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New Hillblom 'heir' surfaces

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ANOTHER Filipino woman has surfaced, claiming she has a daughter with the late multimillionaire Larry Lee Hillblom who is heir to the businessman's wealth.

According to documents submitted before the Superior Court yesterday, Ma. Mercedes P. Feliciano, 16, gave birth to Hillblom's alleged child on Dec. 22, 1995, in the Philippines.

Ma. Mercedes, of Pandacan, Manila, named the child Mercédita Feliciano.

The young Filipina was the same person mentioned a few months ago by lawyer Randall Fennell as being pregnant with Hillblom's alleged child.

Fennell then said Ma. Mercedes was reported missing.

Ma. Mercedes is the third

mother to file a paternity claim against Hillblom's estate.

Ma. Mercedes's mother, Milagros, filed the petition before the Manila Regional Trial Court last Jan. 19.

The documents stated that Ma. Mercedes had been the live-in partner of Hillblom since January 1994.

At the time of Hillblom's death last May 15, she was accordingly about two months pregnant.

As the only putative heir of Hillblom, the child, through her guardian, is entitled to the entire estate, said the petition signed by Filipino lawyer Agerico T. Paras.

The petitioner asked judgment from the Manila court to have the executor Bank of Saipan submit an inventory of all Hillblom's properties including those outside the Philippines.

The petitioner also requested to

distribute the child's share in the estate to her guardian after payment of debts and taxes.

Hillblom's properties in the Philippines reportedly include a condominium unit on Roxas Boulevard, Metro Manila; golf membership in Tagaytay City and Baguio City; a studio-type apartment in Makati; and undetermined shareholdings in DHL-Philippines.

John D. Osborn, counsel for the executor, submitted the documents before the Superior Court to inform the latter of the pending suit in the Philippines.

Pursuant to the court's Jan. 24 order barring the executor from using estate's money from defending against paternity claims, Osborn said as a consequence the executor does not know what action, if any, it may take to protect

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The US and CNMI flags fly at half mast at the Multi-purpose Center where a state funeral was held in honor of the late Felix F. Rabauliman.

Former CAO executive accorded state funeral

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has issued a proclamation honoring former official of Carolinian Affairs Office Felix Fital Rabauliman who died last Feb. 22.

Rabauliman, who served in the government from 1948 to 1989, was given a 15-gun salute during yesterday's state funeral attended by top government officials including Tenorio.

Rabauliman's remains were buried in Chalan Kanoa cemetery. US and CNMI flags were lowered to a half mast through-

out the Commonwealth.

Rabauliman served the government from 1948 to 1989.

Rabauliman is survived by wife Joaquina Mareham Rabauliman and children, Manuel, Cecilia, Francisco, Andres, Vincent and Carmelita.

Rabauliman "served the island of Saipan with distinction, and he will be remembered for the many contributions that he made to his community, among them, his ser-

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Wardlaw sues Abraham, gov't for \$1.2M damages

By Rick Alberto
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ANGELA Wardlaw, hospital administrator of the Commonwealth Health Center, has filed for damages amounting to a total of at least \$1,195,000 in connection with her three-day suspension from her job last week.

Named respondents were Health Secretary Isamu J. Abraham, Personnel Director Luis S. Camacho, and the CNMI government.

In her complaint filed before the District Court last Friday, Wardlaw claimed she was sus-

pending by Abraham from Feb. 20 to Feb. 22 in retaliation for her testifying "on a matter of public concern" before a legislative oversight hearing.

In that hearing, Wardlaw reportedly told the legislators about

her inability to gain access to her contract of employment and her position designation.

Wardlaw accused Abraham of infringing on her right to free speech under the First Amend-

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Tenorio orders Villagomez land deal expedited

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has ordered the Division of Public Lands to expedite the processing of a land exchange involving the father of Saipan Sen. Thomas P. Villagomez.

Well-placed sources informed the Variety that the governor had instructed Public Lands Director Bertha Camacho to have the land swap deal readied by Friday last week.

But as it turned out, the Division reportedly failed to get the exchange out Friday due to discrepancies in the certification process.

Officials from the Division were supposed to have met with the governor yesterday to discuss the exchange but the meeting reportedly did not push through because of the state funeral for the late Felix Fital Rabauliman.

The land exchange deal for Manuel S. Villagomez hugged headlines lately

after his son, Sen. Villagomez delivered the decisive vote in the recent override attempt on the governor's veto of House Bill 10-65.

Villagomez's vote, which came unexpected, prevented the override. Immediately, there were specula-

tions that the senator's vote was made in exchange for the governor's expeditious consideration of the land exchange for the lawmaker's father.

Both Tenorio and Sen. Villagomez denied ever striking a deal on the land exchange and on the override vote.

When asked for comment yesterday, Sen. Villagomez was adamant he has no involvement with the governor's order to put the exchange on fast track.

"My vote has nothing to do with my father's land exchange. It was strictly between him and the Administration," said Villagomez.

"Besides, this is long overdue. It has been pending since the time I was speaker of the House and so it is just about time that it gets approved," said Villagomez.

Nevertheless, the Saipan senator stressed that the governor's decision to expedite the exchange was purely his and that he does not have to justify his vote against the override.

"If only the DPL had done its work, this issue should not have been timed with the override vote. I want to make it clear, I voted according to my conscience," said Villagomez.

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Froilan C. Tenorio



Thomas P. Villagomez

Weather Outlook

Partly cloudy skies
with a few showers.

N. Korea bans private phone calls

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea has banned party, government and army leaders from making private telephone calls, a leading South Korean daily reported Monday.

Communist North Korea also has increased controls over other forms of telecommunication, the Joong-Ang Ilbo said, quoting an unidentified government official. "It is difficult to confirm the reason for the ban. It looks like there is serious trouble brewing," the official was quoted as saying. The newspaper report did not elaborate.

The report was the latest in a series of troubling signals from the isolated country.

Last week, the South Korean national news agency Yonhap reported that the North was recalling many diplomats, students, and other members of the elite, possibly to prevent more defections.

Last month, a diplomat, his wife, and an intelligence official attached to the North Korean embassy in Zambia defected to rival South Korea. And a former mistress of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il is reported to be seeking asylum in the West after disappearing in Europe.

A respected South Korean monthly magazine, in its March issue, released what it said was a taped telephone conversation be-

tween the older sister of the former mistress and the sister's son.

The son, who had defected to South Korea in 1982, currently resides in Seoul with his wife and child.

In the taped conversation, Sung Hae Ryang hints to her son that she is planning an escape with her sister, and that they can expect to be reunited soon.

North Korea tightly controls all forms of communication,

and leader Kim is believed to have direct control over its official news agency.

Meanwhile, a North Korean defector who arrived in the South on Sunday stowed away on a cargo ship told reporters that a considerable number of North Koreans are living in hiding in China.

"North Korea has deployed some 2,000 intelligence officials to China to bring back the escapees," Kim Young Kook, 21, told reporters Mon-

day at Pohang port, 280 kilometers (174 miles) southeast of Seoul.

Kim said he escaped by swimming across the Tuman River into China in May of 1994, and had been living in hiding in China since then.

He is the 12th North Korean to have defected to South Korea this year. About 80 people have defected in the past two years, as the result of increasing economic hardship in the North.

Taiwan president calls for peace with China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - President Lee Teng-hui reiterated his call for peace with China Sunday, saying he wanted to achieve a breakthrough in relations with Beijing.

Lee, who is running in Taiwan's first direct presidential elections next month, said he was confident that he would achieve "a historic development" in relations with the mainland.

Speaking on the first nationally televised program for the presidential candidates to present their platforms, Lee also vowed to continue the drive for a higher international profile for Taiwan, which has riled Beijing. China considers a Taiwan a breakaway province with no right to

pursue foreign diplomacy.

Lee, 73, who became president in 1988, is widely expected to win the March 23 election, Taiwan's first by universal suffrage. Previously, the president was elected by the National Assembly.

China-Taiwan tensions flared after Lee visited the United States last June. China retaliated by staging a series of military exercises near Taiwan.

Independent candidate Lin Yang-kang, 68, a former vice chairman of the ruling Nationalist Party, said peace with China will be his main task. Lin said China "may take over Taiwan with military force but it cannot

win the hearts of the 21 million people here with military attack and will breed hatred for the mainland instead."

Peng Ming-min, 72, of the main opposition Democratic Progressive Party, reiterated that his party advocates an independent Taiwan.

He promised, however, to lift the government's ban on direct links with China and to establish peaceful relations with Beijing if the island becomes independent.

Peng, a former professor, joined the DPP last year after returning to Taiwan in 1992 from the United States, where he had lived in exile.

Christopher starts Latin tour

By JOHN RICE
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) - Central American presidents say they will use a rare visit by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to press for greater access to U.S. markets and investment.

Christopher's aides say he will urge the countries to continue the democratization process in a region still scarred by the civil wars of the 1980s.

His visit to El Salvador kicks off a nine-day trip to Latin America, the most extensive by any secretary of state in eight years. It is Christopher's first trip to Central America.

But Cuba's downing of two U.S.-based civilian aircraft on Saturday threatens to divert at least part of Christopher's focus.

Cuba is already a point of dispute: No country in Latin America supports the U.S. embargo against Cuba and even the staunchly anti-Communist governments of most Central American states are increasing their contacts with the island.

Salvadoran President Armando Calderon Sol said Saturday that he and his colleagues will seek assurances that they won't be damaged by U.S. free trade with Mexico, which some fear will divert investment to their larger northern neighbor.

"We are trying to benefit from the opening of the United States," he said. "We presidents have sent several messages to President Clinton and to political sectors in the United States asking for parity with the free trade treaty."

Nicaragua issued a similar statement on Saturday. Christopher was to meet Calderon

as well as President Carlos Roberto Reina of Honduras, President Jose Maria Figueres of Costa Rica and Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel of Belize on Tuesday. The leaders of Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama said they could not attend because of scheduling conflicts.

U.S. officials have praised the moves toward a free market in Central American states, particularly El Salvador, which has seen growth of 6 percent a year.

