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# Fed cuts interest rates

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve moved to protect the U.S. economy by cutting interest rates for the third time in seven weeks but signaled to Wall Street not to expect any more reductions soon.

After meeting privately, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced Tuesday that they had cut two benchmark interest rates, each by a quarter percentage point. The rate charged among banks on overnight loans fell to 4.75 percent and the rate on the Fed's own loans fell to 4.5 percent.

Major banks responded by cutting their prime lending rates to 7.75 percent. That will translate into cheaper monthly payments on a variety of consumer and business loans, including credit-card balances and auto loans.

Wall Street reacted favorably at



Traders in the EuroDollar pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange scramble to fill orders Tuesday after the Federal Reserve reduced short-term interest rates by one-quarter percentage point. AP

first, but then read the fine print. The Dow Jones industrial average shot up 75 points from Monday's close but then finished down 25 points at 8,986.

In its statement, the Fed said, with the latest cut, "financial conditions can reasonably be expected to be consistent with fostering sustained economic expansion while

keeping inflationary pressures subdued."

Economists say that virtually rules out another rate cut at the Fed's next scheduled meeting on Dec. 22, unless there's unforeseen deterioration in the economy or financial markets. The next chance would come after policy-makers meet in early February.

"I would think the Federal Reserve would be more prudent now and wait and see how the economy develops in the United States and other countries," said economist Norman Robertson of Smithfield Trust Co. in Pittsburgh.

"But I think the Fed exercised good judgment today, providing some degree of insurance against a more severe economic decline in the coming year."

Wall Street traders had been anticipating Tuesday's cut, but with

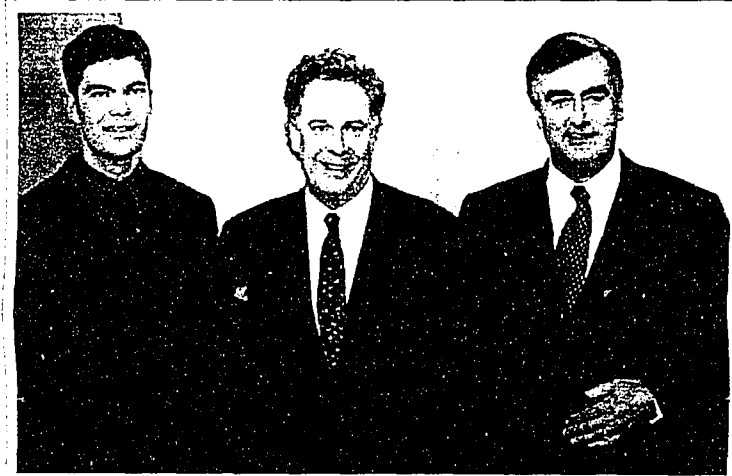
considerably less certainty than just a month ago, before the stock market's strong rebound. The Dow went above 9,000 on Monday for the first time since July.

The Fed acknowledged "financial markets have settled down materially since mid-October" but said "unusual strains remain."

In a way, the market's earlier anticipation of a cut acted as a self-fulfilling prophecy, analysts said. "They kind of got co-opted," said economist Martin Regalia of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "If Greenspan and company had not gone along with this cut, there would have been a very nasty reaction in financial markets."

Tuesday's cut brought the federal funds rate to its lowest level in four years. It was the third cut since Sept. 29, when the Fed cut rates for the first time in three years.

## Quebec bets spar on secession



Action Democratic leader Mario Dumont (left), Liberal leader Jean Charest (center) and Parti Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard post together prior to the televised leaders debate in Montreal. REUTERS

By DAVID CRARY  
MONTREAL (AP) — In the only debate of Quebec's high-stakes election campaign, the separatist premier and his anti-separatist rival argued bitterly Tuesday over whether the prospect of another secession referendum was crippling the province's economy.

The election is Nov. 30, and the debate — telecast throughout Que-

bec — was considered a crucial opportunity for challenger Jean Charest to try to erase a slight lead enjoyed by the separatist Parti Quebecois of Premier Lucien Bouchard.

Charest repeatedly asserted that the mostly French-speaking province would benefit if the threat of secession faded.

"The fact that they're proposing a new referendum, that's a ball and

chain that's slowing our economy down," Charest said.

Bouchard stuck by his promise to hold a referendum if re-elected — but only when he determined there were "winning conditions." He has said he does not want a repeat of separatist referendum defeats in 1980 and 1995.

"I want to have the winning conditions, so we can go forward once and for all," he said. "We can't wait for the next generation... We need a referendum and we need sovereignty."

Bouchard defended the often painful spending cuts implemented by his government as it sought to erase a \$6 billion (\$4 billion U.S.) budget deficit.

"Nothing is perfect but the worst is behind us," he said.

Charest hit hard on cuts to the health-care system, saying, "People are suffering."

In the last provincial election in 1994, the Parti Quebecois won 77 of the legislature's 125 seats compared to 47 for the Liberals — even though the popular vote was split nearly evenly.

## Hawaii's Supreme Court junks \$22B Marcos ruling

By MICHAEL TIGHE  
HONOLULU (AP) — The Hawaii Supreme Court has reversed a \$22 billion judgment against former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife, Imelda, for allegedly stealing crates of gold bullion from a treasure hunter.

With interest, that award had increased to about \$43 billion.

The high court said Tuesday that the evidence was too speculative to support the late Roger Roxas' claim that he discovered boxes containing \$22 billion worth of gold bullion while treasure hunting north of Manila in 1971.

"It's devastating. It's devastating," said Los Angeles lawyer Daniel Cathcart, who represents the Roxas estate.

"Frankly, I didn't think we would

lose on that point. It was totally uncontested."

Roxas claimed Ferdinand Marcos learned of the discovery and then ordered his troops to confiscate whatever gold Roxas had and then go to the tunnels and remove the rest. The booty included a diamond-stuffed, gold statue of a Buddha.

The treasure is believed to have been buried by Japanese troops during their occupation of the Philippines in World War II. The gold had been looted by the troops during the war.

In Tuesday's decision, the high court also ordered another hearing to determine the value of the Buddha statue. That and other gold bars originally were valued at about \$1.4 million.

## Networks rush to air Lewinsky tape

By David Bauder  
NEW YORK (AP) — Cable news channels rushed to clear up the biggest remaining mystery about Monica Lewinsky — what she sounds like — then just as quickly moved on.

Within minutes after tapes of Ms. Lewinsky's phone conversations with Linda Tripp were released Tuesday morning, Fox News Channel and MSNBC aired excerpts. CNN followed shortly thereafter.

It left viewers in the position of voyeurs at a slumber party. Fox's first excerpt depicted a distraught Ms. Lewinsky choking back sobs as she talked about President Clinton. "I freak out about not seeing him," she said.

"We have chosen this particular tape because it shows the emotionality of the whole thing," Fox News Channel anchor David Asman explained.

While audio of the conversations

played, the news channels all showed graphics that depicted tapes rolling. Fox News Channel took the viewer-friendly step of close-captioning all of its excerpts.

Within a few hours, though, the news channels had relegated the Lewinsky tapes to just one of several stories. It didn't come close to the attention given to the release of Clinton's grand jury testimony. Since then, polls and election results indicate the public's interest in the case has waned.

CNN said a poll taken Nov. 11-13 revealed that by a 72-25 percent margin, Americans didn't want tapes of the Lewinsky-Tripp conversations released.

"This is girl talk," said CNN legal analyst Greta Van Susteren.

CBS and NBC aired brief special reports on the tapes within a half hour of their release. ABC Channel anchor David Asman explained.



Security guard Eddie Pufino pokes a scissor into one-year old hostage Ann Loraine Alcarantara along a street in suburban Makati City, Philippines. Pufino, believed to be mentally ill, was later pacified after three-hours of negotiations. AP

# Judge dumps \$100M suit

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court yesterday dropped the \$100-million taxpayers' lawsuit filed by lawyer William C. Campbell against CNMI government, Gov. Pedro Tenorio, and former Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja over the Puerto Rico dump issue.

Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama agreed with government's counsel Assistant Atty. Gen. Sean Emory Frink that Campbell's lawsuit is improper and should be dismissed.

Lizama, in granting defendants' motion to dismiss, said the lawsuit is not a complaint at all because it violates the court procedures by failing to name a specific plaintiff.



Juan T. Lizama

The judge said Campbell could be a plaintiff himself as a *pro se* then in the process after having filed the action, he could add other plaintiffs.

The complaint, which also includes some government agen-



Bill Campbell

cies and secretaries, sought for the closure of the Puerto Rico dump. Campbell demanded damages to clean up, remediate, move and close the dump.

Campbell asked the court to issue a judgment declaring that

the disposal and dumping actions at Puerto Rico taken by the defendants are violative of the Commonwealth Constitution.

Frink in the defendants' motion to dismiss argued that the document which Campbell has labeled a complaint lacks the necessary information to initiate a civil action in Commonwealth courts.

Citing several federal court decisions, Frink pointed out that the "complaint" does not contain the information required to constitute a complaint under Commonwealth law.

At yesterday's hearing, Campbell said he agreed with the defendants that there is no lawsuit.

Campbell mentioned that the

purpose of filing such case is to invite people to come in and become plaintiffs.

Lizama admonished Campbell, saying the court smells that he was merely using the court to express a political question.

Frink in an interview said the judge agreed with them (defendants) that under the rules of Commonwealth court civil procedures there was never a case filed.

Frink added that the court agreed in saying that there was a slander statement quoted in the complaint that should not be there.

"I am happy that he (Lizama) saw the case the way we saw it," he said.

## Teno still wants to scrap 30% bonus



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

WHETHER critics have political motivation or none, the administration stands pat on its decision to support any legislation that will scrap the 30 percent early retirement bonus.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday strongly remarked that the government cannot forever dole out the bonus since it will empty the public coffers in the long run regardless of whether there is a crisis or none.

The governor also questioned

the real intent of the legislation, saying something needs to be done to put it to an end.

"I think it's about time that we have to ask ourselves whether we like to see the 30 percent in the book forever. I firmly believe that if the individual is entitled, I will support them."

"But are we going to continue the 30 percent forever? We have to be conscious of the availability of money," the governor said.

Sources said certain legislators vie for the retention of the 30

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## House votes on Managaha veto today

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

DESPITE a possible legal challenge once the bill is enacted into law, the House of Representatives is set to complete today the veto override on legislation that could give the Managaha Island franchise to a local consortium.

"We're going for it and I'll explain why we need to during the session," according to the bill's author, Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Saipan).

Asked to comment on Tasi Tour's letter to Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Prec. 2, Saipan) in which the bill was described as "special interest legislation,"

Hofschneider said, "I'll reply to it during the session."

Tasi Tour director David L. Igitol, in a separate interview, said his company considers the bill "unconstitutional and bad policy."

"It would eliminate truly competitive bidding and that is in violation of the fiduciary duty of the Board of Public Lands," he said.

"But I don't know whether we'll challenge it in court once they override the veto. And I was told that the House will override the veto."

A Japanese company, Tasi Tours, currently holds exclusive right to operate and control all businesses on Managaha, which is a popular tourist destination.

Since September, when the lease officially ended, Tasi's contract has been renewed on a monthly basis.

The Senate on Friday voted 9-0 to override Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's Nov. 6 veto of House Bill 11-220.

In a letter Tuesday to the speaker, Tasi "strongly urged" against the passage of the bill, calling it "beneath the dignity of our Legislature."

"Its sole purpose is to give one company an unfair advantage in bidding for the Managaha concession," the letter said. "(It) puts the fix in for that one company."

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## Pol Pot's widow weds his aide

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The widow of Pol Pot, the notorious leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge guerrilla movement, has married one of her late husband's aides, a guerrilla defector said Tuesday. Yim Phanna, a former Khmer Rouge commander, confirmed reports this week in Phnom Penh newspapers that Pol Pot's widow, Mea Som, had married Tep Khunnal, formerly a middle-ranking Khmer Rouge functionary, shortly after the two defected to the government in September. Pol Pot's 14-year-old daughter, Mea Sith, defected along with her mother.

"They had a small ceremony arranged when they were in a refugee

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## Continental Micronesia hikes excess baggage fee

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Continental Micronesia has increased the excess baggage fee for luggage checked from Guam or Saipan to the Micronesian Islands and from Micronesia to Guam or Saipan from \$20 to \$50 per bag.

The new fee took effect yesterday. Excess baggage means luggage outside of the allowed two pieces maximum.

Walter Dias, Continental's staff

vice president for sales, said the airline's excess baggage fee program is undergoing revisions this year to ensure it is providing the service at fair international value.

Continental has not revised its excess baggage fee structure for at least 10 years, said Dias. As an alternative, customers may transport their excess bags or boxes through the airline's local cargo departments, Dias added.

## Trend dismays ex-party chief



Mike Phillips

By Jojo Santo Tomas  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — In the aftermath of a controversial election, former Democratic Party Leader Mike Phillips says many of the party fundamentals have been ignored.

"I think, No. 1, the real issues that affect the local people didn't seem to be at the forefront," he said. "The quality of life didn't

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## Seaport revenues up 22%

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
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THE COMMONWEALTH Ports Authority (CPA) was able to realize a record 22 percent increase in operating revenues from its seaport operations during fiscal year 1998.

CPA said that, despite the economic crunch, operating revenues climbed to \$4.26 million, which is \$768,150 more than the previous year's figures.

The revenue improvement was primarily due to an 11 percent

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## Guam gets \$1.6M more in US education funding

By Tanya M.C. Mendiola  
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HAGATNA — Funding for Guam's education for the new fiscal year 1999 has been boosted with an additional \$1.6 million, bringing the total allotment to \$29,328,37, according to Congresswoman Robert A. Underwood.

Underwood, a member of the Congressional Education Caucus, said the caucus worked to secure the increase for Fiscal Year 1999.

Last year the island received another large amount of funding. More than \$27.9 was approved for last fiscal year and, according

to Underwood, before the \$1.6 million increase, this was the largest amount to receive congressional approval.

"Last year, Guam received \$27.9 million and we enjoyed more money for education in general and for education in general and for special education, vocational rehabilitation, immigrant education, and Pell Grant assistance specifically," said Underwood.

Guam will get smaller increases for other educational programs, but some of the larger increases

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## Police probe infant death

By Jacob Leon Guerrero  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — The Guam Police Department is investigating the death of a five-month-old boy at the Guam Memorial Hospital, police spokesman Ron Taitano said yesterday.

According to reports, the infant was admitted to the Pediatrics Unit at GMH last Nov. 1 for breathing difficulties.

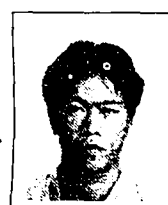
The child was reportedly placed on a ventilation machine. On Nov. 15, he was taken off the machine, and passed away 10 hours

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

**STRIKE THAT!**  
By Ferdie P. de la Torre



## The Embattled Ingram

IT IS now evident that some members of the Senate and the House of Representatives indeed want Charles W. Ingram Jr. out as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes recently disclosed that key members of the Legislature may strongly urge Gov. Pedro Tenorio to ask for Ingram's ouster.

For the past several weeks, there have been rumors circulating around DPS and Capitol Hill that some DPS personnel — urging for Ingram's ouster — went to the Legislature. These personnel allegedly complained, among other things, that they lost confidence on the commissioner because they are not satisfied with his performance.

The Variety published an article last Nov. 12, quoting highly placed sources, that Ingram is expected to resign in February due to the pressure from these complaining personnel who, by the way, don't like to go on the record. When the article came out, Ingram decided to respond to the allegations in the media.

Reyes then decided to come in open, saying that instead of complaining about his critics, Ingram should try to demonstrate his competence in running DPS. Reyes also confirmed that he had received complaints against the commissioner, but didn't say from whom.

Is Ingram really resigning? Does the commissioner enjoys the support of our law enforcers and DPS staff? Is it true that some personnel are losing confidence in his administration due to his incompetence? And who are these complaining individuals?

Ingram, a former Honolulu police captain, was the first cabinet official appointed by the Teno administration. With an impressive record and recipient of many awards, Ingram was unanimously confirmed by the Senate. His appointment took effect last March 2.

Sources said the appointment of the "Honolulu cop" to DPS, however, raised the eyebrows of some DPS officers. Sources disclosed a so-called "inner circle" within the police department. And if you are not in this "inner circle," you will never get support. It was tough time for Ingram considering that at the time he was appointed, DPS and the Attorney General's Office were investigating the beating of a burglary suspect in which 11 police officers were subsequently prosecuted.

One reporter asked us, "Is it a coincidence that after the ouster of Ross Buchholz as chief of the AGO criminal division and the resignation of William O'Rourke as DPS legal counsel, now there seems to be a move to remove Ingram?" Buchholz, O'Rourke and Ingram played vital roles in the case against the 11 cops.

