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President Bill Clinton announces to the press his intention to ask Congress for supplemental funding for the air war over Kosovo at the White House Monday. The president was at a ceremony honoring the National Teacher of the Year when he made brief remarks about the need for more funding.

REUTERS

## Clinton, Congress set to clash over Kosovo funds

By Randall Mikkelsen

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton on Monday asked Congress for \$6.05 billion in emergency spending for the Kosovo conflict and set off a battle with Republican lawmakers seeking to boost overall military spending.

White House budget director Jack Lew said Clinton was seeking the money to fund the air war in Kosovo, help refugees and aid countries bordering Yugoslavia. The money is to last for the more than five months remaining until the end of the 1999 fiscal year, Sept. 30.

Included in the request is funding to call up 25,000 reserve troops. Undersecretary of Defense William Lynn said. The request does not seek money for ground forces, officials said.

The United States and its NATO allies began air strikes against Yugoslavia on March 24 in an effort to stop alleged ethnic cleansing against Kosovo's ethnic Albanians, hundreds of thousands of whom have fled the Serbian province as refugees.

"The need for this funding is urgent, immediate, clearly in the national interest. There are literally lives hanging in the balance," Clinton said. "And so I hope in a spirit of genuine bipartisanship the Congress will move the package right away."

Several Republican lawmakers, however, complained that Clinton was seeking too little money. They have vowed to add billions of dollars to the Kosovo package to shore up a military they say has become weakened by neglect.

Key lawmakers involved in the appropriations process said the final package could swell to well beyond \$10 billion.

"Our troops are stretched too thin, and our defense capabilities are now grossly inadequate," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, an Illinois Republican, said.

House Republican leader Dick Armey of Texas, in a letter to House Republicans, said: "We cannot make the mistake of merely replacing bomb-for-bomb and missile-for-missile.... Even \$10 billion would be insufficient to begin fixing six years of Clinton-

Gore neglect of our armed forces."

Money classified as emergency spending does not fall within spending limits applied to the regular budget, and as a result, emergency spending bills tend to attract many proposals for funding beyond the initial request.

Virginia Republican Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said he hoped to wrap in funds for a military pay raise, approved for the fiscal 2000 budget.

Of the \$6.05 billion sought by Clinton, \$5.46 billion would go to the Defense Department and \$591 million would go to the State Department, officials said.

The request includes about \$1 billion to replace money already spent by the Pentagon on the conflict, Lew said.

The United States is bearing roughly 60 percent of the overall cost of the allied military operation, based on the proportion of the air strikes conducted by U.S. equipment, and about 25 percent of the cost of the civilian humanitarian operation, officials said.

## NATO bombs Serbia's second-largest city

By VESELIN TOSHKOV

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO struck Serbia's second-largest city and a chemical-manufacturing town early Monday as Belgrade slammed shut the main crossing point for ethnic Albanian refugees fleeing Kosovo province.

Accusing Albania of supporting "aggression," Yugoslav officials broke diplomatic relations with their southern neighbor and closed the Morini border point, where tens of thousands of refugees have flooded out.

Albanian soldiers swarmed around the border station early Monday and ordered reporters not to approach. International monitors described the situation as tense and said it was unclear how long the crossing would be closed.

Air raid sirens sounded early Monday in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade, as well as in Novi Sad, Nis and Cacak, which have all been repeatedly targeted since the NATO campaign began March 24.

The bombings aim to force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a peace plan for Kosovo, a province in Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia.

The state-run Tanjug news agency reported four powerful detonations early Monday in Baric, the site of a chemical plant 20 kilometers (12 miles) southwest of Belgrade.

On Sunday, Serbian authorities had warned of a major eco-

logical catastrophe if NATO struck the chemical plant. Authorities flooded the factory so allied planes could clearly see it. NATO missiles evidently targeted another site.

Slobodan Tosovic, a Belgrade health official, said the factory processed components for washing detergents and had 180 tons of highly toxic hydrofluoric acid. If NATO strikes the factory, a cloud with a lethal dose of the acid would spread in a 30-kilometer (20-mile) radius, he said.

A missile slammed into a provincial government building in the heart of Novi Sad, Serbia's second largest city, Tanjug reported.

There were no injuries but damage was described as "great."

Three missiles struck Paracin, a town 150 kilometers (90 miles) southeast of Belgrade, Tanjug said. Paracin houses one of the main Yugoslav army barracks.

Tanjug also reported attacks around Kraljevo, 120 kilometers (75 miles) south of Belgrade, and in Sremska Mitrovica, 60 kilometers (40 miles) west of the capital.

A Danube River bridge that serves as a major link between Serbia and Croatia was struck and slightly damaged, Tanjug said. The bridge connecting Backa Palanka in Serbia with Ilok in Croatia also suffered light damage when hit two weeks ago.

## Boy survives 17-story fall

HONG KONG (AP) — An 8-year old boy plunged 17 stories but landed alive, conscious with only some broken bones after he hit four clothes drying racks that broke his fall, newspapers reported Tuesday.

Leung Man-chun landed on a canopy just above ground level and was hospitalized with a broken arm and leg but no life-threatening injuries.

Police described his survival as a "miracle escape," according to accounts in several Hong Kong newspapers.

His 3-year old sister, Kit-ying, told police the two had been playing at their home in Hong Kong's suburban New Territories when the boy stood on a toy car to open the window grille. The boy was peering outside when he lost his balance and plunged.

Hong Kong is full of residential skyscrapers and falling deaths are common, many of them suicides.



Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif takes part in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of unknown soldier outside Kremlin wall in Moscow Tuesday. The visit is the first by a Pakistani head of the government since 1974.

AP

## Indonesia maid lands in prison for killing baby girl

HONG KONG (AP) — An Indonesian maid convicted of manslaughter in the death of a baby girl in her care was jailed Monday for six years.

Marwito Sunami, 27, was found guilty of killing 9-month-old Law Chi-wing, who had been in the maid's care since her birth and died in 1997 of multiple fractures and severe swelling in the brain, government-owned Radio Hong Kong reported.

High Court Judge Frank Stock said it appeared Sunami had either violently shaken the baby in a fit of temper or struck her head onto a hard surface, such as a wall, the radio report said.

Sunami denied the charge and gave different accounts of how the injuries were sustained, the radio reported.

Stock called the death was an isolated yet serious incident, while acknowledging there were no signs of systematic abuse, the report said.

Sunami will serve her term in Hong Kong because there is no agreement between the Chinese territory and Indonesia on the transfer of prisoners. The radio report did not specify Sunami's hometown in Indonesia and court officials weren't immediately able to offer any such background information.

# CUC raps Maratita bill

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp.'s public information officer yesterday said the Senate bill that would reduce utility rates and reconnection fees is a "clear violation" of the CNMI's partnership agreement with the federal government.

Pamela Mathis said CUC will inform the federal government regarding the introduction of S.B. 11-115, which is currently being reviewed by the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications (PUTC).

Mathis said under the 1994 partnership agreement between the CNMI and federal governments, CUC is an autonomous body, and its board of directors is solely responsible for setting rates and running the utility company's organization.

## Rate and fee cuts to violate US pact, says Mathis



Pamela Mathis

"The partnership agreement's intent is to keep political interference out of CUC so it can run in a business atmosphere," Mathis said.

Still, CUC has always welcomed public comment, she

added.

"We conduct surveys so we can update policies and improve customer service."

"We listen to the people, and we appreciate customers bringing their concerns to our attention," Mathis said.

CUC, moreover, has already reduced its rates, she said.

And although it costs CUC \$150 per disconnection and reconnection, the utility company charges only \$75 for residential customers, Mathis said.

"But to ask us to do even more, this, I think, raises the question: Will the bill benefit the entire CNMI or just Rota? If only Rota, maybe they should consider privatizing it there, but then they will have to pay the true costs," she said, adding that Saipan continues to subsidize utility operations



Edward U. Maratita

on Rota and Tinian.

Introduced by Sen. Edward U. Maratita (R-Rota), S.B. 11-115, or the CUC Customer Rights Act of 1999, proposes a maximum 9 cents per kilowatt hour power rate for residential customers, and 11

cents for commercial customers.

Current rates are 11 cents for residential customers and 13 cents for commercial establishments.

The bill would also set a reconnection fee of no more than \$38.50.

The bill, moreover, proposes the prohibition of transferring delinquent balances from one account to another as currently practiced by the utility company.

It also aims to impose strict liability for any loss of revenue, goods and commodities as well as "customer inconvenience" due to improper disconnection of CUC services.

In addition, the bill seeks to separate for collection purposes water service accounts from electric power accounts.

It would also prohibit "burdening" of customer with expenses associated with supplying power to user location."

## Illegal Chinese entries bring fears of mob activity on Guam

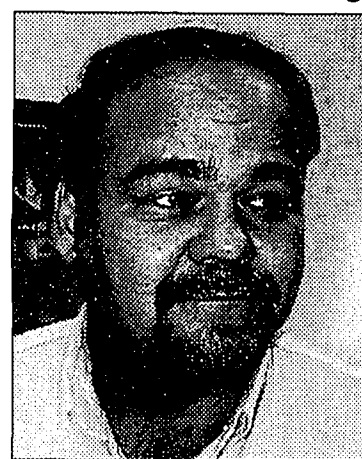
By Eric F. Say

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HAGATNA — Senator Mark Forbes was amazed to hear that there may be illegal mob activities existing on Guam. Testimony before his Committee on International and Government Affairs yesterday indicate there is.

Forbes held an oversight committee hearing yesterday regarding the Alien Invasion that is currently happening on Guam. Members from all the Government agencies affected by the problem gave testimony as to the effects to the island.

Guam Police Department (GPD) Capt. Paul Suba told the committee that prior to May 1998, once illegals were caught entering Guam by his officers, no information was given by Immigration and Naturalization (INS) officials. He said that after May the co-operation between offices has improved but more is needed.



Mark Forbes

During the hearing Forbes uncovered that there is a connection here on Guam with the triads that are working the "Snakehead" conspiracy.

It was learned that the 127 illegals that had recently been flown to Seattle by the INS have already been released into the U.S. population.

A part of those had been flown to Hawaii and then to New York in order to hide a trail of their whereabouts. Intelligence reports received by InterPol (International Police) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) revealed this, according to Suba and the Governor's spokesperson Ginger Cruz.

It was also learned that Guam could expect to see as many as 3000 more illegal aliens arriving during the next couple of months.

According to Suba, "the word is out in at least the province of Fujian that Guam is paved with gold and a flight to the mainland is virtually guaranteed." Most of the recent rash of illegals arriving on Guam has come from this area of China Suba told the Senators.

GPD is the lead agency called upon to interdict these illegals as they make their way to Guam. Suba says that GPD does not

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## Manamkos get discount cards from Joeten firms

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

SENIOR citizens of the CNMI yesterday received discount cards from Joeten Enterprises.

According to Clarence Tenorio, Joeten Enterprises president, the discount card distribution is part of the company's 50th anniversary celebration next month.

Tenorio said the discount card will entitle the holder to five percent discount on food items, 10 percent at Joeten stores and Ace Hardware.

The card is renewable every year.

The discount card distribution is also part of the company's strategy to increase sales.

"We have this economic crisis and it affects Joeten. Our sales decrease. This could be one way to stimulate the business and bring in more profit. Nowadays, the people are afraid to spend money. But with discount, we could encourage them to spend more," Tenorio said.

The discount cards for the senior citizens could be used in any Joeten stores in the CNMI. On anniversary celebration, Joeten will have big sales on several items.

"We will price our items like 50 years ago. If the Spam costs 25 cents 50 years ago, we will sell it like that. But that would only be one day sale and until supplies last," Tenorio said.



Senior citizens receive the discount cards given by Joeten Enterprises yesterday at the aging center in Garapan.

Photo by Louie C. Alonso

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## Flights

Mar-Vic C. Munar

### Blessing in disguise?

I HEARD the political tone of that phrase when the US military bases left Subic and Clark in 1992. It was both the wrathful eruption of Mount Pinatubo and the Philippine Senate's rejection of the new Military Bases Treaty that drove the U.S. military out of the Philippine soil.

"It was a blessing in disguise," a US military officer in Subic said, referring to the volcanic catastrophe which allowed them to bail out of the country with their dignity remain intact. The bases, they said after the RP Senate rejected the treaty, had no value anymore because they were completely buried in volcanic ashes.

Honestly, I'm not sure if the Pinatubo flashback provides a good analogy for the CNMI's and Guam's "crisis" brought about by the surge of illegal Chinese immigrants into the Marianas. I just thought that that flashback was inspirational, for whatever it's worth. I'm amazed at some people's surplus of optimism and strange ability to see — or to think that they do — something good, something sparkling, in a crisis.

Rep. Herman T. Palacios, according to our reporter Zaldy Dandan, is too tactful to call it "blessing in disguise." But just the same, that's what he was saying. The Chinese invasion in the Marianas, according to Mr. Palacios, may help "alleviate the pressure on us. Maybe now the White House will realize that federal immigration laws should not apply to the CNMI so we can continue to temporarily host illegal immigrants."

As soon as President Clinton ordered last week that the illegal aliens captured in Guam be held in the CNMI, some islands officials thought they had found a perfect leverage for their political causes, namely the CNMI's fight against federal takeover and Guam's quest for immigration autonomy.

Following Mr. Palacios' syllogism, if the Commonwealth was under the Immigration and Naturalization Service's jurisdiction, then it would be required to accommodate petitions for asylum that may be filed by any of the 147 Chinese invaders now being held on Tinian. The fact that the CNMI is free from this pressure, according to Mr. Palacios, underscores the value of allowing the continued exemption of the CNMI from federal immigration laws.

Guam Lt. Gov. Madeline Bordaño agrees, further asserting that Guam's alien invasion crisis "can be solved by taking the territory outside federal immigration jurisdiction."

Now imagine them facing the feds, beaming with contrived confidence and croaking in chorus "See?"

It seems too optimistic to assume that Washington would easily be convinced by Ms. Bordaño's and Mr. Palacios' logic; too optimistic to think that the present situation gives both insular territories a leverage in their battles.

First of all, the CNMI should recognize that regardless of the fact that it controls its immigration, it is still Washington that calls the shot and decide what to do with the undocumented Chinese immigrants. The CNMI has yet to get a go-signal to deport them (or else a certain government official, who is obsessed with his ethnic-cleansing campaign would enthusiastically do that at once.)

Mr. Palacios should also remember that during last year's congressional hearing in Washington, Commonwealth officials were given a hard time by the congressional Immigration Reform Commission for the absence of a political asylum system in the Commonwealth.

During that hearing, according to Rep. Melvin O. Faisao, the CNMI was "made aware" of its responsibility to grant refuge to foreigners claiming well-founded fears of prosecution in their countries. This hearing had in fact prompted Mr. Faisao "to consider" filing a pertinent bill, which for some reason, however, never reached the House of Representatives' docket.

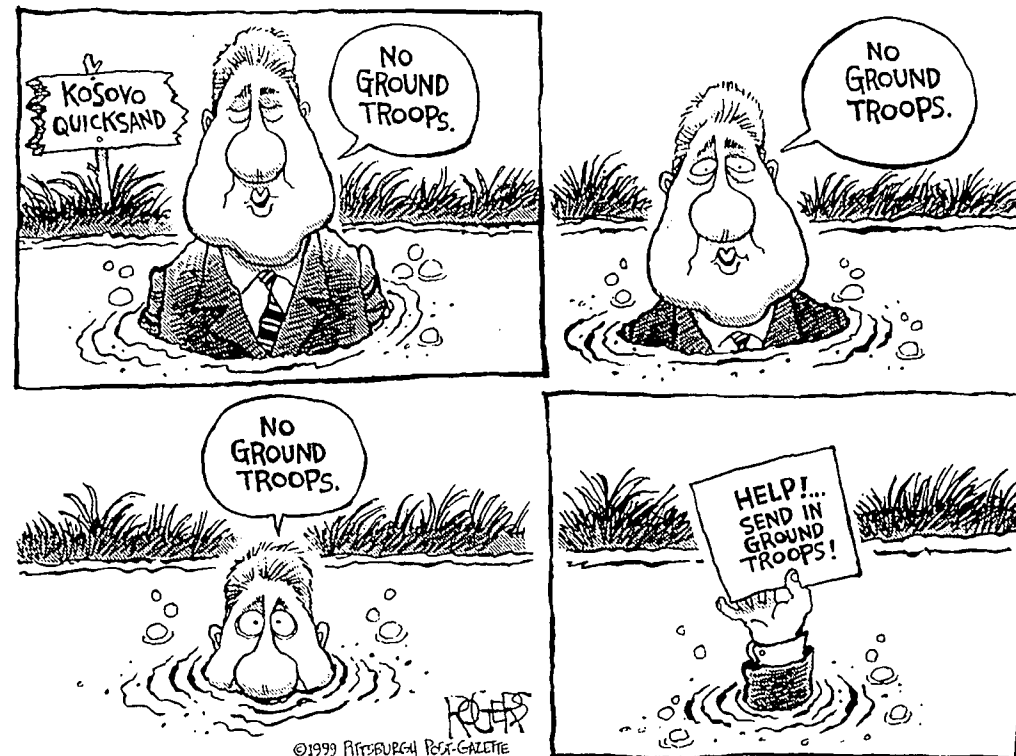
Moreover, the concept of political asylum is something complicated for the CNMI. Considering the CNMI's unique political relationship with the United States, there ought to be a definition of "political asylum" exclusive for the CNMI. The CNMI controls its own immigration; yet the Covenant does not allow it to deal with foreign affairs matter. Now, which category should the term "political asylum" fall? Immigration or Foreign Affairs?

Former acting Atty. Gen. Robert Dunlap earlier said that while the asylum issue may have an immigration implication, "it is still a foreign affairs policy" that should be handled by the State Department and the Department of Justice.

At any rate, for those who believe that the "alien invasion" crisis is a "blessing in disguise," our resident political analyst's advice may be of value. Our clever analyst says that the CNMI should drop Preston Gates, and hire human smugglers instead to bring in more and more aliens.

That way, our analyst says, the feds would be convinced to allow the CNMI to keep its immigration.

That's blessing in disgust.



## A 'Flood' of medical info

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### Kids with emotional problems

A LOT of our children have emotional problems. Just like a lot of adults. And just like most adults, these problems can be serious.

How can you tell if your child has a problem? When should you be concerned? And if you suspect a problem, where can you go for help? Good questions.

Many children have emotional problems that are not even suspected. Few physicians take the time during well child or sports examinations to look for these problems. Even fewer of us have the skills needed to deal with these kinds of problems if we find them.

Parents know their children better than anyone. Here is a brief checklist for parents which may give you a clue if your child may need evaluation or treatment. Answer each statement with "never," "sometimes," or "often" for your child:

1. Complaints of aches or pains
2. Spends more time alone
3. Tires easily, little energy
4. Fidgety, unable to sit
5. Has trouble with teacher
6. Less interested in school
7. Acts as if driven by a motor
8. Daydreams too much
9. Distracted easily
10. Is afraid of new situations
11. Feels sad, unhappy
12. Is irritable, angry
13. Feels hopeless
14. Has trouble concentrating
15. Less interest in friends
16. Fights with other children
17. Absent from school
18. School grades dropping
19. Is down on himself or herself
20. Visits doctor, with doctor finding

nothing wrong

21. Has trouble sleeping
22. Worries a lot
23. Wants to be with you more than before
24. Feels he or she is bad,
25. Takes unnecessary risks
26. Gets hurt frequently
27. Seems to be having less fun
28. Acts younger than children of his or her age
29. Does not listen to rules
30. Does not show feelings
31. Does not understand other people's feelings
32. Teases others
33. Blames others for his or her troubles
34. Takes things that do not belong to him or her
35. Refuses to share.

