with Reno on the question of turning over the reports, saying that divulging the details would damage the investigation and have a chilling effect on prosecutors elsewhere.

Nevertheless, Burton maintained that access to the reports was essential if the committee were to assess Reno's reluctance so far to seek a counsel. "The committee has a need to see these documents," he said.

Sen. Fred Thompson, chairman of the Senate committee investigating fund raising, added his support. "The Burton committee stands on sound legal ground," he said.

Thompson noted that the committee had offered to let the Justice Department delete "all sensitive investigative matters" from the reports before turning them over.

If the House approves a contempt citation against Reno, she would not participate in the case. Deputy Ator-

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Attorney General Janet Reno meets reporters during her weekly briefing at the Justice Department in Washington Thursday. A House committee voted to cite Reno for contempt of Congress for failing to turn over a report. AP

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INVITATION FOR BID

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The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bid from interested firms for the procurement of computers, accessories, and its installation at Grace Christian Academy. Specifications are now available and can be obtained at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, during regular working hours, Monday through Friday except Holidays.

All bid submission must be submitted in duplicate and sealed in an envelope and facemasked "IFB98-012" and submitted to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., September 02, 1998, at which time, date, and place, all bids will be opened and read aloud. Late submission of bids will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject any or all awards if to do so is to the best interest of the Public School System. All inquiries to this bid announcement may contact Rev. John Kinsella at Grace Christian Academy at telephone # 322-3320 or fax # 322-1855.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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MARPI DEPRESSION SANITARY LANDFILL

July 20, 1998

The Government for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Government"), through the Department of Public Works, is soliciting proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms for the design of the Marpi Depression Solid Waste Disposal Facility on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed design scope of work will include the following:

1. Value-engineering prior design;
2. Complete design of Solid Waste Disposal Facility to comply with provided specifications, applicable laws, regulations and orders;
3. Prepare construction bid documents consisting of plans and specifications;
4. Develop project cost estimates;
5. Include options for bid evaluation assistance and construction management services; and
6. Prepare an O&M Manual.

Proposals will be evaluated and selection made based on Qualification of the Principal and Proposed Staff - 30 points, Experience in Similar Projects, - 25 points, Proposed Project Approach - 25 points, and Time Frame of the Work - 20 points.

Selection shall be made in accordance with CNMI Procurement Regulations. Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made therefrom, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. The officer with expenditure authority shall negotiate a contract with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the Government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated, negotiations shall be terminated, and negotiations shall be undertaken with the second highest qualified firm. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated, negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations shall be undertaken with the third highest qualified firm. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with any of the firms, then the officer with expenditure authority shall select additional firms in order of competence and qualifications and continue negotiations until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

A scope of work and proposal package will be made available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 27, 1998, at the DPW, Secretary's Office, Gualo Rai, Saipan, at a cost of \$500.00 per package. A pre-proposal meeting will be conducted at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library/Conference Room, at exactly 9 a.m. on August 17, 1998.

Six (6) sets of the proposal including copies of the required Certificate of Authority from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing and CNMI Business License must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked DPW98-RFP-020 and addressed to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, not later than 3:00 p.m., local time August 31, 1998.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government. Award of the project is contingent upon final approval of funding.

All inquiries shall be directed in writing to the Office of the Lt. Governor, Chairman of the Solid Waste Task Force, Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

/s/ JUAN B. CEPEDA
Acting Secretary of Public Works

Date: July, 17, 1998

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLON
Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

Date: July, 17, 1998

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Application forms are available at the Ports Police Office on the first floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office on the second floor of the same building. Application forms must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of application is August 17, 1998 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 664-3500.

s Carlos H. Salas
Executive Director

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the SAIPAN HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, DREDGED MATERIAL HAULING & DISPOSAL, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLAND, CPA Project No. S-CPA-01-95 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 17, 1998, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of hauling dredged material from the Saipan Harbor to disposal sites in Marpi, and maintenance of stockpile areas in Marpi.

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 thirty days (30) from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for sixty days (60) from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents. 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 Subjects to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

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

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

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

Contract documents, may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, upon the payment of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for each set of 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 conference room of the CPA SAIPAN SEAPORT OFFICE BUILDING, at 9:00 A.M., on Wednesday, August 12, 1998, to explain and clarify and questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least one (1) day 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 in a form substantially similar to that supplied with the contract documents not less than three (3) 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 Port 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

Date: August 6, 1998

Japan gives China more flood aid

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese government decided Friday to send flood-ravaged China additional financial support amounting to U.S. \$500,000, the Foreign Ministry announced.

Additionally, Japan will also send tents, water purifiers and electricity generators totaling 49.4 million yen (\$342,000), the ministry said.

Japan already provided

\$700,000 in financial support and material assistance worth 29.5 million yen (\$204,000) last month, the ministry said.

The latest aid comes as the death toll from China's devastating summer flood season has officially passed 2,000.

The massive floods have affected, to varying degrees, 240 million people, or a fifth of the population, according to the Chinese government.



Chinese soldiers stationed in Jiujiang put steel tubes into flood waters to prevent sandbags in there from moving in Jiangxi province Saturday. AP

Vietnam devalues again

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam effectively devalued its currency by about 7 percent Friday, the fourth cut in the last year as the government continued its go-slow approach to avoid the precipitous plunges that have ravaged other Asian countries.

The devaluation was part of a two-step move that began late Thursday when the State Bank of Vietnam narrowed the trading band within which the dong can trade from 10 percent to 7 percent.

On Friday morning, the bank set the target rate at 12,998 dong to the dollar from 11,815 on Thursday, making the new floor 13,907. The dong has been constantly trading at the low mark of the trading band all year.

Immediate reaction was confusion. Analysts have been predicting another cut was imminent for months, but many still were caught off-balance by the state bank's moves.

One trader said just after trading opened Friday that the prices were "crazy" and that no one was quoting rates.

Japan student missing in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Police are searching for a 36-year-old Japanese student who arrived alone in Alaska in June and failed to arrive at her destination in Valdez on Prince William Sound.

Police say Hiroko Nemoto came to Anchorage on June 3, bought a train ticket to nearby Whittier and a ferry ticket to Valdez, 80 miles (130 kilometers) to the northeast.

Sgt. Tim Kasper said both tickets had been used but Nemoto never arrived at the Valdez hotel where she had reservations.

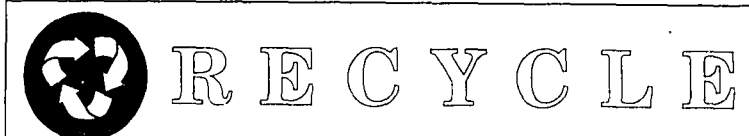
Nemoto is a Japanese student studying English at Michigan State University in East Lansing. She had just finished the spring semester and is 10 credits away from earning a bachelor's degree, East Lansing police say.

Nemoto's mother, who lives in Ibaraki east of Tokyo, contacted authorities in Michigan in July.

Detective Dave Vincent of the East Lansing department, said Nemoto, a straight-A student, did not appear to have a troubled life but may have been unhappy after receiving a B in a class.

Authorities say Nemoto bought a one-way ticket aboard Northwest Airlines, telling a friend she planned to stay in Alaska for a month.

Anchorage police are investigating the disappearance as a missing person but conceded that foul play or suicide are a possibility.



Gingrich begins visit to Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Saturday began a weeklong survey of the Northern Ireland peace process, Ireland's economic success — and his own Irish roots.

Accompanied by four Democrat and two Republican lawmakers, the Georgia Republican arrived in Dublin Saturday, saying that it was important for American politicians "to demonstrate our joint commitment to the peace process."

He said he'd talked Friday with President Clinton about the efforts to forge a new cross-community government of Catholics and Protestants for Northern Ireland.

Two crewmen rescued after crash of F-14

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — An F-14 Tomcat fighter jet based at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on Saturday and both crewmen ejected and were rescued within 15 minutes, the Navy said.

The jet, assigned to Fighter Squadron 32 and operating from the aircraft carrier Enterprise, was on a routine training operation when the crash happened at about 3 p.m. approximately 62 miles northwest of the Virgin Islands.

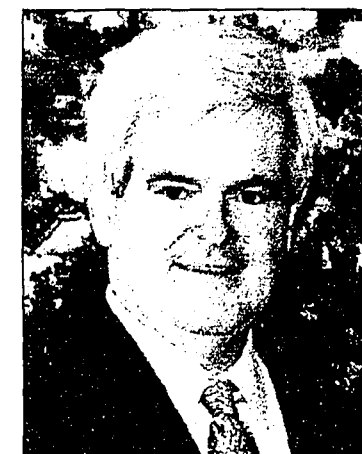
The pilot and the radar intercept operator were in excellent condition aboard the Enterprise after being rescued by the destroyer Thorn. Navy Cmdr. Joe Gradisher said.

The cause of the accident has not been determined.



President Clinton gives a thumbs-up while attending a White House-sponsored conference on economic self-determination in Indian communities Thursday at a hotel in Washington. AP

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Newt Gingrich

Gingrich on Sunday will meet senior government ministers. On Tuesday he plans to help build a Belfast house for a U.S.-funded project called Habitat for Humanity, which helps poor people construct their own homes in interna-

tional trouble spots.