US Customs says drug seizures up 25 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Customs Service, trying to blunt criticism it fails to stop drugs from being shipped into the United States in cargo trucks, announced Sunday its drug seizures at the U.S.-Mexican border jumped 25 percent last year.

The report on the year-old Operation Hard Line comes after widespread criticism of agency Commissioner George Weise, and after several recent allegations of agency corruption.

Both the FBI and a federal grand jury are looking into the charges that some Customs inspectors allowed cocaine into the United States from Mexico in exchange for money from drug traffickers.

In addition, some former employees have charged that a Customs program, called "Line Release," that allows firms that pass a background check to send cargo trucks across the U.S. border with little or no inspection has aided large-scale drug trafficking.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California, has been among those con-

demned that Customs concentrates too heavily on facilitating the movement of cargo trucks, and not enough on ensuring the trucks are searched for drugs.

In the year before Operation Hard Line was launched, Customs failed to make a single discovery of cocaine in trucks entering the United States at three of the busiest entry points along the Mexican border.

But in the year after the operation began, total seizures of all types of drugs jumped 25 percent, according to the Customs statistics released Sunday.

The amount of cocaine seized by Customs agents along the entire border increased 19 percent over 1994, to a record 1,162 pounds (23,200 kilos). In addition, Customs seized 137 pounds (62 kilos) of heroin along the entire border, an increase of 108 percent.

"I am very proud of the drug-enforcement efforts and achievements of the Customs Service," Weise said in a letter to Customs employees that accompanied the report.

Two inmates granted parole

By Ferdie de la Torre
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TWO INMATES who had been serving jail term in connection with separate murder cases, including the killing of a police officer, were released Saturday on parole.

Granted parole were Gregorio Ch. Basa and Efrain M. Reyes Jr.

After deliberating, the four members of the Board of Parole headed by chairman Lucas Mendiola agreed that Basa and Reyes were both fully "re-

formed."

Gov. Froilan Tenorio commuted Basa's sentence from 50 years to 36 years.

Basa was eligible for parole because he had met among other things, the 1/3 requirements of the sentence after serving 12 years out of 36 years' jail term.

Basa was convicted on Nov. 7, 1985 of murder in the first degree, use of a firearm in the commission of a crime, illegal possession of firearm,

illegal possession of ammunition. Basa was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment on Jan. 6, 1986. He was set to be released on Nov. 29, 2033.

Court information showed that Basa shot Officer Abraham Sablan Quitagua in Chalan Kanoa.

Chief Parole Officer Jess C. Bermudes said among the conditions of parole for Basa is that he shall listen to the advice and consent instructions of his mother and older sisters.

Due to the seriousness of his crime, Bermudes said the board imposed that only one parole violation of any of the conditions shall be subject for revocations.

Bermudes said Reyes was eligible

for parole since last November.

Reyes was sentenced last Jan. 28, 1994 of aiding and abetting and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Reyes was given 20 years' jail term to both charges, 11 of which were suspended.

He entered a plea agreement with the government and became a state witness in connection with the killing of Filipino carpenter Eladio Laude in Nov. 1992.

Among the parole conditions set for Reyes, is that he stays with his wife and children and maintains their support financially and morally.

Reyes must listen to the advice of

his wife and mother as well as his uncle Jack Muna.

The board also imposed that only one parole violation of any of the regular terms and conditions by parole officer or designated staff. Meanwhile, the board denied parole for Godwin Brel after it was found he was not eligible.

To date, the applicant has served slightly over two years in three separate cases.

Accordingly, it appears that the applicant must serve another 28 months imprisonment before being eligible for parole.

The Board of Parole is a separate entity created by law to parole or revoke parole in the CNMI.

Sablan may face legal action over contract



Gregorio C. Sablan

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE GOVERNMENT may initiate legal action against former Special Assistant for Planning and Budget Gregorio C. Sablan to recover money paid for a government contract he failed to fulfill.

According to acting Attorney General C. Sebastian Aloat, the matter has already been referred to him and that his office is now preparing "appropriate action."

"Generally, when you fail to deliver on a contract, it is a breach of contract and we would normally offer a demand for payment and file the appropriate papers to get a court order in aid of collecting any damages," said Aloat in an interview yesterday.

Sablan was given a six-month contract in June of last year by the Department of Finance for which he was reportedly paid \$30,000 upfront and \$5,000 per month until December 1995.

Under the contract, Sablan was to devise a plan to bring the financially-troubled Government

Health Insurance Program into solvency.

Specifically, the work involves the establishment and implementation of written policies and procedures to review and adjust insurance contributions under the GHIP annually.

Among the deliverables Sablan was to provide under the contract are: a statement on the insurance contribution share for government and employees; a written strategy on the elimination of claims processing backlog; and a written evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of totally or partially privatizing the GHIP.

But Sablan has reportedly failed to complete the work expected of him pursuant to the single-sourced contract leading to a default on the contract.

According to Aloat, the matter has been referred to him for appropriate action.

"We normally try to let people know it's been referred to our office, give them a short period of time to correct any deficiencies before we go through the time-consuming and somewhat expensive process of litigation," the acting AG said.

According to Aloat, his office does not allow debts to the Commonwealth to go uncollected and that it is his responsibility to the taxpayers is to make sure "they are made whole."

"So one can assume that absent satisfaction voluntarily, we would bring the appropriate legal action to obtain the return of money improperly paid," said Aloat.

New bill on gov't hiring of aliens faces veto anew

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE NEW bill seeking to extend the period for government hiring of non-resident workers is still not acceptable to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

In an interview yesterday, the governor said he is likely to veto House Bill 10-173 notwithstanding the fact that the Legislature already disposed of the provision against the use of manpower service firms.

"I haven't really read the bill but I told the Legislature sometime ago that I would sign a bill if it exempts doctors only at the hospital and auditors for the Public Auditor's Office," said Tenorio.

Asked if a veto is imminent, Tenorio said: "It (a veto) is not only possible, it is for sure."

The need for a legislation to extend the hiring period of aliens in government has been underscored by the acute manpower shortage currently being felt in at the Commonwealth Health Center.

It is said that a possible health care crisis is in the offing if the extension

is not approved due to the inability of hospital officials to renew the contracts of several doctors, nurses and other medical professionals.

Under Public Law 7-45, no more non-resident workers could be hired or renewed for employment in government after Sept. 30, 1995.

Prior to that date, CHC, the Public Auditor's Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Public Works were exempted from the general prohibition on the hiring of non-US citizen staffs.

The House and Senate in separate sessions last week passed H.B. 10-173 in lieu of a similar legislation, House Bill 10-65, which was vetoed by the governor.

After it was disapproved, the House and Senate moved to override the veto but failed by one vote in the Senate.

To make sure that the governor will this time be amenable to an extension, the House and Senate passed H.B. 10-173 but without the provision prohibiting hiring through manpower recruitment firms.



Froilan C. Tenorio

Tenorio had earlier said hiring must be done through manpower firms should continued hiring of non-residents be necessary.

However, he also specifically pointed out that he will only approve of an extension for doctors at CHC and auditors for the Public Auditor's Office.

Given that warning, Tenorio said another veto is imminent.

CUC Rota cashier accused of misappropriating collections

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE CASHIER of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s office on Rota faces dismissal from job for allegedly misappropriating the agency's collec-



Leo LaMotte

tions amounting to \$1,829.29.

Upon the Office of Public Auditor's recommendation, CUC's executive director Timothy Villagomez initiated a "termination action" against the cashier whose name was withheld by OPA.

Investigation by the auditor's office revealed that the cashier hid the funds she collected from clients last Dec. 18 by securing for herself two personal checks, one in the amount of \$1,000 and the other, \$829.29.

"The cashier used these two checks to replace the cash she took from the day's collections before making the deposit," Public Auditor Leo LaMotte said in the report released yesterday.

The irregularities were discovered when the Bank of Guam returned the \$1,000 check because of insufficient funds.

On Jan. 3, CUC redeposited the check but two days later, the bank debited CUC's account for the amount of checks.

The existence of the \$829.29 check was discovered when the Korean customer complained of the CUC's failure to reconnect service despite the payment of his bill. It was found out that the cashier did not issue the customer an official receipt for the payment of the utilities bill.

LaMotte said the CUC has responded positively to his office's recommendations. The CUC's executive director has:

- asked the Attorney General's Office to follow up on the investigation requested of Rota Department of Public Safety;
 - initiated a termination action the cashier; and
 - issued a memorandum that prohibits cashing of employee personal checks with CUC funds.
- Moreover, LaMotte said the Rota Deputy Director has adopted measures "to sufficiently safeguard un-deposited collections."

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I Amendacion Numero Sais (6), sumen impottante na ginagao espesiatmente gi inestablesen kabales na gobietnamento gi munisipalidad siha. Este na ginagao para u basiha responsabilidad mafondun i offisinin mayot siha. Kumeke ilegña, na todo fondu para apas i man machochochu' gi papa' offisinin mayot, debi u finondu ni tax munisipalidad. Siempre este na ginagao u effektibo despues de siete años.

Ha ekspresia si Mayot Herman Manglona na ti konfotmegue' nu este na proposito sa makat gi munisipalidad iya Tinian. Komprenyion este na sentimento, lao maila' ta atan satton i sustansia i presente na areglamento. I gaston suetdon empleao Mayot Tinian ginagasta \$2.8 Miyon pesos gi sakan. Este na salape' mafato ginen i kalaguag i manman apapase kontribusion tax giya Saipan.

Fuera de ennao, mas ke \$3 Miyon pesos na ayudo mafato ginen Saipan talo pot para u fan ma'ayuda i taotao Tinian yan Luta gi gaston utilidat, espesifikamente, gi bandan kandet. Makat na para tana' petmanente este na areglo sa' kontodo i manman apapase kontribusion tax giya Saipan ha nesesisita este na finkas siha para u ma'adelanta i kuatton eskuela gi entero isla sa' ti homlu' este na eksisio gi edukasion eskuelante.

Dispues, i intension este na amendacion layeye pot para u establese gi komunidan i dos islas (Luta yan Tinian) sensian responsabilidad gi rinikohen yan gaston salape' publiko. Uniko remedio 'nai siña kada mayot yan taotaona ha agrades i balin i peso yangin en fin mañaosaoa direktamente gi prinudesen finkas para suetdon i empleao mayot. Ti siña na para siempre u makontinua i presente na areglo sa' tatnai hulie' manae' un' kilisiano nu i nesesisita gi hilo' un' platon oru.

