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## Cochran here today

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

JOHNNIE Cochran, O.J. Simpson's lead defense counsel, arrived on Guam Monday night and is expected to come today on Saipan, lawyer Joe Hill disclosed yesterday.

In a telephone interview, Hill said he and other lawyers met Cochran upon the latter's arrival on Guam.

Cochran will proceed to Saipan

today at 9 a.m. on board Continental Airlines flight no. 981, said Hill, who is a member of Kinney's team of lawyers in the heirship claim against Larry Hillblom's \$450-million estate.

Cochran is possibly accompanied by lawyer Jack Every, also a member of Kinney's team, Hill said.

The famous defense lawyer, Hill said, will just spend the day on the island and back again to

Guam in the afternoon.

Hill refused to comment on the purpose of Cochran's trip to Guam and Saipan.

Hill neither confirmed nor denied reports that Cochran is joining Kinney's team in Hillblom's probate proceedings in the CNMI courts.

"It's better to let him (Cochran) answer about his purpose," said Hill. "His arrival would stop the speculations."



Johnnie Cochran

A source said there has been a misunderstanding among Kinney's team with respect to the handling of the case by their lead counsel, David Lujan.

If Cochran is joining the team, definitely he will be the lead counsel, replacing Lujan, the source explained.

Observers noted that Lujan has been fighting hard in the probate hearings, contributing to the factors on the suspension of Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan.

Roland Fairfield, a member of  
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## OJ lawyer to add excitement, but won't 'sway' case -- Borja

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

THE PLANNED inclusion of noted OJ Simpson lawyer Johnnie Cochran in the Hillblom probate proceedings will bring excitement to the case but would not alter its outcome.

This was according to acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja who said he is confident that the court system will decide more on the merits of the case and not so much on Cochran's stature.

Cochran, who garnered celebrity status as Simpson's lead defense lawyer in the internationally-publicized Brown-Goldman double murder case, is reportedly being brought in to be part of alleged Hillblom heir, Junior Larry Hillbloom's legal team.

Hillbloom and his mother, Kailani Kinney are in the thick of a lawsuit seeking to prove that



Jesus C. Borja

the 12-year old boy is an illegitimate son and rightful heir to Saipan millionaire Larry L. Hillblom.

Hillblom, who perished in sea-plane crash off Anatahan in May of last year, reportedly left an estate worth some \$400 million.

Aside from Hillbloom's, the late millionaire's estate is also facing paternity suits from at least two other individuals claiming to be fathered by Hillblom.

"He (Cochran) will certainly add attraction to tourists and to other people. But in terms of the case itself, that depends on who's bringing him in and who you are talking to," said Borja in an interview yesterday.

But while everybody on Saipan may be excited about it, Borja said he is certain the courts would not be "swayed" by Cochran's celebrity status.

"To me, the law is the law, and I'm sure the courts will decide the matter correctly, regardless of how many lawyers are on one side and whether they get a high profile attorney or not.

"If the case is presented well,  
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## Gov't closes poker arcade at Oriental

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

THE GOVERNMENT has closed down a poker establishment located at a Garapan hotel for allegedly operating poker machines in violation of the law.

According to Finance Sec. Antonio R. Cabrera, the Joker's Wild Poker Room, situated at the Oriental Hotel has been cordoned off and declared off-limits to patrons.

He added it will now be up to the Attorney General's Office to decide on whether to file any criminal charges against the operators of the machines, International Gaming Management (IGM).

"It has been shut down," said Cabrera in an interview yesterday. "What I am aware of is  
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Poker room All boarded up.

## Schorr says RP-CNMI diplomatic ties unlikely

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

THE PLAN of the CNMI and Philippine governments to establish diplomatic relations is not likely to materialize since the Commonwealth, under the Covenant, is allowed only to forge liaison with foreign countries "for economic purposes," a federal official said yesterday.

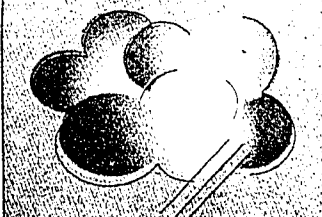
US Interior Department Field Jeff Schorr said Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja's apprehension about the plan "is justified."

Borja said Monday he supports the idea of the CNMI entering into a government-to-government dealings with the Philippine government.

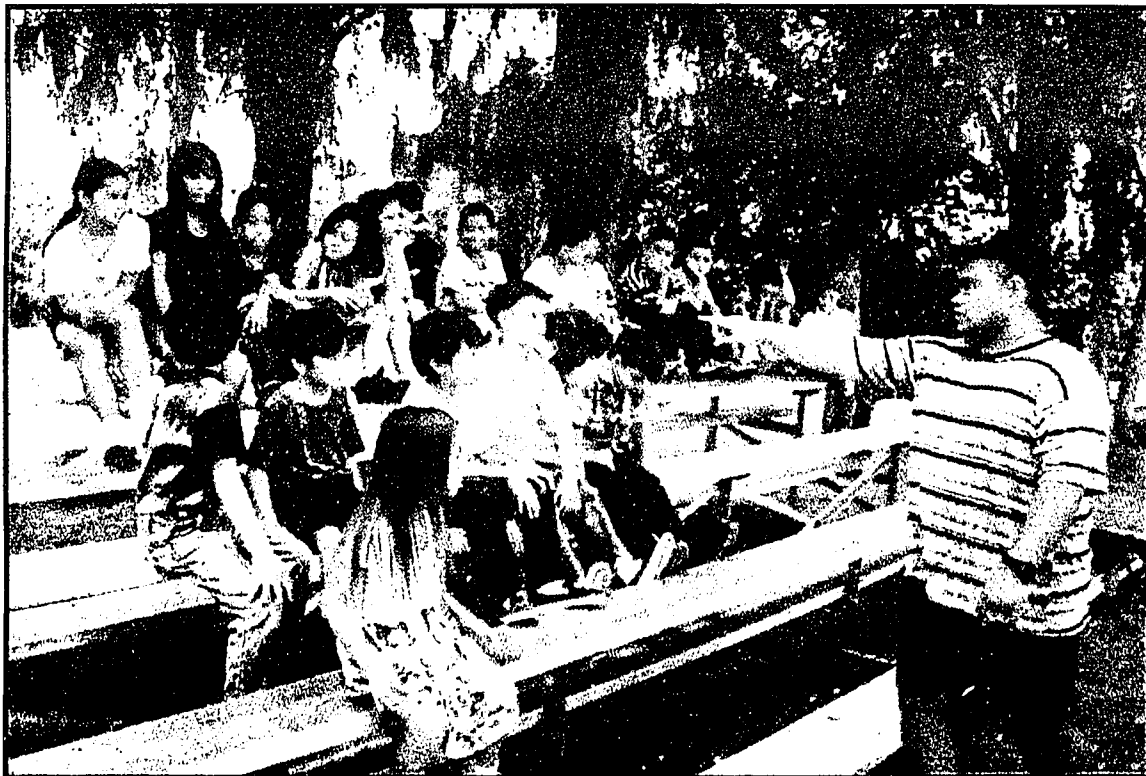
He is, however, worried about legal and political obstacles the proposal is likely to face.

The US State Department does not allow any state or insular area to forge diplomatic relations with  
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## Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy  
with scattered showers



San Vicente Elementary School P.E. teacher Tom Thornburg addresses his class of third graders during an outdoor session yesterday at the San Vicente ballfield. The kids are being taught of the importance of starting physical fitness awareness and discipline at an early age.  
Photo by Raffy Arroyo

# Dole lags in new polls

By MIKE MOKRZYCKI

NEW YORK (AP) - Hampered by a huge party-loyalty gap, Bob Dole fell to 24 points behind President Clinton in a national poll released Monday. Another new survey put Clinton 20 points up in his re-election bid.

While 88 percent of Democrats in an MSNBC poll said they would vote for Clinton if the election were today, just 62 percent of Republicans supported Dole, down from 77 percent in a similar survey three weeks ago.

Recent polls also have found an extreme gender gap, with Dole faring particularly badly among women. The MSNBC survey reported a somewhat smaller gender gap - but mainly because Dole's standing among men dropped 9 points.

Overall, Clinton's support held steady at 54 percent of registered voters in the poll for the new cable network and Internet site, a joint ven-

## Republican defections pose problem for GOP bet

ture of the Microsoft software company and NBC television. Dole fell 7 points to 30 percent.

"That's quite remarkable," said David Rohde, a Michigan State University political science professor. "So much has been written in the last week or two about the potential tightening of the race. ... To see things moving in the opposite direction for Dole would be devastating."

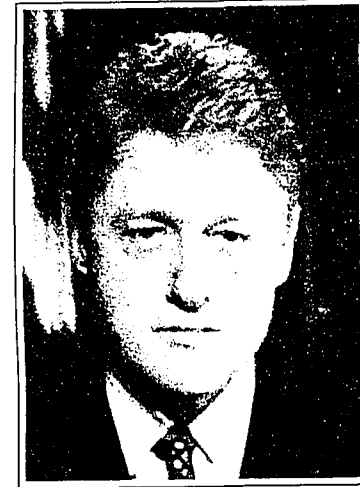
A CBS-New York Times poll released Monday found Clinton holding a 57-37 lead over Dole, virtually unchanged from a survey those organizations conducted six weeks ago.

That poll found a less dramatic but still notable gap in party loyalty: Dole was supported by 75 percent of Republicans, Clinton by 87 percent of Democrats.

The July 11-13 CBS-Times sur-



Bob Dole



Bill Clinton

vey of 743 registered voters nationwide had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points; the margin is higher for subgroups, such as those who identify with a particular party.

The MSNBC poll, conducted July 12-14, found signs of despair among Dole's backers: 47 percent said they think Clinton will win the election, while only 37 percent said Dole would. Among all 804 registered voters surveyed, 70 percent said Clinton will be re-elected and 18 percent said Dole will win.

That poll's error margin was plus or minus 3.5 points. Error also can result from question wording, the timing of the survey and practical difficulties in conducting polls.

The MSNBC poll found Clinton leading Dole 53-33 among men and 56-27 among women. In an NBC-Wall Street Journal poll June 20-25, Clinton led 51-42 among men and 56-33 among women.

Dole also lagged far behind in a hypothetical three-way race, with Clinton getting 50 percent, Dole 25 percent and Ross Perot 13 percent. Dole was down 7 points in that measure from the previous poll.

Perot drew twice as much support from Republicans as from Democrats. He got 18 percent of self-described independents, who favored Clinton over Dole by roughly 25 points in both the two-way and three-way contests. Perot hasn't ruled out running under the banner of his Reform Party, and

half the voters in the new poll said they believe he will run.

Last week, former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm became the first announced candidate for the Reform Party nomination. He got only 4 percent in a hypothetical three-way race in the new poll.

The MSNBC poll also asked voters which of five prominent political figures "you personally find most annoying?"

Forty-five percent chose House Speaker Newt Gingrich, 22 percent said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, 17 percent picked Perot, 12 percent said Clinton and 10 percent said Dole. Three percent volunteered all five for the dubious distinction. Four percent said none of the five.

Like other polls before it, the MSNBC survey provides evidence that Clinton is scoring on economic issues. Forty-six percent said they are better off now than four years ago. Twenty percent said they are worse off.

The CBS-Times poll showed more contradictory results, with 27 percent of respondents saying the economy was getting better and 16 percent saying it was getting worse. But 51 percent of respondents said they approved of the president's handling of economic matters, 38 percent said they disapproved and 11 percent expressed no opinion.

## India may talk no-war pact with Pakistan

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - India is willing to discuss a no-war pact with arch-enemy Pakistan, newspapers reported Tuesday quoting Foreign Minister Inder Kumar Gujral as saying.

The minister's statement in Parliament on Monday came as the 12-party center-left coalition is trying to resume bilateral talks that have not been held for two years to ease tension between the two countries.

Soon after becoming prime minister last month, H.D. Deve Gowda wrote to his Pakistani counterpart suggesting resumption of talks.

Gujral said Pakistan's prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, has not replied to Gowda's letter so far. But he said a Pakistani delegation of lawmakers is expected to visit India soon, Tuesday's newspapers reported.

Gujral said the Indian government has "unilaterally taken steps for improving relations at people-to-people level," but he gave no details.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they won independence from Britain in 1947. Two of the wars were over the disputed territory of Kashmir in the north.

Kashmir is divided between the two countries and is separated by a United Nations-monitored cease-fire line.

India accuses Pakistan of training and arming militants who want Kashmir to break away from India. Pakistan denies the charge.

## Japan companies dominate list of world's top 10 firms

NEW YORK (AP) - The biggest companies on the planet fattened their profits by nearly 15 percent in 1995 and did it with roughly the same number of workers they had in 1994, Fortune magazine reports.

The twice-monthly business glossy also reports in its annual Global 500 ranking that Japan's dominance among the top 10 faltered somewhat.

Although Mitsubishi, Mitsu and Itochu remain the three biggest companies, General Motors Corp. bumped Sumitomo for fourth place.

Japan also was notable for a poor finish among its banks. While profits soared elsewhere, Japanese banks were among the sickest of the 500, with the largest profit decreases and some of the biggest money-losers.

The most profitable industries included airlines, which recovered from a long slump, brokerages enriched from booming stock markets, and paper companies that commanded premium prices for their products.

The Fortune ranking, which combines the biggest industrial and service companies in the world, appears in Fortune's Aug. 7 issue.

The collective profits of the 500 totaled \$323.3 billion, up 14.7 percent from 1995 and more

than the entire government budget of Germany.

But the number of workers they employed rose only 1.8 percent to 35.12 million, with some companies slashing jobs.

The most notable example was British-Dutch petroleum giant Royal Dutch Shell Group, which was the most profitable corporation for the second straight year with earnings of \$6.904 billion, up 10.7 percent from 1994.

Nonetheless, the company intends to cut its 5,000-member headquarter staff by 25 percent.

The rise in profits among the Global 500 last year was small compared with the 62 percent increase in 1994.

But it still was derived from a relatively slow global economy, which grew 2.4 percent last year due partly to near recessions in Japan and much of Europe.

Rounding out the top 10 companies in the Global 500 ranking: No. 6 Marubeni of Japan, No. 7 Ford Motor, No. 8 Toyota, No. 9 Exxon, and No. 10 Royal Dutch Shell.

The United States remained home to the largest number of companies on the list with 153, followed by Japan with 141, France with 42, Germany with 40, Britain 32, Switzerland 16, South Korea 12, Netherlands eight and Spain and Canada with six each.

# Guam chooses site for MTC cable

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

GUAM is proposing an alternative landing site for the CNMI's fiber optic cable project that will be undertaken by the Micronesian Telecommunications Corp., Speaker Diego Benavente disclosed yesterday.

Benavente, along with floor leader Pete Reyes, met with Guam senators last week to iron out the problems besetting the CNMI's cable project.

The CNMI lawmakers met with Sens. Thomas Ada and Ben Pangilinan, members of the legislative chamber's public utilities committee.