He expects to meet David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of the new Assembly, and Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

On Thursday and Friday, Gingrich heads to Ireland's remote northwest corner of Donegal, where his grandmother's O'Doherty clan and its genealogical research center are based.

"My grandmother always told me I had the gift of the blarney," he said. "This will definitely be the most interesting part of the visit for me."

Before leaving Ireland Aug. 15, Gingrich will visit factories of U.S. computer makers. The Irish Republic currently enjoys the best economic growth in western Europe.

FAA orders fuel tank inspections

SEATTLE (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has ordered immediate inspection of the center fuel tanks of Boeing 747 jetliners after receiving reports of worn fuel line parts that could result in fire or explosion.

The airworthiness directive issued Friday directly affects about 300 planes registered in the United States. For the 800 registered elsewhere, most other national regulatory agencies and airplane operators follow the FAA's lead.

U.S. operators affected by the order include Continental Airlines, FedEx, Northwest Airlines, TWA, United Airlines and United Parcel Service.

The hazard is that sparks could be created when worn metal components collide inside the fuel-intake lines for two devices called over-ride-jettison pumps. The pumps feed fuel to a 747's four engines or, in an emergency, send fuel overboard.

Although the action is one of a series of directives resulting from the investigation of the 1996 explosion of TWA Flight 800 off New York's Long Island, parts similar to those involved in Friday's directive were recovered after the Flight 800 crash and were not found to be worn, the FAA said. The National Transportation Safety Board has said the center fuel tank exploded on Flight 800, but it does not know what triggered the blast.

Boeing got two reports of the worn fuel line parts some months ago, said company spokeswoman Leslie Wilder, but laboratory testing "found no condition under which these components could have generated an ignition course."

Until inspections are performed, the FAA ordered operators of the jumbo jet to keep about 7,000 pounds of fuel in the center tanks to keep the parts submerged.

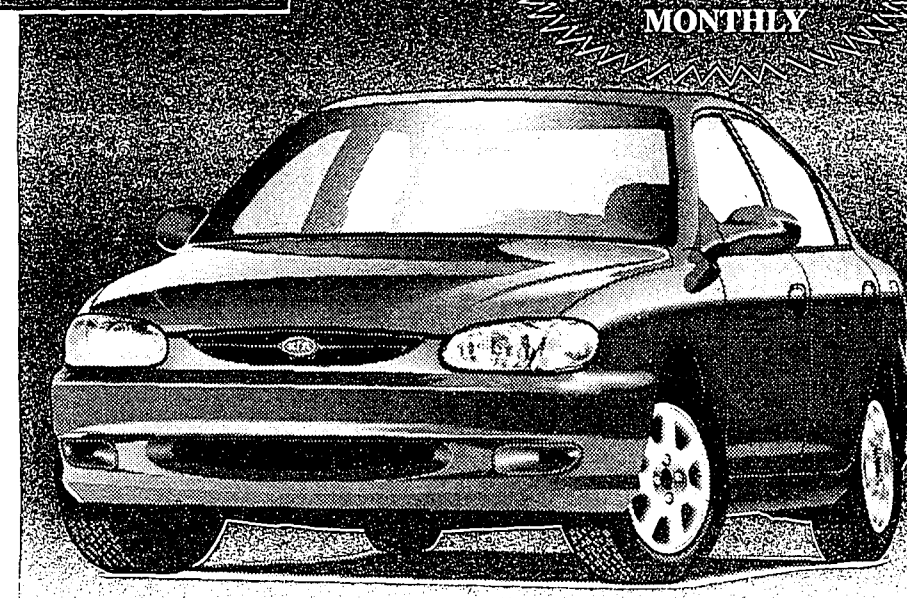
The safety order essentially makes mandatory urgent maintenance bulletins that Boeing sent 747 operators in April and May, and procedures for pilots the company suggested in June.

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Colombia reels from rebel attacks

By JARED KOTLER

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A huge rebel offensive in the run-up to Andres Pastrana's swearing in Friday as Colombia's president has demonstrated just how strong the leftist insurgents have become and how difficult it will be to make peace.

In fighting that tapered off

Wednesday, guerrillas from the two largest rebel factions set off bombs in cities and towns, attacked oil pipelines and a hydroelectric dam and hammered army and police bases in about half the country with rockets, mortars and grenades.

The government said 68 soldiers and police were killed

and 87 wounded by rebels of the 15,000-member Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and the 5,000-member National Liberation Army, or ELN. Another 46 security-force members were missing, it said.

In the most devastating action, rebels overran an important southern anti-narcotics



The outgoing President of Colombia Ernesto Samper (right) hugs Andres Pastrana, the new president upon his arrival at the presidential palace in Bogota Friday. AP

base in Miraflores, killing or dragging away dozens of soldiers and police as possible bargaining chips.

The rebel commander who organized the raid, Jorge Briceño, told reporters by two-way radio that guerrillas took more than 100 prisoners.

The onslaught was a rude welcome for Pastrana, who met in the jungles of Colombia last month with top FARC leaders and agreed to start peace talks with the 34-year-old rebel group by November.

"Sometimes you have to work for peace in the midst of war," an undeterred Pastrana said Wednesday.

Grim-faced army leaders said they repelled the offensive and called it a military and political failure for the rebels. Colombian military analysts disagreed.

"It's the largest disaster in the history of the insurgency, and it comes on top of an entire chain of disasters over the past three years," said Alfredo Rangel, a former presidential national security advisor.

In March, the rebels killed 62 soldiers and seized 43 oth-

ers in an attack blamed by army leaders on intelligence failures of the same sort that apparently failed to anticipate this week's guerrilla actions.

The 120,000-member army has been unable to counter an increasingly bold and well-trained rebel force that has gained in wealth and firepower in part through stepped up revenues from ransom kidnappings and "war taxes" on cocaine production in rebel-controlled areas.

The guerrillas have gone in recent years from occasional ambushes of small groups of soldiers and simple harassment, to assaults by hundreds of rebels on heavily fortified army and police bases, such as the Miraflores base overrun on Monday.

The challenge for the peace-seeking Pastrana, observers say, will be to reform and strengthen an ineffective and demoralized military.

"The guerrillas at this moment have many more cards to negotiate with," said Rangel. "They have much more bargaining power for having carried out this demonstration of force."

Skydiver in rough landing dies

KAPOWSIN, Wash. (AP) — A 45-year-old skydiving instructor was killed and a woman diving with him was severely injured Saturday when their main chute failed to open.

The instructor and the woman, who was on her first skydive, were harnessed together when they jumped from a plane at 4,000 feet at Kapowsin Airport, said Curt Benson, Pierce County sheriff's

spokesman.

Their main chute failed, and when the instructor tried to activate their reserve chute it did not fully open, Benson said.

Both victims, whose names were withheld, were taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

The woman, a 27-year-old New York state native, was in critical condition.



Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi carries a wreath in front of the monument for the victims of the atomic bombing on Nagasaki during ceremonies Sunday to mark the 53rd anniversary of the attack. AP

Nagasaki marks 53rd anniversary of atom bomb

TOKYO (AP) — In ceremonies marked by undiminished anger at the world's nuclear powers, Nagasaki on Sunday remembered the atomic bomb that devastated this port city 53 years ago.

"We cannot help but feel anger at the legitimization of nuclear weapons by those countries that possess them," Mayor Ichio Ito told thousands who gathered at the city's Peace Park to commemorate the anniversary.

Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi criticized India and Pakistan for making the world a more dangerous place with their tit-for-tat nuclear tests in May.

"Our government strongly urges both the Indian and Pakistani governments to immediately stop nuclear tests and unconditionally conclude the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," he said.

Under international pressure, Pakistan and India have said they are ready to engage in negotiations on a treaty on nuclear materials like plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

About 700 people attended a early morning service at Nagasaki's Urakami Cathedral, which was rebuilt along with much of the city after the atomic explosion in 1945.

Some 25,000 people joined in the Peace Park ceremony, where survivors read gruesome accounts of destruction and the suffering that followed the blast.

City residents recognized a moment of silence as Buddhist temples rang bells at 11:02 a.m. (0202 GMT), the exact time that the bomb exploded after a U.S. B-29 dropped it.

More than 60,000 people perished in the blast, which had an explosive force of 22 kilotons, or 22,000 tons of TNT.

The Nagasaki attack came three days after the United States dropped a smaller bomb on the city of Hiroshima in an effort to force the Japanese into surrender at the end of World War II.

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All bids must be in a sealed envelope facemarked "IFB98-990" and submitted in duplicate to the Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 p.m., August 26, 1998 at which time and place all bids will be opened read aloud. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The bidder are requested to submit with their bid a copy of their business permit. The PSS has the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject or all bids if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to the bid announcement maybe directed to Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3762/63.

/s/ Rita Hocog Inos
Commissioner Of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

Babauta . . .

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Ross M. Buchholz, however, has informed the court that AGO had not sufficient time to get a replacement for Kiffer before the Sept. 8 trial.

Last March, the suspect's lawyer, Ted Mitchell, said he would hire a University of Pennsylvania professor to testify for Babauta's "defense of temporary insanity."

According to the complaint filed by AGO, Jose Boki Babauta was

driving a van with his wife and other relatives when another vehicle being driven by the suspect passed by in the opposite direction.