Este na ginagao siempre inafuetsa maseha haye na mayot komo padre de isla man aligao manera 'nai para una' fañochu taotaona. Siempre u guaha mas inadahe gi disposition finkas publiko. Rason na mañaosaoa manman aligao finkas para u kubre nesesisat niha, mas ha bohao maug' na sensian responsabilidad sa' ha komprende na ha masahalume i ginanaña. Todo pot todos, guaha mas antao na atetu gi inadahen salape' publiko. Estague' sikhnikasionña i Amendacion Numero Sais.

Dispues de siete años, debi kada mayot u kapas abilidadña man aligao chalan pot para u fondu i nesesisat operasion gobietnamenton munisipalidad. Ti siña na para ta kontinua hafa masusesede pago 'nai kalaguag manman apapase kontribusion tax ginen Saipan kumukubre suetdon empleao munisipat gi dos islas. I fundamenton sisteman demokrasiya na gobietmento maudai gi finachochu' komunida 'nai todo membro pareho animo man machochu' pot para u fanohge gi dos adeñg niha. Estague' sustansian demokrasiya na sisteman gobietnamento.

I mapropopone na areglamento siempre ha obliga gobietnamenton munisipat u meyang mangasta gi halom hafa gaige gi pottamonedaña. Todo dibatde na benefisio, chatmiyo fan malelef na guaha u mapapase gaston ennao na atikulo. Guaha u mapapase sa' trabiha tatnai hulie' uchan papa' ginen i lañget grasian dibatde na benefisio. Todo i tiempo, debi un' fachuchue' i para un' benefisia. Dispues, kustumbren tano' na debi un' fachuchue' yan un' masahalume todo benefisio ni maplanta gi lamasan familiamo. Presio na tanalala' tatte este na kustumbre para minaleg i famaguonta.

U maya este na ginagao yan i intension patte gi Amendacion Numero Disi-Ocho (18) ni para u trinsansere responsabilidad kada delegasion lehislatura gi kinensideran lai munisipat. Ninac' propio na responsabilidad i konsihilion munisipat putdet man ina otidinansia ni propio para i komunida. Este na atoridat ha baba chalan 'nai i mayot yan konsihilion munisipat u daña pot para u guaha inatuño hafa siha na otidinansia mankombene gi ma'adelantan pottamonedan i offisinin mayot.

Yangin ma'aprupeba yan u mefektibo i Amendacion Numero Sais, inibliga siempre i mayot yan i konsihilion munisipat u mapipet pot para u siña manrikohe salape' para i nesesisat empleao mayot. Este na asunto binaba i matan i taotao gi komunida sa' siempre sumaosaoa direktamente man apase mas kontribusion tax pot suetdon taotao i mayot. Gi hilo' este na areglo, mas kritikar i publiko gi manera 'nai ha resisibe setbision ginen offisinin mayot. Homlu' este na eksisio ya pot este siha na rason na propio tafan man bota faborable gi Amendacion Numero Sais. Si Yuus Maese.



THE 3rd Con Con AND THE Public

By: Stephen C. Woodruff

Constitutional 'Legerdemain'

AMONG other changes, Amendment 18 eliminates the requirement that proposed constitutional amendments obtain the approval of a majority of the votes cast Commonwealth-wide and two-thirds of the votes in at least two senatorial districts in order to become a part of the Constitution. Instead, it allows constitutional amendments to be approved by just 60 percent of the votes cast Commonwealth-wide. The whole 60 percent could come from Saipan; there is no requirement of any minimum share of the votes in any senatorial district.

Amendment 18 also seeks to eliminate legislative initiative as a means to propose constitutional amendments. This despite the fact that legislative initiative is recognized in every one of the fifty states and is the most commonly used means of proposing constitutional amendments.

Indeed, the First Constitutional Convention believed, to quote a law review article written by Howard Willens and Deanne Siemer shortly after their participation in that convention, that "proposals initiated by the legislature were more likely to be sensitive to the public need than those from a constitutional convention or by popular initiative."

In contrast, popular initiative, which the Third Con-Con says should be the only means of amending our

Constitution for the next 25 years, is permitted in only 18 states. And in another astonishing attempt by the Third Con-Con to arrogate power and speak the final word for an entire generation, Amendment 18 would prohibit the convening of any constitutional convention for 25 years.

Yet constitutional convention is accepted as legal in all fifty states, including nine states whose constitutions make no provision for it. The ability to convene a constitutional convention has been described by courts as inherent in the legislative power. But Amendment 18 would outlaw it in the Commonwealth for 25 years. Remarkable.

Constitutionality of Supermajorities
Convention delegates were told repeatedly that the current ratification requirement of two-thirds approval in at least two senatorial districts is probably unconstitutional. As we shall see, this is not true. Indeed, convention legal counsel Howard Willens and Deanne Siemer even wrote a law review article following their involvement in the First Constitutional Convention. In that article, they demonstrated the constitutionality of the current ratification requirement.

The Third Con-Con initially proposed that the ratifi-

ConCon COMMENTARY

(by Marian Aldan-Pierce, Frances LG Borja, Esther S. Fleming, John Oliver DLR Gonzales, Herman T. Guerrero, David Q. Marañón, Felix R. Nogis, Justo S. Quitugua, J.P. San Nicolas, Bernadita T. Bennett Seman, and Dr. Helen Taro-Atalig. This is a non-partisan response by 3rd Con-Con delegates present at the Post-Convention Committee meeting on Friday, February 23, 1996, to the remarks of Former Governor Carlos Camacho as reported in the Focus section of the Pacific Daily News.)

DR. Camacho is quoted as saying that Amendment #18 would prevent constitutional amendments for 25 years and would take away the Legislature's ability to propose constitutional amendments. First, that is wrong. Second, Dr. Camacho spoke in favor of Amendment #18 during the Convention, and he voted in favor of Amendment #18 on first reading. He was absent for the vote on second and final reading.

Under Amendment #18, the constitution may be amended at any time by the voters. Any person may circulate an initiative petition to put on the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment. If 30% of the voters sign the petition, and it is certified by the Attorney General, it will go on the ballot. Amendment #18 makes it considerably easier for our citizens to use the popular initiative for this purpose because the required number of signatures is lowered to 30% from 50%.

Under Amendment #18, the constitutional amendments may be proposed at any time by the Legislature. All the legislators need to do is collect the required number of signatures to put their initiative on the ballot. For example, if Amend-

ment #2 passes and the Legislature is downsized to 19 members, a majority of 4 in the Senate and 7 in the House would have to collect an average of 275 signatures apiece to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot. Is there any legislator elected in the Commonwealth who cannot get 275 signatures? We think not.

Amendment #18 is designed to prevent what the Legislature has done in the past — passing proposed constitutional amendments that increase their own budget with no public hearings, no notice, and no time for careful reflection. The Senate has just done it again. They passed a proposed constitutional amendment on Friday, February 16, at the end of the day just before, a three-day holiday, that would increase their own budget to \$7 million from the current \$3.6 million plus salaries. This amendment is currently pending before the House, which could do the same thing.

Public Education Program
The public education program included 29 village and public meetings on Saipan, Tinian and

Letters to the Editor

San Nicolas on ConCon effort

Dear Editor:
After all that has been written and said, both positive and negative, about the product of the 3rd Con-Con, I believe that it is time I said my piece.

First, I would like to say that I consider it an honor to have represented my people of Tinian at the Con-Con. I believe collectively the delegates pursued common goals: (1) less government cost; (2) greater efficiency; and (3) equity for all CNMI residents. With this, we tackled many obstacles and leaped over many pitfalls. No one ever said it would be a bed of roses. In the end, 24 out of 27 delegates affixed their signatures in approval of the many proposed amendments, myself included.

However, now as the election draws nearer, more and more people have found it convenient to bash on what the 3rd Con-Con did. I certainly do not oppose freedom of speech, but I do question the intent of such misleading comments regarding our 3rd Con-Con.

Second, I believe the members are

doing a fine job at educating the public. They have met with people in EVERY village in the CNMI, both during working hours and in evening time. They have provided the general public with radio, TV, and newspaper advertisements, and they have met with leaders in our community. I believe they should be credited with doing a fine job for us all.

Third, I would like to respond to a comment that personally touched me. I must say that I was not hurt by the content, but by who said it. I am referring to the comments posed by Dr. Camacho wherein he stated that "they (the delegates) did it for their own interests rather than trying to protect the interests of the people." Now, I know Dr. Camacho personally; I respect him immensely simply because he is indeed a man who has struggled all his life to help serve our people of the Commonwealth. But, Mr. Editor, it pains me to see Dr. Camacho saying such a statement

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Irked over worker placard

Dear Editor,
Please print this letter in response to a specific placard displayed during the peaceful demonstration in front of the Horiguchi Building on February 20, 1996. I am referring to the one welcoming Sen. Frank Murkowski and Sen. Daniel Akaka "to the island of abusers."

The 1st amendment to the CNMI and US Constitutions guarantee each and every individual on US soil the right to free speech. To publicly petition the Government is one from that right. While I condoned those who treat overseas contract workers unfairly and without respect, I was personally offended by the blanket description of our friendly and beautiful Commonwealth as the island of abusers. Branding the CNMI as such is a blatant disregard for the vast majority of indigenous Chamorros

and residents who are considerate, fare and law abiding citizens of this great Commonwealth.

Every nation, country or island has its own dark spot. The US at one time, went through the slave labor industry and the discrimination of colored people. The Jewish people went through hell under the Germans with Adolf Hitler. The Philippines suffered and were punished tremendously under the dictatorship of President Ferdinand Marcos, who was only toppled ten years ago.

To the individual or individuals responsible for labeling the CNMI "island of abusers," thus such irresponsible characterization included myself, please understand that a huge majority of us are not part of the message that you are trying to convey and convince the US Govern-

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March 2 vote on Delay move irks ConCon, BOE heads

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE LEGISLATURE'S move to postpone the March 2 election has peeved both the president of post-Constitutional Convention committee and the election chief even as Gov. Tenorio assured it would not materialize.

