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HC sues M

By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Marianas Housing Corporation filed suit yesterday against the Marianas Public Land Trust and its trustees for allegedly refusing to sign a \$10-million loan intended for lowincome families and homesteaders.

The NMHC asked the Superior Court to issue a permanent injunction requiring MPLT and its trustees to loan \$5 million at 4% per annum interest and another \$5 million at 6% per annum interest, pursuant to the Home Financing Act.

Named as defendants are Board Chairman Juan S. Torres and trust-



Juan S. Torres

ees Vicente M. Calvo, Maria H. Aguon, Joaquin I. Pangelinan and Herman R. Guerrero.

In its complaint, NMHC sought court determination on whether the \$10 million loan "would be prudent, reasonable and careful investment, by taking into consideration factors other than the maximum financial return on investment."

Gov't agencies tangle over release of \$10M loan money

The complaint stated that the

Home Financing Act authorized NMHC to make housing loans with an emphasis on low-income families and homesteaders.

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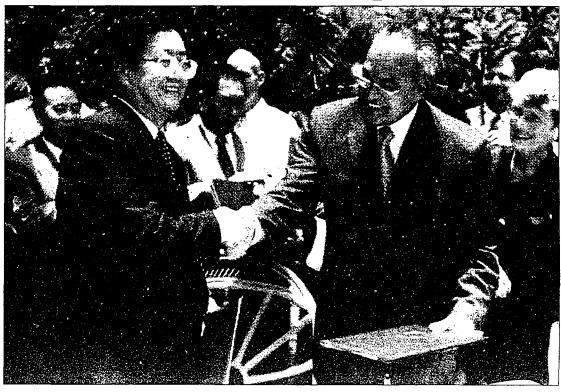
The loans to low-income families were to be at an interest rate of no greater than 6% per annum, with some loans to be made with an interest of 3% per annum.

NMHC counsel David A. Wiseman said in the complaint there is overwhelming public support for the Home Financing Act, which provides low-interest loans to families of low income, homesteaders and other CNMI citizens, "so that they can finance the purchase, construction, or renovation of a home."

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IT'S A DEAL. Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio shakes hands with visiting Chinese Vice Minister Liu Shanzai shortly after the two signed a memorandum of understanding between the governments of the CNMI and China Photo by Zaldy Dandan

#### By Zaldy Dandan Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. emonies that included a walk on Tenorio and visiting Chinese the red carpet for the governor and the vice minister, the signing Vice Minister Liu Shanzai yesterday signed a memorandum was held at the Hafa Adai Hotel of agreement that both claimed garden area, and was witnessed would prevent future labor probby administration officials, other lems involving the 7,000 Chimembers of the Chinese deleganese workers in the Commontion, and by U.S. Labor Depart-

#### wealth.

In elaborate, but delayed, cer-

ment officials.

Speaking through an interpreter, Liu said the MOU "laid out in clear terms the administrative methods of cooperation between CNMI and China regarding Chinese workers" in the Northern Marianas.

Liu, who is vice minister for

### Hillblom's alleged son in Vietnam files claim

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff A PATERNITY and heirship claim against Larry Hillblom's \$450-million estate was filed in Superior Court Wednesday on behalf of an alleged son of the late multimillionaire in Vietnam.

James E: Hollman, through counsels Bruce L. Jorgensen and Bruce Berline, asked the court to appoint him as guardian for the three-year-old Vo Minh Tan.

Hollman stated in his petition that Tan is the son of Hillblom and Thai Thi Thuydung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Tan was born on April 27, 1994.

The petition requests that the court issue a declaratory judgment as to the issues of

paternity and heirship in favor of Tan as Hillblom's natural child.

Hollman sought a court order requiring Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan (BOS) to distribute such share of the estate as rightfully to Tan's.

The court entered an order on June 26, 1995 declaring Hillblom dead as a result of a May 21, 1995 plane crash.

Hollman said Hillblom's last will, executed in Jan. 15, 1982, made no provision for Tan nor did the petition for probate mention the child as heir of the late multimillionaire

Under CNMI statute, Hollman pointed out that Tan, as a pretermitted child, is en-**Continued on page 52** 



**ONWARD.** Independent gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja (center) and runningmate Benigno Sablan (left) prepare to lead a march of their supporters to the Board of Elections office where they filed their candidacy petitions yesterday. (See story page 6.) Photo by Rick Alberto

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Public Auditor to 'look into' MPLC land deals

#### By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff

PUBLIC Auditor Leo LaMotte said Wednesday that his office will look into all the land transactions of the defunct Marianas Public Lands Corp., as requested by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona.

"We're obligated to do it," LaMotte said. "It's going to be a tremendous undertaking, but we'll

#### do it."

He said it will take at least a year to go through the land deals of MPLC, which was created in 1978 and abolished by the governor in 1994.

During the Senate's public hearing Tuesday on public lands, Manglona (R-Rota) asked LaMotte if Tenorio did request OPA to investigate MPLC. LaMotte said he has not re-

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### **FBI looks for Israeli** Kuwaiti mines emitted chemicals, say Marines informant in US gov't

#### By BRUCE SMITH

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) - Marine Master Sgt. Michael Bradford recounted how his unit plowed through an Iraqi mine field and past burning oil wells into Kuwait during the Gulf War.

Then, as they raced headlong thorough a black rain, Bradford quickly sounded the alarm to the column: Gas!

His six-wheeled vehicle, which was equipped with computers to monitor chemicals on the battlefield, had detected mustard and nerve gas, he and other witnesses told a presidential commission Wednesday looking into Gulf War illnesses.

But others from the military questioned the account. They said the reading may

have been false and no chemi cal mines were ever found among the hundreds of thousands the Iragis left buried in the sand

"There were chemicals in that breach," Bradford firmly told the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses. He believes there were two chemical mines in the field.

In January, the committee that is investigating illnesses suffered by thousands of Gulf War veterans said the Pentagon must stop dragging its feet investigating incidents and err in favor of telling troops involved about risks to their health.

"It's very clear we're going to have to be following up on (Continued on page 57)

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI is investigating whether Israel has an informant in the U.S. government supplying it with American secrets, The Washington Post reported it its editions Wednesday.

The investigation is focused on a communication between Israeli spies indicating that possibly a U.S. government official could obtain for them a copy of a secret letter from then Secretary of State Warren Christopher to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat last January, the newspaper said.

It said the probe was begun after the National Security Agency intercepted a communication between a senior Israeli intelligence official here and his superior in Tel Aviv referring to someone codenamed "Mega."

The text of the conversation, which was translated



Warren Christopher

from Hebrew to English, indicated that "Mega" could be a U.S. government official and had been a source to Israeli spies in the past, the newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying.

In the intercepted conversation, the Israeli intelligence official told his superior that he had been asked by Eliahu



Yasser Arafat

Ben Elissar, Israel's ambassador to the United States, if he could get a copy of Christopher's letter to Arafat.

"The ambassador wants me to go to Mega to get a copy of this letter," the intelligence officer says in the transcript, according to a Post source who has seen it. The Tel Aviv offi-(Continued on page 57)



TOKYO (AP) - The United scale aid will follow peace ef-States is optimistic North Korea will join four-way talks on bringing lasting peace to the Korean Peninsula and providing emergency food aid to its people, a U.S. official said Thursday.

North Korea has been reluctant to join, but the U.S. is hoping Pyongyang negotiators will soon agree to the talks with its longtime enemy South Korea, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

South Korea has said large-

forts, but the North is seeking food aid prior to joining the peace talks. Experts have said North Korea is on the brink of a major food crisis after two years of flooding have devastated farmlands.

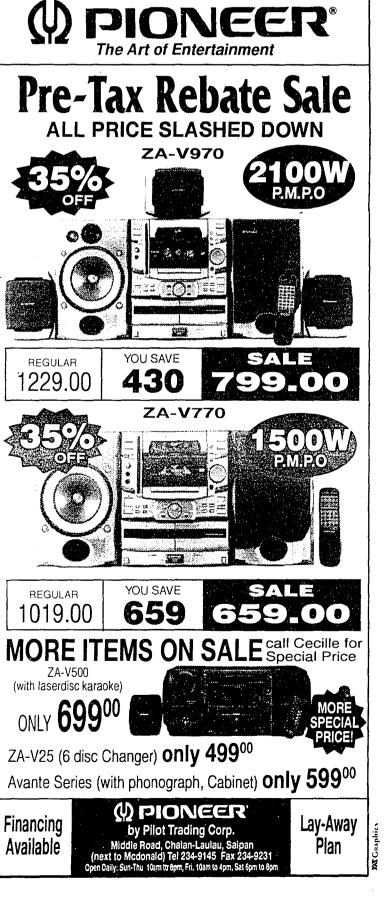
In addition to the Koreas, peace talks would include the United States, which supported the South during the Korean War, as well as China, which was allied with its communist partner North Korea.

Last month, the North backed out of joining peace talks pro-

posed by Seoul and Washington, and talks on food aid between Red Cross societies of the two Koreas ended without agreement Monday in Beijing.

The United States is closely coordinating its North Korea policy with South Korea and Japan, which has a strong interest in ensuring stability on the neighboring Korean Peninsula.

Diplomats from the three countries held talks Wednesday in Tokyo on providing food aid to the North.





**Bill on temporary board Ok'd** 

#### By Zaldy Dandan Variety News Staff

THE SENATE yesterday passed a bill that would allow for a temporary appointment of Board of Public Lands directors.

Introduced by Senate President Jesus R. Sablan (R-Saipan), Senate Bill 10-87 names Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja (Ind.), Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos (D), Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona (R), Saipan Mayor Jesus S. DL Guerrero (D) and the Northern Islands Mayor Joseph T. Ogumoro (D) as temporary directors of the board.

The five would serve until Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio appoints full-time members for the board.

Passed on second and final reading, S.B. 10-87 now goes to the House of Representatives.

The governor's spokesper-

### Cing asks IG to probe all land deals signed by Tenorio



Jesus R. Sablan

son yesterday called the bill "kind of ridiculous," particularly coming after the governor's statement that management of public lands should be given to only one person, even if it's not the governor, for more accountability and more efficiency. Mark Broadhurst said the



David M. Cing

bill is a lame "springboard reaction" to the governor's testimony Tuesday before the Senate.

"Imagine giving authority to a board composed of five politicians," Broadhurst said.

"Obviously, not much thought was given to this bill." The Variety tried to get a



Mark Broadhurst

comment from Senate President Sablan, but was unable to contact him

BPL was created by Public Law 10-57, the bill for which was vetoed by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

With the override of the veto by the Senate and the House of Representatives, authority over public lands was taken away from the governor and transferred to the board.

Claiming that the new law is unconstitutional, Tenorio has refused to make appointments to the five-member board.

He said the Legislature should instead recommend names to the board.

Without a board, all public land transactions are on hold.

The status of the Division of Public Lands, whose director is responsible to the governor, has been in "limbo" since the veto override.

In the Senate's hearing Tuesday on public lands, Sen. David M. Cing (D-Tinian) said he wil! come up with names in a week's

Meanwhile, Cing has requested the U.S. Office of the Inspector General to audit Tenorio's management of public lands since he abolished the autonomous Marianas Public Lands Corp. in January 1994.

In a letter yesterday to Insular Area Audits Director Arnold van Beverhoudt Jr., Cing said the audit would be of "tremendous assistance" to the CNMI.

The governor's spokesperson yesterday said Cing's request is a "welcome move."

"The governor has nothing to hide, unlike MPLC, " Broadhurst said.

### Cop in 'ice' case changes his plea of 'not guilty' to 'guilty'

#### By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff A POLICE officer charged with drug trafficking has changed his earlier plea of not guilty to guilty under an agreement with plaintiff United States government.

Newhart Ivai Techur, 33. was indicted last Feb. 14 for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crystal methamphetamine, or ice.

Under the plea of agreement filed with the federal district court last May 1, Techur entered a plea of guilty to possession of ice with intent to deliver.

The maximum sentence for conviction involving less than 10 grams of ice, as in the case of Techur, is 20 years' imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and a \$1million fine.

According to the agree-

6 PSS schools need major repairs, renovation, say WASC inspectors By Mar-Vic C. Munar

Variety News Staff ACCREDITATION commit-

tees from California have recommended repair and renovation of facilities in six public schools. "The committees' findings

and recommendations stress the need for the government to work with the (Public School System) to make sure funding is available for new classrooms," said John DeLeon Guerrero, PSS accreditation coordinator.

The accreditation committees from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges concluded on April 30 their inspections of public schools.

"Recommendations made by different committees for the six schools emphasize the need for the students to have a conducive learning environment and safe facilities," Guerrero said.

"The government can save more by replacing dilapidated buildings instead of repairing them on an annual basis," he

Schools inspected by WASC committees were San Antonio, Tanapag, Koblerville, William S. Reyes, Tinian elementary schools, and Tinian High School. Each committee has prepared a preliminary report for each school.

These reports will be reviewed by a WASC panel in California which will decide whether or not to adopt the accreditation terms recommended by the committees.

Six years is the highest accreditation term that a school can get.

Guerrero said the committees. have made recommendations on the accreditation term for each school but would not disclose them until the WASC review panel acted on them.

"Our schools get positive remarks in terms of instructions and teaching staff," Guerrero said.

The committee that visited Tinian High School commended the school for "its consistency and firmness in implementing its disciplinary policies," as well as the "dedication and commit-

ment of its staff and administration to improve instruction in spite of the many obstacles."

WSR was urged to give the highest priority in adequately augmenting the annual budget in order to address numerous school plant renovations and meet the curricular and material needs of the school.

It was also recommended that the WSR administration and PSS ensure the facility and instructional concerns of the students are met in timely fash-

Tinian High School was urged to "seek avenues to assure fiscal stability to guarantee the continuance and enhancement of high quality instruction.'

It was also recommended that THS develop a comprehensive maintenance plan in order to ensure proper and timely maintenance of facilities and equipment.

The committee for Koberville Elementary School said the completion of ongoing projects such as classroom, stage, and storeroom should be ensured.

Guerrero thinks about whether or not to support Tenorio

ment, Techur's sentencing will include a minimum three years' supervised release after he has served his prison term

Earlier on Feb. 18, Techur pleaded innocense during his arraignment.

He was released on a \$50,000 unsecured bond under the custody of his wife, Carolina.

Techur's Feb. 14 indictment alleged that he participated in an ice-smoking session with convicted Alfred Aldan and Andrew Petersen between Feb. 1 and 10; bought ice from Aldan and Petersen several times; and delivered ice to a certain Barbara Q. Sablan.

With the new entry of guilty plea, Techur waived his right to an indictment and trial by a iurv

The court has set the sentencing for Aug. 7.



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan Variety News Staff

THE DEMOCRATIC Party's gubernatorial ticket is seeking the endorse-

ment of a Republican former governor. Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said he is "looking forward" for the support of Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero, the manheran against in the 1989 and 1993 gubernatorial elections.

"I want the former governor to know I'm seeking his endorsement, and that I'll appreciate it very much if he and his supporters will support my candidacy," Tenorio said.

He admitted he recently met with the former governor and key supporter

Ramon S. Guerrero, "so you can draw your own conclusions."

Tenorio's running mate, Saipan Mayor Jesus S. DL Guenero, yesterday told the Variety he is also asking the former governor, his first cousin to support the Democratic Party ticket.

The mayor has been a staunch supporter of the former governor's past political campaigns, the most recent of which was last November's Republican Party primary won by another former governor, Pedro P. Tenorio.

Former governor Guerrero's running mate in the primary was educator Rita Hocog-Inos, whom Gov. Tenorio said he considers a sister.

However, former governor Guenero has yet to make an announcement regarding the coming elections.

In an interview last March, he said his supporters are urging him to run for governor under a new party.

A Democratic Party source told the VarietythataGuerrerocandidacymight help the party, in light of Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja's decision to leave the party and run as an independent candidate for governor.

"The last time the Democratic Party split was in 1981, and we losthorribly," the source said.

But a similar split in the Republicans could "eventhe playing field," the source added

Borja, Tenorio's running mate in 1993, recently said his supporters are still waiting for Guenero's next move, before they decide whether or not to challenge former governor Tenorio's eligibility to run.

The Republican Tenorio has already served as governor for two terms (1982-86, 1986-90), which is the constitutional term limit.

His successor was Guenero who defeated the Democrat Tenorio in the 1989 election, but lost to the same candidate four years later.

Borja is running as an independent candidate for governor.

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## **EDITORIAL** Hiring by the book

THE END does not necessarily justify the means.

This age-old adage could not have been more apt than in the case of the recent hiring of over 20 Customs trainees by the Department of Finance.

The need for more Customs personnel to man the counters at the airport and seaport may understandly be urgent, what with the increasingly heavy flow of passengers and goods into the CNMI.

Coupled with the government's renewed vigilance against the entry of illegal drugs, Customs operations should undoubtedly be one activity that deserves more focus as far as dedication of resources is concerned.

But no matter how justified and urgent the need for more people is, there should be no shortcuts allowed in the hiring process. There are certain guidelines and rules that need to be followed.

The revelation made by Personnel Director Luis Camacho about the alleged illegal hiring of the 20 or so Customs trainees tugs at the heart of the government's avowed adherence to the rule of law.

There has to be a systematic way of addressing each and any agency's need for personnel and that has to be respected, regardless of the circumstances.

The rules are there to ensure things are in order and so that all partiesthe prospective employees, the hiring agencies, government and the taxpayers are given adequate protection.

More often than not, somebody is bound to get hurt whenever one deviates from what is in the law or in the regulations.

For instance, these hirees may end up not being paid for their work because the faulty nature of their hiring might prevent it. If that happens, costly legal action may be an option. That is why it will be in everyone's interest to go by the book.

Convenience should not take precedence over legality.

Mr. Camacho's warning that the illegal hiring of the 23 Customs trainees provides a potential for litigation and could erode the credibility of the Administration should not be taken lightly.

Indeed, the last thing this government needs is another lawsuit to add to what is observed to already be a long list of lawsuits.

At a time when the Administration's hiring and spending habits is increasingly under scrutiny, thanks to a political season in our midst, there has to be more caution on the part of officials when it comes to governmental procedures and official conduct.

According to Public Auditor Leo L. LaMotte, the hiring of the Customs men was done with no prior public announcements being made, in possible violation of the Civil Service Act pertaining to excepted service appointments.

If this were true, there has to be a good justification as to why DOF opted to go on a shortcut and this must be fully explained by the concerned officials.

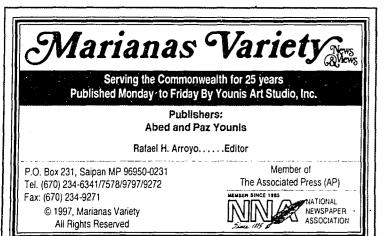
Was there any legal basis for the hiring, as Mr. Cabrera said there was? Or was Finance faced with a situation that requires such immediate action? Let us know.

Nobody knows for sure what transpired. In fact, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio himself in an interview this week said he himself "does not know what the problem is," except that "there must be an urgent reason for this."

Which gives rise to an even worrisome scenario-that "improper" actions could go unnoticed and could be easily "kept" from public knowledge.