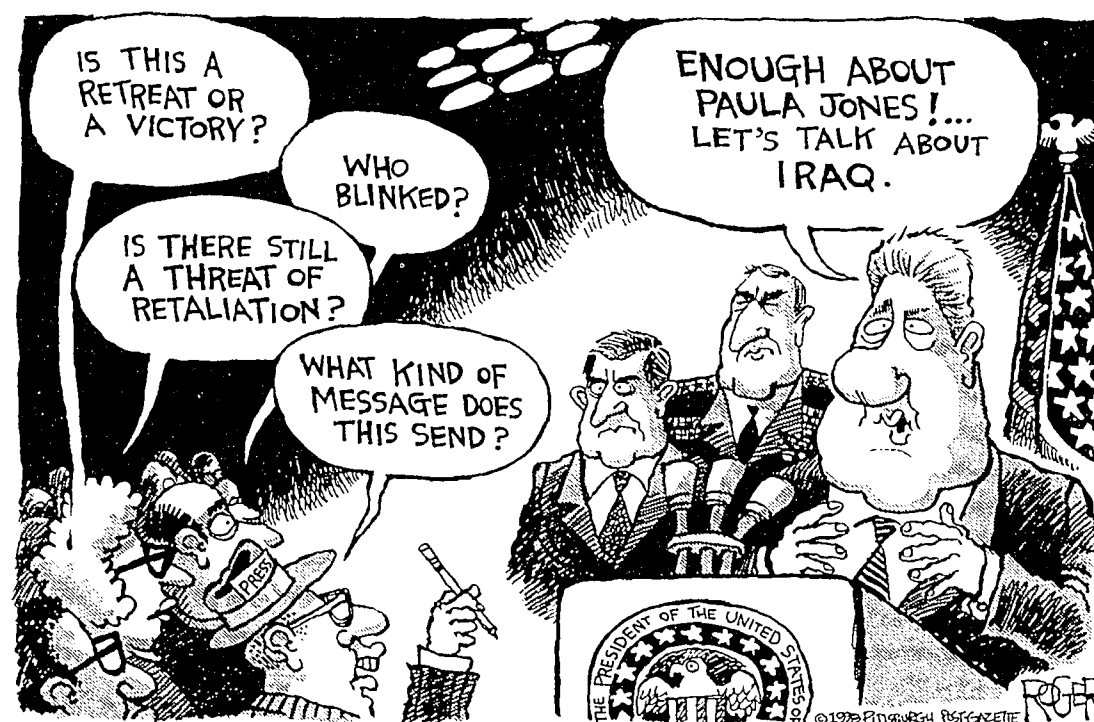
Ingram, however, told us that he believes that some disgruntled DPS employees are the ones complaining to the Legislature to discredit his administration. He said these so-called disgruntled employees are the same personnel who don't want to be disciplined or transferred to other assignments.

Ingram said most people would admit a mistake and welcome any administrative punishment then move on. However, he said the tendency here is this: "Well, why you're picking on me? Then you will go up to the Capitol Hill and talk to your brother-in-law, *kumpane*, or father, uncles, cousins... whatever relationship you have and say, 'Hey this guy is picking on me because he gave me two weeks vacation without pay.'"

The DPS chief hinted that there are personnel who are not happy that "they have to work for a living...that they become responsible...if they're in supervisory positions, they are responsible for what they're supposed to be doing." The commissioner also admitted that he may have a problem with some legislators because these are the persons whom the so-called disgruntled employees are complaining to.

Ingram said if the governor fires him, then he would go. He said he and Tenorio have no problems professionally. Ingram even described his relationship with DPS staff as "excellent." He added that his deputy commissioner — Clyde Norita — does excellent job, his directors are doing excellent job, and they're next in command doing excellent work.

Ingram should take the issue on a positive spin. We agree with Sen. Reyes that Ingram should instead try harder to demonstrate his competence. If the commissioner believes that he is right on his decisions, he should stay and prove his detractors wrong. But if there is truth to the allegations, some of which I heard are personal, then Ingram should start considering a graceful exit before the worse gets to worst.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER  
**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Miscellany from the capital

SHORT takes from long-winded muckrakers:

\* White House numbers-crunchers are now quite confident that they have the numbers in the House to avoid an impeachment trial by the Senate.

Many Republicans have privately voiced their desire to get the impeachment hearings over with as quickly as possible. And Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., wants to make sure that a vote is held before the end of the year — in part so that incoming members won't have to cast their first vote on the president's impeachment.

Right now, White House insiders are expecting impeachment articles to pass the Judiciary Committee by a party-line vote. Once the issue reaches the House floor, they expect three or four Democrats from conservative districts to vote in favor. That means Clinton needs to convince at least a dozen Republicans to vote against impeachment to avoid a trial in the Senate.

Keep your eyes on Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., whom the White House regards as the closest thing they have to a friend in the Republican conference.

\* If it's true, as they say, that charity begins at home, then perhaps Tipper Gore ought to think twice before she takes to the talk-show circuit again.

Last Friday the second lady made an impassioned plea before the nation on Larry King Live. She had just returned from a tour of storm-ravaged Nicaragua and Honduras, where tens of thousands lost their lives to Hurricane Mitch.

Obviously quite shaken by the tragedy, Mrs. Gore appealed tearfully for much-needed donations.

"One thing I learned is that cash would be the most important donation that could be made," Gore said. "And in both countries, the distribution method for giving aid is going to be through the church structure."

We are touched that Mrs. Gore, along with many others, cares enough about the people of Honduras to lend her moral support in this time of crisis. The second lady even stayed overnight in a tent, she told King, "because I didn't want to displace any of the relief workers, who were helping people."

But we also hope that the Gores back up their heartfelt concern with an equally heartfelt donation. Last year, you may recall, the Gores donated a full \$353 of their \$197,797 income to charity.

\* Since John Podesta replaced Erskine Bowles as White House chief of staff, the executive mansion has gone back to the future.

Bowles, a North Carolina businessman, was a soft-

spoken, genteel manager who preferred to keep above the fray when discussions got messy. The mercurial Podesta is more suited to Clinton's temperament, White House staffers say.

Under Bowles, meetings started on time and were run in an orderly fashion. He kept the White House running like a corporation: smooth and efficient, with everybody knowing their places in the machinery.

But under Podesta, the White House is operating more like it did in Clinton's early days — when pizza boxes littered the West Wing and meetings could go on endlessly without a decision being made. One insider calls Podesta a "master legislative strategist, but not a manager."

"He's good in small meetings, of three or four people. But he's terrible at running big meetings," Podesta will have his work cut out for him. The House Speaker-to-be, Rep. Robert Livingston, R-La., is every bit the deal-maker that Podesta is. He's spent his career cutting deals among colleagues as a member of the Appropriations Committee, and he understands the art of leverage. On legislative matters, the White House expects Livingston to be a much tougher adversary than Gingrich.

\* The feud hasn't received much coverage, but it could have much greater long-term impact than the tabloid battles between the president and Ken Starr. The Federal Reserve and the Office of Comptroller of the Currency don't like each other much. The two agencies are fighting over who gets to regulate national banks under a sweeping bank modernization effort under way in Congress.

A bill was expected to pass this fall but collapsed at the last minute, amid threats of a presidential veto. The administration is siding with OCC, while most people in Congress support the Fed.

Longtime congressional staffer Jake Lewis, now editor of "The Nader Letter" on banks and consumers, reports that Acting OCC chief Julie Williams has been taking heat from the Fed for suggesting to banks that they stop making bad loans. Williams was particularly critical of Long Term Capital Management, the giant hedge fund that recently collapsed and was rescued by a Fed-arranged bailout.

Said Williams to a risk-management conference recently:

"Certainly, no banker would approve a loan based on the way a borrower knots his tie; similarly, no banker should suspend critical judgment of a loan's riskiness based on assurance that some fancy new computer program or automated gadget makes that judgment superfluous."

For Northern Islands' CIPs:

# Ogumoro eyes \$2M funding

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

NORTHERN Islands Mayor Joseph Ogumoro said yesterday he has gotten a commitment from the CNMI government for the \$2 million funding for infrastructure projects in the islands of Anatahan, Agrigan and Alamagan.

Ogumoro said he met last week with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and Governor Special Finance Adviser Mike Sablan who promised to appropriate funding for the construction of multi purpose halls

and water catchment tanks in the three islands next year.

The multi purpose hall, which is planned to be built on Anatahan, will house a school, a radio room and an additional typhoon shelter. "Governor Financial Adviser Mike Sablan was the one who told me last week that next year those things will going to be in place," Ogumoro said.

Ogumoro has also proposed the development of transportation system in the Northern Islands.

However, Ogumoro said that due to the cost cutting measures



Joseph Ogumoro



Jonathan Greenert

of the government, the transportation development is not possible at this point in time.

Ogumoro said Tenorio has approved his plan to seek assistance from the US Military in transporting equipment to Northern Islands.

Ogumoro said he will go to Guam next week to meet with Rear Admiral Jonathan Greenert and discuss the matter.

"Since this is a community project, I hope the military could provide us some assistance like in airlifting of the materials. I hope

they will be convinced in helping us because the lives of the people are at stake here," Ogumoro said.

The Office of the Northern Islands Mayor has prepared materials for the installation of typhoon shelters and water catchment tanks in the three islands.

Ogumoro urged all Northern Islanders organizations to come to the Mayor's Office and coordinate their projects with the municipality in various projects for the islands.

He however, denied allegations by some groups that the Office of the Northern Islands Mayor is not coordinating with the Northern Islanders.

"They are just shouting around and they don't know what they are doing. I am willing to work with this group if they are willing to work with me," Ogumoro said.

## Governor approves \$3.67M for Tinian



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Haidee V. Eugenio

Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday signed into law the bill which seeks to appropriate \$3.67 million for the operations and activities of the Tinian government for fiscal year 1999.

While the bill authorizes Tinian to spend the \$3.67 million from the estimated local revenues generated from the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's fees, the governor said the actual use of money depends on the availability of funds.

"The appropriation bill that I have just signed barely authorizes them to use (the) money they receive. So it depends on the availability of funds."

"They cannot use any money other than the money that they receive," the chief executive yesterday told reporters.

In his transmittal letter, the governor pointed out that his approval of the Revised Tinian Municipal Appropriations Act of 1999 is subject to item-veto of its certain provisions.

"Because of the urgency of this bill, I have chosen to exercise the authority given to me under (the) Constitution, instead of disapproving the entire bill," said Tenorio.

The act is now known as Tinian Local Ordinance 7-3.

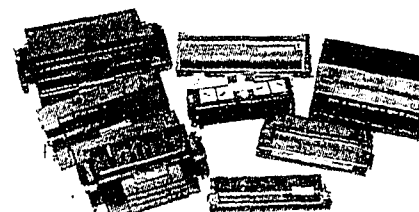
The \$3.67 million will be used for the operations and activities of the Office of the Mayor, Tinian Municipal Treasury, and the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission from Oct. 1, 1998 to Sept. 30, 1999.

Tenorio item-vetoed the provision which exempts professional services from quarterly appropriation.

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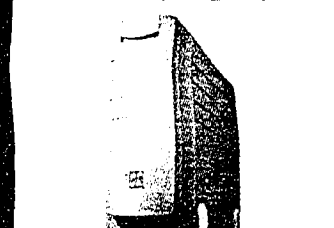


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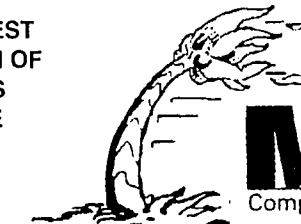
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First Lady Sophia Tenorio graces a flower arranging demonstration at Hafadai Beach Hotel during events marking the 10th anniversary of Shikou Gakuen mission to the CNMI.

## PSS loan for new high schools OK'd

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

OFFICIALS of the Public School System (PSS) disclosed that loan for the construction of the new Saipan High School and Junior High School has been approved and will be transferred into PSS' accounts by the end of the month.

The construction of the new Saipan High School costs \$9,134,500 while the Junior High school amounts to \$8,371,500.

The location for the new schools are still being decided upon by PSS officials and the Board of Education.

PSS is planning to build 34 permanent high school classrooms accommodating 25 students a class.

The new high school is designed to accommodate a total of 850 students.

According to a PSS report, the new high school building will house a Vocational Education room, laboratories, JROTC building, administration building, library, cafeteria, restrooms and sports facilities.

The new Junior High School, on the other hand, is designed to accommodate 750 students.

Design in the Junior High School is the same as that of the new high school with the addition of an agricultural area that costs about \$100,000.

The construction of the new high school is set to start on Au-

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## SPC study finds Chinese garment workers paid very low

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

CHINESE nationals working in garment factories are paid "very low," according to a study done by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

The study's findings run in stark contrast to the 14.4-percent increase in generated revenues the garment industry has registered for the first quarter of this year compared to the same period in 1997 and the steady increase in the value of products it has exported to the US mainland over the past 10 years.

Chinese nationals, according to the SPC study on the CNMI population profile, "are mainly found in the very low-income groups of contract workers in the garment

industry."

The study noted that the average household and family income is lowest among the Chinese. Filipino and other Micronesian populations and is highest among the "Whites" or professional Americans, Koreans, Japanese and Chamorro populations.

"The proportion of people living below the official poverty threshold is highest among the Asian population (accounting for 71 percent) and also very high among the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Marshall Island ethnic groups," stated the report.

The study said that "a rather surprisingly high proportion of the total population of the CNMI lives below the poverty thresh-

old."

"This proportion is, according to the 1995 Census data, more than half of the entire population!" stated the study.

However, the study said the figure is based on US official

guidelines and "whether it makes sense to use the official income threshold to define the poverty level needs to be questioned."

The study noted that even 16 percent of the "Whites" offi-

cially live in poverty although they have by far the highest average income in the CNMI.

SPC did the study to aid government planners in formulating development policies for the CNMI.

## Bill seeks to allow CNMI to receive forfeited items, proceeds from fines

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

BILLS that would create an administrative office of the courts and require that proceeds from fines imposed by federal agencies should be turned over to the CNMI have been filed in the Legislature.

House Bill 11-317 would de-

clare as CNMI property proceeds from any fine or forfeiture sale pursuant to actions taken by a regulatory or judicial agency acting in the commonwealth.

Introduced by House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Prec. 4, Saipan), the bill would affect fines imposed by federal agencies such

as the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHA).

The bill states: "These (regulatory) agencies supervise many sectors of the (local) economy and issue fines and fees to ensure regulatory compliance. Unfortunately much of the revenues collected...is being sent out of the CNMI, thus putting an unnecessary drain on our economy."

It adds, "(If) fines assessed by these agencies were kept within the CNMI and used for training and education of those...in violation of...regulations, incidence of violation will go down and the (CNMI) will benefit."

Introduced by Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), Senate Bill 11-83 seeks to allow judges and justices to concentrate on judiciary matters and "not be bothered by purely administrative issues."

"This administrative office will function like the Legislature's legislative bureau," Reyes said. "And it is this office that would look after the day-to-day manpower and maintenance management aspects of running the judiciary."

Judges and justices, however, would remain in full control of their secretaries and law clerks.

"This bill would just free the judges and justices from distractions, particularly now that they have a new and bigger building," Reyes said.

More important, he added, his bill would require no additional funding.

The bill states that the administrative office would assist the Supreme Court chief justice in his duty as chief administrative officer

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## House Ways & Means panel eyes cost-cutting measures

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

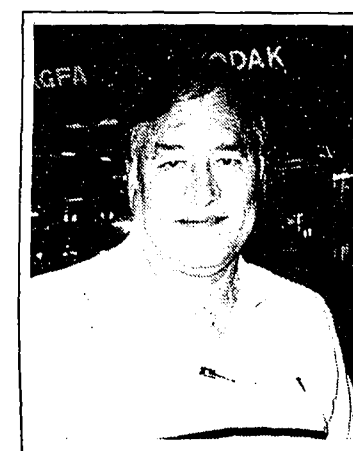
THE HOUSE Committee on Ways and Means is drafting legislation that would abolish certain full-time employee positions, control "last minute" spending toward the end of a fiscal year, and allow more government employees to retire.

Committee Chair Karl T. Reyes (R-Prec. 1, Saipan) yesterday told reporters that he will also propose that, if signed into law, such legislation would be in effect whenever revenue collection is lower than the government's projections.

"We need laws like these whenever we're having a bad year," Reyes said.

He said Ways and Means will soon work on three cost-cutting bills that would

• Require that FTE positions vacant for six months



Karl T. Reyes

should no longer be filled, and should be abolished;

• Prohibit the practice of agencies using their surplus funds to buy equipment or furniture toward the end of a fiscal year;

• Allow the government to borrow money that would be used to pay government employees who may want to retire but still has two years to serve be-

fore becoming eligible. "So once they retire we could hire new employees at lower salary levels," Reyes said.

He added that he foresees no "mass retirement" resulting from enacting such bills.

House Vice Speaker Jesus T. Attao (R-Prec. 3, Saipan) and Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Prec. 3, Saipan) have said that the removal of the 30 percent retirement bonus for government employees would only result in a deeper financial crisis.

"I don't think so," Reyes said. "I don't think government employees will sacrifice their annual salary just to get a bonus."

The repeal or the modification of the 30 percent bonus is among the proposals currently being considered by his committee.

## Senator clarifies about return of PSS retirees

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

ACTING Senate President Thomas P. Villagomez (R-Saipan) has expressed concern over alleged improprieties concerning the hiring of retirees by the Public School System, saying that the reemployment is limited only to classroom teachers.

Villagomez, in a letter to Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos, said there may have been "some misinterpretation and misapplication" of a recently ratified constitutional amendment allowing retirees to "return to government service as classroom teachers and nurses, among others."

In an interview, he said that the constitutional amendment does not allow PSS to rehire retirees for school counseling positions. "It's for teachers only," he said. At the same time, Villagomez asked PSS to exempt retirees hired as teachers from taking civic courses, Northern Marianas history and cultural orientation.

He said local hires who have already served more than 20 years in government service should have sufficient knowledge of the CNMI's political system, history and culture.

