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## Governor asks US Congressional staffers

# 'Let us keep self-gov't'



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio insists that the CNMI government should be allowed to keep its control over local immigration and wage affairs, saying such independence is what it takes to keep the Commonwealth going.

Tenorio delivered this message in a speech read before the seven Congressional staffers who come from the offices of top Republican members of the US House of Representatives. The governor, along with other administration officials, met with the staffers at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Tenorio assured the federal del-

egates that the CNMI can handle its own labor immigration problems, using an approach that is in line with the Republican Party's "Contract with America" founded on the principles of self-sufficiency and self responsibility.

Under the Covenant, the CNMI is allowed to manage its own immigration, wage and tax affairs. But reports about alleged labor and human rights abuses of non-resident workers in the CNMI had triggered threats of a federal takeover.

Tenorio believes that the local government "can do a much better job of controlling immigration at a lower cost than the Immigra-

tion and Naturalization Services has done in the US."

"We do not have your long unprotected borders nor do we have millions of illegal aliens living here as it is the case in the main-

land US," Tenorio said. "Given the poor track record of INS in the states, it would impossible to understand how that overworked agency could possibly do a better

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## CNMI to pay for visit?

THE CNMI government is looking information officer Mark Broadhurst said yesterday.

Broadhurst said Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has asked his legal counsel to research the "ethical" aspect of the government's plan to pay for the activities, dinner, airfare and hotel accommodation of the seven (not eight as earlier reported) Washington staffers.

After all, Broadhurst said, "we are the ones who invited them."

If "ethical problems" don't arise, Broadhurst said, then the government would be willing to shoulder the federal visitors' expenses.

The government spokesperson said the governor's legal counsel is expected to come out with his comment today.

The Congressional staffers will be on island until Friday "to get the real picture of the CNMI." Some quarters described the government's invitation as a "PR project" in the hope of getting the staffers to influence their bosses in US Congress.

And would it be worth investing the taxpayers' money? Broadhurst believes so.

"These are the people who help shape decisions that affect us," Broadhurst said.

The visiting staffers,  
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## Quake jolts CNMI, Guam

By Rick Alberto  
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A TREMOR with a magnitude of 4.2 on the Richter scale, strong enough to be felt by many people, jolted Saipan yesterday at about 12:55 p.m.

The earthquake sent some persons scampering out of office buildings, but the Emergency Management Office described it as "moderate" and "normal."

"A quake of this size is considered pretty normal for this region," a release from the EMO stated.

The earthquake, which was detected by EMO's seismographic equipment at Marpi, was centered about 41 statute miles south southwest of Saipan at a depth of 150 kilometers below the sea.

The EMO said callers said the tremor was also felt in Tinian and Guam.

There were no reports of damage.

Richard Relyea, EMO public information officer, also said there were no reports of panic, adding that they had received phone calls from people inquiring whether there was an earthquake.

Relyea said there was no impending

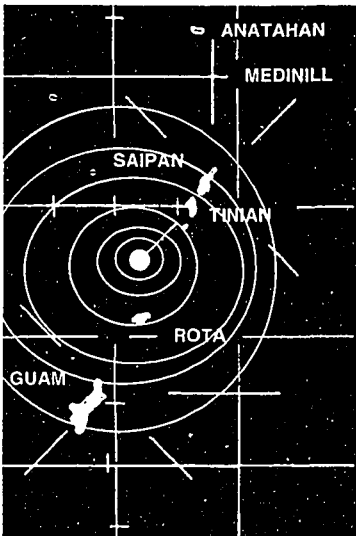
danger of a tsunami.

"We don't expect any aftershocks, we don't expect any damage," Relyea added.

Earlier on Oct. 25 last year, authorities issued a tsunami alert after an underwater volcanic activity was detected about 25 miles northwest of Saipan.

Yesterday's quake was bigger in magnitude than the one recorded last Nov. 9 with a magnitude of 1.5.

A visiting seismologist from Hawaii, Robert Koyanagi, at the time said the earthquake was a case of ground settling or adjustment as a result of accumulated pressure.



## Guerrero: Primary may be 'necessary'

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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FORMER Gov. Larry I. Guerrero yesterday said he sees a need for a Republican Party primary to decide who will be its gubernatorial candidate in the 1997 elections.

Although he said he is not ready yet to disclose his plans for 1997, Guerrero maintained a primary vote may be in order in as much as there's more than just one interested aspirant for the nomination.

"I don't want to be repetitious. That announcement would be forthcoming," said the former governor in an interview after yesterday's Washington Office address.

"Let's not rush because I think it is only appropriate that we consult party leaders and supporters for a mutual understanding. The mistake we had in the past elec-

tion should not be repeated," he said.

The governor was apparently referring to his defeat in the 1993 gubernatorial elections to current Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, which observers believe may have been caused by party divisions resulting from a hotly contested primary that year.

It is recalled that the May 1993 GOP primary was held because there were three Republican aspirants at that time — Guerrero, current Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta and then Senate President Juan S. Demapan.

Currently, a three-sided contest is imminent between Babauta, Guerrero and another former governor, Pedro P. Tenorio for the right to run as governor under the GOP banner.

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Former Gov. Larry I. Guerrero (left) shakes hands with Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta at the Multipurpose Center where the latter was to deliver his state of the Washington Office address. The two, along with former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, may likely face each other for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in the 1997 elections.

## Weather Outlook



Continue partly  
cloudy skies

*Brazil prison hostage drama continues*

# Inmates demand more money

By ANY CABRERA  
APARECIDA DE GOIANIA, Brazil (AP) - Government negotiators Monday turned down demands from rebel prisoners for machine guns to cover their escape from a maximum-security penitentiary.

But they promised to let the rebels get away in peace, saying their priority was the police would neither invade the prison nor chase the inmates once they make their getaway.

Eli Alves Forte, a spokesman for government negotiators, said the inmates wanted nine machine guns, seven automatic pistols, more bullet-proof vests and \$50,000 in cash before releasing 12 more captives. Earlier, negotiators provided \$20,000, two .38-caliber revolvers, six cars and one box of bullets per car, five bulletproof vests and four pairs of handcuffs, Forte said.

In return, the prisoners released one hostage. But Forte said the

government was toughening its stance.

"We're not going to give them the heavy weapons," said Forte, the president of the Brazilian Bar Association in central Goias state.

Demostenes Xavier Torres, attorney general in Goias and a government negotiator, said the police would neither invade the prison nor chase the rebel inmates once they leave.

"The inmates can be rest assured we'll keep our end of the deal," he said. "Our goal is to preserve the lives of the hostages and the inmates."

Torres said the inmates were expected to make contact again on Tuesday morning around 9 a.m. (1200 GMT) at the Agro-Industrial Penitentiary in Aparecida de Goiania, a small town 580 miles northwest of Rio

de Janeiro.

The prisoners seized 27 officials and reporters during a tour of the overcrowded prison on Thursday. They later released nine hostages in exchange for food and water.

A resolution to the crisis had seemed imminent late Saturday, when the negotiators agreed to demands by ringleader Leonardo Pareja, a convicted bank robber and kidnapper.

But Pareja then rejected the deal, demanding more cars and bigger guns. He said the next contact would not be until Tuesday.

The hostages were in a cell surrounded by canisters of cooking gas, which the inmates threatened to explode if police invade.

The outcome could hinge on the unpredictable Pareja, who became something of a folk hero

last year when he eluded a massive manhunt and telephoned TV stations to mock police efforts to catch him before negotiating terms for his surrender.

On Sunday, Pareja posed for photographers while playing soccer with a gun in his hand. He also made an unusual request: a birthday cake, candles and soft drinks. Pareja turned 22 on Sunday, and Judge Homero Sabino, a hostage, was 67 on Monday.

"I got a signed note asking for candles shaped like a 'six,' a 'seven' and two like a 'two,'" Forte said.

The request was ignored. Pareja appeared briefly Monday playing a guitar atop a water tower at the prison as other prisoners raised a Brazilian flag.

Earlier reports said Pareja was 25.

## Community leaders worry about effects of new Australian casinos

By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN  
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - In a backlash against the Australian passion for gambling, Asian community leaders are denouncing two new Las Vegas-style casinos in Melbourne and Sydney.

Melbourne's "casino culture" was the most potent issue in last Saturday's state election, with many white voters also disturbed by the glitzy, easy-money ethic creeping into the traditionally sedate city.

Although Premier Jeff Kennett's party was comfortably re-elected, criticism focused on efforts by the government and private corporations to spur business and reap taxes through casino construction.

Horse and dog-track racing and slot machines in sports and veterans' clubs have flourished for years in most of Australia. But the new casinos that opened in Melbourne in 1994 and Sydney last year made gambling a glamorous, mass-market pastime in the nation's biggest cities.

Australia now has 13 casinos, one in each state. The industry is estimated to be worth \$5.4 billion (7 billion Australian dollars).

On any night, Melbourne's Crown Casino is crammed with gamblers hoping to strike it rich among the clanging slot machines, whirling roulette wheels and card and dice tables.

Many gamblers at Crown Casino are of Asian descent. Asian dealers run some of the games in Chinese.

The scene is much the same at the new Sydney Harbor Casino, where spokesman Peter Grimshaw says 40 to 50 percent of the gamblers are of Asian descent. "They are traditionally very strong gamblers. They ob-

viously enjoy the thrill of it all," he said.

Asian-Australian community leaders are alarmed by the lure of the state-sanctioned casinos.

Sydney's deputy mayor, Henry Tsang, said the Sydney Harbor Casino "is sucking up all the cash flow in the (Asian) community, like a giant vacuum cleaner."

In February, a 37-year-old Chinese-Australian who lost all his money gambling leaped to his death from a bridge near the Sydney Harbor Casino. Tsang cited it as an extreme example of the havoc gambling wreaks on the Chinese community.

Sydney Harbor Casino contributed \$ 750 (1,000 Australian dollars) toward his funeral expenses as a "gesture of goodwill," but said, "We are unaware whether the person had ever visited the casino."

About \$2.2 billion (2.9 billion Australian dollars) are spent on gambling each year in New South Wales alone, the Casino Community Benefit Board study said.

No one knows how much is waged by Asian-Australians, but a glance inside any casino leaves no doubt it is out of proportion to their numbers in the population.

## Garbage bag yields cash

TOKYO (AP) - In Japan a black plastic bag usually smells like garbage.

But on this April Fool's Day one smelled of money - and crime.

A bag containing 10 million yen (\$93,000) was found inside a coin-operated locker at Nagahama Station, in western Japan, on Monday during a routine inspection by a coin locker management firm employee, according to local police.

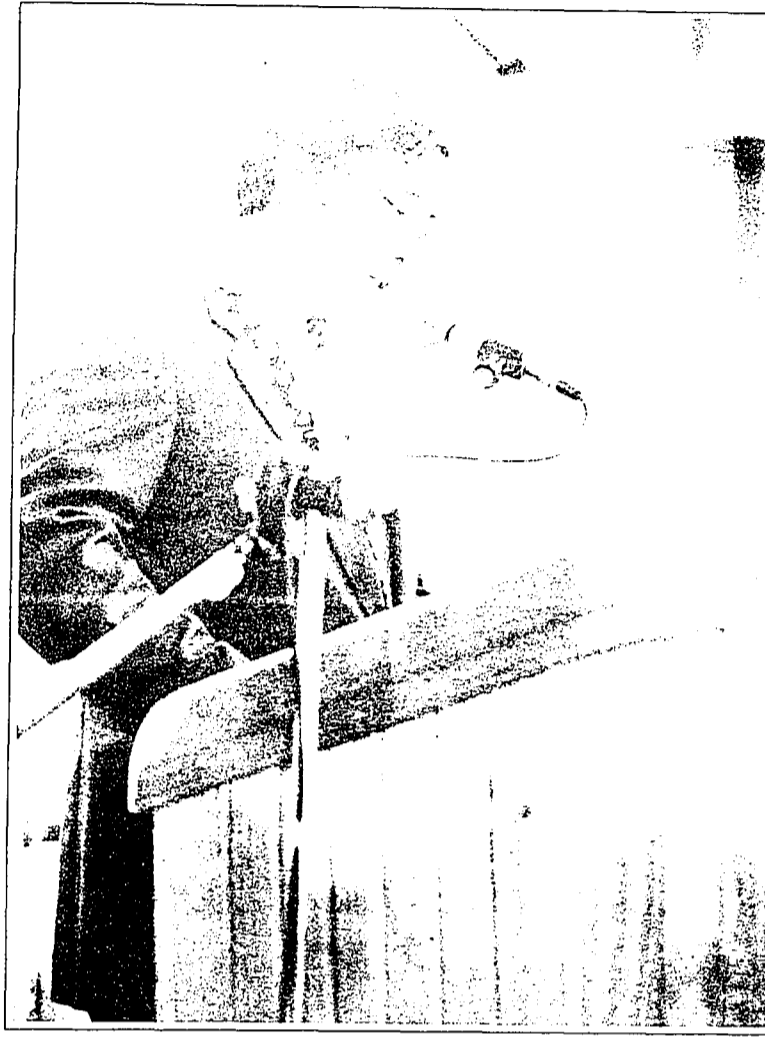
A device on the locker, located inside the train station, indicated that it's three-day meter had expired after someone placed the bag inside on March 28.