Nevertheless, whatever excuse there is, incidents like this should be revented and not be allowed to happen again lest it can unduely raise doubts in people's minds as to whether such deviations from the rules often occur in government or are mere isolated instances.

Just thinking about it can be disheartening.





### Choices

All sorts of torturers, dictators, fanatics and demagogues struggling for power...perform their duties with inventive fervor. Well, yes; but they "know," and what they know is enough for them once and for all. They don't want to find out anything else, since that might diminish the force of their arguments. But knowledge that doesn't lead to new questions quickly dies out...it even poses a lethal threat to society. That is why I value that little phrase "I don't know" so highly.

IN AN INTERVIEW with CNN the day after Tony Blair ended the Conservative Party's 18 year rule in Britain, a veteran Labour Party stalwart said the basic political question remains this: Are we going to live in a jungle or in a community?

That is, should we have a setup wherein each is to his own, the fittest survives and those who can't don't deserve to anyway

Or should we rather give everyone equal opportunity while at the same time looking after the underprivileged.

The Right, of course, would frame the question in this way: Should we continue to have a setup wherein government acts as the Big Brother and the source of all the handouts, hence stifling individual responsibility and initiative and fostering dependency.

Or should we rather give every individual freedom to pursue his own aspirations without a Big Brother government looking behind his back.

In short, what is the proper role of government, and how does the individual fit into this role.

In the United States, the Republican deluge in the 1994 midterm elections has seemingly settled the argument in the Right's favor, and yet survey after survey shows that the people still expects the government to deliver the goodies.

Indeed, though Republicans have managed to define liberals as "those who want to tax me and send the money to a welfare mother whose son will mug my wife at the shopping mall," the excessive zeal of some Republican congressmen has redefined conservatives as "people who will take the money from my parents on Medicare and send it as tax breaks to polluters who downsize me out of work."

So what do all these mean to CNMI politics?

So far, close to nothing.

I guess I may have been too optimistic in one of my earlier op-ed pieces when I noted that some are now questioning seemingly well-entrenched assumptions on the role of government, and that this is the beginning of meatier political discussion in the Commonwealth.

The recent, and perhaps still ongoing, polemics on ADA have made me think twice.

The legislation for ADA was signed by then President Bush who was elected in 1988 by tarring his opponent with the liberal label, and who ran his 1992 reelection campaign in more or less the same fashion.

-1996 Nobel laureate for literature Wislawa Szymborska

Here in the CNMI, ADA's supporters include political leaders who spout conservative homilies on small government, lower taxes and free enterprise.

These are the same political leaders who tirelessly outdo each other when it comes to expanding another "Big Brother" government program-the benefits and services for the Man'amkos.

Recall the recent public reaction against anyone questioning ADA and you could just imagine the collective outrage if someone dare decry the subsidies given to the CNMI senior citizens.

Reacting strongly to an unpopular opinion is one thing; urging the silencing of the person who made the unpopular opinion is another.

But there you go. Perhaps there will always be government programs that we consider sacred only because we feel it's the right thing to do. I myself believe that government should be there where it's needed and butt out if not.

Still, if the handicapped and the elderly deserve entitlements and the help of the government, what about the poor, the children, the minorities?

And if we do extend and expand public services to these groups how could we cope with the resulting socio-cultural, not to mention economic, problems, as the example of welfare in the U.S. and Western Europe shows?

If I am sounding noncommittal myself it is because I. too, have been disabused of notions I once thought were self-evident. Notions that could only work brilliantly in thick, badly-written novels I used to devour...when I was still a teenager.

My opinion now is that if there really were a correct political philosophy it should have dominated the world by now.

The communists and the fascists thought their ideas were *it*; nowadays, their ideologies are mere artifacts displayed in the political museum.

And yet, as I've argued before, with no political ideas informing any socio-cultural and economic issues, nothing would be feasible.

So what should it be: the jungle or the community? Big Brother or the individual? Equality or freedom?

I don't know. But that doesn't prevent me from taking sides, or making suggestions, or getting involved in politics.

And perhaps that is one of life's delicious ironies. We could actually make a choice-and we could usually make another one afterwards, however contradictory.

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

### **Clinton campaign** prepared for huge fines

WASHINGTON — An amazing thing happened in Washington last week: Documents released by the White House revealed that the president of the United States knew he was breaking the law on a grand scale— and nobody gives a damn.

The revelation was discovered among hundreds of pages of campaign-related papers that were compiled by Harold Ickes, the irascible former deputy chief of staff at the White House. Ickes has now been exiled to political Siberia-he's arranging an economic summit for Clinton-after being passed over for chief of staff. But the notes he saved while working in the West Wing continue to haunt the president.

Buried in an Oct. 7,1996, memo to President Clinton about the finances of the Democratic National Committee are the following words: "\$1M for potential fines."

In other words: One month before Election Day, the Democratic National Committee knew full well it had made such a mockery of federal election laws that it was expecting to pay \$1 million in fines to the Federal Election Commission. That's more than three times the amount that House Speaker Newt Gingrich is being asked to pony up for his own ethical transgressions— misdeeds that may yet cost him the speakership.

In the upper right-hand corner of the document is this stamp: "The president has seen."

And in the left margin of the memo we find the president's handwritten reaction to learning of his party's rampant lawlessness. It isn't one of President Clinton's most eloquent moments, yet it sums things up rather nicely: "Ugh." No, the president didn't ask, "How could this be?" He didn't write, "Fire the ones who broke the law." Or even, "Let's fix this now." Just, "Ugh."

Nor, apparently, was there a feeling that \$1 million was just too much to set aside to cover potential fines. The memo's author Phil Caplan, notes that some of the post-campaign budget looks tight and that Ickes has questioned whether it will really cost \$1.5 million to "wind down" operations.

No questions are posed in the memo about the \$1 million for potential fines-a monumental figure when considering the fines levied by the FEC to previous offenders.

This speaks volumes about how low the public's expectations for presidents ----particularly Clinton--- have sunk. So many details have emerged about the systematic obliteration of laws and decorum during Clinton's re-election campaign that new revelations have lost the power to shock.

To put the admission into proper perspective, consider the history of FEC enforcement actions, reviewed by our associate George Clifford III:

To date, the largest fine ever levied by the toothless FEC was \$550,000, which Prudential Securities agreed to pay for making illegal contributions over a period of seven years beginning in 1986.

The second biggest fine came in 1994, when the commission collected \$162,225 in penalties from Japanese subsidiaries that made illegal contributions to candidates in Hawaii. Those violations involved 14 businesses and took place between 1986 and 1992.

And the biggest fines against specific presidential campaigns were filed against Robert Dole and Jack Kemp —but not when they teamed up to form the Republican ticket in 1996.

Dole's 1988 primary campaign accepted improper corporate contributions and exceeded legal limits on campaign spending, for which he paid the FEC \$122,975. In the same campaign season, Kemp was fined more than \$100,000 by the agency for similar violations.

The four biggest fines ever collected by the FEC— the two paid by contributors and the two paid by the 1988 Dole and Kemp campaigns ----total more than \$935,000 which is less than the \$1 million Clinton's operatives were expecting to part with.

Clinton's isn't the first federal campaign to put expedience ahead of the law to win an election. Campaign officials routinely play fast and loose with the rules, knowing that when it comes time to pay up, the candidate will be safely in office.

And even if the FEC should step up and do the job for which it was created, cheating would remain a part of the great electoral game. After all, you can't take the politics out of politics. But when disregarding the law has become so routine that the president of the United States is barely surprised at the specter of a \$1 million fineand when voters barely seem to care- we may have a crisis of apathy on our hands.

### CO LIETTIERS TO TI-ILE IEDITOR In response to Stanley's invitation

Dear Editor: THIS is an open letter to Honorable Congressman Stanley T. Torres.

I am responding to your newspaper invitation to the public to air their views regarding Homestead vs Golf Course development at Bird Island and San Juan Kalabera area on Saipan.

I want to be fair and unbiased with respect to your motive for requesting such public views by first assuming that: (1) your invitation has nothing to do with politics and (2) your invitation has nothing to do with publicity, despite the fact that it is common knowledge that you are challenging two Republican and two Democratic candidates in the upcoming senatorial election for Saipan and the Northem Islands.

I will further assume that your invitation is a genuine attempt to obtain views from those "pending residential homestead applicants and responsible citizens."

I consider myself a responsible citizen, and I am offering my view as such. First, all pending residential homestead applicants will agree with you 100 per cent that land is needed for homesteading purpose.

Development of golf courses and tourism resort facilities should not take priority over homestead development. I believe that this is still an on-going government policy. It is my

view too, that so long as there are public lands available and feasible for homesteading development, they should be reserved for the present and future generations.

But as land is not finite, it should be the obligation and responsibility of the legislature to address new and innovative ways to ensure that our government retains sufficient land for its future needs.

Public lands cannot be realistically handed out the way it is currently done. We are all fools to think that the so-called "future generations" will end soon.

Where I differ with your position is on the following: First, you are saying that the land where the proposed golf course project and resort is to be located should be reserved for homesteading.

If you do a little homework on distance alone, you will find that the area inquestion is approximately four long miles away from the nearest power pole, about five miles away from the nearest waterline, and about the same distance away from the nearest sewerline.

Locating the pending homestead applicants in that area at this time will be easily considered inhuman and downright insulting. There is no water there, no power, no sewer, and no public facility.

without children, be willing to be farmed out in the middle of nowhere without the conveniences of public utilities and public health that others are enjoying? Don't you think that we should all

Why would any family, with or

be practical and rational about where we should locate homesteaders? Isn't it more human and proper to locate public housing where every family will have access to modern utilities and public service conveniences?

My first suggestion is to convert Capitol Hill housing area into a local residential area utilizing the existing homes as part of the grant for homestead. That area is large and could be easily subdivided to accommodate hundreds of new homestead lots.

It has all the modern conveniences like water, power and sewer services which you and I enjoy. Homesteaders are entitled too to these services, and the government, through taxpayers' funds, should provide them.

Then, there is Navy Hill, currently used as housing for expatriate workers. That area too should be a candidate for a homestead subdivision. It has all the conveniences I mentioned as prerequisites for a public homesteading, plus it has fantastic view of the Philippine Sea and the western coastal area of Saipan. It is close to **Continued on page 58** 

### Breach of journalism ethics?

Dear Editor:

YOUR May 8th article in the Variety entitled"DOLIadmitsitdoesn'tknow what to do with the 'other' Bangladeshis" was an example of one of the worst breaches of journalism ethics.

The article was not only inaccurate, but also bordering on libel. My comments were taken out of context and were in regards to a hypothetical scenario that was posed by your reporter. It was irre-

sponsible on the part of Jojo Dass to expand upon a comment that was made in response to a fictional situa-

It was also irresponsible on my part to trust upon a journalist to write the truth. Inever really thought that my answer to a "what if" question would be used to judge an entire Department as to its effort to help these workers.

The public should judge the Department of Labor and Immigra-

Answer to Thomas Camacho

Dear Editor:

MR. Thomas Camacho, I would like to recommend that you follow what you preach or think carefully of what you are about to say before you open your mouth.

You lied when you said I am just coughing up mere hot air borne out of ignorance and lack of awareness without researching my material about the PTA Council.

For your record, in November of 1995, at MHS regular school pta (mind you not your PTA Council) I argued, "Why should each school in the CNMI Contribute (Subsidize as you vehemently denied) \$150.00 toward the PTA Council

Mr. Juan B. Tudela the MHS PTA President ( A member of your PTA Council) that night told us the MHS PTA members that the \$150.00 is for the PTA Council funding needs, because the Board of Education dumped your organization subsidy.

Would you believed that I even suggested that I would rather see that the MHS graduating seniors get that \$150.00 for their Palau

educational trip. Because the MHS Seniors need it more than the PTA Council.

Once again I would like to ask you, since you arrogantly avoided answering my point in the letter to the editor. "Why did the board of education discontinued subsidizing the PTA Council?" Is it because it is redundant of the regular school PTA, where the money which the PTA Council is asking could be better utilized elsewhere for the betterment of the students and school needs.

Or is it because the PTA Council is trying to hug all the credits both PSS and the board of education has done, and not recognizing and complimenting their accomplishment.

Incidentally I was talking to an upcoming educated young man in the community who said that the \$150.00 is for membership fee. Yet, reading your rebuttal gather the PTA Council is nonprofit, open to the public for membership. Why then the exorbitant \$150.00 fee that each school is required to contribute toward the PTA Council. Please tell me the truth. Is it free and open or something else?

Let me see now, there are 10 public schools in Saipan, one each in Rota/Tinian, a total of 12 unless their high school is seperated from their elementaries.

So additional two more. At \$150.00 for each schools it will be \$1,800.00 or \$2,100.00 if Rota and Tinian has two school each instead of one.

That is quite a lot of money on a yearly school subsidy (fee since you vehemently oppose the word). Now correct me, If I got you right. The PTA Council started in 1989 and you reorganized it in 1995. Heaven forbid that such organization will cease to exist. If equipments and supplies have been purchased, even donated.

You see Mr. Thomas Camacho, my son, accountability will surely be a gigantic question.

Once more let me question you. Do you really and honestly think that the PTA Council or you as its chairman is the most appropriate

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tion by its deeds. The head of the article insinuates that the Department is incompetent to deal with the matter of the Bangladeshi workers. The Department had a plan of action toaddress the problems of these workers even before the initial hearing was held. Your paper refuses to admit that our efforts have been working to some degree, or perhaps the truth is

just boring?

DANILO T. AGUILAR

## **Borja-Sablan submit candidacy**

By Rick Alberto Variety News Staff

GUBERNATORIAL candidate Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja and his runningmate former Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Benigno Sablan filed their candidacies with the Board of Elections yesterday, well over four months before the deadline and the first tandem to do so.

Accompanied by some 50 placard-bearing supporters, the duo marched from the American Memorial Park to the BOE offices in Garapan at 10 a.m. They submitted a nominating

petition signed by over 1,000 supporters who are eligible voters. But Elections Board Executive Director Juan M. Diaz said that all his agency needs to check are at least 100 signatures which have to match with those in the voters' affidavits of registration.

Borja and Sablan are considered certified candidates if within 10 days the elections board does not take any action to deny the nominating petition.

Borja said yesterday marked his and Sablan's official candidacy. "This is a very historic and important day for us because it officially opens our campaign and candidacy."

Borja, who is running as an independent Democrat, said if ever he wins, it would be the first time that someone "not affiliated with a major party" is catapulted to the governorship.

Sablan said they filed their candidacies this early because "we got more than enough (nominators).'

"We got more than 1,000 persons, and we think this is the right time," he said.

Jack C. Muna, chair of the Committee to Elect Borja-Sablan said he thought the team has "very high" chances to win the November elections.

Damiana Quitano, 47, said she

supports Borja and Sablan because "they're good workers." One of the Borja-Sablan team's battlecries is "Right Time, Right

Choice." There are three other gubernationial-vice gubernatorial tandems who have until Sept. 17 to file their candidacies.

They include current Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and his runningmate Saipan Mayor Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero.

### **GTC's PTSA meeting**

Tanapag PTA to meet Tuesday

GREGORIO T. Camacho Elementary School is announcing that its next general meeting of the PTSA will be this Thursday May 15, at the GTC Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Refreshment will also be provided.

Parents are asked to check with their children for agenda and additional information they will be bringing home from school. "We hope you will join us to see what are the latest issues affecting your school and to help us make decisions that affect the education of our children.

"Furthermore, the new airconditioning installation in the cafeteria should be completed by this meeting," the notice from the school read.



school cafeteria.

THIS is to inform all parents, guardians, and teachers of students attending Tanapag Elementary that there will be a PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in the

All parents, guardians, and teachers are stongly encouraged

to attend The Tanapag School and community appreciate your suport.

Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja and supporters flash the victory sign after their petition march that ends at the Board of Elections in Garapan.



residence in As Lito. Please come and meet the Republican candidates in the upcoming general elections.



We extend a special invitation to all those who participated in the Primary last November, and to all registered voters.

Dr. JOSE T. VILLAGOMEZ, Chairman

Committee to Elect Teno-Pepero

## **Dems' slate not yet complete**



Guam hotel may

Juan S. Demapan

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff WITH ONLY a day left before the Democratic Party announces its slate of candidates for the November elections, a Senate slot for Saipan remains open, it was learned yesterday.

The party's titular head, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, yesterday said businessman Luis P. Crisostomo is one of the party's two senatorial candidates for Saipan, but added that there is still no word on who the other candidate is.

Crisostomo ran in the 1995

Herman R. Guerrero Eliceo D. Cabrera

> cinct 1's six House seats, but placed 11th in a 13-man race.

Variety sources said party leaders are still trying to convince an incumbent Republican legislator to fill in the second slot, but the legislator has already filed candidacy for a House seat.

In an April 24 news story, the Variety reported that former senators Juan S. Demapan and Herman R. Guerrero are the "leading contenders" for the two Senate slots.

But according to party chair Daniel O. Quitugua, the party midterm elections for one of Pre- has yet to finalize its list of

#### candidates.

Quitugua, however, confirmed that Demapan and Guerrero are in the list of possible senatorial candidates. Aside from the two, Quitugua

said the governor's special assistant for management and budget Eliceo D. Cabrera and former representatives Pete S.

Arriola and Pete C. Arriola are also being considered.

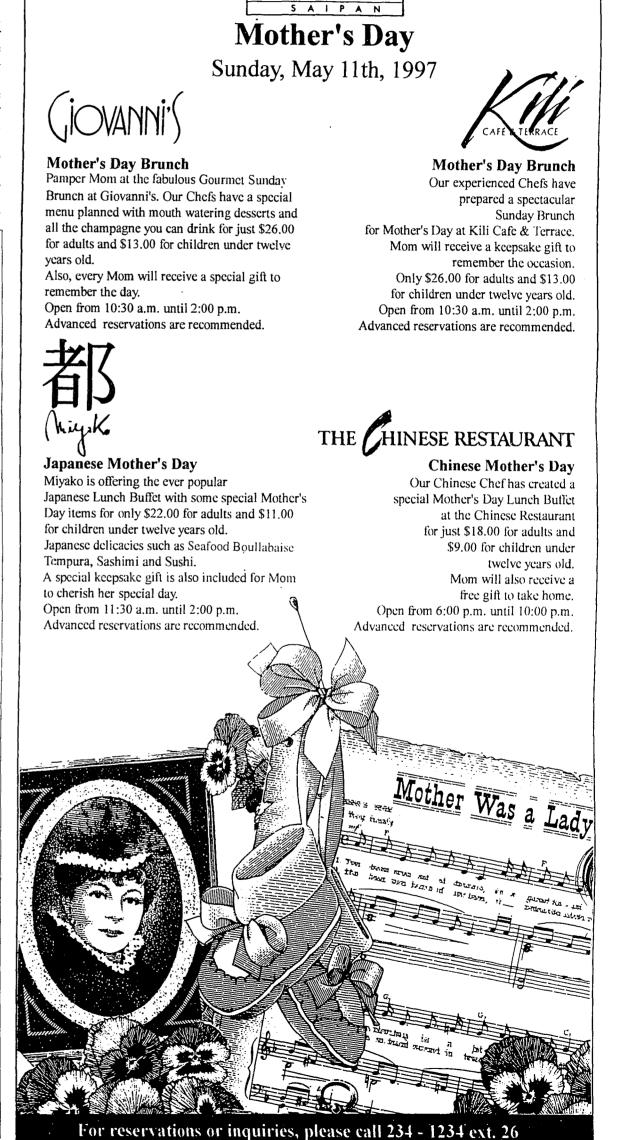
Former representative Frank A. Flores earlier announced his intention to run for the Senate, but has recently told the Variety that he will instead run for a Precinct 3 House seat.