The suspect allegedly flipped his middle finger and swore at his cousin. The suspect then followed his cousin's van and shot him with a rifle.

Jose Boki Babauta was fatally hit in the head.

A Public School System employee when the incident happened. Oscar R. Babauta was arrested by police but has posted bail.

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Only after all the refunds have been processed, the tax rebate checks will begin being processed. The rebate checks will be processed on a continuing schedule, again based on the date the return was filed.

The department previously released refund and rebate checks at once but because of the alleged drained public coffers, the government resorted to giving out refund checks first since this has

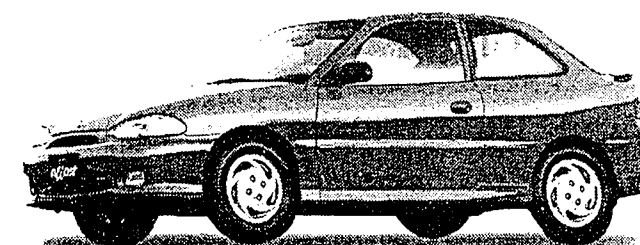
legal requirements.

But DOF insiders claimed this was just a way of stretching the available money.

Acting government spokesman Travis Coffman said the finance department will start cutting checks on payments for Earned Income Credit (EIC) once all rebate checks have been processed.

Coffman said the taxation division is anticipating to issue all refund, rebate and EIC checks by early October, adding that all returns are reviewed for accuracy during processing.

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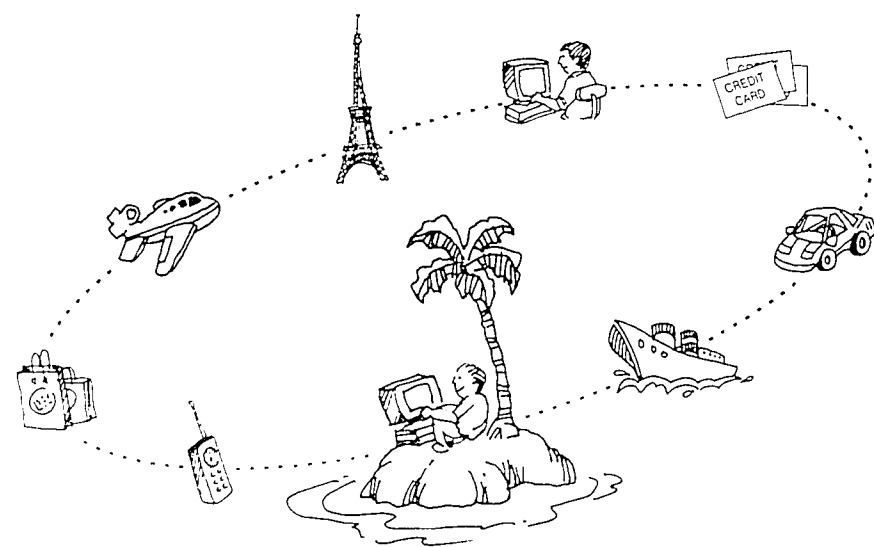
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Myanmar exiles stage protest

By Thaksina Khaikaew
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) —
Marking the 10th anniversary of an
anti-government uprising that was

brutally crushed, hundreds of exiled
students from Myanmar renewed their
calls Saturday for an end to their
nation's military rule.

About 300 students chanted out-
side their embassy in Bangkok and
waved posters of Aung San Suu Kyi,
a prominent opposition leader and

Nobel laureate Suu Kyi.

She and her National League for
Democracy party have set an Aug. 21
deadline, demanding the government
of Myanmar, also known as Burma,
allow an opposition-dominated Par-
liament elected in 1990 to finally
convene.

In Myanmar's capital of Yangon,
witnesses said there was a visible
increase in security checkpoints. But
no tanks or soldiers were seen. Yangon
was calm, and schools and businesses
were open.

Opposition groups, however,
marked the anniversary of the Aug.
8, 1988, pro-democracy uprising,
in which an estimated 3,000 people
died. Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991
Nobel Peace Prize, urged her country-
men in a videotaped message seen in Bangkok on Fri-

day to not give up hope that the
military, which has ruled since 1962,
would relinquish power.

"We will win," said Suu Kyi, who
has spent most of the past decade
under house arrest or other form of
imprisonment. "Do not lose heart.
We will never give up, so don't give
up."

In a speech reported in official
newspapers, Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt,
a member of Myanmar's ruling
State Peace and Development
Council, accused internal traitors
of trying to break the country apart
"under the pretext of democracy
and human rights."

The government also an-
nounced that it had complied
with Suu Kyi's request to re-
move its security detail from
her compound.



Myanmar protesters raise clenched fists and scream for slogans outside Myanmar embassy in Tokyo during a rally to mark the 10th anniversary of anti-government uprising Saturday. AP

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More Indonesia troops pull out of East Timor

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia withdrew 600 combat troops from East Timor on Saturday in the latest phase of a military pullback tied to Indonesia's plan to offer limited autonomy to the disputed territory.

The withdrawal comes amid renewed efforts to reach a peaceful solution to a long-standing conflict in the former Portuguese territory, which was invaded by Indonesia in 1975.

The pullout, which brings to 1,300 the number of troops withdrawn since last month, was ordered by Indonesian President B.J. Habibie, who has proposed the limited autonomy scheme.

The foreign ministers of Indonesia and Portugal held talks on the initiative at the United Nations in New York this week.

All sides say they are optimistic that a solution can be reached. About 10,700 combat troops remain in East Timor and Col. Tono Suratman, Indonesian regimental military commander in the territory's capital of Dili, said some of them might be withdrawn in the future.

He said 300 marines and 300 elite army troops left the provincial capital on several navy ships Saturday. About 400 troops were withdrawn on July 28 and another 300 on Monday.

East Timor has endured decades of guerrilla warfare since Indonesia took control of the territory, 1,200 miles east of Jakarta. A small band of rebels regularly attacks Indonesian troops, who have been accused of widespread human rights violations.

On Friday, armed forces commander Gen. Wiranto said Indonesian troops also would be pulled out of another troubled corner of Indonesia, the province of Aceh. Islamic separatists have been fighting for independence there and the army has also been accused of rights abuses there, including torture and arbitrary killings.



Indonesian marines board a ship taking them from East Timor at the port in Dili Saturday. The Indonesian armed forces pulled out 600 combat troops from the former Portuguese colony, bringing to 1,300 the number withdrawn from the disputed territory since last month. Following talks at the UN regarding the East Timorese situation last week, the move comes amid diplomatic efforts to reach a peaceful solution to the conflict in the troubled province. AP

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employees who have been working for less than three months and have been included in the list of those who will be laid off will be granted an equivalent of one week salary and free plane ticket.

As of press time, Filipino workers were said to have organized an emergency meeting scheduled at 7 p.m. last night. Workers of other nationalities are also reportedly organizing

their respective meetings to oppose the alleged mass lay-off.

A ranking Dynasty employee confirmed the retrenchment but did not say how many workers will be laid off. The source only said the economic upheavals in the region is also hurting the casino-hotel.

But the Marianas Visitors Authority, in its May records, reported otherwise. Arrival tally from Hong Kong, however, jumped by 56 percent during the period under review. Tourism officials look at the development as "positive signs" of an effective diver-

sification efforts initiated by the management of the Tinian Dynasty.

Visitors from Hong Kong totaled 378 in May this year, increasing from the 1997 figure registered at 242. In April, tourists from the former British colony numbered 309, slightly increasing from the previous month's tally.

Recent reports indicated the continued devaluation of many currencies in Asia following the decline of Chinese and Hong Kong currencies. Tinian Dynasty has been exerting extra efforts to tap casino markets

from mainland China and Hong Kong.

"This increase is attributed to the opening of the Tinian Dynasty which has aggressively launched promotions of their property as well as the destination," MVA officials said, adding that the casino-hotel facility, has pumped in more tourist arrivals to Tinian from the Guam market. Some 446 travelers from Guam visited Tinian in May.

However, total arrival figures dropped 33 percent in May compared with the same period last year.

MVA records indicated that 42,328 tourists visited CNMI in May this year, as against the May 1997 tally posted at 61,794.

CNMI's number one market — Japan — registered 31,985 arrivals, representing an 18 percent decline from the same month last year which totaled 38,939. While the number increased in comparison with April's record at 28,883, the MVB has only reported an increase in visitor arrivals from Japan at a measly four percent in March.

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discussion.

"We expect that the special committee will adopt this resolution and move it toward the 4th Committee, which meets in October, and into the general assembly meetings in December," Rivera said Friday.

"We hope there are no objections from the U.S., because we believe the language of the draft resolution to be accurate... The U.S. has had this obligation since 1946, and now they're being called upon to fulfill their obligation. This issue needs to be resolved," Rivera said. "The fact that 50 years has passed doesn't make it any less important an issue."

Rivera explained that the U.S. has disputed certain elements in U.N. resolutions in the past, such as Chamorro self-determination, "which they characterized as a racial proposal that somehow disenfranchises U.S. citizens on Guam."

But, he explained further, the group of people that is recognized to have this right to self-determination, the group that was here at the signing of

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downsizing workforce and "doing different kinds of packaging and special promotions."