It was learned that MTC had already made arrangements with the Federal Communications Commission to lay the cable project in Tanguison Bay which is occupied by the military.

Benavente said he and Reyes were vaguely told about "some mechanical problems" that would entail the laying of fiber optic in the area.

Benavente and Reyes do not buy Guam's proposal.

The speaker said changing the site originally chosen by MTC would add additional expenses for MTC and additional charges would be borne by the consumers.

"We feel that the proposed alternative landing site would not be in the best interest of the CNMI people," Benavente said. "We will seek the (Guam) administration's support to allow MTC to proceed with the origi-



Diego Benavente

nal agreement and go to the original site."

According to Reyes, MTC had already secured permits from the federal and local agencies to install the cable project.

Reyes, chairman of the House of Representatives' subcommittee on fiber optic cable project, said the original agreement MTC had forged with FCC "can only be changed by (Guam) Gov. Carl Gutierrez since there is no law that could invalidate it."

Benavente said he and other CNMI officials would meet with Gutierrez next week to iron out the landing site issue which, he said, is the only problem that impedes the project.

Reyes, for his part, said he believes Dave Ecret, the governor's special assistant for telecommunications, was



Pete Reyes

trying to sabotage the project and that he had a hand in the obstacles that continue to stall the project.

Reyes alleged that Ecret has been trying to conspire with his Guam counterpart, Bob Kelly, to "make it difficult for MTC to push through with the project."

The administration originally entered a submerged lands lease agreement with GST Telecommunications Inc. for the installation of the cable project.

GST cancelled its deal with the government following then acting Gov. Paul Mangiona's signing of House Bill 10-266 (which later became Public Law 10-14), also known as the Submerged Lands Act.

PL Law 10-14 struck out the exclusivity clause for GST and allowed



Dave Ecret

MTC to enter into a similar submerged lands lease agreement with the government.

All along, Ecret supported GST's bid for exclusivity.

"Dave Ecret continues to badmouth MTC. He said MTC

has obsolete equipment. He was seeking a lawsuit by slandering MTC," Reyes said, as he reiterated his earlier call for Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to sack the telecommunications official.

"I think it's time the governor fire him," Reyes said.

When contacted for comment, Ecret said he had nothing to do with any of Guam's proposals.

"I don't know what he (Reyes) was talking about," Ecret said.

"We have no control of what happens in Guam. It is between Guam and MTC. It was Guam's decision to ask for alternative site, not mine nor the governor's," Ecret said.

As for Reyes' call for his ouster, Ecret said: "I'm working for the governor not Congressman Reyes. If the governor is not happy with my performance, it would be his prerogative to either keep or fire me."

## Cabrera may choose to run for Washington rep

FINANCE Secretary Antonio R. Cabrera is currently weighing his options on whether to run for Washington representative in the next year's elections, a reliable source close to the secretary said.

Although yet undecided and unprepared for a political bid, Cabrera may end up seeking the Democratic Party nomination for the US-based post, the same source adds.

If nominated, Cabrera is in for a tough race against possible Republican challengers, incumbent Juan N. Babauta, former Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio or incumbent Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, who have all submitted declarations of candidacy with the GOP.

Babauta, who has earlier declared himself a gubernatorial candidate, opted to bow out over party unity concerns, preferring to seek a third term as resident representative.

His exit from the gubernatorial race left two GOP contenders — former Governors Larry I. Guerrero and Pedro P. Tenorio.



Antonio R. Cabrera

A November 9 primary has been set for the two aspirants for governor.

On the other hand, Hofschneider has been quoted as saying he may give way to Babauta but that could not be confirmed as of yesterday as Hofschneider is reportedly in Hawaii on a family matter.

Cabrera could also not be reached for comment as of press time yesterday.

## Court drops case vs one of five suspects in nightclub robbery

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court dropped yesterday the case against one of five suspected members of the so-called Fujian Group reportedly involved in the Sweetheart Club robbery.

Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro dismissed with prejudice the criminal charges against Li Juan Shen following the government's motion to depose the defendant.

Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross and Eric Smith, counsel for Shen, agreed that due to the medical condition of the defendant the best resolution of the criminal case is her immediate departure from the Commonwealth.

A deportation order against Shen was reportedly issued Monday.

The defense counsels for Shen's alleged companions in the incident, except Chief Public Defender Daniel DeRienzo, expressed their desire to avail themselves of the opportunity to

hear and preserve Shen's testimony through deposition.

Shen and four other suspects — Gong Gui Shi, Sheng Long Chen, Xuan Ren Huang and Fang Li — were charged in connection with the Sweetheart robbery last May 5.

Court information showed that the five were among the seven persons who entered and ordered drinks in the club.

The suspects then aided Chen in assaulting Zui Gang Chen, one of club owners, with a metal pipe and helped him in taking \$350 plus from the club using a handgun and pipe.

The businessman was allegedly struck with a metal pipe on the head when he refused to give "protection money" to the gang.

Opposing the government's move, DeRienzo said the defense should be the one who filed the motion to take deposition because Shen is not a government witness but a defense material witness.

## CUC settles with Banes on hit-and-run incident

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. has agreed to settle a hit-and-run case involving lawyer David Banes who was struck by a CUC truck last year.

The Superior Court dismissed the case last July 12 following a settlement agreement between the two parties.

In a press statement, Banes said he was satisfied with the settlement amount paid by CUC.

The court does not allow any of the parties to disclose the settlement

amount.

"I hope CUC drivers will now be more careful and responsible," Banes said.

Banes had demanded \$300,000 in punitive and compensatory damages from CUC when he filed the case in September last year.

The incident took place on Jan. 7, 1995 while Banes was training for a local triathlon competition.

He was riding a bicycle along AS Lito Road when a speeding CUC pickup struck him from the rear.

He was thrown out of the bicycle.



Kids from Grace Christian Academy spend their leisure time playing at the Susupe Park playground yesterday.

—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

### Department of Lands & Natural Resources Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

### CRM BOARD MEETING

### AGENDA FOR CRM BOARD MEETING

17 July 1996, 9:00 A.M.  
CRMO Conference Room

1. Opening Remarks
2. Projects Ready for Board Action
  - a. 21 unit townhouse complex (SMS-96-X-114) (Public Hearing 07/17/96)
  - b. Shell Service Station SMS-96-X-224 (Public Hearing 07/17/96)
  - c. Hip Shing Laundry SMS-96-X-228 (Public Hearing 07/18/96)
  - d. Triple J Auto Center SMS-96-X-249 (Public Hearing 07/24/96)
3. New Projects
  - a. MDM Resort SMS-96-X-227
4. Miscellaneous Matters/Project Status
  - a. Erosion at Managaha Island (HPO)
5. Adjournment

### NOTICE TO INSURANCE CARRIERS CANCELLATION OF INVITATION TO BID (BID NO. IFB96-0079)

Pursuant to P.L. 10-19, the CNMI Group Health and Life Insurance plans are now administered by the NMI Retirement Fund. In the interest of the government, its employees and retirees, the Board of Trustees has decided to undertake a review of the existing group life insurance plan to determine the need for the bid invitation. Accordingly, the Invitation for Bid (bid number 96-0079) published in the local papers is cancelled until further notice. Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund.

/s/ Edward H. Manglona  
Administrator

# FORUM

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



## Does Student Aid Program Need Re-evaluation?

I READ with special interest an unsigned letter from a pre-med student in the last issue of the paper. I was rather touched by the apparent sincerity with which it was written. It would not have been written if that student had good experiences with our government managers. Anyway, three specific issues caught my attention:

- Amount of scholarship money given to regular students versus those taking courses to prepare themselves for matriculation into medical or law schools.
- The apparent insensitivity or lack of commitment to assist those who have taken the initiative to help themselves.
- The view that the long term solutions to the ills of the Northern Marianas Community is through the education of our people.

I'd pass the first two items confident that the administration can straighten these issues forthwith. Furthermore, the pre-med student did a lucid job explaining a predicament that is shared by NMI students abroad.

The third aspect is a statement with foresight, an issue that I fully subscribe to or have pushed through this corner of the newspaper—long term solutions to strengthening effective homerule is through the education of our young people.

The local democratic administration started an aggressive program in education to provide opportunities for young indigenous students who didn't go abroad continue their educational pursuits at the Northern Marianas College. It is a visionary plan to ensure that we educate as many of our young people as possible.

It's a good start given that most politicians find it politically correct to criticize rather than support NMC in its role as a junior or community college. They ignore the fact that NMC prepares full-time students who plan to matriculate to larger institutions abroad, or those who work full or part-time jobs who would stop at nothing (with the help of NMC) acquire knowledge and lifetime skills.

Is it difficult for politicians to understand that a fish in the boat is worth more than the millions out there? We have a two-year institution now. Isn't it equally their responsibility to support efforts to turn NMC into a four-year institution? Like anything, friends, you have to have a start somewhere. The University of Guam didn't just spin out of thin air. It started as the College of Guam.

Someone once said that "intellectual atrophy" begins the day you leave campus be it high school, college or university. It is more the reason that we must rally behind efforts to strengthen what we have today and hopefully into a four-year institution. We need NMC today and we will need it later even for our highly esteemed politicians who themselves need introductory or refresher courses in both government and economics.

It doesn't pay to pretend to know what you don't know. It also doesn't pay to brave the deep blue ocean when you know you're not a fisherman. It does pay, however, if you admit your own inadequacies and show interest in learning the trade so you can actively participate in either cabinet making or policy decision making. Of all people, you should be at the forefront pushing or championing reading and writing being pushed by the Education Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

However long a journey before NMC meets all the professional and technical needs of the NMI, it should be understood that the journey of a thousand miles begins with the proverbial first step. The legislature can't continue displaying its malignant attitude nor should we take this arrogance lying down. Not in my lifetime! If anything, politicians come and go like filthy disposable diapers. The educational estate will always be here and will outlast any political career.

I mean, let's reason for a moment and consider the role of NMC beyond our blind and rascal vision. In any state in the union, community colleges and universities are the central conduit to upgrading the knowledge and skills of people in the public and private sector. It is a year-round event. Courses in nursing, lab-technology, public policy, etc. are published each semester. Workers in both sectors take these courses at night to acquire knowledge and lifetime skills that would assist them deal with the everyday real world.

I think that as NMC equips itself over the next decade into a four-year institution, we should be able to see more of our scholars begin their campus life here. It would provide a venue for our indigenous people to acquire knowledge and lifetime skills to enable them to be literate with such modern day communications as the information superhighway. We can't possibly sit on our laurels with beer, tuba and burned meat and expect to get ahead of the competition that now surrounds us.

Therefore, it stands to reason that we share our cultural forte—cooperation—with the vision to support our only secondary educational institution become a stronger conduit to providing the long term solutions to our people in the Northern Marianas Community which is education. We have to trash our malignant attitude of kamañia or the power trip that maligns or derails our taking progressive strides to better our people. We should learn to take short-luncheons too because though the lights are on, nobody seems to be home. My salute to the pre-med student for speaking out on behalf of the many students who may be similarly situated.



BOB, YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT YOUR HAND BEFORE YOU BET THE FARM...



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'MVB: Do we really need it'

Dear Editor:

MVB: Do we really need it?

In recent weeks we have seen numerous news stories extolling the activities of the Marianas Visitors Bureau. Stories like: "MVB Launches a Massive, Multi-Million Dollar Television Ad Campaign in Japan"; Anicia Tomokane Goes to Korea" (or some other hot Asian destination); "Marketing Director Norman Berg releases the latest tourism reports"; "MVB Promotes Tourism Week", etcetera. On and on, time and again, we are constantly boparded by the virtues of the MVB—by what a great government agency it really is and how we couldn't live without it.

But, in the final analysis, MVB, just like many other government agencies, both here and abroad, is really quite useless. It is just another sordid extension and corrupt example of The Welfare State and Big Government at its worst. Let us just ask ourselves: If MVB

were abolished tomorrow, would our entire tourism industry—and our economy along with it—suddenly collapse? Would our lives actually be totally destroyed? Would we all go hungry? Would tourists really stop coming? Would they stop coming by 10, 15, 25, 50, or even 75%? Would Japanese, Korean and Chinese tourists suddenly boycott the CNMI because it had no government-sponsored, government-subsidized tourism bureaucracy?

If MVB were abolished, would Asian tourists suddenly say to themselves: "Hey, you know, I was planning to go to Saipan, but now that MVB is gone, I think I'll change my mind and go somewhere else—somewhere where they have a government-sponsored tourism agency where government employees can go on many free trips at my expense and on my behalf...somewhere where they can charge me a 10% room tax yet give me nothing in return."?

Let's face it: We could do without MVB. MVB exists solely for political purposes: so that locals can be employed and over paid; so that government officials can go on many government-paid vacations under the pretext of tourism promotion; so that some well-connected private businesses and individuals might have their profits subsidized by taxes, so that other unnecessary government adventures (such as the Saipan-Manila Office) might be financed—in short, so that sordid Socialism might be perpetuated.

Just as we would all reject the concept of a "Marianas Garment Bureau (MGB)", whereby the government would collect taxes from the garment industry to lobby Washington and attract more factories, so too should we reject and condemn the MVB. Let's abolish it now.

Charles P Reyes, Jr.

### A case of 'murderer' wasting the 'thief'

Dear Editor:

Volatile debates on the labor issue have taken place in our homes, our government offices and in the hallowed halls of our legislature.

The consensus has been to send all alien teachers, nurses and doctors home and hire only U.S. citizens, certified by U.S. institutions. Personally, I could care less where the guy comes from, his nationality and where he is certified. If he can prove his competency and I am fully convinced of his ability to per-

form satisfactory within his scope of duty and beyond, he's my man.

What boggles my mind is the recent juggling act performed by our DPHHS Director, Dr. Isamu Abraham, where he went to the Philippines to discuss medical referral from the CNMI to some of the health centers in that country.

Here's the picture. "We don't want your teachers because their qualifications are not up to ar with the U.S. standard, and your nurses and doctors are not U.S. certified, either. Thus, we can't

accept them. Shoot, they might just kill a whole lot of our sick people. But, I'll tell you what. Instead, we'll send our patients to you on medical referral. And if they die due to inadequate medical attention, well, it won't be as bad." Now, backtracking on that boiler-maker issued by former Philippines Senator Concepcion, would this be a case of the "murderer" wasting the "thief"?

Sincerely,

Frank T. Rogopes

LETTERS to the editor must carry the full name of the writer and signature, with a telephone number (in case of faxed or mailed letters) for verification. Letters addressed to other publications or to third parties and those endorsing particular political candidates are discouraged. All letters are subject to editing for length and content and remain the property of the Variety.

# Inos counsel to defend 'squatters'

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

ROTA MAYOR Joseph S. Inos has asked his legal counsel Tim Bruce to represent the six individuals living on public land in Dadang, Rota should there be legal action taken against them.

"If they want your services, I expressly authorize and direct that you provide those services," Inos told Bruce in a memorandum yesterday.