The party will announce the names of all its candidates in a

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fund-raising mini-convention tomorrow.

Citing the "non-cooperation" of the Republican-dominated Legislature, Governor Tenorio said he will see to it that the Democratic Party seize control of at least the House of Representatives in the coming elections.



face ADA lawsuit By Mar-Vic C. Munar

Variety News Staff HOTEL Nikko Guam is facing a possible lawsuit for noncompliance with the Americans with Disabili-

ties Act. The Guamhotel has three months to comply with the law and avert any court challenge, according to the Guam-based Protection and Advocacy of the Marianas.

"We would respectfully request that you voluntarily proceed toward compliance before we receive an actual complaint from a person, be it a tourist, guest, a resident attending a meeting, a vendor to supply you or someone desiring to enjoy one of your restaurants, who has a disabling condition and cannot do so due to barriers," PAM Executive Director Eddie del Rosario said in a May 6 letter to Masayoshi Katsuta, general manager of Hotel Nikko Guam.

Del Rosario recommended that Hotel Nikko do a survey of the hotel's premises, as did the Hotel Nikko Saipan.

Hotel Nikko Saipan was sued by PAM's counterpart on Saipan, the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System, Inc. in July of last year. The suit is still ongoing, but Hotel Nikko Saipan has commissioned an architectural firm to survey its premises as a preliminary step to settlement.

"We would suggest that you do the same," DelRosario told Katsuta.

DelRosario said PAM would defer court action while waiting for a survey report, and a statement of full commitment in two months after the survey.

Any action action that may be pursued by PAM, Del Rosario said, would involve only "simple statutory ADA violations."

still have to deal with lawsuits that Campbell said.

involve persons who may have suffered actual physical or mental injuries. or any other entity not affiliated with PAM.

"Ihave no control over such. You will still be at risk from decisions made outside of our P&A control," Del Rosario said.

WilliamC.Campbell,legalcounsel for NMPASI, promised to extend technical assistance to any lawyer who would be hired by PAM in the event it pursues a court action.

"We decided to experiment by trying the path of least resistance. That is, I don't wait for a complaining plaintiff to sue," said Campbell, who is handling the ADA case against Nikko Saipan.

Campbell said Nikko Saipan did not pay attention to "several wake up calls," prompting NMPASI to take a court action against it.

"Nikko being probably the most prestigious resort on the island makes a good example to create a domino effect to encourage others to 'get busy and getaccessible,"'Campbell

"There exists the possibility that NikkoGuam will really move faster because they see that we really do mean business about suing, NMPASI lawyer said.

"I would not be surprised if they have already started their survey some months ago. That would have been the prudent thing," he added.

Campbell said John Osborn of Carlsmithlawfirm, lawyerfor Nikko Saipan, had said that his hotel-client would have done something had the matter been discussed prior to court action.

"Mr. Osbom gaveme the idea to do it this way," Campbell said.

Campbell felt, however, that presuit talks are "a real time waster."

"The important thing is to get these lovely hotels ready to fully He warned that the hotel might accept persons with disabilities,"

### **Community plans** launched by DPS

Safety hopes to familiarize the community about DPS and to build an even greater camaraderie among personnel.

In a press conference yesterday, Sgt. Lawrence M. Camacho, chairperson for the Police Week Committee, announced the activities scheduled during the celebration.

Camacho said a high mass will kick-off the week this Saturday and other activities include public education programs at both public and private schools.

Camacho said there will be athletic competition among divisions within the department.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio declared May 11-17 as CNMI Police Week, which was first proclaimed in 1962 by the late

THE Department of Public President John F. Kennedy. Camacho said it is a time set aside to honor and recognize police officers especially those who were killed in the

line of duty. "The job of a police officer is not an easy task. Officers are held to a higher standard of conduct. They take an oath to enforce the laws of the land, protect life and property and to serve the community in more ways than one; always keeping in mind the oath which they have taken," said Camacho.

"The job of an officer is filled with perils but those who do choose this profession dedicate their life to maintaining peace and order, employing justice and tenderness whenever necessary," he added. (FDT)

Sgt. Lawrence Camacho (middle) announces the activities of the Police Week celebration during yesterday's press conference at DPS conference room. Also in photo are PO3 Cathy Sheu and Claudio Norita. -Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

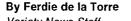
Judge: Appleby to remain with DOC

### **Democratic Party fundraiser**

THE Democratic Party will launch their official announcement for some candidates and for Governor Froilan C. Tenorio running mate at their Fundraising Event scheduled for this Saturday, May 10, 1997 at Pacific

Islands Club (PIC) at 6:00 p.m. There will be lots of food, drinks and live entertainment for everyone's listening pleasure for evening. Donation is \$100.00. Your sup-

port is greatly appreciated.



Variety News Staff SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Edward Manibusan wants Shawn Appleby to remain under the custody of the Division of Corrections to serve a 40year jail term in a 1996 murder case.

In a four-page order, Manibusan said upon the court's acceptance of the 17-year-old Appleby guilty plea, the teenager became an adult offender with a criminal conviction.

As a convicted adult offender. Appleby is not entitled to be confined separate from adult offenders, said the judge in the order issued Wednesday denying a motion for reconsideration.

Appleby requested the court to remand him to the custody of the Division of Youth Services.

Appleby, through counsel Kevin E. Moore, argued he has a constitutional right to be confined separate from adult offenders under the CNMI statute.

Article 1 section 4(j), Moore said states that "persons who are under 18 years of age shall

cial proceedings and in conditions of imprisonment."

In his ruling, Manibusan said the section applies to Appleby because he is under 18, but it does not specify what protection he is entitled to in conditions of imprisonment.

Manibusan concluded that once a juvenile is certified as an adult, the juvenile is no longer entitled to protections as a juvenile in criminal proceedings afforded by the statute.

Appleby was among the five youths charged for gunslaying Byung Ok Suh during å robbery at the victim's store in San Antonio Last Nov. 13.

Appleby pleaded guilty to first degree murder and was sentenced to 40 years of imprisonment with a minimum of 10 years to be served.

He was committed to the custody of Division of Corrections,





FCC OKs telecom subsidy

#### By Mar-Vic C. Munar Variety News Staff

LOW-INCOME households in the Commonwealth will now be able to afford residential telephones through subsidy from the Federal Communication Commission.

In the same manner, public schools will be able to get wired to the Internet at the lowest costs.

The Lifeline and Link-Up support services, and the inclusion of the Commonwealth in the universal service program are the two major components of the ruling issued yesterday by FCC.

With the Lifeline and Link programs, once implemented, each consumer will receive a total of \$7 in subsidy, which includes the additional contribution of \$1 from federal fund, and a matching \$1 from local funds.

Dave Ecret, special assistant for telecommunications, said FCC's new ruling would ensure an increase in the telephone subscribership rate in the CNMI.

### **Big Mountain** to perform at the Gardenia

#### OH, baby I love your way ....

Remember the group? After a successful concert on Saipan almost two years ago, Big Mountain promised to be back.

Well, they are. Tonight, Saipan will get another chance to see and listen to America's premier reggae band.

Meet them at Pacific Gardenia at 8:30 p.m.

The make up of this band is as diverse as its music.

Big Mountain is led by the dynamic Quino, a San Diego native of Mexican/ Irish decent. Being as fluent in Spanish as he is in English, Quino incorporates many Spanish lyrics to his songs providing that an American group can reach into the hearts of the Latin world.

Other band members include Quino's younger brother James McWhinney on percussions and background vocals. The high level of energy that James possesses often brings audience to great heights of enthusiasm allowing him to share his own dancehall styles. On keyboards are Billy Stolland Michael Hyde, Michael brings with him many years of experience and great expertise from his native Belize. Los Angeles native Lynn Copeland is on bass guitar and often surprises audiences with great skills, honed by her many years as a jazz musician.

The combined 1994-1995 worldwide sales of their Wake Up and Unity albums along with the Reality Bites soundtrack were in excess of seven million units.

It is expected that the band's latest album Resistance and current single "Get Together," will continue to reach new heights.

In 1995 Big Mountain performed two concert tours of Japan, one alone and the other as the headliner of the "Reggae Sunsplash Tour."

Big Mountain was fortunate enough to be invited to headline the Reggae Sunsplash Festival in Jamaica for the second straight year, and honor for which the band takes pride.

Last August marked the release (outside of North America of Big Mountain's latest CD, Resistant on Giant records, with 16 tracks expressing the diversity of Reggae music to-

### <u>Ruling includes CNMI in universal service program</u>



#### Dave Ecret

"The CNMI is No. 2 from the bottom in terms of subscribership. The national average of households with telephones is 92 percent. Subscribership rate in the CNMI is only 60 percent," Ecret said.

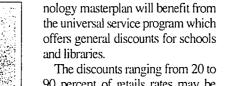
This is due to high costs of telecommunications in the CNMI, he said.

"The Governor's office argued that the Commonwealth's combination of low income and high prices produce rates which were unaffordable to many residents," Ecret said. Ecret said apart from low-income earners, senior citizens will also ben-

efit from the program. Eligibility criteria for the program, Ecret said, would be determined by social service and welfare. agencies.

"It is urgent that we go ahead and ask the Legislature to pass the governor's proposed Commonwealth Regulatory Commission which was submitted to them last February," Ecret said.

The proposed commission would be tasked to issue rules and regulations on, among others, awarding of subsidy grants based on FCC ruling. The Public School System's tech-



90 percent of retails rates may be applied to purchase of all commercially available telecommunications services, Internet access and internal wiring

"We are confident that our schools will qualify for subsidy between 75 to 90 percent," Ecret said.

A separate FCC ruling reforms interstate access charges which refer to the prices that long distance telephone companies must pay in order to connect with local telephone networks

"Since high access charges have been passed along to consumers in the form of higher long distance costs, FCC's ruling will decrease long distance calling rates throughout the US, including the Commonwealth," Ecret said



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## Borja ignores Tenorio call

#### By Rick Alberto Variety News Staff

LT. Gov. Jesus Borja said yesterday he's ignoring Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's latest suggestion that he should resign since he (Borja) "no longer has faith" in the administration.

Borja, who belonged to the Democratic Party as Tenorio does, has opted to oppose the governor as an independent candidate in the coming November elections.

Borja just filed yesterday his candidacy with his runningmate Benigno Sablan, who resigned as secretary of lands and natural resources.

"As I've stated in the past, I was elected by the people and if the people want me to resign, the people would tell me," Borja, a lawyer by profession, told the Variety. "I would not listen to any



Jesus Borja

person who asks me to resign, especially when the purpose of the resignation is for his or her own political expediency," Borja added.

Borja said his case applies to the governor, who was likewise elected by the people. "If he wants to resign, it's up

## Says he would not heed Gov's suggestion to resign to him. If the people want him to resign, then the people would tell him to resign come

November." Sablan said the governor's call for Borja to resign is a constitutional issue since the Constitution allows for a governor and a lieutenant gover-

Sablan pointed out that this is a democratic country and that Borja has a right to oppose Tenorio.

"This is a democratic country, it's not a Communist or a socialistic country. Every citizen in this country is allowed—provided he or she is law-abiding—to run for the top office," he said.

He added that Borja is "very capable" and "very eligible" to run for the governorship. "I think he should continue



Froilan C. Tenorio

Tenorio said Monday that if he were the lieutenant governor and running against the

governor, he would resign. "I'm not asking him (Borja) to do that. I'm just saying that it's proper that if he doesn't

to do that. I'm just saying that it's proper that if he doesn't approve of this administration,

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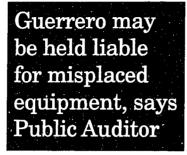
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then he shouldn't be a part of this administration," Tenorio was quoted as saying.



By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff THE Public Auditor has determined Director of Aging Jose Guerrero may be held accountable for 27 missing government equipment worth nearly \$11,000 and the "improper" turn over of 10 more pieces of government equipment worth \$3,000.

In his report to Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Thomas A. Tebuteb, Leo L. LaMotte, Public Auditor, recommended that he review the case to determine if personnel action, including suspension or demotion, can be taken against Guenero for the act.

He also moved that the finance department conduct further investgation on the matter to determine if there is any personal liability over the missing government property.

The matter, the report stated, has already been referred to the Attorney General's office which has filed a case with the Superior Court against Guenero for misconduct in public office months ago.

Thematterstemmed from the transfer of the Office of the Aging from its old building to a new \$1.5 million one last year where Guerrero allegedly failed to make an inventory of the equipment which thus resulted to the loss.

The OPA report showed that Double M Ltd., the construction project's contractor, allowed OA to temporarily use its company complex in April so that the government agency may continue operation.

OA finally moved to the new building on May 15, a few months after it was discovered that the mentioned equipment were missing.

OPA, upon complaints received on the matter in August, conducted a probe, the result of which established that:

\* The 27 items of OA equipment were missing; and

\* Guerrero had allowed the removal of 10 pieces of OA equipment from its custody to the temporary use of the contractor.

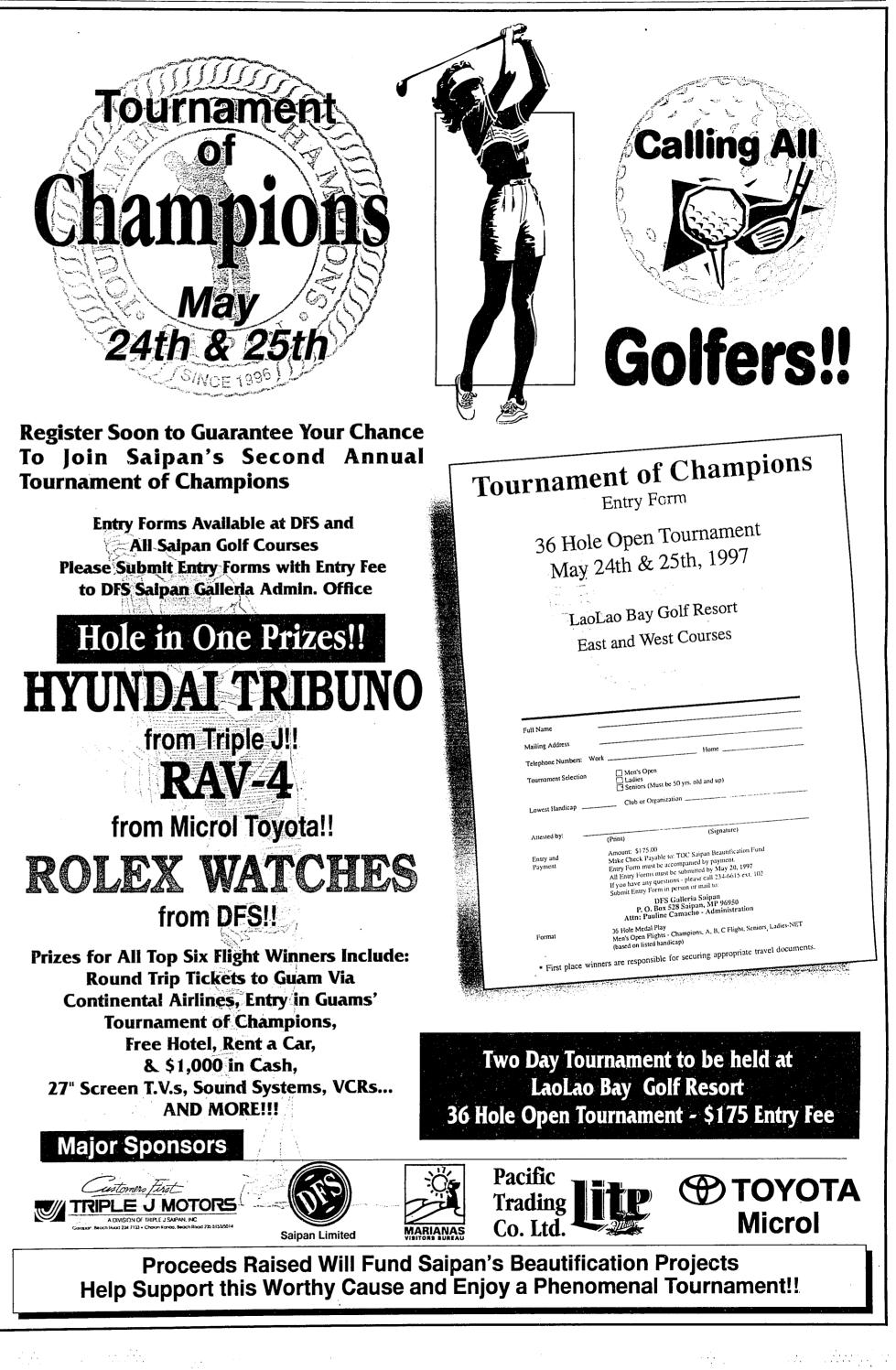
"This occurred because OA did notmonitorthe movement of its equipment from its premises to a temporary storage facility," stated the report.

The missing equipment include a \$1,600riding mower; a \$1,400 oven; a \$1,000 Xerox typewriter; at least seven office chairs; a water pump; deep freezer; grinder; mixer; two filing cabinets; two air conditioners; a desk; a casette player; TV and VCR.

The DCCA has earlier moved to hold any action that can be taken against Guenero pending results of court proceedings on the misconduct case; and a verification from Double M ltd. on whether permission was in fact granted to use the property.

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## **US Labor welcomes China MOU**



Gov. Tenorio (right) and visiting Chinese Foreign Trade Vice Minister Liu Shanzai sign memorandum of understanding in ceremonies held yesterday at the Hafa Adai Hotel. The agreement establishes a cooperative effort between the CNMI and China on matters relating to the entry of Chinese workers into the islands.

By Jojo Dass Variety News Staft

THE AGREEMENT forged between CNMI and the mainland Chinese government on the creation of a liaison office in the Commonwealth has opened a leeway for a thorough probe on reports Chinese workers in the Commonwealth are being stripped of their right to freely associate.

"We want to educate the Chinese representatives (in CNMI) on what US laws are. So it (agreement) is a start," said Terence J. Trotter, Enforcement Director of the US labor department's Wage and Hour Division, in an interview.

"We will speak with them (Chinese representatives) regarding issues that their office was made to address," he added.

Among these issues include the illegal employment of overstaying Chinese nationals, and, which is also more controversial, allegations made by advocacy groups that Chinese workers in CNMI were made to sign contracts restricting their movements and barring them from marrying, among other suppression of basic human rights.

"They (Chinese representative) need to be educated on what US standards are so that they can, if there is any breakdown in communication, regulate what the problems are," Troter said.