"Some hotels are cutting back (work) hours from 48 to 36 a week," she said.

Hardest hit are the medium-scale hotels.

"Between the losses in the Korean market and the strength of the dollar against the yen, it's causing a drop," said Knight.

She added that the Japanese market "has dwindled a bit."

Knight said hotel operators are now pinning their hopes on the Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) "1999 Visit the Marianas" campaign plan.

According to MVA, the campaign intends to create a two-year promotional campaign that will "expose as many travel professionals and media companies to the CNMI as possible."

It is also aimed at increasing the number of tourist arrivals through what it dubbed as "niche marketing" of special events "designed to attract people of various ages, nationalities and interests."

The campaign plan was conceptualized in such a way that a special calendar of activities and promotional materials will be created with them months "that will capitalize on existing local events."

Tourist arrivals started to dwindle during the last quarter of 1997 when a series of currency crises was rocking several Asian economies.

The currency devaluation, as well as the present economic crisis being felt in Japan, are believed to have caused the tourism industry's decline this year.

the Treaty of Paris, just happens to be nearly 100 percent Chamorro. This is the group that was recognized by the United Nations, and this group happens to be Chamorro.

"Although it might look like a racial basis, it is not," he said.

"It's truly a politically-defined group who are the colonized and solely have the right to decolonize."

The resolution also calls for the U.S. to assist the government of Guam in achieving its political, economic and social goals; to return land, in cooperation with Gov. Guam, to the

people; and to "take all necessary measures to respond to the concerns of the Territorial Government with regard to the immigration issue."

Finally, the statement requests that the U.S. cooperate in promoting the sustainable development of economic activities and enterprises by the Chamorro people of Guam, and especially in commercial fishing, agriculture and other such activities.

The special committee decided to treat Guam separately from other small, non-self-governing territories of the world last month, and ap-

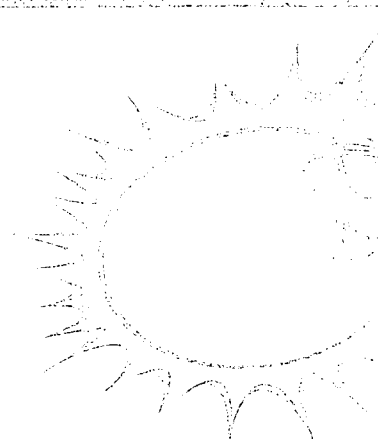
pointed Papua New Guinea to lead discussions with the U.S. in producing a resolution on Guam's situation.

"This action by the United Nations will obviously bring greater focus on the situation in Guam. This new approach by the U.N. mirrors the way that world body addresses other complex colonial problems where there are contested claims between the colonized people and settlers over who has the right to self-determination in the territory," Rivera said at the time.

He noted that changes in the resolution on Guam should be anticipated.

"In the past few years, the U.S. government has tried to reinvent what we in Guam have called for. We have pointedly brought this to the attention of the U.N. as well as the situation in Guam with respect to U.S. immigration policies."


Some 18 colonies remain on the U.N.'s list of non-self-governing territories, according to Rivera. Their administering powers include the U.S., France, Great Britain, Portugal, Indonesia, New Zealand, Spain and Argentina.

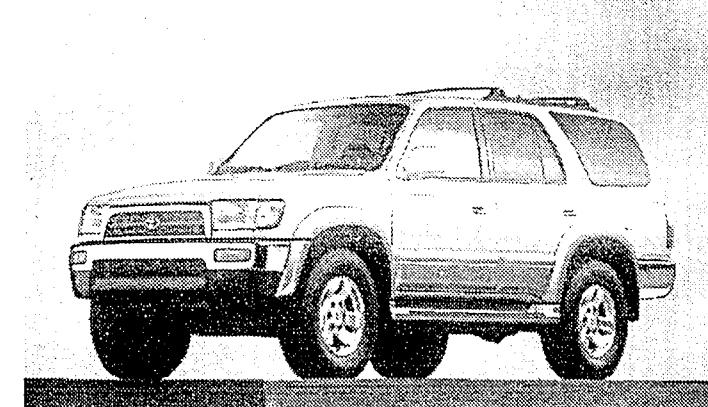


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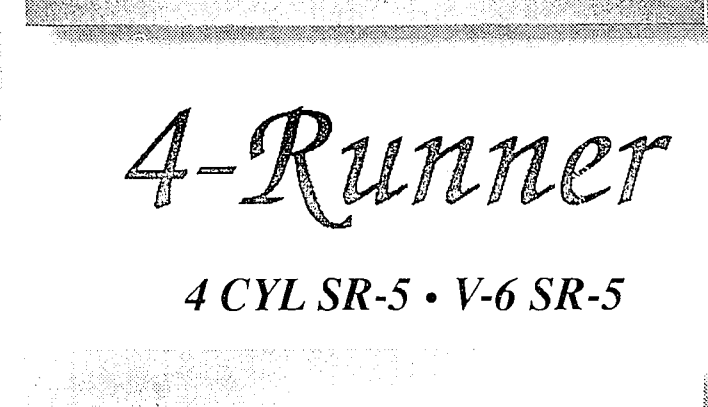
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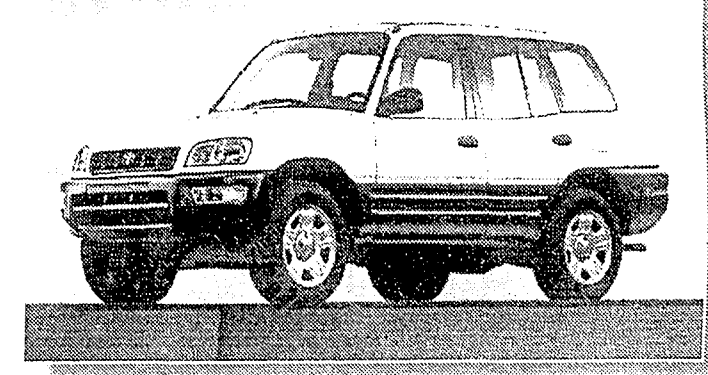
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to Japan and start calling on these different people that provide CNMI with tourists.

Another area that should be looked into, he added, is to subsidize the advertising of the ground tour operators.

"These are the people who are working to get more customers to come and I think they should be awarded by the government," he said, explaining that the idea is part of his agenda that he will let the board to decide.

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pass the NCLEX and I hope they're studying now. We continue to have them on board being supervised by professional nurses who have passed the NCLEX," he said.

Villagomez also said that passing the NCLEX may not be the best measuring tool to determine a nurse's capabilities but it will help determine if someone has mastered the basic foundation of nursing.

"It's (NCLEX) the most objective tool that we currently have and we'll gonna use it to set a level of standard that we want to achieve," Villagomez said.

DEQ . . .

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well owners file and submit a complete well operation renewal permit application to DEQ at least 30 days prior to expiration of the existing permit. This also applies to all existing wells that are operating without a well-operation permit, DEQ said in a public notice.

DEQ said the application must be accompanied with two semi-annual water analysis report as stated on their current well operation permit.

The record of the well owners'

total monthly withdrawal shall also be attached to the application as well as the copy of the current well operation permit.

DEQ stressed that all other conditions stated on the well-owners well operation permit must be complied with upon submission of their well operation permit renewal.

Those who will fail to comply may be subject to revocation and suspension of permit to operate

the water well.

They also risk an administrative order with a fine of not more than a thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation per day.

For those well owners who need assistance regarding this matter, DEQ advised them to contact the division at 234-1011/6984/4114 or visit the office located at 3rd Floor of the Morgan Building, San Jose, Beach Road.

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the Commonwealth.

"The exemptions granted by the government are justified because some of our local people have just started their businesses and their capital is not that big," he added.

He explained that whenever he receives requests for exemption from the private sector, he refers these to the Department of Labor and Immigration which reviews the request and submits recommendations to his office.

"If they meet the requirement of the law, then we approve the exemption but DOLI must approve first before I submit to the Legislature," he said.

Earlier, House Speaker Diego T. Benavente raised concerns over some of the hiring moratorium exemptions

granted to certain companies in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Benavente said he has seen more than 10 public notices from employers who have been allowed to import new nonresident workers despite the recent enactment of Public Law 11-6 which freezes hiring of new guest workers.

He said, however, that majority of the exemptions granted, so far, have been justified while some nonresident workers who have been recruited to the CNMI with which processes were not part of the moratorium law, were allowed by existing labor and immigration regulations.

The law was enacted to primarily maximize the internal labor pool of the CNMI, and allow foreign workers currently employed in the CNMI to transfer to another company, including change in job classifications and compensation.

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added.

It will be recalled that Chamber President Jose C. Ayuyu has said the moratorium law has become futile in that government has been granting exemptions "left and right."

"Why, in the first place put a moratorium when you know left and right it is going to be violated or people will be asking for ex-

emption?" he raised.

Ayuyu said it is his "understanding" that there is "a lot of exemptions already (granted)."

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, in March this year, signed House Bill 11-163 into Public Law 11-6.

In doing so however, he urged the Legislature to enact a "more workable" hiring moratorium.

He insisted that the moratorium "is designed to be a temporary measure and is not well-suited to be a long-term solution."

Officers in . . .