Score zero points for each "never," one point for every "sometimes," and two points for every "often." Then add up the total number of points. For children six and over (including teens) the score should be less than 28.

For 4 or 5 year olds, it should be less than 24. A higher score may indicate problems and needs to be evaluated.

If you suspect a problem you can contact the Division of Mental Health (323-6560) for an appointment.

There are also a number of private therapists on island who can help. School counselors are often good sources of names, as is your physician.

All over the world, as many as one in 10 children are found to have significant emotional problems. That's a lot of kids. Enough to make anyone feel depressed.

**Don't be a Litter Bug...  
Keep Saipan Beautiful!**



## Funds reshuffle on for FY2000 budget

By Zaldy Dandan  
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THE CHAIR of the House Committee on Ways and Means yesterday said the proposed appropriation for certain government departments and agencies may have to be trimmed down to accommodate the additional funding needs of the more crucial public services, particularly public education, public health and public safety.

Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Prec. 1, Saipan) said the committee is considering a "reshuffling" of funds based on the need of an agency or department.

At the same time, Reyes said all departments, agencies or activities that are "not happy" with their funding allocations set out in the administration's fiscal year 2000 budget proposal will be invited to a public hearing.

"We'll try to consolidate all their requests and see if we can



Karl T. Reyes

do something about it," he said.

The Public School System (PSS), the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will remain the main beneficiaries of any "reshuffling" of funds, Reyes said.

"I think the committee will finish its work on the budget by early June," he said.

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## Teno skips Majuro meet

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio has called off his scheduled flight to Marshall Islands for the annual meeting of Council of Micronesia Chief Executives due to the continued influx of illegal immigrants from China to Guam and the CNMI.

White House has asked the CNMI government to temporarily shelter the illegal immigrants on Tinian since the Commonwealth is outside the US immigration area and where political asylum program does not apply.

Tenorio was scheduled to leave for Majuro last Monday where a meeting between Micronesia leaders is now being held but was forced to call the trip off to attend to the needs of 147 Chinese refugees intercepted near Guam waters middle of last week and are now housed in a tent city in North Field, Tinian.

Since January this year, more than 500 suspected illegal Chinese immigrants have already been arrested in Guam. Some of them claimed using Saipan and Rota as alleged jump-off points

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## GHLIP mulls \$7M budget

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI Group Health and Life Insurance Plan has requested \$7,130,200 budget for fiscal year 2000 which is expected to be approved by the Retirement Fund's Board of Trustees on Friday.

The government insurance has been under the administration of the Fund since 1996.

Under GHLIP's formal budget request, the bulk — or \$6,580,395 — of the budget is required to settle all legitimate claims processed in accordance with established guidelines of the health insurance program.

Personnel costs requested amounts to \$352,300 which reflects the hiring of two additional claims analysts to help eliminate the backlog in the daily processing of claims. A substantial portion of personnel workload involves processing medical claims.

Approximately 7,000 units of claims are received monthly, and average of 120 claims are processed daily by four claims processors.

To date, there are 6,003 gov-

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## DPH reports 338 new citizens born in quarter

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Health yesterday reported a total of 338 live births at the Commonwealth Health Center during the first quarter of this year, a slight increase from the 334 live births recorded last year during the same period.

Maggie Sablan, manager of the DPH Planning and Statistics Division, said despite fluctuations in the monthly statistics, the CNMI has a relatively stable number of live births.

Over the years, however, the ethnic make-up of live births continues to shift, with a decreasing proportion of indigenous live births, and an increasing number of births to mothers from Asia.

DPH said many of these Asian mothers are non-resident alien workers but there is an increasing number of women who are married to U.S. citizens and citizens from other Compact countries.

Despite their U.S. citizenship, the newborns have the option to retain their parents' own citizenship.

Sablan said the bulk — or 127 — of newborns for the first three months of 1999 were to Filipino mothers.

Of the 338 live births from January to February, only 110 belong to Chamorro mothers and only 21 to Carolinians which are the two major indigenous ethnic groups here.

Seventeen newborns were to Chinese women, followed by

Chuukese (16), Palauans (13), Koreans (11), Caucasians (seven), Ponapeans (six), Thais (four), and one each to Indonesian and Mexican mothers.

Thirty-three or 9.76 percent of the total live births were to teenage mothers.

So far, the January live births of 135 is the highest record.

Total prenatal clients for the first quarter is pegged at 847.

The same data released by DPH shows 29 deaths, as well as four infant deaths.

Total outpatient visits for the first quarter of 1999 stood at 29,153, while emergency care cases were pegged at 4,194.

DPH also recorded 1,427 general admissions to CHC.

The primary purposes of visit among outpatients include dental examination, prenatal, well child care, acute URI, physical therapy and otitis.

The current CNMI population estimate for 1998 is 66,616. The Department of Commerce said the population has increased from 16,780 in 1980 to 58,846 in 1995, representing a population growth rate of about 5.6 percent.

## Saipan, Guam among top destinations for weddings

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

SAIPAN and Guam have joined Hawaii as the most popular destinations for overseas weddings among Japanese tourists, according to the Japan Travel Bureau.

The JTB survey showed that Saipan and Guam accounted for 14.5 percent next to Hawaii's 59.2 percent in the nationwide bookings for overseas weddings among Japanese travelers.

US Mainland and Oceania followed with 11.2 percent and 9.7 percent respectively in the bookings for weddings, said the survey of honeymoon trends conducted during the March through May honeymoon season.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is reportedly aiming to have a 30 percent increase of couples coming in the CNMI to "tie the knot."

Under the MVA's new wedding program designed by the agency's marketing specialist Motoyo E. Castro, the tourism industry will provide to every visitor, among other things, mvaar mvaars and marriage certificates signed by the governor.

The CNMI's tourism industry sees the expanding wedding market as an important trend on which to capitalize.

The JTB survey provided to

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## Saipan on golf map

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

AFTER almost two years since the inception of the first CNMI Golf Extravaganza, the Marianas Visitors Authority has high hopes that Saipan will be included in the

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## Guam victim rights group given recognition by Reno

Variety News Staff  
HAGATNA — Guam's Victims Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) has been given the Crime Victim Service Award by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

VARO joined five individuals and three organizations nationwide in receiving the prestigious award which is the highest federal award given for outstanding service to crime victims.

VARO has been providing comprehensive services to crime victims on Guam since 1982. VARO offers crisis intervention 24 hours a day to victims of assault, domestic violence, and sexual assault as well as survivors of homicide and suicide.

Reno presented the awards at a ceremony which coincided with the fourth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The ceremony also marked the

U.S. Justice Department's commemoration of National Crime Victims Rights Week, which takes place April 25 to May 1.

Many of the award recipients had experienced personal tragedy and became advocates on behalf of other victims.

"By recognizing the efforts of these outstanding victim advocates, we honor all those whose work touches the lives of victims and those whose lives have been touched by crime," Reno said in a statement.

VARO's services on Guam include advocacy, transportation, shelter, emergency financial assistance, provision of clothing and personal care items and referrals.

VARO has been particularly active in reforming Guam's response to family violence, participating in GovGuam's Family

## Camacho hits alien workers 'dominance'

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

FORMER Gov. Carlos S. Camacho is not happy with the continuous increase in the number of nonresident workers CNMI, and urged the Northern Mariana College and the business sector to do something to control the situation.

Camacho made the comments during a radio interview Friday.

Camacho challenged NMC to take on the task of preparing the local citizens to join the workforce by providing quality education.



Carlos S. Camacho

Camacho's concerns was shared earlier by Manny Sablan,

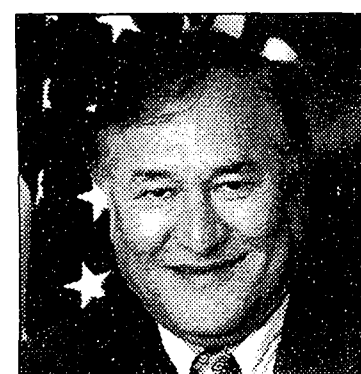
chairman of NMC's board of regents.

According to Sablan, in a businessman's point of view, it would be hard for any company to take in workers which it thinks are not qualified for the job.

"We should educate them (locals) and later after they have graduated, they can do what they want. They can even go abroad to look for jobs too if they want," he said.

Camacho said the government is in a bad situation due to the problem of increasing foreign workers and lack of funding.

## House panel mulls hearing, not investigation of Hocog complaint



Karl T. Reyes

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE Committee on Ways and Means may conduct a public hearing on the alleged politically motivated firing of 21 Tinian mayor's office employees, Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Prec. 1, Saipan) said yesterday.

But Reyes, who chairs the committee, said the allegation raised by Rep. Jose A. Hocog (R-Tinian) is a "tough question involving politics" that does not require an oversight investigation.

"The most we can do is a public hearing so we can determine what type of employees is involved—whether they're graded or ungraded," Reyes said.

He noted at the same time that

Mayor Frank M. Borja's decision to scrap funding for the employees' positions came in the wake of the government's "cash-flow" problems.

Hocog, a former Democrat who is now the Tinian Republicans' candidate for the Senate seat currently held by incumbent David M. Cing (D), claimed that the 21 employees are his supporters.

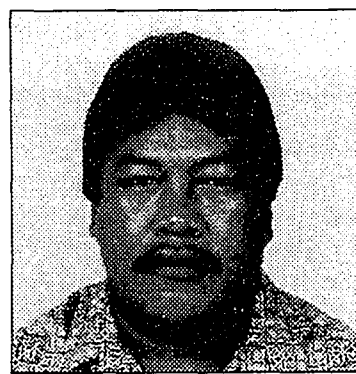
Borja, however, has denied that there is anything "political" in the termination of the employees, most of whom, he added, are his relatives.

The mayor said he is not even a candidate in the upcoming November elections.

He said the decision to terminate the contracts of the employees—effective June 1—was based on their productivity and the availability of funding for their positions.

Borja said in light of the government's austerity measures, his employees have been in a seven-hour-a-day workshift since last year.

But in his letter to Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Prec. 2, Saipan), Hocog said Borja is supporting the Tinian Democratic Party's candidate, Cing, who is seeking a third term.



Jose A. Hocog

Included among the 21 employees are Hocog's son, mother-in-law, four brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law, the Variety learned.

The mother-in-law and two aunts of Tinian Municipal Council Chair Henry San Nicolas, who is running with Hocog as the Republican House candidate, were also handed their notice of termination, as well as Sen. Herman M. Manglona's (R-Tinian) two daughters and a son.

Among the eight Republican senators, Manglona is the only one supporting Hocog's candidacy.

The rest of the Republican senators, including the party's titular head, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, have openly endorsed Cing.

# Skip jack tuna NMI's edge

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

WHILE the Commonwealth lags behind other Pacific island nations in Yellowfin and Big Eye tuna fishing, it nevertheless has a good stock of Skipjack tuna which offers potential revenue sources for the ailing economy.

"The CNMI does not have the kind... of volume (of yellow fin and big eye tuna) compared to the Marshall Islands and Fiji," said Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Richard Seman.

The two fish species, according to Seman are "commercially high-priced."

"But," Seman stressed, "the

CNMI has a pretty good stock of Skipjack tuna."

Seman added that while the local fishery resources "may not have as wide an opportunity as in other island nations," there is a potential for the pole and line type of fishing where fishermen go to a school of tuna to bait them into the vessel.

A copy of the CNMI Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) showed that Japanese longline and pole and line vessels that operated within the Commonwealth's 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone from 1965 up to 1970 yielded 15.6 million pounds of fish with Skipjack being the primary catch

where 14 million pounds were landed every year.

Yellowfin harvests averaged just over a million pounds and longline harvests of Big Eye had an annual average of 217,449 pounds.

According to the MCP, Japanese longliners also harvested a significant quantity of Albacore tuna.

The 1979-to-present average domestic harvest of 163,000

pounds, MCP noted, is only slightly greater than one percent of the Japanese vessels' harvest during the preceding period.

With tourism on the decline, CNMI officials have been considering diversifying the economy slowly towards under industries, the fisheries among them.

According to the MCP estimates, the CNMI could gain a total range of between \$400,000 and \$667,000 in royalty revenue

—fees required from international fishing firms in exchange for using the EEZ.

It was only during the late 1970s that CNMI, with the help of the US, started enforcing its EEZ.

The Commonwealth is currently awaiting approval of its MCP by the US Department of Commerce, a move that will allow it to enter into agreements with international fishing firms and realize revenues, among other gains.

## Asian currency crisis stifles fisheries growth

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE 1997 series of currency devaluation that rocked several Asian economies could adversely impact on the CNMI government's efforts to open its 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone to concessions with foreign fishing companies, a government report said.

The report, which is integrated into the CNMI Marine Conservation Plan (MCP), stated that while Asian nations will likely express some interest in access to the EEZ, the intensity of their interest and the resulting willingness to pay for it is unclear.

"The condition of Asian economies and their currency value with respect to the US dollar may be limiting factors," the report explained.

"Some Asian countries, such as Korea, have experienced severe devaluation in their cur-

rency during the late 1997. Devaluation of currency with respect to the US dollar will make foreign fishing access fees much more expensive and may limit Asian interest," it added.

The report said these potential partners may express interests into entering into a fishing concession while bargaining for lower royalty fees due to their reduced ability to pay.

Royalty payments, landing taxes as they are sometimes called, usually range between three to five percent of the gross landed value, according to the report.

Meantime, the report said that Japan, which has fished within CNMI's waters in the past, may be a potential partner.

"Given the fact that the Japanese pole and line fleet operated just to the north, west and east of the CNMI in recent years,

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April 15, 1999

Pursuant to Public Law 8-11, Section 11, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the CDA Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) will be held on Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, Wakin's Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

#### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Roll Call
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
  1. February 16, 1999
- IV. REPORTS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Marianas Visitors Authority's Request
  2. \$2M Loan from MFLT for American Memorial Park (P.L. 11-72)
  3. SHA Micro Loan
  4. House Bill 11-394 (Qualifying Tax Certificate Program)
- VII. DCID MATTERS
  1. Loan Reports
  2. Loan Requests/Applications
- VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
  1. CDA Logo
- IX. OTHER MATTERS
- X. BDC Interns
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

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Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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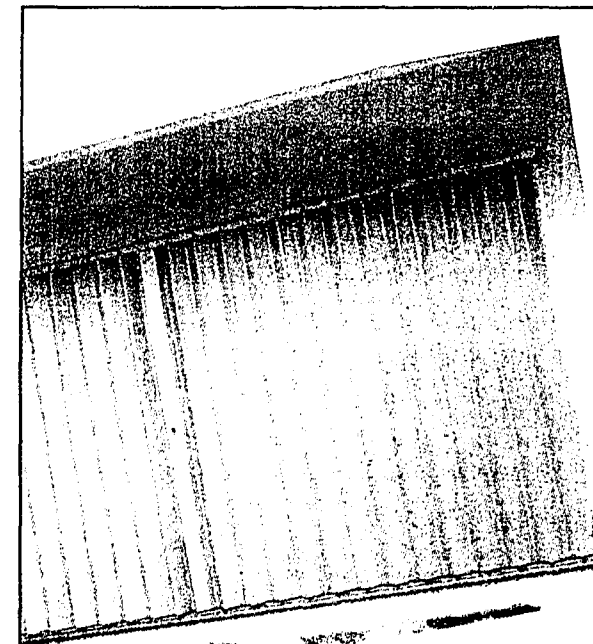
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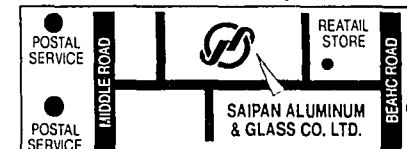


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## Munson TRO prevents Hillblom case payments

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE FEDERAL court has issued a temporary restraining order preventing the guardians for Larry Hillblom's children from making any payments to Hawaii attorney Benjamin B. Cassidy III and former Philippine vice president Salvador H. Laurel.

US District Court Judge Alex R. Munson also temporarily enjoined Cassidy and Laurel from making any payment or disbursement of monies received by them in connection with an agreement.

Munson issued the TRO against Cassidy and Laurel pending a hearing on a motion filed by Bruce L. Jorgensen for

preliminary injunction.

Cassidy is guardian for Hillblom's three alleged children (Alexa, Honeylyn, and Jeryl) from Jocelyn Nonan. Cassidy is representing Laurel in the Nonans' heirship claims against Hillblom's estate.

Munson set a hearing on Monday for Jorgensen's motion for preliminary injunction.

Jorgensen sued Cassidy and Laurel for alleged fraud and breach of contract involving a deal in Hillblom's estate.

The plaintiff asked the court to prohibit Laurel and Cassidy from making any transfer or payment of the Nonan group's settle-

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## Guam probes health care

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — The Guam Legislature will launch a wide-ranging examination of the medical industry on Guam to tackle the industry's many problems and set a direction for the island's health care policy for the future.

According to Sen. Simon Sanchez, chairman of the legislative committee on health, the review is necessary in light of the continuing problems in Guam's hospital as well as the new challenges facing the health care industry brought upon by the economic downturn.

"This will be wide ranging and very fundamental because it touches everybody's lives," Sanchez said. "We'll try to work out the disagreements on health care and focus on the commonali-

ties as we try to reshape our health care policy for the future."

Among the issues to be taken up will be the state of the hospital, subsidizing health care for the poor, public health care, the quality of health care, peer review for doctors, questions on whether insurance companies should be regulated and to what extent, the possibility of privatizing the Guam Memorial Hospital, and how Guam should deal with compact impact issues.

"For instance, one of the big problems we'll tackle is the fact that 40 percent of the hospital's business comes from people with no insurance, or those who pay on their own, or have only partial coverage," the senator said. "We call these no pay, self pay, and

slow pay. They represent an increasing amount of the hospital's business and that's a concern because if these people can't pay their bills, how will the hospital survive?"

According to Sanchez, the government already subsidizes health care for the poor through the MIP (medically indigent program). But because of budgetary constraints, Sanchez said the government is finding it increasingly difficult to come up with the money for health care.

"Now, with more people unable to pay for their hospital bills, somehow we have to get those services paid for. That means government would have to put up more money in these extremely

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## Work on airport sewer project on

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

THE CONTRACTOR involved in the snagged \$4.9 million airline sewer line project is looking at hiring a new batch of workers for the undertaking as the old ones have been sent home after the Commonwealth Ports Authority issued a temporary stop order last year.

At the same time, Pacific Drilling Ltd. General Manager Ravindra Gogineni said the company plans to go "full scale" on the project.

He did not give a projected completion date, explaining that PDL will have to start all over again by early next month with the necessary survey.

"We are getting things ready including our equipment. We will get back to work, we are anticipating (to do it) maybe by next week or early May," said Gogineni.

"It is going to be a tight sched-

ule. It is going to be a double work for us. We are going to do a new survey. We want to go full scale on this. We will put in as many people as possible.

"We have to get new people here. Some of the employees have already been sent back due to the stop order," he added.

Gogineni said PDL "wants to finish (the project) as soon as possible."

Work on the project, which extends from the Saipan International Airport through Dandan and out to the Agiguan waste water treatment facility, was halted last year after the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established that its scope exceeded allowable specification.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) recently arrived at an agreement stipulating that CUC will shoulder the \$750,000 PDL is asking for damages in-

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## Palau bill for ban of tree export snagged in OEK

By MALOU L. SAYSON

For the Variety

KOROR (Palau Horizon) — The forests of Palau goes beyond providing beautiful scenery that attract tourists far and wide, but also by serving as natural buffer against the onslaughts of nature as well as man-made disasters that come in the form of environmental degradation.

Langushing long enough at the Congress is Senate Bill No. 5-303, SD1 or an Act to prohibit the export of trees and lumber from the Republic.