"Everybody needs a commitment and they have to follow through," he added.

Official estimates place the number of mainland Chinese nationals legitimately employed in CNMI at 7,000.

Actual figure, however, is pegged as close to 10,000 including Chinese tourists and business applicants who have managed to secure employment:

Gov. Froilan Tenorio and a delegation of the mainland Chinese government yesterday signed a memorandum of agreement calling for the creation of what is called as the Chinese Economic Development Association.

CEDA is primarily tasked to ensure that labor recruiters comply with the Chinese government's manpower export laws.

All Chinese workers will now have to go through CEDA prior to employ ment in the Commonwealth.

### Flame Tree Arts Festival set to start tomorrow

THE 16TH Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival will take place this Mother's Day weekend, May 10 and 11 at American Memorial Park. The annual event features the best of the CNMI's visual and performing artisans.

This year's Festival will include performances by the JFK Highschool Jazz Bankd, the Talabwog Men Stick Dancers, the Korean Association Dancers and almost 40 other performing groups.

This year's booths will include master woodcarver Sven Ortquist from American Samoa, traditional toolmaker and artist Noel Quitugua from Saipan, crafts maker Blandina Dela Cruz from Tinian and approximately 100 other artists housed in over 70 booths.

A number of local food vendors and community organizations will also take part in the event, providing food and drink. The Festival will be run from

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 and from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 11. The opening ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the Flame Tree Festival Stage. The Festival is free of charge to all.

This year's Festival is made possible through donations from IT&E Overseas Inc., Mobil Oil Mariana Islands and DFS Saipan Ltd, as well as, through assistance from the National Park Service, American Memorial Park and the National Endowment for the Arts. For further information, contact the Arts Council at telephone numbers 322-9982/9983.

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## **Police promotion guestioned**

#### By Mar-Vic C. Munar Variety News Staff

TWO top police officials are questioning the promotion of an officer from administrative to a high ranking police position at the Department of Public Safety.

DPS Deputy Commissioners Lino S. Tenorio and Francisco C. Duenas are referring to the 90-day provisional appointment of Claudio K. Norita as Assistant Police Chief for Special Programs which they said violated a memorandum issued March 29 by Personnel Management Director Luis Camacho.

Tenorio and Duenas wrote to Camacho "to express our concern in the way the department is attempting to transfer Mr. Norita from his 'ungraded' administrative position in charge of the Office of High Safety, to that of the high ranking police officer : vosition of assistant chief."

The DPS officials said Norita's promotion "is clearly in contradiction" to Camacho's memorandum which states that promotion and selection policies are "designed and intended to identify the most qualified applicants for a vacancy."

The memo also provides that selection should be made from a "number of qualified persons."

Tenorio and Duenas said they were not aware of any list that was prepared or any interviews conducted, leading them to conclude that Norita, thoughnoteligible, was "pre-selected" for the position.

DPS usually practices a "rise

through the ranks" promotion system, which consists of going from POIII, to sergeant, to lieutenant, to captain, to assistant chief.

They said DPS has at least 10 police officers with the rank of captain who are eligible to apply for the positioncurrently occupied by Norita. Tenorio and Duenas said Norita's experience as a police officer "is not higher than a POII."

Before his most recent "ungraded position" as Highway Safety Coordinator at DPS, Norita was specialagent-in-charge of the Criminal Investigative Division.

"It is our understanding that a 'provisional appointment' is restricted for the purpose of filling a permanent position in the absence of an appropriate eligibility list," the two DPS officials said.

"It is our intent to look out for the welfare of our subordinates, fellow officers, and other taxpaying citizens," Tenorio and Duenas wrote. "To not follow established rules and regulations can have devastating effects on the morale of the department," they added.

The Variety called Norita but he won't give any comment.

The Variety also contacted Duenas and Tenorio for further details, but they refused to discuss the issue with the press.

"This is an internal matter which we do not want to discuss in the newspaper. We're still waiting for feedback," Tenorio told the Variety. Something special and different for MOM. HERMAN'S COFFEESHOP has it.

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## **PSS: Students doing better**

MOST of the students in the Public School System can read, with some needing varying degrees of additional assistance from instructors, according to the results of a recognized standard reading test administered in PSS schools last year.

Scores on the Degrees of Reading Power test that was given to PSS students in 1992, then again in 1996, indicate that the average student can read at his or her grade level by grade 11. The test was given to students in grades 5, 8 and 11.

Commissioner of Education William S. Torres said the results of the DRP test show that PSS has few non-readers among hs students.

"It is easy to characterize PSS students as kids who can't read, but it simply isn't consistent

with the DRP results," Torres said in a news release.

He also noted that the movement in PSS to promote literacy, especially in grades K-3, should be viewed as "an effort to continue and to improve upon the positive efforts and results that are already happening, because we want the best possible instruction for our children."

At the school level, most principals feel that some encouraging progress is being made, but still more improvement is needed.

Koblerville Elementary School Principal Brigida Ichihara said that at her school, "Most can read, but many need extra help.

"That's why we have remedial and tutorial programs like the after-school program. Stu-



dents are improving, but they need more opportunities and variety. The new phonics materials are very good."

San Vicente Elementary School Vice Principal Janet Villagomez said that even with teachers focusing on reading and

phonics in the early grade levels, it still isn't enough without parental and family involvement

"Those students with good parental support are often reading at or above grade level, while those without much parental and family involvement often need remedial help. This shows that parental involvement is vitally necessary. In fact, sometimes there are parents who also cannot read very well. For them, the college offers free assistance.

"Parents only need to take advantage of it, because parents who can read well are great role models for their children," Villagomez said.

The DRP reports for Rota High School and Tinian High School show that the students

tested have improved as readers over a four-year period, and that most of them can read at their grade level by the end of 11th grade. The reports also find that both schools are using highlevel instructional materials.

Torres also noted that many PSS students have achieved impressive scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, a well-known U.S. test given for high school students who plan to go on to college. The scores on this test are taken into consideration by colleges in deciding on student admissions.

Noting that scores of 700 or above on the S.A.T. are considered acceptable by colleges, Torres said that PSS records reveal that in 1996, 64 percent of the students from Marianas High School who took the test scored 700 or better on the S.A.T., while 54 percent of Tinian High School students who took the S.A.T.

"At MHS, they have had one student score about 1,400! Last year, the highest score was 1,280, which is still very good," said Torres.

"The results on the S.A.T., which is a very difficult test, show that our students are indeed achieving at high levels," the Commissioner of Education said Even the controversial Cali-

fornia Achievement Test, which is being given this year for the final time in the PSS, has yielded some positive results, he added.

C.A.T. result trends reflect noticeable improvements as students advance in grade levels, with the best average scores coming in 11th grade — the year before students graduate from high school.

On the C.A.T., results have been especially good in the areas of spelling, social studies and science, PSS said.

Torres said that the PSS has joined the national movement toward integrating core academic subjects and toward reforming performance and content standards in these core subjects — particularly language arts, math, science and social studies.

With the development of the new standards nearing completion, the next step will be the further development of performance-based assessment practices that will more truly reflect how students and teachers are measuring up to the standards.

Many of these performance-based assessment practices, including the use of portfolios and exhibits, are already being done in the PSS.

According to the release, other activities in the PSS show what children know and are able to do, including the Academic Challenge Bowls, the Geography Bee, the MathCounts competitions, the Math Olympiad, the All-Schools Speech and Drama Festival, the Junior Statesman summer scholarship program, and various student art exhibitions



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## Suspect in gun case freed

By Rick Alberto Variety News Staff

ONE of three defendants slapped with three gun-related charges including possession of a stolen firearm was released without bail by the federal district court yesterday to the custody of his father. Juan, who lives in Kagman II.

He was released on the basis of "personal recognizance," according to Assistant United States Atty. David Wood, who represents the US government as plaintiff.

Gregorio Esteves, 26, however, was given curfew hours and other conditions to follow strictly by presiding Judge Marty W.k. Taylor, the CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice, who took the place of District Judge Alex R. Munson who was off island.

Esteves has also been charged by the United States government of conspiracy to possess a stolen firearm and conspiracy to dispose of various firearms to a convicted felon

Esteves and his co-accused brother, Francisco, pleaded not guilty to all charges last Monday during their arraignment by District Judge Alex R. Munson. The third defendant, Martin Evangelista Reyes, has yet to be arraigned.

During Esteves' arraignment, Munson said he was open to the possibility of releasing him to an



felony. Munson found him a potential danger to the community. Yesterday Assistant United ther recommending nor opposing judge.

States Atty, David Wood told the the release of Esteves, and was

court the US government was nei- leaving it to the discretion of the



### President Fidel Ramos: **RP** no longer 'sick man of Asia'



LOS ANGELES (AP) - Philippines President Fidel Ramos said his country is no longer the "sick man of Asia" thanks to economic reforms that have encouraged foreign investment.

Ramos, speaking Tuesday to business leaders and members of the Philippine-American community at the Los Angeles Convention Center, said the Philippines has reduced import tariffs, liberalized its telecommunications and banking regulations, and modernized its transportation infrastructure.

"First and foremost, the Philippines is no longer the 'sick man of Asia.' In only four years, our country has been transformed into an emerging tiger economy," he said.

Ramos' speech helped kick off a four-day California visit that is expected to focus on attracting U.S. investors to the Asian nation.

"... Economic reforms have built a foundation that encourages buoyant investment and export performance," Ramos said.

The Philippines, he said, also offers investors a workforce that is young and includes well-educated professionals.

"Did you know that Filipinos were the first users of data processing systems in Asia?" he said. "... I say this to you with full conviction: We are prepared to become one of Asia's software development and informational technology service centers."

On Wednesday, Ramos was scheduled to speak to about 1,200 people at the Carson Community Center, where he will be welcomed by Mayor Peter Fajardo, the only Philippines-born U.S. mayor and a native of Ramos' home province of Pangasinan.

"It will be an honor to meet him Fajardo said. "It's an honor for me and an honor for the people of Carson. It gives prominence to Carson, financially and diplomatically.

Carson's population is about 20 percent Filipino, which is the second argest concentration of Filipinos in the United States. The largest group is in Hawaii.

Fajardo said he and Ramos will meet earlier in the day to discuss opportunities for commerce between Carson and the Philippines.

Representatives from the Filipino militaryandbusinesscommunityplan to meet with local business leaders to discuss military hardware, shipping and telecommunications, Fajardo said.

Ramos also is scheduled to visit Mexico and Panama before returning home.

Philippine President Fidel Ramos talks to reporters at a news conference during a visit to Los Angeles City Hall Wednesday on the first leg of a Western Hemisphere visit that will also include Mexico and Panama, AP

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### Imelda Marcos declared as poorest member of Congress

MANILA, Philippines (AP) -Former first lady Imelda Marcos, best remembered for her many shoes and extravagant lifestyle, was declared Wednesday the Philippine Congress' poorest member.

A listing of wealth declared by million pesos (\$ 1.1 million).

The government has accused the Marcoses of stealing billions of

dollars during the strongman's 20year rule, but little of the alleged ill-

Mrs. Marcos, 65, was elected to Congress in 1995 from her home district in Leyte province after running unsuccessfully in the 1992 presidential election.

According to the governmentreleased list, her declared assets totaled 70.5 million pesos (\$ 2.7 million) while her liabilities were 100 million pesos (\$ 3.8 million).

At the height of her power, Mrs.



Imelda Marcos

Marcos gained notoriety for shopping trips to the world's swankest boutiques, glitzy parties and lavish beautification projects in the midst of the Philippines' grinding pov-

She also is famous for her large shoe collection, including a battery-operated set that blinked and glowed while she danced.

Marcos was ousted in a popular revolt in February 1986 and forced into exile in Hawaii, where he died in September 1989.

Mrs. Marcos then returned to the Philippines, where she has been dogged by comption charges and hassoughttoclearherfamily/sname

She was convicted of corruption in 1993 and sentenced to 18 to 24 years in prison but remains free on bail pending an appeal before the Supreme Court.

The richest member of Congress, real estate magnate Manuel Villar. declared net assets of 320 million pesos (\$12,3 million).

The list did not detail Mrs Marcos' assets and liabilities, but clearly did not include her late husband's \$475 million in Swiss bank deposits.

The Philippine government claims ownership of the Swiss accounts, saying the money is part of Marcos' ill-gotten wealth.

Marcos denied all charges of corruption and wrongdoing before his death.



the 216 members of the House of Representatives showed that the widow of former President Ferdinand Marcos was the poorest with a net debt of more than 29

gotten wealth has ever been recovered.

## **Discounts sought for NMI soldiers**

By Jojo Dass Variety News Staff

REPRESENTATIVE Ana S. Teregeyo has sponsored a resolution requesting at least two commuter airlines to grant airfare discounts to CNMIbased members of the United States Army Reserves coming in for required monthly drills and duty on Guam.

The move came following a request by Capt. Harry C. Blanco, USAR Commanding Officer, who, in his recent letter to Teregeyo, stressed the need to grant such privileges. He noted that the 11 USAR

members shoulder their own plane fares without assistance from the military.

"Maintaining a strong national defense is also a vital necessity to citizens of the United States of America, and privileges such as airline discount rates will greatly be appreciated by the members and their families," said Blanco in his letter dated April 25 this year.

Teregeyo, in her resolution, is asking that Pacific Island Aviation and Freedom Air, grant the USAR members a fare discount similar to the



Ana S. Teregeyo

four percent reduction being given by the Continental Air Micronesia.

A substantial airfare discount, she said, "would be considered a genuine patriotic gesture of goodwil and gratitude to those who stand ready to put their lives on the line to protect our land, lives and liberty."

Aside from Blanco, other USAR members include Ssg. Joseph M. Santos, Sgt. James Calvo, Spc. Roman M. Calvo and Pvt. Edward C. Barcinas all of whom lives in Rota; Sgt. Bertha Chong-Tudela, Spc. Joellene C. de Leon Guerrero, Spc. Therese T. Mendoza, Pvt.

Alaloysious Atalig and Pvt. Hazel G. Tudela of Saipan; and Pvt. Gerald K. Crisostomo of Tinian. Blanco, Santos, Roman Calvo

and Barcinas are with the USAR Company E's 442nd Infantry.

Chong-Tudela, James Calvo, Guerrero, Mendoza and Tudela are with the 368th Military Police while Crisostomo are with the USAR Enginerring Corps.

Teregeyo's resolution was also signed by Reps. Pete P. Reyes, Melvin Faisao, Dino Jones, Stanley Torres, and Juan P. Tenorio among others



### Fiji sacks 2 doctors

SUVA (Pacnews)-Fiji's ministry of health has confirmed sacking two Filipino doctors for professional miscon-

The principal assistant secretary for health, Haram Lingam says the Public Service Commission terminated the contracts of Doctor Mario Padua and his wife Doctor Consuelo, because of "unethical conduct and unsatisfactory performance of duties," Radio Fiji reported.

Lingam alleges Doctor Padua ex-

amined a woman's private parts without the presence of a nurse. The ministry also claims that Doctor

Consuelo failed to daignose an appendix and was reluctant to carry out an intravenous procedure.

The pair were part of a contingent of 54 doctors recruited from the Philippines in 1989.

Meanwhile, High Court Judge, Justice Dennis Pain, has granted a request by Doctor Consuelo that her termination be reviewed.

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### Elsewhere in the Pacific W. Samoa suspends immigration officers over passport, visa mess

APIA(Pacnews)-The Western Samoa government has suspended five officers of the Immigration Division following the completion of the special inquiry into the passport and visa scandal in the country.

Announcing the suspension Wednesday, secretary to government, Vaasatia Poloma Komiti said the Samoan Public Service Commission has already been fully briefed of the inquiry's findings, and charges will be filed against the five officers concerned. Radio 2AP reported.

Komiti said under normal circumstances any public comment on the commission's findings would have been left till after the submission of the report to the prime minister, who was point in time authorized such sales.

due to have arrived Wednesday from Savaii.

However, he said the government has decided to comment on the matter in the interest of stopping further speculation, especially in mediareports which were one-sided on the issue and in fairness to the staff of the immigration division.

He emphasized that the sale of passports and visas is illegal in Western Samoa and the government has at no

### **Solomons PM rejects** pay increase for MPs

HONIARA (Pacnews)-Solomon Islands prime minister Solomon Mamaloni has rejected a decision by the Parliamentary Entitlements Commission to award substantial increases in salary and other remunerations to parliamentarians.

They include a 300 percent increase in terminal grant for each of the 47 members of parliament to 2,200 US dollars.

But Mamaloni has written to the commission asking it to reconsider its being experienced by government However, chairman of PEC, Collin

Darcy says the decision is fair since parliamentarians have never had increase in salary and remuneration in three years. Darcy says as an independent consti-

tutional body, the commission has made its decision.

But he says since the increases have still not been gazetted, the commission will meet soon to see how it can accommodate the prime minister's concern decision in view of the financial crisis without falling back on its decision.

### FSM sends condolences to late governor's family

HONOLULU (Pacnews)-A message of condolence has been received from Federated States of Micronesia's acting president Jacob Nena by the family of the late Peter Tali Coleman, former Governor of American Sa-

Coleman, 77, died at his home in Ionolulu on April 28 of liver cancer. Nena, in a message delivered through diplomatic channels by FSM General Consul in Honolulu Kasio Mida, said Coleman was a Pacific

pioneer, who dedicated his life to the growth and development of the Pa-

#### cific Islands region.

The president noted that he many of his colleagues in the FSM government once worked under the direct leadership of Coleman, who served as a top-level administrator for the former US Territory of the Pacific Islands, before becoming American Samoa's first elected governor.

Following World War Two, FSM was a part of the Trust Territory, becoming sovereign in 1979.

Funeral services for Governor Coleman will take place in Honolulu on Saturday, May 10.

### Vanuatu did not budget for cost of appeal case

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)---Vanuatu's first secretary to the ministry of justice, Peter Taurakoto, has revealed that the government had not the case. Robillard.

The court of appeal released de Robillard from jail this week after he had been jailed for more than'a month for contempt of court.

The appeal court could only be convened after judges were brought to Vanuatu, RNZI reported.

the Supreme Court has overspent by 58,000 US dollars to cover the costs of budgeted for the cost of the case involv- Taurakoto could not give a figure of

The Trading Post newspaper says

ing Australian barrister, Roger de the costs paid so far and says there is a hole in court funds which the government will need to fill.

Meanwhile, the public is reportedly watching to see if de Robillard is going to sue the government for wrongful imprisonment.

He left Port Vila Wednesday for -Australia.

### Tonga growth rate to rise

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)—The East West Centre in Hawaii has reported that over the next 35 years, fertility, mortality and migration are projected to decline in nations of the Pacific.

The decline will result in a slowing of population growth, Radio Tonga reported.

However, growth rates will remain

high in several Melanesian an Micronesian countries where population increases are expected to range between 20 and 100 percent.

The report says Pacific nations will need to integrate population policies in their overall development to meet the challenges these increases will present in the areas of education, employment and health.