He said the six deserve the Office of the Rota Mayor's legal assistance "because the central government discriminates."

"I hate to say it, but I think these U.S. citizens are being singled out because they're (Philippine-descent)," Inos said.

He added that a careful review of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources "could reveal this discrimination."

Division of Public Lands Director Bertha A. Camacho, who at presstime was no longer available for a comment, has given the six residents until Monday, July 15, to vacate the public land.

Camacho told the *Variety* Thursday that she will refer the



Joseph S. Inos

case to the Attorney General's Office if the six ignore her deadline. There will be no forcible eviction, she said.

Inos, in a letter dated May 6 to Camacho, has appealed on behalf of the six Filipino-Americans.

Three other Rota politicians—Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig (D-Rota), Rep. Vicente M. Atalig (R-Rota) and former lieutenant governor Benjamin T. Manglona—have issued statements to the media expressing sympathy with the six resi-



Tim Bruce

dents. "I see some discrimination here," Manglona told the *Variety* Monday. "On that same block of land there were three or four lots given to (persons of CNMI-descent), but only the six Filipino-Americans were told to leave."

Camacho, in an interview with the *Variety* last July 11, said nationality has nothing to do with her decision to ask the six to leave the public land.

"They are not the only 'squatters' in the CNMI," she said. "We do have (squatters of NMI-descent) and we are also trying to enforce the land laws in their cases."

CNMI laws require that only persons of NMI-descent could own

lands in the Commonwealth.

Senator Atalig and Representative Atalig have asked Camacho to grant the six a five-year "grace period" before they vacate the land.

But according to Camacho, only Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has the authority to allow the six to stay on the property.

She said then Rota Mayor Prudencio Manglona "exceeded his authority" by letting the six build their homes on the land which, she added, is designated as a conservation buffer.

In 1992 the Marianas Public Lands Corp.—the Division of Public Lands' predecessor—granted a two-year "grace period" to the six,

a move Camacho considers to have exceeded the (MPLC's) legal authority.

But Inos, in his memorandum to Bruce, maintained that former mayor Manglona "did the right thing when he provided a residential arrangement for these citizens."

"He gave them the opportunity for homes when there were no others available. Rotanese supported the mayor. I doubt whether, today, the situation has changed. There's still community-wide support for the Dadang group and there may still be no other housing arrangement for these deserving citizens," Inos said.

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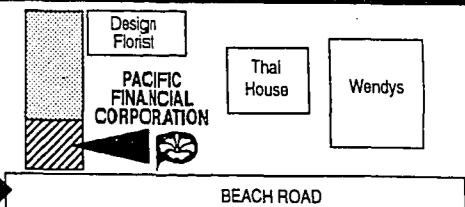
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## Seman named new PIO for DPS

PUBLIC Safety Commissioner Jose M. Castro appointed yesterday a police officer to replace Cathy Sheu as the public information officer.

Castro named PO2 Arnold K. Seman as the new PIO for the DPS.

Seman, who was recently tapped as coordinator for the Saipan Crime Stoppers, is currently supervising the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

"I pretty much accepted it (appointment). It's a great challenge," said the 27-year-old Seman.

He said coordinating with Crime Stoppers and DARE program is in line with his new assignment that is dealing with the public or media.

Seman has been working at



Arnold K. Seman

the DPS for six years already.

Seman said he heard that Sheu will be given a new assignment in the department.

Sheu started serving as DPS PIO in 1993. (FDT)

*In the Philippines***3 die, 2 get sick after eating poisonous fish**

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - Three fishermen died and two children were hospitalized after eating puffer fish, a delicacy that can be deadly if incorrectly prepared, police said Tuesday.

Police said the victims fell ill Sunday after eating the fish during a party in the fishing village of Cabusao in Camarines Sur province in Luzon Island's southern Bicol region.

Cabusao is about 250 kilometers (156 miles) southeast of Manila.

Police said Ciriaco Ros, a fisherman who was holding a party, presented the fish locally known as "butete," to

his guests and relatives. Ros was among those who died. The two who were hospitalized were his children.

There are no records of how many deaths can be attributed to eating puffer fish. The fish is not usually eaten in the Philippines and fishermen only catch it only during the rainy season when they cannot go out to catch other fish.

But in Japan, diners may pay as much as \$400 for puffer fish. The highest number on record of deaths per year from puffer fish poisoning was 176 people in 1958. Since then, the number of deaths has been declining, and for the past 10 years fewer than six people a year have died.



A throng of news photographers take photos of a small group of protesters who stage a die-in on the road after police block them when they tried to get closer to the venue of the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) meeting on sustainable economic development at suburban Makati City, Philippines on Thursday. The protesters assailed APEC's role in the economic development of the third world countries, which they claim to cater only to the industrialized member-countries. AP photo

**World Bank to lend RP \$270M to fund projects**

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - The World Bank has committed about \$270 million to the Philippines next year to fund projects already in the pipeline in connection to the government's development goals, it was reported Tuesday. Economic Planning Secretary

Cielito Habito told the independent Business World newspaper that the loans would be used to finance a major water sector project, an elementary education project, the further development of the Subic Bay freeport area and a support program for agrarian reform.

The newspaper also said the Na-

tional Economic and Development Authority, which Habito heads, reported the government is also negotiating an additional \$200 million from the World Bank.

It also quoted Pinky Esguerra, the economic planning office's director for investment, as saying that the government is looking to borrow a total of \$1.5 billion for a period of three years.

**MANILA NEWSBRIEFS**  
(As culled by Philippine Consulate)**Investments soar by 150%**

INVESTMENTS poured into the equities and money markets soared to more than 150 percent to \$2.76 billion in the first six months to June, compared with \$1.1 billion a year earlier.

Data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed that inflows of foreign funds in the January-June period were 87 percent higher than outflows totalling \$1.9 billion, translating into a net inflow of \$61 million in the first semester this year.

The volume of portfolio investments in the first half is about \$111 million short of \$2.87 billion recorded last year. The Manila Times

**Ramos vows to help squatters**

PRESIDENT Fidel V. Ramos yesterday vowed to complete all of the government's socialized housing projects for the low-income families "as scheduled or even ahead of the target date."

The president issued the statement after he made a surprise visit yesterday morning to the San Andres-Vito Cruz-Malate, portion of the P10-billion "Pabahay sa Riles" project which is under construction.

"This administration is addressing the housing needs not only of those who are working but also the squatters," the President said.

In this connection, he ordered the Housing and Urban Development and Coordinating Council (HUDCC) to submit recommendations on the following proposals to help squatters along the PNR right-of-way (ROW).

Imposition of higher eligible loan limits for the Abot-Kaya Program (from P80,000 to P150,000 for level A and from P100,000 to P175,000 for level B); and Adoption of the Graduated Payment Plan, in coordination with the Home Insurance and Guarantee Corporation (HIGC), as an option for the repayment of loans. The Philippine Journal

**MNLF expected to stop armed struggle**

WITH the impending creation of the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development (SPCPD) the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) is expected to fully abandon its armed struggle.

It also promises to work within the framework of the Constitution in pursuing its goal of alleviating the plight of the Muslims in Mindanao.

The MNLF chieftain noted several changes may have to be made on the Constitution if only to ensure the protection of the rights of people in the south.

He criticized the current arrangement where not even one of the 24 senators in office is from Mindanao. "This needs to be changed," he said. Business World

**Hearings begin in Union vs Grand**

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

THE NATIONAL Labor Relations Board (NLRB) yesterday has started hearing the case filed by the Commonwealth Labor Federation/Local 5 against Saipan Grand Hotel.

NLRB's administrative law Judge David G. Heilbrun is presiding over the scheduled eight-week hearing to be held daily at Horiguchi Building in

Garapan.

Local 5 lawyer John F. Cool was the lone witness whose testimony was heard yesterday.

In the complaint submitted to the NLRB, Local 5 alleged that Saipan Grand Hotel has been engaging in unfair labor practices.

The complaint named 14 Grand Hotel managers and supervisors who allegedly interrogated and/or threat-

ened to fire employees for engaging in union activities.

Employees, it was also alleged, were discouraged from joining, assisting or engaging in union activities.

The annual contracts of employees who complained about wages and working conditions were not renewed, the complaint said.

In an election held Oct. 6 last year, Saipan Grand Hotel employees voted

in favor of forming a union.

The hotel management, however, refused to recognize the union.

Lawyers for the hotel questioned the legality of the NLRB's "interference" in CNMI's labor matters.

**Man in '95 kidnapping case held anew for same offense**

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

A MAN who was brought to the Superior Court for kidnapping and mauling his girlfriend last year, was taken back to court yesterday for allegedly committing almost the same offense.

Albert R. Cepeda was charged anew with two counts of kidnapping, two counts of criminal contempt, and two counts of assault and battery.

Court information showed that last June 9 Cepeda, apparently in the fit of jealousy, blocked Denita Sablan Naputi's car near the Commonwealth Health Center.

Cepeda ordered Naputi to proceed to CHC's parking lot where he then slapped her and pulled her out of the car.

The defendant forced the victim into his car and drove her in various places on the island. They then went back later to the hospital's parking lot where they switched vehicles.

At a residence in Navy Hill where Naputi was supposed to pick up her kids, Cepeda punched her on the knee and grabbed her hair.

The victim managed to get inside the vehicle, but the suspect jumped onto the truck. He damaged the windshield and threatened to kill her.

Some residents in the area came to the rescue, prompting the suspect to run away.

According to the complaint, on Monday Cepeda kidnapped the vic-

**Boy, 14, held for 'stealing'**

A 14-year-old boy was arrested shortly after he allegedly stole money from a house in Garapan Saturday afternoon.

Police said the boy entered one of the rooms and got away \$254 cash, 11,000 in Chinese money and 4,000 in Hongkong money.

It was not indicated in the report how the suspect was caught.

In other police reports, three men were arrested for allegedly attacking two men in western Garapan before dawn Sunday.

Manuel J. Villagomez, 21, of As Lito, John W. Rasiang, 23, of Dandan, and Norman S. Rasiang, 20, of Chalan Lau lau, were nabbed for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Meanwhile, two persons were charged for shoplifting at the Duty Free Shoppers in Garapan Sunday.

Soun Hee and An Renmei were charged with theft.

According to the complaint filed by Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan Lane the defendants stole various items from DFS such as jewelry, cosmetics, key chains, and a lighter.

In another criminal case, the AG charged yesterday a man identified as Daniel R. Collins with assault and battery for allegedly striking another person named Phad Meesungnon.

No other details were given in the complaint. (FDT)

**Jones turns in semi-annual report**

IN WHAT could turn out to be a CNMI "first," Rep. Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan) has published a "semi-annual report" detailing the number of bills he has so far filed and the community service activities he has initiated.

The 19-page pamphlet was printed on book paper and is now being distributed among Jones's Precinct IV constituents.

According to the report, Jones has introduced 19 bills in the House of Representatives of which he is one of the two remaining Democrats.

Among the bills listed are H.B. 10-166, proposing to allot excess unappropriated funds for fiscal year 1996 to the scholarship and medical referral pro-

grams, and H.B. 10-169, appropriating \$3M for the paving of As Matus village homestead road and sewer line.

There was no mention, however, if any of the bills were passed into law.

Jones said his ongoing community projects are the following:

\* The designing of a park for Marine beach in Kagman.

\* The construction of a baseball field and social hall for Precinct IV.

\* Erection of village signs in Precinct IV.

\* Improvement of the water services in As Matus and San Roque.

Jones in his "message" said the main objectives of his incumbency



Dino M. Jones

are to improve roads, water system, build schools and reduce the crime rate.

(Zaldy Dandan)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #3**

The CNMI Council for the Humanities seeks proposals from individuals and nonprofit organizations for projects that promote, explore and preserve **FAMILY HERITAGE, FOLKLORE AND FAMILY VALUES**. Projects should demonstrate, illustrate or otherwise exemplify family history, traditions, customs and folklore.

Project goals are to preserve our family history, traditions and customs; to remind us of our past; and to keep our family values alive and healthy. Suggested formats include: photo exhibits, family portraits, displays of family artifacts, publication of family stories and others.

For more information and an application package, call Ron Barrineau at 235-4785. The CNMI Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION****REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), is requesting proposals from authorized insurance underwriters and/or their Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' representatives for "Declining Balance Life Insurance". Said mortgage life/disability insurance will be issued to the principal borrowers as required by the original full amount of the loan, and tailored to decline as the loan principal is reduced. The first year's premium will be paid upon execution of the loan. Subsequent year's premium will be collected in equal installments during the year and premium funds will be in escrow.

Interested proposers are requested to call and make an appointment with Diana Crisostimo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division for particulars. Please call telephone numbers 234-9447/7689/7670 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

All proposals must be in duplicate, sealed in an envelope marked "Mortgage Insurance", and submitted no later than 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 26, 1996, to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason if in its opinion, doing so will serve the best interest of NMHC.

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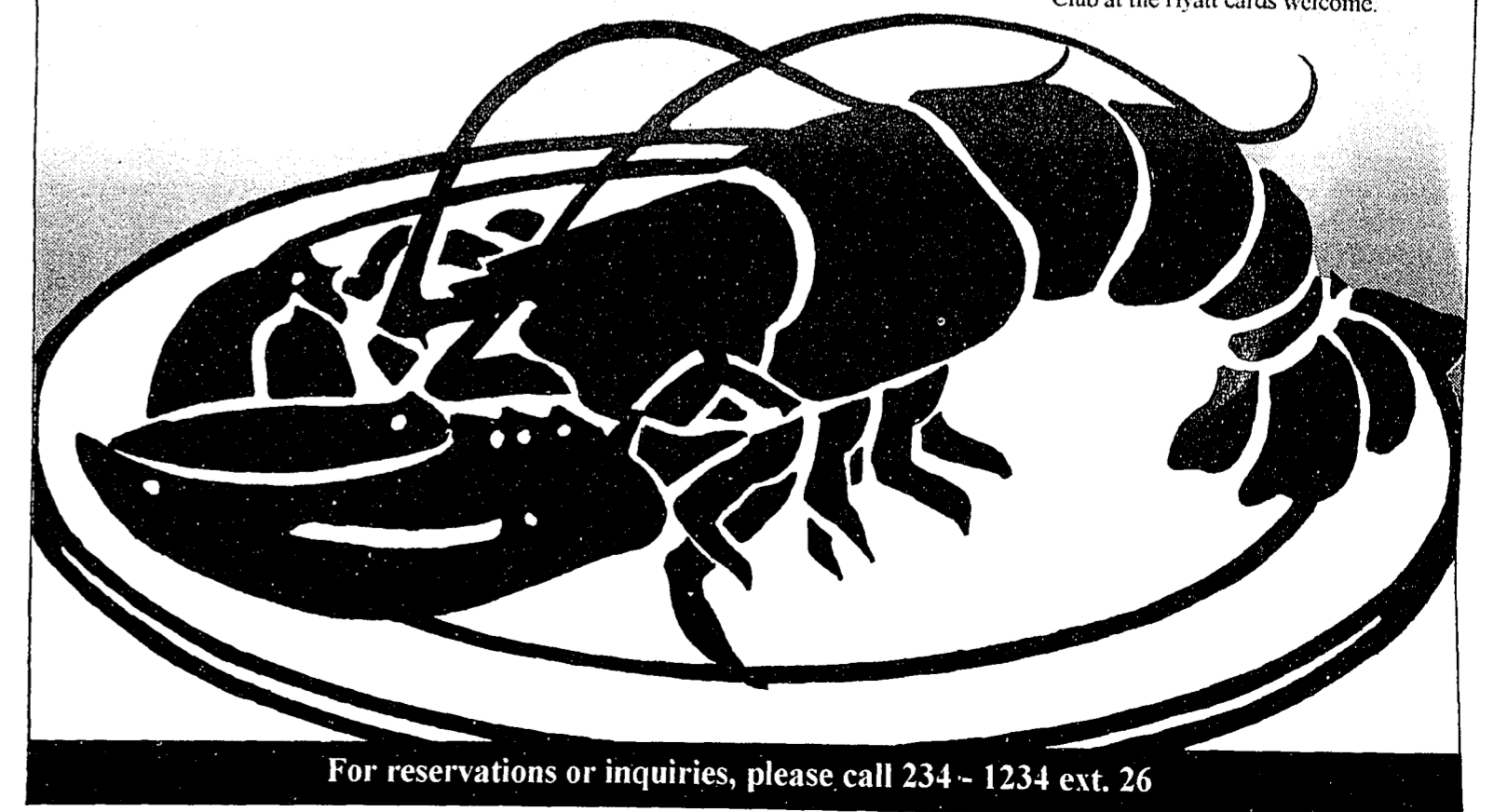
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# Conflict focus of PNG session

ISSUES concerning the ongoing Bougainville conflict are expected to take precedence in this session of Papua New Guinea's Parliament, which was scheduled to have started yesterday afternoon.