Latest progress made on the bill was the submission of Standing Committee Report No. 5-180 to Senate President Isidoro Rudimich last Mar. 2.

The Senate Committee on Resources and Development (SCRD) is thus pressing for the immediate passage of the bill.

The proposed measure intended to prevent the export of



Isidoro Rudimich

trees, lumber and other unfinished wood products from Palau, is deemed important vis-a-vis the absence of any forestry programs to protect this precious resource from exploitation.

While most neighboring Southeast Asian countries have been suffering from a gamut of environmental disasters as a result of unabated forest denudation

prompting these governments to impose moratorium on lumber export and even extensive logging, Palau is enjoying a rather healthy environment due to its virgin forests.

Palau Horizon learned from a lumberman, Juanes Butelbai, possibly the only one in Palau, that he suggested the idea of export ban to Senator Johnny Reklai.

Butelbai called the senator's attention to protect their forestry resources considering the intention or expressed interest of foreigners to set up logging firms in the country.

He told Palau Horizon that "it's not fair for the Palauans to entertain any logging firms in the country or else in a matter of one year, the resources will all be exhausted."

"These resources are for Palauans and not for outsiders," he stressed, considering the small

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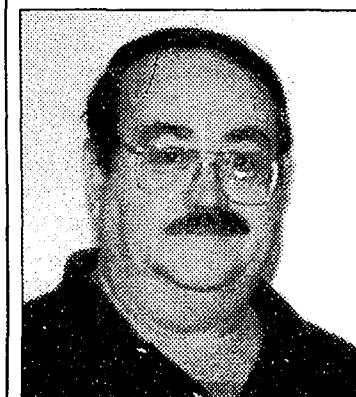
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## Ingram seeks transfer of certain DPS functions



Charles W. Ingram Jr.

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

PUBLIC Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram Jr. is proposing that the control and supervision of the police and fire divisions of the Department of Public Safety be transferred to the Mayor's Office.

Ingram also proposed that the Bureau of Motor Vehicle be

placed under the Department of Commerce, and the Division of Corrections under direct supervision of the central government.

Ingram's proposals, which were stated in the testimony submitted to the House committee on judiciary and governmental operations during a recent oversight hearing, call for the virtual abolition of the department.

Ingram said his proposal would improve law enforcement operations since the police will get instructions directly from the municipal government.

Moreover, he said this way the public safety department would be spared from politics.

"The amount of politics is just too appalling to bear as I attempt to perform my job," Ingram said.

Ingram first made the proposal during his confirmation hearing at the Senate than years ago.

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## DFW to install buoys

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

THE CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife is set to release at least 10 buoys assisting fishermen in having a bigger catch, said DFW Director Richard Serman.

Serman said the installation of the buoys — Fish Aggregation Device (FADs) — will commence next month. The project, he added, is funded through a federal grant amounting to \$104,000.

"We are set to deploy the FADs probably in May," said Serman, in an interview.

Serman said a "competitive" bid is in the process of being issued for the actual installation

and maintenance of the device. He added that a local firm that can manufacture the FADs has been identified.

"Everything is in place the FADs have been secured and set up for the procurement of the assembly of the buoys. We are now in the process of doing the anchorage system," said Serman, adding that the US Fish and Wildlife Service-funded program is "highly regarded by local fishermen and has proven (to be) very effective in the past years."

Serman explained that "for some reason," the fish look for floating objects where they stay beneath for some time.

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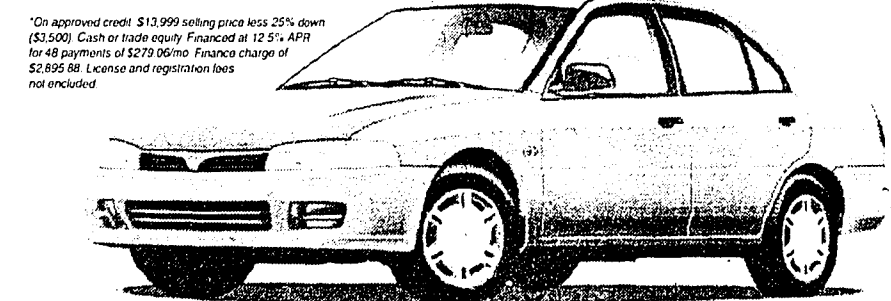


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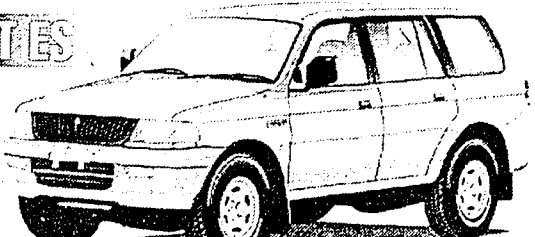


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# AROUND the Islands

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

## UOG singers to perform on Saipan

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC School System will be sponsoring a concert featuring the University of Guam Singers

on April 30 and May 2.

According to Principal Martha Haberman of San Vicente Elementary School, proceeds from the concert will go to PSS-PTA's

funds.

"Once the PSS-PTA gets the proceeds, the group will provide the needs of each school such as desks, chairs or anything basic that students need depending on the amount collected," Haberman said.

The concert is a fund raising activity to help augment the public schools' treasury which is depleting due to the economic crisis being faced by the present administration.

The April 30 concert will be held at the American Memorial

Park. The group will perform a Disney-inspired musicale.

Ticket costs \$20 per family of five.

The May 2 concert will be held at Gilligan's of the Hyatt Regency Saipan from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Ticket costs \$50 for single and \$75 for couples.

The group will be performing various types of music ranging from the Beatles.

The group is composed of 60 members from various cultural and academic backgrounds.

During the concert, a pianist

from the Guam Symphony Choral will be accompanying the group.

The group's "Big B's music" include masterpieces from three of the world's greatest composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig Van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms.

The group will be doing a medley of some of the Beatles classics including Let It Be, Yesterday, Ticket to Ride, among others.

UOG Singers will also perform a short version of the operetta called "The Pirate of Penzance."

## CNMI Arts Council invites all photographers to join exhibit

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture is inviting all photographers on Saipan to join in the 3rd Annual Photography Exhibit to be held at the Arts Gallery in Capitol Hill.

The exhibit will open on May 7 and will run until May 29.

According to Tina Foster, the exhibit coordinator, the event is open to all professional and amateur photographers in the CNMI.

"We are encouraging everybody to join the exhibit. No age

limit is required," she said.

Aside from experienced photographers, the Arts Council has been expecting to have student participants from the Northern Marianas College or the Marianas High School.

Foster said there is no size limit for the artwork and added that photographs should all be mounted for display.

The Arts Council requires no unifying theme in the photographs that will be displayed during the exhibit.

The organizer added the last day to submit artwork will be on

April 28 at 4:30 pm and no late entries will be accepted.

Foster said in last year's exhibit, the Arts Council has featured 10 photographers in the CNMI and they are hoping to at least come up with the same number of participants.

The exhibit's opening reception will be on May 3rd from 4 pm to 6 pm.

The activity will be the first major event of the Arts Council after this weekend's celebration of the 18th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival at the American Memorial Park.



Members of the Peleliu Association of CNMI clean up portions of Wing Beach last Saturday. The trash pick up drive is part of the group's Adopt-A-Beach program.

## NMC offers Y2K testing class

THE NMC Community Programs Office is offering the Y2K Testing and Remediation Class for Microsoft Products on May 22 and May 29 from 8 am to 12 noon in Building W, Room 3. NMC Saipan campus.

A minimal fee of \$70 will be assessed.

This class is a must if for anyone concerned about Y2K compliance and use Microsoft Windows or any Microsoft applications such as Word, Excel, Access, etc...

Without being fixed with the latest upgrades from Microsoft, software is fully Y2K compliant.

This four hour class will teach on how to test the Windows system and applications for Y2K compliance of Microsoft products.

After learning how to test the system, one will learn how to apply the necessary fixes to the operating system and applications.

Also, included is a CD with fixes that may or may not be applicable.

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## CAO announces arrival of Makali'i

THE CAROLINIAN Affairs Office announces that the Makali'i Voyagers will be docking at the Smiling Cove Marina on April 22, Thursday, around midday.

An Official Welcoming Ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the CAO Utu (Pavilion).

Those who wish to contribute/donate in-kind goods, please contact Jocelyn C. Seman at telephone numbers 234-6385 or 233-1129.

## Guam sees merits of local control

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Guam Acting Gov. Madeleine Z. Bordallo said Washington's move to ask Tinian to temporarily host 147 illegal Chinese immigrants to Tinian should tell the federal government the importance of granting Guam its quest for immigration autonomy.

"We in Guam for years have asked to be taken outside of the U.S. immigration border. Now that we are under attack because we are inside the U.S. immigration area, Washington has signaled the flexibility and value of the CNMI's being outside of U.S. immigration. The answer to the entire dilemma is to have the issue of Guam's immigration status resolved," Bordallo said.

The White House responded yesterday on some issues regarding the illegal immigrant crisis.

Bordallo, they were advised that the situation Guam faces requires a lot more money than what is available in the Attorney General's emergency alien immigration fund.

Bordallo said meetings with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Office of Management and Budget and the White House were being set to identify how funds could be moved around to repay Guam.

The White House indicated that it wanted to move forward with the governor's recommendation to use Tiyan barracks as a detention facility.

GovGuam is just waiting for formal notice about reimbursement.

## NMC . . .

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plicable to any given system. Some thought must be used to insure one does not create more problems than he or she solves.

A thorough discussion of what is meant by the phrase "Complaint with minor issues" as used by Microsoft will also be held.

Many Microsoft products that are not compliant do not fail to operate, they simply return inaccurate data.

Anyone interested in registering or would like more information, please contact Bonnie or Daisy at 234-5498, Extensions 1813 and 1814.

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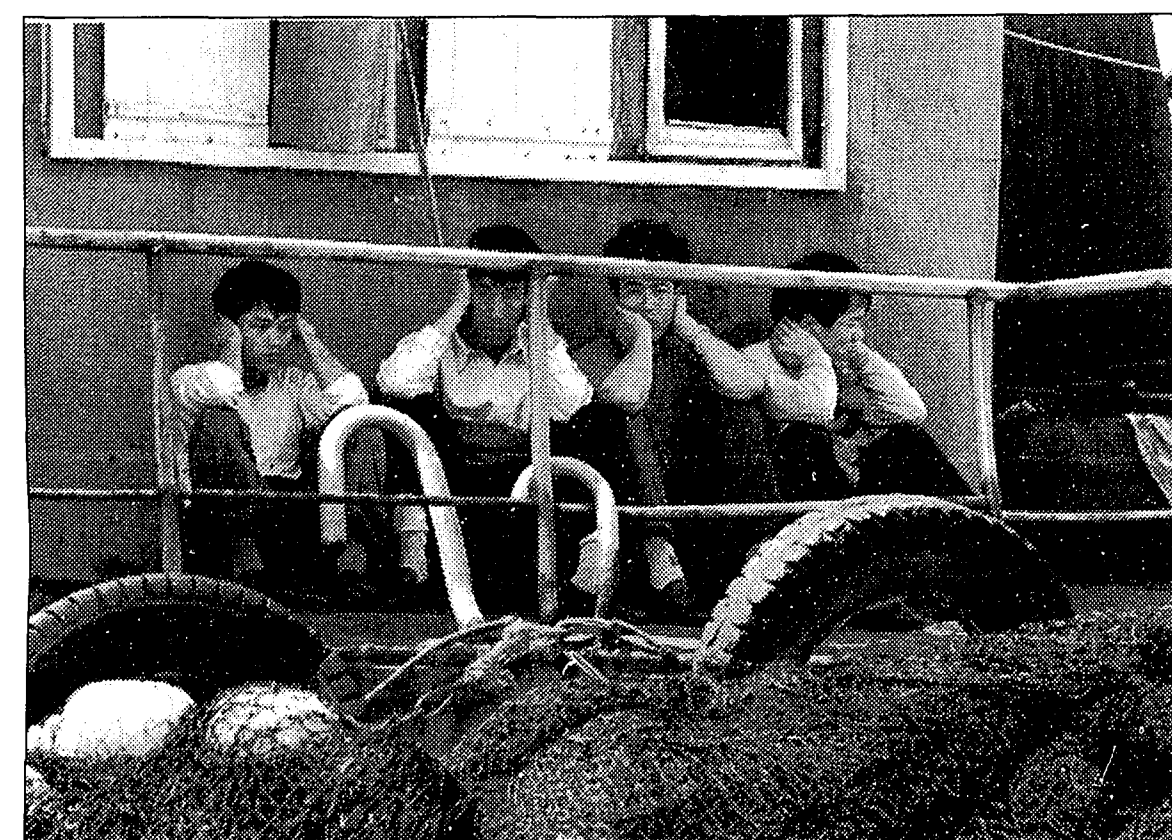
ment, before proceeding with the development of the site.

Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Pacific Marathon has been set up with the military, the Immigration, and the Naturalization Service. The Task Force's main mission is to house illegal immigrants in a camp on Tinian.

Bordallo said that the White House indicated that the individuals housed on Tinian may be repatriated to China in as early as two or three weeks.

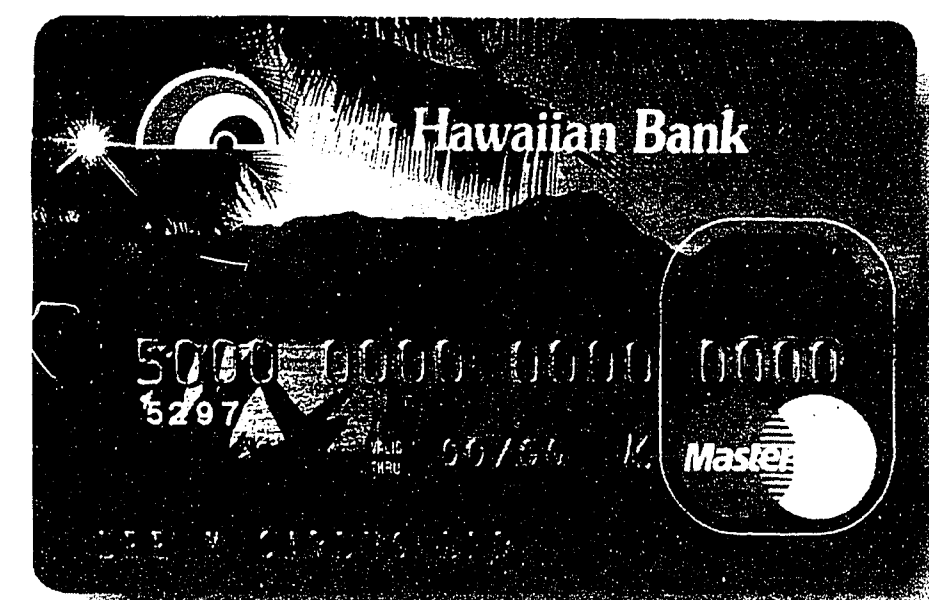
Bordallo noted that the Department of Corrections, with the assistance from the National Guard, is handling the housing of 439 illegal Chinese immigrants as of yesterday afternoon. In addition, the Department of Public Works has provided two decommissioned school busses which will be dedicated to transport the immigrants.

Gov. Carl Gutierrez is currently on the Marshall Islands preparing for the kickoff of the 3rd Annual meeting of the Council of Micronesian Chief Executives.



Four Chinese nationals suspected to be the boat captains that ferried a boat full of illegal immigrants sit onboard their boat Saturday morning after docking at Hotel Wharf on Guam. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

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## Uninsured kids in American Samoa to receive coverage

PAGOPAGO (Pacnews)—The American Samoa Government has been awarded a grant to provide health coverage to uninsured children through the national Children's Health Insurance Programme (CHIP).

The Government is expected to receive in excess of \$US750,000 over the next three years under the federal programme.

CHIP provides health care to 2.5 million children across the United States who do not have health insurance.

These are children in families with incomes above the medicaid level, but not enough to afford private health insurance.

Announcing the grant, Congressman Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin said the funds would provide new money for the hospital in the capital, Pago Pago to improve the care of children.

He paid special tribute to US President Bill Clinton's efforts to launch the program "when the majority in Congress opposed it."

## Fiji power consortium can not guarantee lower rates

SUVA (Pacnews)—Fiji's new independent electricity producer, a consortium comprising British, New Zealand and Fijian companies, says it cannot guarantee that it will be able to provide electricity at a cheaper rate in future.

The three partners in the consortium are Fijian Holdings Limited, a company looking after the business interests of the Fijian provinces in the country, Rolls Royce Power Limited of Britain, and New Zealand's Mighty River Power Limited.

The company will sell electricity to the Government-owned Fiji Electricity Authority (FEA).

Project Development Manager for Mighty River, Abdul Khan, said they cannot say whether electricity will be cheaper unless the consortium

finalises the power purchase agreement with FEA.

"Until we finalise the power purchase agreement and the 10 key points of the contract, and which technology we will use, things like the cost of the site and cost of the machines, among other things, it is difficult for me to say what the price of electricity will be," he said.

Fiji's Energy Minister, Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, said yesterday the power purchase agreement would allow consumers to benefit through better electricity charges.

The joint venture company will build a \$FJ40 million (\$US20 million) power generating station in the capital, Suva.

According to Khan, the generators should be in place by July 2001.

## Elsewhere in the Pacific Solomons denies report about \$10M arms delivery

By ROBERT KEITH-REID  
SUVA, Fiji (AP)—The Solomon Islands government on Monday denied a report it had received a consignment of arms worth a \$10 million.

The Solomon Islands Broadcasting Commission reported that three containers of weapons arrived late last month, two more containers on Saturday and another six aboard the Chinese ship Cheng Hang on Sunday.

Equipment was reported to include consignment guns, a helicopter and night-vision equipment.

Alfred Sasako, Minister of State Assisting the Prime Minister, said the containers held only Cessna aircraft.

Former Prime Minister Solomon Mamaloni was ousted after trying to buy arms from a Singapore supplier in late 1997.

The shipment was intercepted in Australia at the request of Mamaloni's successor

Bartholomew Ulufa'alu.

Mamaloni said his government bought the weapons for the police force and national security purposes.

At the time, Solomon Island police patrols were involved with cross-border skirmishes with army units from neighboring Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea accused the Solomon Islands of harboring rebel fighters from a secessionist army on Bougainville. A ceasefire has since been signed between Papua New Guinea and the Bougainville secessionists.

The denial also comes as ethnic tensions continue in the Solomons capital, Honiara.

A placid backwater since American and Japanese troops battled in the archipelago in World War II, the Solomons are being wracked by increasingly bitter ethnic feuds.

The tensions mainly involve Guadalcanal natives and people

from Malaita, an island 60 miles (96 kilometers) across Iron Bottom Sound, the underwater graveyard for more than 40 U.S. and Japanese warships.

To the resentment of Guadalcanal natives, Malaitan people who have migrated to Guadalcanal now dominate government jobs and business in Honiara.

Police Commissioner Frank Short has suspended the sale of firearms and ammunition in the country because of the tension.

Six overseas volunteer organizations recently wrote to Ulufa'alu seeking assurances their field workers would be safe.

Two American Peace Corps volunteers were recently evacuated from Avu Avu in Guadalcanal Province due to community trouble.

The organizations include the U.S. Peace Corps, U.N. Volunteers and British, Australian, Japanese and Canadian groups.

## UN poll: Pacific tries to cope with growth

MELBOURNE (Pacnews)—A United Nations survey has found Pacific island nations are struggling to keep pace with population growth and the resulting demands for jobs and better living standards.

The annual survey found most Pacific island countries have seen a decline in living standards over the past two

decades as population growth rates exceeded economic growth.

The report said three out of six countries, for which data is available, suffered negative growth rates in 1998 compared with three out of nine countries in 1997.