Villagomez was one of the main proponents of the legislative initiative that proposed the constitutional amendment, which seeks to address the shortage of classroom teachers and medical professionals.

Its goal was to reduce the CNMI's reliance on off-island hires by encouraging on-island retirees to fill vacant positions.

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## Palau may defer effectivity of new minimum wage

By MALOU L. SAYSON  
For the Variety

KOROR (Palau Horizon)—Instead of amending the Minimum Wage Law, which established a per hour minimum pay of \$2.50 in Palau, legislators have pushed for a "temporary suspension" of its implementation on January 1, 1999.

House Speaker Anastacio Ignacio told Palau Horizon that the 5th Olbil Era Kelulau, which was also responsible in passing the Minimum Wage Bill in August this year, is bent at amending the effectivity of the law.

Given only two months before its effectivity date, the law is slated for some amendments in the coming Special Session late this November.

The legislators have seriously taken into consideration the financial limitations Palau is currently experiencing owing to the economic crisis adversely affecting Asia, and the boomerang effect on the country's number one revenue source, the tourism industry.

According to Anastacio, discussions at the OEK are on going to look at the possibility of amending the effectivity date of the law.

"We don't want to burden businesses, which have already been experiencing economic blow due to the crisis. Or else, there would be massive lay-off by next year," Anastacio said.

"At this time, implementing the Minimum Wage Law is like pouring gasoline on the fire."

Legislators though are hoping that the suspension of the implementation would only take about six months to one year or until such time the economy shall have recovered.

"I'm confident that people work-"  
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# Wrongful death suit: 'Fishing execs knew about helicopters' past failures'

By Eric F. Say  
Variety News Staff

**HAGATNA** - The story of a helicopter that went down into the waters off New Guinea on Nov. 7, 1993 during a fish-spotting flight unfolded yesterday at the hearing of a wrongful death suit at the U.S. District Court here.

The helicopter's pilot, David Heikkila and a crewman, Marino Kolega, perished in the crash. Judy Heikkila, wife of the deceased pilot, filed a suit for damages in connection with the crash.

In an apparent move to establish fault by the Laura Z Fishing Co. over the incident, John Henley, who represents the plaintiff, told jurors that company executives had prior knowledge that the company helicopter, an H-500D, had a history of defective rotor hubs and blades.

Henley said that another vessel owned by Z Enterprises, M/V Adriatic Sea, had a similar accident with the H-500D off San Diego in 1987. In that case, investigators hired by the company found out the cause of that crash - a survivor admitted to them that he saw the helicopter's blade literally come off.

The blades of the helicopter are to wings of an aircraft. Henley said the helicopter in question was prone to "pack-strap problem."

The "pack-strap" holds the helicopter's blades to the main rotor.

Heikkila is joined in the wrongful death suit by Kolega. Damage amounts will be decided by the jury.

On the other hand, Anita Arriola, an attorney for one of the defendants, Big Eye Helicopters, told the jury in her opening statement that Big Eye or the M/V Laura Z did not manufacture the helicopter and that Big Eye could not even perform maintenance on the rotor hub, "as only qualified McDonnell Douglas technicians are allowed to perform such work."

Rob Lutz, who represents the interests of Z-Enterprises, added that "Big Eye is just one of many companies owned by Lawrence Zuanich, Sr."

He said each of 11 vessels owned by Zuanich is set up as a separate corporation.

They are related to one another but not identical, Lutz said, and "they would co-sign for one another and even transfer monies back and forth to one another."

He told the jury this would come in play as evidence is produced throughout the trial.



Northern Marianas College Foundation Directors J.M. Guerrero (left) and Juan S. Tenorio (right) examine a proposal from Hawaiian Trust on investing Foundation funds at a recent board meeting. The directors are looking for prudent ways to maximize the return on NMC's endowment. NMC Photo

# Villagers urge MVA to widen its market reach

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

**SAIPAN** residents yesterday urged the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to widen the CNMI market reach and tap other tourists from Taiwan and Hongkong to boost the tourism industry of the islands.

In a village meeting conducted by the Northern Marianas College, a range of proposals were raised including holding regular mass weddings at the Bird Island, to boost tourism.

Ed Salas of Crime Stoppers International said Saipan should not depend on one market alone to boost its tourism industry.

He also proposed that Saipan should create a "tourism identity" like the other tourist spots in the world.

"Make every ethnic group involve and work for the good of the island. Just take a look at what we've got and see what we can do," Salas said.

It was also cited in the meeting that problems in the tourism industry usually starts in the airport where custom and immigration officers are allegedly "unfriendly" to the visitors.

Another resident voiced out the need to re-build a Chamorro Village on Saipan to attract tourists' attention.

Philippine Consul Julia Heidemann, for her part, told residents that MVA should also work with the airline industry to introduce tourism packages in which visitors could hop from one island to another.

But Heidemann said MVA is not only responsible for the growth of the tourism industry.

She stressed that CNMI residents are all accountable for the development of Saipan economy.

Another resident proposed that CNMI should cooperate with other islands in the region to create a "sense of unity for the Marianas people."

All inputs in yesterday's village meeting will be incorporated in the CNMI Economic Study which is being coordinated by the NMC's Business Development Center.

# Rental fee waivers require legislative action, says BPL

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

**GRANTING** private developers a waiver on rental fees necessitate legislative action on the enactment of law amending the statute creating the Board of Public Lands (BPL), BPL Chair Tomas B. Aldan said yesterday.

In an interview, Aldan said BPL can not grant waivers on payments required from the developers "because our fiduciary duty under the statute can not allow us."

"We can not grant any waiver. If there is a provision in the statute that would allow it, we may consider it but since there is none, we can not allow it," said Aldan.

He added that the Legislature "may as well legislate" amendments.

"It is up to them," Aldan said.

Public Lands Director Bertha Leon Guerrero has urged developers to sit down with her and discuss their request on the matter.

The invitation was made after several businessmen recently sought an audience with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, asking that government grant them a waiver in their payment schedule.

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# BPL may allow Mayor to continue quarrying

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

**BOARD** of Public Lands (BPL) Chair Tomas B. Aldan yesterday said Saipan Mayor Jose C. Sablan should have first looked into the legality of excavating at an old Kagman site, a move that could have avoided delays in ongoing road repair projects.

At the same time, Aldan said it is "unfortunate" that efforts to repair secondary roads infested with potholes due to rain have been entangled in a bureaucratic red tape that stem from the unauthorized excavation of filling materials from the quarry site.

"It is an unfortunate red tape that should have been addressed before it happened. Why is it brought up now? Why is it brought up by the Division (of Public Lands) and not the mayor himself?" Aldan asked.

"The situation would have been avoided," he added.

He said BPL will authorize an extension of Sablan's quarrying activities "pending resolution" of the matter.

The Board is scheduled to meet today and has Sablan's case included in the agenda.

"We will try as much as possible to find a suitable location for the mayor," said Aldan.

"I am in favor of it because I understand the mayor's responsibility and burden. People will be complaining to the mayor, even up to the governor and the legislature due to poor road condition."

"We will give the mayor an extension pending resolution (of the matter) or (the identification) of an alternative site," said Aldan.

Public Lands Director Bertha Leon Guerrero has issued Sablan a second notice asking him to unconditionally stop the excavation at the Kagman quarry site.

Guerrero argued that Sablan should have first sought for a permit from DPL.

She added that there are also some concerns on the quarrying activities impact on the area's environment.

"I think DPL is just doing its job to make sure that all uses of public lands are in accordance with the statute," said Aldan.



Tomas B. Aldan



Jose C. Sablan

# According to Long NMI Gov't needs to make business on Tinian easier

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

**TINIAN** is already experiencing increased business activities. However, more businessmen would readily apply for license to operate establishments if the needed infrastructure are in place, Tinian Chamber of Commerce President Philip M. Long said.

"We need government to provide an avenue to make business easier to operate in," said Long in an interview.

"Right now, there are no street lights, no sidewalks, no programs for gambling addicts. If you don't have those, business won't grow," he added.

Thus, Long said, Tinian still does not have a movie house, a bowling lane nor even a hot-dog stand.

"And how many grocery stores are there?" he raised.

Despite these however, Tinian, Long said, is starting to attract more businessmen with the operation of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino (TDHC).

Long, citing figures he culled from the Department of Commerce (DOC), has said that business license applications for Tinian grew by seven percent last month compared to September.

"We've been steadily increasing in business applications so (that means) there is interest in the business that is going on in Tinian because more and more people are coming over," he added.

"We have an economy that's blooming."

Long said an average of 400 people are arriving on the island everyday.

He said the improved business situation is largely attributed to TDHC.



Philip M. Long

# Zachares engages Filipino workers in dialogue

**EMPLOYERS** who fail to renew the work permits of some of their workers after giving them assurance of renewals could be held liable under the law.

This was according to Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares during a dialogue with guest workers last Sunday sponsored by AM 936 KSAI, a local radio station.

Zachares said complaints could be lodged by the workers against such employers on the basis of what he called "detrimental reliance."

The DOLI chief was responding to questions from Filipino workers who complained of difficulty transferring to other companies due to the failure of their employers to renew their expired contracts and permits.

Through a moderator from KSAI Radio, the workers painted a scenario whereby their duties following assurances that their papers would be submitted to DOLI for renewal.

But after working for three months or so however, they were told they could no longer be employed.

Common reasons for suspension of employment included budget cuts and bad economy.

With the hiring moratorium law in place, the said alien workers can look for prospective employers and be hired.

However, the prospective employers cannot proceed with the hiring process because the complaining workers do not have valid permits or any documents that indicate their papers were submitted to DOLI.

The secretary was told that workers in such a predicament did not intend to work without



DOLI Sec. Mark Zachares (right) listens to Filipino workers' concerns during a dialogue attended by Philippine Consul Julia Heidemann and Vice Consul Ronnel Santos last Sunday at the Susupe Park. Photo by Louie C. Alonso

these workers were relying on the employer," he said.

"That's a valid labor complaint... (they should) come in and bring it to our attention."

A TWA (temporary work authorization) could be issued, added the secretary during the afternoon dialogue at Susupe Beach Park.

The panelists also included Philippine Consul Julia Heidemann, Vice Consul Ronnel Santos and Welfare Officer Fred Biolena.

The dialogue capped a KSAI affair marking the anniversary of

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# Inos lauds gov't for sparing PSS from further budget cuts

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

**EDUCATION** Commissioner Rita H. Inos lauded the government's efforts in of sparing the Public School System, among other agencies, from the administration's 13.4 percent budget cut.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and some members of the Legislature recently proposed that PSS along with Departments of Public Health and Public Safety be exempted from the effect of the \$32.5 million "across the board" budget cuts.

"I certainly appreciate the sensitivity of the leaders if they will recognize that we are in need, at least, in keeping what they have given to us which is originally a cut from our original proposal," Inos said.

The PSS, Inos said, managed to work hard to keep the costs to the barest minimum as possible to keep the system in good shape.

Inos added she will appreciate it if the officials can help PSS to maintain the current funding and not go through the tremendous limit "to disrupt the days the children have to come to school."

"We have shown the community that we are paying attention to being as cost-effective as possible. I would appreciate if that would be the case for the PSS," Inos said.

"But again, I want to assure our leaders that I understand the situation of the CNMI and PSS would like to help out. And if others could help, I think it would work well. Education is very important, and the children really deserve the best from us," Inos added.

According to Inos, PSS is working hard within their limitations and they are working hard so as not to disrupt the days of the students in the public school classrooms.



Rita H. Inos

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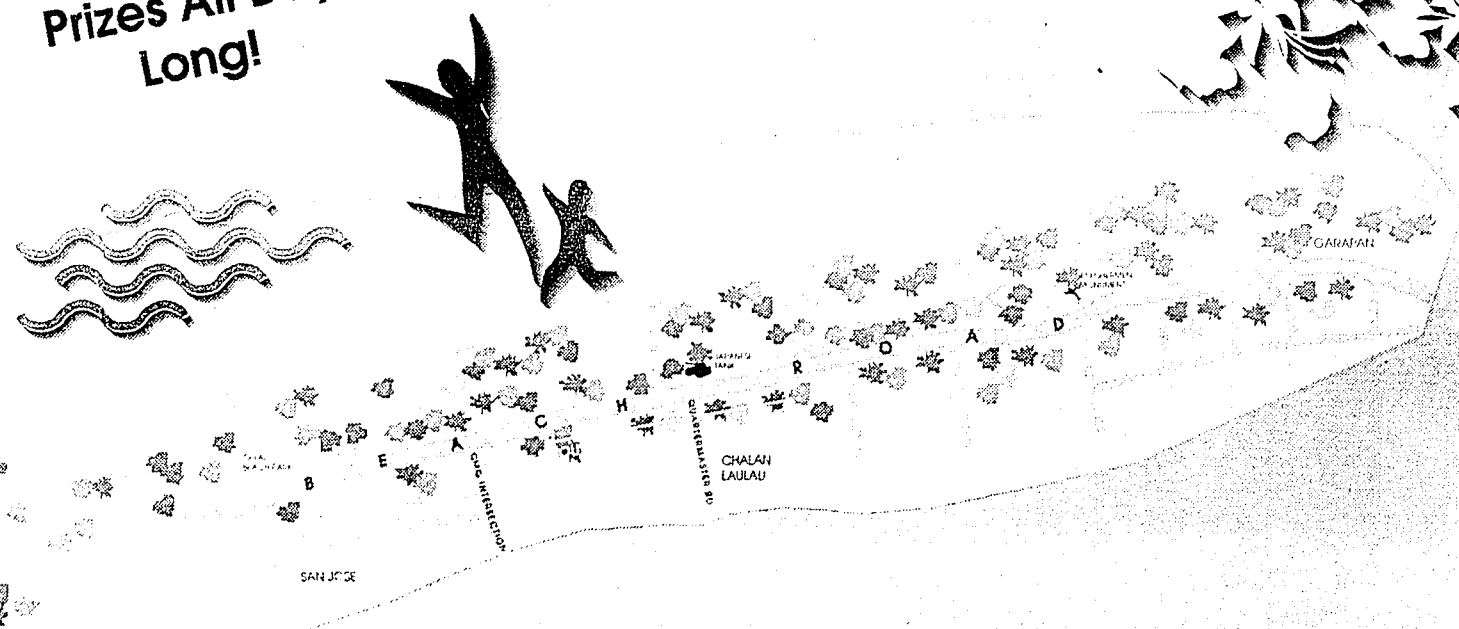
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Friends of the Saipan Beach Pathway Committee at 234-6449.

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE NUMBER of employees leaving the Public School System continues to increase as a total of 28 personnel opted to retire from the service before the year ends.

This year's batch of retirees include San Vicente Elementary School Principal Martha Haberman and a teacher and one counselor from the Marianas High School.

Out of the 28 retirees, six are from MHS.

MHS gets the biggest bulk of employees leaving the system this year. Aside from the six retirees, there are five more MHS staff who will be out of the service on December due to contract expiration.

Eight of the 11 leaving MHS employees are all teachers.

There are 4 total retirees from William Reyes Elementary School which include Principal Maria Pangelinan, two teachers and a librarian.

A total of three personnel will be retiring from the Garapan Elementary School, two staff from Koblerville Elementary School and one teacher from Oleai Elementary School.

The other retirees will come from PSS Central Office.

An official said the large number of retiring personnel from PSS this year is due to the 30 percent retirement bonus they could avail.

## Weaving workshop Saturday

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture postponed the coconut frond weaving workshop to November 21.

The month-long workshop which was originally set to start last Tuesday will run until December 19.

Arts Coordinator Sinfo Pinuala said the workshop will be facilitated by local Master Weaver Bina Wabol.

Weaving classes will be held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Saturday classes will start

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## VFW meeting

THIS IS to inform all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Saipan Post 3457 that the regular monthly meeting is today at Oleai Beach at 1830 hours.

All members are requested to attend. Others interested in joining are also invited to attend. Please bring a copy of your DD214 with you.

For more information, please contact Tony Cabrera, Post Commander at 322-0417, Joseph C. Reyes, Service Officer at 234-5680/5871 or Jerry Kraus at 235-1756.

## AROUND the Islands

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## CNMI's Chicken Kelaguen chosen for inclusion in national cookbook

RUDOLPHO'S recipe for "Chamorro Chicken Kelaguen" - A Northern Mariana Islands Classic, has been selected for publication in the Tastes of the Times, a new cookbook targeting foodservice professionals recently published by Tyson Food Service, the world's largest poultry producer.

Tastes of the Times includes over 200 chicken recipes selected from over thousands of entries submitted in a nationwide contest.

The recipes can be found in a hardbound coffee-table-quality book which Tyson proudly refers to as "the greatest chicken recipe collection ever assembled for

foodservice."

Rudolpho's Chicken Kelaguen recipe was the only entry chosen from outside of the mainland of the United States, the Saipan-based restaurant said in a news release.

Miles Rudolph, who submitted the entry on behalf of Rudolpho's, began the process of bringing one

of the NMI's favorite local dishes to the national foodservice scene over a year ago.

On November 12, 1997, Rudolpho's was notified that it had met the technical requirements for consideration.

Recipes for consideration Continued on page 22

## Cing dinner fundraiser tomorrow



David M. Cing

THE COMMITTEE to Reelect Sen. David M. Cing will hold a fundraising dinner tomorrow, Nov. 20—and not today—at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, according to a media release.

The \$100-per-ticket affair will begin at 7 p.m.