The eight-year-old conflict is high on both the government and the opposition agendas, the Post-Courier reported.

Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan is expected to update Parliament on happenings on Bougainville. He is

also expected to inform the house about the continuous negotiations with the North Solomons and Bougainville Transitional Government. Interim Premier Theodore Muringo on ways to find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

The issue of Bougainville autonomy is also expected to be raised during question time when the house resumes at four o'clock this afternoon, universal time.

Opposition leader Roy Yaki had

talked against the Bougainville autonomy saying it will affect the unity of PNG.

Meanwhile Defense Force Commander, Jerry Singirok, said he accepted responsibility for border incursions into Solomon Islands

territory. He described such cases, which he did not elaborate, as regrettable infringements.

Commander Singirok was responding to a letter written to him by the Solomon Islands Assistant Police Commissioner, Michael

Wheatley.

Wheatley in his letter denied PNG Defence Force allegations that Solomon Islands Field Forces had attacked PNG patrol boat, HMPNCS Tarangau, recently....Pacnews

## New Caledonia seen as a model of economic prosperity in region

NEW Caledonia can become a model of economic prosperity for the South Pacific according to Bank of Hawaii economist, Wali Osman, but the Melanesian territory must find other sources of income to supplement nickel exports and development support from France.

New Caledonia has the world's third largest deposits of nickel and at current extraction rates can keep mining the metal for another 40 to 50 years, Hawaii Public Radio reports.

Osman, author of a new economic report on New Caledonia says the French overseas territory's rich natural resources, comparatively large land area and political and economic connections to France already give New Caledonia a stan-

dard of living that is much higher than most of its Pacific Islands neighbors.

The Hawaii economist stresses that agriculture, fishing and tourism all offer additional economic potential but have yet to make major contributions to the New Caledonian economy.

Osman also says policy makers know are grappling with the issue of how two New Caledonian cultures each with differing institutional structures can work together to deal with 21st century economic realities.

The indigenous Melanesians, the Kanaks, operate within a system of communal property rights and communal ownership of resources.

Most of the New Caledonia's immigrants who represent about 55 percent of the total population believe in private property rights and private gain and loss. Osman emphasizes that each group stands to gain from cooperation and accommodation.

Wali Osman, Bank of Hawaii vice-president and regional economist, wrote the 1996 "Economic Report on New Caledonia" in support of the work of the Banque de Nouvelle-Calédonie which was established by the Bank of Hawaii together with Credit Lyonnais and other investors in 1974. Earlier this year the Bank of Hawaii acquired a majority interest in the New Caledonian financial institution....Pacnews

## Solomons patrol opens fire on PNG fast craft

SOLOMON Islands police patrol boat Auki opened fire from its 50 millimeter cannon Monday afternoon on a fast craft believed to be from Papua New Guinea's defence force.

The incident took place about 1.30 pm in Solomon Islands territorial waters outside Kukuwolu Island after the fast craft posed danger as it approached the patrol boat at

high speed, SIBC reported.

The firing went on for five minutes after which the boat sped back to its base at Toarata Island. There were five people on the fast craft.

Solomon Islands assistant police commissioner national reconnaissance and surveillance force, Michael Wheatley, has confirmed the incident but said there were no reports of casualties....Pacnews

## Fiji quelled mass action, say reports

AUTHORITIES in Fiji have put a stop to intentions by the extremist Taukei Movement to stage a multi-racial march to protest police brutality.

Unconfirmed reports say the movement was refused the permit by the District Officer, Suva, the Daily Post reports.

Usually people intending to hold public marches and rallies must apply seven days before the intended event.

The movement planned to take to the streets of Suva on Friday in a march of protest over what they call continued police brutality against the public.

And in a major turn of events it wants an Indian MP to take up the fight for them in parliament.

The movement - a strong advocate of Fiji for Fijians - wants the opposition leader, Jai Ram Reddy, an Indian politician they helped oust from government in 1987 to take up the fight.

The Friday show of strength will culminate in a petition to be presented to Reddy at Sukuna Park followed by a rally.

The petition calls on Reddy to move a motion in parliament calling for an immediate inquiry into the recent spate of police brutality inflicted against prison escapees and members of the public in general.

Last week the movement wrote to Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka, Ombudsman Sailosi Kepa and Attorney General Ratu Etuave Tavai expressing its concern over police brutality....Pacnews

# Marcos Jr. in 'golden Buddha' trial

HONOLULU (AP) - The son of the late Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos told a court hearing Monday that he has never seen a priceless golden Buddha his late father allegedly stole from a treasure hunter.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr., known as "Bong Bong," said he also never saw any gold bullion or treasure in Malacanang Palace or in tunnels under a Baguio City hospital.

"I've never seen a golden-colored Buddha there," the 38-year-old Marcos, said in Circuit Court on Monday. "I never saw gold, except jewelry-type gold."

People have torn apart homes where the Marcoses have lived looking for gold, but never found any, he said.

Treasure hunter Rogelio Roxas, who died three years ago, claimed in the early 1970s to have found a pure gold Buddha figure filled with priceless jewelry near his home in the Philippines.

He claimed that Marcos' soldiers raided his home after word of the Buddha began spreading and seized the statue for the authoritarian president.

Weeks later, a Buddha statue was brought back to Roxas by the soldiers, but

Roxas claimed it was made of bronze and was not the original.

Roxas fled to the United States and before dying in 1993 turned over claims to the alleged treasure to a group of investors that organized as the Atlanta-based Golden Buddha Corp. The group then filed a lawsuit in Hawaii, seeking

damages.

Lawyers for the Marcos family say there never was a golden Buddha and there is not enough evidence to back up the claim.

Supporters of the claim, however, say the Buddha and gems were priceless treasures plundered by Japanese troops in Southeast Asia during

World War II and that the Japanese buried the statue when they were forced to retreat from the Philippines.

They say the Buddha contributed to President Marcos' massive "ill-gotten wealth" while in office.

Marcos was overthrown by a "people power" uprising in 1986 and forced into exile in

Hawaii.

The younger Marcos was a member of the Philippine House of Representatives until last year, when he lost a bid for election to the Senate.

He also was sentenced last year to nine years in prison for failing to pay taxes between 1982 and 1985. He is appealing the sentence.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-249 submitted by Triple J Saipan Incorporated for the construction of an Automotive Service Center on a 24-hour Shell Service Station immediately south of the Ben Franklin Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

The proposed project include a two storey commercial building, consisting of a convenience store, fast food outlet, vehicle inspection facility, carwash system, a conference room, an office space, a single bedroom, and four (4) gas dispensing units together with underground fuel storage tanks.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria. This is the second and final notice of this public hearing.

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

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

/s/MANUEL C. SABLAN  
Director  
Coastal Resources Management

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Department of Lands & Natural Resources

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-228 submitted by Hip Shing Saipan, Inc. for the operation of the Hip Shing Laundry in Lower Base, Saipan.

The project calls for the operation of 14 washing machines, 12 with a capacity of 300 pounds per load and 2 with a 50 pound capacity. They will also be using 18 electric heater dryers with a capacity of 150 pounds each. Hip Shing Laundry accepts garments from Saipan Garment factories for dry clean services.

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

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Garapan Elementary School. This is the second and final notice of this public hearing.

Please contact the Coastal Resources Management at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/MANUEL C. SABLAN  
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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-224 submitted by Marianas Acquisition Corporation (Shell Marianas) for the proposed construction of the Shell Service Station in front of Len's Restaurant, Susupe, Saipan.

The proposed project include a one story commercial building, consisting of a convenience store, fast food outlet, 4 gas dispensing units with a metal canopy.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. This is the second and final notice of this public hearing.

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

Please contact the Coastal Resources Management at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/MANUEL C. SABLAN  
Director  
Coastal Resources Management

# Clinton faces Cuba deadline

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) - Confronted with sharply opposing views, President Clinton is facing a deadline for deciding whether to crack down on foreign companies using property confiscated from Americans in Cuba.

Legislation enacted three months ago gave Clinton until Tuesday to waive a provision that would allow the American owners to sue the foreign firms in U.S. courts.

Clinton said Monday night in an interview on MSNBC, the new cable and Internet news service, that he had

## President may get bashing at home or from allies

not yet made a decision.

Clinton acknowledged criticism from European allies, which have warned of possible retaliation if he refuses to waive enforcement.

But the president added, "I must do what I think is in the national interest of the United States and what is likely to bring democracy to Cuba. We have to keep pushing until we get a democratic response in Cuba."

The European Union warned Monday that the retaliation could include

blacklisting U.S. companies and requiring visas for business travelers.

"The best way to get change in Cuba is not to clobber your allies," said Sir Leon Brittan, EU vice president and trade commissioner.

But Clinton is coming under pressure at home not to waive enforcement of the provision. The anti-communist Cuban-American National Foundation said last week that if Clinton waives the provision, it will embolden foreign investors already in

Cuba or those contemplating investments there.

A co-author of the legislation, Sen. Jesse Helms, a North Carolina Republican, says Clinton should enforce the provision because President Fidel Castro is "running a fire sale in stolen property."

In a similar vein, House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, a New York Republican, says the new law undermines "Castro's desperate scheme to raise hard currency by selling stolen property to unscrupulous companies."

Clinton studied a briefing paper on the issue over the weekend at Camp David, aides said. But White House spokesman Mike McCurry acknowledged Monday that on this issue, Clinton cannot please everybody.

"No matter which way you go, there are probably both positive and negative political consequences," he said.

At issue is the status of 5,911 U.S. properties that were seized by Cuba within the first two years of the 1959 revolution when Castro took power. More than 100 foreign companies are believed to be using these properties for profit.

One of the companies is Sherritt International Corp., a Canadian mining firm operating on property in eastern Cuba owned by Freeport-MacMoRan Inc. of New Orleans.

Last week, under another provision of the legislation, the U.S. government sent letters to nine people affiliated with Sherritt, warning they were no longer welcome in the United States if they did not sever their ties with the company within 45



Bill Clinton

days. Similar letters to other firms also are planned.

Cuba has expressed willingness to compensate the owners but only in the context of a broader accommodation between the United States and Cuba. The administration says no accommodation is possible in the absence of sweeping political and economic reform in Cuba.

A State Department official says there is almost no sentiment for enforcing the lawsuit provision because of the solid opposition not only in Europe and Canada, but Latin America as well.

But Clinton has to take into account the sentiment of large Cuban-American communities in swing states such as Florida and New Jersey. A decision to waive probably would cost him some Cuban-American votes in the November presidential election. The legislation allows Clinton to waive enforcement at intervals of six months.



Defendants, left, to right, Jae Whoo Chung, husband of Kyung Jae Chung, Sung Soo Choi and Jin Hyun Choi listen to the charges against them through interpreter Paul K. Son, far right, while being arraigned West Los Angeles Branch Court in Los Angeles. The three pleaded not guilty in the exorcism death of Kyung Jae Chung. AP Photo

## Death and Funeral Announcement

### JOSE PABLO CAMACHO SABLAN

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Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00pm at Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Muna's residence located at Fina Sisú. Last respect will be on Monday, July 22, 1996 at Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Muna's residence in Fina Sisú. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on the same day at 4:00p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Interment service will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

# President blasts US for revoking his visa

By PAUL HAVEN

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Blasting the U.S. government for revoking his visa, President Ernesto Samper compared the move to what he called America's interventionist policies against Canadian businessmen dealing with Cuba.

The United States revoked Samper's visa last week, citing evidence he took millions of dollars from the world's most powerful drug cartel to win office in 1994.

In his weekly television address Monday night, Samper said the decision "involves a direct offense to the president of a sovereign nation and a lack of respect for Colombian demo-

cratic institutions."

Samper was cleared of the drug charges by Colombia's corruption-plagued House of Representatives in June. U.S. officials have said the congressional investigation was a farce.

Eight legislators have been jailed on charges they took drug money and more than a dozen other politicians are under investigation by prosecutors.

Samper said the visa revocation was part of a new, interventionist U.S. foreign policy. He cited the recent suspension by the United States under the controversial Helms-Burton law of the visas of Canadian businessmen who are doing business

in Cuba.

Relations between the two countries have been worsening since the United States decertified Colombia in March as an ally in the war on drugs.

The U.S. visas of Colombia's comptroller and attorney general have already been revoked for alleged drug links.

Samper said the worsening of relations will only help Cali drug kingpins by damaging cooperation in the drug fight.

"Drug cartels must be celebrating that things are not going well between the two countries," he said.

Samper vowed again that he will not resign, ignoring calls by business, church, and opposition leaders - as well as the nation's two leading newspapers - for his ouster.

"It would take many years for Colombia to recover from the moral shame if ... its president resigned because another country (withdrew its visa)," he said.

## Biggest heroin seizure since French Connection

PARIS (AP) - French customs agents have seized 106 kilograms (233 pounds) of heroin at the entrance to the Channel Tunnel in the biggest drug bust since the days of the French Connection, the government said Monday.

A statement by the Budget Ministry, which is in charge of the customs police, said the heroin was discovered aboard a high-speed train inside a British truck carrying bicycles, photographic equipment and toilet paper.