In an interview yesterday, Tenorio said he would sit on the bill seeking a postponement of the ratification vote and let March 2 pass without acting on it.

"The voting will take place as scheduled. Why should we delay it," said the governor. "If the people are not ready by March 2nd, they would never be ready."

Tenorio's opposition to the re-scheduling was echoed by ConCon president Herman T. Guerrero.

"I'm very disappointed with the Legislature. I don't know their motive for doing that," he said.

In the first place, Guerrero said, the postponement "would not change anything because the voters have already made up their minds."

Board of Elections executive director Juan M. Diaz said his office will have to deal with a lot of problems if Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio signed the bill into law.

House Bill 10-162, introduced by Vice Speaker Jesus Atao, seeks to reset the ratification exercise to June



Herman T. Guerrero

29. The bill, which was passed on final reading by both houses of Legislature last week, is on its way to the governor's desk.

Diaz said the election board has already sent out 200 ballots to off-island voters and these would have to be cancelled if the bill is enacted.

"We have already spent \$600 for absentee voters, and all in all we've spent some \$5,000 for the printing of ballots," Diaz said.

If the government pushes through with the postponement plan, Diaz said, the election board will need some \$8,000 to revise the ballots. This will certainly require

another funding appropriation, he added.

Diaz lamented the Legislature's failure to consult the election office on the postponement initiative.

"We just learned this last Friday. We should have been informed at least since we're the ones doing all the preparations," he said.

However, Diaz said, if Tenorio decides to sign the bill election officials will not object.

"What can we do?" Diaz said. "If they have money for another funding appropriation, then they could go on with their plan."

Guerrero, for his part, said he was assured by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio that he would not sign the bill.

"These moves to postpone the ratification tend to confuse the voters," Guerrero said. "Each time the schedule gets closer, the legislators would move it."

The ratification exercise was originally scheduled for Nov. 4 last year simultaneous with the midterm congressional elections. It was moved to March 2 to give the voters enough time to review the proposed amendments.

In approving another deferral proposal, Senate and House leaders said there was a need to give voters more time to comprehend the complex issues related to the proposed amendments.

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Feger laments teacher 'brain drain'



James Feger

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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ALMOST half of the teachers population at Marianas High School are affected by Public Law 7-45, and most of them, according to principal James Feger, are the "excellent ones."

Of 80 teachers employed at MHS—one of the Commonwealth's biggest high schools—at least 35 are on their way out.

"I hate to see excellent teachers go," Feger said in an interview.

Many of these teachers,

Feger said, have been institutions in the CNMI and "are irreplaceable."

Alien teachers at MHS came from the Philippines, Canada and India.

"These teachers could find jobs in any good schools anywhere in the world and their departure will be our loss," Feger said.

With the enforcement of PL 7-45, Feger said, the CNMI will have to "gamble on getting teachers from the mainland who may not be as good as the ones they will replace."

"It does not necessarily

mean that if they come from the States they can do a better job—that's loony," Feger said. "We're not sure if they can adopt to the climate and educational system of the CNMI."

PL 7-45 prohibits the hiring of alien workers in the government as well as the renewal of employment contracts beyond Sept. 30, 1995.

Agencies affected by the law aside from PSS include the Commonwealth Health Center, the Public Auditor's Office and the Department of Public Works.

A bill that seeks to extend the period of government hiring of workers faces rough sailing at the Governor's Office.

Feger said he hoped that the government would at least spare PSS from PL 7-45.

He said some of the alien teachers have been working in the PSS for at least 18 years.

"It takes time to acquire the quality that they have earned from years of their experience here. They have weathered different changes in the government and the educational system," Feger said.

Wardlaw... Continued from page 1

ment of the United States Constitution when she testified at the hearing where she was asked regarding the working relationship between her and Abraham.

Wardlaw also accused the health secretary of reducing her rank as hospital administrator by:

- Giving some of her duties and responsibilities to other individuals;
- Excluding her from participation in decision-making pertaining to budgetary matters and in meetings;

- Not allowing her to have any meaningful participation in employee recruitment and retention decisions;

- Not allowing her to have any meaningful participation in expenditure decisions; and

- Not meeting with her to discuss the administration of the CHC.

In her complaint, Wardlaw alleged that shortly after she started working at the CHC on Feb. 12 last year, Abraham "began taking measures to ensure" that Wardlaw "could not properly perform" her duties and responsibilities as hospital administrator.

Wardlaw accused Abraham, too, of causing to be published his suspension of Wardlaw because of "absenteeism, reporting late to work, and unprofessional conduct."

She claimed Abraham did this to injure her in her profession, her name, honor, and reputation, as well as to further undermine her employment.

She also said that in a memorandum to Camacho, Abraham made a libelous statement accusing Wardlaw of appearing at the oversight hearing without filing a leave of absence.

Wardlaw, however, said she had been twice requested by Abraham to attend the oversight hearing.

Wardlaw claimed her suspension and her being not allowed to perform her contractual duties as hospital administrator were intentionally done because of her African-American race.

She said she was not given an opportunity to answer the action taken against her prior to the imposition of the suspension, depriving her of due process of law under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Wardlaw also accused Camacho of infringing on her right to free speech by approving her suspension from work.

Camacho "knew or should have known suspension without giving plaintiff the proper notice and the opportunity to respond to charges prior to the suspension was improper," the complaint said.

Wardlaw also said the CNMI was liable for the acts of Abraham and Camacho.

Much of the compensatory damages Wardlaw sought was thrown to the

court to determine during the trial.

The complainant, who is a native of New York, asked for a total of at least \$975,000 in punitive damages from Abraham and a total of at least \$20,000 also in punitive damages from Camacho.

She also asked for undetermined amounts in compensatory damages from the CNMI.

In addition, Wardlaw asked the court to:

- Declare that Abraham's acts violated her rights under the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment;

- Issue an injunction against Abraham, prohibiting him from interfering with her performance of her duties and responsibilities as hospital administrator;

- Declare that Abraham's acts violated her employment contract and that she is entitled to specific performance of her employment contract;

- Declare that her suspension violates her rights to freedom of speech under the First Amendment;

- Issue an injunction prohibiting the CNMI and any of its officers, agents and employees from interfering with her in the exercise of her right to freedom of speech;

- Declare that not allowing her to perform her duties and responsibilities as hospital administrator violates her rights under the due process clause;

- Issue an injunction prohibiting the

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the interests of the estate. Kaelani Kinney, of Palau, was the first to file paternity claim for her son Junior Larry Hillbloom.

Julie Cuartero, also a teenaged Filipina, followed claiming she had delivered birth to Hillbloom's child she named Jellian last May 4 in Manila.

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vice to the San Jose Church Parish Council and the Parish Pastoral Council are most notable," Tenorio proclamation issued Feb. 24 reads.

A former educator, Rabauliman worked for the Naval Administration from 1948 to 1968.

He was a member of the Saipan Municipal Legislature from 1960 to 1962, and of the House of Representatives Third Congress of Micronesia from 1969 to 1971.

From 1963 to 1964, Rabauliman served as district commission for Oleai Saipan.

In 1971, he represented the United Carolinian Association to the First CNMI of the Marianas Political Status Commission.

He was executive assistant for the Carolinian Affairs Office from 1982 until he retired on Nov. 3, 1989. (MCM)

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when I know deep inside he is wrong. I, for one, have never forgotten about my constituents. In fact, along with about 13 other delegates, I fought to raise the required number of votes for amendments to appear on the ballot so that proposed amendments would not be railroaded through the Convention.

All proposals were discussed at length in the committees and on the floor of the Convention. Again, not all of us got what we wanted, but through compromise and discussion, a consensus was usually met.

The bottom line, Mr. Editor, is that the delegates did care and were thinking about the interests of the people.

Sincerely,
J.P. SAN NICOLAS

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ment of. I agree that it is an effective strategy, an attention getter, but it is wrong. I appreciate your activities (demonstrations/rallies) because not only are you exercising your right, it is one form of keeping our government working to better its operations and services. I encourage you though, not to get so hooked-up in the issue as to forget those who are not responsible in making your temporary stay here in the CNMI miserable or difficult.

The CNMI was and is still a great and friendly place to live and work. Its hospitality is unmatched. Our criminal justice, procedural and check and balance systems are all working. I hope that when you do return to the Philippines, you live up to your duty as a model citizen and convey to your leaders the great democracy of the CNMI.

We are just a group of small islands standing tall because our leaders make the people a priority in their agenda. The human race is indeed so unique because unlike machines, you can never predict how each one will function.

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Election of new Vanuatu PM good for PNG

PAPUA NEW Guinea prime minister, Sir Julius Chan has congratulated the newly elected prime minister of Vanuatu, Maxime Carlot Korman. Sir Julius said Korman is no stranger to Papua New Guinea and his election would ensure he continued the strong and untiring working relationship that's been established already between the two countries.

Chan said as a member of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, the

Vanuatu leader will be expected to attend the MSG leaders meeting in June on the Trobriand Islands in PNG's Milne Bay province. Sir Julius said the meeting is expected to set an agenda for a Lome-type of assistance programme which he would publicize later this year during the APEC leaders meeting in the Philippines.

As chairman of the South Pacific Forum, Sir Julius said he would seek the cooperation of Pacific leaders like

Korman, on the issue as well as the implementation of the Pacific Plan.

Meanwhile, Vanuatu's supreme court resumed hearing today to consider the legality of the election of the new speaker of parliament and the new prime minister and the formation of a new coalition government. The former prime minister, Serge Vohor, petitioned the court, challenging the events of Friday, when a new speaker

and prime minister were elected amid scenes of chaos, RNZI reported Monday.

The chief justice, Charles Vaudin d'Inecourt, says until a ruling from the court is made,

only Maxime Carlot Korman can call himself prime minister. The chief justice's ruling was announced after Vohor went on Radio Vanuatu to say he was still the rightful prime minister....Pacnews

3 killed in dawn raid in Bougainville

TWO CIVILIANS and a pro-government resistance commander were killed in a dawn raid by Bougainville Revolutionary Army rebels in Kunua care center in Southwest Bougainville early Sunday. One of the three killed was an elderly woman and another was a mentally retarded man, the Post-Courier reported Monday.