Samoa, the Cook Islands, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea

showed positive growth rates while Fiji, Solomon Islands and Tonga experienced negative growth in 1998.

The report said a shortage of land was one of the major obstacles to growth in population in the island states, which rely heavily on agriculture for subsistence and cash income.

## BRA rebels shot in clash

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—Two members of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA) have been airlifted by the Peace Monitoring Group (PMG) after they were seriously injured in a clash with rebels from another faction.

The two Kongara men were shot by rebels from Luno after a troop of Kongara rebels allegedly attacked the village in the mountainous Wisai area of Buin, South Bougainville.

Rebel planner Ben Kamda told the Post-Courier in Buka that the Kongara men were seeking retribution over the death of their commander's relative at the hands of a sorcerer.

Kamda said he was concerned about the incident and would be travelling to the area to investigate.

The two men are now at the PMG hospital in Loloho.

"They are lucky to be alive," the rebel spokesman said.

Kamda said the Peace Monitoring Group were on a medical clinic patrol at Keremona village when the rebels brought the two injured men by foot.

## Tan pledges to raise \$200M to save PAL

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine Airlines majority shareholder Lucio Tan pledged Monday to put together a group of investors who will infuse \$200 million in new capital into the financially troubled carrier to keep it from closing.

The new investment is a key element of a rehabilitation plan submitted by PAL's management to Manila's Securities and Exchange Commission for approval.

SEC chairman Perfecto Yasay welcomed Tan's pledge, but said he wants more details on the new equity.

"It's good that the money is coming in, but we have to know where it's coming from," Yasay said.

The SEC effectively rejected the rescue plan last Thursday as "unacceptable," saying it was "fraught with generalities" and failed to supply key information, such as identifying a new investor group.

Tan, one of the Philippines' richest men, made the pledge during a special meeting of PAL's board of directors to answer the SEC query on the new capital's source, an airline statement said.

Tan offered to immediately place in escrow an initial \$100 million, which would be released subject to certain conditions, including commitments from the government, PAL's creditors and labor unions to help save the flag carrier, the statement said.

However, PAL did not explain the conditions further or give the names of the investors who might join Tan's group.

By infusing the new capital, Tan "further concretizes his commitment to the nation and the government to keep PAL operational despite the heavy burden of its financial state," PAL said.

The \$200 million in new capital would give any new investor a 90 percent shareholding in the carrier.

Aside from Tan, who now owns 70 percent of the carrier, the other major shareholders in the com-

## Land dispute led to grenade attack in RP

LEGAZPI, Philippines (AP)—Police have charged three brothers with involvement in a grenade attack that killed 14 people in a northern village, apparently over a land dispute, officials said Monday.

Police said two of the brothers were arrested on Sunday and the third is still at large. They are accused of planning the attack, in which a grenade was lobbed into a crowd of about 200 people, mostly teen-agers, who were dancing during a festival on Batan island off Legazpi city.

A witness, Antonio Barcelona, saw one of the three brothers hurl the grenade, which exploded amid the merry-makers early Thursday, initially killing 12 people and in-

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## Estrada celebrates 62nd birthday



Philippine President Joseph Estrada (center) throws coins to supporters as he celebrates his 62nd birthday at a resettlement housing area for slum dwellers in Manila Monday. Estrada, a former movie actor, has traditionally celebrated his birthday among poor families since his days as mayor of a small town near Manila.

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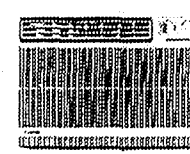
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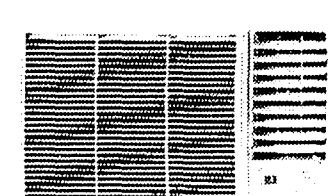
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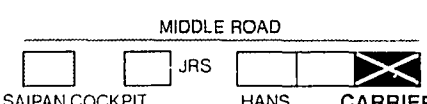
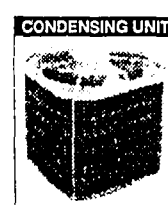
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## RP rules out visit by Taiwan's president



Domingo Siazon



Lee Teng-hui

MANILA (Reuters) — The Philippines on Monday ruled out a plan by local academics to invite Taiwan's president to Manila, saying such a visit would further strain ties with China.

The group of academics had hoped Lee Teng-hui would accept an honorary degree at the state-run University of the Philippines at a ceremony in Manila this coming weekend.

But Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon opposed the plan "in view of the serious repercussions of such a visit," said a senior foreign ministry official, who asked not to be identified.

A spokesman for the Taiwan president's office in Taipei said on Monday he had not heard of the invitation at all.

But the Chinese Foreign Min-

istry last week summoned the Philippine ambassador, Romualdo Ong, to object to any visit by Lee to the Philippines, the Philippine official told reporters.

China also voiced opposition to such a visit in talks with Philippine officials during an Asia-Europe meeting of foreign ministers in Berlin last month, the official said.

Sino-Philippine relations have soured since late last year when the Philippines accused China of building structures on a coral reef claimed by Manila in the disputed Spratly Islands. Manila says the facilities have potential military uses.

China has ignored a Philippine demand to remove the facilities, saying they are shelters

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## Man in illegal campaign contribution case is in RP

By JIM GOMEZ

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A Filipino businessman indicted in the United States on charges of making illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic Party is in the Philippines, but the Manila government will not take action unless requested by Washington, an official said Monday.

President Joseph Estrada's executive secretary, Ronaldo Zamora, said he talked with Mark B. Jimenez by telephone about a week ago, and he is still in the Philippines.

Estrada, who also knows Jimenez, said he would not get involved with the businessman's legal troubles in the United States.

"In as much as Mr. Jimenez has no charges here in the Philippine government, I think that is the problem of the U.S.," Estrada told reporters.

An indictment issued in Washington in September accused Jimenez of 17 counts of illegally giving nearly \$1

40,000 to candidates of the national Democratic Party. Those charges were incorporated into an indictment last week which also accuses him of conspiracy, tax evasion and mail fraud.

Jimenez reportedly was Florida's largest donor to the national Democratic Party in 1996.

Jimenez fled the United States in December. The U.S. Department of Justice has said it will seek his extradition.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Manila refused to comment on Jimenez's case.

The businessman is accused of conspiring to defraud the Federal Elections Commission by using corporate money for campaign contributions. The indictment says Jimenez got employees of companies he owned and controlled to give money to Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and candidates for the U.S. House and Senate, and then reimbursed them.

Jimenez is also accused of defrauding the IRS by taking business deductions for personal expenses and political contributions made with money from Future Tech International Inc. Jimenez was chief executive of the company.

Jimenez promised to raise \$25,000 in connection with a Clinton-Gore fundraiser in September 1995. He produced \$1,000 personal checks from 25 employees, who were later reimbursed via their payroll, according to the indictment.

Jimenez's companies also allegedly defrauded a business partner, computer hard-drive manufacturer Quantum Corp., by billing it for ads that were never placed in Puerto Rican and South American publications as well as PC magazines, the indictment said.

The bills were accompanied by faked copies of the ads, the document said. Quantum was cheated out of more than \$600,000, according to the indictment.

Oloroso, a 35-year-old farmer, but he denied any role in the attack, saying he was drunk and had only thrown a bottle of gin. The two arrested brothers, Reynaldo and Jimmy Barde, claimed at the time to be witnesses and linked Oloroso to the attack, police said.

Police said the Bardes, who were charged with multiple murder, apparently staged the attack because of a long-standing land dispute with the Oloroso family, many members of which attended the dance party and were injured by the grenade blast.

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juried about 50 others, police investigator Efrén Cardino said. Two victims died later in a hospital, he said.

Police initially arrested Cleto

## Japan LDP 'cool' to early party election

TOKYO (Reuters) — The policy chief of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on Monday said the party's presidential election should be held as scheduled in September unless there is a compelling reason to bring the vote forward.

"If we are to have an early party presidential election, there must be a consensus within the party and I believe we should hold the election according to (existing) rules," Yukihiko Ikeda told reporters.

"Unless there is some extreme situation, the election should be according to the rules," he added.

Some LDP heavyweights have floated the idea of an early party poll this summer in which Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi would run uncontested and win another year in office instead of the usual two years.

Obuchi took over as party chief last July after then LDP president and prime minister Ryutaro Hashimoto stepped down to take responsibility for

a poor performance by the ruling party in an Upper House election.

Ikeda also said it was too early to talk about a possible extension of the current session of parliament, set to end in June.

"This is not something we should talk about yet," he said, adding he would make every effort to finish up major pending legislative issues before the scheduled end of the session.

Some politicians have begun talking about extending the session to avoid a political vacuum at a time when the economy remains fragile.

Ikeda said the economy had stopped deteriorating, but said he did not expect there to be a "visible" recovery by autumn. He said he expected a big drop in corporate capital spending again in the current business year which began on April 1, adding that now was not the time to change Japan's credit policy of very low interest rates.

## Japan says no change in policy towards China

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japan's top government spokesman said on Monday there was no change in policy towards China following the election of nationalist politician Shintaro Ishihara as governor of Tokyo last week.

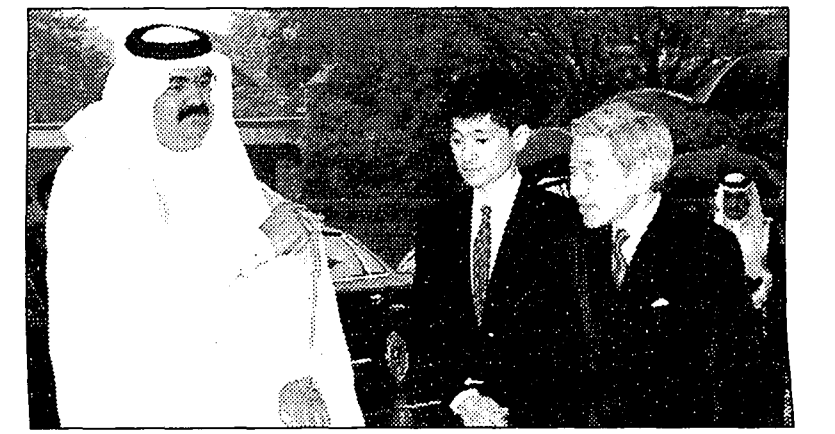
"There is absolutely no change in our government's policy towards China and Taiwan," said Hiromu Nonaka, the chief cabinet secretary.

"The Japanese government must maintain its friendly relations with China," he told a regular briefing.

Nonaka had been asked about Beijing's criticism of Tokyo Governor-elect Ishihara for making remarks it called "anti-Chinese," and its warning that such statements were damaging relations between the two countries.

State news agency Xinhua quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi as saying on Sunday that Ishihara had been "beautifying" Japan's military aggression earlier this century, and held "absurd" anti-China views.

Nonaka said Japan would maintain its one-China policy agreed in a 1972 joint communique. Under this policy, Tokyo does not



Qatar's Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani (left) is greeted by Japanese Emperor Akihito upon his arrival for the imperial audience at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo Monday. AP

support the independence of Taiwan, which China views as a renegade province.

Ishihara won the race for the governorship of Tokyo with around 30 percent of the vote on April 11. He takes office on April 27. The outspoken author has offended China and other Asian countries by casting doubt on wartime atrocities committed by Japan.

On Sunday, China's leading mouthpiece the People's Daily ran a commentary recalling several Ishihara quotes from the past decade.

They included his assertion that

the 1937 Rape of Nanking, in which as many as 300,000 Chinese were slaughtered by Japanese troops, was a "fabrication," and that Japanese aggression rescued Asia from "colonisation by white people."

At Monday's news conference, Nonaka said he had heard of Sun's reported remarks and said there was no denying that Japanese soldiers had killed civilians in Nanking.

"We can't deny that the Japanese military killed non-combatants and plundered after entering Nanking triumphantly," Nonaka said.

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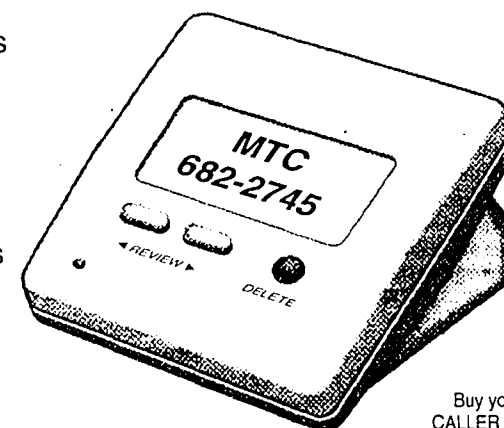


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Queen Elizabeth of Britain burns incense as her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh (right) looks on during a visit at the National Cemetery in Seoul, Monday. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of British-Korean diplomatic ties. AP

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## After Yugoslavia

## N. Korea says US may attack it next

TOKYO (Reuters)—North Korea said on Monday it was likely to be the next target of the United States, following Iraq and Yugoslavia.

The official Rodong Sinmun newspaper said: "The United States, which is now attacking Yugoslavia after military strikes at Iraq, singles out the Korean peninsula as its next target."

The comments, carried by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in a report monitored in Tokyo, said recent joint military exercises conducted by the United States and South Korea suggested a "U.S. scheme to provoke a war of aggression to stifle the DPRK

(North Korea) by force."

"The United States, which is now attacking Yugoslavia after military strike at Iraq, singles out the Korean peninsula as next target," the report said.

It added: "But it is mistaken. Its doctrine of strength applied against Iraq and Yugoslavia does not work on us at all."

"Strength is not the exclusive possession of the U.S."

"If the U.S. provokes a war of aggression on the DPRK, considering its strength to be almighty, it will face a fate of a tiger moth," it said.

It did not explain its reference to the tiger moth.

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1. Monday, April 19, 1999, 7:00 PM  
Tinian: Tinian Gymnasium
2. Wednesday, April 21, 1999, 7:00 PM  
Rota: Rota Health Center Cafeteria
3. Friday, April 23, 1999, 7:00 PM  
Saipan: Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

Writers' comments should be submitted to the CUC Administration office, on the 3rd floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, April 23, 1999.

/s/JUAN S. DELA CRUZ  
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A Malaysian man displaying a crocodile skeleton sells herbal remedies on a Kuala Lumpur street Sunday. The capital is quiet Sunday after four straight days of violent protest following the controversial conviction of Anwar Ibrahim.

## SE Asian nations set date for Indonesia to stop fires

SINGAPORE (AP)—South-east Asian countries, increasingly irritated by smoke haze from land-clearing fires in Indonesia, have given Jakarta a target date of mid-July to control the situation, a newspaper reported Monday.

"We hope to be able to test the resolve of the Indonesian authorities to mobilize the fire-fighting resources and take firm enforcement actions," The Straits Times newspaper quoted Singapore's Environment Minister Yeo Cheow Tong as saying.

Indonesia's neighbors have not threatened any penalties, however, if it fails to meet the deadline, the report said.

Yeo made his remarks over a conference on the haze in Brunei last Friday, along with other ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The fires have become an annual problem during Southeast

Asia's annual mid-year dry season, when Indonesian plantation owners use burning as a cheap, but illegal, way to clear land.

Neighboring countries have been hit by smoke that sometimes closes schools, airports and hospitals, and sickens thousands with respiratory illnesses. Vast areas of Indonesian forest have been destroyed and the region's tourism industry has suffered in past years.

An outbreak of fires on the Indonesian island of Sumatra sent minor smoke plumes over Singapore and parts of Malaysia last week, far earlier in the year than usual.

ASEAN's cardinal policy of not criticizing members' domestic affairs has made it difficult for the group to lean on Indonesia about the issue, but rising health and economic concerns

in the region have increased pressure on governments to do so.

Asked whether Indonesia's scheduled June elections might affect the country's ability to fight the smoke, Yeo told The Straits Times: "What is important is the political will at the highest level ... We hope the president will eventually be able to focus his mind on this problem."

ASEAN has asked Indonesia to adopt a "presumption clause" used in Malaysia and Brunei. The rule requires a plantation owner to prove that a fire on his land was not his fault, and that he took all necessary actions to stop the blaze.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Cambodia is set to join soon.

## Two US Marines killed in Okinawa helicopter crash

TOKYO (AP)—Two U.S. Marines were found dead and two others were missing after a helicopter carrying them crashed into the Pacific Ocean in southern Japan, the Marine Corps said Tuesday.

The CH-53E helicopter went down near a Marine training area in northeastern Okinawa at around 9:45 p.m. (1245 GMT) Monday, a Marine spokesman said.

The names and hometowns of the four Marines aboard the helicopter have not been released. Such information is often with-

held pending the notification of relatives.

The cause of the crash was under investigation, the spokesman said. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rescue teams from the Marines and the U.S. Air Force were searching for the missing crew members.

Okinawa is about 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) southwest of Tokyo. Two-thirds of the 47,000 U.S. military personnel stationed in Japan are on the island.

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for Chinese fishermen.

The potentially oil-rich Spratlys in the South China Sea are claimed

wholly or in part by China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei.

The Philippines does not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, which is regarded by Beijing as a renegade province.

## Australian fighter jet crashes in exercises

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—An Australian air force F-111 fighter-bomber crashed into the jungle on a Malaysian island overnight during a multinational exercise, authorities said Monday.

The pilot and navigator were killed.

The aircraft crashed into the peak of a hill on Pulau Aur, a small island off Malaysia's east coast in the South China Sea, about 10:30 p.m. Australian time (1230 GMT) Sunday night during an attack simulation on a navy flotilla.

The F-111 from the No. 6 squadron at Royal Australian Air Force Amberley in Queensland state was one of four Australian planes taking part in an Integrated Air Defense Systems training operation with defense forces from Australia, Britain, Malaysia and Singapore.

"At around 10:30 the lead air-

craft of a two-ship formation disappeared in the vicinity of a small island peak in the South China Sea off the east coast of the Malay Peninsula," a defense statement said.

Defense forces from all nations taking part in the exercise joined the search for the wreckage, which was found spread over a wide area of thick rainforest.

The bodies of pilot Flight Lt. Anthony Short, 31, and navigator Squadron Leader Stephen Hobbs, 33, were found with the wreckage, Defense Minister John Moore said.

"In speak on behalf of the government and, I am sure, every Australian citizen, when I say that this has been a terrible accident for which we feel great sadness," Moore said.

The cause of the crash was unknown. A statement from the defense forces said the fighter-

bomber may have clipped the island's peak prior to crashing.

An investigation team from Australia was due to arrive in Singapore late on Monday.

Malaysian Defense Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar said the exercise had been stopped temporarily as a result of the crash.

The crash is the eighth by an F-111 in Australia since the plane was introduced in 1963. Ten crewmen including the two on Monday have been killed.

The crashed plane was one of 15 acquired from the U.S. Air Force in 1995.

Moore said the F-111 remained one of the most potent strike aircraft and the government did not think they were too old.

He said there was no reason to suspect the accident stemmed from any mechanical problem with the aircraft.



A rescue worker views the spot where a Royal Australian Air Force F-111 fighter-bomber crashed into the jungle on the Malaysian island of Pulau Aur, Monday during a multinational exercise. The aircraft crashed into the peak of a hill on Pulau Aur, a small island off Malaysia's east coast in the South China Sea, during an attack simulation on a navy flotilla. The bodies of pilot Flight Lieutenant Anthony Short, 31, and navigator Squadron Leader Stephen Hobbs, 33, were found with the wreckage.

## Japan develops new gadget to alert bed-wetting children

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese researchers have come up with a 180 million yen (\$1.5 million) answer to an age-old problem: an electronic alarm that stops kids from wetting the bed.

The new machine—devised by a urologist and a telephone maker—measures a child's brain waves and monitors the bladder. When it's time to go, an alarm goes off and the child heads for the toilet.

Clinical testing was finished in January and the device is awaiting approval by the Health and Welfare Ministry, said the Japan Science and Technology Corp., a government-funded group that financed the project.