The bag contained 1,000 old 10,000-yen bills set in 10 stacks, each one wrapped neatly with a paper band on which was printed "The Bank of Japan Kyoto Branch" police said.

Police said they are investigating the case as a possible crime, instead of a simple lost-and-found case, because the presence of the bands means the money had likely just been released by the central bank in a loan to a commercial bank.

Details involving the money, including the date it was withdrawn, or its designated borrower, were not immediately available.

# Babauta outlines successes



Babauta delivers his annual address.

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff  
RESIDENT Representative Juan N. Babauta yesterday characterized the year 1995 as one filled with many successes for the CNMI.

During his annual address before a joint session of Legislature, Babauta outlined his accomplishments and vowed to continue pursuing CNMI goals in Washington.

"I feel fortunate to have been able to work with so many of you make this year of success possible," said Babauta.

"We cannot expect that every year we will reach as many goals as we have this year."

Topping Babauta's achievements for the past year were new federal laws on telecommunications and on CNMI access to US military academies and continued Covenant funding for the Commonwealth.

Another topic he touched on

is his continued efforts for CNMI representation in US Congress.

"We gained direct access for our students to the US military academies. We have a new telecommunications law that guarantees us access to the US area code system and reasonable long distance rates," said Babauta.

Also, he disclosed that te CNMI is closer to securing another year of Covenant funding — \$27.72 million of infrastructure aid.

"The reason why we are successful is that we treat everyone with cooperation and respect. It is not because Congress is in a generous mood," he said.

"If you follow Congress, you know: Congress is in a mood to cut," the Washington representative said.

The Defense Authorization Act, S.1124, was signed into law by President Clinton last February 10.

It contained a provision that gives the CNMI resident representative the power to nominate deserving students to the US Military Academy at Westpoint, the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Prior to the enactment of the new law, CNMI students, Babauta said were "blocked" from the academies.

"The normal route for admission is nomination by a member of US Congress. But we have no member of Congress," said Babauta.

"Now, the resident representative has by law, the same authority as a member of Congress: to nominate students to the military academies."

Another success Babauta mentioned for 1995 was on the telecommunications act, which he said gives CNMI callers the same privileges enjoyed by those in the US mainland.

According to the resident representative, he lobbied key congressional members for specific language in S.652 concerning access to services and rates in the insular areas.

"We don't think a call from one part of the US to another part of the US - from Saipan to San Francisco - should be a foreign call. It does not make sense," Babauta stressed.

"We got what we wanted. Federal law now says - specifically - people in US insular areas must have access to telecommunications just like people in US cities - and long distance rates like the rates for US cities," said Babauta.

One other area he delved on was on the issue of Covenant funding, saying the CNMI is close to getting another year of the annual grants despite earlier attempts to stop the assistance.

"We will have another year of Covenant funding - either the \$11 million under the terms of the Manglona-Guerra agreement or the \$27.72 million," said Babauta.

"That's right. Even if we don't get approval of the

Manglona-Guerra agreement, we do get Covenant funding," he added.

Last July, the Senate approved the terms of the agreement in a bill drafted by Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski.

One month later, the agreement was included in the FY 1996 Interior appropriations bill and was approved by both the House and the Senate although President Clinton vetoed it for environmental and other reasons.

According to Babauta, the Manglona-Guerra agreement is in a new FY 1996 spending bill currently being worked on by a House-Senate conference committee.

"Soon we hope it will be on the president's desk. Perhaps after the Easter recess," said Babauta.

Under the provisions of US Public Law 99-396, the full faith and credit of the US is pledged to pay the CNMI \$27.72 million in fiscal year 1996 until Congress repeals

such a law. Babauta in his address also discussed the proposal for a non-voting delegate for the CNMI.

A bill has been introduced by Guam Delegate Underwood, through Babauta's insistence, to give the CNMI representation in the US House of Representatives.

The proposal has gotten support from Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee Chairman Frank Murkowski and so he said he will take the issue with House Chairman Don Young.

"Here's my promise. I'm going to Chairman Don Young. His Committee controls our delegate bill. His support is crucial. He knows the importance of representation as his own state, Alaska, not too long ago had no one in Congress. I'll ask for a committee hearing," Babauta said.

"I can't promise what his answer will be, but I can promise I will continue to make every effort for our delegate," he said.




House Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan preside over proceedings.



House members listen intently during yesterday's joint session to hear Babauta's report.



House members listen intently as the Washington representative outlines his agenda.



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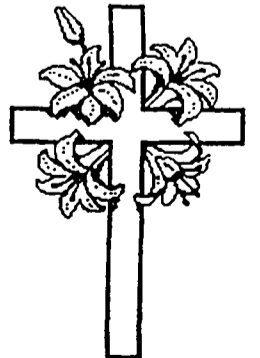
### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(Services in the English language)

**APRIL 4** (Maundy or Holy Thursday)  
6:30 p.m. Worship Service Holy Communion

**APRIL 5** (Good Friday)  
noon to 3 p.m. Sanctuary open for  
silent communion and meditation.

**APRIL 7** (Easter Sunday)  
5:45 a.m. Sunrise Service on beach at Lau Lau Bay.  
9:15 a.m. Easter worship.



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



## Isn't the Union and Wages Synonymous?

WHEN our lawmakers approve increase in wages, it boggles the mind why some of them also publicly oppose the unionization of private sector employees. Isn't the activities of the union primarily about wages and better working conditions for employees? And shouldn't they (private sector employees) be given the privilege to organize so they can collectively request for reasonable wages?

I don't particularly have any specific position on whether the union should or shouldn't be allowed. However, I can't help noticing the apparent inconsistency in the words and actions of our lawmakers on an issue that is basically synonymous. In other words, they say one thing and do the exact opposite. I know that reasoning isn't our forte, but there's nothing stopping us from learning it right here and now.

I know that the union has sought and secured better wages for workers in the agricultural and tuna canning industries in the State of Hawaii. While workers—through the union—were able to go home every two weeks with fatter paychecks, high wages was the very culprit of the demise of both industries.

As a result of the prohibitive high wages in the Aloha State, the cost of production of sugar, pineapple and other agricultural produce rendered Hawaii incapable of withstanding competition at the global market. Subsequently, these industries had to be closed down and moved to the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries leaving hundreds of union employees jobless. This is one of the dangers of toying around with wages in a money economy.

The unionization of private sector employees may look highly attractive at the initial organizational stage. Collective bargaining will become a very powerful tool for these employees. Demands for better wages and working conditions will be sought from employers the latter of whom must also guard against their profit margins. Nothing will stop employees from demanding no less than what they reasonably feel is due them.

Both parties will come to the negotiating table armed to justify their demands. When negotiations are stalemated, the union would make several more attempts to convince the employer to be granted its wish list. When the other side doesn't want to meet employees halfway, the union would resort to other means less desirable for the employer, i.e., mass walk-outs or strike paralyzing business operations.

Imagine if this scenario happens in our hotel industry where a strike paralyzes tourism for a day or so. The industry would lose thousands of dollars a day as the union negotiates with the hotel association. What's even more damaging are the publicity that will eventually reach NMI tourism markets. Many would simply divert their customers to other destinations, i.e., Thailand, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, among other competing destinations.

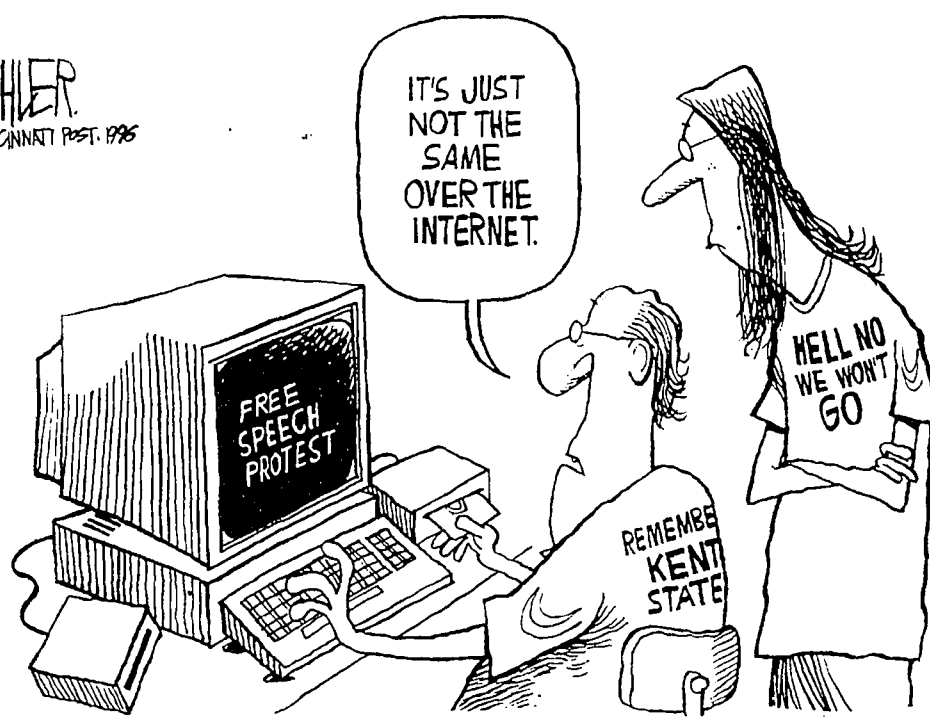
Mind you, it is very difficult rebounding once you've been derailed from normal business operations. It'll take several years to regroup and recoup your losses in that not only you have to pay more wages, you also must make-up for losses incurred during a strike. Let's we forget, we also have citizen and non-citizen employees who will thirst for more for as long as their demands are met. Many would care less whether their employer would be able to make adjustments to make ends meet. About the only time that their employment would matter to them is when the final message is delivered that reduction in force or scale down of business operations is inevitable.

Be that as it may, the union is primarily about wages and vice versa. I strongly recommend that careful treading is employed to ensure that we do not encourage blind consideration of conflicting policies. We must take control of this aspect in policy making. Otherwise, we will continue fueling damaging inconsistencies in policies approved in recent years. I am not sure that this is the image we wish to project of the CNMI.

The other aspect in policy decision making that warrants careful treading pertains to the inadvertent inclusion of racially sensitive language or discriminatory provisions. The playing field is different from the old TTG days. This is Americana! As such, NMI laws provide for "equal protection" of both citizens and non-citizens alike. This isn't a new reality. It has been in existence since 1978.

Understandably, our frustrations too often derail well-meaning intentions to do right. This genesis of this inadequacy is in our shortsightedness in policy consideration. If you will, the time horizon of politically motivated decisions is often no more than a few years and is influenced by the short electoral cycle. This is driven further into the abyss of political gridlock when electionist attitudes are fostered by our politicians. Thus, five years have gone by without much progress in the very issues we have been asked to seriously consider. We must outgrow this political immaturity and work hard at fostering a partnership between the public and private sector. This partnership must further extend to cultivate good working rapport with Congressional staffers, members of Congress and Pennsylvania Avenue. Take charge. The tide waits for no man. Thanks.....

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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Bureaucratic bungle benefits loan defaulters

THANKS to a bureaucratic blunder by the Education Department and the private guarantee agencies it works with, more than 24,000 defaulted borrowers got an eight-month reprieve from their loan payments last year.

The episode is indicative of the growing tension between the federal government and the multibillion dollar student-loan industry. Student loan guarantee agencies have been living on borrowed time since the advent of direct lending—a Clinton administration initiative that lets students borrow directly from the government at lower interest rates.

Our story begins last May, when USA Group—a student-loan guarantee agency—sent an electronic tape with information about 24,000 defaulted student loans to the Department of Education. USA Group was turning the loans over under a process called "subrogation," which gives the government responsibility for loans on which a private agency was unable to collect.