Three other civilians, including another woman who received less severe wounds, were wounded in the attack. They are recovering at Sohano hospital where they were taken following the BRA's most northerly attack since last August. The Post-Courier says the attack is believed to be part of a three-pronged move ordered by Central Bougainville based BRA commander Steven Topes to force

preparatory talks leading up to the proposed March/April talks to be held outside PNG.

The first attack was at Nagovis where a man was shot dead last weekend. About the same time BRA rebels raided Sovele where a public servant was shot. He was flown to Sohano for treatment in hospital. The second attack was at Arawa last Wednesday in which a soldier and a resistance fighter were critically wounded and three policemen also received injuries.

The Post-Courier says that reports drawn from the three hospitalized civilians from Sunday's 5 to 6 am Kunua incident indicate that the BRA rebels came from all directions and fired indiscriminately....Pacnews

Chan to visit Malaysia

PAPUA New Guinea's prime minister Sir Julius Chan will make a state visit to Malaysia next month. The visit will be made at the invitation of the Malaysian government. It will also include a

business delegation to try and lure investments into PNG.

Chan said the trip is part of efforts to strengthen relations between the two countries and other countries in Asia.

Palau in state of mourning

THE PASSING away of David Ngirmidol, a well-known public figure, has prompted President Nakamura to issue a proclamation putting the Republic in a state of national mourning.

According to a news release from the President's office, the proclamation orders the lowering of all flags flown within Palau and those flown in Palauan embassies, consulates, and liaison offices overseas to be flown at

half-mast for a period of five days as a symbol of national tribute and respect for the late David Ngirmidol.

Ngirmidol's public life spans twenty-four years and includes membership of the Seventh Palau Legislature and the first Olbiil Era Kelulau representing the former 2nd Senatorial District.

He later served as the managing editor of the Republic's publication, the Palau Gazette, and as the

Chief of Public Affairs of the national government.

At the time of his death, "Dave", as he is best known to his friends and colleagues, served as the Chief of the House of Delegates and a member of the Palau Election Commission.

A state funeral for David Ngirmidol was scheduled for yesterday, February 25 at the Senate Chamber, Olbiil Era Kelulau.

Blackouts plague Honiara

THERE'S still no solution in sight to the serious electricity power supply problem being experienced in the Solomon Islands capital for several weeks. Honiara continued to experience long periods of power blackouts and fluctuation in electricity supply, while the government and the Solomon Islands Electricity Authority have yet to settle their differences on which foreign

company to engage on upgrading the low power supply situation, RNZI reported Monday.

The electricity authority had gone ahead and signed an agreement with a Vanuatu based French company, UNELCO, while the ministry of energy signed an agreement with Hong Kong based company, Access Power. Prime minister Solomon Mamaloni has now intervened and directed fi-

nance minister Christopher Columbus Abe to convene a meeting between the disputing parties and have the issue resolved without delay.

Abe has therefore requested all the documents on both proposals for consideration and he said the project would be undertaken by the investor with the cheapest rate for the consumers....Pacnews



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World leaders condemn bombing

TOKYO (AP) - Leaders around the world condemned two deadly terrorist bombings in Israel and expressed hope the acts will not derail peace talks.

United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he was "shocked and appalled" by the bombings Sunday, which left 25

dead and more than 80 injured.

"I condemn in the strongest possible terms this new attack on the peace process for which we have all worked so long and so hard," Boutros-Ghali said in a statement.

"I call on all men and women of good will not to allow terrorists to derail the precious gains achieved by the Pales-

tinian and Israeli people at an already great cost," he said.

Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans on Monday said Australia extended its deepest sympathy to the families of the victims. "These outrages are not only crimes against the Israeli people but an attack on the peace process itself," Evans



Bill Clinton



Shimon Peres

said in a statement. "There cannot be a surrender to the forces behind this despicable act. The peace process must be sustained."

Japan called the bombings a "contemptible act of terror."

"We strongly condemn such contemptible acts of terror which obstruct the peace process," the Foreign Ministry said shortly after the bombing, according to Kyodo News.

"Nevertheless, we hope that Israel and the Palestinians will overcome these difficult circumstances and continue their dialogue toward peace," the ministry said.

The bombs ripped through a Jerusalem bus and a soldiers' hitchhiking post in coastal Ashkelon. Responsibility was claimed by Hamas, an Islamic group opposed to the peace process between Israel and Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres vowed to continue efforts toward peace. "Neither the Hamas nor anyone else will move us from this," he said.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat also denounced the attacks. "I condemn it completely," Arafat said. "It is not only against civilians. It is against the whole peace process."

President Clinton condemned the attacks as thoughtless brutalities that "offend the conscience of the world" but would not sidetrack efforts for peace in the Middle East.

The Russian Foreign Ministry

said the explosions in Israel were "aimed against both Israelis and the Palestinians. It's a stab in the back of the peace process and an attempt to reverse the course of history."

Egypt urged Israeli and Arab peace partners to rein in forces opposed to the peace process.

King Hussein of Jordan, embarking on a trip to England and the United States, said he felt "pain and disgust."

"It is fairly obvious that these are people who do not want peace and try to destroy the chances of achieving a comprehensive peace in this region," he said.

French President Jacques Chirac, in a letter to Peres, said, "I know that this tragedy will not lead your government to turn away from pursuing with its partners the determined and courageous construction of the peace to which all the people of the region aspire."

Pope John Paul II condemned the suicide blasts as a "new and cruel return to violence" and offered prayers that advocates of peace will remain dedicated to the goal.

"Yet again I turn to all of those who believe in dialogue and urge them not to lose hope," the pope told crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square for his weekly address.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, whose guerrillas are fighting to evict the Israelis from a border enclave they occupy in south Lebanon, was an exception, praising the attacks.

Guards to patrol Golden Gate Bridge for suicides

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Security guards will begin patrolling the Golden Gate Bridge on April 1 to help prevent people from leaping off the landmark span.

The Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors voted Friday to spend \$164,300 a year for a daily patrol.

More than 1,000 people have jumped to their deaths since the structure was opened in 1937.

At least one guard will patrol the pedestrian walkway for eight to 12 hours each day. The board will review the program in six months to determine its effectiveness.

Bridge police Capt. Ron Garcia, who will oversee the new program, warned that it should not be seen as a way to end all suicides on the bridge. "Not everyone who comes out here to commit suicide shows outward signs of it," Garcia said. "But for those who do, we stand a better chance of picking up someone sooner."

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With NATO forces as escorts

Serbs prepare to move refugees

By LIAM McDOWALL SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)- With NATO approval, Bosnian Serb army trucks prepared to re-enter demilitarized areas of the capital on Monday to pull out thousands of Serbs before Muslim-Croat federal authorities take control.

The trucks were to leave the Lukavica Barracks on the outskirts of Sarajevo for the Serb-held suburbs of Vogosca, Ilijas and Rajlovac at 8 a.m. (0700 GMT) Monday, Bosnian Serb television reported.

Those and two other districts are to gradually come under federation control by March 19 under the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace accord.

The operation, meant to relieve the suffering of Serbs fleeing the Sarajevo suburbs in panic, was the source of disagreement Sunday between the U.N. refugee aid agency and the NATO-led Implementation Force.

"The fewer Serbs remaining in Sarajevo, the worse it is for the efforts here to piece the country together again," said Kris Jankowski, spokesman

for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Some of them are using the lack of transport as a cover for remaining," Jankowski said. "But if a Serb military truck pulls up outside their house it is reasonable to fear they may well feel obliged to go."

The NATO-led forces "do not want these people to move either," said NATO spokesman Lt. Col. Mark Rayner. "But since they have clearly taken the decision to move, (we are) simply providing the security and the movement control in which they can move in an orderly way."

He said the trucks would not have military plates and the Bosnian Serbs had promised that the drivers would be unarmed.

The first trucks rumbled from the Bosnian Serb headquarters of Pale to the barracks on Sunday night.

The Bosnian Serb center for accommodating refugees appealed to all civilians in the Bosnian Serb areas to bring trucks and cars to Pale and Lukavica for use in what could

be an evacuation of 30,000 people.

Before the nearly four-year war, more than a quarter of the half-million population in greater Sarajevo was Serb. They now make up about 10 percent of the 300,000 people left.

After touring Serb-held suburbs on Saturday, U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith, the overall commander of the Bosnia peacekeeping mission, decided that the NATO-led troops will provide security for the withdrawal.

His decision followed two days of reports that Muslims were stoning departing Serbs.

Smith said he was responding to appeals from the Bosnian Serbs as well as humanitarian agencies, but Jankowski said the U.N. relief agency would have nothing to do with the evacuation.

"We want them to stay," Jankowski said. "The whole Sarajevo is at stake here, and the issue of multiethnicity of the country."

He called for the Bosnian government to encourage people to stay by keeping the

new Muslim-Croat federal police from conducting house calls and car searches.

And the dismantling of schools, hospitals, utilities and houses by the departing Bosnian Serbs should be stopped, he said.

"Day by day, things like the telephone exchanges, electricity cables, crucial parts of the water system are disappearing. They are being removed by the Serb authorities and gangs of thieves," Jankowski said.

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ation requirement be changed to two-thirds vote overall plus a majority in each of at least two senatorial districts. Although the delegates didn't know it, this proposal would have conformed precisely with the relevant United States Supreme Court opinions.

This entirely reasonable proposal was then hammered by certain delegates. Persistent efforts were made to change it to simple majority or some other formula not requiring any particular vote in different geographical areas. Three attempts were made, and the third was successful on the 55th day of the convention.

The delegates seeking the change pounded on the issue, claiming over and over again that any provision for

a minimum vote in separate areas is unconstitutional and undemocratic. Each of the three times the issue came up, convention legal counsel were asked to speak to the issue.

The legal counsel repeatedly indicated that the current provision and the initial proposal were subject to challenge, that they could not be sure of the outcome, and that the Attorney General had rendered any opinion that the current ratification requirement is unconstitutional but a challenge before the ratification vote would probably be premature.