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## **Air Marshalls launches charter**

by Giff Johnson

for the Variety MAJURO-Air Marshall Islands this week launched charter services in the South Pacific with its British-built HS748. The plane is currently operating on a charter basis for Royal Tongan Airlines, said AMI general man-

#### ager Randy Hanna.

"There is tremendous interest (among South Pacific airlines) in using the 748," Hanna said. For more than two years, AMI has attempted to sell the 748. but in the past month, the airline decided to keep the plane and put it into service for charters in

the South Pacific and to back up the Saab 2000 which operates between Fiji and the Marshalls and Vanuatu.

A key objective of basing the 748 in Fiji-aside from the charter business-is to have the plane in "a strategic position as a recovery aircraft for parts and

#### passengers for Saab if there are any disruptions in service in the future," Hanna said. "It will be a great benefit to AMI passengers."

Hanna predicts that with the 748 as backup for the Saab, future delays with the Saab will be mineor in contrast to the lengthy disruptions of service that the Saab has experienced in the past year.

Already, a large number of charter flights have been booked on the 748 for the month of May, including special flights into Tarawa and Funafuti. The 748 is a twin prop plane with a 50 seat capacity.

Hanna said AMI has sent an engineering crew to Fiji to maintain the plane and that they are receiving a lot of assistance from Air Pacific as well as Fiji's civil aviation authority.

In a related move, AMI is pushing to get runway lights installed at the airports in both Tarawa, Kiribati and Funafuti, Tuvalu to allow night time landings. AMI officials have met with representatives of the Australian government and the European Union about the possible aid to accomplish the installation, and Transportation Minister Kunio Lemari has been promoting the plan through government channels, Hann said.

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If the two southern neighbors of the Marshalls add runway lights, it will improve AMI's ability to reduce "down time" when it needs to move stranded passengers and deliver needed spare parts for plane repairs, as well as making it possible for the airline to institute scheduled evening flights when needed, he said.

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## **Union: PNG becoming police state**

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) - Papua New Guinea is on the verge of becoming a police state after the arrest of three organizers of March protests against the government, the country's peak union body warned Wednesday.

The Papua New Guinea Trade Union Congress said the arrests and police raids over the past three days were in retaliation to "grassroots" organizations that protested the government's US \$36 million contract with Britishbased mercenaries Sandline International.

The rallies, coupled with a military mutiny over a plan to use mercenaries to end the nine-year Bougainville rebellion, forced Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan and two senior ministers to step down from office in late March.

Union general secretary John Paska said the raids and arrests were "draconian" and a greater threat to democracy than the political crisis triggered by the Sandline controversy.

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"It clearly demonstrates that the country is on the verge of being declared a police state," Paska said.

"A police state is no better than any undemocratic government and experience shows that countries under a police state often exercise powers that completely usurp democratic rights," he said.

Paska said the Congress would write to the government and Police Commissioner Bob Nenta to protest the arrests and raids.

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Two rally organizers, John Napo and John Kawowo, were arrested Tuesday and charged by police with unlawful assembly. They were later granted bail and released.

Their arrests follow pre-dawn police raids on three legal and community groups on Monday that lead to the seizure of computer discs, books and confidential files.

Another rally organizer, Jonathan O'ata, was arrested dur-

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ing the raids and charged with unlawful assembly. He was granted bail after appearing in court Tuesday.

Lawyers confronted during the raids said that the police search warrant gave authority to seize documents, articles and computer discs relating to the rallies, as well as firearms and ammunition. The Sandline contract, which

dismissed military leader Brig. Gen. Jerry Singirok opposed because he called it "corrupt," has been under investigation by an independent judicial inquiry,. which resumes on May 20.

Chan and his two ministers agreed to step down from office pending the outcome of the inquiry, which has a May 30 reporting deadline.

### Marshalls patrol boat saves downed pilot in the Pacific

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - A German pilot who was forced to ditch his aircraft into the Pacific Ocean halfway between Australia and Hawaii was picked up by a Marshall Islands patrol boat Thursday.

The Nadi Airport Rescue Coordination Center in Fiji called it a "textbook" rescue operation.

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He was flying a BE35 Beech Bonanza with two other aircraft on a round-the-world trip.

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The downed aircraft was spotted Wednesday by a Royal Australian Air Force P-3 Orion aircraft about 250 miles (400 km) east of Tarawa in the Kiribati group, after Honolulu Radio received a Mayday call.

The patrol boat which plucked the pilot from the sea is one of 21 provided to South Pacific countries and Papua New Guinea by the Australian government since 1983.

### **Air Pacific** to purchase a new aircraft

SUVA (Pacnews)-Fiji's national airline, Air Pacific, will now proceed with its plans to buy a new Boeing aircraft.

This follows government's careful consideration of proposals from both the Boeing and Airbus manufacturers, Radio Fiji reported.

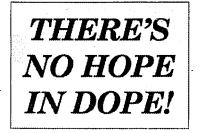
Air Pacific's plan to purchase a Boeing aircraft came under criticism from the European Union who claimed Airbus should be given the deal because of the European Union's (EU) continuous aid support for Fiji.

France which is the manufacturer of the Airbus aircraft is a member of the EU.

Recently government has lashed out at Air Pacific saying the national carrier was being deliberately insensitive to the prime minister especially on recently.

Air Pacific according to gov ernment wrote to the American manufacturers securing the order it had place last year.

Meanwhile, Civil Aviation Minister David Pickering has clarified the government did not stop Air Pacific from purchasing the Boeing. Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka had earlier asked Air Pacific to put on hold its plans until he was satisfied that the Qther proposals by Airbus were given a fair go and he is now satisfied.



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## **Aziz to visit Moscow**

MOSCOW (AP) - Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz will make a one-day stopover in Moscow later this week, the Interfax news agency reported Wednesday.

Aziz, who will be returning home from a visit to Beijing, will arrive Thursday night, but Friday is a national holiday and it was unclear with whom he would meet, the agency quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Posuvalyuk as saying.

Russia's push to lift international sanctions against Iraq remains unchanged, Posuvalyuk said.

"Our position is that international sanctions against Baghdad must ultimately be lifted - naturally, if Baghdad implements all of the corresponding U.N. resolutions," Posuvalyuk was quoted as

U.N. sanctions imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait are to be lifted if Iraq eliminates its massdestruction weapons and their production facilities.

The sanctions ban Iraqi oil exports - except for a limited amount which Baghdad can sell to buy food and medicine and compensate victims of the Gulf War.

Russia, for whom Iraq was a lucrative arms customer before the embargo, respects the sanctions but is eager to resume trade links.

### Yemen ruling party wins nearly two-thirds of parliament seats

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) - Yemen's ruling party wonnearly two-thirds of the seats in parliament in last month's elections, according to final results announced Wednes-

The Higher Election Committee, which oversaw the balloting for 301 seats, said the General People's Congress of President Ali Abdullah Saleh won 187 of them. The Congress' former coalition partner, the Islamic Islah, won 53. Five went to smaller parties and 54 to independents.

Some of the independents are expected to align themselves with the Congress and Islah.

Results in two districts, Hajja and Dhamar, were canceled because of irregularities. The election committee said new balloting would take place there within six months.

A presidential spokesman said Wednesday that the new parliament will hold its first session on May 18 and elect a speaker then.

Supporters of the Islamic Islah Party cheer slogans as they wait for the results of the parliamentary elections in late April. The Islah is the main opponent of the ruling Generals Peoples Congress party of president Ali Abdulah Saleh. AP

leader Sheik Abdullah al-Ahmar. is widely expected to retain the post.

Saleh's party is believed to want to bring Islah members and others into the new government, which is expected to be formed on May 22. Islah has not ruled out participating in the next government. Yemeni elections, held on

April 27, were considered reasonably free and fair by international monitors, despite boycott by the powerful Social ist Party and clashes that left at least nine people dead. The polls were the second

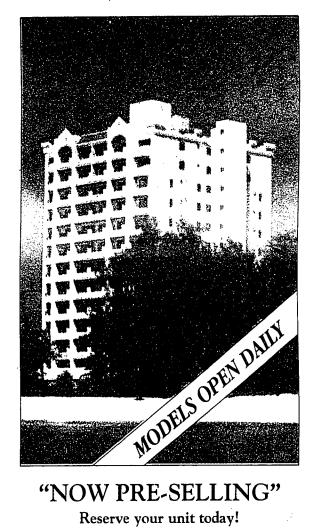
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## India, Pakistan to mend ties

By ASHOK SHARMA

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - With their first summit in years due next week, Pakistan's envoy to India said Wednesdayhiscountrywasprepared to discuss improving ties alongside talks on the territorial dispute over Kashmir.

The remarks by Ashraf Jehangir Qazi set a conciliatory tone for the summit, softening Pakistan's traditional insistence that the Kashmir issue be resolved as a prerequisite to improving relations in other areas.

"Without minimizing the obstacles, things are hopefully looking good," said Qazi, Pakistan's new ambassador in New Delhi, at the Foreign Correspondents Club.

The prime ministers of India and Pakistan will meet next week for the first time in four years during a sevennation regional summit in the Maldives.

The meeting caps a series of lowerlevel encounters this year that ended a three-year suspension of negotiations between the two countries.

Control of the Himalayan territory of Kashmir has provoked two wars between India and Pakistan since they were granted independence by Britain in 1947. The former kingdom is now divided, with India controlling two-thirds. Muslim militant groups began fighting in 1989, advocating either Kashmir's independence or its union with Pakistan. More than 15,000 people have been killed in the separatist war in the only province with a Muslim majority in mainly Hindu India

Although a Kashmir solution is not a condition for improving relations, Qazi said there must be progress on Kashmir, which Pakistan considers the core of their problems.

Kashmir "needs to be addressed concurrently while dealing with other subjects," Qazi said.

"Unless we make some progress on Kashmir, we won't provide the ambience for progress in other fields," he said.

Pakistan is against India's suggestion that the Kashmir dispute be put aside while more immediate issues.

such as trade and travel restrictions, are discussed. "We are embarking on a difficult

but possible journey. It ain't going to be easy. It ain't going to be quick. But we're working on it," he said.



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, left, releases a dove as she opened a ruling Awami Party conference in Dhaka Tuesday. Zillur Rahman, right, General Secretary of the Awami Party is standing beside her AP



special envoy of the United Nations secretary-generalarrivedinRangoon Wednesday to study Burma's human rights situation and try to promote a dialogue between the military government and the opposition.

The envoy, Alvaro de Soto, was to meet Foreign Minister Ohn Gyaw and Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Burma'spro-democracy movement, during a four-day stay, said diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

De Soto met with Suu Kyi during his last visit to Burma in August 1995, shortly after she was released

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RANGOON, Burma (AP) - A from six years of house arrest. During that visit, he also met with Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt, a top member of the ruling junta. He urged both parties to expedite a dialogue.

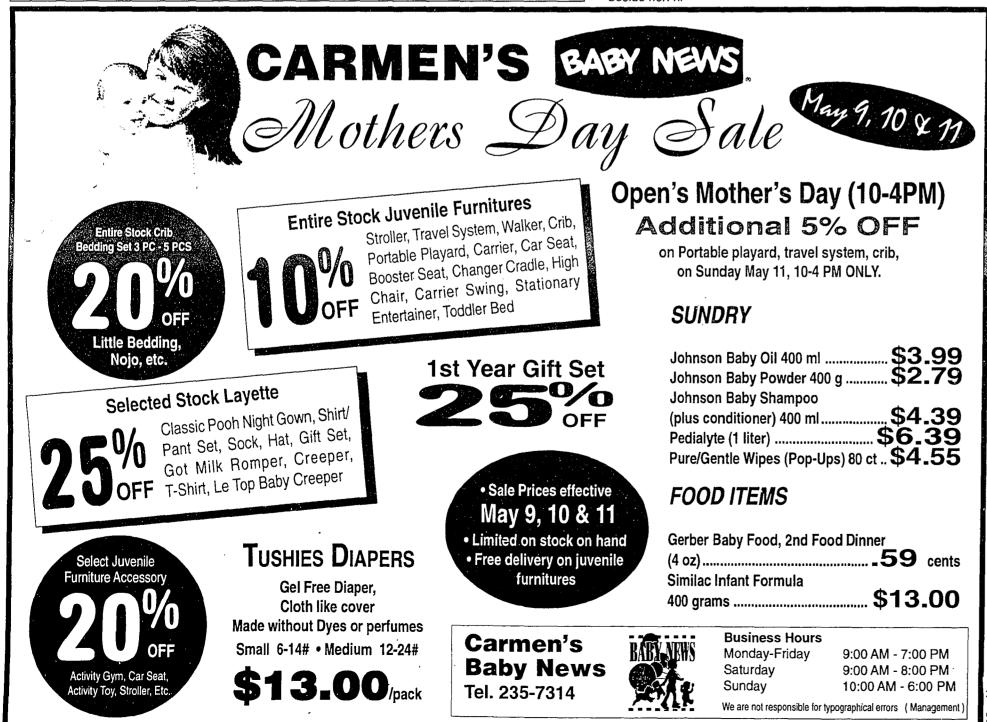
> The junta seized power in 1988 after violently suppressing pro-democracy demonstrations. Suu Kyi's party won a landslide victory in 1990 parliamentary elections, but the military refused to yield power.

> Since her release from detention. Suu Kyi has called for a dialogue to solve political problems.

But the authorities have insisted that no dialogue can be held outside the framework of a national convention opened in 1993 to draw up guidelines for a new constitution. In protest against the junta's re-

fusal to open a dialogue. Suu Kvi and her National League for Democracy withdrew from the convention in November 1995, claiming that it was undemocratic and unrepresentative.

The United States and other Westemnations, as well as private groups such as Annesty International, accuse the junta of substantial human rights abuses. The U.N. Human **RightsCommissionalsohasreported** abuses and sought to encourage reforms by the government.



## **Over disputed islands** Taiwan hits Japan landing

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)- Taiwan's National Assembly condemned a Japanese politician Wednesday for landing on a disputed islet and demanded that the Taiwan government assert its sovereignty over the archipelago.

"The deputies express their indignation at the Japanese assembly member landing on our sovereign territory," said the resolution. "We call on the government to protect our sovereign territory with all its power."

The islets are a perennial irritant in relations among Japan, China and Taiwan, all of which claim sovereignty over them.

The 334-member assembly began an annual session this week to debate constitutional amendments. Another body, the Legislative Yuan, serves as Taiwan's parlia-

Declaring it a duty to inspect his nation's territory, Shingo Nishimura of the New Frontier Party, the main Japanese opposition, landed Tuesday on the rocky, uninhabited islands known as Diaoyu in Chinese and Senkaku in Japanese. He left after about two hours.

The islands lie amid rich fishing grounds and possible oil and natural gas deposits 175 kilometers (110 miles) north of Taiwan and 300 kilometers (185 miles) from the Japanese island of Okinawa.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry expressed "deep concern" over Nishimura's act, but said it favored joint use of the islets and a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

It promised to place Taiwanese fishing interests above the sover-

eignty question and reject any joining forces with China over the is-

China has also protested, and there have been small demonstrations in Hong Kong.

The dispute resurfaced last summer when Japanese nationalists built a lighthouse on one of the islets. Waves of demonstrations ended with a Hong Kong Chinese nationalist jumping to his death from a ship that he tried to sail to the archipelago.

On Wednesday, about a dozen Chinese nationalists burned a Japanese military flag and hurled eggs at Tokyo's de facto embassy in Taipei. County assembly deputy Kin

Chieh-shou, who led several expe-

ditions to the island group last year said protesters would sail there in a 30-boat fleet on May 18 and tear down the Japanese markers.

The Japanese coast guard has proved resolute in warding off such vessels, but Kin said: "Last year was when we expressed ourselves over the sovereignty question. This year is the year for action."



Taiwanese burn a paper Japanese military flag outside Tokyo's defacto embassy in Taipei Wednesday. The group pledged to do an expedition to the islands May 18, to protest a Japanese politician's visit Tuesday to the uninhabited Diaoyu islands, called the Senkakus in Japanese. AP



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a sudden explosion killed 12 people at the Long Life Chemical Factory in southwestern China, the state-run Wen Hui Daily reported Wednes-

The fire broke out Sunday shortly before noon in a work room handling waste water for the factory.

Ten minutes later a nearby waste water ditch carrying traces of flam-

prene ignited and exploded, killing the workers and executives, who were fighting the fire, the newspaper said. Another six people were injured. The factory belongs to the Long

Life County government in the suburbs of Chongqing city, a bustling industrial center 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) southwest of Beijing



## **Students demand Kim ouster**



Students, tying the national flag around their necks, shout anti-government slogans as they storm the bankrupted Hanbo Group headquarters in Seoul Wednesday. They demanded President Kim Young-sam's esignation and the arrest of the Kim's son Hyn-chul for bribe scandals. AP

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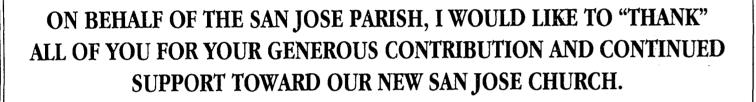
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -Six college students stormed the head office of Hanbo Steel Industry Co. Wednesday, demanding a thorough investigation of a bribery scandal surrounding the bankrupt firm.

The students also demanded that President Kim Young-sam respond to allegations by opposition politicians that one of his sons was involved in the scandal.

"Arrest Kim Hyun-chul!" "Down with Kim Young-sam!" the three male and three female students shouted from the rooftop of the three-story building in southern Seoul, referring to the president and his 37-year-old son.

They unfurled two large banners and scattered leaflets, in which they also demanded that the president answer opposition criticism that he spent far more money than legally allowed on his 1992 election campaign.

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ernment slogans as police hauled them away for questioning. No injuries were reported.

Also Wednesday, prosecutors questioned ruling party legislator Han Sung-soo and opposition lawmaker Kim Won-kil about money they are said to have received from Hanbo Steel.

Han served as South Korea's ambassador to Washington, the presidential chief of staff and the chief economic minister in Kim's government before he won a pariamentary seat in 1996.

The two legislators were the last of 33 politicians questioned by prosecutors after being identified by Hanbo officials as recipients of money from the failed firm. Most said they got only legitimate political donations.

Opposition parties claim the president's son has taken large sums of money from Hanbo and other businesses seeking government favors. In testimony at a parliamentary hearing in April, the son denied the accusations.

Eleven people - including a Cabinet minister and three key aides to the president - are already on trial on charges of taking or giving bribes in return for preferential loans for Hanbo.

Hanbo, the nation's No. 2 steel producer, went bankrupt in January after piling up \$ 6 billion in debt, more than 20 times the value of its collateral.

### **OPEC** official is in N. Korea says report

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) The director of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' international developmen fund is visiting North Korea, the communist country's official news agency said Wednesday.

A party was given Tuesday for the OPEC official, Y. Seyyid Abdulai, the Korean Central News Agency said.

Those attending included leading government officials, among them Vice Premier Kong Jin Thae, it said.

KCNA did not disclose the purpose of the visit.

Unconfirmed reports have said that OPEC has promised to build a \$ 6 million hospital in the impoverished North.

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## Australia woes blamed on Asians

#### By VIJAY JOSHI

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) Pauline Hanson has made a career out of political incorrectness.