The ticket price includes round-trip ferry fare, drinks and dinner.

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Well-wishers have a party for Emelio Uy, president of the Filipino Community of Guam, who celebrated his birthday last November 15. In photo are Carmen Imaizumi, Auring Garcia, Uy, Momong Bagtas, Pilar Lujan, Nota Baldovino, Gerry and Tessie Marcos, Gene Tajeron, Nympha Tajeron, Tess Miguel, Ligaya Lizama, Ben and Fel Juninario, Ben and Claire Degayo and Del Dumatol, Perla Aquino, Rogie Cabeza, May Schmidt and Monina Moreno.

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## University of Guam registration begins

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA - Early registration for the Spring semester at the University of Guam Nov. 18 and will run through Dec. 3. The Spring semester starts in January, 1999.

John D. Morvant, UOG public relations officer, said students may register Monday

through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. by using the university's computerized telephone service. On Friday students may register by phone from 8:30 to 5 p.m.

Students may also register in person from 8 a.m. to p.m. on normal working days at the Records Office, the Student

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors

### NOTICE

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan hereby give Notice that pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, a Regular Meeting of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 1998, at 2:00 PM in the CUC Conference Room in Lower Base, Saipan. The Agenda is as follows:

#### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes

#### II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Financial Report
- Rota
- Timian

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations Committee
- Timian Power Plant Expansion
- Saipan Water Desalination Project
- Review Certificates Presentation

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- Commonwealth Ports Authority Sewer Project
- Board Concurrence of Proposed RFPs

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Collection of Large Outstanding Bad Debts
- Adjustment of Local and Federal Government Electric Rate
- Directors & Officers Liability Policy
- Resolution 98-04 (Commendation of Mr. Charles Ewart, USGS Associate District Chief)

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

#### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13, Item (6), the Board may vote to meet in Executive Session.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

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## NMC takes on lead role in economic conference

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Marianas College was chosen by the steering committee members for the CNMI Economic Conference to be the contractor for the "Plan The CNMI's Economic Future" which would be held on March next year.

As prime contractor, NMC through its Business Development Center, is tasked to handle all aspects of the economic development study project.

It was made clear that works

### Guam Calendar

#### KAHA

A meeting will be held tonight for the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency Board of Directors.

The meeting will begin at 4 pm in the KAHA conference room at House 703 Central Avenue, Tiyan.

For special accommodations and more information, contact Jackie Balbas at 475-2242/3 or fax to 472-2781

### CHIEF GADAO BENEFIT CONCERT

The Chief Gadao Academy will hold a benefit concert this coming Sunday, Nov. 22, starting 7 pm at the Tiyan Theater. Performances will be given by Jesse Bias and Ruby Santos, Carlos Laguana and

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not performed by BDC will be subcontracted to a local and/or off-island subcontractors.

It was also settled that NMC's designated expenditure authority for the project is BDC Director Jack Peters.

Peters will act on the project with the advice and consent of NMC President Agnes McPhetres and Economic Conference Steering Committee.

Malcolm D. McPhee was introduced in the meeting as the project manager and technical coordinator for the economic study.

As a project manager, McPhee will be responsible for guiding and coordinating the various aspects of the study.

One of those tasks is to make the project success.

McPhee has been selected to do the technical coordination because of his work experience in the Pa-

cific and the "centrality of the forecasting and impact analyses work to other tasks."

David McClain was also introduced during the meeting.

McClain who is a professor of business enterprise and financial economics in the University of Hawaii was unanimously voted by the committee to be the moderator for next year's economic conference.

Philippine Consul Julia Heidemann agreed to chair the Topics and Speakers Selection Sub-Committee for the conference.

Committee-member Sen. Pete Reyes is co-chair of the Economic Crisis Committee which has been tasked to solve the current economic emergency.

The objective of the economic development conference is to con-

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## GES Students of the Week



Joshua Aquino, third-grade student from Mrs. Schaeffer's class is always courteous and helps in and out of class. Josh has many friends because he is a good friend.



Fergellie Dela Cruz, first-grade student from Mr. Schultz's class is a very focused student who comes to school ready to learn, work and enjoy new activities.



Ayessa Tereyama, fourth-grade student from Ms. Byrington's class is very cooperative and helpful. She is always prepared for the school day with homework completed with a big smile on her face.



Kody Kapileo, second-grade student from Mrs. Jebehn's class is an "A" Honor Roll student. Kody always makes extra time in school useful by finishing his seatwork and reading work.



Petronilo Cruz, sixth-grade student from Ms. Dael's class is an "A" Honor Roll student who has perfect attendance for the first quarter. He's highly interested in learning all subjects.



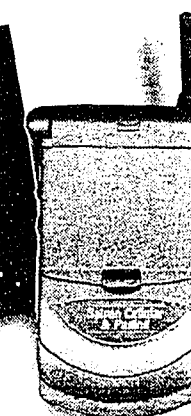
Rachel Ann Sison, fifth-grade student from Mr. Basa's class is a very positive student. She respects the rights and opinions of others. Rachel always gets good grades and behaves well.

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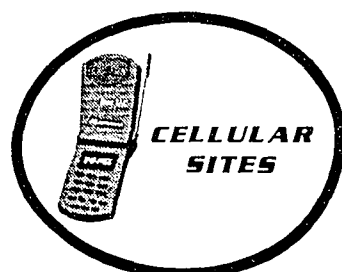


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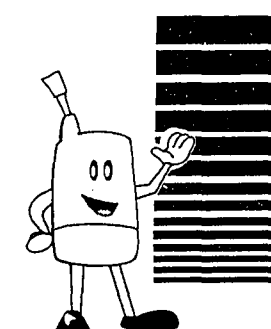
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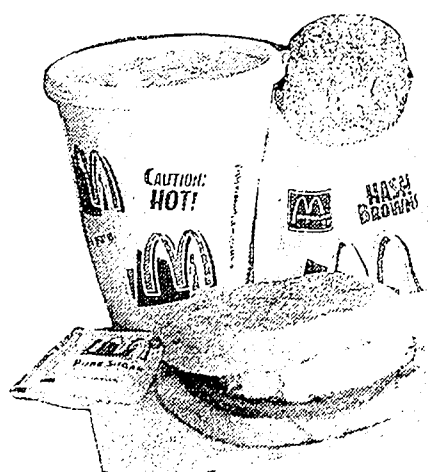


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## A. Samoa police search for marijuana smuggler

PAGO PAGO (Pacnews)—Police in American Samoa are searching for a man from Samoa who last month tried to smuggle in US\$1,000 worth of marijuana hidden in his groin.

The 23-year-old man from Faleasiu village, was a passenger on board the inter island ferry Queen Salamasina.

Customs agents clearing the vessels weekly trip to Pago Pago found between US\$600 - \$1,000 worth of dried marijuana leaves

wrapped in white paper and foil and taped to the suspects crotch area.

The man was detained for 24 hours but was released pending the completion of police investigations.

Last week when police went to the house where he was supposed to be staying to arrest him, he was nowhere to be found.

The man faces charges of possession of controlled substance and his bail is set at US\$20,000.

## Solomons records trade deficit of some \$14M

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulu'fa'alu has revealed that Solomon Islands incurred an average trade deficit of more than S\$69.9 million (US\$14 million) within eight years from 1988.

He announced the figures when comparing the level of exports and imports by the country from 1988 to 1996.

Ulu'fa'alu admits that the country's level of export is much higher than its import levels.

However, he said it is the government's policy to expand its export sector by encouraging investments, in attempts to reverse current trends.

The Prime Minister was speaking in parliament in response to a question on the value of imports and exports by Solomon Islands within the eight year period.

## US Coast Guard airlifts victim

HONOLULU (Pacnews)—A 26-year-old man was airlifted from Kiribati's Kiritimati Island to Hawaii last week after a diving

accident.

US Coast Guard officials report that the diver, whose name

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## Elsewhere in the Pacific SPF secretariat delegation holds talks with Vanuatu

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—A four-member delegation from the South Pacific Forum Secretariat has had fruitful discussions with the government of Vanuatu in Port Vila this week.

The delegation was led by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Forum Secretariat, Tony Slatyer. Slatyer was accompanied by the Political Issues Adviser, Bernard Bata'anisia, Small Medium Enterprise Adviser Mike Mullins and the Economic Infrastructure Adviser John Townsend.

Slatyer's visit is part of the

Secretariat's post-Forum consultation visits to Forum member countries to brief senior government officials on the outcome of Forum-related issues discussed by Forum leaders in Palikir, Federated States of Micronesia in August.

The delegation explained to senior government officials who have a role to play in the Forum decisions that the Secretariat can assist Vanuatu in implementing the Forum Summit decisions at national level.

Slatyer and his delegation were also intensively briefed on the

history of the country's Comprehensive Reform Programme (CRP) to enable the delegation find obstacles, and to assist in the implementation of CRP.

Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Clement Leo expressed his appreciation for the Forum Secretariat in helping Vanuatu to be put back on the Least Developed Country (LDC) status.

Leo says Vanuatu wants to be part of the Forum Secretariat and will continue to work closely with the Secretariat to implement Forum decisions at national level.

## Nauru gets fruit fly plan underway

YAREN (Pacnews)—A project to eradicate four introduced species of fruit flies to Nauru is now underway on the island.

Eradication techniques consist of male and female annihilation coupled with monitoring stages of trapping and fruit host survey.

In the annihilation phase, different attractants, dosed with insecticide, are used for the male

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## Solomons minister warns foreign fishing vessels

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries Dr Steve Aumanu says he will not tolerate foreign fishing vessels violating Solomon Islands laws.

Minister Aumanu's warning follows allegations of violation of the country's laws by two foreign fishing vessels on charter to a local company Solgreen Limited.

The Forum Fisheries Agency alleged that the two vessels

fished illegally in Solomon Islands territorial waters and transferred catches of tuna to a carrier vessel on the high seas.

Minister Aumanu said his ministry intends to utilize the latest developments in satellite technology to protect Solomon Islands waters from illegal fishing.

He said if Solomon Islands vital tuna resources are to be used in a sustainable manner, it is essential that orderly tuna fishing is enforced.

# RP, China bury Spratlys row

BEIJING (Reuters) - Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Tuesday buried differences with his Philippine counterpart Joseph Estrada over the disputed Spratly Islands, a Chinese government spokesman said.

Manila has accused Beijing of raising tensions in the disputed South China Sea islands by sending seven ships, including two armed navy vessels, to Mischief Reef.

But the spokesman said a meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum had cleared things up.

"President Jiang Zemin pointed out that at present the situation in the South China Sea on the whole has maintained stability," he said.

"Leaders of both countries have reached a very important understanding on the issue of the South China sea that is to shelve disputes

and to go in for joint development."

Such a course, the spokesman said, serves the common interests of the two sides to maintain regional stability and prosperity.

The Philippines did not immediately give its version of the meeting. Estrada said on Monday he would ask Jiang why Chinese vessels were encroaching on the Manila-claimed reef.

"I will ask Jiang Zemin directly why ships and people from mainland China are meddling in Mischief Reef," Estrada told reporters before leaving for APEC.

Beijing has rejected Manila's accusation, saying the Chinese were renovating damaged shelters for fishermen.

The Spratlys are a potentially oil-rich cluster of isles, reefs and rocky outcrops claimed wholly or in part by China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei.



Chinese President Jiang Zemin (left) and Philippines President Joseph Estrada enjoy a stroll in a tropical garden toward a luncheon hall at the Cyberview Lodge, Kuala Lumpur's southern retreat, during the APEC summit Wednesday.

## RP judge orders first execution in more than 2 decades

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine judge has ordered the country's national prisons director to execute a poor house painter convicted of repeatedly raping his 10-year-old stepdaughter, officials said Tuesday.

The impending execution of Leo Echegaray, 38, would be the first since capital punishment was restored in the country in 1994.

The sentence for Echegaray has triggered a debate on the death penalty that has divided many Filipinos.

It was not immediately known whether an execution date had been set by Judge Thelma Ponferrada of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court, which convicted Echegaray of rape in 1994.

In an order issued Monday but

made public Tuesday, Ponferrada instructed National Prisons Director Pedro Sistoza to execute Echegaray by lethal injection at a date to be set by her.

Echegaray's lawyers said they have appealed to Ponferrada to reconsider.

Lawyer Theodore Te said Echegaray's execution would be premature because another appeal

is before the Supreme Court.

Maria Socorro Diokno, secretary-general of the Free Legal Assistance Group, which also provides legal counsel to Echegaray, said the group plans to seek the help of the United Nations special rapporteur on extra-judicial, summary and arbitrary execution to try to stop the execution.

Diokno's group earlier petitioned

the Supreme Court to declare death by lethal injection unconstitutional and inhuman, but the court rejected that.

The 1987 constitution abolished the death penalty but gave Congress the option to restore it for crimes such as murder, ransom kidnapping, rape and drug trafficking.

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Even as Malaysia-US spat deepens

# Free trade summit begins

By RANJAN ROY

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Pacific Rim leaders tried on Tuesday to set aside a diplomatic furor set off by the United States and to concentrate on Asia's economic crisis during their annual free-trade summit.

But U.S. Vice President Al Gore's decision to sympathize with the anti-government reform movement in Malaysia, the host country, in a speech the night before the summit began appeared to leave deep divisions among some of the 21 leaders.

In fact, Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the third Malaysian official to condemn Gore since the speech, said it could put the very heart of the Asian country's democracy at risk.

"The action by the U.S. patently is not to advance the cause of democracy and the rule of law, but to serve its own narrow political agenda," Abdullah said.

The goal of the two-day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit is for its leaders to deal with Asia's worst financial crisis in decades by adopting a set of

recommendations that would help restart economic growth and stabilize markets.

Before it started Tuesday, Gore and Mahathir briefly shook hands as the prime minister greeted the APEC leaders in the Grand Salon of the lavish Palace of the Golden Horses hotel.

But Gore and Mahathir quickly separated to talk with the other presidents and prime ministers, as they gathered at the foot of a massive revolving statue of rearing horses.

When the 21 leaders stood together for a photograph in the lush garden with palm trees outside the hotel, Canada's prime minister, Jean Chretien, stood on one side of Mahathir, and Prime Minister Jenny Shipley of New Zealand on the other.

Gore stood stiffly at the far right end of the group in the pre-arranged lineup.

The leaders then walked around a beautiful man-made lagoon built on an abandoned tin mine, with Gore a few steps behind Mahathir. Gore and Philippine President Joseph Estrada strolled together, laughing and chatting.



Leaders of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) enjoy a walk in the garden of Palace of Golden Horses in Kuala Lumpur Tuesday. Global economic stability and trade liberalization are main agenda of this year's summit meeting. From right: Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo, unidentified, Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai, Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Sultan Bolikiah of Brunei, and Chilean President Eduardo Frei.

Estrada was the only Pacific Rim leader to publicly defend Gore's comments on Malaysia's political reform movement.

None of the leaders appeared to

talk about Gore's speech, or Malaysia's anger over the decision of other top APEC officials to meet and sympathize with the de facto leader of the country's protest movement, Azizah Ismail.

Earlier in the day, other Asian countries joined Mahathir in criticizing Gore for making this the first of the six APEC summits to ever focus on the internal affairs of a member country, or on subjects such as human rights.

But Gore defended his speech Monday night to Asian leaders and businessmen in Kuala Lumpur, saying that nations fighting off economic crises must work as hard to promote democracy.

"My point is very simple: these economies have some very difficult choices to make for reform to move forward," Gore told reporters as he began a bilateral meeting with Russian Prime Minister Yegor Gerasimov. "Democracy and freedom are the essential prerequisites for making those kinds of decisions and getting that kind of support."

Gore's speech on the eve of the summit was mostly devoted to the Asian economic crisis, which began 17 months ago. It has decimated Asian economies, spread to Russia and Brazil and led to wild swings on U.S. and European stock markets.

Gore announced a new \$ 10 billion support package for the stalled economies of the hard-hit Asian region. Half the money will come from the United States and the other half from Japan, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

In a slap at the United States, New Zealand's prime minister, Jenny Shipley, said Tuesday: "It's not New Zealand's style to do a megaphone diplomacy. ... It's critical that bilateral issues do not get confused with APEC."

U.S. President Bill Clinton had planned to attend the APEC summit, but he sent Gore in his place while holding emergency meet-

ings in Washington about the U.S.-Iraqi standoff.

In the end, Clinton canceled an expected military attack on Iraq for expelling U.N. weapons inspectors. Clinton still plans to complete the last part of the planned Asian trip, including stops later this week in Japan and South Korea.

Mahathir, who has been in power 17 years, is now Asia's longest serving ruler after violent protests in neighboring Indonesia ended President Suharto's 32-year rule in May.

Malaysia's protest movement exploded two months ago after Mahathir fired and then jailed his former protege and now political rival, former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar was charged with corruption and sexual misconduct — allegations he says are false and politically motivated.

Anwar's trial has been suspended during the APEC summit, but officials from the United States, Canada, Australia and the Philippines have met with Azizah, Anwar's wife.

They expressed concern over reports that Anwar was severely beaten in prison and over the fairness of his trial. This has delighted Azizah and infuriated the Malaysian government.

Two protests, one involving thousands of pro-Anwar supporters, have occurred since the APEC meetings began last week, including a violent one. But no big protests have occurred this week.

Several other APEC officials criticized Gore's speech, too. "In APEC, we should concentrate on APEC matters. We should leave the domestic matters alone," said Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's prime minister.