Let's look at the history. On May 22, the Attorney General responded to certain requests from Pre-Convention committee chairman Herman T. Guerrero and observed, "It is possible

that [certain] requirements [in the CNMI Constitution] may be unconstitutional [as violations of the] 'one-person, one-vote' rule."

Apparently an extensive effort was begun after this by both the convention legal counsel and the Attorney General's office to try to find support for the proposition that there is some constitutional infirmity in the ratification provisions. The search appears to have been wide-ranging and to have covered a host of irrelevant cases but to have ignored the one key U.S. Supreme Court decision in this area.

On June 2, the Attorney General's office issued an opinion which, according to the records of the convention, stated that the current ratification requirement is unconstitutional.

When I asked the AG's office for a copy of the opinion yesterday, I was told that it was a confidential client communication issued to the governor in the AG's capacity as attorney for the governor.

What legitimate official function of the governor is possibly served by confidential legal advice on how to attack a provision of the Constitution he is sworn to support and defend is unknown to me.

Now let's look at the law. In *Town of Lockport v. Citizens for Community Action*, decided in 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a requirement of separate majorities in different geographic areas of differing populations in order to approve a new county charter does not violate the "one person, one vote" rule.

The United States Supreme Court has also ruled many times that supermajority vote requirements do not violate the "one person, one vote" rule where approval of such things as constitutional amendments and bond issues are involved.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court has approved separate majorities in different geographic areas of differing populations and has approved supermajorities overall, there is no real basis to claim that the Commonwealth's current ratification requirement is probably unconstitutional. This is especially true since the same reasons that support equal representation of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Senate support a constitutional amendment process that provides some protection for the minorities on Rota and Tinian.

If the composition of the Senate is permissible, and it is expressly approved by the Covenant, then the ratification requirement of two-thirds approval in each of two senatorial districts should be equally valid. Indeed, the United States approved the original Constitution, including the ratification requirement, as consistent with those provisions of the Constitution of the United States applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Rota. These meetings were held from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning; from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon, and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the evening. Every voter had many opportunities to ask questions, receive published materials, and hear the views of others.

This required an enormous investment of time and effort by the delegates. At least three delegates attended each meeting no matter how few voters showed up. More than 200 hours of personal time were put into these meetings by delegates in addition to the travel time to get to Rota and Tinian. If any voter wants further explanation of the proposed amendments, they should call the Post-Convention Committee's office at 235-0843 and a delegate will make this effort on a one-to-one basis.

In addition, the delegates reviewed, approved, published, and distributed books, pamphlets, newsletters, outlines, summaries, and other materials describing the proposed amendments. We published at every level — from very detailed exact legal language down to very broad concepts in simple language. We published in all three languages. Delegates spent time handing these out at meetings and elsewhere. Every request for materials was completed with promptly.

Dr. Camacho is critical of the television and radio announcements sponsored by the Post-Convention Committee in which the delegates recommended that the voters approve what the Convention had done. He is entitled to his point of view about that. We delegates decided that we should tell the public how we stood on these questions.

Non-Partisan Work of the Convention

Dr. Camacho is quoted as saying there was too much influence of interest groups in the Convention. Perhaps what he means is that the arguments and points made by the interest groups and lawyers who turned out to sup-

port his point of view on Article 12 were less persuasive to the delegates than the arguments of the interest groups and lawyers who turned out to oppose to his point of view.

There is no question that there were interest groups active on the questions with respect to Article 12. It is a very important question in our community, and it is natural that there are groups with varying points of view. We listened to all of them, both for and against each issue. We were very patient. We held public hearings at the Legislature and village meetings on Article 12 during the Convention so that everyone could present his or her point of view.

For example, at the public hearing on June 16, 1995 we heard 66 pages of testimony from a lawyer supporting Dr. Camacho's point of view. Then we heard 89 pages of testimony from a lawyer supporting the opposite point of view. Everyone had a full opportunity to express themselves. We published everyone's ideas on what should be done with Article 12 in the transcripts of our proceedings, which were almost always available the next day.

In the end, we adopted a package of reforms to Article 12 with which Dr. Camacho disagrees. The vote on Article 12 was 19 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstain, 2 present, and 2 absent. With only 3 votes opposing the ideas incorporated in the Committee's proposal, Dr. Camacho just could not get the Convention to do what he suggested. But that is how democracy works.

An Excellent Job Here is what former Chief Justice Jose S. Dela Cruz said about the Convention in its concluding ceremonies: I believe, I truly believe, that this Convention has turned out one of the most excellent products in constitutional law that will guide us, the people of the Commonwealth, for generations to come. We agree with Justice Dela Cruz. We are proud of what we did.

Peace spurs Arab trade, tourism

By EILEEN ALT POWELL
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Egyptian businessman Hany Rizk jokingly characterizes one of his new ventures as "Twinkies diplomacy."

"Just think," he says. "At the same time in the morning, kids in Egypt, Tel Aviv and Saudi Arabia are eating the same product from Cairo." Rizk's regional distribution of Twinkies cream-filled cakes, made under license from Continental Baking Co. of St. Louis, is just one example of the warming business climate between the Arabs and their former enemy, Israel.

Regional business deals, trade offices and tourist packages have been on the rise since the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord in 1993. They've gotten a further boost with hopes for a peace deal between Israel and Syria.

The reason is that both sides see profits - and other opportunities for growth. "Countries like Egypt gain a link to the Israeli marketing network to the West," said Hussein Matawi, director-general of the Federation of Egyptian Industries. "Israel ... has the benefit of normalization, becoming a part of the region."

Egypt and Israel already are building a joint oil refinery and negotiating over a natural gas pipeline. Jordanian factories are making clothes for export via Israel. Tours link the Sinai Desert of Egypt to Jordan's antiquities and Jerusalem's holy sites. Promising even more Arab-Israeli business are new commercial offices being set up in Israel by the North African nations of Tunisia and Morocco and the Persian Gulf state of Oman.

Still, public resistance to dealing with the Jewish state keeps many deals hush-hush. Even the enthusiastic Rizk won't name his Israeli partner in a joint venture to produce frozen vegetables, coffee and cookies in Egypt for sale both within Egypt and for export. "Businessmen are practical, more interest-oriented than the public," he said. "They will be one step ahead of the public - but not 10."

Hard-liners opposing trade with Israel come in all stripes. Arab nationalists want to withhold trade to force the surrender of lands won by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. Others fear smaller Arab economies will be overwhelmed by high-tech Israel. Many Arabs simply cannot forget the 50 years of fighting.

But others see growing businesses as a natural outgrowth of widening peace. "Business is something related to our expectations and aspirations after signing the (peace) treaty," said Jad Makdah, managing director of Jordan Clothing Co. in Amman, the Jordanian capital.

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Oded Eran, director of the economic department at Israel's Foreign Ministry, predicts that Israeli exports to and imports from Arab countries could reach \$1.5 billion annually within several years - more than 10 times the current estimated level. Even at that, Arab-Israeli trade would represent just a fraction of the \$ 20 billion a year in commerce among Arab countries.

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A LETTER TO ITALIAN FOOD LOVERS

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'Apollo 13' bags SAG honors

By DENNIS ANDERSON
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Oscar-nominated "Apollo 13" won the award for best performance by a movie cast Saturday at the second annual Screen Actors Guild Awards.

Nicolas Cage and Susan Sarandon won best actor and actress honors. Cage won for the drunken, suicidal loner of "Leaving Las Vegas," and Sarandon won for her performance as a life-affirming crusading nun in the death penalty drama "Dead Man Walking."

Accepting his award, Cage recalled watching James Dean in the film "East of Eden" give an anguished performance of a son trying to win his father's love.

"It was at that moment I knew I wanted to be a screen actor," Cage said.

Rounding out the movie awards, Kate Winslet was honored for best female actor in a supporting role for her part in "Sense and Sensibility," the film adapted from the classic Jane Austen novel.

Ed Harris won outstanding supporting actor for his "Apollo 13" role as a harried mission control leader.

"I just love to act," Harris said. "I just keep trying to get better." Tom Hanks, star of "Apollo 13," accepted the cast award and thanked the people who took the U.S. space program to the moon and back. He also thanked director Ron Howard. "Apollo 13" earned nine Academy Award nominations, including best picture, but Howard was passed over for a director nomination.

With final ballots for the Academy Awards set to be mailed on March 6, the SAG awards join the buildup with the Golden Globes as an indicator of who might be favored for an Oscar.

Robert Redford received the guild's highest honor, the Life Achievement Award. The 32nd recipient of the award, star of films such as "Jeremiah Johnson," "The Sting," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "Three Days of the Condor," Redford was recognized for his founding the Sundance Institute for independent film and his work for the environment.

In television categories, the casts of two NBC hit series, "Friends" and "E.R.," won honors for outstanding ensemble performances.

"E.R." cast member Anthony Edwards, who also was honored as best male actor in a television drama series, accepted the award on behalf of the cast of the show about the staff of a hospital emergency room.

"This is truly the award we wanted to win tonight, because this is what we do every week, work together," Edwards said.

Edwards joked about reports that fellow cast member George Clooney will succeed Val Kilmer as Batman in the blockbuster film series.

"Hopefully I'll play 'batboy,' or 'cat boy,'" Edwards quipped.

Matthew Perry, accepting the cast award for "Friends," joked, "I always thought the ensemble award was a wardrobe award. We're really honored." "Friends" is a comedy about a group of young singles living in New

York. Alfre Woodard won best performance by a female actor in a television movie or miniseries for her role in "The Piano Lesson, Hallmark Hall of Fame."

"I am so grateful my life has led me to this community of people," she said. "We're vagabonds clowns, queens, crackpots."

Gillian Anderson won for outstanding performance by a female actor in a television drama series as the doubt-

ing FBI investigator on "The X-Files." David Hyde Pierce, the neurotic therapist brother on "Frasier," won the award for outstanding performance by a male actor in a television comedy series. He noted the award "has better legs than I do."

"This represents my ability to learn and steal from the best," Pierce said, citing his admiration for "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer, who was also nomi-

nated. Gary Sinise won best male actor in a television movie or miniseries for his portrayal of President Harry Truman in "Truman."