Normally, it takes 10 days to one month between the time a tape is sent from a guarantee agency to the time its information is transferred into the government's computers. But somehow it took nearly eight months before this particular tape's data was finally transferred on Jan. 12. In the meantime, all 24,000 defaulted borrowers got an unexpected vacation from their creditors.

Now each side is blaming the other for the snafu. USA Group says it's the department's fault for not processing the tape on time. Education Department officials contend that USA Group is responsible for servicing its subrogated loans until the government verifies that the tape has been received.

According to the records however, there is plenty of blame to go around. The original tape was found to be created which rendered it unusable. So USA Group sent out a second tape in July, but that one was never found. Finally, a third tape was sent to the Education Department in November, and that is the one that was eventually processed last month.

The problem eventually caught the attention of the district office of Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, when a constituent complained about her loan not being serviced. A Gramm staffer asked USA Group for an explanation. "It took the Department over seven months to recognize the problem they created," a USA Group official wrote back, "seven

months during which there was no collection on this defaulted loan and where the guarantor was prevented from assisting a borrower who wanted to resolve her problems."

The letter continues with a not-so-veiled shot at direct lending—even though the missing loans had nothing to do with the program. "Can an expanded federal program do a better job? It does not appear that an expanded federal presence will help the borrowers and the taxpayers."

It certainly won't help USA Group—whose chief executive earns more than \$650,000 per year, or more than three times that of the president of the United States. Although it's listed as a non-profit organization, at least 16 executives at USA Group and its affiliates earn salaries of more than \$100,000 per year—money that comes straight from the pockets of student-loan borrowers.

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, is eager to take credit for the success of direct lending. Last month, the Department of Education reported the lowest student loan default rate since the department started keeping records in 1988—11.6 percent, down from a high of 22.4 percent three years earlier. But those numbers are from 1993, before direct lending went into effect.

Republicans in Congress tried their best to eviscerate the program last year and return the student loan program to the banks and guarantee agencies. But their efforts were halted when Clinton vetoed the budget reconciliation bill. The Republican plan would have reduced direct lending to 10 percent of total loan volume down from nearly 40 percent last year.

Administration officials seemingly aren't too fazed by the missing tape, even if it left 24,000 borrowers in the lurch for most of last year. One official noted that in other cases, mixups between the Department of Education and the guarantee agencies have led to some borrowers being billed for the same loan by both agencies at once.

Leo Kornfeld, special assistant to Education Secretary Richard Riley, calls the case of the missing tape "unusual" and says the department usually takes no more than a month to process tapes. "I'm sure we could have been more responsive," Kornfeld told our associate Jan Moller. "That's not the issue. The more fundamental issue is what they're driving at.... Direct loans puts them out of business."

# MPLC sued over land transfer

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

A MAN has sued the defunct Marianas Public Land Corp., seeking to take back his piece of land which MPLC had allegedly transferred to other persons.

Pedro M. Aguon, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, asked the Superior Court to order MPLC to convey back to him the 14,004 square meters of land.

MPLC is now called the Division of Public Lands under the

Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Also named in the civil lawsuit were Pedro V. Guerrero; Artemio I. Guerrero; Juan CH. Reyes; and Emiliana A. Hofschneider. All are the current owners of the property in question.

In the complaint, Nicholas said in 1948 Aguon was authorized to commence clearing certain area of land in Papago for purposes of an agricultural homestead by the then Naval Government of the

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Aguon then started clearing and occupying the land.

However, Nicholas explained that it was not until 1961 when an actual permit to homestead was issued to Aguon.

In 1956, the lawyer said the government surveyed the land, but no map nor necessary documents were prepared for the plaintiff to convey the land even though he had met all the requirements to be granted an agricultural homestead.

Nicholas claimed that the plaintiff, however, was shown his property boundaries after the survey had concluded.

In 1976, MPLC's predecessor surveyed again the land. MPLC conveyed the land to Aguon in 1979, said the lawyer.

Based on the conveyance documents, Aguon received some 49,469 sq. meters of land.

Nicholas said in 1990, Aguon had the land surveyed to subdivide the property among his children.

Plaintiff was surprised when he learned that his land had decreased in size when first surveyed in 1956.

Nicholas said Aguon approached MPLC to correct the agency's mistake by conveying to the plaintiff the true area of land as indicated by the 1956 sur-

vey. The land was surveyed and shown to contain 63,475 sq. meters, according to Nicholas.

"MPLC since first advised of its mistake in 1990, has refused and continued to refuse to remedy its mistake to the detriment of plaintiff," said Nicholas in the complaint.

Aguon found out that MPLC had conveyed some 14,006 sq. meters of his land to defendants—Pedro and Artemio Guerrero, Reyes, and Hofschneider.

Nicholas pointed out that the portions of Aguon's property were not public lands and therefore, MPLC had no legal right to transfer the property.

## Furnari admits outburst, denies obscene gesture

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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A LAW clerk has admitted that he had expressed outburst over the statements of Joe Waechter aired on a TV newscast, but denied he showed obscene gesture.

In his affidavit, John P. Furnari said last March 4 he was inside Rudolph's Restaurant for a late dinner when Waechter's interview on the MCV newscast was aired.

Furnari said he was shocked when Waechter, Larry Lee Hillblom's estate executor's administrator, made several statements which he found gravely misleading.

David R. Nevitt, counsel for the executor, filed a motion asking the court to disqualify Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro and Furnari from presiding in the probate proceedings.

The move came up after James Dennis, executive director of Danao International Holdings owned by the late Larry Lee Hillblom, issued an affidavit claiming he was in the restaurant when Furnari made obscene gesture to Waechter who appeared in a TV newscast.

The law clerk said Waechter specifically stated that the estate was on the verge of losing a \$25-million asset due to the court's inaction and that he had been waiting since December for court approval of a financing package that would solve the problem.

"My shock stemmed from the fact that, to my knowledge, Mr. Waechter was referring to the Lazard transaction, the full terms of which were not even before the court on the date on the news broadcast," said Furnari in his affidavit filed before the lower court.

Furnari said in his shock, he exclaimed, "What the f— is he talking about!" while he simultaneously stretched his right arm across his body and extended his left arm so that the elbow curled around his right fist.

He explained that the arm movement is a crude ethnic gesture which he picked up from the Sicilian-American

side of his family. While the gesture can depict anger, Furnari said, it can also express a belief that the person speaking is acting foolishly.

"My outburst lasted about two seconds, and my arms returned to the bar while I shook my head back and forth several times in disappointment and disbelief," said the law clerk.

Furnari claimed he immediately regretted his outburst recognizing that it had been an improper expression for a court official.

He said he do not recall using the word "crook."

"I did not, nor do I now, harbor any ill-will or animosity for Mr. Waechter. I certainly do not consider him a crook," Furnari emphasized.

However, Furnari pointed out that he views Waechter as an officer of the court with an obligation to bring his concerns about the estate assets to the court in an appropriate and timely manner.

The law clerk claimed that his anger at Waechter's comments stemmed solely from his familiarity with the records on file and not from any extra-judicial source.

Furnari said one of the customers approached him and introduced as a friend of Waechter.

The man, Furnari said, asked his name and his problem with Waechter.

The law clerk said he simply responded, "I can't talk about it" then decided to pay his bill and leave the bar.

When he arrived at home 10 minutes later, Furnari said he called Ms. Dede McKinney at Rudolph's explaining to her that he regretted his outburst.

He said he asked McKinney not to disclose his name to the man at the bar as the best way to limit the public nature of his ill-advised behavior.

For the next two weeks, Furnari said he was primarily involved in reviewing in another matter which Castro had taken under advisement.

Since the filing of the motion for recusal, Furnari said Castro directed him not to take part in any proceedings related to the estate.

## Court orders ex-cop to do community work service

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

A FORMER police officer who was charged with three separate criminal cases was ordered to perform a month-long community work service.

Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan found Jesus A. Omar guilty of illegal possession of handgun and assault.

Following a plea agreement, Demapan asked Omar to pay \$500 fine and obey Federal and CNMI laws.

Omar was placed under one year probation.

The Attorney General's Office charged Omar on July 23, 1994 with assault with a dangerous weapon and illegal possession of handgun.

The charges stemmed from an

incident when the police responded to a reported disturbance at the Commonwealth Health Center involving Omar who was found in possession of a handgun.

Although Omar was a police officer at the time, the AG said he was off duty and intoxicated. The weapon he carried belonged to another police officer.

Omar also threatened to assault Ramona Reubenog. Under the agreement, he admitted the charge of illegal possession of handgun.

In this case, Demapan sentenced him to six months in jail, with five months suspended and the remaining one month to be converted to community work service.

In the second case, Omar

was charged with disturbing the peace and assault.

The case arose from an incident last Aug. 26 when Omar, with two other persons, harassed a group of people at Martha's Store.


Omar threatened to kill Fred Kaipat without provocation.

In this case, Omar pleaded guilty to assault.

The court sentenced him to 90 days in jail, all suspended for six months.

On Dec. 10, 1994 Omar was charged with assault and battery for attacking Dionicio S. Fitial.

The court agreed to dismiss the case upon the recommendation of the government as stipulated by both parties in the agreement.




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# Fleming, Borja not running

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

TWO of the three women in Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja's list of possible running mates in the 1997 gubernatorial race said they are not ready to throw their hats into the ring.

Frances Borja and Esther Fleming, in separate interviews,

said they are contented with what they do at present.

Borja is the current president of the Rotary Club of Saipan, while Fleming is a member of the Board of Education. Both of them were members of the Third Constitutional Convention delegation.

The third in the list is former

finance official Maria Pangelinan.

"I've always had politics and public service at the back of my mind, but at this time I'm not ready for that," said Borja, a cousin of the lieutenant governor.

"Right now, I am actively involved in family business and I don't think I can devote full time to public service. I'm grateful though that I was considered by the lieutenant governor," Borja said.

In the same manner, Fleming said she wants to stay with the education sector and fulfill the promises she made when she ran for the board.

"I want to continue serving my term and continue my mission to provide for quality education," Fleming said.

She said her main goal is to ensure that the education sector is given adequate funding and the teachers provided a better working environment.



Esther Fleming

Fleming, however, said she believes it's about time a woman gets the second highest government position.

"I hope other women consider that opportunity to take that position," Fleming said.

Neither of the two women has



Frances Borja

been approached by the lieutenant governor to formalize the invitation."

Aside from Lt. Gov. Borja, two other persons are gearing for the gubernatorial race. They are former Gov. Pedro Tenorio and Washington Rep. Juan Babauta.

## AG files charges vs 3 for 'misuse' of MTC credit card

THE ATTORNEY General's Office filed criminal charges against three persons who allegedly placed long distance calls using an MTC credit card without authority from the card holder.

Anita A. Manglona, Carla Songao and Robert Demerath were charged with misuse of credit card and complicity to misuse of credit card before the Superior Court.

Court information showed that the trio made separate long distance calls between September 5-21 last year.

The bills totaled \$683.68. The court summoned the defendants to appear for a hearing on May 2.

In other court story, the AG filed illegal possession of a handgun and ammunition charges against Brett Montgomery Halstead last Saturday.

Halstead was allegedly found in possession of a .22 cal. revolver and one or more rounds of .22 cal. ammunition, according to Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross in the complaint.

Police said they observed the 28-year-old Halstead inside a vehicle parked suspiciously in Dandan area.

A routine check was made resulting in the confiscation of the gun and bullets. (FDT)

## Guerrero. . . Continued from page 1

However, Babauta is the only one who has submitted an official letter of intent to the party. Both Guerrero and Tenorio have indicated interest in running again but have yet to submit intentions.

Refuting that the party was split in 1993, Guerrero said there should be a primary this time around otherwise, there could be more party division and ill-feelings.

"If there is more than one aspirant, there should be one. Traditionally, Republicans always have a primary because not only a single candidate is running. So we have to respect the wishes of individual candidates," he said.

"We just could not rule some people out because if they are not entertained, that will create animosity. Once that happens, their supporters will not come out rooting for the chosen candidate," said the former governor.

"I think that the primary is basically the most democratic system in any election for any public of-

fice. If there is more than one aspirant, all of them should be entertained. I don't think it will be fair if one candidate has to be ruled out, that is more divisive than a primary," he said.

When asked about the possibility of a primary, Washington Rep. Babauta said he is not aware of any decision yet from the party.

"I don't know if there's going to be a primary. The party has to decide through a meeting of the general membership depending on the situation. I don't even want to speculate but I am just going to go with whatever the party decides and move along on that basis," said Babauta.