Thailand's foreign minister, Surin Pitsuwan, said: "You have to be very, very careful toward each other's feelings. We are here to solve the (economic) problem and compare notes."

## Gore urges APEC to move forward

By RANJAN ROY

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — U.S. Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday a \$ 5 billion joint U.S.-Japan plan to guarantee new Asian debt issues will help speed debt restructuring in the region.

Speaking to a group of heads of state and business leaders at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, Gore said the plan — announced Monday — would help recapitalize Asian banks and restore the flow of credit to the region's companies.

The U.S.-Japan plan, which includes \$ 3 billion in funding from Tokyo, is likely to be used to guarantee bonds that crisis-hit Asian countries issue. U.S. officials have said. The proceeds of the bonds would then be used to recapitalize Asian banks, which have an estimated \$ 2 trillion in problem loans.

"It is a recognition of the fact that action by these countries is important in getting creditors and debtors together," said J. Gary Burkhead, vice chairman of Fidelity Management Resources Corp., one of the executives in the APEC Business Advisory Council.

APEC comprises Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan,



U.S. Vice-president Al Gore (right foreground) walks with Philippine President Joseph Estrada after a group photo session of the 21 leaders of the APEC prior to their dialogue with APEC Business Council in Kuala Lumpur Tuesday.

Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam.

Its Asian members were battered last year by the region's currency crisis.

The business council met with the APEC leaders and urged immediate steps to revive growth in Asia.

"APEC's response to the crisis to date has been inadequate in relation to the magnitude and depth of the crisis facing Asian

businesses and people," said Tajudin Ramli, chairman of the council.

The group presented a variety of proposals aimed at restoring investor confidence in the region, stabilizing regional currencies and attracting foreign investment.

It also called on the group to fulfill its commitment to free trade. It urged APEC leaders to approve measures to address the severe impact of the crisis on small and medium-size busi-

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## Mahathir thanks Japan for 'not taking sides'

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad thanked Japan on Tuesday for not taking sides on an issue that has overshadowed a summit of Pacific Rim nations — the trial of jailed politician Anwar Ibrahim.

In a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, Mahathir criticized countries, including the United States, which have expressed support for the dismissed Malaysian deputy prime minister, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said.

Mahathir fired Anwar in early September after the two differed on economic policy. Anwar then led a series of protests against Mahathir and was arrested and charged with corruption and sodomy, which he has denied.

Mahathir told Obuchi he could not support mass movements which try to destabilize the Malaysian government, the official said.

"I'm concerned about people who are listening to only one side," the official quoted him as saying.

He said he appreciated that Japan has not taken a position in relation to



Mahathir Mohamad

the case, said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Obuchi said Japan has a deep interest in the trial and hopes that due process and justice will be respected, the official said.

Obuchi is in Malaysia for meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

U.S. Vice President Al Gore infuriated the Malaysian government Monday night in a speech that indirectly expressed support for Anwar's backers.

## Anwar's wife gets 'support'

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

(AP) — An Australian official urged the wife of jailed Malaysian dissident Anwar Ibrahim on Tuesday to "remain strong" in her efforts to publicize his struggle.

Former Australian Finance Minister Gareth Evans added his name to the list of top officials who have used their visits to Malaysia for an economic summit to publicly criticize the arrest of Anwar, the former Malaysian deputy prime minister.

Anwar was jailed on charges of abuse of power and sexual misconduct after launching a nationwide, anti-government reform movement. He contends the charges against him were fabricated by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's government.

After meeting Azizah Ismail, Anwar's 46-year-old wife, Evans said that Anwar may have been the victim of a government plan to simply discard one of its opponents.

Azizah has taken over for her husband as de-facto leader of the reform movement that he started and has fought to bring his plight to the attention of the international community.

Several influential politicians, attending this week's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Kuala Lumpur, have met with

Azizah to express support for her campaign.

The visits included a secret lunch on Sunday with Australia's Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, followed by a half-hour talk with U.S. Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright.

Earlier Tuesday, Philippine President Joseph Estrada said he urged Azizah to be patient and "fight for the cause of freedom and democracy" during his meeting with her.

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A bond of 15% of the total proposals price exceeding \$25,000 must accompany the sealed proposal documents. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bond made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Proposers are also required to submit the following: 1) a copy of current CNMI-issued business license; 2) updated, Audited Financial Statement or in-house Financial Statement, provided it is certified by a Certified Public Accountant; 3) listing of existing and past projects, including completion dates; 4) Certification of Tax Compliance from the Division of Revenue and Taxation; 5) written confirmation from a reputable surety bonding company, approved/acceptable by NMHC, as to the firm's capability to obtain performance and payment bond; 6) copy of Builder's Risk and Workmen's Compensation coverage; 7) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued work permits; and 8) listing of equipment.

Plans and Specifications for the project are available on or after November 30, 1998 at the office of Herman B. Cabrera & Associates, in San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set. A Pre-Proposal Conference for the project will be held at the Tinian Mayor's Office on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this request.

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# Democrats tap Kennedy

By Tabassum Zakaria

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt on Tuesday chose a scion of the Kennedy political dynasty to lead congressional fund raising in a bid to recapture the House of Representatives majority in 2000.

Gephardt, a day after being re-elected to his leadership post, picked Rhode Island Representative Patrick Kennedy as the new chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

Kennedy, 31, is the youngest of Sen. Edward Kennedy's three

children and has inherited a political name that some see as America's version of royalty.

Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts is the younger brother of President John F. Kennedy who was assassinated in 1963 and former Attorney General and U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy, assassi-

nated in 1968 while campaigning for president.

Patrick Kennedy's office said he was the youngest member of Congress to be chosen for a senior House leadership position, the fifth-ranking among Democrats. "I am very honored to become part of the House leadership," the congressman said in a statement. Kennedy was first elected to Congress in 1994 after being a state lawmaker, and is considered a possible contender for the U.S. Senate.

"I'm delighted for Patrick and very proud of him," Sen. Kennedy said. "I know he looks forward to the challenge of helping Democrats win control of the House in 2000."

Under former Chairman Martin Frost who moved up in the leadership ranks for next year, the DCCC raised about \$38 million for the 1998 elections.

Pumped up from an unexpected gain of five House seats in the Nov. 3 elections, Democrats immediately set their sights on winning the handful of seats in 2000 that would put them back in the majority.

The current House breakdown is 211 Democrats, 223 Republicans and one independent. So Democrats would need just six additional seats to regain control because the independent, Vermont Representative Bernard Sanders, usually votes with them. "In the 2000 election cycle, the DCCC will build on the success we have had in 1996 and 1998 by waging a campaign on the ground and in the air to win the handful of seats necessary," Gephardt of Missouri said.

Republicans wrested control of the House in 1994 for the first time in 40 years. But the architects of that revolution are in trouble with the rank-and-file.

The disappointing election results prompted House Speaker Newt Gingrich to step down amid challenges to Republican leaders accused of not crafting an effective agenda and message that would have expanded the party's majority.

House Democrats on the other hand elected a leadership slate that did not have any challenges to incumbents.



House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Mo. (second from left) accompanied by fellow members of the House Democratic leadership, meets reporters on Capitol Hill Monday after they were elected to their posts. From left are, Rep. Robert Menendez, vice chairman of the House Democratic Caucus; Gephardt; Rep. Martin Frost, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus; and Rep. Chet Edwards, chief deputy whip. AP

## White House girds to question Starr

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The White House Tuesday accepted an offer from the House Judiciary Committee to participate in the questioning of independent counsel Kenneth Starr during a congressional hearing on Thursday.

White House Counsel Charles Ruff notified Representative Henry Hyde, the committee chairman, by letter of the decision to accept his offer.

Ruff asked that the team of lawyers representing Clinton be

allowed 90 minutes to question Starr during the hearing.

Ruff said he would participate, along with David Kendall, the president's private attorney, and Greg Craig, who has joined the White House to coordinate its handling of the impeachment inquiry.

Clinton's team "wish to question Mr. Starr in discrete areas, depending on the topics he covers during his presentation and his responses to the members' questions," Ruff said.

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Kenneth Starr

## Hyde panel decides to expand witness list

By Larry Margasak

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans readied an expanded witness list Tuesday as they made last-minute arrangements for the Clinton impeachment hearings.

At the urging of several members of his Judiciary Committee, Chairman Henry Hyde of Illinois decided to call witnesses beyond Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

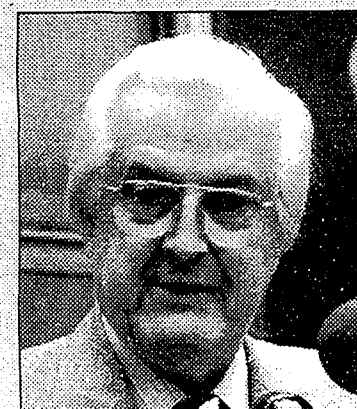
He met with GOP committee members privately to discuss the expanded list.

Starr will be the only scheduled witness Thursday, when the committee begins to hear evidence in only the third presidential impeachment inquiry in the nation's history.

On Tuesday, House sources said Starr sent the committee information on presidential friend Webster Hubbell, who is under investigation by the prosecutor for receipt of possible "hush money." Starr wants to know whether payments from Clinton supporters were made to keep Hubbell silent about any possible wrongdoing by Clinton.

The sources, who commented only on condition of anonymity, said the material included grand jury testimony and tape recordings of Hubbell, made when he was in prison for bilking his former law firm and law clients. The information did not include any recommendation by Starr concerning possible impeachable conduct.

It would be up to the committee to decide whether the inquiry should be expanded to investigate whether Clinton had



Henry Hyde

knowledge of the payments to Hubbell. Clinton has publicly denied any knowledge of the money.

At the committee, partisan politics intensified as the hearing neared. Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said his party members were "very upset" that Republicans planned the hearings without them — and suggested minority members may walk out if Starr ranges beyond Clinton's conduct with Monica Lewinsky.

The spokesman for committee Republicans, Samuel Stratman, responded, "To date, we have gotten little cooperation from committee Democrats, who are hell-bent on attacking the credibility of Starr."

The Republicans have offered Clinton's lawyers 30 minutes to cross-examine Starr at Thursday's hearing, but Democrats hope to gain more time.

Clinton has not yet made a final decision on how to answer 81 questions about his conduct submitted by Hyde, according to a source close to the president.

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# Israel OKs ME peace deal

By Laurie Copans

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's parliament overwhelmingly approved the latest Mideast land-for-peace accord with the Palestinians late Tuesday, paving the way for an Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank.

The Knesset endorsed the agreement by a 75-19 vote with nine abstentions. It was also a vote of confidence in Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who signed the agreement with Yasser Arafat at the White House Oct. 23.

The vote and a retraction of inflammatory statements earlier Tuesday by Arafat pushed the Wye River accord over two major hurdles toward implementation. The crisis over Arafat's recent remarks was the latest in a series of flare-ups to plague the U.S.-brokered accord.

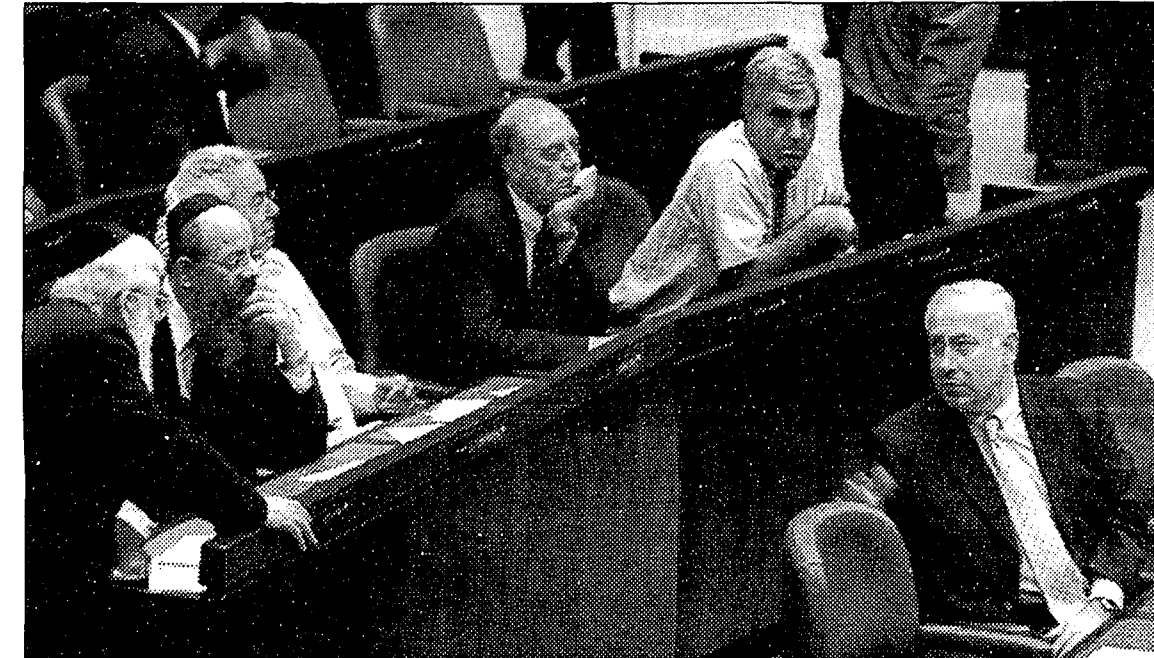
Lawmakers got their first look at withdrawal maps before Tuesday's vote. Coming out of a map room in the Knesset, right-wing lawmakers said they were shocked to see how isolated some Jewish settlements would become after the first pullout from 2 percent of the area.

Others complained that the government was hiding the truth from them by only posting a map for the first phase of withdrawal.

"This is a fraud," charged Michael Kleiner, a right-wing legislator in Netanyahu's coalition. The public and the media were not allowed to view the maps.

Addressing the Knesset earlier, Netanyahu said maps would be shown to the parliament before each pullback and called on ministers to support the peace accord.

"I hope that what comes out today is a wide agreement on the Wye accord and the desire to see it carried out. I think this is the only way to achieve peace," Netanyahu said.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (right) looks back at members of his right-wing coalition as the Israeli parliament overwhelmingly approves the Wye peace agreement Tuesday at the Knesset in Jerusalem. The Knesset endorsed the agreement by a vote of 75-19 with nine abstentions. It was also a vote of confidence in Netanyahu who signed the agreement with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at the White House on Oct. 23. AP

On Monday, Netanyahu suspended plans for the redeployment and demanded a retraction from Arafat after the Palestinian leader repeatedly said he would announce statehood in May and alluded to armed conflict as a means to gain independence.

On Tuesday, Arafat opened a news conference by reading a softened statement directed at the Israelis.

"I stress ... that we are protective of the peace process in the Middle East and all the peace agreements we signed with the Israelis. Peace is a strategic choice of the Palestinians," Arafat said. "We stress that concerning any differences in final status negotiations, we want to solve these issues by peaceful means, through negotiations, and not in any other way."

Although Arafat did not entirely drop the possibility of declaring independence in May, when the

current peace accords expire, his call to solve final status issues including permanent borders, was viewed as a back-down.

Israel termed the remarks "positive" and Netanyahu's adviser David Bar-Illan said the prime minister "considers this a retraction."

Netanyahu's Cabinet would still have to review whether the Palestinians have lived up to their obligations before going ahead with the pullback from an initial 2 percent. The Cabinet was to meet Wednesday but the prime minister's office announced the meeting had been pushed back to Thursday to give more time to the Palestinians.

A statement said that by Thursday, Israel expects the Palestinians

to have jailed 10 of 30 named fugitives, publish a statement against incitement and a plan to confiscate illegal weapons. Sections of the Palestinian charter which call for Israel's destruction are to be amended by the PLO central committee.

"The agreement will be implemented at the end of this week," said Hassan Asfour.

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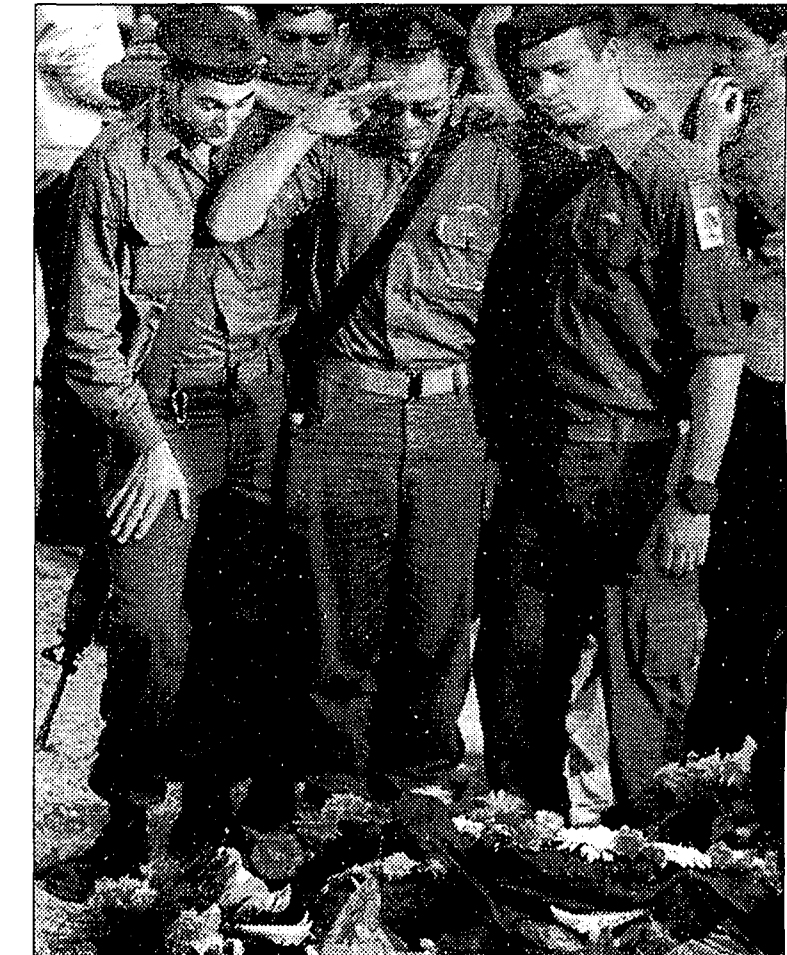
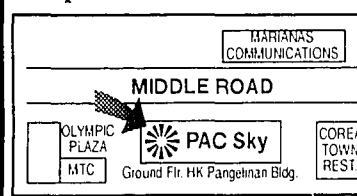
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An Israeli soldier salutes in honor of fallen Israeli soldier Nahum Ella at the Jerusalem military cemetery Tuesday. Ella was one of three soldiers killed when a Hezbollah-planted roadside bomb exploded Monday. AP

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SATURDAY	NOV. 21, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	NOV. 22, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	5:00 A.M.
MONDAY	NOV. 23, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	NOV. 24, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	NOV. 25, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	NOV. 26, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	NOV. 27, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	NOV. 28, 1998	SAN ISIDRO CHURCH	5:00 A.M.