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in the Criminal Investigation Bureau office where Eugenio was brought after being arrested for breaking into Wendy's Restaurant in the evening of Nov. 29 and

seriously injuring a police officer who rushed to the restaurant after its alarm went off.

Eugenio claimed that the police officers assaulted him, sprayed him with mace, and forced him to eat a piece of paper.

His civil lawsuit is set for trial early next year.

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tain hundreds of acres of land is needed for the recovery of endangered species, despite studies showing the land area is not conducive to recovery of endangered species because of the infestation of the brown tree snake.

Since the 1962 condemnation, only two small one-story buildings were constructed by the Navy, leaving hundreds of acres undeveloped. Together with other families' lands condemned during the same 1962 condemnation proceedings, a total of

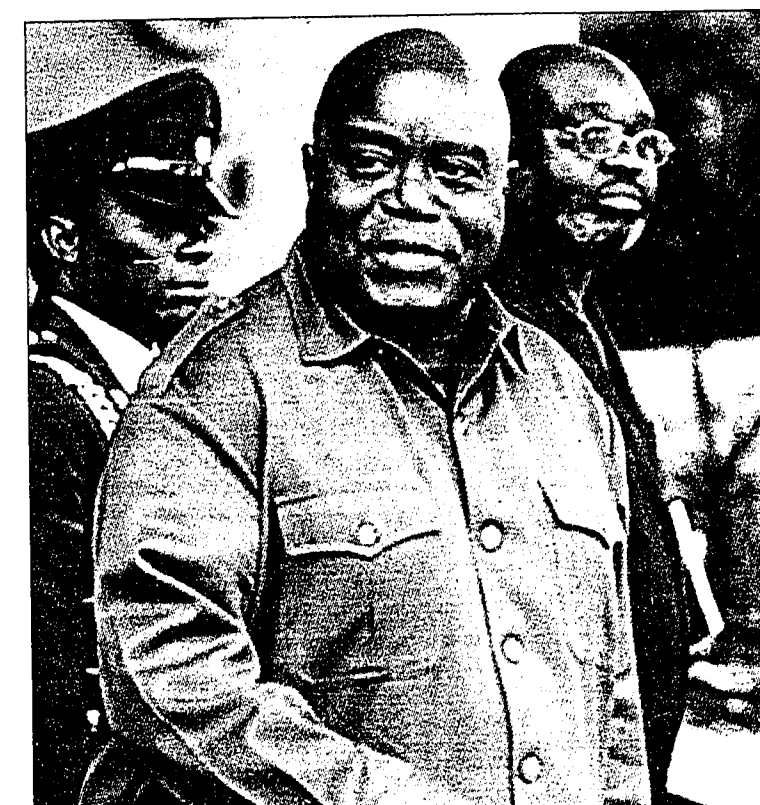
about 375 acres were first condemned for military purposes.

"We lost a wonderful man that fought bravely in two wars to uphold the United States constitution," said Olympia Pangelinan Cruz.

"Seeing his casket covered with the United States flag during honors by the Color Guard showed that the peaceful and legal way of getting back our land was always done without hatred to the United States," added Cruz.

Tomorrow morning, Mrs. Dolores Aquero will escort her husbands body to Orange County, California for burial at a Veteran's cemetery.

Kabila joins peace talks



President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Laurent Kabila leaves the Elephant Hills Hotel in Zimbabwean resort town of Victoria Falls Saturday after six hours of inconclusive talks on the crisis in the Great Lakes region. AP

By IAN STEWART

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Despite a meeting between their leaders, Congo and its eastern neighbor Rwanda show no signs of ending fighting near their border.

Congo's President Laurent Kabila accuses the Tutsi-led Rwandan government of masterminding an uprising in the eastern Kivu region.

Rwanda repeatedly has denied it was behind Congo's uprising and said Kabila was trying to divert attention from disenchantment with his government.

Kabila sat down Saturday in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, with his Rwandan adversary, President Pasteur Bizimungu, to try to find a peaceful end to growing hostilities. They were joined by five other regional leaders.

But prospects for a solution emerging from the talks appeared dim. Congo continued to broadcast accusations against Rwanda on Saturday, enlisted fresh army recruits and detained ethnic Tutsis on suspicion of treason.

On his return to the Rwandan capital Kigali, the Rwandan leader accused Kabila of trying to establish a pretext to attack Rwanda and threatened Congo with a preemptive strike.

"We will not wait for Congo to attack first," Bizimungu told The Associated Press.

Bizimungu said Rwanda had credible evidence of Kabila's training of at least 10,000 former Hutu soldiers and militiamen in the southern city of Kamina, and that he planned to use them against Rwanda.

The rebels were responsible for the 1994 genocide of more than 500,000 minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus. The killing ended when Tutsi-led rebels won power in Rwanda in July 1994, sending the former Hutu government across the border into Congo.

Bizimungu again rejected Kabila's charges that 2,000 Rwandan troops were fighting alongside Congolese

Tutsis and advancing from the east of the country. Several key cities, including Goma and Bukavu, are already in the hands of rebel Tutsis.

"What is happening in Congo is not our responsibility," Bizimungu said. "Kabila accused us of building a Tutsi empire ... but what is happening is that he is paying the price for mismanaging the country."

Congo's government has been repeatedly broadcasting statements by Kabila declaring there is no room to bargain with Rwanda.

"There is nothing to negotiate in Zimbabwe except the immediate withdrawal of Rwandan troops," Kabila was quoted as saying on state radio.

In Congo's capital Kinshasa, hundreds of unemployed men and women turned out at a military base to enlist in the army, vowing to crush the rebellion and take the war to Rwanda.

"We're determined to protect our country," said one young woman who refused to give her name. "If they give us arms today, we are ready to go all the way to Rwanda."

The rebellious Rwandan soldiers and Congolese Tutsi fighters — called Banyamulenge — backed Kabila last year in his ouster of dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, but they have since grown disaffected.

Among other things, the fighters accuse Kabila of failing to contain Rwandan Hutu rebels launching cross-border attacks from inside Congo.

The Banyamulenge have close ethnic ties with the Tutsis, who now govern Rwanda.

"They want to create a Tutsi empire," Kabila said in another statement on state-controlled Voice of the People radio. "But are we Congolese prepared to accept the challenge of a toad which wants to swallow an elephant?"

The rebel Tutsi fighters also appeared to ignore diplomatic efforts to

end the conflict and vowed to push toward the capital of Kinshasa.

The rebels announced a new set of targets in western Congo, pledging to push inland from their Atlantic coastline stronghold of Muanda to Boma, within 150 miles (250 kms) southwest of the capital.

With sabers rattling, several Euro-

pean countries and the United States have ordered their non-essential embassy employees out of Congo. The United States has urged all Americans to leave the country.

With the hostilities mounting, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of ethnic Tutsis and other citizens have been rounded up by the police in Congo,

while troops loyal to Kabila looted their shops, the U.N. human rights agency said.

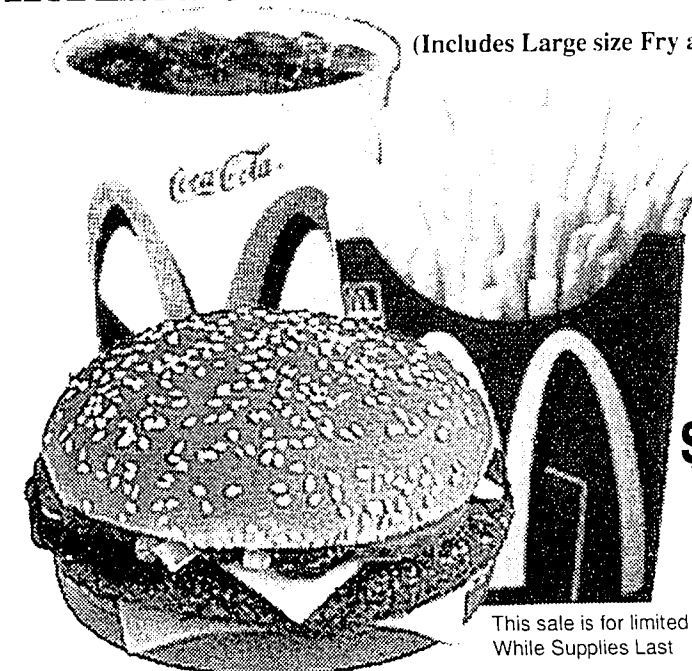
The revenge attacks on Tutsis reflect a growing instability in Kinshasa and elsewhere in Congo amid displeasure with Kabila's rule, which critics say is marked by corruption and mismanagement.



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JOSE T. CHARFAROS and
MARY C. CHARFAROS,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
CONSTANZA M. FLEMING,
Defendant.
Civil Action No. 96-1294

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Supplemental Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on June 30, 1998, 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: real property situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract No. 027 T 02, containing an area of 25,000 square meters more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 027 T 00 dated February 10, 1976.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 14, 1998, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Maitman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the obligation 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 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 adjust 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, Maitman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the Plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

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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.

Changes of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 6th day of July, 1998.

/s/JOHN B. JOYNER, Auctioneer

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

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Probe . . .

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reflect on his position."

Others believe Clinton can rebound. "One thing we should have learned about Bill Clinton is that that any reports about his death are premature and usually wrong," said Ornstein. "If we can weather this storm and keep his approval rating above 50 percent, that will have an impact."