The heroin was discovered last Thursday but the ministry announced the catch only Monday.

Officials said it was the biggest seizure of heroin since 1972, when an international drug smuggling ring based in Marseille became known as the French Connection.

In addition to the heroin, police

## Russian economy continues to shrink

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's economy continued to shrink in the first half of the year, with production dipping more sharply than expected because of uncertainty before presidential elections, officials said Monday.

Gross domestic product was down 5 percent in the first half of 1996 from the same period last year, the State Statistics Committee said. Industrial output in February was down 4 percent on the year, the committee said.

Hardest hit was the textile industry, where production fell by 26 percent, and the construction materials industry, where production dropped by 25 percent, compared to the same period a year earlier.

All the figures are adjusted for inflation.

The government had forecast that gross domestic product would stabilize this year after declining 4 percent over 1995. But officials chalked up the decline to uncertainty before the elections.

President Boris Yeltsin won reelection on July 3 after a grueling campaign against the revived Communists.

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## One of Japan's worst outbreaks in years:

# Nearly 6,000 fall victim

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

**TOKYO (AP)** - Japan's government scrambled to calm fears Tuesday as the reported number of food poisoning cases nationwide swelled to nearly 6,000, making it one of the worst outbreaks in years.

Concern over the spread of food poisoning cases linked to the E. coli virus has grown so intense that Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Tuesday called an emergency meeting with officials from health, education and agricultural ministries.

Health and Welfare Minister Naoto Kan was to visit the hardest-hit city later Tuesday to join six officials, including four experts on food poisoning, sent by the ministry by Monday.

The current food poisoning outbreak is the largest since 1988, when 10,476 people were infected by salmonella, said Satoshi Takaya, a Health and Welfare Ministry official in charge of hygiene.

So far, the majority of the victims are schoolchildren, most of whom are in Japan's western city of Sakai.

By Tuesday morning, more than 4,000 schoolchildren from 53 public schools in Sakai have reported symptoms of food poisoning, city officials said.

Of those, at least 200 remained in the hospital Tuesday.

Doctors have detected the E. coli O-157 strain of bacteria, which causes a bad form of food poisoning, in several of the schoolchildren hospitalized in Sakai and other cities.

Although no deaths have been reported in Sakai, four - three children and an 84-year-old woman - from other parts of Japan have died.

Sakai city health officials began to conduct on-site inspection of some of the 73 catering services providing lunches to the affected schools, which will remain closed until Wednesday.

Local health officials sprayed disinfectant in the schools, whose closure affects some 50,000 schoolchildren in the area.

The disease-causing strain of the E. coli bacteria can be contracted from undercooked meat, but other sources can include

water, dairy products and poultry, said Takaya, the health ministry official.

The bacteria can cause severe stomach pains, bloody diarrhea and kidney damage. Adults can usually endure the disease, and

symptoms recede in 7-10 days with treatment with antibiotics. It can be more dangerous to children and the elderly.

Several of the recent outbreaks elsewhere in the country this summer were traced to specific school

cafeterias and two vendors of box lunches.

Takaya said tainted school lunches are also believed to have caused the Sakai outbreak, but it remains unclear what food is to blame.



Women pray to a stone Buddha to grant them a son in a time-honored practice at the Paigong mountain in Taegu City, south of Seoul, in this file photo. Now that prenatal tests can identify the sex of a fetus, the Korean preference for male babies has led women increasingly to abort unwanted female fetuses. AP Photo

## Death And Funeral Announcement

### ROSA SAN NICOLAS CABRERA CAMACHO,

better known as Rosan "Potu/Pakito" daughter of Juan Taisague Cabrera and Ana Dela Cruz San Nicolas, deceased, of Chalan Piao, Saipan, passed away on July 11, 1996, at the age of 77.

Mrs. Camacho was predeceased by her husband FRANCISCO TUDELA CAMACHO, son of Luis Muna Camacho and Maria Ramirez Tudela, deceased.

She is survived by her children Jose and Helen Camacho (Herbert, Richard and Valerie) of California; Luis C. Camacho, Ana Maria C. Camacho, Maria and Serafin Guerrero (James and Jennifer Guerrero, Shirley Ann G. and Thomas Blas, Kevin, Jerome and Nadine), Juan and Bobbie Camacho (Keith, Christopher and Jacob) of Guam; Vicente and Cindy Camacho (Brandon, Ryan, and Ila) Francisco C. Camacho and Thomas C. Camacho (Soly and James Frankie).

She is additionally survived by her sister Carmen and husband Fred Austin (California); Sister-in-laws Angelina R. Cabrera, (California), Cecilia S. Tudela (Augustine), Elisa F. Camacho, Monica C. Duenas, Gregoria C. Cabrera and brother in-law Felix T. Camacho; sixteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Camacho was predeceased by her sister Maria SN. Cabrera, brothers Antonio Dela Cruz Cabrera (Rosa), Jesus, Jose, Joaquin (Ana), Francisco (Regina), and Juan SN. Cabrera; brother-in-laws Jose (Juana), Gregorio (Elizabeth), Manuel, and Pedro T. Camacho (Maria) and sister-in-laws Asuncion C. Castro (Rodrigo/Vicente), Guadalupe C. Diaz/Blas (Jose/Juan), Ana C. Babauta (Jose) and Luciana (Francisco) A. Ada.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and will end on July 18, 1996.

Last respects may be paid on Friday, July 19, 1996 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm followed by mass at 4:00 pm. Interment services will follow immediately thereafter at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

THE FAMILY

## ASEAN to confer Burma observer status in meet

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** - Despite objections from the West, Burma will become an observer in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations when the seven-nation group's ministerial meeting takes place here this week.

ASEAN does not believe in treating Burma as an outcast on the suggestion of Western countries including the United States, Indonesia's Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said.

"ASEAN prefers to work quietly on issues of internal matters to certain countries and that's what we are trying to do," Alatas said.

The ASEAN nations - Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam - have a policy of "constructive engagement" toward Burma. They say dealing with the generals rather than ostracizing them will coax them to improve human rights.

"We realize the situation needs solution and we acknowledge there is a problem," Alatas said. "But I hope they (the Western nations) too will understand that this is our

organization not theirs."

ASEAN hopes to bring Burma besides Cambodia and Laos, which already have an observer status, into the fold soon to make it a truly south-east Asian organization. Papua New Guinea also has observer status in ASEAN.

Alatas said Burmese pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi recently wrote to ASEAN leaders, but did not say what the contents are. Suu Kyi has regularly urged Western and Asian countries to boycott the military leaders and stay away from investing in Burma to protest against their suppression of democratic rights.

ASEAN's trade and foreign ministers will meet in Jakarta on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition to being an observer in ASEAN, Burma along with India will also be admitted as a full member of the ASEAN Regional Forum, a security talk-shop that includes the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the European Union. China and Russia also will join it this year when the ARF meets on Tuesday.

## Korean ships to visit Russia

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** - Two South Korean navy battleships will visit the Russian Far Eastern port of Vladivostok later this month to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Russian Navy, military officials said Tuesday.

They said the visit, the second of its kind since 1993,

will be made in July 26-30 and further expand military exchanges between the two countries, which established formal ties in 1990.

The Soviet Union, Russia's predecessor, was a longtime ally of South Korea's rival, communist North Korea.

## FBI to head anti-terrorism rapid response task force

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The FBI will head a rapid response task force to prevent and respond to terrorist bombings and electronic attacks on U.S. computers and communications.

Spurred by the Oklahoma City bombing, President Clinton ordered the task force set up Monday and created a presidential commission to conduct a one-year study of threats to the nation's vital infrastructures: telecommunications; banking and finance; transportation; government; and water supply, medical, police, fire and rescue systems.

"Certain national infrastructures are so vital that their incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating impact on the defense or economic security of the United States," Clinton said in his executive order.

The order cites two types of potential threats: bombings and other physical attacks and computer-based electronic attacks on the interdependent public-private computer networks that link these key services, transfer money for banks, deliver military commands and control air traffic.

The order reflected recommendations Clinton received March 14 from Attorney General Janet Reno, who chaired a Cabinet committee formed after the April 1995 bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City. That panel cited the need for a task force to provide "an emergency response" to such threats while a separate presidential commission studies long-term solutions.

Until the commission reports, Clinton ordered that an Infrastructure Protection Task Force be established in the Justice Department headed by the FBI. The Defense Department and other agencies would join in the task force devoted to improving infrastructure protection and coordinating the response to attacks.

The commission will have both government and private-sector members, but its chairman will come from the private sector because most critical infrastructures are privately owned.

No one was named to the commission immediately.

Reno's Cabinet committee recognized that future terrorist attacks may not be limited to bombs but may be directed at disabling the nation's computer and communications systems, she said.

"Such attacks could disable or disrupt the provision of vital services just as readily as - if not more than - a well-placed bomb," she said.

Reno's committee also said electronic attacks could come from a disgruntled employee, an irresponsible computer hacker, an organized crime syndicate or a hostile foreign nation, as well as terrorists. The commission will consider all potential sources and types of attacks.

In a case that illustrated some of the fears inside the government, the Justice Department filed criminal charges on March 29 against a university stu-

dent in Argentina. Federal prosecutors charged that the 22-year-old computer science student, Julio Cesar Arditia, used a computer in Buenos Aires, where he lives, and the worldwide computer Internet to hack his way into several U.S. military computers.

Officials alleged that Arditia gained access to sensitive but not secret data on satellites, radiation and engineering.

In May, government investigators reported that hackers infiltrate Pentagon computers more than 160,000 times a year, threatening "catastrophic damage," but the military rarely detects and seldom investigates the intruders.

Citing Pentagon estimates, the General Accounting Office of Congress reported as many as 250,000 attempts may have been made to penetrate military computer networks last year, and 65 percent - 162,500 - were successful.

## Hearing postponed in Haing Ngor slay trial

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** - A preliminary hearing has been postponed until Sept. 5 for three alleged gang members accused of killing Oscar-winner Haing S. Ngor.

Superior Court Judge David Horowitz granted the request by a defense attorney to reschedule the proceeding, which was to begin Tuesday. Public Defender Joy Wolinsky asked for the delay because she is in trial on another case.

Tak Sun Tan, 19, Indra Lim, 19, and Jason Chan, 18, are accused of robbery and murder in the Feb. 25 shooting death of Ngor, who won an Academy Award in 1984 for his

supporting role in "The Killing Fields."

Ngor, a Cambodian activist who spent much of his time in his native country, was gunned down in the carport of an apartment he maintained in Chinatown. Police say the motive was robbery.

Defense attorneys claim police have the wrong suspects. No murder weapon or witness to the shooting has been found. Ngor had several humanitarian and business operations in Cambodia. Some family members and friends believe his murder may have been politically motivated.

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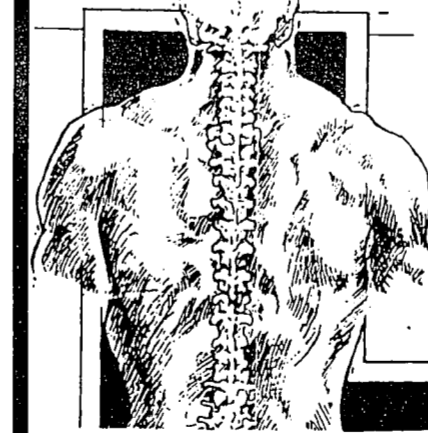
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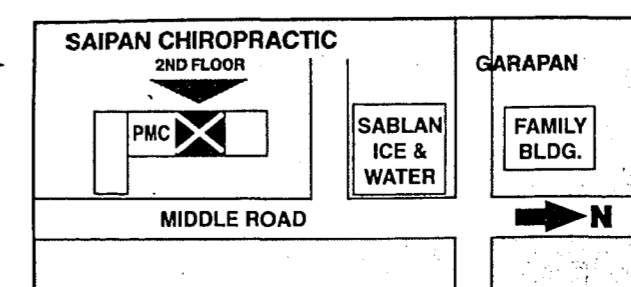
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# Microsoft to sell its US plant

By AUDRA ANG  
REDMOND, Washington (AP) - Microsoft Corp. announced it has signed a letter of intent to sell its only production facility in the United States.

The deal with Kao Infosystems Co. of Plymouth, Massachusetts, includes the sale, continued employment for the workers, and a three-year contract to manufacture software for the Redmond-based company, Microsoft spokesman Dean Katz said Sunday.

Kao will purchase and operate the eight-year-old Canyon Park facility in Bothell, which now produces the majority of Microsoft's packaged products for North America, Katz said.

The exact price of the sale has not been worked out yet, he said.

Canyon Park, located about

13 miles (21 kilometers) northeast of Seattle, will become the third West Coast software production facility for Kao Infosystems.

The diskette manufacturer is a subsidiary of Kao Corp. of America, which in turn is a subsidiary of Kao Corp., a Japanese conglomerate. Other Kao subsidiaries include High Point Chemical Corp. in High Point, North Carolina, and Andrew Jergens Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Our agreement with Kao will have many benefits," Rick Devenuti, Microsoft's vice president of operations, said in a news release. "It allows Microsoft to focus on our core competency - developing great software."

Canyon Park, which opened in 1988, employs about 400 people, Katz said.

The Canyon Park facility produces a variety of

Microsoft software on diskettes, as well as software manuals and other packaged goods.

Microsoft still operates some production facilities overseas, including Ireland, the Far East and Puerto Rico, Katz said.

The transaction, which is subject to government approval, is expected to close in early August.

## Gap between rich and poor keeps growing, says report

By SETH SUTEL  
TOKYO (AP) - Despite sharply higher economic growth in many countries, the gap between rich and poor people throughout the world is growing wider all the time, a new United Nations survey shows.

This year's Human Development Report, which was compiled by the U.N. Development Program, warns that despite progress in many developing nations the world's poorest people are not enjoying the fruits of the last few decades of economic wealth-building.

"The world has become more economically polarized, both between countries and within countries," UNDP Administrator James Gustave Speth wrote in a preface to the report.

"If present trends continue, economic disparities between industrial and developing nations will move from inequitable to inhuman," he wrote in the report, which was to be officially released Wednesday following a forum of top officials from the U.N. Development Program.

The UNDP also ranked Canada as highest on its "human development index," which measures various indi-

cations of well-being such as life expectancy, education and purchasing power. The United States came next, followed by Japan, the Netherlands and Norway.

But when the measures are adjusted for various gaps between the status of men and women, Sweden vaults to the top position, while Canada drops to second, the United States to fourth and Japan to 12th.

The report showed that a huge number of the world's poor are being left behind by the current wave of economic growth.

Even though the world's economy surged ahead over the past three decades, some 1.6 billion people - about one-fourth of the world's population - are actually worse off than they were 15 years ago.

At the national level, 89 countries - most of them in the developing world - are in worse shape economically now than they were 10 or more years ago.

Among the world's wealthy nations, only three - Canada, Finland and Iceland - are worse off than they were in the 1980s.