Please join us for breakfast after the mass on Saturday, November 28, 1998 at the residence of Sen. & Mrs. Ricardo S. Atalig in Sinapalo I.

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# Gulf costs US \$50B a year

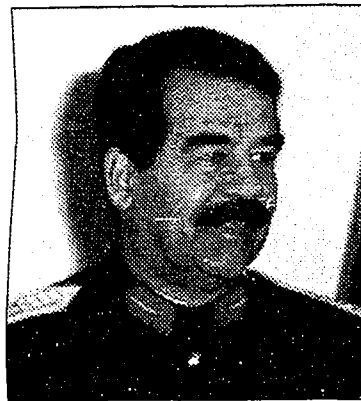
By Laura Myers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Containing Saddam Hussein isn't cheap. Frequent military buildups in the Persian Gulf since the 1991 war have cost the nation about \$7 billion, in addition to the tens of billions of dollars some budget analysts estimate is spent annually on maintaining a strong U.S. military in the region.

The Pentagon does not release figures on the spending for day-to-day Gulf duties, though officials said that if that force weren't deployed in the Gulf region, it would be operating elsewhere.

But by private budget analysts' estimates, roughly \$50 billion of the annual \$270 billion in U.S. defense spending goes toward maintaining the Gulf deployment and keeping the Iraqi president in line.

The estimated \$50 billion spent on the Gulf pays for personnel and for operating and maintaining warplanes, ships and weaponry. An aircraft carrier alone



Saddam Hussein

costs \$400 million a year to operate.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said he thought the \$50 billion estimate was too high, although the Defense Department doesn't calculate spending by region and had no official Gulf figure to offer.

Bacon, saying the total would depend on whether both fixed and marginal costs were counted, gave this example: Sending a reporter to the Pentagon by Metro train

might cost about \$1, but the price to his company with his pay and benefits could raise the tally to \$200 to \$300.

President Clinton called off an airstrike against Iraq over the weekend after Saddam agreed to allow back U.N. weapons inspectors. Clinton also said he would intensify efforts to support opposition groups in hopes of seeing another government in Iraq, and he warned Saddam an airstrike would come without warning if he again barred U.N. inspectors.

Such an attack over several days could cost an estimated \$1 billion.

Defense Secretary William Cohen halted the flow of additional warplanes to the Gulf on Monday, but dozens of fighter jets and bombers had already taken off on their way there. One aircraft carrier and other ships also are still on their way to join the current Gulf contingent: one carrier, two dozen ships, 173 planes and 23,500 troops.

The current buildup could cost about \$500 million, much less than the peak Gulf deployment in March of two aircraft carriers, 34 ships, 430 aircraft and 44,700 troops, said Elizabeth Heeter of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a private research group.

The extra cost of military build-

ups in the Gulf since the war has ranged from \$100 million in 1992 to \$1.4 billion for the two U.S. confrontations with Iraq during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. The total is about \$7 billion, the Pentagon said.

In comparison, the Gulf War—with a U.S. military buildup that

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KC-135 aircrew members from the 96th Air Refueling Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., prepare to join an expanded force of U.S. bombers, warships and troops for the Persian Gulf. AP

## What UN inspectors are seeking in Iraq

By Evelyn Leopold

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) — Gaps in U.N. arms inspectors' knowledge of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction range from ordnance used during its 1980-1988 war with Iran to whether it experimented on prisoners with biological and chemical agents.

With the U.N. inspectors back in Iraq on Tuesday, their boss, Richard Butler, intends to move as quickly as possible in seeking documents denied to them in the past.

While he has not specified which documents will take precedence, his reports and letters to the Security Council over the past year pinpoint missing data needed by his U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM), in charge of dismantling Iraq's ballistic, chemical and biological weapons.

Butler has said that UNSCOM has accounted for the bulk of Iraq's missile and chemical warfare production but is still in the dark on biological agents.

Among missing data: a document discovered during a search of Iraqi air force headquarters on July 18 listing the amount of ordnance capable of being filled with chemical and biological agents Iraq expended during its 1980-88 war with Iran.

UNSCOM inspectors glanced at it but were not given a copy. It could help determine what chemical and biological weapons Baghdad might still possess.

1994-95 records from Abu Ghraib prison, about 40 miles (64 km) from Baghdad. There is a suspicion, denied by Iraq, that prisoners may have been taken from there to be used as guinea pigs in experiments with biological and chemical agents. The quest for the documents was thwarted last January.

• verification through documents or remnants relating to seven locally-produced training missiles Iraq had in 1991 and it said were destroyed; inventory is also incomplete on components for missile engines, missile gyroscopes and 30 Iraq-produced conventional warheads. Iraq also has not provided data for its claim it destroyed liquid missile propellants.

• verification for 155-millimetre shells filled with mustard gas which Iraq said were lost shortly after the 1991 Gulf War. A dozen were recovered in 1997-98 and tests showed the mustard agent was still of high quality. Iraq has been asked to account for the missing shells.

• the whereabouts of R-400 aerial bombs. Iraq says it has destroyed 1,000 of the 1,500 bombs produced, including 157 filled with biological warfare agents. Iraq has provided evidence from tail parachute sections of the bombs but UNSCOM says field inspections are still needed.

• Iraq has admitted it produced 3.9 tons of the deadly nerve gas VX but says it failed to stabilize it sufficiently for loading into missile warheads.

Tests in June of warhead fragments at a U.S. army laboratory showed traces of VX which Iraq has been asked to explain. Later tests on other warheads in France were inconclusive on VX but found suspicious decontamination products, as did a Swiss laboratory. Iraq is said to have the know-how, equipment and possibly the ingredients to manufacture as much as 200 metric tons of VX.

• UNSCOM has been unable to verify the quantity of biological agents produced, including those put into weapons, and is concerned they might have been "dried" to enhance storage stability.

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## Zachares . . .

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its service to Philippine nationals. Zachares urged non-resident employees to check with the labor and immigration department if in fact their permits were being renewed.

"It's your right, you're signing off on the contract, it's your right to come in and check to see where it's at."

Some aliens who became illegal due to the negligence of their employers should not hesitate to report their case, stressed the DOLI head.

He was reacting to the fact that many guest workers were reluctant to file complaints against their employers who intentionally put aside the renewal of renewal of workers' permits.

"You have to come forward. If

the consulate does not hear about it or labor and immigration does not hear about it, nobody's going to hear about it. I mean it continues to go on," he told the audience of about a hundred people.

Earlier, Zachares said illegal aliens could apply for immunity under the amnesty program of the government which is set to take effect on December 2 of this year.

Under such program, it does not matter whether the person applying for amnesty became illegal as a result of his own decision or due to his employer's negligence.

However, the DOLI secretary emphasized that any applicants should pass the criteria. One requirement is that there should be no pending case against the illegal alien.

In addition, he should have entered the CNMI on or before January 1, 1998 in order to qualify.

developers and may consider declaring a default on some cases.

There have been reports most private developers are holding off construction of their hotel projects or contemplating cancellation due to the downturn on the arrival of tourists in the Commonwealth.

Most of the lease contracts were reached a few years back when the tourism industry was still not experiencing a decline.

of correcting the shortcomings of the law.

Anastacio was once quoted saying, "it's wrong to create a two-tier piece of legislation," considering its provision exempting non-profit organizations or businesses whose annual gross income is not more than \$100,000.

Even President Nakamura admitted that the law is "imperfect" and has loopholes, though he signed it anyway because it "sufficiently puts employees on notice of their minimum wage obligations."

## PSS . . .

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gust next year while the junior high school construction will be on November 1999.

PSS-CIP officials said the first

phase of facility programming and requirements for the two schools are both complete.

The timetable for the construction of the high school building is approximately 360 days while the junior high school construction is 330 days.

the age of 73 while under house arrest by his comrades. He had been toppled from his leadership position last year.

His death, reportedly from heart failure, came as government forces were driving the guerrillas out of Anlong Veng, their last major stronghold.

Mea Som was one of several thousand refugees who encamped at the Thai border as fighting flared around the base.



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## House . . .

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Tasi didn't "name names," but among the four other companies interested in leasing Mañagaha, JM Guerrero's consortium is the only one that could claim to be "100 percent" indigenous.

Guerrero is the former chair of the Marianas Visitors Bureau and the

Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The bill proposes to give preference to any public land leasehold proposal from a person or corporation of Northern Marianas descent.

Tasi said the bill would only allow a company to get the franchise without putting in a high bid.

"That is money lost from the Division of Public Lands—money to survey, pave and put in infrastructure for new homestead lots.

## Teno remains . . .

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percent retirement bonus since they are afraid to lose votes in the coming elections.

Meanwhile, Retirement Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona said the move to scrap the retirement bonus will save more money for the government in the long run.

He also clarified that the current statutes exempt doctors, nurses, teachers and elected officials from the 20-year service to government.

The rest of the civil service employees—after 20 years of service—are given 90 days to elect whether they want to retire and receive the 30 percent bonus or continue on their job and lose the bonus.

He added though that the 30 percent bonus may not be immediately released due to the emptied public coffers but retirees are as-

ured that they will get their bonus.

"We told the governor that scrapping the bonus is a good idea right now because the government may spend a bunch of money now—maybe \$500,000 or less—but after that, it can save more money," said Manglona.

The Fund chief disclosed that there are 256 eligible retirees as of December. He said not all of them are eligible to receive the 30 percent retirement bonus.

"For the government to save money in the long run, they need to scrap the bonus. If all those eligible people retire, their bonus will be an amount less than the the government has to spend in the long run like Fund contribution, health insurance and salaries," he said.

He, however, cautioned that any move to scrap the bonus should take effect at least until December 1999 to give eligible retirees and the government enough time to think.

## Trend . . .

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seem to be addressed."

The biggest factor, Phillips said, is the money. In the gubernatorial race, incumbents Carl T.C. Gutierrez and Madeleine Z. Bordallo raised almost \$3 million, while the challengers Joseph F. Ada and Felix Camacho raised barely a third of that.

"It was an incredible amount of money," Phillips said. "We have succeeded in raising more money per capita in the history of the planet."

If we tried to equate that to the presidential race, the people of Guam would proportionately raise between five and 10 billion dollars.

"This simply shows what money can do," he said. "Imagery is very important."

But not nearly as important, he said, as the fundamentals—the platform that Democrats who choose to

run should follow.

While the Democrats swept the top spots for all three races, a disparity was highly evident in the senatorial election.

Republicans will outnumber Democrats 12-3 in the 25th Legislature.

Voters elected 11 Republicans and 10 Democrats to the 24th Legislature, but the resignation of former Sen. Liz Barrett Anderson prompted a tie for the last seven months of 1998.

This is different from the 23rd Legislature, which had 13 Democrats to eight Republicans. However, it was the end of a trend of control for the grassroots party, a trend Phillips says is difficult to overcome.

"It would take an amazing amount of money to regain control in the legislature," he said. "And I won't name names, but it frustrates and disappoints me that the Democrats who really messed up the party aren't really Democrats. They're people who

set accounts fuelled the increase in operating expenses for the period under review.

CPA added that personnel costs were considerably higher this year due to services performed by the airport police.

Net non-operating revenues (expenses) were higher in 1998 by \$47,713. The CPA report said that the reduction on interest expense was attributable to the refunding of the 1995 marine revenue bonds.

As a result, the net income for FY 98 rose by 22 percent, or from

\$2.5 million to \$3.1 million.

In terms of operations, the seaport tonnage increased by 39 percent, or from 664,758 tons in 1997 to 920,985 in 1998. Total export tonnage increased by seven percent, while import tonnage climbed by 49 percent.

The six percent increase from vessel movement resulted to a 648,810 increase in total container tonnage.

However, automobile tonnage plunged by eight percent due to the severe economic recession in Japan coupled with the financial crisis in Asia.

"Our bid in 1989 of \$4.17 million paid for the construction of As Matuis homestead and the completion of the Dandan homestead. So, the losers will be each person of NMI descent...currently awaiting grant of a homestead permit," the letter said.

Tasi at the same time noted that there was no public hearing conducted on the bill.

"Why the rush?" the letter said.

In his meeting yesterday with Manglona and the Fund's Board chair Vicente Camacho, the governor asked for a copy of the list of eligible retirees by the end of the year to review it.

"I want to make it very clear that I have no intention to deny those people who are entitled for the 30 percent (bonus). At the same time, I believe that the existing law also requires that even the 30 percent is available, but if there is no funding or cash, they will not be able to receive it (until there's money available)," he said.

He continued, "So no matter how we look at it, something has to be done."

The governor also pointed out that he is not forcing eligible retirees to retire.

He said he just want people to also consider the government's responsibility of providing more needed services like health, education and public safety.

run under the banner, but embrace other philosophies."

As party chair in 1991-95, Phillips was responsible for nominating members to the GEC board. He also served on the board from 1989 to 1991.

As a former member, he said he has the background to say the certification process was a tainted one.

"They needed to keep perspective, and not turn a blind eye," he said.

"Those issues, like non-U.S. citizens voting, and people using the same Social Security numbers, and especially the count discrepancies—it means much more than asking yourself if it makes a difference. It means getting to the bottom of the issue."

"When you sign your name on a certification, you attest that the numbers are true and correct. If there are any discrepancies, you do not, in my opinion, have the authority to make that call just because you don't think there's a difference."

## Seaport . . .

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increase in tonnage from increased volumes in containers, unitized cargoes and throughput, according to a CPA financial report.

CPA operates ports in Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Its operating expenses also went up by 19 percent, reaching a \$1.7 million mark. The transfer of completed projects from construction in progress accounts into fixed as-

tigation, separate from police investigation.

Taitano stated that there is concern that members of the clinical staff may have exceeded the scope of their authority. Three clinicians were placed on administrative leave as a result

## Bill . . .

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of all CNMI courts, which includes

the following:

- That the business of the courts is attended with proper dispatch;
- That the court dockets are not

permitted to become congested;

- And that trials and appeals of cases, civil and criminal, are not delayed unreasonably.



## Gulf costs . . .

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began in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait — cost \$61 billion, but U.S. coalition allies picked up all but \$7.4 billion, the Pentagon said. Under U.S. national security strategy, the Defense Department is supposed to be able to wage

two wars in different regions at the same time so it stations many of its 1.4 million force around the globe.

In the hottest of hot spots, 37,000 American troops help keep the peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Around the Gulf, U.S. forces include at least 24,000 soldiers, sailors and Marines, many on ships.

## University ...

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Affairs Office, or at their college, according to Morvant.

The registration schedule by levels is as follows:

Nov. 17-19 - Graduate students, seniors, regent scholars,

and National Exchange students.

Nov. 20-24 - Juniors

Nov. 25-3 - Sophomores

Dec. 1-3 - Freshmen and non-degree students.

Students needing assistance in registering may contact Jess Torres, or leave message at 734-2244, TTY 735-2243.

## Cing ...

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The ferry leaves at 5 p.m. For more information, call Lilian Camacho at pager number 236-6834.

First elected in 1991, Cing easily won a second term in 1995.

He currently chairs the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation, and is considered as Tinian's most influential elected official.

## Hyde ...

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But a consensus appears to be building around the notion of providing answers that refer to the president's previous statements or testimony. It would be a strategy similar to that

used by Clinton during his Aug. 17 grand jury testimony.

One of the to Hubbell was \$100,000 from the Riady family of Indonesia. The Riadys are long-time supporters of the president, while Hubbell is a onetime high-level Justice Department official and a former law partner of Hillary

Rodham Clinton.

John Huang, a central figure in the Democratic fund-raising controversy and a former employee of the Riadys, is cooperating with Starr under a grant of immunity. Republican investigators in recent days expressed an interest in calling him as a witness.

## Gore ...

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nesses.

Gore agreed that APEC must move ahead with its free trade agenda, and said he hoped the group would complete a plan to

cut tariffs on nine industries over the next year.

APEC ministers failed on Sunday to reach agreement on reducing tariffs in two of the nine sectors that had been selected during the 1997 APEC summit.