Asked if is ready to give way to any other candidate and set his sights to another four-year term as Washington representative, Babauta said no.

"Right now, I am focused on running for governor and I want to stay focus on that," said Babauta.

Meanwhile, House Speaker

Diego T. Benavente, who has been asked by Babauta to be his runningmate, remains firm he would not be running unless his uncle, former Gov. Tenorio is not running.

"I've been told that there are stickers with our names on it. I agree with the Washington Rep. that there is a lot of supporters and I've been approached by people everyday urging me to run with him," said Benavente in an interview.

But at this time, he said he cannot be committed until he hears from the former governor on what his plans are.

"I am still hoping that there's a chance. If he (Tenorio) is not going to be running, then I will be honored to accept. But at this time, I still could not make the decision until this is settled," said Benavente.

Babauta for his part said he is sticking with his decision to have the speaker as his runningmate.

"I have asked the speaker to run with me and he is my choice. I am sticking with him no matter what," said the Washington representative.

# CRM permits garment plant

THE first of the new 11 approved garment firms was granted yesterday a coastal permit to build two one-story buildings in San Antonio.

The buildings, located behind Afetna's Square building, will comprise Winners Corp.'s factory, living quarters, dining area, offices, and a warehouse.

The proposed project, according to the permit deci-

sion, was found to have conformed with the CRM program policies and objectives.

Winners was required to submit to the Coastal Resources Management the architectural and engineering plans at least 30 days before the start of the building construction.

The firm is also required to submit within 90 days a certified financial statement show-

ing its financial capability to fund the project in its entirety.

Failure to do this will mean the cancellation of the CRM permit.

At least 10 working days before the start of the project, Winners must likewise inform the CRM.

The project is subject to review to see if it complies with the conditions accompanying the permit.

Accordingly, "substantial" violation of any term or condition shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the permit.

Choe Yoon Ju, as the permittee, signed the permit decision yesterday.

Saipan has at present 20 garment factories that employ thousands of contract workers, mostly from China and the Philippines.

—Rick Alberto

## Amelia Earhart tonight's topic of Jon Anderson Live

MYSTERY always surrounds our folk heroes and heroines, so this week we'll explore the untimely death of Amelia Earheart with Jon and his guest Dr. Dirk Balendorf.

Dr. Balendorf is a professor of Micronesian studies at the University of Guam. Many are familiar with Dr. Balendorf and his many reports on his studies and findings about Micronesia, and he'll be here in studio with Jon tonight on Jon Anderson Live.

Join Jon and Dr. Balendorf as they explore the courage of Ms. Earheart, the courage that led her to her death.

Ms. Earheart was an aviator and explorer and was on yet another of her flights

around the world when she and her plane and co-pilot disappeared.

Some believe they went down in the mountain ranges of Las Vegas, while others tend to say she and her plane disappeared right here in the CNMI.

There are also people who are convinced that she was even a prisoner of war here. You are invited to call on tonight's mystery edition of Jon Anderson Live.

Jon Anderson Live is a live talk show where viewers can call in which their comments and questions on the issues that matter in the CNMI. Jon Anderson Live airs Wednesday night at 7:00 pm on KMCV Channel 7.

## Mott conducting union seminars on Saipan

THE RECENT failure of HERE Local 5 to unionize two major hotels on Saipan has not doused the hope of union leader Elwood Mott Jr. to convince the CNMI into embracing the labor movement.

Mott is now conducting a series of union seminars in Garapan, a move likely to further draw the ire of union bashers.

"Union is part of the modern world, and since the CNMI wants to be part of it, the union has to go with it," Mott said.

The first of an eight-part seminar series was held Monday in Mott's apartment in Garapan. Topics include the union's objectives, structure and history.

Mott plans to conduct eight classes.

"I hope it will grow," the Local 5 leader said. "If I don't get enough response, I'll repeat it."

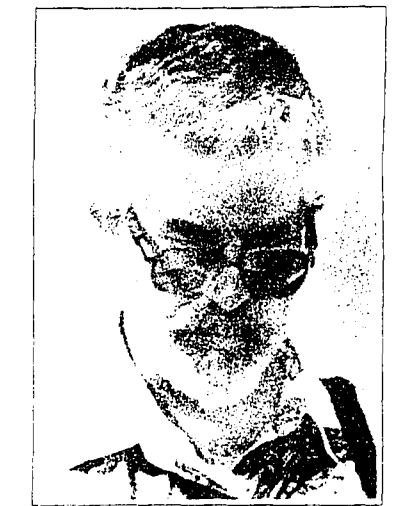
Mott invites interested parties to attend the seminars.

"I hope it encourages sup-

porters to continue to be strong," he said.

Mott said he will conduct a separate seminar for business managers who may be interested.

Asked if he is not worried about another attack from Rep. Stanley Torres—the most vocal union critic—Mott replied: "If he wants to attack me more, that's his prerogative." (MCM)



Elwood Mott

## CNMI . . .

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Broadhurst added, "belong to powerful committees in US Con-

gress."

"If we can provide them with a better understanding and a true picture of the CNMI, then we're heading toward the right direction." (MCM)

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# Hawaii rent-to-own firms overcharging?

By MEKI COX  
HONOLULU (AP) - Hawaii's rent-to-own industry may be cheating people out of hundreds of dollars by charging them more than 200 percent above item's suggested retail price, state lawmakers said.

The House Consumer Protection Committee has approved a proposal that would ask the state Auditor to look into the sales practices of the rent-to-own industry.

Some customers have been filing lawsuits claiming "unfair and deceptive" trade practices in the industry because they didn't understand the lease agreements they signed, Janis

Fenton, a paralegal of consumer law at Legal Aid Society of Hawaii said Monday.

"They just see it as a short-term solution without understanding the long-term payments," she said.

Currently, state law has no specific mandates addressing how rent-to-own companies should disclose prices, but 42 other states have found it necessary to regulate the industry.

Lawmakers in Wisconsin are also considering laws to protect shoppers against inflated fees. And in Pennsylvania, customers are being refunded roughly \$600,000 after the Rent America chain was accused of charging

ing excessive interest on its rental contracts.

In one case, a rent-to-own customer paid \$46 dollars over 52 weeks for a used microwave while the same microwave new sold for \$250.

Rent-to-own companies generally market their furniture and appliances to low income shoppers, with promises of no credit requirements and low monthly payments.

But most customers aren't told of the large amount of interest added to the cost of leasing a product, Fenton said.

"Most customers enter into the transaction with the expectation of

buying," she said. "And these are customers who are least likely to know their rights."

The lease agreements customers sign are exempt from state laws that require companies to disclose unusually high percentage rates, officials at the state Commerce and Consumer Affairs Department said.

However, states should pass laws that require total price to be placed on the sales tag of the item, Fenton said.

Similar federal law has also been

considered, committee said.

It's the only way shoppers can fairly comparison shop "and consider other purchase plans, such as layaway," Fenton said.

Managers of Hawaii's two primary rent-to-own companies, Canyon Rental and Rent-A-Center, were unable to be reached for comment.

However, the industry has testified in the past that they would be willing to pursue some form of regulation.

# Tonga businesses to focus on economic rebuilding

THE Tonga chamber of commerce will focus its activities in 1996 to rebuilding the economy and reduce dependence on aid and remittances. It endeavours to increase the opportunities to earn foreign exchange, and promote a business climate receptive to new investment, including foreign investment, Radio Tonga reports.

The chamber will continue to assist government to divest itself from what the private considers its paternal and inhibitive role in commerce. These were some of the proposals that came up during the recent annual general meeting of the chamber.

One of the major actions the chamber is trying to push to gov-

ernment, is what it calls, the "tidy-up" policy, particularly government's expenditure, a tightening up of revenue collection from duties and import taxes, and the restructuring of government's participation towards profitability and a more active and viable private sector....Pacnews

# Fiji university suffers from campus housing shortage

ABOUT 70 University of the South Pacific Fijian students on scholarships have not been provided campus accommodation, despite an assurance last month they will be given a place to stay on campus, the Fiji Times reports.

And the concerned students have questioned the delaying tactics employed by the university,

which they fear might create tension on campus. A third year student, who wished to remain anonymous, says the students are confused with a lot of restrictions imposed by the university which denied them the privilege of recommendation.

It is understood that the problem of accommodation is a result

of the bigger number of females enrolled from the region. USP vice-chancellor, Esekia Solofa could not be reached for comment. However, the university's public relations officer, Seona Smiles, says she is surprised by the news, and has undertaken to address the problem with relevant officials today....Pacnews

# Payment of \$3,000 fine by ex-Parliament member is overdue, says tribunal

A PAPUA New Guinea leadership tribunal has been told that the former member of parliament for Nawae, Timothy Bonga, had not paid a fine of US\$3,000, for not submitting tax returns, NBC reports.

The Boroko district court in 1990 had ordered Bonga to pay the fine within 30 days, but since then, he had not paid up. The court was told that \$3 would be added on to the \$3,000 for each day the fine is not

paid. And since 1990 to 1996, it is estimated that the fine has exceeded \$69,000.

Bonga told the tribunal he had met with the chief collector of taxes about his returns and they had reached an understanding. He says taxation officers had told him it was okay and based on their response, he assumed the matter which included the court fine was settled....Pacnews

# Solomons PM denies he favored Sokor company

SOLOMON Islands prime minister, Solomon Mamaloni, has dismissed suggestions in a local newspaper that his government cut the sale price of the Viry Harbour forest plantation by half, as a special favour to a South Korean logging company, RNZI reports.

The company, Eagon Forest Development, bought the plantation for US\$7 million late last year, although it is valued at \$12 million.

The deputy head of the policy evaluation unit of the prime minister's office, Gordon Darcy, says the recommended value had been reduced by the ministry of finance, and not his unit, as reported by the Solomon Star newspaper.

He says the price was reduced after taking into account the substantial set up costs of the timber company.

Darcy denies this was done as a special favor to the company....Pacnews

# Korea donates \$100,000 to So. Pacific secretariat

THE REPUBLIC of Korea has given a total of US\$100 thousand as a contribution to the work of the Suva-based South Pacific Forum Secretariat in Fiji. Korea's new ambassador to Fiji, Moon Byung Rok, presented the money during a courtesy call on the secretary general, Jeremia Tabai in Fiji's capital, Suva.

A Forum secretariat statement says the money will be used to buy equipment to upgrade the secretariat's in-

formation system. Mr. Tabai acknowledged the contribution by the Republic of Korea, saying it will go a long way in serving the needs of member countries of the South Pacific Forum.

He says the contribution is also a demonstration by the government in Seoul, that it is serious about developing friendly and mutually cooperative relations with member countries of the South Pacific Forum....Pacnews

# Fiji concerned about threat of new pests

FIJI is concerned about the removal of trade barriers and the resultant increase in the flow of agricultural products. Plant protection training officer of the South Pacific Commission, Bernard Pilon, says this in turn brings the threat of introducing new pests and diseases, the Daily Post reports.

Pilon says one only has to look at the widespread destruction and loss of millions of dol-

lars of export earnings from the persistent spread of the fruitfly, taro blight, and taro beetle around the Pacific, to realize the enormity of the problem.

Speaking at the Fiji Institute of Agricultural Science's annual congress in the western town of Lautoka, Pilon said normal village life today is quickly becoming one of semi commercial activities....Pacnews

# 400 rally against same-sex marriage

By MEKI COX  
HONOLULU (AP) - About 400 people, including parents and their children, rallied in front of the state Capitol Monday afternoon in support of a bill that would let the public to

decide whether same-sex marriage should be allowed in Hawaii.

That bill would allow the general public to vote in the fall election for a constitutional amendment to clarify marriage to be only between a man

and a woman.

During rush hour traffic, both sides of South Beretania Street across from the Capitol were full of people waving signs that read "Let the people vote."

About 10 lawmakers, including House Judiciary Committee Chairman Terrance Tom, also joined in the rally to voice their support for the bill.

"I think it's so important of an issue of this magnitude to let the people decide," he said to a crowd of cheering onlookers.

The rally was organized by two groups, Hawaii's Future Today and Alliance for Traditional Marriage, both of which have been lobbying state senators to hold a hearing on the constitutional amendment bill that was passed by the House.

"If you are called to fax, you fax like you've never faxed before. If you are called to telephone, you telephone like you've never telephoned before,"

said Rep. Gene Ward, referring to the groups' lobbying efforts. Groups of people also gathered outside senators' offices, however, some key lawmakers, such as Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Rey Grauly were out of the office at the time.