Just as Australia appeared to be erasing its racist past, the independent lawmaker has reignited debate by voicing what she says is the secret wish of many Australians: to stop Asian immigration and cut off the privileges of Australia's indigenous people, the Aborigines.

"She has given voice to the most strident views that have not had a mouthpiece up till this time. She is taking us back to the 50s." said David Millikan, a political analyst.

Hanson's views strike at the heart of Australia's official endorsement of multiculturalism. which was a reaction to the White Australia Policy that effectively blocked Asian immigration in favor of Europeans for 100 years. It was officially repealed only in 1973.

Australia opened its borders to Asian migrants as part of its vi-

sion to find a rightful economic and political place in Asia and to reduce its traditional European links. Today, people from 160 countries live in Australia.

White Australia today is a taboo concept, for many a shameful relic of the past. But Hanson is urging Australians to shed the guilt. "I am fed up with political correctness," she told a television program

People are in fear of opening their mouths for fear of being called racist," Hanson said.

One year since making her political debut, Hanson has become Australia's most talked-about politician, despite media ridicule and critics' comparisons to Hitler and the Ku Klux Klan.

Hanson's views, even if representing a minority, worry the government.

"Jeopardizing our dlrs 46 billion (U.S.) export trade with Asia is ripping up our bread ticket for the next century and ... that is dumb," Trade Minister Tim Fischer said.

Hanson, a former fish-andchips shop owner, won international attention with her maiden speech to Parliament last September with a call to keep out immigrants, who she says take away jobs and refuse to assimilate. She claimed that by 2040 Australia will be swamped by Asians, who made up about 40 percent of the 99,139 immigrants last year.

In a melodramatic portrayal of her stand, a book Hanson published in April warns that in 2050 Australia's president will be Poona Li Hung, a "lesbian of Indian and Chinese background ... a part machine ... produced by a joint Korean-Indian-Chinese research team."

Her harshest comments are reserved for Aborigines.

The Hanson book claimed Aborigines were cannibals who ate their women and children, and therefore were undeserving of sympathy for losing the land or for their dismal status in Australian society. Leading Australian

Moiners

historians debunked the claim. She recently sold her shop to launch a political party, "Pauline Hanson's One Nation," which claims 40,000 members.

Part of her appeal is the resentment of economic hardship felt by middle-class Australians, which many blame on immigrants taking jobs and buying businesses, properties and land.

The unemployment rate is a relatively high 8.7 percent, and is up to 20 or 30 percent in parts of the rural heartland where Hansonmania flourishes. Economic growth is nearly stagnant, the unending drought in the outback is squeezing farmers, and prices of commodities are falling.

Australia has seen other extreme right-wingers but none so successful as the 42-year-old redhaired divorcee, partly because she is a woman in the male-dominated world of politics.

She is seen as the guileless woman-next-door from a rural town, who speaks from the heart: she fumbles and her voice quivers

with tension when she speaks before TV cameras. Hanson declined to be interviewed for this article.

Two recent opinion polls found that she is gaining nationwide popularity at the expense of the governing coalition, which is losing disenchanted voters.

More worrisome, however, is her impact on the superficial racial harmony among Australia's mostly white 17 million people, some 1 million Asians and 303,000 Aborigines.

Hanson is "a short-term change, but what is more important is the impact she has had on changing attitudes of people," said Gerard Henderson, the head of a political think-tank, the Sydney Institute

Reports of racial attacks on Asians more than doubled after Hanson's September speech, said Zita Antonios, head of Australia's race discrimination watchdog.

Antonios, the Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner, said complaints in Sydney alone jumped from 10 or 15 a month before September to 40-50 now.

Hanson's campaign is "in a way an attempt to wind back the last 30 years and take us to the simple verities of Aussie culture," said Millikan, the analyst.

### **US Air Force** makes rare landing in Antarctica

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) - A U.S. Air Force made a rare winter landing in Antarctica on Thursday to retrieve the body of an American staffer who died last week at McMurdo base.

The C-141 Starlifter plane was to return to Christchurch in the evening with the body of Charles Gallagher, a civilian employee of support service contractors Antarctic Support Associates.

The plane had no problems in landing despite icy temperatures which in recent days plummeted to minus 34 Fahrenheit (-34 C), said a spokesman for Operation Deep Freeze, Petty Officer Dave

Gallagher died of heart failure last week. He was the 48th American to perish in Antarctica since Operation Deep Freeze started in 1955.

Gallagher was in charge of billeting at McMurdo Station and was also head of recreation. "He was a pretty popular guy," Lippman said.

His body will be returned to the United States.

Thursday's flight, only the third winter landing since 1955, also unloaded more than 4.400 pounds (2,000 kilos) of fresh food, mail and medical supplies for McMurdo Station and New Zealand's neighboring Scott Base.

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### Thai PM, wife mull suit vs. lawmaker

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) -Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh has asked police to investigate an opposition lawmaker's allegation that his wife had illegally acquired land in a national forest reserve, his spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman, Varathep Ratanakorn, insisted that Phankrua Yongchaiyudh does not own any land in Nakhon Ratchasima, 210 kilometers (130 miles) northeast of Bangkok, where the forest reserve is located.

He added that officials of the prime minister's political party and Pankrua were consulting with lawyers about the advisability of filing defamation suits against the lawmaker. Vinai Senniam of the Democrat Party.

Vinai said last week that a "Madame PK" had grabbed more than 1,000 rai (400 acres, 160 hectares) of land in the forest reserve, strongly hinting that that the woman in question was Pankrua.



Chavalit Yongchaiyudh

Former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, who heads the Democrat Party, urged Pankrua to sue.

"I give full support for the accused to seek legal action against the accusers," Chuan told local papers. "Those telling lies to the people do not deserve support from the people."

He added, however, that if anyone had acquired land illegally, it was the obligation of the government to investigate them, no mat-





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## Thai general, 7 others indicted

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - A Thai army general and a major were among eight people indicted on chargesofrunning an extortion racket Maj. Chalermchai Matchaklam targeting merchants at a night bazaar

in Chiang Mai, a prosecutor said Wednesday. Gen. Intharat Yodbangtoei and

pleaded innocent, along with two

civil servants and four others Tuesday at a criminal court in Chiang Mai, 580 kilometers (360 miles) north of Bangkok.

All were released on bail.

### Malaysian king appeals for sensitivity in Singapore ties

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia new Singaporean ambassador, said (AP) - The Malaysian king said Wednesday that Singapore and Malaysia need to be sensitive to each other's feelings.

Malaysians recently were angered by Singaporean leader Lee Kuan Yew's remark that the Malaysian city of Johore Bahru was violent and crimeridden. Lee was forced to apologize. King Tuanku Ja'afar, speaking af-

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cooperative relations have benefited both countries.

"However, being neighbors, we need always be mindful of the realities that shape our relationship," the king said.

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Police still were searching for four other suspects, two of whom are wanted for hiring gunmen to kill a merchant who refused to pay protection money. In a mixup, the wrong person was killed.

Those two suspects also are wanted for suspected involvement in the murder of a prominent television executive last year.

Prosecutors alleged that the eight

already indicted demanded that merchants at the city's popular night bazaarpay them monthly "rents" of 900 baht (dlrs 36) each, plus protection money.

They said the suspects threatened merchants who wouldn't pay with violence.

Prosecutors said they were confident they would win the case as they had more than 100 witnesses ready to testify



A couple passes by a billboard supporting an all-Malaysian expedition to scale Mount Éverest, in Kuala Lumpur. The climb is currently underway and if successful, Malaysia would be the first Southeas Asian nation to hoist its flag atop the 8,848-meter mountain. At

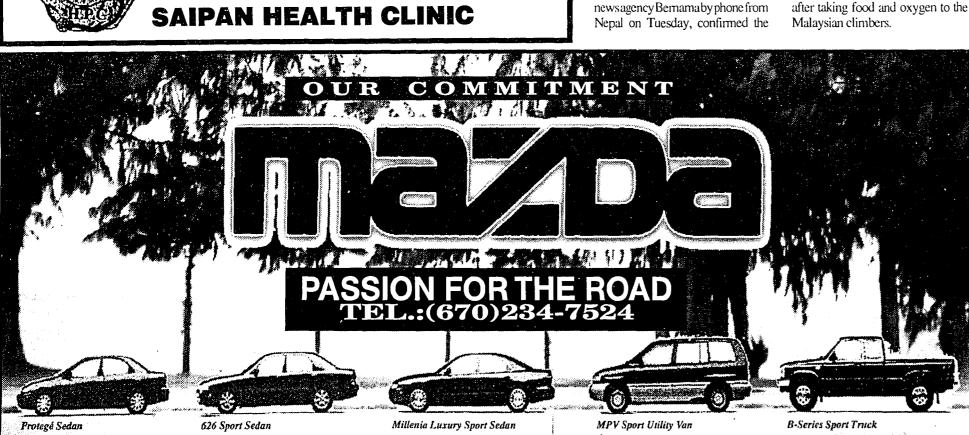
### **Guide in Malaysian Everest team killed**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - A Sherpa guide in the Malaysian team climbing Mount Everest was killed when he fell 600 meters (1,968 feet) from a height of 7,300 meters (23.950 feet), a news report said. Expedition leader Noramlee Sulaiman, who contacted the national newsagency Bernamaby phone from Nepal on Tuesday, confirmed the

death of Nima Rinzi, 31.

In another death on the mountain this spring, Malcolm Duff, the British leader of an international expedition trying to scale Everest, was found dead on the mountain two weeks ago,

Noramlee said Nima fell near Camp Three as he was descending after taking food and oxygen to the Malaysian climbers.



### In Okinawa Landowners fight **US military bases**

By ERIC TALMADGE GINOWAN, Okinawa (AP) -The sound of helicopters is never far off as Toyokichi Miyagi speaks. Sometimes his old wooden house shakes from its weathered rafters to its tatami mat floors.

The source is a U.S. military airfield that has come to symbolize the burden Okinawans bear in the name of Japan's security relationship with the United States.

After intense protests - over the noise, the fear of crashes, the horror stories of GI crime the United States agreed last year to move the airfield.

But Miyagi isn't celebrating. Instead, he has found himself at the center of an increasingly divisive battle that could once again bode ill for America's most important military outpost in the Pacific.

Like thousands of Okinawan landlords, Miyagi has come to depend on the fairly generous rent he receives from the Japanese government for letting the U.S. military use the plot - about 1 million yen (dlrs 12,000) a vear. If the land is returned, he fears he will lose that income.

The vast majority of Okinawans want the bases either reduced or removed altogether.

Under a security pact, Japan must provide the United States military with land for its facilities. But thousands of pacifist landowners have refused to renew their leases, putting Tokyo in an extremely delicate political position.

Next Wednesday, anti-military activists are expected to hit the streets to mark the expiration of thousands of leases for privately owned plots of land inside America's bases on Okinawa and nearby Ie Island.

Anger only increased after a Parliament vote last month that many here saw as discriminatory. Lawmakers overwhelmingly approved a bill allowing the government to temporarily continue using the land with or without the landlords' approval.

More than a dozen demonstrators were arrested in a scuffle with guards following the vote. One of them, pacifist landowner staunch opposition to the U.S. - controls. military presence. His arrest was front-page news.

Only about 10 percent of the 30,000 landlords holding their plots. plots on bases are against renewing their leases - and most of them are activists who own plots the size a large throw rug. Many are not even from Okinawa.

Even so, most Okinawans sympathize with the holdouts, since. and see the land-use bill as another example of their rights taking a back seat to political expediency in distant Tokyo. anymore."

"They stole our trump card," said lawyer Masahide Ahagon, who represents more than 100 Okinawan holdout landowners. "I wonder if they would have passed such a bill if the land were anywhere else."

Unlike the rest of Japan, Okinawa was a semi-independent kingdom until late in the last century, when its ruler was forced to abdicate and Okinawa was assimilated into Japan.

Okinawans continue to have a strong sense of ethnic identity separate from the Japanese, for which they have often been subjected to harsh discrimination.

Pacifism runs particularly strong in Okinawa because of memories of World War II. In the Battle of Okinawa - the war's last major land campaign roughly one-third of the local population died.

The U.S. military has been a major presence on Okinawa ever since. Today, it is home to the largest contingent of Marines outside the United States and the largest U.S. Air Force base in Asia. The Navy and Army also have facilities here.

Okinawans have long complained that the concentration of nearly 30,000 troops - among 48,000 in all of Japan - on their main island is too heavy.

Such complaints had generally been ignored in the past. Other areas of Japan refused to share more of the burden, and non-Okinawan politicians did not want to anger the United States - this country's most important ally and export market by demanding scalebacks.

But an uproar over the rape of a local schoolgirl by three U.S. servicemen forced Washington and Tokyo over the past two years to do more to ease tensions on Okinawa.

Concerns over crime and the local government's right to speedy and accurate information when accidents occur have been addressed, and some especially sensitive exercises are being moved to other parts of Japan

Along with the pledge to relocate the airstrip, Washington has agreed to return approximately 12,000 acres (4,850 hectares) of land. That comes to roughly Shoichi Chibana, has become 20 percent of the total 58,000 something of a folk hero for his acres (23,500 hectares) it now

> Even landlords who support the status quo have bitter memories of how they initially lost

Miyagi's land, upon which stood his family's home and the ancestral grave, was literally taken at gunpoint by U.S. troops in the closing days of World War II.

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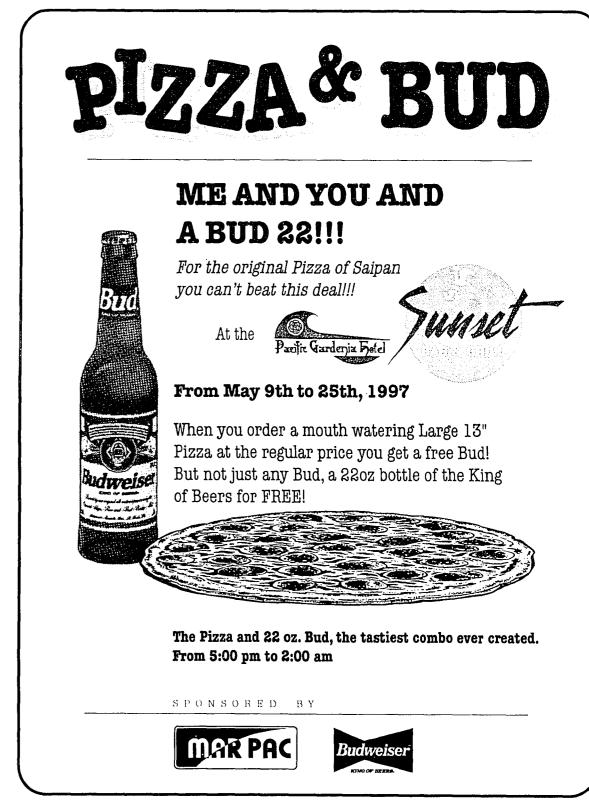
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## Talibans fire artillery

By ABDULLAH ZAHEERUDDIN JEBUL SIRAJ, Afghanistan (AP) The Taliban Islamic militia fired long range rockets at enemy positions Wednesday in the snowcapped mountains that ring Jebul Siraj on the strate-

gic Salang Highway.

Taliban forces were fighting to recover ground lost a day earlier when the opposition launched a pre-dawn attack on Jebul Siraj, 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Kabul, the commander said. "We came under ambush along the Salang highway when the enemy

swooped down from the mountains as

our soldiers traveled up the road," said Mullah Khir Mohammed.

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tain positions overlooking the town. The Salang Highway, the only road linking the capital to northern Afghanistan, remained closed to traffic as artillerv from both sides landed along the

Jebul Siraj, Massood's headquarters until Taliban troops drove him north into the Panjshir Valley several months ago, was deserted.

Fearing Jebul Siraj villagers may still be loyal to Massood, the Taliban forced the town's 20,000 residents to relocate to Kabul.

the fields in the area began to bud. Bu the fields were empty of farmers who were not being allowed into the area.

International aid workers say they fear more food shortages in the wartorn country if farmers are not allowed to harvest their crops.

The Taliban, which controls roughly two-thirds of the country, is battling a northern-based opposition coalition led by Massood and northern warlord Rashid Dostum. The fighting is raging on three different fronts, but neither side is making any major gains or



Taliban fighters on a truck mounted with an anti-aircraft cannon in the Gorband valley near Kabul. The Taliban founder said they are not a threat for anybody but said "Our army will just be the defender of the country's soil and Islamic values." AP



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### Religious police renew ban on use

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The Taliban's religious police renewed its ban Wednesday on the use of paper bags and wrappings, saying people in the Afghan capital were ignoring the

of paper bags

The Taliban banned the use of paper bags and wrappings saying recycled paper may include pages of the Muslim holy book, the Koran.

Only plastic bags are allowed in the two-thirds of the country controlled by the Taliban religious rulers, who have imposed their own strict version of Islamic law.

Shopkeepers in the war-devastated capital have been ignoring the order because they say plastic bags are more costly, according to an official with the religious police, who asked not to be identified.

But he said cost is not an excuse. "If we catch people using paper they will face serious punishment," he said. He did not specify the punishment, but the religious police usually publicly beat people for minor offenses.

In Taliban-run areas men must grow beards, women are not allowed to work or go to school and they must be covered from head to toe in a burga.

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### **NATO chief eyeing** closer Ukraine ties

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - NATO Solana during the one-day Secretary-General Javier Solana arrived Wednesday for talks with Ukrainian leaders aimed at soothing Ukraine's concerns about being stranded between the alliance and Rus-

Solana is slated to open a NATO information center in the Ukrainian capital, the latest measure of the increasing warmth between NATO and Ukraine.

"Without a doubt it will signify better relations with your country, and keep on track the very solid and very firm bilateral relationship," Solana said as he was met on arrival by Foreign Minister Hennady Udovenko.

Solana is to continue negotiations on an agreement to solidify relations with Ukraine and show NATO's support for the former Soviet republic of 51 million people.

Udovenko said the toughest aspect of the talks would be discussions of limitations on Ukrainian military strength under the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, which NATO is altering in a bid to cool Russian anger about the alliance's expansion.

"The biggest problem is that of the flank limitations, which are now being linked with our cooperation with NATO," Udovenko said.

Ukraine has not announced it intends to join NATO, but it has been an active participant in the junior Partnership for Peace program and its leaders have increasingly hinted they may seek NATO membership.

President Leonid Kuchma, who will meet briefly with visit, has accented his goal of closer integration with NATO and the European Union.

Many nationalist politicians oppose NATO membership for Ukraine, however, and the issue is likely to become a significant in the run-up to parliamentary elections early next year.

More than 180 mostly comunist-oriented lawmakers in parliament Wednesday formed an unofficial grouping called "Ukraine outside NATO" and issued a statement warning that joining NATO would "pull our country into a fratricidal war with neighboring states," the Interfax news agency reported.

The bilateral agreement is expected to be signed before or during the NATO summit in July, when the alliance is expected invite some of Ukraine's western neighbors to join - probably Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Ukraine has expressed concern that NATO will refrain from further expansion in an effort to appease Russia, which vehemently opposes the eastward push.