Business leaders were also concerned that political issues could cloud

APEC's vision. On Monday, Gore upstaged Malaysia with remarks in a speech to the business forum about jailed former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

"I regret that the vice president saw fit to bring his political judgment to the forum," said Philip Burdon, a New Zealand businessman.

## RP judge ...

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Under the law that restored the death penalty in 1994, an execution should be carried out not earlier than one year or later than 18 months after a death sentence has been declared final by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court, which automatically reviews all death sentences, declared Echegaray's sentence final on Feb. 27, 1997, thereby

setting the date of his execution between February and August this year.

However, the execution was delayed due to several petitions filed by Echegaray's lawyers at the Supreme Court.

Under government rules, the execution should be set on a working day. Echegaray would not be informed of date until after sunrise of execution day, a prohibition described by his lawyers as inhuman.

"If that's really his fate to be executed, it's going to be very hard

for him to prepare and that is the inhumanity of the thing," Te said. "His relatives, his friends, his supporters, people who care for him, will not be in a position to help him on that very day."

Echegaray is the first to be scheduled for execution among more than 800 death-row inmates.

Proponents say the death penalty would deter crimes by frightening would-be criminals. They say crime remains rampant because no one among the death row convicts has been executed.

## US Coast ...

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was not released, was suffering from decompression sickness, causing chest pain and paralysis in the lower portion of his body.

The Coast Guard dispatched a C-130 airplane to Christmas Island Wednesday and transported the man to Hawaii.

The man whose condition is unknown is now at the Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu.

## Nauru ...

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and female fruit flies.

For the male species approximately 7-thousand small blocks of wood, soaked with chemicals, have been nailed to trees all over the island.

Female eradication entails the spraying of fruit tree leaves within a square kilometre of three major mango tree sites on the island.

## White ...

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tions," Ruff wrote.

Noting the "wide-ranging" scope of Starr's investigation, Ruff told Hyde "we submit that anything less than 90 minutes would unfairly constrain our ability to explore the basis for Mr. Starr's testimony and for any conclusion he may proffer."

## NMC ...

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duct an open discussion of economic development alternatives utilizing the input and recommendations gathered from public force to be held throughout the CNMI.

The conference proceedings

will be synthesized into a report by a development professional and be used to produce viable policy recommendations for the CNMI government.

The Legislature will use the findings to develop legislative initiatives and conduct public hearings that would lead to the adoption of laws and policies which would

strengthen and support existing enterprises, enhance opportunities for domestic and foreign investments, provide incentives for the creation of new industries, and promote the overall economic growth of the CNMI.

Any legislative initiatives aim at providing and improving the standard of living of the Commonwealth residents.

## CHIEF ...

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Company, the Guam Territorial Chorale, Hale and the Chief Gadao Academy Chamber Choir.

## CNMI's ...

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were then judged based on originality, ease and efficiency of preparation, and trend relevance.

It was not until a letter dated last November 10, reached Saipan

that Rudolph's received final word that its "Chamorro Chicken Kelaguen" recipe had been accepted and would be featured in the Tastes of the Times cookbook.

Rudolph's invites everyone to come visit them in Sadog Tasi to try a Chamorro Chicken Kelaguen

Wrap or a Chicken Keladilla. Rudy's latest variation on one of Saipan's favorite foods.

The Tastes of the Times cookbook can be ordered over the Internet at [www.tyson.com/foodservice/TastesOfTheTimes](http://www.tyson.com/foodservice/TastesOfTheTimes) or by contacting Miles Rudolph at 322-3830.

## Weaving ...

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from 10 in the morning until two in the afternoon.

Classes will be held in the CNMI Gallery for Arts and Culture at Capitol Hill and will feature in-

structions on weaving small home decorations to intricate baskets.

The workshop is open to individuals from 16 years old and over. The number of participants will be limited to only 15 weavers on a first come, first served basis. Pinaula said there will be a \$15

registration fee for the month-long workshop.

Deadline for the registration is extended to November 20.

Interested participants could reach Pinaula or Tina Lieto at telephone numbers 322-9982/9983.

## Guam gets ...

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include an additional \$220,000 under ESEA Title 1 grants, more than \$70,000 additionally for inno-

vative Education Program Strategies grants, \$1.4 million in increases for Special Education Programs, \$130,000 for Pell Grants and Work Study financial aid, and \$250,000 more for Vocational Rehabilitation,

according to a press release.

Federal funding for the education budget is provided by the President's Omnibus Appropriations bill which was recently signed into law.

## Clinton ...

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policy announcement," Guzman said.

In addition, Guzman disclosed that Clinton is also expected to speak on Guam-specific issues, including issues vital to Guam's business community. Guzman said Clinton may touch on the following economic issues which the Office of the Governor has submitted to the White House:

- U.S. tax treaties - GovGuam wants to encourage the U.S. Treasury Department to allow Guam to mirror any U.S. tax treaty in force consistent with the Organic Act of Guam and include Guam in all future U.S. tax treaties so that foreign investors to Guam can enjoy competitive withholding tax rates and other tax privileges;

- Utilization of Guam as a military rest and relaxation destination as proposed by the Guam

Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee and;

- U.S. trade missions to Asia - GovGuam will request that the U.S. Commerce Department include stops on Guam during their trade missions to Asia because Guam offers U.S. tax and other cost savings opportunities to American companies that can help them better compete in Asia markets.

According to Guzman, more than 150 media representatives worldwide will be on Guam to cover the President's address in anticipation of his wrap-up speech regarding the APEC meeting.

During the Chamber meeting, welcome posters for Clinton have been distributed to Chamber members for prominent display on their premises.

Guzman said welcome passes for people who would like to welcome President Clinton at the Ricardo Bordonio Governor Complex at Adelup (one pass per person) are also available at the governor's office.

## CNMI ...

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The attorney generals from the 39 states have until Friday to sign on and it is unclear how many states would be needed for the industry to proceed with the settlement.

Villagomez revealed that the report spells out how much the CNMI will be getting from the tobacco settlement which is touted

to be the biggest industry settlement so far.

"Part of the settlement for the CNMI is that we will be getting close to \$16.5 million for the next 25 years. The way it is broken down is the CNMI will be getting about \$202,000 in 1998.

"The 25 years begin in year 2000. It's like a half a million every year and it keeps going up. It starts with \$541,000. Then the following year, it will be \$584,000. Then \$700,000. But

## Cash ...

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4.50 percent from 4.75 percent.

Flores said now is the time to file loan applications because consumer rates are expected to go down further after the Fed's latest action.

"The reduction will soon translate to lower rates in all other loans such as home and auto loan products. Mortgage rates will also go down and if you have loans, interest rates have gone down, too, because of the reduction in prime rates."

Guam Savings' rate reduction applies to all of the products served by Guam Savings including Saipan and Palau.

Several of the nation's major commercial banks have also cut their prime lending rates, including BankAmerica Corp., Chase Manhattan Bank, and Bank One Corp.

According to Flores, people are still unsure of what Federal Reserve Board head Alan Greenspan sees for the economy.

"Obviously, he has continuing concerns about how the Asian financial crisis will affect the American economy. And he feels that inflation is well in check and therefore it's safe to reduce interest rates," Flores said.

In a brief statement following a scheduled meeting of its rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed said: "Although conditions in financial markets have settled down materially since mid-October, unusual strains remain."

"With the 75 basis point decline in the federal funds rate since September, financial conditions can reasonably be expected to be consistent with fostering sustained economic expansion while keeping inflationary pressures subdued," it added.

In a sense, Flores said the Fed rate cut was expected from the way the market behaved prior to the announcement.

"The market was up yesterday in anticipation of the rate cut," Flores said.

decide where the money will be used," he said.

He continued, "Obviously, I have my own preference. The settlement is really tied to medicare costs ... so I think it should go to medicare. But again, that's my point of view. We will need to look into that."

Meanwhile, Reyes said the \$16.5 million may also be distributed to other agencies like the public safety and the education system.

"It might work in Australia but not here."

Tenorio said he would support imposing a visa requirement if tourists are to be exempted.

MSD and DOLI are developing a new tracking system to monitor the arrival and departure of alien workers and tourists.

The new system, which is funded by the CNMI's Covenant funds, will replace the Labor and Immigration Information Data System (LIIDS), and involve a comprehensive arrival and departure control.

MSD's tracking system includes the issuance of an ID card

that has the alien worker's fingerprint and photo taken immediately upon his or her arrival.

"The project is underway and we'll start the first phase implementation in September 1999," Martwinski told reporters.

He estimates the cost of the system at \$12 million over four fiscal years. Revenues to be generated, in turn, could total \$27.8 million.

A Virginia-based company, MSD has worked with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and has setup similar systems in such major US cities as Boston, Miami and New York.

and prosecute these cases of involuntary servitude.

In addition to the federal task force, DOJ said the arrest of the defendants are also the result of the administration's CNMI Initiative on Labor, Immigration and Law Enforcement, a broad-based multi-agency initiative designed to increase resources and oversight in the Commonwealth.

As part of the initiative, an attorney from the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section was sent to investigate recurring complaints of civil rights violations including treatment of women and children trafficked in the international sex trade.

Over the past three years alone, DOJ in a press statement claimed that the department has brought 10 involuntary servitude cases involving more than 150 victims.

The Saipan incident, DOJ added, is also the fifth case of international trafficking leading to an arrest or indictment brought in the CNMI over the past years.

This view is echoed by Joseph Bradley, vice president, chief economist, and special assistant to the president of Bank of Guam which as of press time was also considering cutting its rate.

"The financial markets already anticipated the cut," Bradley said. "In fact both Treasury bill prices and the Dow Jones dropped a little bit at the end of the trading day because they had already factored in the Fed rate cut and there were other factors affecting the market," Bradley added.

He also said that the New York Stock Exchange did rise right after the announcement but then in the last 35 minutes of trading, it fell by about 120 points.

Bradley said the latest Fed action will not necessarily strengthen the dollar against the yen which has begun falling again.

"With lower interest rates being paid in the United States, foreign investors have less incentive to invest in the United States, so there's less demand for them to purchase dollars."

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
In re the Matter of )  
the Guardianship of: )  
Clinton Avery F. Dela Cruz )  
Minor Child. )  
FCD GU  
Civil Action No. 98-514

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Dr. Ignacio T. Dela Cruz, DVM and Victoria F. Dela Cruz, have filed a Petition for Appointment as General Guardians for the minor child, Clinton Avery F. Dela Cruz. A hearing on the petition will be conducted on the 30th day of November, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated: Nov. 17, 1998

Clerk of Court  
Jovita C. Flores

By: /s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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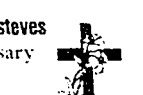
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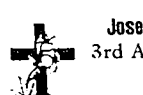
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13th Anniversary

would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we celebrate the joint anniversary rosary of our beloved ones.

Masses will be offered beginning Thursday, November 19 to Friday, November 27, 1998 at San Vicente Church.

The following is the schedule for the daily mass.

19 November, 1998	Thursday	6:00 p.m.
20 November, 1998	Friday	6:00 p.m.
21 November, 1998	Saturday	6:00 p.m.
22 November, 1998	Sunday	6:00 a.m.
23 November, 1998	Monday	6:00 p.m.
24 November, 1998	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
25 November, 1998	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
26 November, 1998	Thursday	6:00 p.m.


On the final day, Friday, November 27, 1998, the Mass of Intention will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. Dinner will follow at the residence of Juan I. Esteves in Kaganan II.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
Plaintiff,  
Joseph Juan M. Cruz, aka Jose Juan M. Dela Cruz,  
Defendant.  
Civil Action No. 98-27

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 22, 1998, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: real property situated in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Lot 005 H 35 (formerly known as Lot 24, Block 73), containing an area of 2,649 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 H 00, the original of which was recorded on March 1, 1971, as Document No. 696 at the Land Registry, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, December 11, 1998, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Maltman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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

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

Conduct of Sale.  
a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.  
b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

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

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

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

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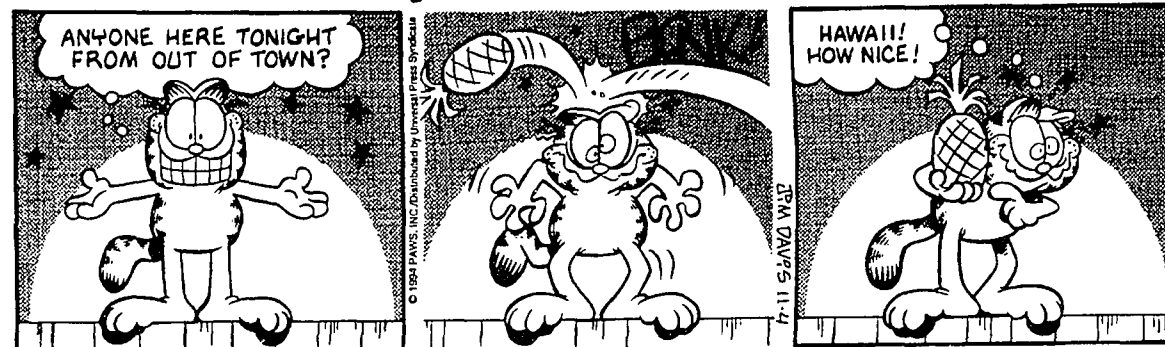
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/s/JOHN B. JOYNER, Auctioneer

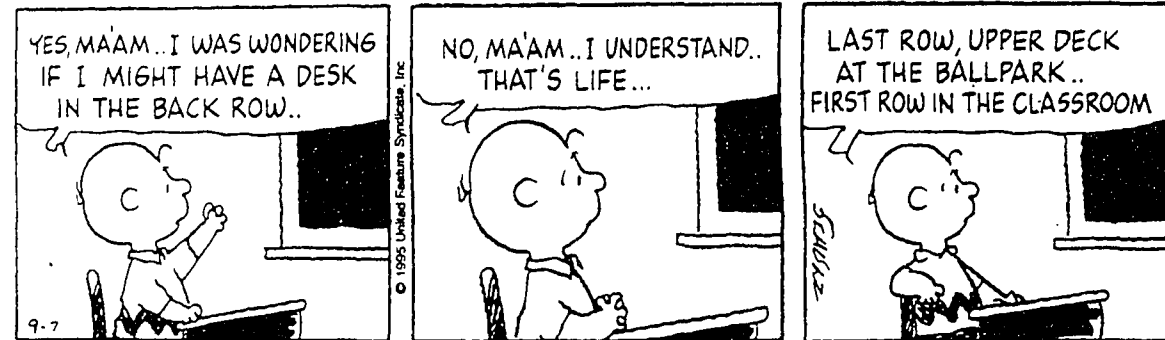
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You know the difference between fact and fiction, between reality and fantasy, and yet you choose to indulge in both on a liberal basis. There are those who think you have your head in the clouds, but you know how realistic your wildest dreams can or cannot be. You never fool yourself.

Also born on this date are: Jodie Foster and Meg Ryan, actresses; Dick Cavett and Larry King, talk-show hosts; Ahmad Rashad, sports caster; Calvin Klein, fashion designer.

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.

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— You're likely to hear from someone today who owes you a

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be courteous at all times today. Be sure to let others know just what you are doing, and why. Be straight with everyone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may have a great deal of work to do today, but more importantly, there is the chance to get together with a special friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'll have to work closely with others today to make plans that can hold up to any changes in circumstance later on. Communicate openly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Seek only those outlets which allow you to behave in a way which feels natural. If it adds to daily stress, it's not for you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're likely to live up to your reputation as a home-lover today. You may even choose to forsake a professional opportunity to stay at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take care that you're not trying to "show off" for someone who is actually better equipped to say and do the right

things at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your deepest feelings are nearing the surface at this time. It's best for you to avoid any situations which may rub you the wrong way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's been a long time since you had the chance to say what is on your mind with no risk of reprisals of any kind. Today, you can really "let go!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A social gathering affords you a rare opportunity to do something that you've been tempted to try for some time. Your support group can help you out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You're not likely to stop once you get a taste of something you've resisted for some time. Take care you don't lose control and overindulge!

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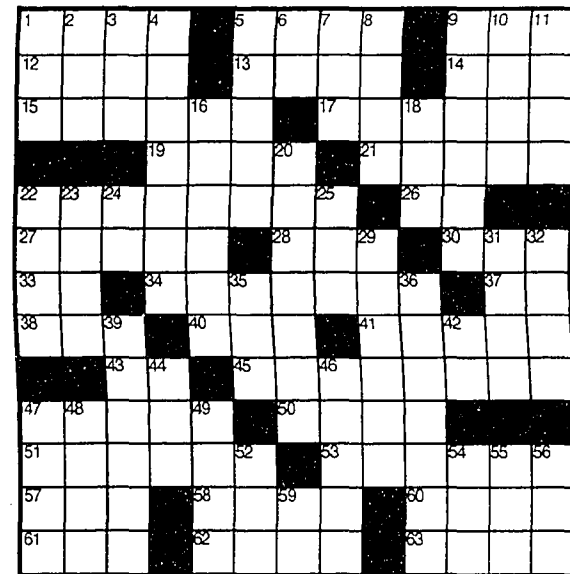
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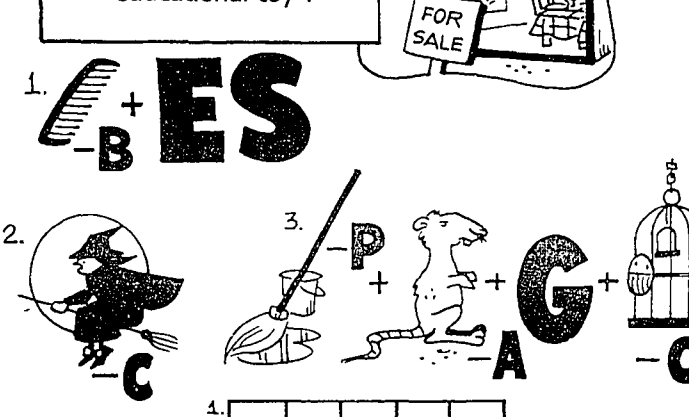
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# Graf, Hingis in quarterfinals

By BOB GREENE

NEW YORK (AP) — Steffi Graf continued her remarkable resurgence Tuesday night, advancing into the quarterfinals of the Chase Championships with a 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-1 victory over third-seeded

Jana Novotna.