The four members of the seven-member committee have said they oppose using the amendment to resolve the issue. However, the committee has until Thursday to pull the bill out of committee.

The amendment would nullify the 1993, state Supreme Court ruling that it was unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples unless the state can show a compelling state interest to do so.

# Hawaii senator says governor must apologize for comments

HONOLULU (AP) - State Sen. Malama Solomon wants Gov. Ben Cayetano to apologize for comments he made about the executive director of the state Ethics Commission, Dan Mollway.

Mollway drew the governor's ire last week after writing a letter published in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin in which he attempted to correct parts of an editorial.

In the letter, he said while the commission found no impropriety with Joseph Blanco working in the

governor's office and serving as a member of the state Board of Regents, such a situation may be troublesome to Solomon, who chairs the Senate Executive Appointments Committee.

The governor reacted angrily to Mollway's letter, saying it jeopardized Blanco's reappointment to the Board of Regents.

"The governor's reaction to the very reasonable letter from Mr. Mollway was highly unfortunate," and he should apologize, Solomon

said Monday on the Senate floor.

The governor's office issued a statement later in the day saying no apology was planned.

Mollway said his letter was simply to clarify a column in the newspaper and apologized for his remarks on Blanco, if they had been misconstrued.

# Fiji tourism earnings up by \$35.4 M

FIJI'S gross earnings from tourism last year totalled US\$314 million. This represents an increase of \$35.4 million or 12.7 percent over the earnings in 1994, RNZI reports.

The number of tourists visiting Fiji remained virtually the same at 318,500 with the increased earnings attributed to higher spending by visitors. Although tourism has been Fiji's highest foreign exchange earner since 1989, no reliable figures exist of how much of the income is retained in the country.

Sugar is Fiji's next largest source of foreign exchange with much of that income retained in Fiji. Australia remains Fiji's biggest source of income from tourism providing around 29 percent, followed by Japan and New Zealand....Pacnews

# Irian Jiya Easter Sun. procession cancelled

A traditional Easter Sunday procession by Christians in the Eastern Indonesian province of Irian Jaya has been cancelled. The official Antara news agency says the cancellation is due to security and order problems, following riots last month, in and around the provincial capital, Jayapura, Radio Australia reports.

Antara says the local association of christian churches had informed its members that the annual dawn torch procession in Jayapura will not be held this Easter Sunday. The AFP news

agency says a christian worker in Jayapura has confirmed the cancellation, but declined to elaborate.

Rioting in Jayapura and the nearby town of Abepura broke out last month after the arrival of the body of a Melanesian separatist leader, Thomas Wanggai, who died in a Jakarta prison. The riots left at least four people dead and scores wounded, and caused extensive property damage. Police have said that about 40 people will face trial on charges relating to the riots. . Pacnews

# Patients flee from care center for fear of lives

BOUGAINVILLEANS who were at the Solomon Islands Red Cross care centre at Taro Island headquarters in Choiseul province, have fled to Honiara, RNZI reports. The Taro Island centre borders Bougainville Island.

Solomon Islands police says the Bougainvilleans have left the care centre aboard an inter-island vessel, the King Solomon, fearing for their safety from the Papua New Guinea Defence Force. A police spokesman says they felt insecure at the border province, since the warning by PNG de-

fence minister, Mathias Ijape, that PNG soldiers would enter Solomon Islands territory in pursuit of Bougainville secessionist rebels.

General secretary of the Solomon Islands Red Cross Society, Agnes Akwai, says the 31 patients under their care at Taro Island were mainly women and children. Police say others who fled the care centre were Bougainvilleans intending to return home after receiving medical treatment at the national hospital in Honiara....Pacnews

# Solomons logging issue get European attention

THE controversial issue of logging in Solomon Islands has been discussed by the European Parliament. This was revealed by the European Commission's director general for development, Philippe Soubestre, who has been visiting Solomon Islands, RNZI reports.

He says the EU has facilities available under the Lome Convention, which Solomon Islands could utilize, to compensate losses in revenue while a reform process is be-

ing undertaken. Mr. Soubestre told prime minister, Solomon Mamaloni and other government ministers, that the EU feels that Solomon Islands present forestry policy is non-sustainable, damaging to the environment and wasteful.

Mr. Soubestre says, while the EU cannot tell Solomon Islands what to do, it feels concerned and has a moral obligation to assist in developing a reasonable forestry policy which protects the future....Pacnews

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COMPENSATION OF THE GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, LEGISLATORS, JUSTICES AND JUDGES, RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES AND MAYORS, WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1996, AT 9:00 A.M., IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER, NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

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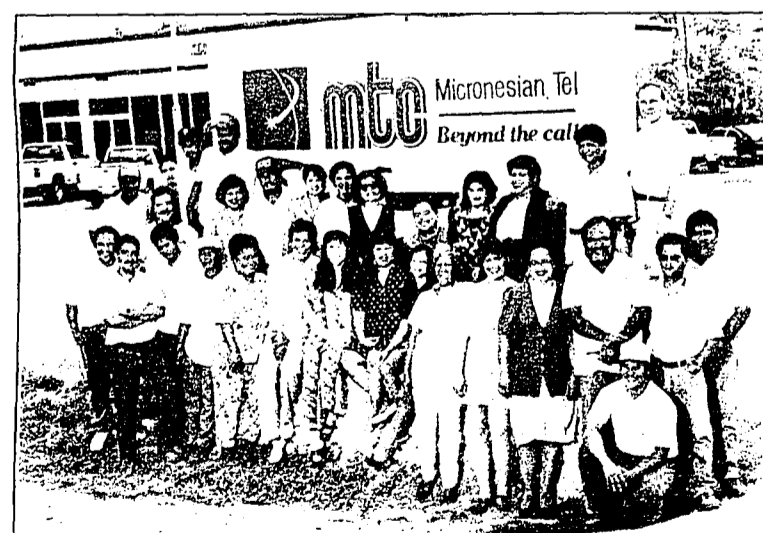
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### Family friend says during deposition

**By MICHAEL FLEEMAN**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Nicole Brown Simpson's final weeks were a tawdry mix of sexual experimentation and possible drug use - and her new wild lifestyle drove O.J. Simpson to distraction, a family friend testified in a deposition.

Cora Fishman, a close friend of Simpson and his slain ex-wife, said she even warned Ms. Simpson about what she considered to be a decadent lifestyle, according to a transcript of her testimony obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

"At that time Nicole was leading, like, a dangerous life," Fishman said March 20 in testimony taken for wrongful death lawsuits filed against Simpson. "I mean, she was coming onto guys. She was, you know, doing these things with Faye (Resnick), and I was worried about her."

She said she suspected Ms. Simpson was using cocaine, although she never actually saw her do so, and that Ms. Simpson confided in her that she, her friend Resnick and a man identified as Brett had had a three-way sexual encounter.

Fishman said Simpson was disturbed by his ex-wife's lifestyle and what she called Ms. Simpson's inability to decide whether to resume her relationship with her former husband.

She quoted Simpson as telling her: "I can't go on like this."

Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death outside her Brentwood condominium in June 1994. O.J. Simpson, the former American football star, was acquitted last October.

Simpson was acquitted last October in the murders, but now faces wrongful death lawsuits filed by the families or estates of the victims.

Fishman is the latest witness to also testify that Ms. Simpson was having an affair with Simpson's friend, Kansas City Chiefs running back Marcus Allen, shortly before her murder, and that Simpson had threatened to kill his ex-wife if she ever saw other men.

Fishman said Ms. Simpson revealed that she had a menage a trois in the spring before her murder with a man she had met in Cabo San Lucas. "She kinda mentioned it in passing that, 'Don't get mad at me, but... Faye and I did it,'" Fishman testified.

"Did what?" asked lead plaintiff attorney Daniel Petrocelli. "... they did it. And then she started to giggle... that the two of them had an affair together."

"Alone?" asked Petrocelli. "Or with another man?"

"Alone and with another man."

Ms. Simpson may have also posed that possibility to Goldman, Fishman said.

Fishman was treated as a hostile witness by Petrocelli, who repeatedly questioned whether she was sympathetic to Simpson. Fishman also revealed some of her own dirty laundry, including an affair she was having at the time of Ms. Simpson's murder, that she had sold her story to a tabloid for \$15,000 and that she is writing a book. She also said she attempted suicide last year by taking a bottle of Tylenol.

# N. Korea denies dollar forgery

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Distancing itself from the Japanese terrorist Red Army gang, North Korea denied Tuesday that it was involved in alleged dollar counterfeiting by a gang member.

Yoshimi Tanaka, 47, believed to be a Red Army member who hijacked a plane to North Korea 26 years ago, was arrested in Cambodia last week and deported to Thailand.

Thai police want Tanaka for allegedly counterfeiting U.S. dollars. Japan had made an official request that he be handed over, while the United States and North Korea made unofficial requests, Thai police said.

"The dollar forgery... has nothing to do with the DPRK (North Korea), which is under upright and clean politics. There can be no crime relating to forged currency in the DPRK," the North's official Korea Central News Agency said.

The North said it protects former Red Army members on humanitarian grounds because they have sought asylum in the reclusive communist state, but that they remain Japanese.

"Therefore, we need not and can not meddle with their affairs outside the DPRK," KCNA said. "There is no ground to connect this incident with the DPRK."

Japanese authorities say Tanaka

is one of nine members of the Japanese Communist League Red Army Faction who hijacked a Japan Airlines plane to the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, in 1970. Two members of the group since have died, but the others have remained on an international wanted list.

Tanaka was arrested March 25 in Cambodia, where border police stopped him and two companions driving in a North Korean diplomatic car from crossing into Vietnam.

All three were carrying North Korean passports. Tanaka was deported to Thailand, while the other two were released after proving they worked for the North Korean Embassy in Phnom Penh.

Cambodian authorities apparently arrested Tanaka on the basis of a Thai warrant for counterfeiting. Only after he was deported to Thailand did reports arise that he could be the hijacking suspect.

Fingerprints taken by a Japanese Embassy official from Bangkok and sent to Tokyo confirmed the suspicions.



A Bureau of Engraving and Printing employee flips fresh newly-redesigned \$100 bills at the agency in Washington. The new bills are being shipped to banks nationwide starting last month. AP Photo

## Explosion, fire engulf oil refinery

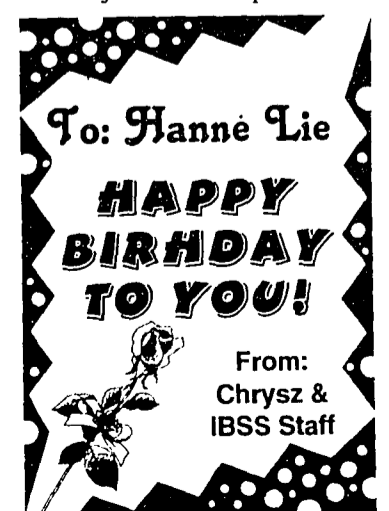
MARTINEZ, California (AP) - A series of major explosions and fire rocked a Shell Oil refinery, sending flames shooting out of smokestacks. There were no reports of injuries.

Flames roared Monday through the section and smoke billowed into the air, witnesses said. A red glare from the flames was visible 10 miles (15 kilometers) away.

Residents were warned to stay indoors by county health officials. The explosions began just before 7 p.m. in the refinery's light oil processing area, Shell spokeswoman Tomi Van de Brooke said.

The company was trying to account for all employees, she said. The cause of the explosion was unknown.

It was the second explosion in the area in two months. A hydrogen pipeline exploded Feb. 1 at a nearby plant that makes steam to heat Shell's refinery. Two workers suffered minor injuries in that explosion.



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# Saudi-British trade row looms

LONDON (AP) - Britain Monday night stressed how much it values ties with Saudi Arabia following a warning by the Saudi envoy that trade deals are at risk unless London expels a leading dissident. Former Saudi physics professor Mohammed al-Masari, 49, a fierce critic of Saudi

Arabia's ruling royal family and of its human rights record, is fighting deportation to the Caribbean island of Dominica, which has offered to accept him. Britain must say this week whether it will revoke its decision to deport al-Masari. Prime Minister John Major's

government has said his activities in London jeopardize Saudi contracts with British companies, including defense contractors. Britain, which competes mainly with the United States to sell arms to Saudi Arabia, is keen to boost its sales there. In 1985, Saudi Arabia signed to buy more than \$15 billion worth of British arms and in 1993 ordered 48 Tornado fighter planes and other British military equipment worth \$6 billion. Britain also wants to sell its Challenger tank to the Saudis.