Christine Baranski, the sometimes tipsy best friend on "Cybill," was honored for outstanding performance by a female actor in a comedy series. More than 84,000 members of the guild were eligible to vote for the awards.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth seems impressed by the costume head of Royal Ballet dancer Gary Avis, who played the Wolf in the special Royal Gala performance of Sleeping Beauty, at the Royal Opera House in London Tuesday night to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the re-opening of the theater after the Second World War. AP

Treated beef arouses passions

By RAF CASERT
WECHELDERZANDE, Belgium (AP) - Karel Van Noppen was an investigator who got in the way. He took a bullet in his neck for his efforts.

A simple cross stands where his bloodied body was found. The inscription reads: "Killed for power and money... Healthy food was his ideal."

Van Noppen was only a veterinary inspector, but poking into the cattle-raising business in Europe can be dangerous. He was shot to death after warnings from Belgium's "hormone mafia" to stop investigating the fattening of cows with hormones, an illegal and lucrative business.

The European Union is refusing to import hormone-treated American beef, raising cries of trade protectionism from U.S. farmers. European cattlemen are worried, indeed, about U.S. beef pouring into their market.

But the issue goes far beyond economics.

Across Europe, hormone treatment of meat has become a major health and consumer issue, with rumors of hormone use cutting into sales of meat.

U.S. officials see no harm in using some fattening hormones to speed up meat production. And backed with scientific evidence that hormone-treated beef is no health hazard, it is challenging the EU's 8-year-old ban before the World Trade Organization.

Washington estimates American ranchers lose \$100 million in sales a year because of the ban.

At the Agribex farm fair in Brussels, few tears are shed over the plight of American farmers and talk turns gloomy as soon as hormones are mentioned.

For the embattled European farmer, the hormone ban has become an economic means as much as a health end.

"Their meat must be blocked," said Hector Blanpain, who raises Charolais cattle in France's Auvergne region. "If it gets in, prices will crash further."

"Consumers don't believe science," spokesman Gerry Kiely said. And as long as there is no guarantee of zero-risk that hormone-treated beef can create or worsen cancer, he expects the World Trade Organization

to back the EU in maintaining the ban. The hormone scare in Europe started in the 1970s when reports from Italy surfaced about youngsters undergoing hormonal changes after eating tainted veal. Veal sales plummeted.

Ever since the ban, stories about hormone dealers selling dangerous "cocktails" to inject into cattle and the "mafia" bribing slaughterhouse inspectors to look the other way have further weakened consumer confidence.

Inspectors and police are fighting an uphill battle, and when dealers are caught, they rarely get a stiff sentence. Fines generally are measured only in the tens of thousands of francs (a few thousand dollars). In December, one hormone dealer in Belgium who had been hit with a rare heavy fine won 2.2 million francs (\$70,000) got it reduced to 540,000 francs (\$18,000) on appeal.

That's hardly a deterrent. The lure of cheating is huge. For a 700-kilogram (1,500-pound) steer, it takes only three months and between 800 and 2,000 francs (\$27 to 67) worth of hormones to produce some 30,000 francs (\$1,000) profit in added beef and reduced feed costs.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 1996. The meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room No. 1, CUC Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan. The agenda is set forth below:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
 1. January 19, 1996
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
 1. Operations Committee
 2. Personnel Committee
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Equity Conversion
 2. Feasibility Study-Privatization
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
- VIII. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/CARLOS A. SHODA, Chairman
CUC Board of Directors
2/23/96

Death and Funeral Announcement

PETRA IGLECIAS MACARANANAS



was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday February 21, 1996 at the age of 70.

HUSBAND: Andres G. Macaranas
PARENTS: Jose Iglecias (Pre-deceased)
Maria Dela Cruz (Pre-deceased)

SISTERS/HUSBAND: Anna I. & Francisco A. Tornes (Deceased)
Concepcion I. & Joaquin C. Guerrero (Deceased)
Maria I. & Pedro Camacho (Deceased)
Emilia Iglecias (Deceased)
Rosa I. & Gregorio Sablan
Eugenia & Luis Nauta (Deceased)

CHILDREN/SPOUSES/GRANDCHILDREN:
Richard & Darlene Macaranas (Richard & Jessica)
William & Susan Macaranas (Jessamin, June, Joyce, Guy, Alup, Tasi, Nuna)

*Irene & Ray Tupas (Sarah Jane, Clarence, Lawrence, Sherrrie)
Jimmy & Loida Macaranas (Dexter, Garcy, Robert, Patrick, Lora)
Gilbert & Estella Macaranas (Evelyn, Lesly Ann, Lorna, Lester, Laila, Andrew, Gilbert)
Howard & Margaret Macaranas (Jeffrey, Charlene, Nadene, Shawn, Keone)
Anthony & Cindy Macaranas (Tanya, J.C.)
Claudia & George Delos Reyes (Vanessa, George)
Cathy & Jesse Sonoda (Jessie Mae, Jessorine)
Emily Macaragnas
Walter & Michelle Macaranas (Frankie Boy)
Andrew I. Macaranas*

She is additionally survived by numerous nieces & nephews.

*Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm. (Residence in China Town).
Wake will be on Wednesday, February 28, starting at 4:00 pm.
Burial Mass will be offered on Thursday, February 29, at 10:00 am at Kristo Rai Church.
Interment will immediately follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.*

Tenorio...

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Villagomez's proposed land exchange, comprising of some 54 hectares of public land in the Marpi area, is being processed to compensate for a nine hectare acquisition of wetlands and right of way.

According to the senator, his father was told during the Larry Guerrero Administration that he was to get a land exchange in Obyan area.

He said his father's exchange was squeezed out from Obyan and was promised a Marpi land instead.

When asked for comment yesterday, Gov. Tenorio admitted having ordered the DPL to expedite the Villagomez land exchange but clarified that he also asked other exchanges to be expedited.

"Yes, I am trying to expedite the Villagomez exchange as well as some others that have been waiting for a long time already," said the governor.

"But I found out that before I approve the land exchange it must be

published in the newspaper for something like four weeks. So with that new development I guess it doesn't matter whether I want to have the exchange as soon as possible.

"It's true that I wanted to do that soon, but that's only one of them. There is one other from Rota and another two on Saipan," the governor admitted.

It was later learned that the three other land exchange deals involved cash compensation and not a land swap.

Tenorio had earlier recommended a stop to the practice of exchanging government-acquired private land with public land.

Asked if his "order" on the Villagomez exchange was meant to return the favor for the senator's support against the override, Tenorio said no.

"That exchange should have been consummated long time ago but the Public Lands people were taking too much time to process and I don't like it. I have already told Bertha Camacho to hire more people if necessary because I don't want any more delays on land exchanges or on leases of public land," he said.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late

NICOLAS MUNA DE LEON GUERRERO



Extend our sincerest gratitude and most profound appreciation to all our family, relatives and friends for the continuous physical and spiritual support during our time of mourning and sorrow, and during the nightly rosary. Your kind expression of sympathy and personal help extended to us on the death of our beloved have been most comforting and touching. Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your most comforting expression of sympathy, kindness, prayers and thoughtfulness are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

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SUMMONS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: KEE YUNG SHIN Dae Won Industry Co., Ltd. No. 559 Bun, Jee 1 Ho, Ho Gae Dong, Dong An Gu An Yang Seok Kyung Gae Do Seoul, Korea

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BUCKLE UP

Tether breaks, satellite lost

By MARCIA DUNN CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - A 12-mile (19 kms) tether holding a \$443 million satellite broke off from space shuttle Columbia. Both the shuttle and seven astronauts were safe.

Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman shouted down the news nearly five hours into the experiment, as the tether was 12 miles (19 kms) out. "The tether has broken at the boom! The tether has broken! It is going away from us!" Hoffman told Mission Control. Commander Andrew Allen immediately steered Columbia clear of the half-ton satellite. Officials with NASA, the U.S. space agency, said they had no idea what went wrong. The satellite and dangling cord were more than 18 miles (29 kms) away from Columbia seven minutes after the accident - believed to be a safe distance. Mission Control commentator

James Hartsfield said the electricity-conducting cable apparently broke somewhere inside a 40-foot (12.2 meters) tower in the shuttle cargo bay. Only a slight portion of the 12.8-mile (20.5 kms) tether remained in the tower.

The astronauts, from the United States, Italy and Switzerland, were aware of the break almost instantly because of a sudden decrease in tether tension.

The tether was almost all the way out when it broke and, along with the satellite, had been generating more than 3,000 volts of electricity. Until then, everything had been going well.

The satellite, a white metal ball 5 feet (1.5 meters) in diameter, rose slowly from a tower in the shuttle cargo bay Sunday afternoon and picked up speed as more and more of the tether unwound from the huge, motorized spool.

An hour later, the satellite soared past the 840-foot (256 meters) mark, where it got stuck four years ago.

There had been a few surprises, but none of them serious. The tether drifted to one side at first. It then began wobbling and, several minutes later, began swinging slightly back and forth. All the while, the satellite remained "rock-solid," Hoffman said.

The motions eventually subsided as the motors on the reel began turning more quickly and releasing more tether. Once the satellite was extended all the way out, it was to have generated 5,000 volts of electricity while sweeping through Earth's magnetic field at 5 miles (8 kms) per second. The \$443 million, U.S.-Italian tethered system is equipped with numerous science instruments as well as electron guns. As current flows from the satellite down the tether to Columbia, the guns were supposed to shoot the electrons back into space, thereby closing the electrical circuit. During the last flight of the satellite, the tether jammed because of a protruding bolt and the satellite never got farther than 840 feet (256 meters) from the shuttle.

This time, two critical computers jammed after Columbia blasted into orbit Thursday, delaying release of the satellite by one day. One of the computers malfunctioned again late Sunday morning - just four hours before satellite liftoff - but the astronauts quickly fixed it.

Quest for path of Genghis Khan on

CHICAGO (AP) - The University of Chicago is taking over an elusive quest for signs of the life and death of the 13th century Mongolian conqueror Genghis Khan.