US panel . . .

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ney General Eric Holder would have to decide whether she should be prosecuted by an independent counsel for a criminal violation, which could carry a maximum penalty of a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Holder could consider whether department policy and practice was to prosecute such contempt or not, Justice officials said.

Shoe store ...

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sleeved shirt, faded light-blue jeans, a pair of black leather shoes, and a pair of dark sunglasses.

Flores announced that the cashier told police that the store had between eight to ten customers during the incident and that they all left before the police responded to the scene.

The case is still under investigation.

If you have any information please call GPD at 472-8911 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 477-HELP.

Cellular . . .

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apparently banked on TDHC's recent completion.

The facility, a 180-foot high antenna, has been set into a 325-ton concrete base. It allows cellular connections at virtually any point on the island and provide cellphone users easy accessibility across the channel on Saipan.

Beginning today, Rogers said, new subscribers on the island will be able to call around Tinian and make long distance calls from their cellphones.

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"We are very pleased to be able to bring this important and valuable service to Tinian, particularly now when the business community is growing on the island and we are getting many requests for this service," said Rogers.

Vision . . .

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trance fee is \$10 with a complimentary beer.

"We just want to tell the public that ten dollars is not really a big deal because while they are having fun, they are helping the community at the same time. The proceeds of this concert goes back to the community," said Macabalo.

The First Lady will be going on the air this week explaining the purpose of her foundation. She will be also promoting the concert that will help the Vision Foundation to raise more funds.

Budweiser has been doing concerts for different causes in the past. The recent fundraising activity that Budweiser hosted was in last February when the proceeds of that activity went to Mount Carmel.

Other sponsors for the Vision Concert include the Hollywood Video, World Tours and Travel, Shell, Coca Cola, Wanie's Beauty Salon, Elite Printing, Power 99 FM and Symbors.

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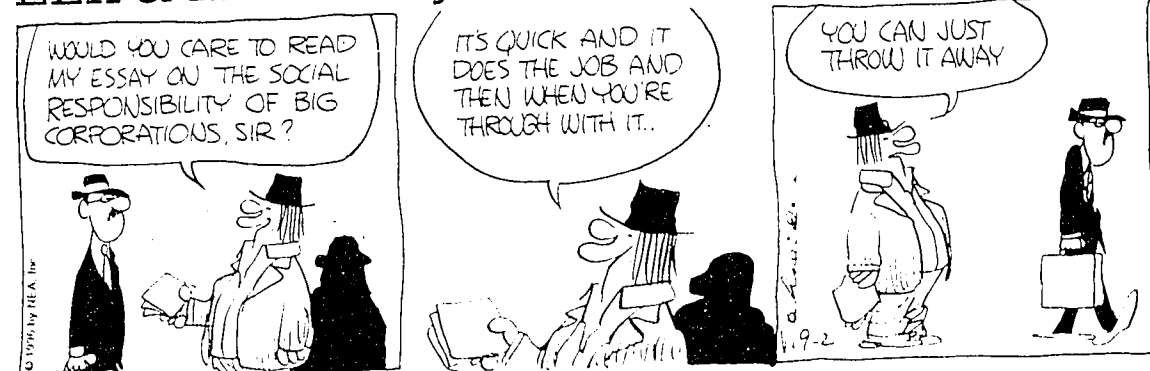
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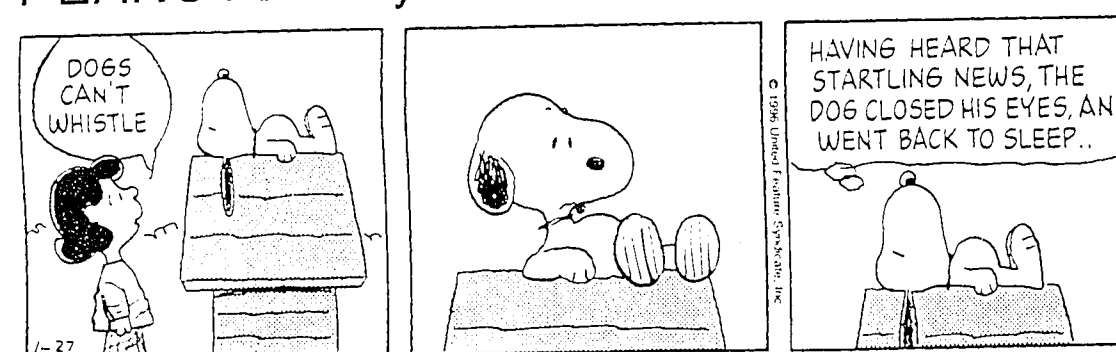
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

MONDAY

Born today, you are not always able to juggle daily duties and responsibilities. It is extremely important that you learn to prioritize and delegate supporting tasks to others whenever you can. No one expects you to do everything yourself! You are comfortable in managerial roles, and work well as a team player.

You can be too trusting for your own good, and choose to see the best in people even when all evidence points to the contrary! Though this is admirable, it's likely to get you into hot water now and then.

Also born on this date are: Herbert Hoover, U.S. president; Rosanna Arquette and Rhonda Fleming, actresses.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Focus on putting things in perspective today. Don't let anyone tell you what to think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Quality control is important today. You don't want anything standard to slip through the cracks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Success depends on your ability to work well with those who aren't directly involved in your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Proceed according to plan today, but use caution. Risks may be multiplied and rewards threatened by external forces.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — This is a good day for you to seek advice regarding employment or relationship issues. You're ready to listen!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your attitude is on the mend at this time, and your work in all areas is likely to show vast improvement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Prospects look good, but you

must take care not to overlook possible areas of negativity. Take in all the facts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — That which begins before noon today has a great deal of potential. It may start slowly, or without your knowledge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your ability to work well with others may be affected by your unstable mood today. See if you can't keep personal responses to a minimum.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may distort things today, leading to faulty assessments. Take another look!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A loved one is after more than you're willing to give at this time. You may have to prepare for a change that cannot be easily avoided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone may think you've made a pact with the devil, but you can prove that everything you're doing is on the up-and-up.

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ACROSS

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- 9 Follows Fri.
- 12 Paradise
- 13 "I cannot tell"
- 14 Individual
- 15 Much bigger
- 17 Dipped out
- 19 Academic subjects
- 21 Narrow openings
- 22 Majesty
- 26 Running
- 27 Sleeping disorder
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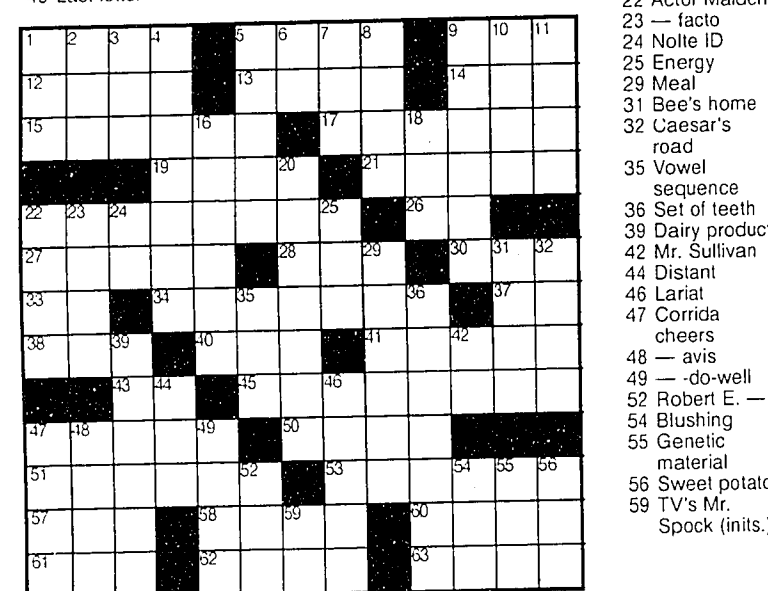
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- 11 Spreads hay
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- 22 Actor Malden
- 23 — facto
- 24 Nolte ID
- 25 Energy
- 29 Meal
- 31 Bee's home
- 32 Caesar's road
- 35 Vowel sequence
- 36 Set of teeth
- 39 Dairy product
- 42 Mr. Sullivan
- 44 Distant
- 46 Lariat
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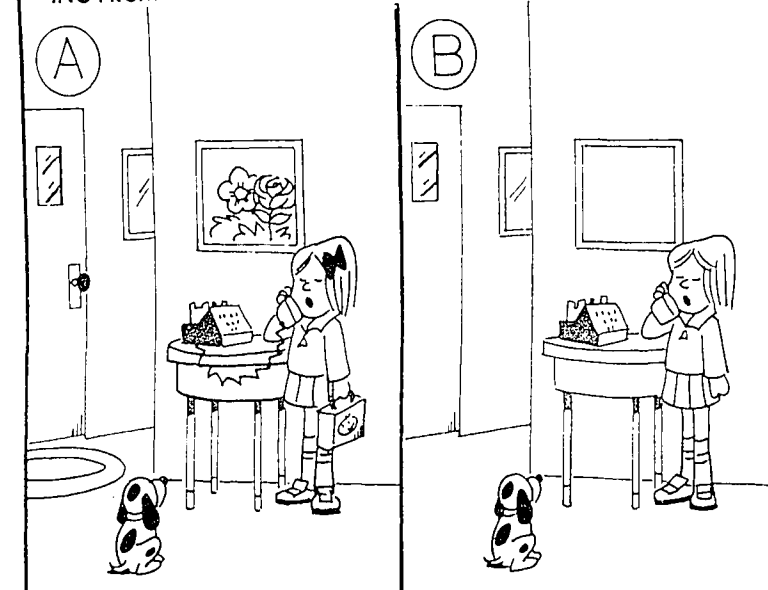


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Bears ...