"It's a landmark invention that causes no side-effects," Shinobu Masubuchi, a spokesman for corporation, said Monday. He said the gadget is better than medication often used to treat bed-wetting.

In Japan, where cleanliness is highly desired, bed-wetting is a headache for many parents also because the problem has been traditionally seen as a sign of stupidity.

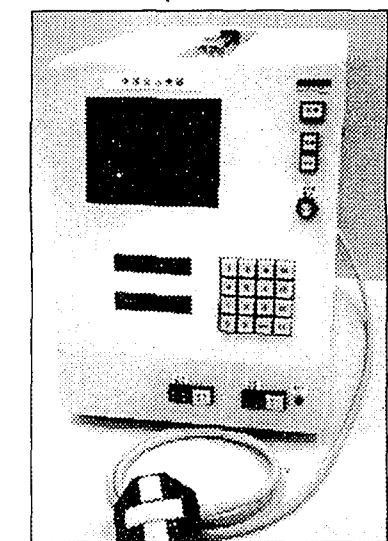
But not everyone is in love with the new device. Some Japanese pediatricians say the machine—a box with wires that attach to the head and abdomen—could just make the problem worse.

"Bed-wetting is not a disease," said pediatrician Taneki Mori.

"The machine will hurt the feelings of children as well as parents—children might think that they are not normal."

Telephone maker Kanda Tsushin Kogyo, an affiliate of the major electronics maker Fujitsu Ltd., produced the machine with a urologist Hiroki Watanabe.

The new machine was tried out for six days on 60 children, aged 8 to 15, in three hospitals. They were connected to the machine when



This is not a public telephone but an electronic alarm that stops kids from wetting the bed, an age-old problem. The Japan Science and Technology Corp., a government-funded group that financed the project, said Monday they financed the 180 million yen (\$1.5 million) project for the new machine, that measures a child's brain wave by a sensor built-in headgear, and monitors the bladder by a stethoscope-like tool attached on the abdomen. When it's time to go, an alarm goes off and the child heads for the toilet.

they went to sleep, and 41 woke up in time to make it to the bathroom. Masubuchi said. Twelve of the children wet their beds at home less frequently after the test, the spokesman said.

Kanda Tsushin said the device, which is initially aimed for use in hospitals, is 30 centimeters (12 inches) wide, 40 centimeters (16 inches) front-to-back, and 50 centimeters (20 inches) tall.

The company also plans to make a smaller version for private homes. An estimated 1 million Japanese children from the ages of 5 to 15 have repeated bed-wetting problems, said the Science and Technology Corp.

Kanda Tsushin's spokesman, Masataka Iwatani, said the company has already received dozens of phone inquiries from parents.

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# HK joblessness hits record

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Unemployment rose to a record 6.2 percent in the three-month period ending March 31, the government said Monday in a report that held out scant hope of any quick relief for jobless people suffering through Hong Kong's protracted recession.

Unemployment had stood at 6 percent in the three-month period that ended in February, which at

the time had been the highest since 1983, when the government started tracking joblessness using its current method, the Census and Statistics Department said.

The government said 214,000

people had been out of work in the three months just ended, compared with 206,800 in the December-February period.

The government's economist, K.Y. Tang, said the latest rise in joblessness was caused by corporations cutting jobs and some companies laying off temporary workers around the time of the Chinese New Year in February, when Chinese companies traditionally lay off unneeded employees.

Tang warned unemployment

was likely to persist at a relatively high rate in the short term.

But Hong Kong's secretary for education and manpower, Joseph Wong, predicted that new infrastructure projects — including government housing, a public works maintenance depot and a public health laboratory — would eventually bring new opportunities for people seeking work.

Smaller companies were also finding it easier to obtain bank loans, which could help, Wong said.

## China economy sees robust growth

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — China's economy is likely to continue its robust growth in the next two years despite Asia's financial turmoil, the Asian Development Bank said Monday.

Although the Asian crisis has not had a major impact on Chinese economic growth, it has affected exports because of weaker demand in other nations, the ADB said.

In its annual report on economic trends in the region, Asian Development Outlook, the Manila-based bank said Chinese exports grew by only

0.5 percent last year compared to 21 percent in 1997.

It forecast that China's gross domestic product will grow 7 percent in 1999 and 6.5 percent in 2000, slightly lower than the 7.8 percent in 1998 but still considerably higher than most other countries in the region.

Although there were sharp declines in the flows of foreign capital into most developing Asian countries after the onset of the Asian crisis, foreign direct investment in China actually rose slightly to 45 billion in 1998, the ADB said.

It noted that China's growth

prospects over the next two years will depend, however, on the implementation of a government economic stimulus package and the direction of the world economy.

The bank also warned of possible social unrest caused by rising unemployment, particularly because of reforms being carried out in inefficient state-owned enterprises. As of mid-1998, about 12 million workers had been laid off from state-owned enterprises, with an additional 10 million expected to be laid off as the reforms proceed, it said.

## Nissan: No layoff plans

**By JOSEPH COLEMAN**  
**TOKYO (AP)** — Nissan Motor Co. is not planning layoffs or plant closings as part of its campaign to slash 5,000 jobs over the next two years, the company's president said Monday.

Yoshikazu Hanawa, president of Japan's second-largest carmaker, said the company is

considering trimming staff through early retirement, shifting employees to affiliated companies and shutting down sections of plants.

"The chance of closing a whole plant are very slim," he told a news conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan.

Hanawa also said that the number of officials on Nissan's board of directors will probably also be cut. The staff cuts are scheduled to be finished by March 31, 2001.

Hanawa lauded the company's recent tie up with Renault, saying the new partnership would take advantage of Nissan's technical expertise and Renault's profit-oriented management style.

Renault SA of France agreed to pay \$5.4 billion for a 36.8 percent stake in Nissan last month. Nissan hopes to use the cash infusion from Renault to help pay off its massive debt load.

Last week, Nissan announced it expected to report a loss of 35 billion yen (\$296.6 million) for the fiscal year that ended March 31 because of a sharp drop in domestic sales — tripling Nissan's previous estimate.

The troubled carmaker also plans to omit a dividend payment for the first time since the public listing of its shares in 1951. It had previously planned to pay a dividend of 5 yen, or 4 cents a share.

Annual production capacity will be slashed 25 percent to 1.5 million vehicles by 2003.

Nissan projected that sales for the parent company would total 3.32 trillion yen (\$28.1 billion) for the fiscal year that ended on March 31, down from an earlier forecast of 3.40 trillion yen (\$28.8 billion).

It expects unit sales of 874,000 vehicles, compared to 974,000 in the previous fiscal year.

On Monday, Nissan Motor shares fell 16 yen (13 cents), or 3.5 percent.

In November, Nissan reversed an initial forecast that it would break even, instead predicting a parent company net loss of 10 billion yen (\$84.7 million) for the year.

For fiscal 1997, the company posted a net profit of 16.6 billion yen (\$140.7 million).

# Gore wins endorsements

**CHICAGO (Reuters)** — Vice President Al Gore on Monday collected endorsements from more than 100 Democratic party officials in his bid for the party's presidential nomination in 2000.

Among them were Commerce Secretary William Daley — whose brother, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, endorsed Gore earlier this year — and four U.S. House members from Illinois.

The endorsements were announced as Gore arrived in Chicago for a fund-raising event.

The House members making endorsements were Reps. Jerry Costello, Danny Davis, Bobby Rush and Jan Schakowsky.

He also picked up backing from David Wilhelm, former chairman

of the Democratic National Committee, Glenn Poshard, a former House member defeated running for governor of Illinois last year, and from dozens of state and local elected officials and party committee members in Illinois.

Earlier in the day Gore was in Cincinnati where he took time out from his fund-raising tour to hug several people affected by a tornado that struck the Cincinnati area on April 9.

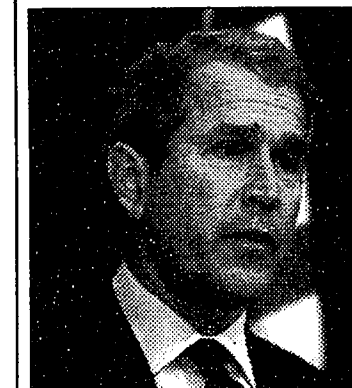
"You have a lot to be thankful for and pride in the way everybody has pulled together in the aftermath," Gore told local officials and survivors gathered at the hard-hit Blue Ash industrial park.

The tornado killed four people and destroyed or heavily dam-



With downtown Chicago as a backdrop and his wife Tipper smiling at right, Vice President Al Gore addresses a crowd of more than 100 Illinois state and local Democratic party leaders at Navy Pier on Monday, after he received their endorsement for his 2000 presidential bid. AP

## Colorado Republicans endorse George Bush



George W. Bush

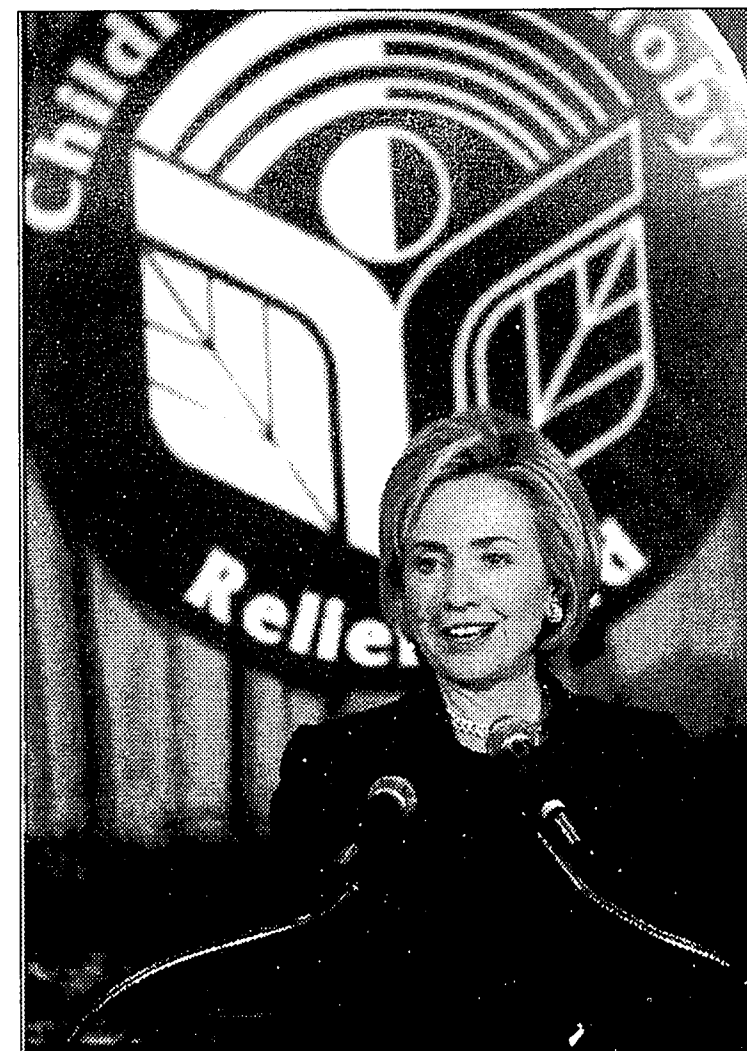
**DENVER (Reuters)** — Colorado's top Republican leaders, including Gov. Bill Owens, on Monday endorsed Gov. George W. Bush for president, saying the Texas Republican will appeal to Hispanic voters in the

Rocky Mountain state.

"When you look at the Bush record in Texas look at the fact that he was re-elected with 69 percent of the vote in a state that has been Democrat and within that 69 percent he earned the vote of 49 percent of Texas' Hispanic voters," Owens told a rally on the steps of the State Capitol.

Hispanics represent nearly 13 percent of Colorado's population of four million.

Both of Colorado's two Republican senators, Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Wayne Allard, as well as more than 40 state legislators in Colorado also support Bush, Owens, who is a Texas native and long-time friend of Bush, said.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Ukrainian Institute of America after accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund in New York Monday. AP

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*The passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was felt with grief and pain. Your untiring love, support and prayers which you have given to us and our families has allowed us to compassionately endure our sorrow.*

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**Commonwealth Health Center, Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Office of the Mayor;**

**Auntie Ding Guerrero, Techa for the family, and the Kristo Rai Christian Mothers Association;**

**And to ALL who have supported us in one way or another, for your presence at the nightly rosary and the Eucharistic Celebration of her life to our eternal Father. Your deed of kindness and generosity gave us the strength and courage to bear the passing of our beloved.**

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**Si Pedro C. Sablan, i famaguon, yan i familia**

## Death and Funeral Announcement

*Ursula  
Torres Fejeran  
Camacho  
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OCTOBER 25, 1949 - APRIL 16, 1999

*Ursula Fejeran Camacho, lovingly known to her families and friends as Ulang, was called to her eternal rest on Friday, April 16, 1999.*

*With her death, she now joins her parents Vicente Cruz Fejeran and Dolores Esteves Torres; son Vincent Fejeran; parents-in-law Gregorio Tudela Camacho and Elizabeth Blanco Camacho; brothers-in-law Daniel B. Camacho, Pedro B. Camacho, Jacinto Faisao and additional aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews.*

*Her wonderful spirit and memories will be cherished by her husband Luis Blanco Camacho; children/spouses, grandchildren; Lawrence F. & Gina D. Camacho (Vince Lui, Gregory Jacob, Tamara Ann), Gregory F. & Antonette S. Camacho (Audrey Marie, Andrea Mae), Meredith C. & Rhico A. Morales (Stephanie Natasha), Patrick F. Camacho & Valerie B. Basa (Veora Jaylene, Elizabeth Britney); sisters & brothers Hermana F. Faisao, Esabel F. & Luis B. Santos, Natividad F. & Vicente C. Castro, Margarita T. Fejeran, Rufina F. & Joseph Mendiola, Felipe T. & Lydia M. Fejeran, William T. & Betty Fejeran, sisters/brothers-in-law Delfina C. & Joaquin N. Santos, Juan B. & Consolacion C. Camacho, Daniel B. & Margerie Camacho, Francisco B. & Magdalena T. Camacho. She is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and god children.*

*Nightly rosary is said at San Roque Church at 8:00 p.m. Her remains will be taken from the CHC morgue to San Roque Church for final viewing on Saturday, April 24, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. Response will be at 12:00 noon. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 3:30 at San Roque Church. Burial will follow immediately at San Roque Cemetery.*

*Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.  
Un dangkulon na si Yu'us Ma'ase  
Ginen i Familia*



# Schroeder declares new 'Berlin Republic'

**BERLIN (Reuters)**—German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder declared a new "Berlin Republic" as parliament sat for the first time on Monday in Berlin's newly renovated Reichstag.

He stressed, however, that the migration of government from Bonn to the former capital of Kaisers and of Nazi and Communist dictators would not disrupt the democratic tradition established in western Germany over the past half-century.

"The success of the Bonn democracy, the politics of understanding and good neighbourliness, a firm anchorage in Europe and in the Atlantic Alliance, as well as the aura of a life lived in freedom have all helped make possible the Berlin Republic in a unified Germany," Schröder



Gerhard Schröder

said.

Seeking to quell anxiety that the move to the Reichstag could signal an uncomfortable new period of German assertiveness, Schröder said it did not mean a

break in the continuity of Germany's post-war history.

"We're not going to Berlin because something has failed in Bonn," he said. "The move to Berlin is a return to German history, to the place of two German dictatorships, which brought great suffering to the people of Germany and of Europe. But equating Reichstag with Reich makes no sense...The federal model of German politics goes on and is not in the slightest danger."

Schröder praised British architect Norman Foster, who masterminded the \$330 million Reichstag renovation, and said the glass cupola atop the main chamber would become "a symbol of openness and the transparency of our democratic politics."



Russian Black Sea Fleet sailors carry folding beds at the fleet's home base in Sevastopol, Ukraine as they prepare for planned fleet maneuvers. The Kremlin says it may send additional fleet ships to the Yugoslav conflict zone, including the Admiral Golovko missile cruiser.

AP

## Russia fleet in exercises at Black Sea

**SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine (AP)**—Russia's Black Sea Fleet began military exercises Monday that the fleet's commander said were not linked to the Kosovo crisis.

About 30 warships were to head out of port for a series of exercises over the next several days from the fleet's base in Sevastopol on Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, a fleet spokesman said. Spokesman Andrey Grachev said the maneuvers would last 10 days, but declined to say when the ships head out.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's Black Sea Fleet, also based in Sevastopol, began its own six-day maneuvers Monday that involve 15 ships. The ships were to conduct a joint exercise with Russian vessels, Grachev said.

The timing of the Black Sea exercises has raised speculation that they are part of Russia's angry reaction to NATO's bombardment of Yugoslavia. Russia fiercely opposes NATO's airstrikes on Yugoslavia, but its response has been largely symbolic.

Russian Navy Chief of Staff Adm. Viktor Kravchenko, who arrived in Sevastopol to oversee the maneuvers, said over the weekend the exercises had been planned and were not related to the Kosovo conflict.

Russia's three other naval fleets, the Northern, Baltic and Pacific fleets, are all holding exercises or recently held them.

Russia earlier sent a reconnaissance ship from Sevastopol to the Adriatic to watch NATO vessels. Russian officials have said that several more ships might be dispatched to the region, though no such order has yet been given.

The Russian naval deployment in the Adriatic has displeased NATO and the United States.

## Illegal . . .

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have the resources to keep up with the intense effort the "snakeheads" are making upon Guam.

Department of Corrections

head, Angel Sablan echoes the same statement saying that there are now more illegals at DOC than are inmates confined. "I'm not sure how much more we can handle if another boatload decides to crash our beaches, we must have Federal support, now!"

Forbes Committee will hear

from the Federal side of the issue when INS Officer in Charge, (OIC) David Johnston and others will tell what they feel is happening on the U.S. Government's reaction to the Alien Invasion today at 10:00 am on the floor of the Guam Legislatures hearing room.

## JAL . . .

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in compliance with its 1998 bond indenture.

CPA, however, junked proposals to include upgrading of fleet as a basis for granting perks to carriers because signatory

airline companies use different aircraft.

JAL is already using 747 while Continental Micronesia is in the process of upgrading its fleet to 737. Asiana Airlines is using Boeing 767 while Northwest Airlines is using DC-10 which it proposed to upgrade to 747.

At present, JAL is operating 14 international flights a week from Japan to the CNMI which is five times more than Continental Micronesia which has nine. Asiana is flying six times a week from Seoul while Northwest has seven flights a week between Saipan and Narita.

## Saipan

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world's most favored places for golf enthusiasts.

Joaquin V. Diaz, MVA community projects coordinator, yesterday disclosed that Saipan was the primary choice of Continental Micronesia when it launched the golf event way back 1997. Under the project, Continental will randomly draw

computer entries from its passengers in the U.S. mainland.

The first ever winner, John Arrants, arrived in Saipan last night and will be given privilege to have four free rounds of golf at the Coral Ocean Point.

"It was actually done to give U.S. tourists, especially those golf lovers, an exposure to Saipan. Hopefully when Mr. Arrants comes back to U.S., he will spread the word that Saipan is a right place for golf and other tourism activities so that we will

be in world map," said Diaz.

Arrants, together with his wife Monica, receives round trip tickets courtesy of Continental, and a four-night, five-day free accommodation at the Hyatt Regency. The winner also gets three days of free car rentals from Budget Rental, said Diaz. "This is the first time that Continental has done this. Saipan was the primary choice," said Diaz, adding that the project is also partly sponsored by Pacific Development Inc.

## Funds . . .

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To ensure the "smooth passage" of the FY 2000 budget bill and address whatever concerns raised to be raised by Rota and Tinian, Reyes said he will ask for a joint House-Senate review.