Asked in a BBC television documentary broadcast Monday night how his government views the al-Masari issue, Saudi Ambassador Ghazi Algosabi said: "If you are so insistent that I am going to tell you that the continued presence here will harm British relations and trade relations, I'm going to tell you that, yes."

He denied this amounted to blackmail but added: "We are a sovereign country. We can buy wherever else we want."

On March 5, an immigration appeals judge ordered

Major's government to reconsider al-Masari's request for political asylum and give its verdict in a month. Judge David Pearl said at the time Dominica might not resist pressures to expel al-Masari. Al-Masari was arrested in Saudi Arabia in 1993 and held for six months, during which he was tortured, he says. He fled to London after his release, and following pressure by the Saudis on Britain was told by Major's government in January he was being expelled.

His Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights in Saudi Arabia demands greater democracy and campaigns against alleged corruption in the Saudi royal family. He uses faxes and electronic mail to report allegations of human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia.

The BBC documentary questioned whether Major's government was afraid to criticize Saudi Arabia over its human rights record for fear of losing arms contracts.

But the Foreign Office in a statement issued Monday night after the BBC documentary was broadcast rejected the sugges-

tion that British policy toward Saudi Arabia lacked principle.

The statement said: "A relationship which promotes regional stability, deters aggression and increases United Kingdom jobs and prosperity is one to nurture, not to disparage."

"Saudi Arabia is a country of great strategic and economic importance to the UK. We have common defense and foreign policy objectives and have worked closely together to achieve them."

"Saudi Arabia played a vital role in the international coalition to reverse Saddam Hussein's (Gulf War) aggression."

Stressing that oil-rich/Saudi Arabia is Britain's largest market in the Middle East, it said Saudi economic policies are important for the well-being of the whole industrialized world.

"We engage in regular dialogue on human rights with the Saudi authorities, including through the European Union," the statement said. "It is important to encourage understanding in Saudi Arabia of what is of concern to UK opinion, while respecting each other's traditions and beliefs."



Unidentified Senate Finance Committee employees unpack boxes containing President Clinton's fiscal 1997 budget proposal books, on Capitol Hill. The president unfurled his \$1.64 trillion budget last month, an election-year prescription for eliminating the deficit, cutting taxes and pumping money into education and other programs he says will invigorate American's economic prospects. AP Photo

# G-7 nations wrap up summit

By PIERRE-YVES GLASS LILLE, France (AP)- Labor ministers from the world's seven richest nations are seeking to put a more human face on free-market economics and streamline Europe's costly social safety net. At the opening session of the G-7 conference Monday, France called for a third path to avoid the

pitfalls of American laissez-faire capitalism and the expensive European social welfare safety net. The goal: getting many of the seven nations' 22 million jobless back to work.

But it was clear that the Group of Seven nations weren't making any big changes to their job policies.

Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, who led the U.S. delegation, defended the U.S. free-market approach that created 8.5 million jobs in the last three years. But he conceded there was "some truth" in criticism that the U.S. model neglected the poorest and the jobless.

However, he countered that European nations like France and Italy, where unemployment is double the U.S. rate of 5.5 percent, were now facing the bill for years of overspending on welfare.

"Many economies in Europe have invested more in a social safety net. They are now reappraising that investment," he said.

One European official said the boost in U.S. employment relied too much on the creation of jobs that give workers little pay and little or no job security and health coverage.

"The American system isn't the best. It leads to social dysfunction," said Jean-Claude Paye, head of the 26-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Inadequate wages and poverty potentially are "morally, politically and even economically dangerous," he told reporters.

Still, repeating French President Jacques Chirac's quest for a "third path," Paye said it should

run closer to the flexible U.S. model than the more stifling European one.

Germany and France, concerned about protecting workers' benefits and wage levels, differ sharply with the United States and Great Britain in their approach.

Those opposing views all but exclude the possibility that a joint job-creating strategy will come out of the closing of the two-day G-7 meeting Tuesday. The other G-7 nations are Canada, Italy and Japan.

Reflecting a main conference theme, Chirac outlined several job- and growth-boosting initiatives.

They included reducing budget deficits to bring about a drop in inflation, overhauling welfare systems to give recipients more incentives to find work, vocational training adapted to the job market and better labor-management dialogue.

European labor unions held a counter-summit outside the G-7 conference center to demand assurances against cuts in social benefits. About 2,000 labor supporters joined the rally.

The venue of this week's meeting was symbolic. Like Detroit, where the first-ever jobs summit was held in 1994, Lille is the center of a formerly prosperous region mired in industrial decline, high crime and unemployment.

Even economic powerhouses Germany and Japan this year hit their highest unemployment rate since World War II, at 11.1 percent and 3.4 percent respectively. Unemployment is at 11.8 percent in France, 12 percent in Italy, 9.6 percent in Canada and 7.9 percent in Britain.

# Firms owe US gov't \$856-M

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Oil companies owe the U.S. government as much as \$856 million in royalties and interest because they under-valued California crude, according to a new report.

California, which uses oil royalties for education, stands to collect \$165 million - enough to educate 35,000 students for a year. By one estimate, that would be the state's share from oil pro-

duced between 1978 and 1993.

The report, released late last week, was written by a group called the Project on Government Oversight, described by the Los Angeles Times as a non-partisan watchdog group involved in exposing government mismanagement and waste.

The report is based on documents obtained by a federal task force investigating oil royalties.

The task force, including officials from the Interior, Energy and Commerce departments, is to issue its report later this month, said Interior spokeswoman Mary Helen Thompson.

In 1991, after 16 years of litigation, California and Long Beach won a settlement of \$320 million from six oil companies.

A year ago, the U.S. Interior Department said in a memo that there were potential government losses of \$30 million for the years 1990 through 1993.

U.S. government investigators complain that the oil companies kept prices artificially low, thus reducing their cost and government royalties. The

companies met secretly, the government claims, conspiring to pay low prices for California crude.

According to the memo, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney said the money is owed by 10 companies: Texaco, Shell, Arco, Mobil, Chevron, Exxon, Unocal, Phillips, Santa Fe and Oryx.

# \$16.7-B telecom merger

By EVAN RAMSTAD NEW YORK (AP) - SBC Communications Inc. and Pacific Telesis Group on Monday became the first big local phone companies to combine, strengthening their ability to confront new competition in the revamped world of telecommunications.

SBC will pay \$16.7 billion in stock for Pacific Telesis. It's not only the biggest deal since the phone business was deregulated in February, but marks the rising star of SBC, which may someday join the constellation of widely recognized phone acronyms like AT and T and MCI.

Monday's merger won't mean immediate changes for the millions of consumers who buy phone service from the two companies, which operate in seven states including the two biggest, California and Texas.

But it marks a milestone on a road that telecommunication companies of all kinds, driven by the new regulations and technology, are taking toward providing many services - local and long distance phoning, video and data exchange. "Everybody's been saying this was going to happen for awhile and here we go," said Scott Wright, who follows the telecommunications industry for Argus Research in New York.

The deal surprised investors and observers who were expecting the first merger of Baby Bell companies - the local carriers formed in the 1984 breakup of the Bell System - to be Nynex Corp. and Bell Atlantic Corp.

They combined their cellular businesses last year and have since confirmed discussions about a broader relationship. But they had no comment Monday in the wake of the SBC-Pacific Telesis deal.

The leaders of SBC and Pacific Telesis, meanwhile, exhibited a small measure of pride at their surprise deal.

While others are talking about it, we're doing it," Pacific Telesis chief executive Phil Quigley said.

They first talked more than a year ago but waited until after the law passed to negotiate seriously.

"The mood was always good between us," said Ed Whitacre, chief executive officer of SBC.

The combined company will use SBC's name, be based in San Antonio and be led by Whitacre. Quigley will become vice chairman.

Together, they will continue to provide the main phone service in California and Texas, develop

complementary wireless operations and start a long distance business.

The deal will take the rest of the year to complete but it will likely be well beyond then before customers can tell a difference. For instance, the companies cannot offer residential customers a combined local and long distance service until more competition develops in the local market.

Whitacre said there are no plans to raise rates or cut thousands of jobs.

# Continental seeking routes to Japan from Newark, Houston

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) - Continental Airlines, America's fifth-largest airline, sought federal permission to fly to Japan from its hubs in Newark and Houston.

Neither city has service to Japan. Newark lost its only nonstop flight to Japan on Sunday when United Airlines dropped its service, Continental said Monday.

Continental proposed daily nonstop flights from Houston and Newark to Tokyo, and New-

ark to Osaka in its filing with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Continental is the only major domestic carrier without nonstop service from the U.S. mainland to Japan, the airline said.

The airline noted that both Houston and Newark have strong economic ties to Japan. Some 80,000 people traveled between New Jersey and Japan in 1995, and Texas - America's second-largest state - only offers one

nonstop flight, from Dallas-Fort Worth, the airline said.

"Without this vital air link to Japan, U.S. cities will be at a distinct competitive disadvantage globally," said Gordon Bethune, Continental president and chief executive officer.

Houston-based Continental, which also has a hub in Cleveland, offers more than 2,000 jet and Continental Express flights daily to 125 U.S. and 57 international cities.

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# New Nagasaki museum opens

By PETER LANDERS

TOKYO (AP) - Five decades after atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two museums devoted to the bombings are offering new context about the Japanese aggression that led to World War II - a modest sign, perhaps, that Japan is coming to grips with its wartime history.

A completely rebuilt atomic bomb museum opened Monday in Nagasaki, with new displays describing the background of the war from Japan's first incursion into China in 1931 through the attack on Pearl Harbor a decade later. The opening follows the 1994 expansion of Hiroshima's A-bomb museum.

The new spirit of candor shows up in the Nagasaki museum in many exhibits: a video describing the army unit that performed gruesome experiments on live prisoners, another with details of the Bataan Death March of prisoners of war and one that characterizes the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere - the concept in whose name Japan fought the war - as being nothing more than aggression on Japan's part.

Museums often become the focus of battles over a nation's history - as the United States found out in 1994, when the Smithsonian Institution ran into criticism over a planned atomic bomb exhibition.

Critics said the exhibit portrayed the United States as the aggressor for dropping the bombs and that it

## Tells about Japanese war aggression

ignored the argument that the bombs hastened the war's end. Eventually, the Smithsonian scuttled most of the exhibit and simply displayed the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. Likewise, critics had said the exhibits in Hiroshima and Nagasaki focused too narrowly on the victims and damage without explaining what Japan had done to cause the war.

In June 1994, Hiroshima added a wing to its A-bomb museum with exhibits describing Hiroshima's contributions to Japan's war effort and showing photographs of wartime slave laborers from Korea and China.

The new displays, however, didn't mention the emperor in whose name the war was fought.

Nagasaki's rebuilt museum also is designed to give context, said Tatsuya Ito, who oversaw the transition as director of the old museum. "We've added historical background," Ito said. "Our goal is to be as even-handed as possible."

The \$62-million Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum is just a short distance from ground zero of the atomic bomb that the United States dropped on Aug. 9, 1945, killing an estimated 70,000 people. Three days earlier, another bomb had killed 70,000-100,000 people in Hiroshima. In videos shown at the Nagasaki museum, Korean victims of the atomic bombing tell how they were forcibly brought to Nagasaki to serve as labor-

ers in war industries.

Another video and a timeline describe how the war started, using the word "invasion" to describe Japan's advance into China in the 1930s. Until recently, the Japanese government avoided that term under pressure from conservatives who say Japan was trying to free Asia from Western colonialism.