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trained a late rally to the Bears 20-yard line. But Nicolichia came up with the cake topping by picking off Brown to seal the victory.

"Brown is their threat and we practiced all week long just for Brown; not Banks, not anybody else, just Brown, and we controlled him and shut him out," Nicolichia said.

"They were picking on our defensive right side when they were passing the ball. I just played back to where they kept throwing it and sure enough. The ball was going back into the end zone, but the ball was low and I got to get it."

Miller got on the board in the first quarter when a Brown pass bounced

off of receiver Miguel Saucedo and into the hands of Miller defensive tackle Charles Churchill at the Cardinals 22-yard line. That set up Wegner's 38-yard field goal to put the Bears ahead 3-0.

Wegner added his second field goal as time ran out in the first quarter with a 27-yard chip shot.

PacSports racked up 292 offensive yards, as compared to Miller's 132 yards.

Next for the Bears is the thankless task of facing the explosive Angels, who has beaten them twice during the regular season. Miller will work this week in stopping leading rusher Scott Persing.

"We're going to have to keep Persing in check, if that's possible," defensive end Gerald Bennett said. "If it is, this defense can do it. That's the way I feel."

"Whoever we line up against, we come at them hard and that's the way we're going to continue to play."

As for the weather, Bennett is hoping for the Bears favorite condition - rain. That's the conditions of their victory over the Angels in last year's semifinals.

"I like the rain. I like Bear ball. We want to slow Persing down."

Palau ...

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The hometown crowd cheered and stomped the bleachers causing a deafening din each time Ngrichomei set up her teammates for easy open shots with her patented behind-the-back and no-look passing.

Boldon ...

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final at Moscow Sept. 5. Jones, Haile Gebrselassie, Charity Opara, Bryan Bronson and Hicham El Guerrouj are still alive for the bonus.

On a warm night on the French Riviera, there were several season bests set.

Jones stayed unbeaten in the women's 100, winning in 10.72, only .01 second off her season's world best.

Christine Arron of France, who had run 10.85 earlier this week, was well-beaten seventh in 11.19.

"I was motivated because I knew there were some competitors who were fast," Jones said. "But I think I can go faster than 10.70 in the coming weeks."

The next Golden League meet is at Zurich, Switzerland, on Wednesday. "The track is so fast there I think I can beat my personal best," Jones said.

Only Florence Griffith Joyner has gone under 10.70, with her world record at 10.49.

Wilson Kipketer opened his season with a 1:43.74 victory in the 800 meters.

It was his first race in nearly 11 months after contracting malaria in January.

"After what happened this winter, I'm very happy to run again," Kipketer said. "After being off for so long, it's nice to start with 1:43."

Kipketer, a Kenyan-born Dane, had a superb 1997. He broke the world indoor record twice in Paris in March then bettered the world outdoor record twice, bringing it down to 1 minute, 41.11 seconds in Cologne after a 1:41.24 in Zurich.

In the women's 400 hurdles, Kim Batten ran 52.74, only .13 seconds off her world record and equal to the third-best ever.

"I ran a great race," Batten said. "All the right things happened at the right time."

Glory Alozie of Nigeria won the women's 100 hurdles in 12.44, another 1998 best.

Guam ...

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continuing the trend that the Marshalls had started earlier in the week.

Guam jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, and appeared on its way to another romp over Kosrae. But, sticking to its game plan of slowing the game down to disrupt Kosrae's fast-breaking offense, Kosrae took the lead and incredibly held the team that was averaging 104 points per game in the tournament to just five points in the first nine minutes of the first half.

Kosrae maintained its lead until 8:40 in the first half, when Guam went on a 22-0 scoring spree to take control at 27-14.

With 3:23 to go, Guam player Jesse Pinault was called for traveling on a drive to the basket. He and a Kosrae player bumped and the Kosrae player fell to the floor. To the utter astonishment of everyone in the gym, Pinault turned back to the Kosrae player and jumped on him, slamming his foot into the prostate player.

Pinault was immediately ejected by referee Sinton Souablaia, as both benches emptied. But order was restored, and the Kosrae player taken to Koror hospital for treatment, and later released.

Guam ended the half with a 39-23

Angels ...

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"We put them in the hole all night and they couldn't get going," Angels head coach Ivan Shiroma said. "I was very happy with the special teams."

Bill Thomas' booming kickoffs and a relentless Angels defense kept Pepsi deep in its own territory throughout the first half.

In the meantime, Mobil's offense took advantage of the short field and cranked up 24 points in the first half - 17 coming in the second quarter.

League-leading rusher Scott Persing capped off an 11-play drive with a two-yard run to give Mobil a 7-6 lead. Persing added a 22-yard score in the second quarter that made it 18-6. Persing finished with 78 yards on 11 carries all coming in the first half as he rested the entire second half.

Preceding Persing's second score

BOG claims third straight Bank league championship

By Tony Celis

For the Variety

THREE-PEAT CHAMPS. No, it's not a flashback of the Chicago Bulls. It occurred right here in Saipan. To be precise, it happened Saturday afternoon at the Susupe softball field. The Financial Institution Softball Co-ed League, or the Bank League as it is more commonly known, came to its conclusion as the Bank of Guam (BOG) made good on its promise, but not after the Union Bank of Saipan (UB) gave them a run for bragging rights. In the best-of-three triple header, BOG needed only two games to prove they are still the best team.

In the heat of Saturday afternoon BOG blazed the scoreboard, 14-3 in an easy win over UB in the first game. The second game would not be so easily won. Union Bank held BOG to only two runs going into the third inning. In the top of third, UB's Carmen Quitugua caught a blistering throw from third baseman

Frank Ada, and quickly threw to first for a double play, ending the inning. That gave UB a boost of confidence, as they tied the score at three apiece after four innings. During the fifth inning both teams displayed good defense as BOG was only able to put up one run.

In the sixth inning, however, the momentum once again returned to BOG. Leading off for Bank of Guam was Jeff Diaz. Behind on count with two strikes, Diaz would blast the next pitch way over the (245 ft.) left field fence for a solo homerun. It was rally time. Sparked by Diaz's feat, the team would stand up to the challenge scoring three more runs in the inning. UB, however would not go down easy. With a place hitting strategy, they scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth, but left two on-base at the end of the inning. In the last inning BOG scored two more runs for security. UB was unable to make a comeback at the bottom of the inning, and BOG went on to win 10-5.

Pitching for UB Elsie Nestor com-

mented, "we tried our best but it was really hot out there today."

Jeff Diaz of BOG gave credit to the opposition. "UB played well today but, the odds (of winning) were with us, a lot of our players are veterans of the game, playing in different leagues throughout the year. Win or loose we met the objective, and that is to get to know the other bank employees and to extend a sense of goodwill, to get to know each other."

Marcy Tomokane, manager of BOG was also out there playing, keeping a keen eye on the pitch, swing, run, out-at-first. "At work our employees have a good sense of teamwork which spills into the ballpark. I'm really proud of them," said Tomokane.

As BOG holds onto their third straight title, the fans will have to wait another year for a possible, four-peat. So come out to support the bank league, and show your interest (pun intended).

fast-break basketball which easily propelled them past the smaller Pohnpei squad, this time by a margin of 88-65.

Guam's Mike Swaney and Danny Cepeda each scored 14 points to lead Guam to the gold medal, while Pohnpei's Burt Weilbacher led his team with 15.

The Guam team's unorthodox man-like play and two suspensions may, however, have distracted attention away from a key development: that beating Guam — which has dominated men's basketball, taking the gold in the last three Micro Games — is no longer an unattainable goal for the smaller islands of Micronesia.

All of the teams in the islands are playing at a higher than ever level of basketball. Despite a height disadvantage, two teams, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands, played Guam head-to-head in games that weren't decided until the final minutes.

It's never happened before in Micro Games competition. But it suggests — as does Palau's victory over Guam in the women's basketball championship game Saturday in Koror — that Guam will have an increasingly difficult time holding onto the gold in future competitions.

There was no commitment. We just showed up and played football. We didn't set goals to win."

For the Angels, it was a big relief, especially after the final three sub-par games of the regular season. Now they've got their confidence back heading into the biggest game of the year.