"That's what we did last year,

and that's what we should do again this year," he said.

"Whenever the budget is reviewed, we need to have room for compromise," Reyes said.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's proposed FY 2000 budget of \$206.7 million would reduce the appropriations for all executive departments and agencies with the exception of PSS, DPH and DPS.

The proposed FY 2000 budget, which is the lowest since FY 1994, includes the \$4.1 million revenues from public land leases used exclusively by the Division of Public Lands (DPL) mainly for home-stead development.

Excluding DPL's budget, the CNMI government has \$202.6 million for its operations and activities in FY 2000.

## Saipan . . .

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The Variety yesterday by Tasi Tours president Koki Narita, indicated that Hawaii is once again the most popular honeymoon destination after a three-year interval, swapping places with the US Mainland.

By the area from which the bookings were made, the U.S. Mainland is still top in Nagoya and Osaka, just slightly ahead of Hawaii.

Despite this, JTB said, Hawaii appears to have been able to regain overall top position because of the growing popularity of over-

seas weddings.

"This popularity of overseas weddings is tending to make them an important factor in the choice of honeymoon destination," the survey said.

JTB pointed out that one of the most prominent recent trends in overseas weddings is an increase in the number of those traveling with the couple.

The travel bureau said the factors why Hawaii is popular for weddings are:

• There is a rich and plentiful choice of churches and wedding attire for hire.

• The conditions make it easy for guests to travel with the couple.

The practical advantages, JTB said, include no fear of language problems, a favorably warm climate, and the availability of direct flights.

JTB said the bureau is beginning to see a trend in honeymoons to enjoy travel with affordable charges, locations near at hand, and short stays.

For the choice of nearer destinations, JTB pointed out that overseas honeymoons in Hawaii, U.S. Mainland, Europe, and Australia, all registered declines.

Whereas Saipan, Guam, and Asia registered increases indicating that the trend is towards closer destinations, the survey added.

## Teno . . .

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while others were said to be holding expired Saipan work permits.

Tenorio was hoping to strengthen social and economic ties with neighboring island-states in the region during the meetings which will be held from April 20 to 22 at a newly established resort retreat on Likiep, an isolated atoll in the northern Marshalls.

The CNMI chief executive was

supposed to attend his first meeting with the region's leaders. He had expressed optimism that the Council will work toward the fulfillment of common objectives, one of which is the increasing clamor for a regional airline.

Island-states in Micronesia have long been sharing common economic problems since most of which are partly dependent on tourism with varying degree of focus in Asian, especially Japanese, market.

Micronesian leaders are ex-

pected to tackle issues relating to air transportation, coral life initiatives, sea level changes, as well as tourism developments during the meeting. Part of the discussion may also focus on the next Micronesian Games which is scheduled to be held in 2002.

Around 50 participants from at least seven of the 10 islands in the Micronesian region are expected to attend the Council meeting. A contingent of more than 10 officials is expected from Guam.

Since its inception, the GHLIP has been offering the lowest health insurance premium in the Commonwealth.

In related news, the Fund's Workers' Compensation Commission is also seeking the Board's approval of the FY 2000 budget amounting to \$374,300.

## GHLIP . . .

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ernment employees enrolled in the GHLIP for a \$8,505,804.32 worth of total premium in a year.

There are presently over 800 health care providers that recog-

According to Russian defense chief:

# 'NATO plans ground attack'

By GREG MYRE

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Russia's defense minister claimed Monday that NATO was preparing to send ground troops into Yugoslavia, though he said no final decision had been reached.

"According to our information, energetic preparations are underway for a NATO ground operation," Defense Minister Igor Sergeev was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

NATO says it has no intention of sending ground troops into combat in Yugoslavia, though it would deploy troops to implement a peace settlement. Russia says NATO ground forces should not go into Yugoslavia under any circumstances, unless they are invited in by the Yugoslav government.

Sergeev said NATO was preparing to send troops in as either peacekeepers or combatants. But he said no final decision had been made, and he did not cite the source of his information.

The defense minister spoke after President Boris Yeltsin gathered several senior officials in the Kremlin on Monday to seek a diplomatic solution to the Yugoslav conflict.

Also, Yeltsin planned to speak with U.S. President Bill Clinton by telephone later Monday about the NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia, which Russia strongly opposes.

The Russian leader planned to tell Clinton that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has no intention of giving in to NATO airstrikes, Russian news agencies reported.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE (AMENDMENT - 04/20/99)

## SOLICITATION-SUMMER JOB SITES GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS (SAIPAN)

The JTPA Office is soliciting work sites specifically for youths participating under the Summer Vacation Employment Program. The purpose of the program is to accord "hands-on" experience in variety of jobs in an actual work setting. The Summer Program will serve 300 youths, commencing **June 21, 1999 to August 6, 1999**. Each trainee will be compensated an hourly wage of \$3.50, not to exceed forty (40) hours weekly basis, which will be funded by JTPA Office.

In line with the Governor's emphasis in urging the private sector to accord Employment & Training opportunity to our local workforce, therefore, private firms are included to participate on a short term basis. It is our intent to expose our youths to different occupations within the private sector, thereby, giving them the benefit to seriously consider jobs within private sector.

To ensure fairness and maintain equality on student placement, we will not accept any request which specifies the names of student(s), therefore, priority consideration will be accorded to those considered "economically disadvantaged". Accordingly, depending on the availability of local funds, the Program may accommodate those students who are considered "high income" to fulfill the 300 slots.

Should you be interested in sponsoring a trainee, please submit your written request to the JTPA Office (located directly across CUC) no later than **May 7, 1999**. Each request must include the following information:

1. Number of trainee
2. Position Description/Training Plan
3. Contact Person

For more information, please call Mr. Martin Pangelinan or Mrs. Laurent T. Chong at 664-1700/04. I am looking forward to working with you on such worthwhile endeavor.

/s/Felix R. Nogis  
Executive Director



## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

### CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors, hereby give notice that the regular meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Friday, April 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room, Saipan, Seaport Office, on Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda, for the above-referenced meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes (March 19, 1999)
- II. CORRESPONDENCES (Information only)
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  1. Financial Affairs
    - Adoption of Financial Statement
  2. Seaport Facilities
  3. Airport Facilities
  4. Personnel Affairs
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  1. Project Status Report
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  1. A&E and CM Policy
  2. Free Trade Zone Request for SIA Land
  3. Airport Sewerline Project-Amended MOA
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  1. FY 1998 Audit
  2. FY 2000 Budget-Draft #1
  3. CIP Evaluation/Selection Committee
  4. Agricultural & Grazing Permit (Juan A. Mendiolala)
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IX. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/Roman S. Palacios  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Date: April 19, 1999

## NMI COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES

### BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities, a private non-profit corporation, is seeking applicants to serve on the Council's Board of Directors. Council members are volunteers who work with the Council to inform the public about Council grants and programs; attend regularly scheduled meetings; serve on special committee assignments; develop administrative and programmatic policy, plans and procedures; evaluate grant applications; raise funds; and represent the Council in national or other meeting. If you would like to be a member of the Council, please send a letter briefly explaining why you would like to serve along with your resume to: Executive Director, NMI Council for the Humanities, AAA 3394, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Or, if you would like to nominate someone other than yourself, please send a brief statement explaining why your nominee would be a good choice to serve on the board. Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, 23 April 1999. For further information, please call 235-4785.



## Work . . .

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curred by the stop order.

The stop order was issued upon insistence of the FAA, which maintained that part of the project outside the airport's premises should not be covered by federal

funds.

To address this, CPA forged an agreement with CUC in which the latter gave in to the proposal that it pay for the project's cost covering the area from the airport to the treatment facility.

Gogineni said CNMI authorities have made partial payment to the company through its Guam office.

## DFW . . .

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With the FADs in place, fishermen will simply have to be near the buoys.

Seman said the buoys will be placed around Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The CNMI Fish and Wildlife, according to Seman, used to have

about the same number of FADS installed in the past.

"We tend to lose them during adverse water," said Seman.

"But," he added, "we are now more prepared for immediate replacement once we lose them."

Seman said the FADs program is going to be a long-term project.

"It is not going to be a single season project," he said.

## Munson . . .

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ment monies.

Jorgensen also sought court order compelling the heir guardians—Kaelani Kinney, Naoko Imeong, Milagros Feliciano, and J. Steven Grist—to retain 1/3 of the Nonan fee for payment to him.

The complaint stated that the Nonan group, represented by Cassidy and others, agreed to a settlement under which at least \$7 million in pre-taxed compensation would be paid to the Nonan minors by the qualified heirs of Hillblom through their guardians.

Under the deal (option agreement), the Nonan kids would be precluded from the option of determinative genetic testing procedures

(DNA) which were required for the receipt of substantially greater compensation in the event that testing procedures were conducted and positive results obtained.

Munson in his order issued Monday said it appears from the Jorgensen's complaint and exhibits that there was an agreement between plaintiff and Cassidy to share the proceeds of portion of a court settlement in the estate earmarked for payment to attorneys.

"That because a distribution of monies from the Hillblom estate is alleged to be imminent and because the possibility that any monies distributed may almost immediately be removed beyond the jurisdiction of this court, it appears that harm to plaintiff will be irreparable unless this TRO is issued," the judge said.

## Palau . . .

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forestry areas Palau has.

Lumber production is such a small industry here such that it should only be for the local folk," he said.

The bill is deemed essential and crucial considering the absence of forestry programs to protect forestry resources.

It would be noted though that several state governments have legislations in place that ban activities such as harvesting.

But on the national level, there is no measure yet in place for forest protection.

Thus, the Senate and the Agri-

cultural Division of the Ministry of Resources and Development have worked together to establish a national law generally to protect and manage Palau's forests.

But said bill, Senate Bill No. 5-144, according to the SCRD chaired by Roman Yano, will require longer time to move through the legislative process.

The proposed measure also recommends the imposition of stiff penalties to include a fine of up to \$100,000 for violation of the prohibition against export.

Meanwhile, Butelbei is projecting removal of trees of some 700,000 to 800,000 cubic feet as a result of the construction of the 53-mile compact road around

Babeldaob.

Said projection would even hit a one million cubic feet mark, including the trees besides or along the road.

By next year, there will be glut in wood supply which, according to Butelbei, would be a big boost to the local furniture and housing industries.

Current production capacity is at 4,000 board feet a month, enough to meet the requirement for making furniture and building houses, he said.

The projected surplus, Butelbei said, is expected to trigger the lowering of market prices of lumber from the current \$1.60 per board foot to \$1.10, but not below \$1.00.

## Guam . . .

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difficult times. And it would be hard to balance that," Sanchez said.

Through the planned medical "summit" Sanchez said the Legislature can have a clearer picture of how to solve this problem: "We have to determine how much we can subsidize. We also need to look at the overall medical and health care situation on Guam."

He added that some people think the insurance companies are mak-

ing too much money while the insurance companies think the doctors and the hospital personnel want too much even with their customers capable of paying only so much.

"I think the biggest debate would be that all of us would like the hospital to be state-of-the-art but people may not be willing to pay for it. So we'll seek to determine how we can strike a balance between what people want and what they are willing to pay for. When you consider the economic downturn we're in right now, that makes the problem even more acute,"

## Ingram . . .

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Under his proposal, Ingram said that the units on Tinian and Rota would be devolved from the control of the public safety and will be put under the authority of the mayors and same thing also on Saipan.

## Asian . . .

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it is not unreasonable to expect that they would be interested in operating in the waters of the EEZ," stated the report.

Still, the report cautioned, "the

interest of the Japanese will depend on the state of their economy and the value of their currency relative to the US dollar."

"A decline in the value of the yen has made access fees charged in US dollars more expensive and may limit Japanese interest," the report said.

## New . . .

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ity of the votes cast in any election."

Tashima added that the Guam Election Commission should have included undervotes and overvotes in the total number of votes cast. As a result, the

Gutierrez slate failed to secure a majority of the votes cast, necessitating a runoff election between Gutierrez and Ada.

"Congress presumably would not have included the phrase 'in any election' if it meant to refer only to the votes cast in the single election for governor and lieutenant governor," Tashima wrote.

The ruling is unlikely to affect U.S. state elections, which are governed by state laws. A different federal appellate court reached the opposite interpretation of the law in a 1982 ruling on a virtually identical election dispute in another U.S. territory, the Virgin Islands. (With reports from Eric F. Say)

## Gutierrez . . .

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the party has 14 days to file a motion for stay, but "we will be filling our motion as early as today in order to press upon the 9th Circuit the importance that we feel this matter holds."

Carbullido and Cunliffe said the runoff election remains "only a possibility."

Meanwhile, Ada said he is very pleased with the appellate court's decision and that he is ready for an election campaign.

He added he is happy that the people of Guam would "get another chance to voice their opinion."

"We feel very good; we've always said that we had a very good case and now that has been affirmed by the courts for a second time," Ada told Variety as he was

entering his campaign headquarters in Agaña.

Ada, however, said he is aware that the runoff would not be held soon since the other party is allowed to appeal the Ninth Circuit Court's decision to the highest tribunal.

"Unpingco was correct in not siding with the Todman decision," Ada said, referring to the doctrine involving the Virgin Islands where blank votes were not counted.

## INS . . .

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But she added that the determination would be coming from Washington DC where all information regarding the interview and the filled-up questionnaires will be sent for evaluation.

This may mean that not all of the 147 illegal immigrants will be sent back to China.

"That is still being determined right now from the questionnaire they are filling up right now. We have no idea what's going to happen to them," Gavin told Saipan reporters.

None of the federal and local officials present during yesterday's media briefing could tell how long the asylum process

would take. They only said the Chinese will remain on Tinian until Washington determines how they will be dealt with.

Gavin also allayed fears that all ships coming from China will from now on be diverted to the CNMI. She said there are no plans on whether last week's decision to direct the vessel to the CNMI will be made permanent.

She explained that the vessel was redirected to Tinian only for humanitarian reasons, adding that the holding facilities in Guam are now completely filled and could not accommodate more illegals.

CNMI Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares said the fishing vessel loaded with 147 illegal Chinese immigrants was leaking when it was spotted by the US Coast Guard off interna-

tional waters and heading toward Guam. "We're the closest point of land."

Meanwhile, discussions between the federal government and the People's Republic of China are now underway.

Officials hinted that some points of discussion may include repatriation and prevention of similar incidents although nothing has been made clear so far.

Gavin said there is a great possibility that more vessels will be coming over the Marianas' direction especially during this time of calmer water period. "Because we are out of the typhoon season, there is a possibility that more will come."

She would not say whether the illegal immigrants left China due to the harsh economic conditions there.

## Alien . . .

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rarity host illegal immigrants." Palacios yesterday joined Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Prec. 2, Saipan), House Commerce and Tourism Committee Chair Oscar M. Babauta (R-Prec. 2, Saipan) and House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee Chair David M. Apatang (R-Prec. 1, Saipan) for an on-site inspection of the makeshift facilities provided to illegal Chinese immigrants held on Tinian.

"We want to know what their condition is, the health report on

these people and how long will we keep them on Tinian," Palacios said.

President Clinton recently allowed the captured illegal aliens to be held in the CNMI to ease worries on Guam that they would seek political asylum there.

Unlike the CNMI, the Territory of Guam is under federal immigration laws.

Guam Lt. Gov. Madeleine Z. Bordallo told the Variety on Monday that the Clinton administration's decision to hold the illegal immigrants on Tinian could signal a flexibility on the issue of the applicability of federal immigration laws.

Bordallo said Guam's crisis

situation triggered by the series of attempts made by illegal Chinese migrants to enter the island can be "solved" by taking the territory outside federal immigration jurisdiction.

Guam's officials have been lobbying Congress and the White House for a commonwealth status similar to that granted to the Northern Marianas.

But the absence of federal immigration laws here only led to the unrestricted entry of alien workers, who now outnumber locals, which also resulted in widely publicized reports of "labor abuse" and "human rights violations" involving nonresidents.

## Fishing . . .

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level playing ground with Distant Water Fishing Nations such as Korea, Japan, the U.S. and France who all have established fishing industries.

Although the fishing treaty has many advantages, Leon Guerrero is opposed to one of the provisions in the draft treaty that entails transshipment at sea.

Vessels will be able to transfer their catch and take care of vital necessities such as refueling on the open ocean without having to dock. Guam would stand to lose if this por-

tion of the treaty is allowed.

Guam is a port state, Leon Guerrero said, and can provide the vessels with the facilities that they need such as an ice plant, salt factory, net and ship repair facilities and fueling station.

Leon Guerrero said she plans to make recommendations to tighten up the way the provision is written to make it difficult for transshipment at sea.

Leon Guerrero said she is working with island officials preparing recommendations to present to the State Department in regards to the fishing treaty at the end of the month.

At the APIL conference,

Leon Guerrero brought in United Nations Advisor John Williams to explain the draft treaty to the legislators.

Williams informed the lawmakers of the many advantages the islands would receive from the treaty, but he also cautioned that they must learn about their island's resources and educate and learn about the industry of they might be short-changed, Leon Guerrero said.

"(Williams) said we have to train our people in the fields of Marine Biology and science and we must actively participate in the industry," she said. "We have to learn the ropes because if we are not careful, we may be taken advantage of."

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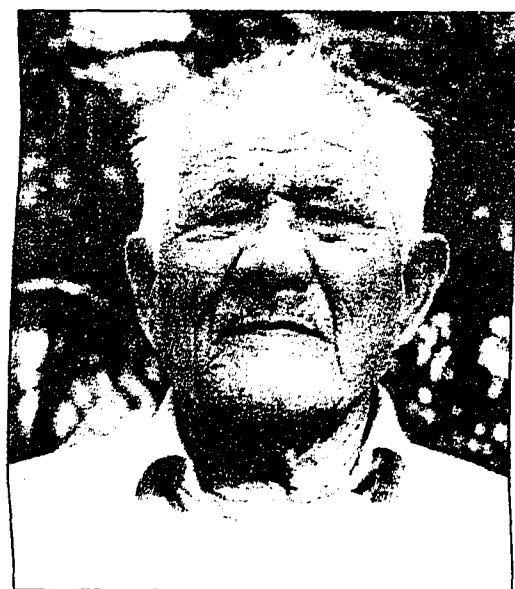
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Parents: Luis Cruz Cepeda & Trinidad Ilano Cepeda  
Parents-in-law: Joaquin Taisague Cabrera & Natividad Mendiola Cabrera  
Step Father: Jose Mafnas Chargualaf  
Brother: Luis Ilano Cepeda  
Sisters: Rita C. Benavente, Maria C. Demapan, Vicenta C. Tudela, Victoria CH. Camacho  
Brothers & Sisters-in-law: Roberto Tudela, Lorenzo T. Camacho

## SURVIVED BY:

Children, Spouses & Grandchildren:  
Luis C. Cepeda (dec.) & Benita (Santiago & Eileen; Victoria & Jose; Luis & Ana; Dorothy & Dennis; Peter & Lillian, David & Chung; Joseph & Lucy; Robert & Louisa; Tina & Roy, Anthony & Maricar; Bertha & David; Martha & Jack)  
Francisco C. Cepeda & Antonia (Frankie & Carol; Tina & Jerome; Juan & Cathy; William & Anabelle; Therese & Franklin; Joaquin & Sherry; Dolores & Joey; Luis & Anthony)  
Joaquin C. Cepeda & Maria (Soledad & George; Magdalena & Jose; Jose & Bobbie, William & Nadine; Jennifer & Michael; Vincent & Dolly, Sharleen; Sylvia)  
Antonio C. Cepeda & Rose (Jose & Arreart; Remedio & Vicente; Jessica & Joseph; Alexander; Virginia; Veronica; Dominic, Patrick)  
Jose C. Cepeda & Anita Materne (Vivian & Thomas; Jeffrey & Cindy; Victoria & Elvin; Yvette & Victor; Naomi & Frankie)  
Reared Son: Juan B. Cepeda & Linda Koshiro (Jessica, Jennifer, JB, J Lynn, Jason)  
Brothers, Sisters & Spouses: Vicente I. Cepeda & Nicolasa (dec.); Domingo I. Chargualaf & Virginia; Isabel CH. Pangelinan & Vicente (dec.); Francisca I. Chargualaf; Felisa CH. Basa & Gregorio (dec.); Marcelina CH. Santos & Saturnino (dec.)