On the bright side, the report's

authors also noted that their measure of "human development" has risen at a faster rate in the last 30 years in the developing world than the developed countries achieved over one century.

Led by successfully developing countries like Botswana, China, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore, life expectancy in developing countries has shot up by more than 30 percent during that period while primary school enrollment has increased from 48 percent to 77 percent.

"A strategy for economic growth that emphasizes people and their productive potential is the only way to open opportunities," said Richard Jolly, chief author of the report and special advisor to the administrator of the UNDP.

"It is increasingly clear that new international measures are needed to encourage and support national strategies for employment creation and human development, especially in the poorer countries," he said.

## Disney to move with \$1.4 billion expansion

ANAHEIM, California (AP) - The Walt Disney Co. and Anaheim officials announced that they have come up with a financial plan that puts them closer to a proposed \$ 1.4 billion theme park next to Disneyland.

In a joint announcement Monday, the company and the city said they had reached agreement on how to use revenues generated by the park to pay for public improvements, including new streets, landscaping and expansion of the Anaheim Convention Center.

"With Disney's support, the proposed financial framework achieves this goal," City Manager Jim Ruth said. "It represents an unprecedented collaboration between the public and private sector."

Dubbed "Disney's California Adventure," the new park will try to recreate classic California style through period attractions, shops and restaurants.

Disney reportedly is considering themes that include a studio backlot, circa 1940, and a boardwalk area that captures the feel, food and ambiance of an old-time seaside resort, including a wooden roller coaster.

The plan calls for use of tax revenues generated by the expansion, a hotel occupancy tax and \$96 million in transportation funds to pay for the improvements.

Also, Disney will provide credit support for bonds the city must issue to help pay for related projects.

## Yeltsin-Gore meeting to be held outside Moscow

By JULIA RUBIN  
MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin, who abruptly scrapped a meeting with Al Gore a day earlier, planned to meet with the U.S. Vice President on Tuesday at the health resort where he was treated for heart trouble last year.

Yeltsin's postponement Monday and sudden announcement that he was taking a two-week vacation led to renewed worries about the 65-year-old Russian leader's shaky health.

Aides said Yeltsin was "very tired" but not sick.

Russian and U.S. officials said Gore and Yeltsin were likely to meet around midday at Barvikha, a resort town 12 kilometers (7 miles) northwest of Moscow. Aides said Monday that Yeltsin was vacationing at the government health resort there.

Gore came to Moscow on Saturday with much of the U.S. Cabinet for the biannual meeting of a commission headed by him and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, which works on economic and technological issues.

During some previous visits, Gore has met briefly with Yeltsin, too.

Yeltsin's abrupt decision to take vacation comes on the heels of a string of no-shows.

After an energetic re-election campaign, Yeltsin began missing appointments shortly before his victory July 3. He has since appeared only in state television footage and carefully scripted Kremlin events, where he moves stiffly and carefully, but speaks forcefully and smiles.

Yeltsin's chief spokesman, Sergei Medvedev, said Monday that Yeltsin was exhausted from the campaign and continuing to work hard, even on vacation, on setting up a new government. He



Boris Yeltsin



Al Gore

said Yeltsin wanted to get some rest before his Aug. 9 inauguration.

"I see no serious grounds for panicky assertions that something serious has occurred, that something is once again wrong with Yeltsin's health," Medvedev said. "The president's tired. He's really very tired, and he just needs a good, proper rest. He has not gotten sick."

Yeltsin has a long history of health problems, including two serious bouts of heart trouble last year.

He also suffers from back trouble and an admitted weakness for drinking binges. Aides said he caught a bad cold at the end of the campaign; he was unable even to make it to his scheduled voting booth on election day.

Yeltsin has not had a real checkup since late last year, Medvedev said, and has refused in recent weeks even to get his blood pressure measured.

"It's very difficult for the doctors," Medvedev said.

The president's health is especially important in Russia because he wields wide powers and because the country's post-Soviet political system is so new and untested. By law, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin would take

over if anything happened to Yeltsin.

After the Gore meeting was scrapped Monday, the Kremlin - as if to prove that Yeltsin was still at work - disclosed an important appointment that won praise from reformers. Yeltsin named 41-year-old Anatoly Chubais, a prominent liberal and top campaign strategist, to replace hardliner Nikolai Yegorov as chief of staff.

Chubais, who had overseen the unpopular push to sell state property to private owners, had been ousted in an anti-reform sweep in January.

Gore said little publicly about his missed meeting with Yeltsin.

The vice president earlier said he planned to bring Yeltsin a stern message of disapproval from Washington over the Kremlin's latest military offensive in the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

Speculation about Yeltsin's health also surrounded Gore's visit in December 1994, shortly after Yeltsin had retreated from public view for what aides said was nose surgery. Gore was one of his first outside visitors.

Gore and Chernomyrdin opened the two-day session of their commission on Monday, and work continued Tuesday.

## REQUEST FOR INSURANCE PROPOSAL DIOCESE OF CHALAN KANOA

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa is soliciting proposals for building, building contents, vehicle, and liability insurance.

A schedule of assets and amounts to be insured can be obtained from the office of J. Scott Magliari, Certified Public Accountant, 2nd floor of YCO Hardware, Garapan, Saipan.

Proposals shall be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., July 30, 1996 at the office of J. Scott Magliari, 2nd floor of YCO Hardware, Garapan, Saipan.

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa reserves the right to:

1. Reject any and all proposals and reissue on amended request.
2. Request additional information from any individual or firm submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.
3. Negotiate a contract with any individual or firm selected for providing the service in response to this RFP.

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa will not reimburse or pay for any of the cost incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to this request.

## Hong Kong gets a new director of immigration

HONG KONG (AP) - Regina Ip was named as Hong Kong's new director of immigration Tuesday following her predecessor's hasty departure.

Ip, 46, currently director general of industry, will replace Laurence Leung, whose abrupt resignation after seven years in the sensitive immigration post was announced July 6.

The government said Leung, whose daughter was murdered in Canada three years ago, resigned for personal reasons, and he himself cited mental exhaustion.

But Hong Kong legislators and Chinese officials have pressed, so far unsuccessfully, for more details and queried the government's decision to waive normal requirements that senior civil servants give one year's notice before retiring.

Francis Ho, Ip's deputy, was named as the new director of industry.

## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting applicants for the following position at the Saipan International Airport:

#### One (1) Receptionist/Clerk Typist

The salary for this position is a minimum of \$471.73 bi-weekly to a maximum of \$640.44 bi-weekly.

The employee is responsible for handling incoming telephone calls and messages or documents and performing various secretarial work involving the administrative activities of the Executive Director, Deputy Director and other staff members of management. Assignment or instruction is received from the Office Manager.

The minimum qualifications is any combination equivalent to graduation from a high school or GED or trade school with at least two years experience in a secretarial or receptionist level.

Application forms are available at the Security Office, First Floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office, Second Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m., July 22, 1996. For more information, please call the Commonwealth Ports Authority at telephone numbers 664-3500 or 664-3501.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA  
Executive Director

## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting applicants for the following position at the Saipan International Airport:

#### One (1) Gardener/Operator II

The salary for this position is a minimum of \$527.06 bi-weekly to a maximum of \$900.51 bi-weekly.

The employee is responsible for performing landscaping, gardening and ground maintenance work and procedures of the Landscaping Department.

The minimum qualifications is any combination equivalent to graduation from a high school or GED or trade school with at least two years experience in airport landscaping or ground maintenance, commercial plant nurseries, golf courses, hotel's or resort's landscaping and gardening section.

Application forms are available at the Security Office, First Floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office, Second Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m., July 19, 1996. For more information, please call the Commonwealth Ports Authority at telephone numbers 664-3500 or 664-3501.

/s/ JOSE B. ALDAN  
Acting Executive Director



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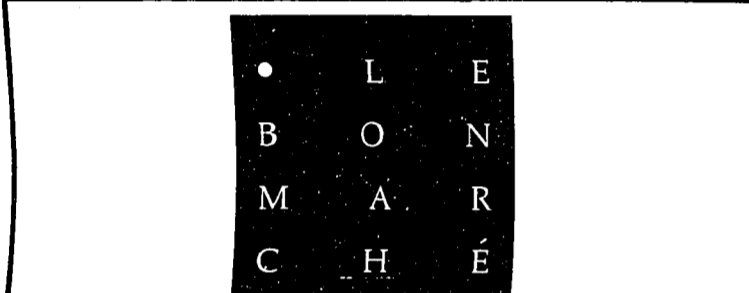
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#### Responsibilities:

- \* To work in conjunction with the Vice President of Retail Operations;
- \* To take charge of the supervision of ALL aspects of the retail operations.

#### Qualifications:

- \* Must have excellent communication skills in Japanese and English;
- \* Must have an extensive retail experience.

#### SALES ASSOCIATES/ASSISTANTS (70)

Salary: \$880 per month  
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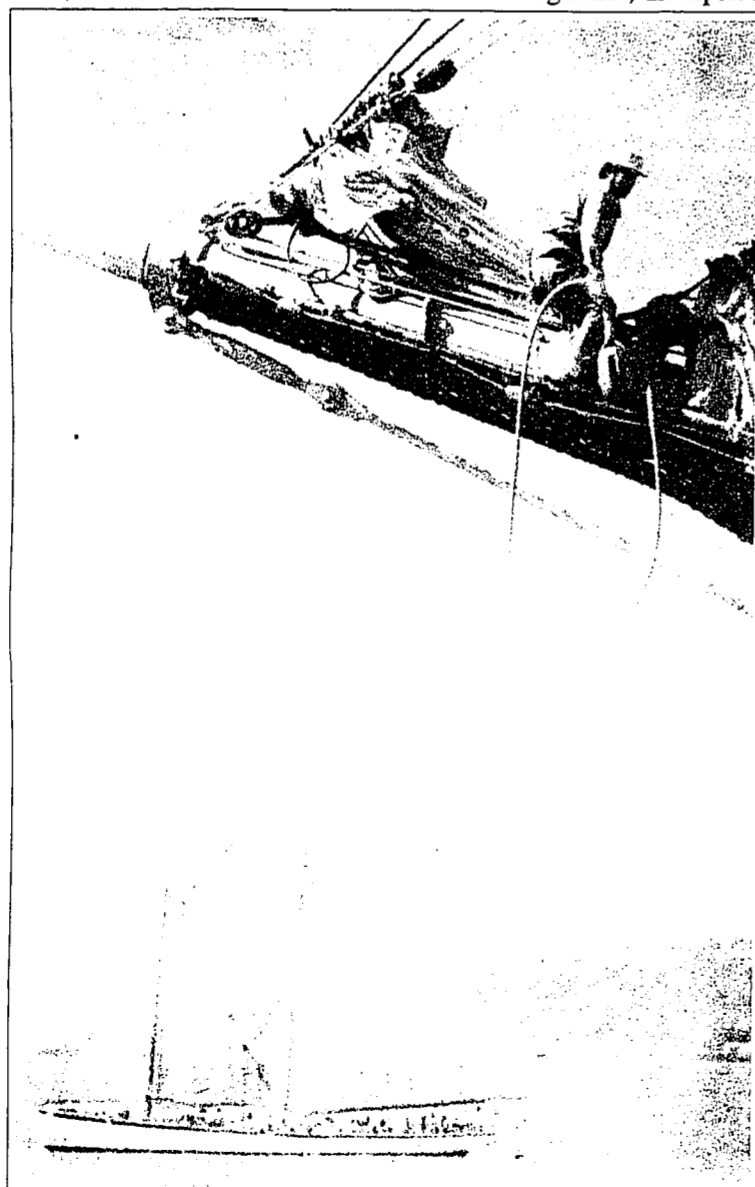
- \* To provide assistance to the customers;
- \* To explain product information, arrange merchandise and displays within the store;
- \* To perform other duties as requested by the store manager and the vice-president of retail operations;

#### Qualifications:

- \* Must be fluent in Japanese and English language;
- \* Sales experience is required.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS SHOULD SEND THEIR RESUME WITH RECENT PHOTOGRAPH TO:

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SAIPAN, MP 96950



While the schooner Zodiac sails by, a crew member on the Japanese training ship Kaiwo Maru prepares lines on the bow sprit for a "sail drill" after its arrival Friday, at Pier 66 on the Seattle waterfront. The ship is visiting Seattle to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first ocean liner service between the mainland U.S. and Japan. AP Photo

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then the decision will come out correctly, and if not, as occasionally happens, we have an appellate procedure and anybody who is not satisfied can appeal to the Supreme Court," said the acting governor, himself a former justice of the Supreme Court.

Borja added: "I think the judge will decide it based on what's presented and on the law, regard-

less of whether Mr. Cochran is in it or not. The judge may get a kick out of having Mr. Cochran practice before him but that's all. It's an interesting situation, but as to whether it will influence our judges, I don't think it will."

Cochran is reportedly scheduled to have arrived on Guam last night and is expected on Saipan Wednesday to seek court permission to participate in the Hillblom case.

## Schorr . . .

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any foreign country.

"There are certain things legally tied up with protocol under the purview of the State Department," Schorr said.

Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos introduced the idea during his meeting with Gov. Froilan

C. Tenorio in Manila last month. Elated by Ramos' proposal, Tenorio has said he would solicit the opinion of the US embassy in Manila regarding the issue.

"I don't know how it can be done. I don't know if such kind of relationship can be established," Schorr said.

"The CNMI's liaison with foreign countries are for economic purposes only."

## Immediate Job Opening for BW (Saipan) Corporation

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) will reconvene its meeting of June 6, 1996 on Friday, July 19, 1996 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, Wakin's Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

General Matters will be discussed.

## Help Wanted

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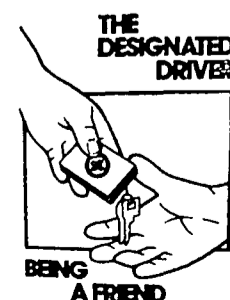
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-705

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.  
DOUBLE M. LIMITED, a corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DANIEL C. AREGIS, and  
DAHLIA P. AREGIS, a Partnership,  
d.b.a. D. Aregis Agency, Defendants.

### Summons

TO: DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint on file herein, a copy of which is served upon you herewith, within Thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Eric S. Basse, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: PPP-395, P.O. Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

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

IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUMMONS, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

By order of the Above Court.  
Date: 5/21/96  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court  
Superior Court

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## Calling All Filipino Accountants

You are invited to attend the General Membership meeting of the Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs on Saturday, July 20, 6:00 pm at the **H&R Block** office, 2nd Floor Joeten Dandan. For more information, please call Tofi Ferrer at 234-6442 or any of the MIFICPA officers.

## APEC backs WTO's trade liberalization

**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)** - Pacific rim trade ministers from 18 nations on Tuesday endorsed the World Trade Organization's plan to liberalize world trade in telecommunications, maritime transport and financial services.

Various negotiations in those three areas have been largely inconclusive over the past year, largely because the United States has resisted accords based on liberalization offers by other nations which it sees as inadequate.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group trade ministers on Tuesday expressed concern about the timetable for implementing the World Trade Organization's reforms.