"We're still missing a couple more

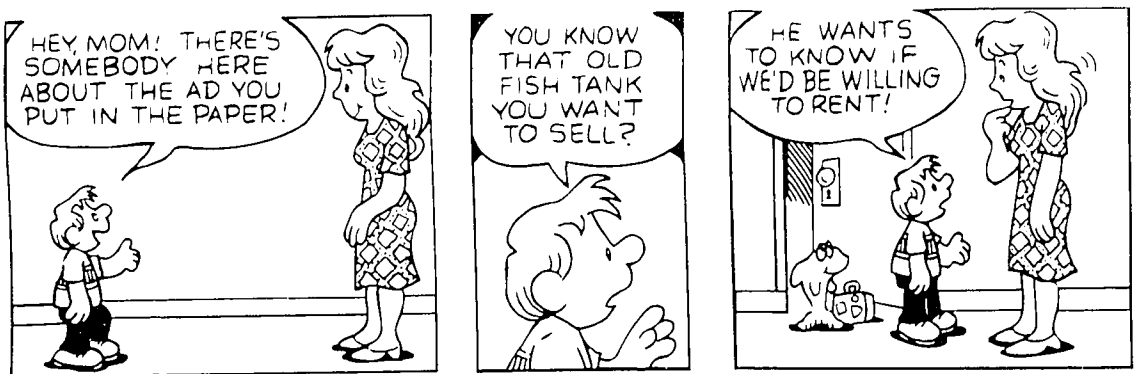
was a Bill Thomas 27-yard field goal and a safety by defensive end Chuck "Psycho" Criswell, who rushed in untouched and blocked punter Bill Ada's kick in the end zone.

Sean McCoy's one-yard quarterback sneak made it 24-6 right before halftime. McCoy hooked up with tight end Craig Cleland with a perfect pass in the corner of the end zone, good enough for 16 yards to make it 30-6 early in the third quarter.

Pepsi's pass protection was brittle all night, allowing Mobil defender to pound rookie quarterback Fejeran. Late in the third quarter, Fejeran had to leave the game with an injured hand and was replaced by linebacker Bill Ada.

"I told the coach before the game that I'll play any position if it will help the team to win," Ada said. "I'm going to play all the way and give it my all, not like some quitters."

Adapplied admirably, even though



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SPORTS



Micro Games Round-up:

More NMI medals as Palau '98 ends

By Michael Wright
Variety News Staff

A busy final weekend of competition at the 1998 Micronesian Games in Palau has seen the CNMI continue to collect medals in a number of events.

Track & Field

Fee'ea Talamot of the CNMI threw the shot put 14.37 meters to break an eight-year-old Micro Games record and get the gold. Rene Delamar of Guam took silver with a toss of 14.26 meters, while Palau's Jersey Iyar claimed the bronze medal.

The CNMI's Vanessa Mobel came close to breaking a Micronesian Games record in women's javelin. Her throw of 32.83 meters was just short of the 1994 record toss of 32.98 meters. Still, Mobel did walk away with a gold medal, while CNMI teammate Emiliana Quitugua took silver. Sylvia Akapito of Chuuk earned the bronze.

Swimming

Xenavee Pangelinan of the CNMI won the women's 100 meter breaststroke on Friday with a time of 1:18.90, while teammate Jennifer Pierce got the silver. Guam's Alison Aglubat finished third.

Justin Pierce's time of 2:25:11 was good enough for CNMI gold in the men's 200 meter breaststroke. David Palacios got the silver in the event, while Guam's Daniel King collected the bronze.

The CNMI women easily won the 400 meter relay with a time of 4:17:92. Guam was a distant second (4:40:57) while the Marshalls took the bronze medal.

Guam's Musashi Flores (25.3) barely edged out David Palacios (25.37) in the 50 meter butterfly, while Collin Shields of the Marshalls placed third. Flores also struck gold in the men's 50 meter freestyle event

with a time of 27.43, squeaking by the CNMI's Jacoby Winkfield (27.51) and Shields (28.13).

Audra Winkfield earned a bronze medal in the women's 400 meter freestyle. Palau's Nicole Hayes took the gold, while Andrea Lindborg of the Marshalls finished second.

Tennis

The CNMI Men's Tennis team will be taking home some gold in '98 too. Peter Sinclair found himself playing teammate Jeff Race in the gold medal final in singles competition, and went on to win the gold medal. Race got nice consolation prizes in the silver medal, and the knowledge his small team swung big rackets in Palau.

It is Race's second silver for the Games, as he and Sinclair lost to Guam's Luan Nguyen and Mark Arakawa (6-4, 6-4) in men's doubles competition.

Palau women upset Guam to win the Basketball Gold

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

KOROR, Palau — An inspired Palau women's basketball team, with more than 1,000 fans cheering them on, used a devastating fast break and good shot selection to take the gold medal from a taller Guam team at the Micronesian Games Saturday night in Koror.

After holding a slim 39-33 half time lead, Palau routed Guam 88-69. Palau's victory was the first time a Palau team has defeated Guam in basketball in Micro Games play.

But it was the play of 17 year old Stephanie Ngirchoimei - who passed behind her back to set up teammates' layups, drove the length of the court for layups, popped 20 foot jump shots and made clutch free throws in the final minutes to

seal the win - who led Palau to victory.

Ngirchoimei did everything and then some as she scored 25 points, and most importantly controlled the ball to help her team fend off a second half comeback by Guam.

Despite playing most of the second half with four fouls, Ngirchoimei didn't let up and neither did her teammates Saime Ngirausui and Jubilee Kuartei who each scored 17 points. Guam was led by Michelle Sison with 17 and Theresa Sison who scored 12.

Ngirchoimei, who just two months ago graduated from Palau High School and also played on the Palau volleyball team that took the silver medal behind Guam was nothing less than spectacular in the gold medal game.

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Guam gets Men's Gold, 'bad behavior' award

By Giff Johnson
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KOROR, Palau — The Guam men's basketball team won the gold medal, as predicted, but didn't win any awards for good behavior during the just concluded Micronesian Games in Palau.

Following a close semi-final victory over Kosrae Friday night in Koror, two of Guam's starting players were disqualified from participation in the gold medal game Saturday for unsportsmanlike actions in the Kosrae game.

Many coaches and spectators expressed anger at the behavior of Guam players, while even some Guam fans said Saturday that they were embarrassed by the on-court actions of the Guam players that led to the two suspensions. Coaches and players had complained repeatedly during the week about unnecessarily rough and unsportsmanlike play of some Guam basketball players.

Guam romped to early victories over Nauru, 123-48, and the Northern Marianas 98-51. Also in the first round, it beat Pohnpei handily 107-73. But a defensive minded Marshall Islands team was the first to give the bigger Guam team a challenge, holding Guam to a 43-33 halftime lead, and then closing the gap to just four points with about five minutes remaining in the game, before Guam captured the game 88-73.

For a Guam team that blew out the competition in 1994, breezing through the last Micro Games in Guam with barely a challenge to win gold, the Marshalls game was unprecedented in Micro Games history.

Kosrae, which came in second in its pool, took on Guam Friday,

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Boldon, Jones win at Herculis meet



Marion Jones (foreground) of the United States wins the 100m race in 10.72 seconds at the Herculis track and field meeting in Monaco on Saturday. AP

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Ato Boldon got revenge against Olympic champion Donovan Bailey in the men's 100 meters, and Marion Jones posted another fast time in the women's 100 Saturday at the Herculis Golden League track and field meet.

Boldon was timed in 9.92 seconds in beating Bailey, second at 9.96. Third was Frankie Fredericks in 10.02.

Only world champion Maurice Greene was missing from the top field. World-record holder Bailey had won at Paris July 29, beating Greene and Boldon in 10.02.

Boldon has the fastest times of the year, running 9.86 twice. Bailey's world record in 9.84.

"I've been second a few times this year, but every now and then I run the race I want to win," Boldon said.

A \$1 million bonus will be shared among the athletes who remain unbeaten through the six Golden League meets and the Grand Prix

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Angels pound Giants in MFL

By PATRICK LUJAN
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THEY looked like the Angels of old. At least the Angels of the first five games of the 1998 Miller Football League.

The Hal's Mobil Angels dusted off their late-season rust and shined like the dominating team of weeks past in

pounding last year's champion Pepsi Giants 36-6 Friday night at the Wettengel Field in MFL playoff action.

The Angels advance to the championship game on Saturday against the winner of the PacSports Cardinals/Miller Bears semifinals.

After giving way to a 75-yard scor-

ing pass from Pepsi's Eric Fejeran to Kevin Topasna on the Giants first play of the game, the Angels defense set up their Black Wall, not allowing another point. Mobil's special teams also played a big part of the game, leaving the Giants with poor field position time and time again.

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Bears win over Cardinals

By PATRICK LUJAN
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HAGATNA — It pays to have a legitimate field goal kicker in the Miller Football League. The Miller Bears have one of the best on their team and it paid big dividends.

Derek Wegner launched two first-quarter field goals that proved to be the difference as the Bears make a return trip to the championship game with a hard-fought 6-0 win over the PacSports Cardinals Saturday night at the Wettengel Field.

After losing to the Pepsi Giants 3-0 in double overtime last year in the finals, Miller will once again take part in the biggest game of the year against the regular-season champion Hal's

Mobil Angels.

"We did everything possible to beat these guys and our defense came and did the job," Miller linebacker Carlo Nicolichiasaid. "Defense wins championships."

And a championship-caliber defense they were. Despite allowing the Cardinals to move the ball with ease in the middle of the field, the Bears defense came through at their end, denying PacSports from scoring in all five possessions the Cardinals had inside Miller's red zone (inside their 20).

With under a minute to play in the game, PacSports had one more shot as quarterback Darryl Brown orches-

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