Additionally survived by numerous, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, aunts, uncles, relatives & friends.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at their residence in San Vicente.

Last respect will be on Saturday, April 24, 1999 between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at their residence in San Vicente Village. The funeral mass will be at 3:30 pm at San Vicente Church followed by the burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa.



# Marianas Variety

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01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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02 WAITER, RESTAURANT-Salary: \$3.05-3.50 per hour  
03 GREENSKEEPER-Salary: \$3.05-3.50 per hour

01 WAITRESS SUPERVISOR (RESTAURANT)-Salary: \$3.05-5.80 per hour  
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.05-5.00 per hour  
04 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT-Salary: \$3.05-4.50 per hour  
01 NIGHT AUDITOR-Salary: \$3.05-4.50 per hour  
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01 DOCUMENTATION SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$3.05-10.25 per hour  
Contact: SAIPAN SHIPPING COMPANY, INC. Tel. 322-9706(4/28)W30654

01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
Contact: MATIAS E. ELBO dba Elbo's Enterprises Tel. 233-3839(4/28)W30657

06 IRONER (PRESSER MACHINE)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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10 CUTTER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
10 HAND SEWER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
17 HAND SEWER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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66 HAND SEWER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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03 MAINTENANCE-REPAIR BLDG.-Salary: \$3.05-3.50 per hour  
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28 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
01 (ASSISTANT) SUPERVISOR (PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour

01 SUPERVISOR (SEWING DEPARTMENT)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
01 SEWING MACHINE (MECHANIC) REPAIRER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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03 IRONER (PRESSER MACHINE)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
01 PRODUCTION CONTROLLER (SHIPPING DOCUMENTATION)-Salary: \$4.00 per hour  
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02 WAITRESS, REST.-Salary: \$3.05-3.45 per hour  
01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05-4.20 per hour  
02 JANITOR-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
01 CARPENTER-Salary: \$3.05-3.30 per hour  
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01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$700.00-900.00 per month  
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01 COLLECTION AGENT-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
01 LAUNDROMAT WORKER (ATTENDANT)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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01 WAITRESS (REST.)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
01 COOK (REST.)-Salary: \$3.25 per hour  
01 RESTAURANT MANAGER-Salary: \$1,500.00 per month  
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01 WELDER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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01 (FARM ASSISTANT) MANAGER-Salary: \$4.00 per hour  
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01 PROJECT MANAGER-Salary: \$800.00 per month  
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01 GENERAL MANAGER-Salary: \$1,400.00-2,000.00 per month  
02 MANAGER, SALES-Salary: \$850.00-1,300.00 per month  
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01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05-3.70 per hour  
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Civil Action No. 98-155A

AMENDED SUMMONS  
TO: DEFENDANT FENG HUA ENTERPRISES, INC. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and serve upon the law offices of Calvo and Clark, LLP Attorneys at Law, Plaintiff's attorneys, AAA-951, Box 1001, Saipan Building, Second Floor, Chalan Kanoa, an answer to the Amended Complaint in Intervention, the original copy filed in the above-entitled court, within twenty one (21) days after the last publication of this summons. Your answer must be in writing and filed with the office of the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled court.

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SO ORDERED this 15th day of April, 1999.

JOVITA C. FLORES, Clerk of Court  
By: Clerk of Court

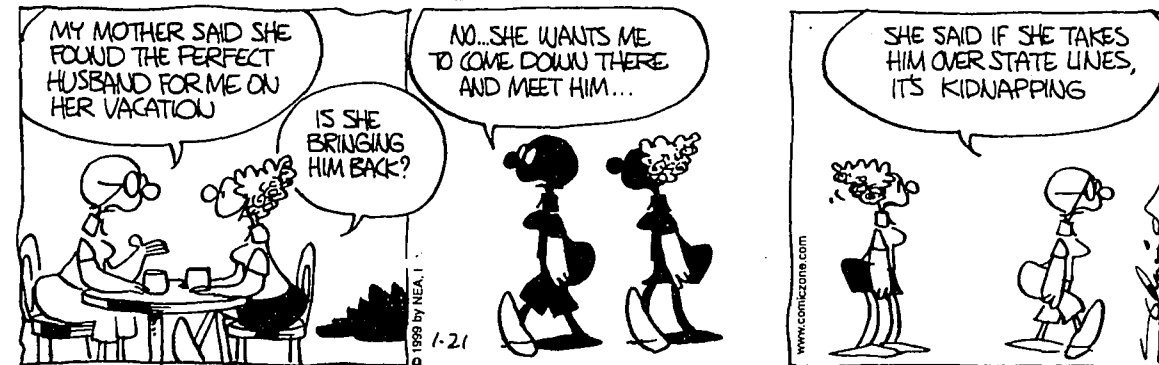
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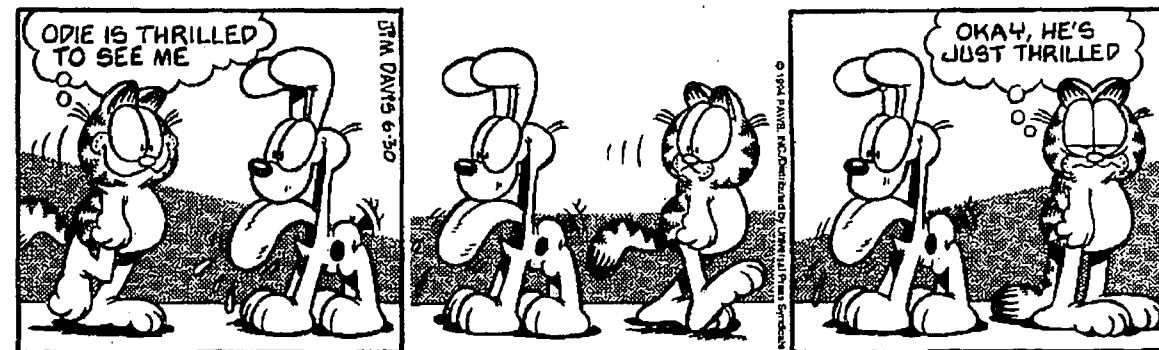
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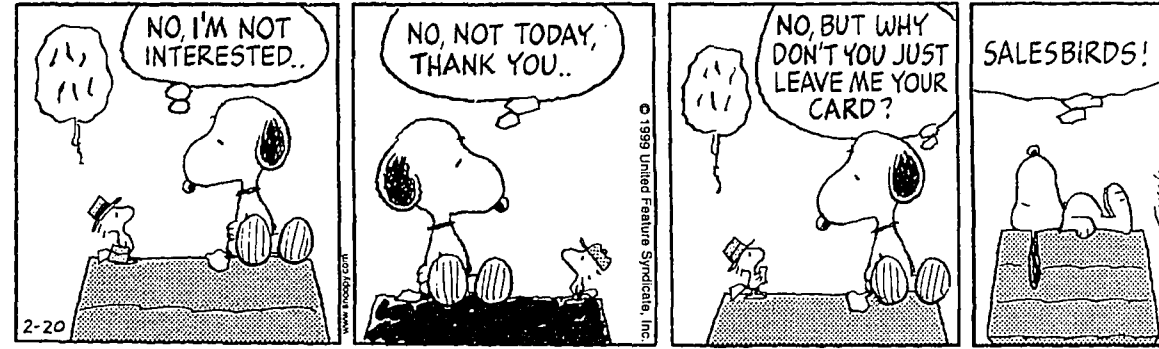
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## STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

WED., APRIL 21, 1999

Born today, you are not the kind to brag about your talents or accomplishments. Instead, you go about your business in a straightforward, confident manner and let the results of your efforts speak for itself. Indeed, you are able to boast of at least one remarkable skill you are destined to become known for within your own social and professional circles, and even perhaps throughout the world. You must, however, stake your claim to fame and fortune early in life if you wish to reap the best possible benefits.

You are quick to fall in love, and quick to fall out of love when you are not entirely pleased by the relationship in question. When it comes to romance, you can be rather self-centered, but you certainly know how to show another person a good time!

Also born on this date are: Tony Danza, actor; Andie McDowell, actress and model; Charles Grodin, actor and talk-show host; Patti LuPone, actress; Queen Elizabeth II of England; Charlotte Bronte, author.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
— You may feel as though oth-

ers are crowding you at this time, and indeed there is little room for you to maneuver as you would like today.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You'll feel confident today that you've "paid your dues," but in fact, there are one or two more duties you must tend to before tonight.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Your organizational skills may not hold up on their own against a challenge currently facing you today. With a little help, all can be different.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Career issues are highlighted today, even though you are concentrating on more personal matters that are usually favored on the weekend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Internal rhythms must not be underestimated today. Get in touch with those things that really make you "tick."

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Place yourself in best light today, for a golden opportunity is just around the corner. You mustn't sell yourself short at this time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — What you stumble upon today may prove to be more important than anything you may have planned on, and you'll want to take action at once.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You may be nervous about a promotion, or another development at the work-

place. Others have more faith in you than you may realize.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You may be trying to pull the wool over the eyes of someone who knows you better than you think. When in doubt, revert immediately to the truth.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You may have to negotiate carefully in order to get the best possible deal today. Some may be trying to "test" you in some way, and you'll know it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Be ready for some creative problem solving today. With a little innovative thinking, you can shine among your peers when it comes to simplifying.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Domestic harmony can be achieved and maintained today, provided you do not attempt to prove your point in a manner that is inappropriate.



**OUR ENVIRONMENT**

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 — Angeles
- 4 Saying
- 9 Alphabet sequence
- 12 Provide a weapon
- 13 Painfully bright sunlight
- 14 Roman 52
- 15 School mark
- 17 Inflatable protection in cars (2 wds.)
- 19 Abnormal respiratory sound
- 21 "O Sole —"
- 22 Survival of the —
- 25 Comforts
- 29 Lavin 10
- 30 — Launder
- 32 Laurel or Musial
- 33 Grand — Opry

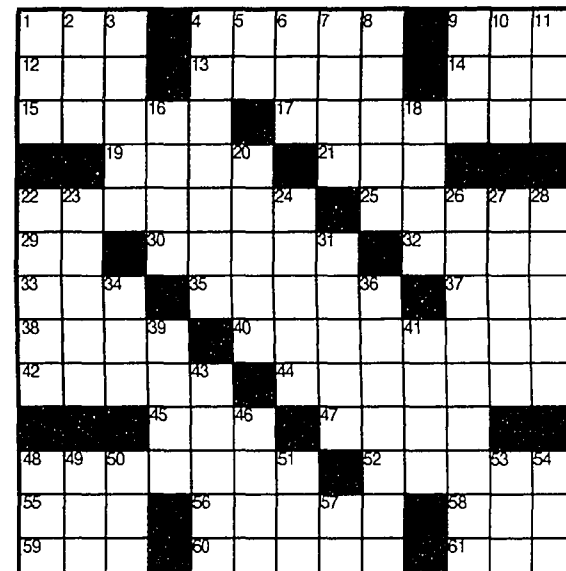
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- 5 — aleck (self-assertive person)
- 6 Motorists' org.
- 7 Unyielding
- 8 Uncanny
- 9 Tampa's St. musician's engagement
- 10 Towel insignia
- 11 Appointment
- 18 Large snakes
- 20 Chemical compound
- 22 Dental —
- 23 — — — ease
- 24 Doctrine
- 25 Tie
- 27 Finished a meal
- 28 Hagar's dog
- 31 Short sword
- 34 Spanish queen
- 36 Prior
- 39 — majorette
- 41 Formerly Persia
- 43 Winter month, in Spain
- 46 "Step —!"
- 49 Buddy
- 49 Anger
- 50 Obtain
- 51 Explosive units.
- 53 Pea holder
- 54 Plaything
- 57 Selenium symbol

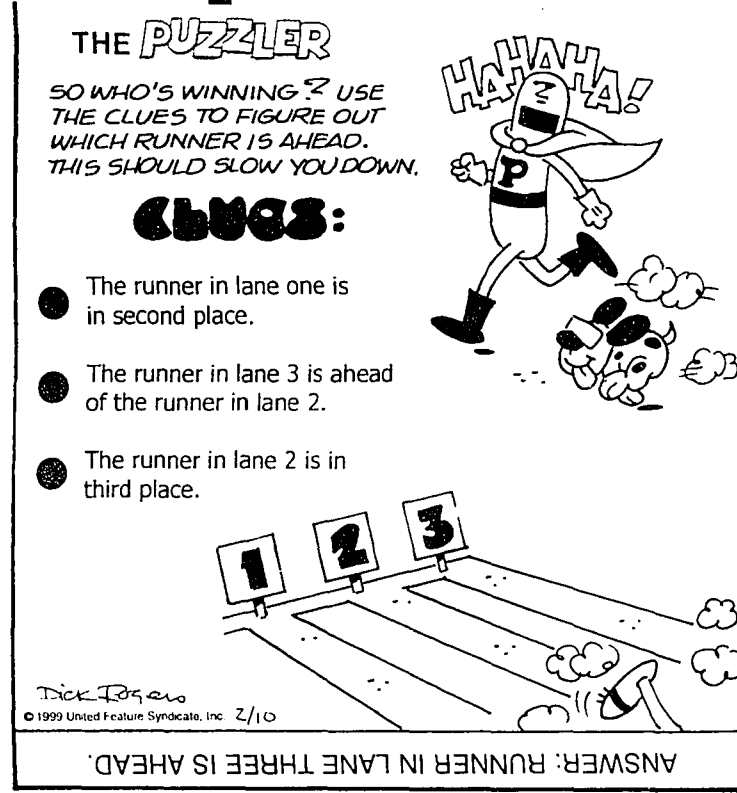
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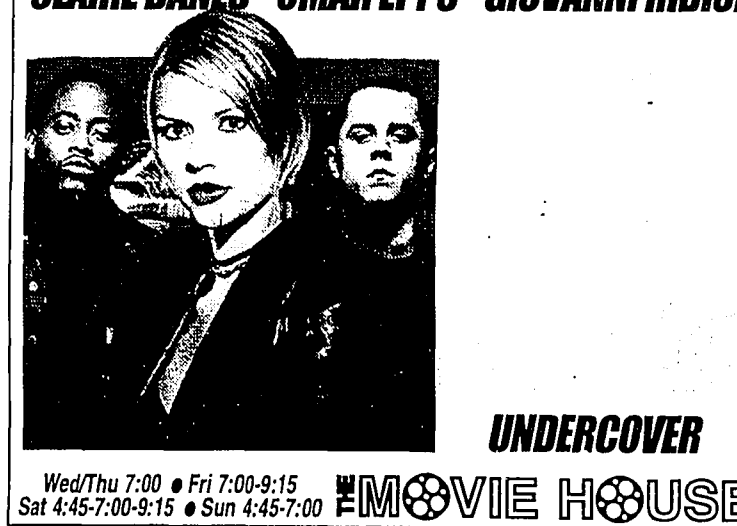
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## KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers



ANSWER: RUNNER IN LANE THREE IS AHEAD





# Wisconsin recruits New Zealand guard

MADISON, Wisconsin (AP) — A family tie helped steer University of Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett to New Zealand for one of his recruits, shooting guard Kirk Penney.

Bennett's son, Tony, has coached Penney in New Zealand and advised his dad to take a look at him.

"I told my dad, 'You have to check this kid out,'" Tony Bennett told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in a telephone interview from New Zealand on Sunday night. "Offensively, he's a great player."

Two weeks ago, Badgers assistant coach Brad Soderberg flew to New Zealand to watch Penney in workouts and came away impressed, Tony Bennett said.

Dick Bennett and his staff are prohibited by NCAA rules from commenting on prospective re-

cruits until they sign a national letter of intent, which is expected from Penney later this week.

"He's a fine shooter who can put it on the floor and score," Tony Bennett said. "When his feet are set, he is outstanding. He was 53 percent from the international 3-point line."

Penney also was recruited by Notre Dame, Southern California, California, Princeton and Michigan.

Tony Bennett, who played for his father at Wisconsin-Green Bay and later played for the NBA's Charlotte Hornets, coaches a team that features players generally ranging in age from 20 to 35 years old.

At 18, Penney, playing as an amateur, was named the league's rookie of the year and averaged 14 minutes and eight points a

game.

"He's used to playing against men who play a physical game," Tony Bennett said. "Our league is better than any high school league in the United States."

Competing for New Zealand's 20-and-under team during a six-game tour against Australia's 20-and-under team, Penney averaged 32 points.

## Celtics' Battie arrested

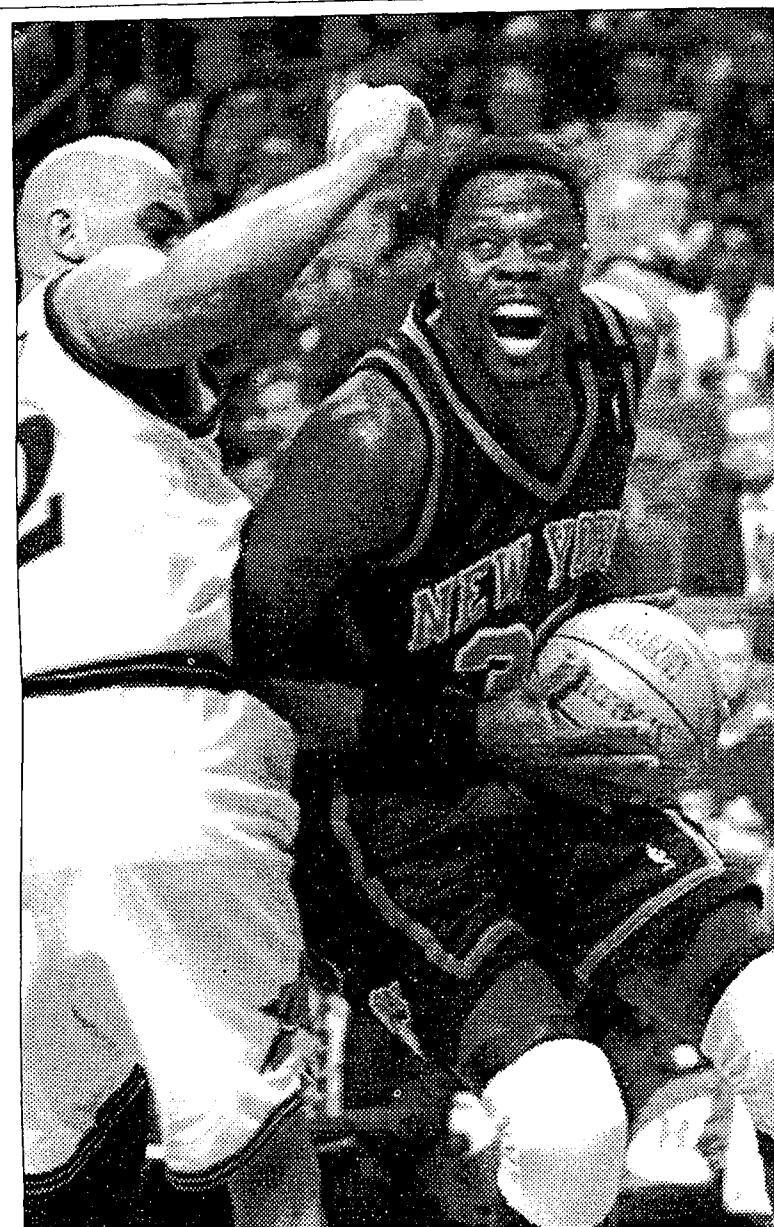
BOSTON (AP) — Tony Battie of the Boston Celtics was arrested at gunpoint last week-end for allegedly assaulting a police officer who asked him to move his car outside a night club.