But they also said, "We concluded that the built-in agenda (of the WTO) constitutes a substantive and balanced work program that should take the global trading system forward on a trade liberalizing path."

"We agreed that full and timely implementation of the commitments ... establishing the WTO, by all members that had accepted them was essential."

"To this end we undertook to ensure that we are fully up-to-date with our implementation commitments by the time of the Singapore Ministerial Conference" in December, which is the inaugural meeting of the new 120-nation World Trade Organization.

WTO Director General Renato Ruggiero had said Monday he hoped the APEC countries would endorse the WTO work program.

If it presents a united front, APEC could be a major force within the WTO, as it contributes 53 percent of the world's gross domestic product.

At the end of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), there was general agreement for further negotiations on telecommunications, maritime transport, and financial services.

But talks have stalled in all those areas, particularly telecommunications, Ruggiero said Monday. He urged APEC members to breathe life into the negotiations ahead of the December WTO ministerial meeting.

In the shorter term, APEC will focus on a U.S. proposal for an Information Technology Agreement and on a WTO discussion of transparency, openness and due process in government procurement.

The statement said APEC was "conscious" of outstanding applications for membership in the WTO, an obvious reference to China.

It added that members expressed support for universal WTO membership, provided that applicants observe multilateral trading system rules and meet substantive market-access commitments.

China had hoped to be a founding member of the WTO, but talks broke down in December 1994. China now wants to join the WTO on the favorable terms allowed developing nations. But some WTO members, led by the United States, have demanded concessions on access to China's huge domestic markets.

China maintains the U.S.'s demands are unreasonable

and would harm or destroy many fledgling Chinese industries. The United States and some other WTO members reply that China wants all the benefits of WTO membership without attendant burdens.

Supplementary talks since 1994 on China's accession to the WTO so far have proved inconclusive. All the meetings of the trade ministers were held in private on Monday and Tuesday.

APEC is made up of 18 nations from around the Pacific rim: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

## Tornado attacks, kills 21

**BEIJING (AP)** - A tornado that struck two cities in eastern China killed 21 people and injured more than 200, news reports said Tuesday.

The tornado knocked out electrical and communications equipment and destroyed several hundred houses in Jiangyan and Taixing cities in coastal Jiangsu province on Monday, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Many farmers were killed and injured by collapsing houses, the Hong Kong newspaper Ta Kung Pao reported.

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

CIVIL CASE NO. 96-759

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND  
CYNTHIA M. FLEMING,  
RAYMOND M. ALVAREZ,  
Defendant.

**FIRST AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to serve any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, within (30) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, by delivering or mailing a copy of your answer to LONG & BROWN, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address is AAA 1797, Caller Box 10001, Olati, Saipan MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to serve an answer in accordance with the Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
By order of the above Court.  
DATED this 27th day of June, 1996.

/s/Clerk of Court

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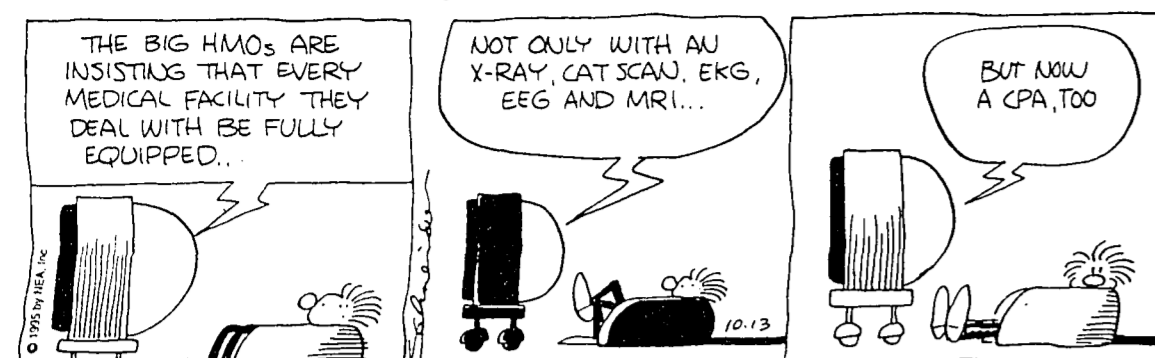


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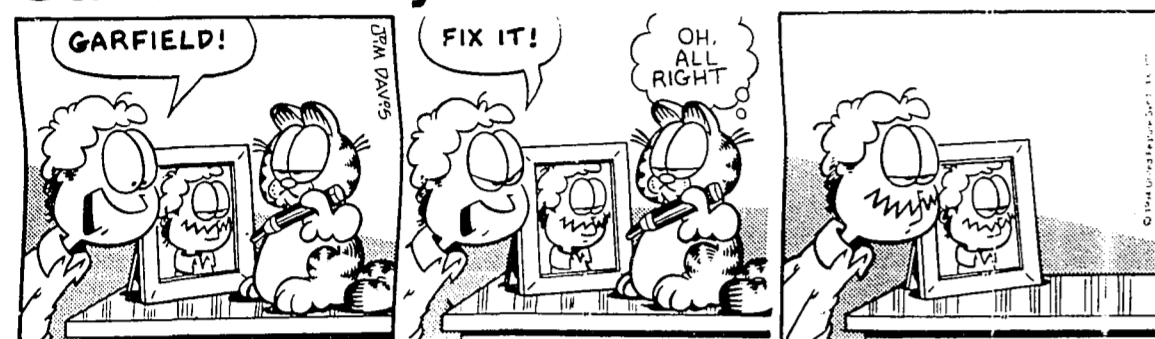
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you will not always involve yourself fully in an endeavor or before you know all the ins and outs of what lies ahead. You insist on studying everything you know, anticipating the unknown and judging your chances of success with great care before setting out on a new journey. This does not mean, of course, that you are ineffective in any way. Even though you are not impulsive in your approach to life, using caution will increase the probability of success more often than not. Indeed, once you choose your course, you are unwilling to acknowledge the possibility of defeat.

You are interested in far more than mere results. The intangible aspects of any endeavor will interest you more than any accomplishment. There will be times in your life when the mysteries of existence will be far more important than your everyday routine.

Also born on this date are: Di-ahann Carroll, singer and actress; Phyllis Diller, actress and comic; Phoebe Snow, singer; Donald Sutherland and David Hasselhoff, actors.

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.

**THURSDAY, JULY 18**  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You may witness an unexpected occurrence today. This event will shape your life in the days and weeks to come.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — A willingness to take part in spur-of-the-moment activities today will serve you well. The more excited you are about an endeavor, the easier it will be to succeed.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — A loved one might place more demands on you today than usual, but you will have what it takes to supply what he or she needs.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — The competitive spirit will be alive and well among your family members today. This will inspire you to do something that may have been beyond your reach.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may not be aware of the severity of a personal problem until it stares you in the face today. You can meet the challenge.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today your success will be due in part to the efforts of those around you, but you mustn't underestimate your own effective-

ness.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You must be willing to give yourself the credit you deserve today. No one will call you a braggart. You have done a good job!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 2-Feb. 18)** — Share your thoughts and ideas with someone who has been in your shoes at least once before. You will benefit from some unexpected insights.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Your trust will be put to the test today, but you must not react in any way that might drive a wedge between you and a close friend.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — If you dig deeper today, you will come up with the answers you need. You may have to retrace your steps at some point in order to get back on track.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — If you focus on your long-range potential today, you will realize that you may not have been doing enough. It will be time to double your efforts.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Issues arising from a romantic situation can illuminate aspects of your life which have gone unstudied for some time. Get back in touch.

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## CLOSERS

## COLUMN CLOSERS

The Julian calendar came about in the year 46, when Julius Caesar changed the Roman calendar from 355 days to 365.25 days, with a leap year every four years.

The Earth spins 1,000 times faster at the equator than at the poles.

There are 23 alligator farms in the United States.

Dormice were a favored food in ancient Rome.

Elephants, lions and camels were native to Alaska 12,000 years ago.

The center of population in the United States was east of the Mississippi River until 1980.

Quahog is the Indian name for the East Coast hardshell clam.

The rocky, stream-bottom nest where a female salmon lays her eggs is called a redd.

The sturgeon species of fish has remained unchanged for 50 million years.

William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the United States, came down with pneumonia during his inauguration ceremonies and died 32 days later.

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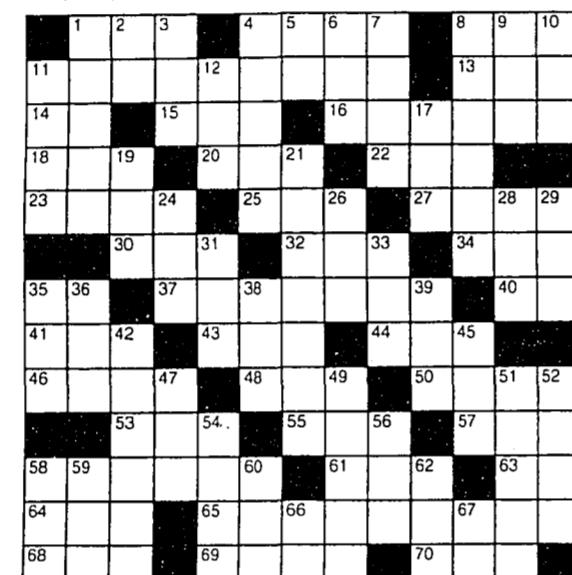
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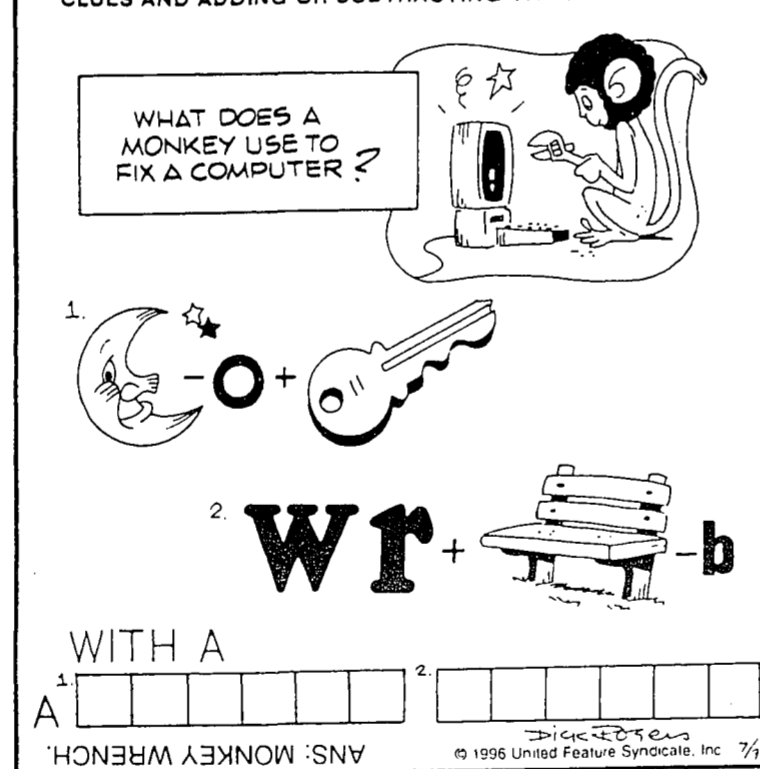
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## Kite, Norman, Ballesteros share British Open dreams

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England (AP) — Tom Kite, Greg Norman and Seve Ballesteros have several things in common. They've been around a while, won major championships and have an eye on this British Open.

Kite, who loves the title he carries as Ryder Cup captain, wants to avoid a hyphenated phrase before his name, as in: "Non-playing Ryder Cup captain."

Playing his first full practice round on Monday, Kite, 46, made it clear he considered himself a contender at Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club.

"It's nice to have a putting stroke back," Kite said almost to himself as he rolled in a 30-footer (9 meters) on No. 16, dropped down another ball and rolled it in, too. "It's been a while," he said. "It's been since the 1993 L.A.

Open that Kite won a tournament, just a year after he captured his only major championship at the 1992 U.S. Open.

"There's no doubt in my mind that you can win out here at 46 or 47," Kite said. "I'm playing much better the last four weeks. I'm showing some definite signs of improvement."

Kite will have to get moving. He is 53rd on the Ryder Cup point list, nearly 150 points out of 10th place, the last of the spots that automatically make the team.

The captain selects the last two members of the team, but Kite has made it clear that he won't select himself. He will earn his way on or nothing.

The way Kite worked the ball around Lytham made a believer of anyone who saw him. His control of the ball and his understanding of the course made it just

possible that he would be the kind of player who could win the grind-it-at war of attrition this Open could turn out to be.

"I think it's a great drivers course," Norman said Monday after five days in the South of France and a short trip to Skibo Castle in Scotland. "It's been like a Jekyll and Hyde season. Hopefully by Wednesday afternoon you get that feeling a little bit in your stomach and you are ready to go."

Daly, the defending British Open champion, might not be able to overpower Lytham the way he did St. Andrews last year. Ballesteros, who won the last two times the Open was played here in 1979 and '88, thinks he knows what kind of player will win.

"You've got to know how to get around," Norman said. "You've got to hit irons off the tees on the par-4s that are down-

greens are small and everyone is going to miss a lot of greens. With the cross winds, chipping and putting are going to be very important."

That could be Ballesteros' way of saying, don't count him out. It's been unusually dry in Northwest England this year, and the intention to let the rough grow in thick has been sabotaged by a lack of rain.

"They could use some weather," Kite said. "The rough is spotty."

He also said the greens are unusually receptive and putting very slow.

"They are good scoring greens right now," Kite said. "They don't have the speed and the contour of our greens."

But the course does have a bunch of blind shots, hidden bunkers and undulating fairways that give off dastardly bounces.

## NBA . . . Continued from page 20

between Shaquille O'Neal and the Orlando Magic of a deal that dwarfs Shaq himself — \$115 million over seven seasons.

"I don't have any problem with NBA salaries," said Stan Kasten, the president of the NBA's Atlanta Braves. "It means revenue in the league is good."

Lee Majors, the \$6 million man of a TV adventure show by the same name, wouldn't even make the top 20 when it comes to NBA

contracts. Hakeem Olajuwon's \$55 million, five-year contract with Houston, announced Monday, was dwarfed by the deals of Howard and Mourning.

Even second-tier stars are getting big bucks: Guard Allan Houston will get \$56 million over seven years under the agreement announced Sunday by the New York Knicks.

"I'm firing my mother. She's off the Barkley payroll. She had me too soon," said 33-year-old Charles Barkley, who made \$4.7 million last season with the Phoenix Suns but isn't a free agent.

New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe has the highest American football contract, \$42 million over seven years. The top baseball contract in total dollars is Barry Bonds' \$43.75 million, six-year deal with the San Francisco Giants. Mario Lemieux, the highest-paid ice hockey player, will wind up getting about \$49 million over seven years from the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"There's no question that the NBA pot has gone up as the league has prospered," said agent Tom Reich, who represents baseball and hockey players, including Lemieux. "The

growth in NBA revenue has been astronomical. Others don't have that largess to split up among so few players."