The video and timeline make brief mention of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

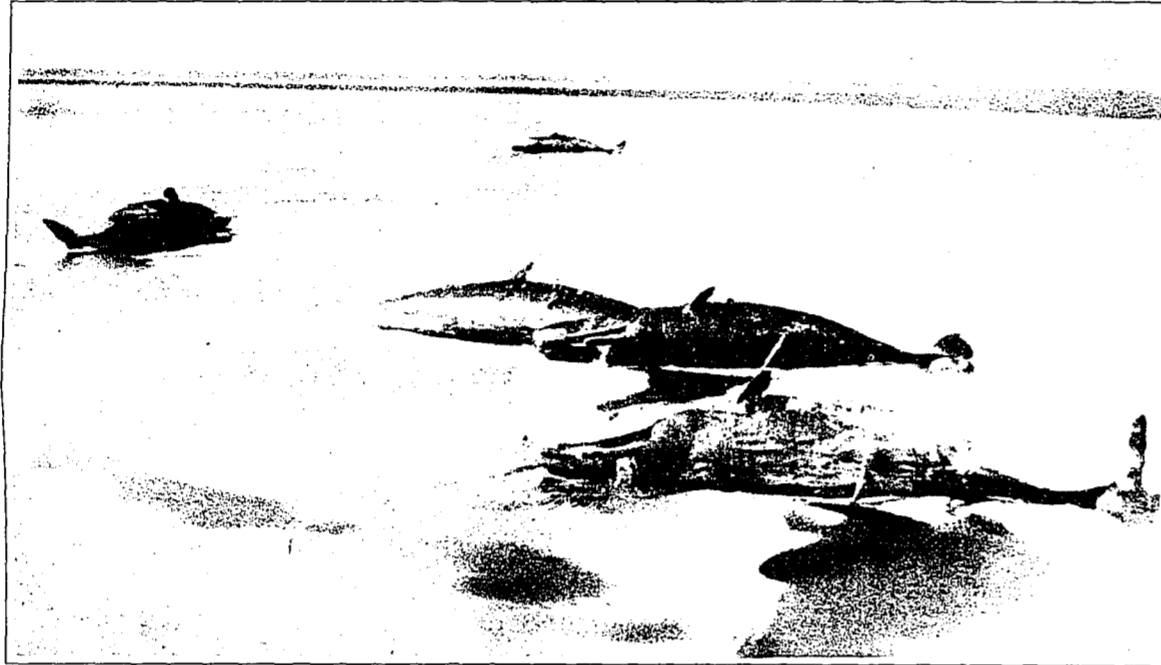
Shortly before the opening, local conservatives persuaded the museum to replace a photograph depicting a violent scene of the 1937 "Rape of Nanking," in which Japanese soldiers raped and killed tens of thousands of Chinese civilians.

But China's consulate in Nagasaki complained that the substituted photograph, a more innocuous shot showing Japanese soldiers entering Nanking, was

an attempt to gloss over Japanese atrocities. On Sunday, the eve of the opening, the photograph was replaced again, this time with one showing Chinese being herded away by Japanese troops before the massacre.

Some visitors said the museum's exhibits still didn't go far enough.

"I think that there are not enough exhibitions here which tell that the cause of the war was Japan's militarism," Chang Yu-san, a 23-year-old kindergarten teacher from Taiwan, told Kyodo News.



Five of 16 sperm whales found dead, lie on the island of Romoe in the North Sea off western Denmark, Wednesday. The whales, which had apparently been dead several days, will be towed up on the beach where they will be dissected and analyzed. A Danish expert said the beaching of large groups of sperm whales is rare but not unusual. AP Photo

# EU debates 'Mad Cow'

By PAUL AMES

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - Meeting late into the night on proposals to fund the emergency destruction of thousands of British cattle, European Union farm ministers failed early Tuesday to agree on a plan to allay fears of mad cow disease.

On the table when they were to meet again only a few hours later was a proposal for the European Union to cover 70 percent of the costs of destroying 15,000 British cows every week for six years instead of selling them as meat.

"Meat and products from these animals will not enter the food chain," said the proposal drawn up by Italy, the current European Union president. "The carcasses will be destroyed and eliminated in a secure manner."

The Italian proposal estimates farmers will be paid on average 560 European Currency Units (\$700) for each slaughtered animal.

The document estimated the total annual cost to the EU at 392 million ECU (\$400 million).

Under the slaughter plan presented by Britain, milking animals will be destroyed when they reach the end of their productive lives. Currently such animals are used for low-grade meat - cattle raised for prime beef and veal are usually slaughtered younger.

Almost all mad cow cases have been found in animals older than 30 months. British officials said a cull of older dairy animals would mean 15,000 destroyed weekly for six years - leading to a total of some 4.6 million animals.

British farm minister Douglas Hogg said Britain would consider a "selective cull" of other cattle judged at risk, such as those that have been in contact with contaminated animals.

Hogg said the Italian proposal contained several things that Britain wanted to see. But he added "it still needs a lot more work."

Other nations rejected Britain's request for an immediate lifting of the worldwide ban on British beef exports imposed by the Union last week as fear spread that humans could contract a version of the brain-wasting cattle ailment.

"The embargo should be lifted only when we have absolute guarantees the risk is

over," French Agriculture Minister Philippe Vasseur told reporters Monday.

Hogg told the meeting Britain will no longer feed cattle the ground-up remains of sheep and other animals, a practice blamed for causing mad cow disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

The continent-wide health scare flared March 20, when the British government acknowledged there may be a link between mad cow disease and the equally incurable Creutzfeldt-Jakob brain disease in humans. Previously the British government had denied any link.

The announcement sent beef sales crashing, first in Britain, then across Europe as consumers worried that their herds may have been infected by British cattle. A

small number of mad cow cases has been detected in other nations, including France, Ireland and Portugal. Beef sales were reported recovering slightly in Britain on Monday as supermarkets slashed prices and the government sought to reassure nervous consumers.

"British beef is on any normal definition of the term, safe," Prime Minister John Major told parliament in London. "The present crisis came not from a real health risk, but from unnecessary hysteria across Europe."

To further restore consumer confidence in beef, the Italians proposed launching a campaign to promote the meat. It also told Britain to tighten veterinary surveillance of its herds including improved access for European Union inspectors.



A customer eats her lunch at central London restaurant under the watchful eye of a costumed cow and a waiter holding a placard publicising the fact that the restaurant does not serve British beef. AP Photo

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v.  
ISABELITA URGELLES CRUZ, Respondent.

### SUMMONS

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to serve any answer you wish to make to the Petition a copy of which is given you herewith, within (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, by delivering or mailing a copy of your answer to LONG & BROWN, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address is AAA 1797, Caller Box 10001, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.  
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# Man in trouble over free lunch

LONDON (AP)- Raw or cooked, one would-be Fine Young Cannibal may soon find out there's no such thing as a free lunch.

Paul Vagg scored himself an expensive meal by impersonating Fine Young Cannibals bass guitarist David Steele - even though he does not resemble him - a London court heard on Monday.

Vagg phoned record producer Ian Levine, claimed he was Steele, and offered to pitch him new talent, said prosecutor Peter Gray, who charged Vagg with the offense of "ob-

taining property by deception" in this case, lunch.

Levine, convinced by Vagg's detailed knowledge of the hit-making British trio that he was dealing with a member of Fine Young Cannibals, invited Vagg to bring two singers to an audition for a new band.

One of the singers impressed Levine, so he invited the Vagg to lunch with other industry professionals to discuss further arrangements.

Levine admitted to the court that Vagg was reluctant to accept the invitation to the ex-

clusive La Tante Claire restaurant in London's posh Chelsea district - even though the eatery "is one of only four in the country which has three Michelin rosettes."

He gave in, and a music journalist at the 150-pound-a-plate (\$230) lunch suspected Vagg's story. He checked it out, leading to the impersonator's arrest.

Levine said he felt betrayed because he had come to like the man he thought was Steele "very much" and recalled asking Vagg for a copy of an album.

The bespectacled, beefy Vagg duly produced a copy of the 1989 chart-topper "The Raw and Cooked," pointed to a picture of the unsuspected, slim Steele on

the cover and said: "I've put a lot of weight on since then. I've done some fitness training."

Cross-examined by Vagg's lawyer, Nicholas Bleaney, Levine admitted Vagg "never asked me for anything."

Vagg, who admitted to using the name David Steele for years, said he did not set out to steal anything.

"To call myself David Steele is not an offence," he said.

The Fine Young Cannibals named after a 1960 movie starring Natalie Wood and Robert Wagner are famed for their funk-driven rock. "The Raw and the Cooked," named for a 1964 study of South American Indians by anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss, was U.S. number one for seven weeks in 1989.

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job in the CNMI than we are doing now."

The takeover initiative in US Congress died down for a while, but resurrected as a result of the government's recent policies that displeased Washington. These include the government's move to freeze the wage hike originally scheduled for Jan. 1, and the virtual removal of immigration cap as a result of the lifting of moratorium on garment factories.

Tenorio told the Washington delegates he was disappointed with the Legislature's failure to act on his proposal for April 1 wage increase.

However, he said disagreements between the executive and legislative branches come with having a republican form of government which upholds the system of constitutional checks and balances.

"If the price of our adherence to Constitution is another piece of the Covenant every time the CNMI Legislature fails to vote the way Washington may wish," Tenorio said, "then self-government here, indeed as in any US community, is meaningless."

The bottomline, he added, is that the federal government "must understand that our economy has succeeded in part due to our local control over minimum wage and that any effort to mandate federalization of minimum wage in the Commonwealth would be counterproductive to our free-market economy."

Tenorio also protests the federal government's demand for the

CNMI to keep the immigration cap. He said the local business climate would be doomed if the federal government would keep telling the CNMI to limit the arrival of foreign workers.

The growing tourism industry in the CNMI requires additional manpower from foreign countries, the governor said.

Regarding the union issue, Tenorio said there were confusions and misinterpretation about the government's position.

He said his administration recognizes all CNMI residents' equal rights under the law, including the right to form unions and collectively bargain over pay.

"But let me make it very clear: the only reason alien workers are permitted to take up temporary residency permit is to work," Tenorio said. "Unless their work permit is renewed, every alien worker must return to their own country."

The right of alien workers to seek employment in the CNMI, the governor added, "is subject to the Commonwealth's superior right under the Covenant to control its own borders" and that control over its sovereign borders should be "reserved to the Commonwealth itself."

"This is indeed unfortunate. But we cannot and will not permit a few individuals to distort and tear down a system of immigration that permits alien workers to reside safely in the CNMI while still giving us the right to protect our own borders against illegal immigration," the governor said.

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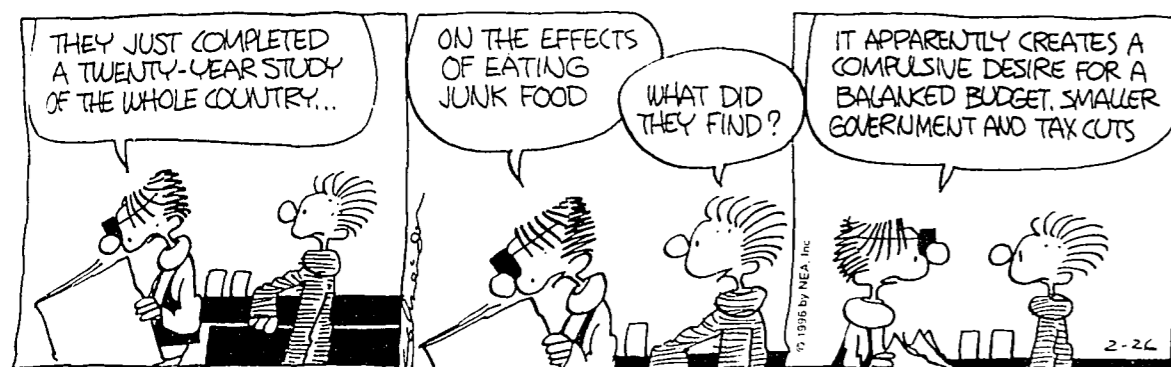
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graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. THURSDAY, APRIL 4 ARIES (March 21-April 18) — Seek the simplest route to your destination today. You will have no reason to take the long way at this time. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone will surprise you today by supplying your wants and needs in abundance. This day can be memorable. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take care not to abandon the rule book completely today simply because you wish to indulge a whim. Remain in control at all times. CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone may nag and criticize you today, but you can counter with some insightful comebacks. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone close to you will want to get even closer today, and the response he or she will get from you may surprise you both. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Pay close attention to the messages your unconscious sends you today. Even your dreams may help you to find the way out of a difficult situation.

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CLOSERS

Our minister says people with prayer books that look brand-new are either very careful with them or use them only on Sundays. How come all the good weather reports are correct only part of the time, but the bad reports are right on the money every time? There's one thing on your TV that never disappoints in the way of programming: the "off" switch. For big spenders, nothing succeeds like excess.

An early version of the comic book was the chapbook, named after the chapmen (peddlers) who sold them. "Mary Rowlandson's Captivity," an illustrated story of a woman captured by Indians, sold 5 million copies in 1682. Cheaply priced and crudely drawn, chapbooks reached the height of their popularity by the mid 1800s, but disappeared completely after the U.S. Civil War. The checkered pattern on hams is a carryover from the time when hams had a much higher fat content. Hams were cut that way to allow the excess fat to drain off while cooking. On most hams today, since the cuts are much leaner, this design is done simply for the sake of convention.