Kiev wants the agreement with NATO to be binding and include security guarantees against a potential threat, but the alliance has said the document will not offer such guarantees, which are reserved for members.

Instead, Western officials have responded to Ukraine's concerns by stressing that NATO's door will remain open to all countries that want to join and are qualified to do SO.

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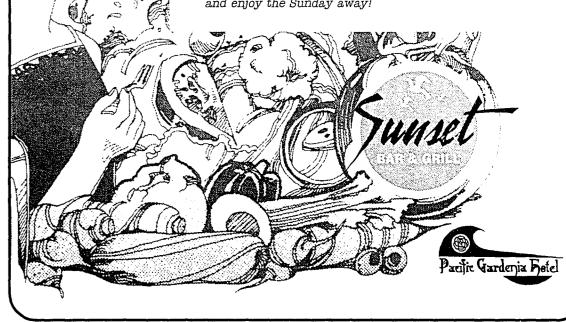
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## Mobutu flies out of Zaire

#### By TINA SUSMAN

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) - With rebel forces closing in on Kinshasa, President Mobutu Sese Seko left his threatened capital Wednesday aboard his private Boeing 727 and flew to Gabon. It was unclear whether he would ever come back.

Mobutu landed hours later in the Atlantic coastal city of Libreville, Gabon, for what aides said would be two days of meetings with the leaders of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Gabon, Togo and Congo - all strong supporters of Mobutu throughout his seven-month war with rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

Journalists were kept out of

### Many say prospects of ailing president's return remain unclear

Kinshasa's airport terminal but leopardskin cap and a black-andsaw a motorcade of at least a dozen vehicles, including two stretch limousines guarded by three military jeeps armed with mounted machine guns.

Unlike the reception by thousands of cheering people when Mobutu returned last year after convalescing in France for months, his departure drew little attention

In Libreville, Mobutu was given a red-carpeted welcome by Gabon President Omar Bongo. He descended from his jet slowly, carrying his traditional wooden staff and wearing his tattered

white floral shirt. Mobutu ignored questions shouted at him by reporters, ducked into a waiting burgundy Rolls-Royce and headed to the

presidential palace. The government says Mobutu, 66 and ailing with prostate cancer, will return to Zaire after the summit, probably over the weekend. But a government official and Western diplomats have hinted the trip could be a first step of Mobutu's final departure in the face of a rebel advance.

The plane left at about 10:15 a.m. local time (0915 GMT).



Mobutu Sese Seko

Rebel forces are closing in on Kinshasa, and Mobutu's aides offered conflicting accounts Tuesday over whether Zaire's leader may be going into exile to end his losing war against rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

Presidential aides said Mobutu planned to return to Kinshasa on Friday, and dismissed speculation that Mobutu might use the trip to launch his exile to a third country following the failure of a weekend summit with Kabila.

Another government aide, however, said Mobutu could be on his way to France for good.

Mobutu has a villa on the French Riviera and may be considering a retreat to France, which for decades helped to prop up the Mobutu regime and where the president has spent months recovering from prostate cancer treatment.

Kabila has pledged to take Kinshasa within days with forces he claims are just 65 kilometers (40 miles) from the capital.

South African President

Nelson Mandela, who mediated the unsuccessful peace talks between the two foes on Sunday, insisted Wednesday that Kabila had assured Deputy President Thabo Mbeki that he had called off his advance on the city until the next round of peace talks.

"He told the deputy president that he honors the undertaking that he gave us and that his troops have not advanced at all. ... Nothing has happened to make me believe that that undertaking is now not being honored," Mandela said in Cape Town, South Africa.

But Kabila told Radio France International on Wednesday that "there is no cease-fire, so I don't see why we should mark time. The troops have to advance. Taking Kinshasa is a matter of course.

Mobutu has made no statements since his face-to-face meeting with Kabila on Sunday on a South African ship off the Congolese coast.

The 90-minute meeting underscored the intransigence of both men. Kabila, who showed up a day late, repeated his demand that Mobutu resign. Mobutu demanded an immediate cease-fire from Kabila, and insisted he would surrender power only to an elected authority.

### Services in Bangladesh back to normal

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh (AP) - Railroad, bus and taxi services returned to normal Wednesday after a daylong disruption in the southern port city of Chittagong during an oppositionsponsored strike.

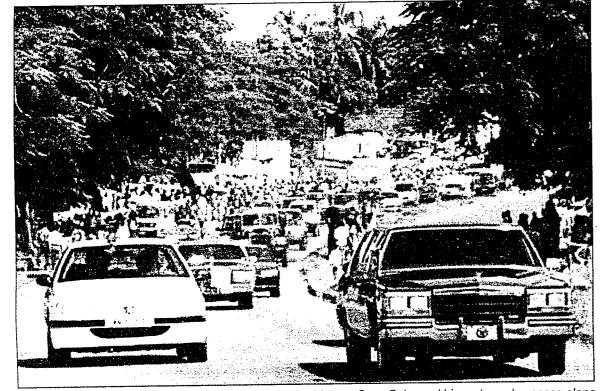
At least 10 people were injured in clashes between rival political groups during Tuesday's strike called by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party of former prime minister, Khaleda Zia.

Opposition activists, trying to enforce the strike, attacked three trains, injuring an engine driver, police said. Most businesses were closed and few people attended government offices and banks.

Mrs. Zia accuses Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party of organizing attacks against opposition activists and her government of being pro-India, a sensitive issue in the tiny nation flanked on three sides by India.

A recent water sharing agreement signed between the two nations does not guarantee enough water for dry areas of Bangladesh during the summer, opposition leaders say.





A limousine beleived to be carrying Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko and his motorcade passes along the main highway toward the Kinshasa airport Wednesday. President Mobutu left for Gabon to meet with West African Heads of State as Laurent Kabila's rebels close in on the capital city. AP



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## Kabila pushes toward capital

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) - A rebel push toward the capital of Zaire has raised doubts about the promised return of President Mobutu Sese Seko from talks with fellow Central African leaders in the neighboring country of Gabon. Gabon's president, Omar Bongo, gave Mobutu a red-carpet welcome when the ailing 66-year-old Zairian ruler flew in Wednesday for the two-day meeting in Libreville, then drove him off in a burgundy Rolls-Royce.

They met for two hours with Presidents Pascal Lissouba of the Congo, Idris Deby of Chad and Felix Papasse of the Central African Republic, calling afterwards for adherence to the terms for peace talks that began last weekend.

"Both parties of the conflict must meet again within 10 days to find a political and negotiated resolution to the Zairian crisis," saida statement read to reporters by Bongo's spokesman, Vincent Mayoungou.

Mobutu did not appear for a photo opportunity with other leaders, and Bongo said the Zairian was too ill to attend. Mobutu has been under treatment for prostate cancer.

The leaders were to meet again on Thursday, after the arrival of the president of Equatorial Guinea, Obiang Ngema.

While Mobutu's government says the trip was planned long ago and was not prompted by rebel leader Laurent Kabila's latest military threat, the timing of Mobutu's departure has raised questions of whether he planned to return - or even would be able to.

His arrival in Gabon followed the failure of a Kabila-Mobutu summit on Sunday to reach a peaceful end to their seven-month war and Kabila's vow to capture Kinshasa within days.

"There is no cease-fire, so I don't see why we should mark time," he told Radio France Internationale. "The troops have to advance. Taking Kinshasa is a matter of course."

The rebels now say they're fighting for control of Kenge, a city on the highway 190 kilometers (115 miles) east of the capital. The claim was backed up by Western military officials and diplomats and at least one aid agency.

The rebels, who have pressed thousands of kilometers (miles) through Zairian jungle, claimed Rwandan and Angolan mercenaries were aiding Mobutu's forces in fighting near Kenge.

church officials in Kenge reported 300 deaths - including 100 civilians - and were appealing for medical supplies to treat the wounded.

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## Lebanon Christians await Pope

By SAM F. GHATTAS BKIRKI, Lebanon (AP) - Pope John Paul II's first visit to this Arab country Saturday comes as Christians here - once the ruling majority - fret over their declining numbers and influence.

The estimated 1.4 million Christians, most of them Catholic, now find themselves a minority whose influence has waned as that of Muslims has grown since the end of the sectarian 1975-90 civil Sarkis Naoum, a columnist for the independent daily newspaper An-Nahar, estimates Christians now make up no more than 40 percent of Lebanon's 3.2 million residents. "I am not very optimistic," he



A Lebanese vendor offers T-shirt with Pope John Paul II's picture on it on a street in the Christian port city of Jounieh north of Beirut, as Lebanon prepares to welcome the Pope's first-ever visit on May 10-11. AP



said, adding that the postwar political system needs more guarantees of a continued role for Christians.

Christian leaders - as well as Muslims - are careful to stress that the pope should show solidarity with all of the country, a mosaic of 18 religious sects sharing many of the same problems.

"This visit will be an encouragement for all the Lebanese to have confidence in themselves and in their country," said Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir of the Maronite Catholic Church.

The patriarch has emerged as something of an opposition leader facing the Syrian-backed government of Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The Syrian forces in Lebanon are to be a focus of the pontiff's two-day trip. He is to announce a response to the 1995 Vatican synod of Lebanese Catholics, which called for withdrawal of the Syrians, as well as the Israeli forces that occupy a portion of the south.

But many Muslims, while agreeing that the Israelis should leave, welcome the Syrian army as a force to keep the peace.

Hariri has said the pope's visit will have no effect on the Syrian presence.

He hopes the visit will show off Lebanon's reconstruction and serve as "a sign of blessing for the coexistence" among religious groups after the bitter civil war.

The pope is to spend 32 hours in Lebanon, holding a session with 12,000 youths in the Christian heartland north of Beirut and a mass for 300,000 people in Beirut's devastated downtown.

In its biggest display of force since the civil war, the government is sending 20,000 soldiers and policemen - or about one-quarter of its security forces - into Beirut streets to protect the pope. The visit originally had been planned for 1994 but was postponed after a bomb exploded in a church, killing 10 worshipers and injuring 60.



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At Lebanon's independence from France in 1943, Christians were 55 percent of the population and gained control under a formula that gave Christians five seats in Parliament to every four for Muslims.

Since then, Christian emigration - especially after the war - and a high Shiite Muslim birth rate have eroded the majority. Under a new formula, Christians share power 50-50 with Muslims.

Now the Christians fear being swallowed up in the primarily Muslim region.

The country's diverse makeup has made Lebanon distinct among Middle Eastern countries. Lebanon's Muslims comprise Shiites, Sunnis and Druse. The three major Christian groups are Catholics, Eastern Orthodox and Protestants.

Among Catholic sects, the most powerful and influential are the Maronites, who took refuge in Lebanon's isolated mountains when they were considered Christian heretics. They later reconciled with Rome.

Nassib Lahoud, a Maronite lawmaker and former ambassador to Washington, says the only way to guarantee the Christians' survival in Lebanonisthroughdemocraticrights. "Their future is in the emer-

gence of a modern state" based on democratic principles, said Lahoud.

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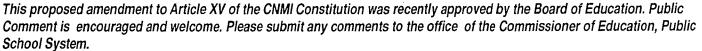
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### **ARTICLE XV: EDUCATION**

THIS AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XV OF THE CNMI CONSTITUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1998

Section 1: Preamble:

Education is the foundation upon which every successful society is built. A well educated population guarantees responsible citizenship, social harmony, and makes possible the economic prosperity of its citizens.

To make certain that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) remains strong and healthy, the education of its people must be properly supported. This requires that a guaranteed and adequate percentage of the general revenues of the CNMI must be set aside on an annual basis for the education of its people.

Section 2: Elementary and Secondary Education.

a) Entitlement to Receive a Public Education. Every person in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has the right to a public elementary and secondary education. The educational system shall recognize the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the indigenous people of the Commonwealth.

b) <u>Governing Board.</u> The board of education shall formulate policy, approve regulations and exercise control over the public school system. The board of education shall be responsible for formulating, approving and implementing both annual and multi-year operational plans and budgets for the public school system. The board shall have the authority to negotiate loan guarantees and issue bonds. The board of education shall have sole autonomy over the governance of the public school system, including but not limited to personnel and fiscal matters. The board of education shall have five members, elected at large on a non-partisan basis as follows: one from the first senatorial district, one from the second senatorial district and three from the third senatorial district of the Commonwealth. Elected members of the board of education shall be determined by drawing lots, with three members serving a term of four years and two members serving a term of two years. The governor shall appoint four non-voting ex-officio members to the board of education: one member shall be a student attending a public school; one member shall be a representative of nonpublic school system. Elected members of the board of education shall serve their terms commencing on the second Monday of January in the year following the regular general election at which they were elected. Elected members of the board of education shall be qualified to vote in the Commonwealth. They shall be at least twenty-five years of age, and a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth and the senatorial district from which they are elected for at least five years preceding the date on which the member takes office.

c) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. Administration of the public elementary and secondary education system (public school system) of the CNMI shall be the responsibility of the commissioner of education appointed by the representative board of education.

d) <u>Funding.</u> The public school system shall be guaranteed annual funding of not less than thirty percent of the general revenues of the CNMI. This annual funding for the public school system shall be allotted and transferred in quarterly cash payments beginning in the first week of each quarter of the fiscal year. The board of education is empowered to allocate these funds and to0 authorize expenditure of such funds. This annual funding may not be reprogrammed for other purposes, and any unencumbered fund balance at the end of the fiscal year shall remain with the public school system for expenditure until fully expended.

e) <u>Annual Plan</u>. The board of education is required to approve and publish an annual plan and budget. The approval of an annual plan for the expenditure of these funds by the board of education and publication of this plan in the local media, shall be considered as the equivalent of legislative appropriation. The absolute legal authority to expend these funds is vested in the board of education by this Constitution.

f.) <u>Budget</u>. The board of education and public school system are exempt from the planning and budgeting act and from legislative appropriation requirements as stipulated in Article II, Section 5 of this Constitution. However, the budget of the public school system as approved by the board of education shall be provided to the legislature and governor.

g.) <u>Accountability</u>. An annual financial audit shall be conducted by an independent auditor regarding all of the financial transactions of the public school system. Copies of this audit shall be provided to the governor and to the legislature.

Section 3: Higher, Continuing and Adult Education.

a) Establishment. An institution of higher, continuing and adult education is established to meet the varied educational, cultural and economic needs of the people of the Commonwealth.

b.) Governing Board. The institution shall have a governing board which shall hold in trust the assets of the institution for the public good, and shall be responsible for the quality and integrity of the institution. The governing board shall be an independent, policy-making body. It shall be representative of the public interest, and shall have sole autonomy over the governance of the institution, including but not limited to personnel and fiscal matters. The governing board shall have the authority to negotiate loan guarantees and to issue bonds. The governing board shall serve as the state board of higher education and shall have the power to license, limit and otherwise regulate higher, continuing and adult education services offered within the Commonwealth. The governing board shall be appointed to staggered terms of four years by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall serve their complete terms without regard to political changes. The size and composition of the governing board, and other matters pertaining to its specific duties and operations, shall be provided by law.

c.) Chief Executive Officer. This institution shall be headed by a president who shall be appointed by the governing board. The governing board shall set the qualifications, salary and benefits of the president.

d.) Funding. This institution shall receive annual funding of not less than five percent of the general revenues of the Commonwealth which shall be allotted and transferred in quarterly cash payments beginning in the first week of each quarter of the fiscal year. The governing board is empowered to allocate these funds and to authorize expenditure of such funds. This annual funding may not be reprogrammed for other purposes, and any unencumbered fund balance at the end of the fiscal year shall remain with the institution for expenditure until fully expended.

e) <u>Annual Plan</u>. The governing board is required to approve and publish an annual plan and budget. The approval of an annual plan for the expenditure of these funds by the governing board and publication of this plan, shall be considered as the equivalent of legislative appropriation. The absolute legal authority to expend these funds is vested in the governing board by this Constitution.

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### **ATTIKULU XV: EDUKASION**



ESTE NA AMENDASION GI ATTIKULU XV GI KONSTETUSION CNMI PARA U EFEKTIBU GI OKTUBRE 1, 1998.

Seksiona 1: Introdusion

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l edukasion guiya i fondasion ni ma hatsa kada sanu na komunida. I ma edukan- maolek na populasion ha garentitia responsapble na siudadanu, inafa'moalek , yan ha na'pusisipble i fottunan i ekonumian siudadanu-ña siha.

Yanggen para u ma asigura na u konitnua i Commonwealth i Sangkattan siha na Islas Mariana (CNMI) mumetgot yan sumalutao, debi di u ma supotta gi propiu na manera i edukasion i taotao-ña siha. Ha nisisita este na ma garentia yan sufisiente na put sienton i hinerat na retidon i CNMI u ma na'sahnge kada sakkan para i edukasion i taotao-ña siha.

Seksiona 2: Edukasion Elimentariu yan Sigondariu.

a) <u>Ma Na'i Direchu para u Risibi Edukasion Pupbliku.</u> Todu petsona gi halom i Commonwealth i Sangkattan siha na Islas Mariana guaha direcho-ña para i elimentariu yan sigondariu na edukasion pupbliku. I Sisteman Edukasion debi di u rekoknisa i distenggidu yan uniku na hirensian kutturan i manatibu na taotao Commonwealth.

b) <u>I Manggubebetna na Kuetpo</u>. Debi i kuetpon edukasion di u fama'tinas areklamento, apreba todu regualsion siha yan etsisia i minanehan i sisteman eskuelan pupbliku. Debi i kuetpon edukasion di u responsapble para u fatitinas, aprepreba yan implemementa i ambos kada sakkan yan mas ki un añu na planon operasion yan fainasiat siha para i sisteman eskuelan pupbliku. Debi i gai aturidat munigosiu i kuetpo para garentian ayao salappe' yan manlaknos settefikasion siguridat siha.. Debi i kuetpon edukasion debi di u gai independiente solamente gi hilo' i ma gubetnan i sisteman eskuelan pupbliku, engklusu lao ti minidi ni emplehao yan fiskat siha na asunto. I kuetpon edukasion debi di u guaha singku na membro, ni manma elihi gi non-partisan basis komu gi sigiente: unu ginen i primet na distritun senadot, uno ginen i segundo na distritun senadot yan tres ginen i mina' tres na distritun senadot i Commonwealth. I membron kuetpon edukasion ni manma elihi u fanmañetbe kuatro sakkan, solu yanggen ayu na tetmion i primet siha na membro u ma ditemina ginen ma rifa, ya tres na membru fanmañetbe kuattro años na teminu yan dos u fanmañetbe dos años na teminu. I Gubetnu u tancho' kuattro na non-voting ex-offici members para kuetpon edukasion: un membro u representa i parent teacher association; un membro u estudiante ginen i eskuelan pupbliku; un membro u represent i eskuelan pupbliku. I membro siha ni manaelihi u matutuhon mañetbe gi teminun-anai manma elihi. I manmaelihi na membro para kuetpon edukasion debi di u kalufikao para u fan bota gi halom Commonwealth. Debi di u benti singku años idat-ña, residentí pat sumasaga gi halom Commonwealth yan i distrtun i senadot anai ma elihi singku años antes di i fecha anai ma elihi yan humalom mumebro.

c) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. I Administrasion i edukasion elementariu yan secondary gi sisteman eskuelan pupbliku (public school system) gi halom i CNMI u reposabilidat i Kumisinan Edukasion i inayek kuetpon eduka elementariu yan sencondary gi sisteman eskuelan pupbliku (public school system) gi halom i CNMI u reposabilidat. i Kumisinan Edukasion i inayek kuetpon edukasion.

d) <u>Fundo.</u> I sisteman eskuelan pupbliko u ma garantia fundon kada sakkan ya ti u menos di trenta put siento gi halom kontribusion henerat para CNMI. Este na fundon kada sakkan para i siteman eskuelan pupbliku u mana'e yan transferi kada kuattet gi apas kas tutuhon gi primet simana kada kattet gi añun fiskat. I kutepon edukasion gai fuetsa para u fanna'e ni este siha na fundo yan aturisa taimanu ma gasta este siha na fundo. I fundon kada sakkan ti siña ma agom programa para otro propositu, ya hafa balansia ginen este na fundo gi uttimun i añun fiskat u mapo'lo ha gi sisteman eskuelan pupbliku para gaston-ña asta ki hocog.

e) <u>Planon Kada Sakkan</u> I kuetpon edukasion nisisariu para u apreba yan pupblika planon fainasiat kada sakkan. Ma aprebana planon i sakkan ya gaston este siha na fundo ni kuetpon edukasion yan mapupblikan este na plano gi halom i gasetan tano' (local media), u ma konsidera komu parehu yan apropositun lehislatibu. I magahet yan ligat na aturidat para u ma gasta este na fundo manmana'e i kuetpon edukasion sigun i Konstitusion.

f) <u>Fainansiat</u>. I kuetpon edukasion yan i sisteman eskuelan pupbliku ti manafekta ni este i akton manplanean faiansiat yan tinago' lehislatibu put i manisisariu siha na kondesion ni manmasangan sigun i Attikulu Ii, Seksiona 5 gi halom i Konstituasion. Lao, i fainansiat para i sisteman eskuelan pupbliku komu ma areba ni kuetpon edukasion u mana'e guatu i gubetnon yan lehislatura.

g) <u>Eksplikao.</u> U guaha eksaminasion fainasiat kada sakkan ginen independente na aoditot put kinalamten faiansiat gi sisteman eskuelan pupbliku. Kopian este na eksaminasion debi di u mana'e i gubetnon yan i lehislatura.