Boxers, golfers and tennis players have topped \$10 million in annual earnings before, some getting a large part of their income from endorsements. Team sports stars have never before seen nine-figure packages.

"That is what a good economic system that allows the league to function at maximum efficiency yields," said Kasten, who has pushed for baseball to adopt a salary-cap system similar to the NBA's.

"In basketball, there's a connection between salaries and revenue," he said. "For every dollar that goes to player salaries, it means more than a dollar is coming in. What's happening makes perfect sense."

Some veterans, though, are upset with the money the young stars are getting.

"You've got a lot of players that probably haven't got to the playoffs yet or the second round that are making \$10 million-plus," said guard Reggie Miller, a free agent who has led the Dream Team in scoring. "That I don't agree with."

## Cochran . . . Continued from page 1

Kinney's team, was the one who disclosed the arrival of Cochran to join their group.

Fairfield is Cochran's friend way back in late 1960's when they were reportedly both prosecutors in Los Angeles.

## Gov't . . . Continued from page 1

that the AG has even confiscated one of the machines."

According to Cabrera, the closure was ordered on the premise that the machines were being operated without licenses, although it was found out that IGM has already paid for the license fees.

Cabrera said IGM's poker machines could not be licensed because the current number of allowable licenses has already exceeded the limit.

Under current law, only 200 machines could be licensed in any of the Commonwealth's three senatorial districts. Although the total for Saipan is currently pegged at 234, the excess number has been "grandfathered" as they were already in existence when the limit was imposed.

However, a provision was included in the law which would allow for a reduction in the number of machines by attrition, meaning those that break down or those that stop operation for any reason will be phased out until the number reaches 200.

But according to the president of IGM, the company is not operating illegally because subsequently en-

acted laws, Public Laws 9-22 and 9-29, scrapped the 200-machine limit and provided for as much as 500 machines per senatorial district. IGM argued that while P.L. 9-22 reinforced the previously existing 200-limit, P.L. 9-29, the Pachinko Slot Machine Act, effectively superceded the former with a 500-limit.

IGM was reported to have started operating 35 machines since July 6th after it paid the \$93,750 license fee for 50 machines.

On July 3rd, IGM received a letter from Revenue and Taxation Director Rufin S. Inos saying there were no available licenses and that IGM will get approval first from Revenue and Tax before paying the license fees.

This is so applicants for poker machine licenses would not have the impression that they may operate after paying the fees.

"We are streamlining the process and making it more formal. What I encountered since I've been here is that there's been a lot of unwritten policies that we're trying to correct and formalize. Maybe if we would have done this earlier, we would have resolved the problems, but we don't see them until it pops up."

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from the CNMI Superior Court to join the probate litigations.

Most CNMI lawyers expressed excitement with Cochran coming and participation in Hillblom's probate hearings.

Others, however, claimed that Cochran's presence will only drag the one-year-old litigations and turn it into a circus.

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"My funks in the past have been ones that constitute a lot of self-doubt," said Agassi. Legg Mason's defending champion. "That's tough to shake immediately. At this stage of my career, it has nothing to do with that."

Instead, Agassi said he got depressed over losing in the second

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of them — over the last three months. "I'm feeling pretty strong going into Washington. Still staying positive about making it a great year."

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round of the French Open — a tournament he barely prepared for — and his steadfast refusal to play any grass warm-up tournaments left him rusty for Wimbledon.

"If I get through the first round of Wimbledon, maybe my game comes alive, you know," he said.

Two other big-name Americans — Jim Courier and Michael Chang — are also back on their best surface at Legg Mason after losing on the first day at Wimbledon.

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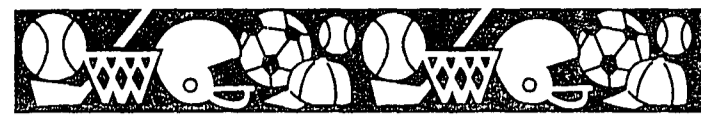
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## SPORTS



# Orioles claw Blue Jays, 8-6

**BALTIMORE (AP)**-Cal Ripken performed flawlessly in his first start at third base in 14 years, then started the game-winning rally by reaching base on an error as the Baltimore Orioles scored five runs in the ninth inning and beat Toronto 8-6.

Chris Hoiles won it with a two-run homer Monday night after Bobby Bonilla tied it with a three-run shot, ending the Orioles' five-game losing streak.

Blue Jays closer Mike Timlin (0-2) entered with a 6-3 lead in

the ninth but couldn't hold it. Jimmy Haynes (3-5) pitched 3 1-3 innings of scoreless relief to get his first win since June 1.

## Red Sox 8, Yankees 6

In Boston, Reggie Jefferson homered as Boston extended its winning streak to six games.

Tim Wakefield (6-9) won despite allowing six runs on 13 hits in five innings. Heath Slocumb got two outs for his 13th save, snapping New York's four-game winning streak.

Mark Hutton (0-1) gave up two

earned runs on four hits and two walks in 3 2-3 innings. Yankees starter Ramiro Mendoza, who allowed five runs, was knocked out after two innings.

## Twins 16, White Sox 5

In Minneapolis, Rich Becker homered and drove in four runs, and Chuck Knoblauch scored four times.

Scott Aldred (4-7) won for the fourth time since the Twins claimed him on waivers from

Detroit on May 28. He gave up five runs in 7 1-3 innings.

Kirk McCaskill (5-5) was tagged for seven runs and six hits in 1 2-3 innings.

## Royals 6, Indians 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Michael Tucker and Johnny Damon hit consecutive triples in the first, and Kansas City stopped a three-game losing streak.

David Howard and Mike Macfarlane homered for the last-

place Royals, who have split their four games with the defending AL champions.

Mike Magnante (2-2) got the win in relief of Tim Lincecum, allowing one run and two hits in 3 1-3 innings. Jeff Montgomery pitched a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 27 chances.

Julian Tavarez (3-6) allowed five runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings. Manny Ramirez hit his 23rd homer for the Indians.

## 6th annual Pohnpei softball tournament

THE Ponapean Association on Saipan will host the 6th Annual Softball Friendship tournament between Ponapeans on Guam and Saipan an expected eighty to one hundred Ponapean Softball players from Guam will arrive Saipan on the evening of Friday July 26th for the two days tournament.

The Guam contingent will be composed of two men's teams and three women's teams.

Saipan will put up two women's teams and three men's teams in the tournament.

The Saipan women's team, Sakau, is the lead organizer of this tournament.

All Ponapeans on Saipan who are interested in participating in this tournament should contact their village leaders, or association officers.

## 1996 Men's Major League Baseball Team Standing as of Friday, 7/10/96

Compiled By: Francisco M. Palacios  
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Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
U.M.D.A. Aces	10	0	1.000	-
Toyota Wheels	9	1	.900	1
Ngerbeched Chiefs	7	3	.700	3
Miller Lite Brewers	4	5	.444	5 1/2
Kautz Glass Glazers	4	5	.444	5 1/2
San Vicente Sunrises	3	8	.273	7 1/2
Air Mike Flyers	2	8	.200	8
Kiyu Elite	0	9	.000	9 1/2

### BATTING LEADERS: (Based on 3 or more times at bat)

Player	Team	AB	H	Batting
Manny Evangelista	Wheels	39	20	.513
Reno Celis	Wheels	36	17	.472
Frank Pangellinan	Wheels	33	15	.455
Bill Quitano	Wheels	40	18	.450
Ken Kalen	Glazers	38	17	.447
Brady Ubedei	Chiefs	33	14	.424
Steve Coleman	Aces	33	14	.424
Frank Torres	Sunrises	36	15	.411
Mabel Ngrimgemelas	Aces	32	13	.406
Mike C. Guerrero	Glazers	35	14	.400

**RUNS:** (18) Inosuke Yamada, Bill Quitano, Manny Evangelista, (16) Ken Kalen, Reno Celis

**RASCO:** (15) Jerome Salas, Ben Hocog

**DOUBLES:** (4) Frank Pangellinan, Glen Palacios, Mike Guerrero, (3) Brady Ubedei, Everett

Indalesco,

Sherman Ngraidong, Wilber Ada, Ed Kapileo

**TRIPLES:** (5) Jerome Salas, Greg F. Camacho, (3) Ben Hocog, Bill Quitano,

**HOMERUNS:** (7) Greg C. Camacho (1) Frank Pangellinan, Ken Kalen, Sherman Ngraidong,

Nick Guerrero

**RBIS:** (13) Frank Pangellinan, (12) Reno Celis, Brady Ubedei, Inosuke Yamada, (11) Greg F.

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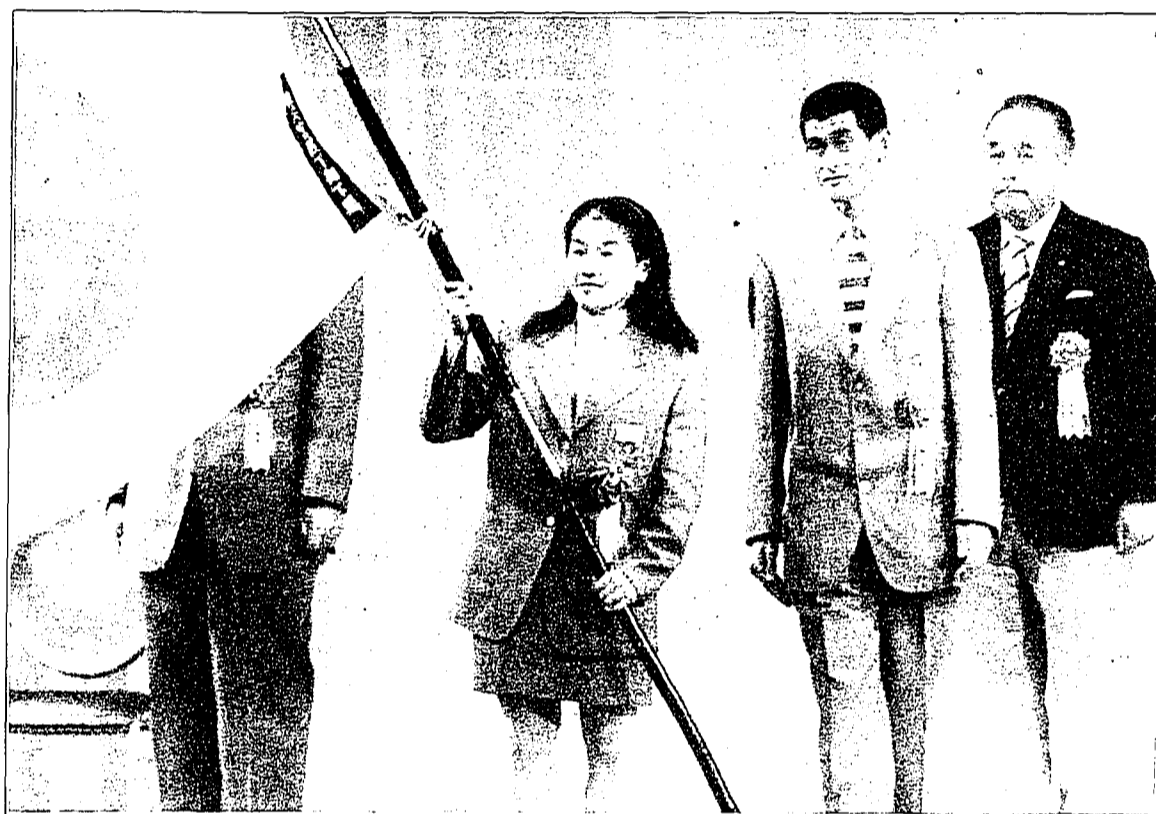
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Mabel Ngrimgemelas

### "PITCHING LEADERS"

PLAYERS	TEAM	G	INN	ER	HIT	W/L	ERA
Tony Benavente	Wheels	5	12	0	9	1-0	0.00
Chris Nelson	Aces	7	46	2	15	6-0	0.39
Eddie Santos	Wheels	2	10	1	4	2-0	0.90
Elmer Sabian	Wheels	9	48	5	1/3	6-1	0.96
Ben Aguan	Aces	4	10	2	8	1-0	1.80
Albert Castro	Glazers	7	29	6	21	1-1	0
Everett Ngraidong	Chiefs	3	5	9	46	3-0	2.51
Roy Magoña	Glazers	8	41	15	46	4-3	3.21
Eddie Diaz	Aces	4	16	6	13	3-0	3.38
Alfonso Abraham	Brewers	6	15	6	21	1-1	3.60

**STRIKE-OUTS:** (60) Chris Nelson (49) Elmer Sabian (36) Albert Castro (32) Albert Lizama



Japan's gold medal hopeful Ryoko Tamura, who will act as flag bearer, displays the national flag as team captain Hiromi Taniguchi, second from right, and Yuhiro Yagi, right, of the Japan Olympic Committee watch during a ceremony to send off the nation's Olympic team in Tokyo Friday. The most of the 499-member delegation, the largest ever in Japan's Olympic history, is to leave for Atlanta Saturday, July 13. AP photo

## NBA contracts rocket past \$100M

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Forget the Dream Team. There's a bigger competition among America's basketball stars: Dream Salaries.

First, Michael Jordan re-signed with the Chicago Bulls for \$ 25 million to \$ 30 million over a single season. Then Juwan Howard and the Miami Heat agreed to a seven-year contract

said to be worth \$ 98 million.

Now the Heat is on the verge of re-signing Alonzo Mourning to a seven-year deal worth about \$ 112 million, and the Atlanta Hawks signed center Dikembe Mutombo to a five-year deal for about \$ 50 million.

And there was talk Monday

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## Ripken moves to 3rd after 14 years at short

**BALTIMORE (AP)** - Cal Ripken's reign as the Baltimore Orioles' shortstop is over.

Orioles manager Davey Johnson, in an effort to shake up his slumping team, started Ripken at third base in Monday night's game, an 8-6 win over Toronto.

Ripken flawlessly handled four grounders at his new position. He went 0-for-4 at the plate, but reached on an error in the ninth inning to start a five-run rally.

The switch ended Ripken's string of 2,216 consecutive games as Baltimore's starting shortstop, a streak that began July 1, 1982. Last week, Ripken started his 13th straight All-Star game at shortstop.

Ripken played that game with a broken nose, and he jokingly made a reference to that before taking the field against Toronto.

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## Agassi ready to break out of slump

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Andre Agassi says he's ready to break out of his latest funk.

Ranked third in the world, Agassi was a sad shadow of his former self last month at Wimbledon. He came in unprepared - just as he had a few weeks earlier at the French Open - and lost in the first round to Doug Flach, a qualifier ranked in the 200s.

Now he's back on his best surface, hard court, where he'll defend his standing this week at the Legg Mason Classic.

"I've had a chance to rest, and I've taken full advantage of that," said Agassi, who has played just five matches, losing three

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