After suffering a series of injuries and surgeries, Graf is playing again like the woman who dominated women's tennis for a decade. Since undergoing wrist surgery in September, Graf has won 11

consecutive matches and two tournaments.

The top three players in the world have been among her last four victims. And she has won her last nine matches in the season-ending Championships at Madison Square Garden, having won the title in both 1995 and 1996 before missing last year while recuperating from knee surgery.

Also advancing into the quarterfinals Tuesday were second-seeded Martina Hingis and No. 8 Nathalie Tauziat. Hingis beat Swiss Fed Cup teammate Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, while Tauziat ousted Natasha Zvereva of Belarus 6-3, 6-1 earlier in the day.

Novotna became the Champion-

ships' first defending champion to lose in the first round. But she ran into one of the best players in history, Graf, because of a lack of matches, wasn't seeded. And she suffered cramps in both calves, taking an injury timeout in the opening game of the final set.

With the Garden crowd solidly behind her, cheering loudly every time she won a point, Graf put her feared forehand on display, spraying winners all around the court.

But Novotna, who captured her first Grand Slam tournament title this year when she won Wimbledon, was up to the task, matching Graf stroke for stroke, point for point.

She won the first-set tiebreak

when her forehand down the line hit the top of the net and bounced over Graf, landing just inside the baseline. Novotna blew a kiss skyward as she walked off the court.

Graf didn't let the loss of Novotna know she was in a battle. The German broke Novotna to begin the second set. It was the only break of the set, but the only one she needed.

Then came a long and decisive game to begin the third set.

Graf won the first point with a perfectly placed forehand down the line. She followed with a fault on the next point and immediately walked to umpire Mike Morrissey and requested an injury timeout. A trainer came on the court and worked on both calves.

## NBA talks begin anew

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

NEW YORK (AP) — After 11 days of silence, the opposing sides in the National Basketball Association lockout finally spoke Tuesday and agreed to resume formal bargaining talks later this week.

Commissioner David Stern, deputy commissioner Russ Granik and Steve Mills, the NBA's vice president for basketball development, met for two hours on Day 140 of the lockout with union director Billy Hunter, union president Patrick Ewing and Herb Williams of the Knicks.

"It was, as usual, cordial but unproductive," Granik said. "We didn't get anywhere."

Still, the two sides agreed to the larger session Friday. It will be the first session involving the

full owners' and players' negotiating committees since Oct. 28, the night Michael Jordan sat in on an 8 1/2-hour session.

"We sort of sense that with the holidays approaching, if we don't start making progress soon the season is in jeopardy," Granik said. "We'll give it one more try on Friday."

The first six weeks of the season already have been scrapped, and with each passing day the likelihood increases of the season not beginning until January.

"When serious negotiations begin, I would expect (Jordan) will be back in there," agent David Falk said. "The next step has to be for the league to come in with a better offer."

There had been an expectation around the league that a deal would be reached in time for NBC to

televise its first games of the season Christmas doubleheader of Chicago vs. New York and the L.A. Lakers vs. Phoenix.

"My guess isn't better than anybody else's, but I hope we're showing games," said Ed Markey, an NBC spokesman. "If there are no NBA games, we might revert back to showing regular Friday night programming."

Jordan took part in the last full bargaining talks Oct. 28, exchanging hard words with Washington owner Abe Pollin in a meeting that preceded the 8 1/2-hour session. But Jordan has not been heard from publicly since those discussions ended.

Falk, whose other high-profile clients include Ewing and Alonzo Mourning, says Jordan will not be the individual to jump-start the bargaining.

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ended Sunday.

Of the teams that were fined, five have advanced to the 16-team second round that starts Wednesday — Italy, the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Russia.

Also in the second round are Spain, Japan, Cuba, Bulgaria, Canada, South Korea, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, China, Greece and Ukraine.

FIVB said the fines will be deducted from each team's prize money.

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Again leading off for TC Clan, Sakisat's line drive to third base-lady Pauline Yamada was a close one. Yamada got in front of the hard hit ball but was only able to deflect it. The deflection kept Sakisat to a single base hit.

Two batters later Manny

Tenorio hit a triple which was good for two more runs. TC Clan scored three runs to extend their lead to, 16-10 before their third out.

Major Leals's Elmer Sablan led off in the top of the seventh inning with a solo homerun.

It was the only run Major Leals could come up with before their final out which ended the ballgame.

contact Santos at 288-2950.

**PIC Tournament**

Pacific Islands Club will be hosting its 4th Annual Thanksgiving Softball Tournament this Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a men's and women's division.

For more information please call Joe Torres at, 235-1662 or Carol Ngiraidis at 323-4247.

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association.

"The money will be used towards the purchase of twenty (20) Pulmo Aide Compression Nebulizers.

"On behalf of the CHC Volunteers Association we accept this contribution and are very grateful to SSFA.

"This contribution will help a lot of children," said an emotional Tenorio.

The SSFA Fishing Tournament was held during the second week of August. The two-day tournament attracted a record number entrants from the CNMI as well as from Guam.

The Saipan Sports Fishermen's Association in entering its 15th year.

# Woods advances in Hawaii

By GORDON SAKAMOTO

POIPU, Hawaii (AP) — Tiger Woods rolled in an uphill, curling putt on the 427-yard (389-meter) 15th hole Tuesday to shut out Lee Janzen and advance to the championship round of the \$1 million PGA Grand Slam of Golf.

The 3-and-2 victory put Woods into Wednesday's final 18 holes of match play against V.J. Singh, who had to go the full 18 holes to turn back Mark O'Meara, who dropped his second shot at the final hole into the water. Singh took the match, 2-up.

It appeared Woods, who got into the four-man field — limited to winners of this year's majors — as the top alternate, would end the match early.

After five holes on the wind-swept 6,957-yard (6,331-meter) Poipu Bay Resort Course on the island of Kauai, he was up by four, including 20-foot (6-meter) birdies on the opening two holes.

But Janzen, winner of the U.S. Open, rallied on the eighth and ninth holes with birdies and he



Boxing champion Evander Holyfield, right, putts on the 18th green of the Poipu Bay Resort Golf Course as Tiger Woods, left, looks on during the pro-am of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii. Woods will play Lee Janzen, Mark O'Meara, and Vijay Singh in the event which begins Tuesday. AP

gained another hole when Woods bogeyed the 394-yard (358-meter) 10th to pull within one.

They exchanged bogeys over the next four holes before Woods landed his second shot at the 15th at the lower end of the two-tiered green.

He closed the match with the uphill, 35-foot (11-meter) birdie, which broke about 12 feet (3.6 meters) to the left and dived into the hole. A birdie at the next hole closed the match.

For Singh, it was a measure of revenge. At the World Match Play Championships in England last month, O'Meara embarrassed the native of Fiji with a runaway 11-and-10 victory.

Singh, winner of the PGA Championship, was up by two through the first seven holes, but saw the margin disappear on the 12th. A birdie two holes later put him ahead for good as O'Meara struggled with his putting.

O'Meara became the oldest player (41) to win two majors in the same year with victories in the Masters and British Open.

## Foreman vs. Holmes Jan. fight is no joke

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Old-timers George Foreman and Larry Holmes insist that their January 23 bout is no joke.

"I'm fighting in there for real," the 49-year-old Holmes said of the pay-per-view show between the two former heavyweight champions at the Houston Astrodome that comes 13 days after Foreman turns 50.

"I didn't work for a year and two months not for it to be real," said Holmes, who noted that he had already put in 175 rounds of sparring. "I am taking my stuff seriously."

Foreman said he has been training for two months and that the old-age jokes should disappear once the aged warriors hear the bell. Or at least subside.

"There is something that operates once that bell rings. All we know is competing, winning and fighting," Foreman said Tuesday at a news conference to launch a promotional tour for the geriatric showdown. "So it is going to be a good serious fight," said Foreman.

"When the bell rings I am going to throw punch after punch until I faint or get knocked out or Larry Holmes faints or gets knocked out."

Foreman said he also feels the need to erase the bad taste left from the questionable decision he lost to Shannon Briggs in what was intended to be his farewell fight.

"This fight is very important to me," Foreman said. "I didn't like people coming to me for a long time saying 'George they robbed you.'"

"I even told my mother that that was going to be my last fight. Afterwards she said I didn't want you to do it that way," said Foreman, who has a 76-5 record, including 68 wins within the distance.

## Denver Broncos still unbeaten

By DAVE GOLDBERG

KANSASCITY, Missouri (AP) — Quarterback Bobby Brister ran 38 yards for a touchdown on the first series and the Denver Broncos cruised to an easy 30-7 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs Monday night.

Terrell Davis also ran 41 yards for a score as the Broncos jumped ahead early and became the first U.S. National Football League team to go win their 10 games in a season since the 1991 Washington Redskins.

Brister completed 13-of-23 pass attempts for 180 yards and Davis, who leads the NFL in

rushing, carried 18 times for 111 yards. The Denver defense held the Chiefs to 31 yards on the ground.

It was the fifth straight loss for Kansas City, (4-6), which looked before the season like the most dangerous threat to the Broncos in both their division and conference.

But the Chiefs, who had never lost as many as four straight during Marty Schottenheimer's 10 seasons as coach, looked like a dispirited bunch against the Broncos, who now have outscored opponents 114-13 in first quarters this season.

It took just 2:42 for Denver to take a 7-0 lead, on the bootleg

around right end by the 36-year-old Brister, who is now 4-0 as a starter in place of John Elway — who is nursing pulled rib muscles.

Brister was virtually untouched after his fake to Davis pulled the entire Kansas City defense to the opposite side of the field.

The next score was even quicker — a 79-yard drive that took only three plays and 1:05 and was capped by the burst by Davis, who finished with 111 yards on 18 carries.

He was tripped up 10 yards downfield, regained his balance, and continued on into the end zone.

## Fight promoter Chris Dundee dies at 91

By STEVEN WINE

MIAMI (AP) — Chris Dundee, who turned Miami Beach into a boxing capital and promoted more than 1,000 fights in a 40-year

career, died at a nursing home. He was 91.

Dundee, who also managed fighters, died Monday. He never fully recovered from a stroke nine years ago.

"Chris couldn't lick that stroke," said his brother Angelo, a trainer and cut-man who worked with such champions as Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard. "He couldn't walk, and I think that took all the juice out of him. He liked to rap with the people and couldn't do it any more."

"If Chris was around today, there'd be a lot more happy boxing fans, because he catered to the public. He had the knack."

The Dundees were natives of Philadelphia. Chris came to Miami Beach from New York in 1950 and soon began running the Fifth Street Gym. Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano and Ali trained there before the gym was razed in 1993.

"Chris was the Miami Beach chamber of commerce," Angelo Dundee said. "That's why it was heartbreaking when they took down our gym. That was a great monument."

Chris Dundee promoted fights in Miami Beach for more than 30 years. On his birthday in 1964, Ali — then known as Cassius Clay — won the world heavyweight title with a seventh-round technical knockout over Sonny Liston.

From 1928 to 1948, Dundee managed some 300 fighters. They included Midget Wolgast, who won the world flyweight championship in 1930; Ken Overlin, who became middleweight champion in 1941; and Ezzard Charles, who won the heavyweight title in 1949.

Dundee also was a promoter for wrestling, the circus and the Harlem Globetrotters. For years he hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for boxers down on their luck.

Chris Dundee was enshrined in the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1994, joining Angelo.

Dundee was born Cristoforo Mirena in 1907 and later adopted the name used by Hall of Fame fighter Johnny Dundee.

In 1926, at age 19, Chris began hanging around boxing gyms with his brother Joe, a club fighter in Philadelphia.



Boxers George Forman, left, and Larry Holmes, pose for a photograph at New York's All Star Cafe after cooking brunch for 30 children. Forman and Holmes are expected to fight on Jan. 23, 1999 in Houston, Tex. AP

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## SPORTS



# SSFA donates to CHC Volunteers



Saipan Sports Fishermen's Association Secretary Jack Diaz hands over a \$2,000 check to CHC Volunteer Rita Tenorio and Amparo Tenorio yesterday morning at CHC.

Photo by Tony Celis

By Tony Celis

Variety News Staff

THE SAIPAN Sports Fishermen's Association (SSFA) presented a check for \$2,000 to the Commonwealth Health Center (CHC) Volunteers Association, yesterday morning.

Jack Diaz, the association's secretary made the presentation on behalf of SSFA President John San Nicolas and VP Cris Guerrero.

Accepting the donation for the CHC Volunteers Association were Rita Tenorio and Amparo

Tenorio.

The check was handed over to the CHC Volunteers at their "CHC store".

"From the success of the 1998 SSFA Fishing Tournament which was held earlier this year the association was able to make this contribution."

"The association is committed to giving back to the community any help or assistance we can offer, whenever possible," said Diaz speaking on behalf for the

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## Jordan gets sidelined

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan will not get involved again in labor talks until the National Basketball Association makes a "serious" offer at settling the lockout, Jordan's agent said Tuesday.

"When serious negotiations begin, I would expect he will be back in there," agent David Falk said. "The next step has to be for the league to come in with a better offer."

On the lockout's 140th day, the two sides met for two hours and agreed to conduct their first full negotiating session in three weeks on Friday.

Commissioner David Stern, deputy commissioner Russ Granik and

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## T.C. Clan wins over Major Leaks, 16-11

By Tony Celis

Variety News Staff

T.C. CLAN prevailed over the Major Leaks, 16-11 Tuesday night in Saipan Softball Association (SSA) Co-ed League action at Susupe Softball Field.

It started off even but in the third inning TC Clan scored seven runs to open wide their lead.

Again, TC Clan extended their lead in the top of fourth inning.

Lead-off batter Mel Sakisat hit a towering home run.

The ball climbed high into the night air almost hitting the overhead lights then sailed over the left-field wall for a solo-homer.

Bego Odeshi followed up with

a double.

Then with two outs of them TC Clan's Yolonda Lizama pop-fly was caught which stranded Odeshi at second base to end the fourth inning.

Major Leaks were scoreless in the fifth inning.

T.C. Clan further extended their lead by two runs when Major Leaks's center fielder errored on a rounder which allowed two runners to reach home plate.

A come-from-behind attempt in the top of sixth inning led Major Leaks to score five runs and put them back in the ballgame.

Led my Elmer Sablan who hit a stand-up triple. Following Sablan

was John Villagomez with a double that brought Sablan home.

With runners on first and second base, Evelyn Franklin connected for a solid triple scoring two runs.

However the Major Leaks short lived come-from-behind attempt ended when Franklin was stranded on third base with a Tim Wesley pop-fly to center field which was easily caught by the defense for the third out.

Not content with only a two-run lead TC Clan entered the bot-

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### SGA NOVEMBER TOURNAMENTS

SAIPAN Golfers Association (SGA) is inviting all members to participate in the upcoming "November 1998 monthly Club Championship Tournament this coming Saturday, Nov 21.

SGA will also host the annual "Turkey Shoot" on this day.

SGA will open two spots for monthly club championship qualifier for the upcoming 1998 SGA Championship Cup and Perpetual trophy.

More details will be discussed before the tournament.

For more information please contact Ray Diaz at 234-1618.

SPG Table Tennis

Coach Joe Santos is looking for assistant coaches to assist the players prepare for the SPG.

Players are encouraged to try out for the CNMI, SPG team.

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## World volleyball body penalizes 'sloppiness'

TOKYO (AP) — Volleyball's world governing body fined defending champion Italy, the United States and five other teams \$3,000 each Tuesday for what it deemed sloppy dress in the current men's world championships.

The body, FIVB, had taken similar action Nov. 6 against five women's teams for not meeting new uniform standards for international competition.

In announcing fines against the Italian, U.S., Argentina, Brazilian, Polish, Russian and Turkish men's teams, the FIVB said "their shirts did not fit the body

and were too loose."

There were no protests against the punishment, said Yoichi Izawa, an official of the FIVB.

The verdict against the women's teams from Russia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia and Italy was shirts that were "too loose and baggy." Cuba defended its world women's championship last Thursday, beating China in the final.

Izawa said the men's team fines were decided by the tournament's control committee after a three-day preliminary round among 24 teams, which

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The Hyatt Hornets pose after defeating Two Thumbs Up, 15-10, 15-12 Tuesday night at Ada's gym. Standing from left: Deyna Apatang, Aurora Santos, Eizel Mafnas, Young-Mi Mayer, coach Paul Strickhart, Eunjung Lee and ass't. coach Karen Taroli. Kneeling: Francis Samarong, Karen Rey and Klaris Rey.

Photo by Tony Celis

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