The U.S. National Basketball Association player was arrested around early Saturday in front of the Cosmopolitan Club, Boston police spokeswoman Sgt. Detective Margot Hill said Monday.

Hill said Battie refused to move his car, refused a request for proper identification and tried to drive off when the officer attempted to arrest him. The officer's arm was caught in the driver's window, Hill said, and the officer was forced to pull out his service revolver before Battie stopped the car.

Battie faces a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (the car) and a charge of refusing to identify himself to an officer. Celtics general manager Chris Wallace would not comment on the incident.

Battie was in uniform Monday night for Boston's game against Indiana.



New York Knicks' Patrick Ewing (right) drives against Philadelphia 76ers' Matt Geiger in the first half Monday in Philadelphia. AP

## Bengals cut veteran quarterback O'Donnell

CINCINNATI (Reuters) — The Cincinnati Bengals, who selected Oregon quarterback Akili Smith on Saturday with the third pick in the NFL draft, on Monday terminated the contract of veteran signal caller Neil O'Donnell.

The Bengals are hoping Smith can become their quarterback of the future after O'Donnell failed last year in his only season with the team. The former Super Bowl quarterback guided Cincinnati to just two wins and twice lost his starting job.

The Bengals went 3-13 last season, tying Philadelphia and Indianapolis for the worst mark in the league. O'Donnell, 32, has been cut twice in the last nine months. After two seasons with the Jets he was released by New York last summer. O'Donnell spent his first six years in Pittsburgh, guiding the Steelers to four playoff appearances, including Super Bowl XXX following the 1995 season.

The quarterback completed 212-of-343 passes (62 percent) for 2,216 yards with 15 touchdowns and four interceptions in 1998.

## Becker unwilling to quit

By Francois Thomazeau MONTE CARLO (Reuters) — Boris Becker is playing too well to give up tennis completely yet and will not be drawn into announcing a date for his retirement.

"I don't want to share a very personal decision with the whole world," the German former world number one said after beating Frenchman Cedric Pioline in the first round here.

"I don't want to quit like Stefan Edberg and bid farewell every week," he added.

Sweden's Edberg announced his retirement date several months in advance and every tournament he played afterwards became a farewell performance.

Becker who went part-time two

years ago, seemed to have made up his mind that he would finally call it quits last year.

But then he reached the quarter-finals at Monte Carlo, his favorite tournament on his least favorite clay surface, and changed his mind.

This year he entered the tournament for the 13th time, a record he shares with Austrian Thomas Muster and Romanian Ilie Nastase.

His fidelity to the Monte Carlo event is all the more surprising as he has had some of his worst disappointments here, losing three times in the final, to claycourt experts Alberto Mancini, Sergi Bruguera and Muster.

Maybe his inability to win a single title on the slow red earth is the reason for his persistence.

"I'm probably the best player

who has never won a claycourt tournament. Yet," he joked.

Monte Carlo was only the third tournament he had entered this season, and he reached the final in Hong Kong earlier this month, losing to American Andre Agassi.

"I'm in fine form, I'm improving. That's why I picked Hong Kong. I wanted to keep the momentum and it paid off," he said.

But he has hinted this year will be his last and reiterated on Monday that there was more in his life than tennis.

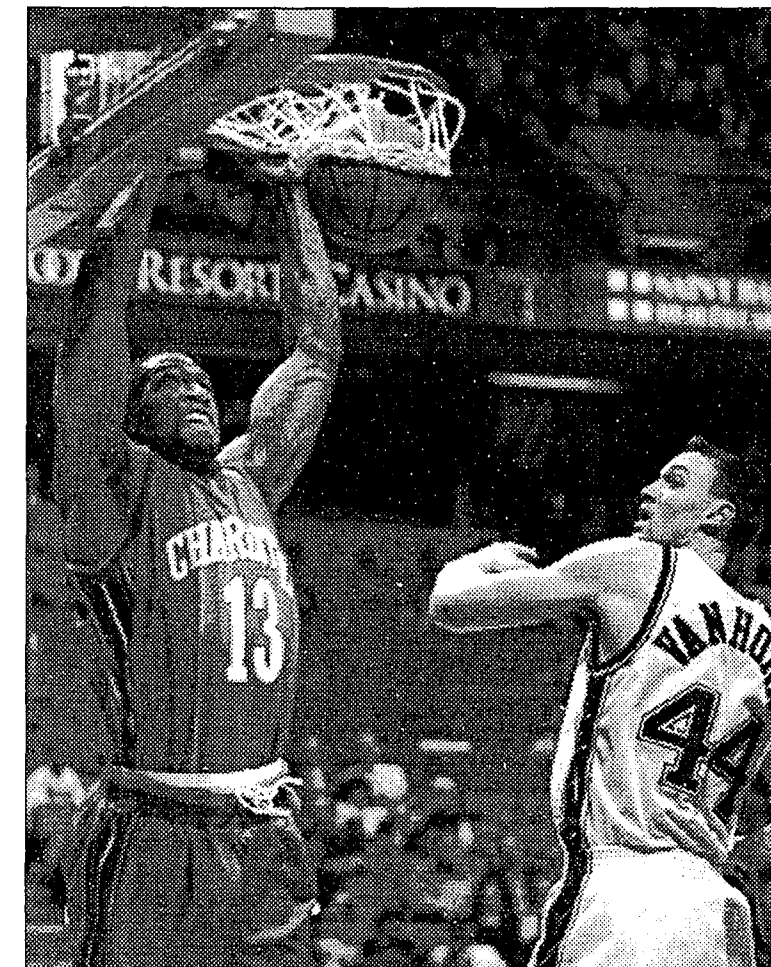
"In my long breaks from tennis, I have had other subjects of interest. My wife is expecting another baby in the summer. There are more important things in my life than tennis," he admitted.

# Hornets beat Nets, 120-113

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets extended their winning streak to eight games, beating New Jersey 120-113 to move within a half-game of a playoff spot.

David Wesley had a three-point

play and a 3-point basket to ignite a late run, and Chuck Person hit three 3-pointers in the final 5:01 as the Hornets, who lost eight of their first nine games, reached .500 for the first time this season at 20-20.



Charlotte Hornets' Bobby Phillips (13) slams the ball through the hoop as New Jersey Nets' Keith Van Horn looks on during the first quarter Monday in East Rutherford, N.J. Phillips led the Hornets with 23 points as they beat the Nets 120-113. AP

Bobby Phillips had 23 points and Elden Campbell 22 for Charlotte, 16-9 since Paul Silas replaced Dave Cowens as coach on March 8.

Wesley added 18 points and 11 assists, and Person had 16 points.

Stephon Marbury had 27 points, and Keith Van Horn added 26 for the New Jersey, which was eliminated from the playoff race.

76ers 72, Knicks 67

At Philadelphia, Allan Houston disappeared in the second half again, and New York lost its fourth straight to move closer to vanishing

## Arrojo pitches Devil Rays past Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Cuban right-hander Rolando Arrojo pitched seven strong innings and John Flaherty drove in two runs with a double and home run as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat Boston 4-1.

The Devil Rays' victory Monday gave them a 3-1 edge in the weekend series. Boston is 2-5 in its last seven games after starting the season 5-1.

Jose Offerman homered and singled for the Red Sox.

Arrojo (1-1), who was beaten 4-1 by the Red Sox in Tampa Bay's home opener April 9, breezed through the first three innings before Offerman homered leading off the fourth. Arrojo allowed just two singles after that, striking out six and walking none.

Flaherty and Kevin Stocker each had RBI doubles to give Tampa Bay a 2-0 lead in the second inning against Bret Saberhagen (2-1).

Twins 6, Royals 4

At Kansas City, Missouri, Marty Cordova's three-run homer capped a five-run seventh inning as Minnesota beat Kansas City.

The Royals fell to 1-6 at Kauffman Stadium. Last year, they were a league-worst 29-51 at home.

Li Troy Hawkins (1-2) won for the first time since last July 27, ending his string of seven straight losses. Rick Aguilera worked the ninth for his third save.

from the playoff race.

Houston was 0-for-4 with no points in the second half, missing a wild 3-point attempt that would have tied it in the last 10 seconds.

The Knicks, in a three-way tie for ninth place in the Eastern Conference, dropped their season-high fourth straight.

Matt Geiger had 22 points, and Allen Iverson added 20 for the 76ers, who kept a hold on the seventh spot with a 1 1-2-game lead over New York, Toronto and Charlotte.

Heat 94, Cavaliers 87

At Cleveland, Jamal Mashburn scored 23 points, Dan Majerle had a season-high 22, and Alonzo Mourning tied his team record with nine blocked shots in Miami's victory over Cleveland.

The Heat moved into a tie in the loss column with first-place Orlando in the Atlantic Division.

Shawn Kemp scored 32 points for Cleveland, which fell one game behind Philadelphia in the battle for the seventh position in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

## Drew homers in Cardinals win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Slumping rookie J.D. Drew hit his first homer of the season and drove in three runs, leading Kent Bottenfield and the St. Louis Cardinals over the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2.

Drew, who began play Monday night batting just .176, also tripled, singled and scored three times. The Cardinals won for the fifth time in their last six games.

Bottenfield (3-0) pitched seven scoreless innings and allowed only three hits, giving him a 0.98 earned-run average. Mark McGwire went 0-for-3 with two walks, lowering his average to .243.

Milwaukee starter Jim Abbott (0-3) gave up four runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Rockies 11, Expos 10

At Denver, Jeff Reed's sacrifice fly capped Colorado's three-run rally in the ninth inning as the Rockies beat Montreal.

Colorado's comeback came at the expense of Montreal closer Ugueth Urbina (0-1), who blew his first save opportunity in 22 chances. His last blown save was June 17 against the New York Mets.

Vinny Castilla hit his 172nd career homer to tie Andres Galarraga for Colorado's franchise mark.

Dave Veres (1-1) pitched a hitless ninth for the victory.

Wilton Guerrero matched his career high with four of Montreal's 20 hits.

Rondell White had three hits and three RBIs, but the Expos committed four errors that led to four unearned runs as they lost to Colorado for the seventh straight time.

Vladimir Guerrero, Brad Fullmer and Shane Andrews homered for Montreal.

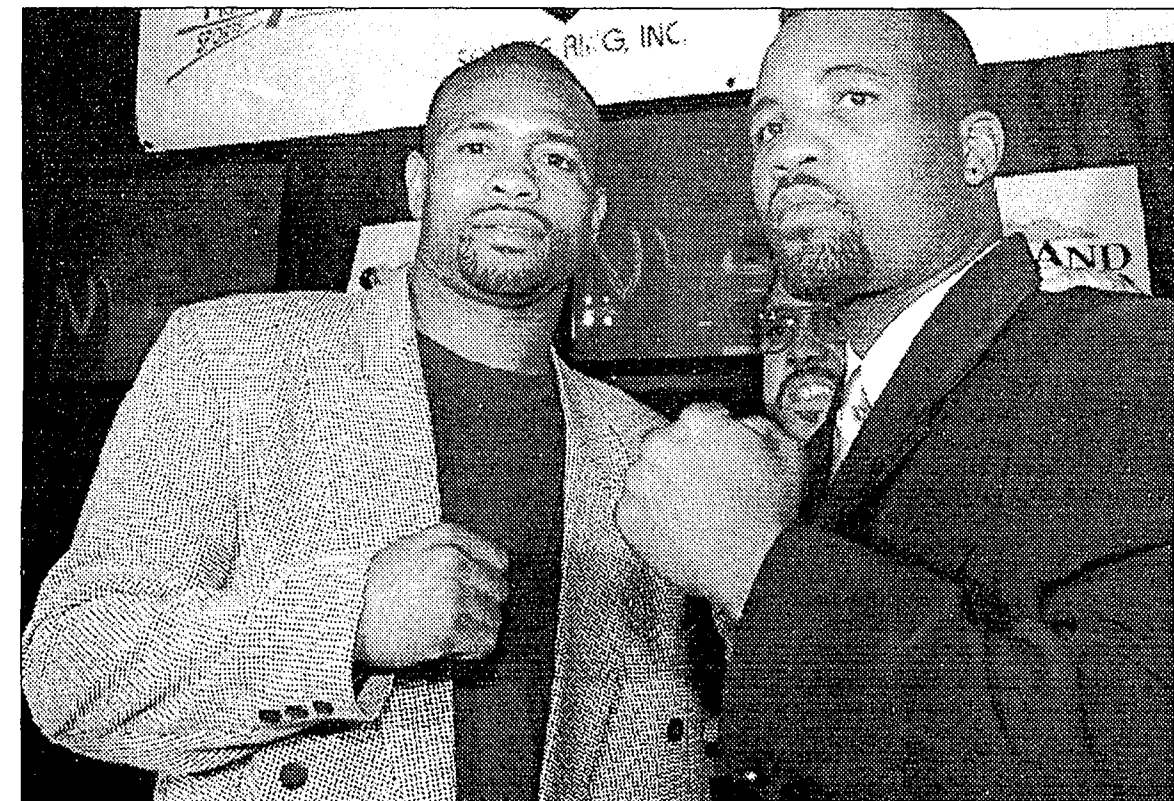
Diamondbacks 3, Phillies 2

At Phoenix, Omar Daal pitched four-hit ball for 8 1-3 innings and Matt Williams homered as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Philadelphia Phillies to reach the .500 mark for the first time in franchise history.

The Diamondbacks, who went 65-97 in their expansion season, improved to 7-7. The crowd of 29,704 was the smallest ever at Bank One Ballpark.

Arizona broke a 2-2 tie in the eighth. Tony Womack beat out a drag bunt down the first-base line for a single against Yorkis Perez (0-1) and stole second. One out later, Travis Lee doubled home Womack.

Daal (2-0) retired the first 14 batters before Scott Rolen hit a 473-foot (144-meter) home run, the longest ever at Bank One Ballpark. The solo shot landed in the third row of restaurant patio seating in the second deck above left field.



WBC-WBA lightweight boxing champion Roy Jones, Jr. (left) squares off with Reggie Johnson, the IBF lightweight champion during a news conference, Thursday, in New York. The two will face each other in Mississippi on June 5, 1999, in a 175-pound title unification bout at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. AP



# SPORTS



## Couple wins 7th sailing title

By Tony Celis  
Variety News Staff

HAVING WON six of the last seven North Pacific (yachting) Championship titles, the husband and wife team Tony Stearns and Janet McCollough stayed tactically ahead of the rest, and as experience paid off, added to their titles the 8th Annual North Pacific Championships, win number seven.

The champions retain the club's Perpetual Trophy—a carved Latte Stone—for another year.

Over the weekend, the Over the Reef Yacht Club competed in the 8th Annual North Pacific Championship in Tanapag lagoon, just north of Managaha Island.

And while Stearns and McCollough may be very happy keeping the club's Perpetual trophy for twelve more months, the team of David Touhey-Mote, Mike Adams and crew can rest assured they have proven themselves unsinkable.

They won the unique—first year—Turtle Award.

"This award is given to the crew whose boat capsizes the most," said Mark Thompson, in a press release.

Five Hobie Cats and three Prindle 16's (either boat is classified as a catamaran) competed.

"The weather provided excellent wind and surf," said Thompson.

Moving up to a higher level of competitiveness, this year the participants followed a strict Olympic "weight" standard and course layout.

The team of Mark Thompson and Kelly Bruce added (scuba gear) lead weights to their boat to comply.

"We are the lightweights," said Kelly Bruce, as she secured the weights unto the boat's canvas platform, prior to the first race, Saturday, "thank goodness for scuba lead weights."

"It was going to be tough beating the reigning champs, and at the end of day one, Stearns and McCollough held a decisive lead

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## Paddling to the SPG

By Tony Celis  
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GETTING prepared for the South Pacific Games takes a lot of time and energy. The CNMI's Women's SPG National Outrigger Canoe team continue pushing themselves to the limits and to higher levels of performance during their weekly practice sessions.

The team consist of nine paddlers. They are Liz Ambros-Berg, Gayle Berger, Ana Cope, Chris Ebert-Santos, Tina Haberman, Joanne Nicholls, Rafaela Perry and Olivia Tabuteb. They are coached by Todd Sandvold.

Having been together only a short time as a team—less than four months—the team nonetheless takes advantage of its unique make up," said Ann Jordan.

dan.

"It was during our children's swimming lessons that some of us (team members) first met. Only after new year did we get a chance to try out for the SPG team."

Sharing her knowledge of canoeing is team member Ana Cope.

Cope, a native of Tonga, "had been canoeing since childhood," added Jordan.

The only other team member with some (past) canoeing experience is Liz Berg. Berg had gotten interested in canoeing while living in Hawaii.

"A strong athlete with experience," is how Jordan describes her teammate.

The fastest paddler in the team at the present time is Dr. Chris Ebert-Santos.

Jordan's is the "steerperson" or "captain" of the team.

Joann Nichols in "third seat" position is one of the strongest paddlers on the team.

"Gayle Berger and Rafaela Perry bring strength and endurance, while high school students Oliva Tebuteb and Valentina Haberman bring enthusiasm and stamina," added Jordan.

For the (CNMI) team to be competitive at the SPG, the team is focusing on 'turns' and fine tuning 'synchronization techniques' as well as team member positioning," said Jordan.

The team's coach, Todd Sandvold could propel the CNMI women's team into the medal rounds.

Sandoval coached the CNMI's men's team to a gold medal at the recently concluded Micronesia Games, held in Palau.



Jr. golfers (from left) Dan Salas, Justin Alexander and Nick Cabrera pose with their trophies. NMJGL instructors (from left) are Ed Peter, Jeff Taylor and Bob McPhee. Contributed photo



Tony Stearns and Janet McCollough share a smile with the Variety prior to Saturday's starting of the 8th Annual North Pacific Championships. The race concluded Sunday. Photo by Tony Celis

## Junior golfers play 'real tournament'

By Tony Celis  
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THE NORTHERN Marianas Junior Golf League (NMJGL), recently completed one of their eight-week instructional programs with a golf tournament for their junior golfers.

As a finale to the program a golf tournament was held at both the Laolao Bay Golf Resort and Mariana Country Club.

The top three golfers, in five categories received their trophies during the awards ceremony, held afterwards.

In almost two years ago since the Junior Golf League begun providing golf lessons to the islands' youths, "their skills and abilities have enable the youngsters to progress to a higher level of game," said Jeff Taylor.

That statement is backed up by one of their own.

Sixteen-year old Michael Kim has made the CNMI Men's SPG National Golf team.

Seeking to further their assistance to the islands young golfing enthusiast the NMJGL is

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## Diaz captures SGA April 'Ace'

RAMOND Diaz captures Saipan Golf Association's April Champ title.

With a score of 40 in the front and 39 in the back nine, Ramond "Bomerang" Diaz took what it took to outscore all the other SGA participants in Saturday's SGA April Monthly Club Championship tournament at Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

With Ray's handicap of ten, he came in with the best net score of the day at 69 to become the fourth person to qualify for the annual SGA Championship Cup which is held every year in December.

Ray's close buddy Max Castro came in second place on the days tour with a 46 front and 40 back gross scores and a 73 net.

third place winner was awarded to Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho who shot 37 front and 37 in the back. Camacho has no handicap

Closest to the pin contest winners were Norbert Sablan at the number three, Joe Camacho took numbers seven and 17 while Brian Reyes claimed the fifteenth.

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