"The dream is at the threshold of reality," says Maury Kravitz, a Chicago Mercantile Exchange trader who plans to join the first month-long expedition, set to begin July 15 if enough money is raised.

Kravitz announced in 1994 that he hoped to field such an expedition, but last week he passed the baton to the university by transferring an agreement with the Mongolian government to conduct a five-year search for Khan's burial site.

Genghis Khan, Mongol conqueror of Central Asia, died in Tibet in 1227. His body was supposedly carried back to Mongolia for burial - along with considerable treasure.

"If we find treasure, it belongs to the Mongolian people," said historian John E. Woods, who will direct the first expedition, assuming the university is able to raise \$100,000 to finance it.

Artifacts such as weapons and camp materials are more important than treasure anyway, he said. He'll search for the conqueror's birthplace, tomb, and other significant sites.

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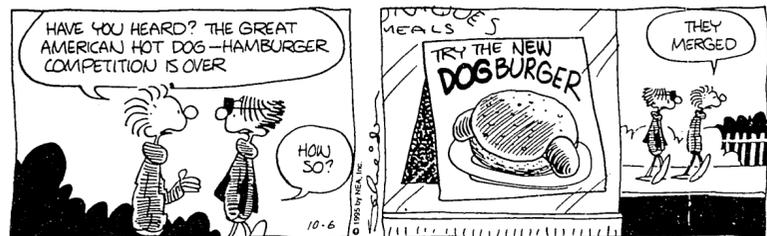
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RGA meeting today

A Refalwasch Golfers Association general membership meeting is set at 6:30 p.m. today at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

that broke a 79-79 deadlock with four minutes left. Sean Elliott led the Spurs with 29 points and Charles Smith added 11.

Bulls...

Continued from page 20 New York while Patrick Ewing watched in street clothes. Barkley hit a 17-foot (5 meter)

4-on-4...

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Stuart...

Continued from page 20 The latest setback in his athletic life made Smith review his priorities and views in life.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS TUESDAY, MARCH 05, 1996. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DATE.

ALL STUDENTS ON GREEN TRACK ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE JTPA OFFICE LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS CUC, OR CONTACT MRS. LAURENT CHONG OR MR. MARTIN PANGELINAN AT 664-1701 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

RESPECTFULLY, Felix Nojis JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SPORTS



Bulls beat Magic, 111-91

CHICAGO (AP) — Toni Kukoc came off the bench to upstage all the stars and the Chicago Bulls maintained their home-court perfection by beating the Orlando Magic 111-91 Sunday.

A starter last season who has be-

come a role player this year, Kukoc scored a season-high 24 points on 8-of-11 shooting — including 6-of-8 from 3-point range — as the Bulls improved to 25-0 at home. Kukoc scored Chicago's first 11 points of the fourth quarter to break the game open.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 33 points to 23 for Jordan. But O'Neal failed to make a statement in the players' first meeting since Jordan was selected All-Star Game MVP over a perhaps more-deserving O'Neal.

Anfernee Hardaway added 24

points for the Magic, which had its six-game winning streak snapped.

Suns 113, Knicks 105
In Phoenix, Charles Barkley scored

six points in the final 2:33, Kevin Johnson scored 17 of his 24 points in the second half and Phoenix beat

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4-on-4 paintball series starts in March

ORGANIZERS of the Budweiser 4-on-4 Paintball Series are now accepting team registrants.

The event is slated to start March 23 and will run through July at the Saipan Paintball Adventure center in As Lito.

League coordinator Jay Cruse said one event will be held each month. The games will be on March 23, April 27, May 25 and June 22 and will culminate with a championship series in July.

Those interested to join may contact Cruse at 235-7996, Jeff Stein or any member of the Outlaws, a group made up of Saipan paintball enthusiasts.

Unlike in the 1995 series held at SPA where teams of 12 players competed against another 12-member team, teams in the upcoming series will be composed only of four players with one substitute. Substitutes need not be a registered player.

The entry fee is \$20 per player per series or \$100 for the entire series, including the championship event.

Two teams will play at one time each series with each team playing against all teams on each day.

At the end of each series, wins and losses will be tallied to determine team placements and which team will play in the championship.

The championship series will be

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Outlaws' lair. Members of the "Outlaws," a group of avid paintball enthusiasts trek the road to the "Outlaws Field" in a secluded area in As Lito for a three-round jungle warfare. The group also uses the weekly game as practice for the upcoming Budweiser 4-on-4 Series which will start March 23. Those who would like to know more about the "outlaws" and the Budweiser series may call Jay Cruse at 235-7996. Photo by Sony Daleno

PSS NMI-wide hoop tourney

THE PUBLIC School System will hold the second annual Commonwealth Basketball Tournament for senior high, junior high and elementary schools.

Both the high school and junior high levels will be played at the Ada gymnasium, while the elementary level games will be held at Oleai School.

One team each from Rota and Tinian, two each from Marianas High School and Grace Christian Academy and one team from Mount Carmel will see action in the high school level.

Competing in the junior high level are two teams from Hopwood and one team each from Mount Carmel and Grace Christian Academy.

Nine schools signed up in the elementary level which includes San Antonio, Koblerville, Oleai, San Vicente, William S. Reyes, Garapan, Tanapag, Gregorio T. Camacho and Grace Christian schools.

Event coordinator and PSS sports director Mike Remsen said the tournament will include a double elimination format.

The event was organized to promote inter-school interaction through sports.

Those interested to know more about the tournament may inquire with Remsen at the PSS office in As Lito.

Cuba sweeps US in Atlanta tune-up

Miller Lite Men's Basketball
(Feb. 24 makeup game result)

Team: Wheelers	Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP
	Dado Vistal	4	0	12	6/7	2	30
	George De Guzman	5	0	5	—	3	10
	Robert Lee	7	0	3	1/2	1	7
	Tony Sablan	8	0	4	—	1	8
	Ray Lizama	10	0	8	5/9	3	21
	Jerome Jakopo	11	0	2	0/2	2	4
	Frank Iglesias	14	1	8	0/2	—	19
	Felix Palacios	17	0	8	2/3	—	18
	Total		1	50	14/25	12	117

Team: D'1ers	Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP
	Diego Masga	4	0	5	2/2	3	12
	Mike Diandrea	1	0	9	2/3	5	20
	Norman Margasino	15	0	4	2/3	4	10
	John Acosta	9	3	6	3/5	2	24
	John Cruz	17	0	1	—	2	2
	Kirt Sablan	11	0	2	1/2	3	5
	Ban DL Guerrero	18	0	5	2/4	1	12
	Chavo Palacios	0	1	—	—	—	2
	Total		3	33	12/19	20	87

Halftime score: Wheelers 54, D'1ers 39

Final team standings

Team	W	L
Toyota Wheels	10	1
Sharks	10	1
Brothers	9	2
FT/SNE	8	3
Sunrisers	7	4
O' Aces	6	5
O' Aces II	6	5
Brewers	4	7
D'1ers	3	8
Panthers	2	9
Primos	1	10
D' Fours	0	11

* Pennant winner
** Eliminated

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — The Cuban women's volleyball team, gold medalists at the 1992 Olympics, swept the United States 15-6, 15-9, 15-12 Sunday night in a tuneup

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Miller Lite Men's Basketball Playoff Schedule

February 26
Game A: Toyota Wheels vs Brewers
Game B: Sunrisers vs SNE/FT Developers

February 29
Game C: Bud Brothers vs L.A. O' Aces
Game D: O' Aces II vs Sharks E Tours

March 2
Game E: Game A winner vs Game B winner
Game F: Game C winner vs Game D winner

March 4
Game G: Game A loser vs Game B loser
Game H: Game C loser vs Game D loser

March 7
Game I: Game F loser vs Game G winner
Game J: Game E loser vs Game H winner

March 10
Game K: Game E winner vs Game F winner
Game L: Game I winner vs Game J winner

March 12
Game M: Game L winner vs Game K loser

March 14
Game N: Game K winner vs Game M winner

March 16
Game O: Game K winner vs. Game M winner (if necessary)

Stuart Smith reaches triathlon crossroads

THE WORST thing that could happen to a good and seasoned athlete is to one day find oneself at the crossroads of his chosen sport.

An athlete would find it less difficult to decide to quit a sport due to age or because of a bigger challenge in life.

But for an athlete to be forced to give up a chosen field because of injury is disappointing.

That is partly true with the Commonwealth's top and multi-awarded triathlete: Stuart Smith.

In the last two years, Smith had worked to excel in triathlon.

He has joined countless swimming, short distance run and triathlon events in Saipan, Rota, Tinian, Guam and Japan and has com-

pleted most of those with top honors.

In the recent past, Smith has joined local triathlon events that are at par with international standards and always made it to the top six, not to mention the 1995 Tagaman Triathlon and the 1995 Buffaloes Half-Marathon which earned him the title Commonwealth's Best Male Athlete in 1995.

Smith was about to embark on the second phase of his training this year as a triathlete.

The more rigorous training is in line with his plan to join the Ironman competition in New Zealand next month, and take a crack at the Hawaii Gatorade Ironman.

But while taking a two-hour bike ride as part of his training regimen, Smith felt pain under his kneecap.

A week-and-a-half after feeling the pain, Smith saw a doctor in Hawaii.

Smith said the doctor's finding was that a cartilage under his kneecap was damaged.

"It requires surgery to grow back but it is not the type that will recover," Smith told Variety Sports.

Smith said he was not shocked about the doctor's findings, but rather disappointed.

"I first became aware of this injury a year ago. I did exercises to strengthen my knee. I could still walk without crutches but to continue my regimen to risk my ability to walk, I don't think it's advisable," Smith said.

Last year was a fruitful year for Smith as a triathlete. But it was also marked with sad notes.

His mother, Gail, died in February at age 58. His father, Steve, passed away last December at age 56.

Smith was about to start his training regimen for the New Zealand Ironman last December, but the second death in the family forced him to stop.

Returning to Saipan after his father's interment, Smith competed in the 1996 Buffaloes half-marathon with little exercise and which contributed to his knee injury.

Smith is not sure if he will retire for good from triathlon, or short distance run events.

"I don't know. I will probably not. It (injury) still bothers me. I'm injured and can't compete very well," he said.

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