An iceboat was excused by as much as four times the speed of the wind propelling it. There are nearly a dozen species of salmon; in only one — the U.S. Pacific Coast variety — do the males and females invariably all die after spawning. In the Bible, Delilah did not cut Samson's hair. Instead, "she called for a man" to do it as Samson slept (Judges 16:19). Contrary to widespread belief, the first iron-wire suspension bridge was not the Brooklyn Bridge, but the Schuylkill River Bridge in Philadelphia, which was constructed in 1816.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' with words like DYLAN, PETER, AURORA, CEASED, etc.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' with words like NIGHT BIRD, FEMALE RUFF, etc.

KidSpot™

KidSpot crossword puzzle with clues for 1 DOWN, 2 ACROSS, 3 DOWN, 4 ACROSS, 5 DOWN, 6 ACROSS, 7 DOWN, 8 ACROSS, 9 DOWN. Includes illustrations of a camel, a sheep, and a clock.

Advertisement for 'BROKEN ARROW' movie featuring Travolta and Slater. Includes 'THE MOVIE HOUSE' logo and showtimes.

Yugoslav 'Blue Dolphins' return in style

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The breakup of Yugoslavia created two major water polo powers. Both will be Olympic medal contenders in Atlanta this summer. It's not surprising, since the old Yu-

goslavia won Olympic gold medals in 1968, 1984 and 1988, and was world champion in 1986 and 1991. Croatia broke away from Yugoslavia and quickly made an impact as a water polo power in its own right.

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Other features include four lakes, two caves on the seventh hole which contain World War II relics, 49 sand bunkers and an ocean view from every hole. The course was built with 60 all-suite resort hotel with a Mediterranean style restaurant featuring Pacific cuisine. There is also a swimming pool, clubhouse and pro shop. The ER-EST Rota Resort & Country Club is owned and operated by SNM Corporation.

For reservations and information about the ER-EST Rota Resort & Country Club please call 532-1155 or fax 532-1156.

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him to third place. Fourth place went to Karl Reyes who shot a round with a gross score of 89, handicap 13, for a low net score of 76. Reyes parred two holes in the front.

18TH Annual Saipan Ocean Swim Results

Table of swim results for 18th Annual Saipan Ocean Swim. Includes categories for Girls 0.6 km 8-and-under, Boys 0.6 km 8-and-under, 9-10 Girls 1.0 K, 11-12 Girls 1.3 K, 20-29 Masters Women 1.3 K, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90-99, 100-109, 110-119, 120-129, 130-139, 140-149, 150-159, 160-169, 170-179, 180-189, 190-199, 200-209, 210-219, 220-229, 230-239, 240-249, 250-259, 260-269, 270-279, 280-289, 290-299, 300-309, 310-319, 320-329, 330-339, 340-349, 350-359, 360-369, 370-379, 380-389, 390-399, 400-409, 410-419, 420-429, 430-439, 440-449, 450-459, 460-469, 470-479, 480-489, 490-499, 500-509, 510-519, 520-529, 530-539, 540-549, 550-559, 560-569, 570-579, 580-589, 590-599, 600-609, 610-619, 620-629, 630-639, 640-649, 650-659, 660-669, 670-679, 680-689, 690-699, 700-709, 710-719, 720-729, 730-739, 740-749, 750-759, 760-769, 770-779, 780-789, 790-799, 800-809, 810-819, 820-829, 830-839, 840-849, 850-859, 860-869, 870-879, 880-889, 890-899, 900-909, 910-919, 920-929, 930-939, 940-949, 950-959, 960-969, 970-979, 980-989, 990-999, 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# SPORTS



## Kentucky wins 1st title in 18 years

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Kentucky has its first national championship in 18 years, the one it was supposed to win all season.

The Wildcats got it with a 76-67 victory over Syracuse on Monday

night, a loss that earned the Orangemen the respect few gave them going in.

The sixth national title in school history, second only to UCLA's 11, came through the scoring of senior Tony Delk and freshman Ron Mer-

cer. And, of course, the famed pressure defense and the ability to use college basketball's deepest roster.

Syracuse, a 14-point underdog, has the most U.S. college basketball tournament victories without a title. A 36th win would have meant a first

national championship.

Now, this Syracuse team joins the one-point losers to Indiana in the 1987 championship game in sustaining the most bitter defeats in school history.

Delk finished with 24 points and tied the championship game record with seven 3-pointers. The Wildcats

finished with 12 three-pointers, something critical in cracking Syracuse's 2-3 zone. Kentucky tied the championship game record for 3s by a team.

Mercer came up with a career-high 20 points, all but six of the points the deep Kentucky bench provided.

More importantly, the extra bodies

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### Gov't men's slowpitch

## CUC, CHC part ways; DCCA scores 4th win

COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation power brokers defeated Commonwealth Health Center life savers, 13-11, breaking a brief three-way 2-2 win-loss standoff with Labor and Immigration before last Saturday's opener.

CUC scored three runs in the first inning, but in the bottom of the second inning, CHC rebounded and scored two runs.

CHC came back and scored six runs in the third inning but CUC countered with three more runs in the

top of the fourth and later tied the score at eight all in the fifth inning.

At the top of the seventh inning, CUC scored four runs to beat CHC with the final 13-11 margin.

DCCA vs Mayor's Office

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs batters scored their fourth win when they shut out the Mayor's Office team, 15 to 5.

The Mayor's squad was first to score but in the bottom of the second inning, DCCA scored six runs.

In the fourth inning, both teams scored one run each but DCCA erupted six more runs in the bottom of the fifth for a 15-5 victory.

The win placed DCCA at the top of the standings in Division B with a 4-1 card, breaking the three-way tie at 3-1 with the Public School System and Municipal Council Enforcers before the game.

The defeat was the second for the Mayor's Office in five games.

DEQ vs Revenue & Tax

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## First 18-hole link in Rota opens

ROTA Resort and Country Club has opened its 18-hole golf link on a 560-acre area that blends with the natural landscape, making it the first full course on the island.

The first class resort has been operating a 9-hole course for a year until its opening this week.

Course superintendent Daniel W. Alexander described the golf link as a perfect blend of nature and golf. He said that chemicals are used sparingly to protect the environment.

"The resort makes its living from nature, so we have to protect it,"

Alexander said.

Alexander worked at Pebble Beach golf course for five years. It is rated number one in the world. He has also built and maintained golf courses for many years, including those designed by Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer in Singapore and Guam.

"This design is every bit as good as those designs," Alexander said.

Scott Fiset of Fiset Golf Designs is the course designer. He has lent his expertise to several courses around the world including Koolau,

rated to be the toughest course in the United States. The course was the first that bears his name.

Aware of the resort's intention to highlight Rota's beauty, Fiset worked closely with the government to protect the habitat of the Marianas Crow, an endangered local bird species.

Recently, a greater number of birds has been seen making their home around the resort.

The course offers a 200-foot elevation around the natural limestone

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## Beginners' soccer listing slated on April 6

THE CNMI Youth Soccer Organization (CYSO) will hold a one day registration for all boys and girls who want to play in the inaugural season of Saipan's first beginners' soccer league which is set to kick off on May 12.

Registration is on April 6 and is open to those between eight years old and are not yet 10 years of age by May 1.

Teams will be formed from four key areas on Saipan—the northern, central, eastern, southern and western areas of the island.

Registration will be held at the

FHP Clinic, next to Union Bank at the Oleai Center, Beach Road, in San Jose. Registration fee is \$20 per player. The fee includes a physical examination by a designated FHP physician.

Those interested must register on the following schedules:

•North—for the villages of San Roque, Tanapag, Kagman and Capitol Hill from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

•Central—Puerto Rico, Garapan, Gualo Rai and Oleai from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

•East—San Vicente, Dandan, Kagman 2 and 3 and Koblerville

from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

•West—Susupe, Chalan Kanoa and San Antonio from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Players will be furnished with a shirt-and-shorts team uniform when the season begins. Players will have to provide their own socks and footwear.

The CYSO is encouraging parents to bring and register their kids.

For more information, call the Governor's Office for Youth Affairs at 235-2397, or visit its office at the Afetna Square in San Antonio, next door to the Saipan Mayor's Office.

## Bob Naraja finishes best in Amigos April Ace qualifier

BOB Naraja finished with the best low net score in the Amigos Golf Club qualifier tournament for the April Ace while consistent golfer Joe Camacho came out with the lowest gross score Saturday at the Coral Ocean Point.

Naraja shot a round with a gross score of 90, handicap 17, for a low net score of 73. His net score qualified him for the top honor in the upcoming Ace of April tournament.

He highlighted his front nine shots with birdies in holes number three and six for a score of 43 and went on to score 47 in the last nine holes to secure first place.

Joe Camacho shot a round of five over par, completing his tour

with a gross score of 77, handicap two, for a low net score of 75, and secured second place.

He had the best showing in the low gross chart, scoring birdies in holes seven and 18.

Camacho consistently parred the first six holes for a front nine score of 38. He then went on in the last nine holes with four more holes parred before capping his day with another birdie in the last hole.

Jack Guerrero secured third place when he shot a round of gross 85, handicap nine, for a low net score of 76.

Guerrero could have bested Camacho's low net score but a triple bogey in hole number six relegated

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## Twins upend Tigers in AL opener

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Brad Radke and Matt Lawton made sure the Minnesota Twins didn't need Kirby Puckett on opening day.

With vision problems keeping Puckett out of the opening-day lineup for the first time since 1984, Radke struck out a career-high eight and Lawton had two hits and two RBIs in Puckett's place as the Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 8-6 Monday.

Radke, making the first opening-day start, gave up five singles in six innings. Dave Stevens worked the ninth for the save.

After John Flaherty opened the second with a hit, Radke retired 15 of the last 17 batters he faced. Dave Hollins had two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored in his Minnesota debut before a crowd of 30,195 at the Metrodome. Felipe Lira was the loser, giving

up six runs and eight hits in three innings.

Rangers 5, Red Sox 3  
In Arlington, Texas, Ken Hill, making his debut for the Rangers, allowed eight hits in 8 2-3 innings.

Craig Worthington, starting because Dean Palmer has an injured hamstring, homered for the Rangers, who drew 40,484 to The Ballpark in Arlington, about 8,000 short of a sellout.

Hill pitched for St. Louis and Cleveland last year, then signed an \$8.15 million, two-year deal with Texas. He struck out seven and walked none. After Tim Lincecum homered in the ninth, Ed Vosberg finished for the save.

Roger Clemens, 3-1 in seven season openers coming in, allowed four runs and three hits in five innings, struck out five and walked six.

## Reds-Expos game postponed after umpire collapses and dies

CINCINNATI (AP) — Umpire John McSherry, who planned to see doctors the next day about an irregular heart beat, collapsed on the field seven pitches into Cincinnati's opener Monday and died at a hospital about an hour later.

The Reds and Montreal Expos postponed the game about an hour after McSherry collapsed. It will be replayed in its entirety Tuesday.

University Hospital said

McSherry died of "sudden cardiac death," a condition in which the heart beats out of control.

McSherry, 51, was listed at 328 pounds (148 kilograms) and had a history of medical problems. He had told the other umpires that he was going to be treated Tuesday for arrhythmia, or abnormal heart beat.

McSherry, the crew chief and home plate umpire, turned away two minutes into the top of the first

inning and headed for the tunnel behind the plate that leads to the umpires' dressing room. He fell face-first when he reached the warning track.

McSherry was believed to be the first major league umpire to be fatally stricken during a game. Ray Chapman is the only player to die after an on-field accident—he was beamed by Carl Mays in 1920 and died shortly thereafter.

Braves 10, Giants 8

In Atlanta, Greg Maddux wasn't at his best, but he was still good enough. And so were the Atlanta Braves.

Maddux, winner of an unprecedented four straight Cy Young Awards, allowed nine hits and four runs in 5 2-3 innings as the Braves opened defense of their World Series championship with a win over the San Francisco Giants.

The Braves hit five homers off three

San Francisco pitchers, but Atlanta barely held on in the ninth. Trailing 10-5, the Giants scored three times off Mark Wohlers on Mel Hall's RBI single and Glenallen Hill's two-run homer before Pedro Borbon got Shawon Dunston on a fly to left for a save.

Ryan Klesko had a two-run homer and two-run single for Atlanta. Jeff Blauser, Fred McGriff, Mark Lemke

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