Seksiona 3: Higher, Continuing yan Adult Edication.

a) <u>Ma establesi.</u> Guaha esta institusion ma establesi para higher, continuing yan adult education para u afacha' yan i diferensaio siha na klasen edukasion, kuttura yan ekonomia komu nisisidat i taotao Commonwealth.

b) I Manggugubetna Na Kuetpo. Gi institusion debi di u guaha kuetpo para u gubetna i guinahan institusion para minaolek pupbliku, yan responsapble para kualidat yan etmas maolek na imstitusion. I kuetpon man gubetna u independenti, yan u famatinas areklamento. U ma representa minalago' i pupbliku yan sahnge ha' gi minanehan i institusion, engklusu lao ti este ha' i petsonat yan fiskat na manera siha. I kuetpo gai aturidat para u negosiu ma garantian man ayao salappe' yan mana'en salappe'. I kuetpon man gubetna u fañetbe komu state board gi higher education yan gai fuetsa manlisensia, na gai chi' yan dirihi setbisiun i higher. continuing yan adult education gi halom Commonwealth. I kuetpo u fanma ayek para i ti pumarehu na kuattro años ni gubetno ginen i akonsehon yan akonfotman i senadot siha, yan fannetbe para u ma kumple i tetminun-niha maseha guaha tinulaika gi maneran pulitika. I mineddong yan kuanto para u fan membro para i kuetpo, yan otro siha na manera gi che'cho'-niha yan operasion u ginen i lai siha.

c) <u>Chief Executive Officer.</u> Gi institusion u minaneha ni presidenti ni inayek i kuetpo. I kuetpo siha u managuaha kondision gi kualifikasion, apas, yan benefisiu para i presidenti.

d) <u>Fundo.</u> I institusion u fan risibi fundon kada sakkan ni ti u menos ki singku put siento gi halom i kontribusion ni humahalom para Commonwealth ni siña mana'e yan transferi gi kada kuattet gi apas kas tutuhon gi priemt simana ayu na kuattet gi añon fiskat. I kuetpon mangubetna gai fuetsa para u fanna'e este siha na fundo yan aturisa taimanu para gaston-ña. Este na fundon kada sakkan ti siña ma agon muprograma para otro na klasen propositu, yan maseha hafa ti ma gasta u mapo'lo' ha' para fundon i institusion yan gaston-nna asta ki hocog todu.

e) <u>Planon Kada Sakkan</u>. I kuetpon man gubetna nisisariu para u apreba yan pupblika huyong planon kada sakkan yan fainasiat. I ma apreban i planon ma gastan este siha na fundo ni kuetpon man gubetna yan i ma pupblikan este na plano u ma konsidera komu parehu yan i apropositun i lehislatibu. I magahet yan ligat na aturidat para ma gasta este siha na fundo manmana'e guatu i kuetpo sigun gi Konstitusion.

f) <u>Fainansiat</u>. Este na institusion ti inafekta ni akton plano yan fainasiat yan apropositu ginen i lehislatura komu nisisariu siguni gi sinangan Attikulu II. Seksiona 5 gi Konstitusion. Lao, i fainasiat institusion komu inapreba ni kuetpon man gubetna u mana'e guatu i lehislatura yan gubetno.

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g) <u>Eksplikao.</u> U guaha eksaminasion fainasiat ginen independente na aoditot kada sakkan put kinalamten fainasiat guine na institusion. Kopian este na eksaminasion u mana'e guatu lokkue' i gubetno yan i lehislatura.

### **AUTOL XV: ABWUNGUBWUNG**

Ssiiwel Ilól Autol XV mellól Alléghul CNMI nge ebwe llúghééy ló wóól Sarobwél(Octuber) 1, 1998.

#### Tálil 1: Bwélétáál:

Mille abwúngúbwúng nge iyeel bwélétáál mwiischil aramas bwe rebwe ayúúwtá. Toulapeer aramas kka reghi ghatch yaar meleitey nge eghi garantiyááli bwe ebwe yoor tipiyeew, me ebwe ghatch yaar lollo aramasal igha ressóbw weirás.

lgha sibwe alúghúlúghúúw me Falúw kka Téél <u>Commonwealth</u> Matawal Wóól Falúwal <u>Marianas</u> ebwe kke maamaaw schagh me welebwó, nge abwúngúbwúng ngáliir aramasal nge rebwe ghi abwura. Milleel nge eghi garantiyááli bwe bwe ebwe ghatch iletil reel mwóghutughutul <u>salaapi</u> (revenues) mellól <u>CNMI</u> rebwe isáliiló ghal ráágh me ráágh bwe rebwe yáali ngáli abwungubwungúúr aramasal.

#### Tálil 2: Abwungubwungul Elementary me Secondary,

a) Eyoor yaar wel bwe rebwe ghukkule (Entitle to recieve Public Education) Alongeer aramasal Commonwealth Matawal Wóól Falúwal Marianas nge eyoor yaar wel bwe rebwe akkabwung llól elementary me secondary. Sistemaal abwungubwung nge ebwe ghuleey bwe ese weewe fengal masamaseer me kkoor aramasal Commonwealth.

b) <u>Mwiischil Lemelem</u>. Mwiischil Lemelem reel abwúngúbwúng nge rebwe fféér allégh, angúngúúw ngáre eghatch allégh me lemeli mwóghútúghútúl <u>sistemaal public schools</u>. Elo ngáliir mwiisch yeel bwe rebwe ayoora, angúúngú me bwúlúúw mwóghút ye ráágh me ráágh nge ebwe yoor <u>salaapiil</u> ammwóghútúl <u>gakkool</u> toulap. Ebwe yoor bwángiir mwiisch yeel bwe rebwe tingór <u>salaapi</u> me ailet ló. Mwiisch yeel nge rebwe úumwélló schagh sángi lemelemil ammwóghútúl <u>gakkool</u> toulap, ebwe toolong nge saabw milikka schagh e ghil ngáli lemelemil aramasa me <u>salaapi</u>. Mwiisch yeel nge ebwe yoor limmal aramasal (<u>membro</u>) iye filiyeer toulap iye sibwe ira bwe: eschay sángi mesammwal <u>senatorial district</u>, eschay sángi aruwoowal <u>senatorial district</u> me leschay sángi alluwal <u>senatorial district mellól Commonwealth</u>. Aramas kka re filiir nge rebwe angaang ruwoow ráágh. Sów Lem nge ii ebwe tilif faamal aramas kka <u>ex-officio</u> bwe rebwe fiti mwiisch yeel; eschay ebwe tooto sángi <u>nonpublic schools</u>; eschay sów afal nge ekke angaang iló <u>public school system</u>. Aramas kka re filiir nge ebwe bwélétá yaar angaang aruwoowal Luunis ilól maram ye Schoow (January) mwiril faghil fil la re filiir mellól limoow ráágh mmwal igha ebwe bwél yaal angaang.

c) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. Lemelemil abwúngúbwúng mellól <u>public elementary</u> me <u>secondary education</u> (public school system) mellól <u>CNMI</u> nge elo ngáli <u>Commissioner of</u> <u>Education</u> iye filiyeer mwilschil <u>board of education</u>.

d) <u>Salaapi (Fundo). Public School System</u> nge rebwe garantiyááli bwe rebwe ayoora salaapiyal alongal ráágh iye essóbw ghitighiit sángi eliigh ilet mellól ebwúghúw sángi selaapi ye e toolon<u>g CNMI</u>. Salaapiyal ghal ráágh kka ammwelel <u>public school system</u> nge rebwe aileteló ngáre akkaté ghal faal faawu llól eew ráágh (<u>quarterly</u>) reel schéschéel salaapi bwélétáál mesammwal sumwóóla reel <u>quarter</u> laal me rágh laal. Mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng nge eyoor bwángiir bwe rebwe aileteló salaapi kkaal me eyoor bwángiir bwe rebwe yááli salaapi kkaal reel meeta kka e fil. Salaapi kkaal nge ese mmwel bwe rebwe <u>reprogram</u>-li sefaliiy ngáli eew, nge ngáre eyoor lussul nge ebwe isiisilo schagh bwe ammwelel <u>public school system</u> mille yaal rosoló.

e) <u>Plónool Eew Ráágh.</u> Mwiischi Abwúngúbwúng nge e fil bwe rebwe angúngúúw me féérú <u>plóónool</u> llól eew ráágh me <u>salaapiyal</u>. Angúúngú reel fféérúl <u>plóóno</u> me yááyáál sánglir mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng fengál me toowowul fféérúl <u>plóóno</u> yeel mellól <u>sibwung</u> ngáre <u>reediyu</u> me <u>television</u> nge ebwe weewe fengál me ngáre sów allégh (<u>legislature</u>) re ailetiiwow. Schééschéel bwángiir Mwischil Abwungubwung reel lemelemil <u>salaapi</u> kkaal nge e mwet sángi Alléghúl <u>CNMI (Constitution.)</u>

f) <u>Salaapi (Budget).</u> Mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng fengál me <u>public school system</u> nge rese toolong Ilól fféérúl me <u>plóónool budgeting act</u> me ailet ye e mwet sángiir sów allégh iye mwet sángi Autol II, Tálil ye 5 mellól <u>Constitution</u>. Nge, <u>budget-dil public school system</u> igha Mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng re angúngúúw nge ebwe mwet ngáliir Sów Allégh me Sów Lem.

g) Angaang. Ebwe yoor mille rebwe amwuri fischiiy mwóghútúghútúl salaapi (audit) nge independent auditor mille ebwe féérú, meeta kka re yááli ngáli salaapiyal public school system. Kopiyaal fféér kkaal nge ebwe mwet ngáli Sów Lem me Sów Allégh.

Tálil 3: Higher, Continuing me Adult Education.

a) <u>Fféréétáál.</u> Ebwe yoor institution reel abwúngúbwúngúl llangeló, sóbwosóbw me abwúngúbwúngúúr tuufey bwe bwáriiló me ghol ngáli tappal abwúngúbwúng kka eyoor me, kko me economic needs reel aramasal Commonwealth.

b) <u>Mwiischil Lemelem. Institution</u> yeel nge ebwe yoor mwiisch ye ebwe lemeli mwóghútúghútúl <u>salapiyaal</u> me meeta kka e fil bwe ghatchúúr toulap, nge ebwe lo ngáliir rebwe aghatchú me fféérú fischil <u>institution</u> yeel. Mwiischil Lemelem yeel nge ebwe úúmwéiló schagh, me fféér allégh. Aramasal nge ebwe filiyeer toulap nge rebwe úúmwéiló schagh reel lemelemil <u>institution</u> yeel, iye ebwe toolong nge saabw ikkaal schagh ikka lemelemil aramas me <u>salaapi</u>. Mwiisch yeel nge ebwe yoor bwángiir bwe rebwe kkapasáágháli tingórol <u>salaapi</u> me alletelóol (<u>bonds</u>). Mwiisch yeel nge repwal lo bwe ir <u>state board-il higher education</u> me me yoor bwángiir bwe rebwe ayoora <u>lisensiya</u>, ayoora aighúughúl me lemeli <u>higher, continuing</u> me <u>adult education</u> reel alillis kka e toowow mellól igha elo <u>Commonwealth</u>. Mwiisch yeel nge rebwe filijier nge essówb weewe fengál yaar angaang llól faawu ráágh sángi aitiiyal Sów Lem sángi arepiyeer Sów Allégh me nge rebwe atakka ló faawu ráágh inaamwo igha e ssiiwel lemelem reel pulitika. Llapeer reel fitimal aramas llól mwiisch yeel nge ebwe téé sángi allégh.

c) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. Mellól Mwiisch yel nge ebwe yoor <u>president</u> iye filiyeer mwiisch yeel. Mwiisch yeel nge ebwe ayoora ifa tool llapal ghuleeyal, abwóssul me meeta kka e fisch bwe president ebwe lo llól.

d) <u>Selaapi (Fundo)</u>. Public School System nge rebwe garantiiyaááli bwe rebwe ayoora salaapiyal alongal ráágh iye essóbw ghitighiit sángi eliigh ilet mellól ebwughúw sángi salaapi ye e toolong <u>CNMI</u>. <u>Salaapiyal</u> ghal ráágh ikka ammwelil <u>public school system</u> nge rebwe aileteló ngare akkaté ghal fáál faawu llól eew ráágh (<u>quarterly</u>) reel schééschéél <u>salaapi</u> bweletáál mesammwal sumwóóla reel <u>quarter</u> laal me ráágh laal. Mwiischil abwúngúbwúngúl nge eyoor bwángiir bwe rebwe yááli <u>salaapi</u> kkaal reel meeta kka e fil. <u>Salaapi</u> kkaal nge ese mmwel bwe rebwe rebwe <u>reprogram</u>-li sefááliiy ngali eew, nge ngare eyoor lussul nge ebwe isiisiló schagh bwe ammwelil <u>public school system</u> mille yaal rosoló.

e) <u>Plóónool Eew Ráágh.</u> Mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng nge e fil bwe rebwe angúúngúw me féérú <u>plóónool</u> llól eew ráágh me <u>salaapiyal</u>. Angúúngú reel fféérúl <u>plóóno</u> me yááyáal sángiir Mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng fengal me toowowul fféérúl <u>plóóno</u> yeel mellól <u>simmbwung</u> ngare <u>réediyo</u> me television nge ebwe weewe fengal me ngare sów allégh(<u>Legislature</u>) re ailetiiwow. Schééschéél bwángiir Mwiischil Abwúngúbwúng reel lemelemil <u>salaapi</u> kkaal nge e mwet sángi Alléghúl <u>CNMI(Constitution)</u>.

f) Salaapi(<u>Budget</u>). Mwiischil Abwungubwung fengal me <u>public school system</u> nge rese toolong IIól fféérúl me <u>plóónool budgeting act</u> me ailet ye e mwet sángiir sów allégh iye e mwet mereel Autol II, tálil ye 5 mellól <u>Constitution</u> nge, <u>budget-dil public school system</u> igha Mwiischil Abwungubwung re anguunguuw nge ebwe mwet ngaliir Sów Allégh me Sów Lem.

g) <u>Alúghúlúgh</u>. Ebwe yoor mille rebwe amwuri fischily mwóghútúghútúl <u>salaapi(audit</u>) nge independent auditor mille ebwe féérú meeta kka re yááli ngali <u>salaapiyal public scholl</u> system. Kopiyaal fléér kkaal nge ebwe mwet ngaliir Sów Lem me Sów Allégh.

Tálil 3: Continuing me Adult Eduction.

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a) <u>Eféréétáál</u>. Ebwe yoor institution reel abwúngúbwúngúl llangeló, sóbwosóbw me abwúngúbwúngúúr tuufey ebwe bwááriiló me ghol ngali tappal abwúngúbwúng kka eyoor me, kko me economic needs reel aramasal Commonwealth.

b) <u>Mwiischil Lemelem</u>. Institution yeel nge ebwe yoor mwiisch ye ebwe lemeli mwóghútúghútúl <u>salaapiyaal</u> me meeta kka e fil bwe ghatchúúr towlap, nge ebwe lo ngaliir rebwe aghatchú me fiéér fischil <u>institution</u> yeel. Mwiischil lemelem yeel nge ebwe úúmwelló schagh reel lemelemil <u>institution</u> yeel, iye ebwe toolong nge saabw ikkaal schagh ikka lemelemil aramas me salaapi. Mwiisch yeel nge ebwe yoor bwángiir rebwe kkapasáágheli tingórol salaapi me ailetelóol <u>(bonds)</u>. Mwiisch yeel nge reppwal lo bwe iir <u>board-</u> dil <u>higher education</u> me yoor bwángiir bwe rebwe ayoora lisensiya, ayoora aighúúghúl me lemeli <u>higher, continuing</u> me <u>adult education</u> reel alillis kka etoowow mellól <u>Commonwealth.</u> Mwiisch yeel nge rebwe filiir nge essóbw weewe fengal yaar angaang llól faawu atakkaló faawu ráágh inaamwo igha e ssiiwel lemelem reel politika. Llapeer fitimal aramas llól mwiisch yeel nge ebwe tée sángi allégh.

c). Chief Executive Officer. Mellol mwiisch yeel nge ebwe yoor president iye fileer mellol schagh mwiisch yeel. Mwiisch yeel nge ebwe ayoora ifa tool llapal ghuleeyal, abwossul me meeta kka efisch president ebwe lo llol.

d). <u>Selaapi (fundo)</u>. <u>Institution yeel nge rebwe ayoora ngali salaapiyal ghal llól ráágh nge essóbw ghitighiit sángi limwoow ilet mellól abwughúw sángi salaapi kka ekke toolong <u>Commonwealth</u> nge emmwel schagh ebwe ailetewow me akkaté ghal <u>quarterly</u> reel schééschéél salaapi mesammwal sumwóóla llól <u>quarter</u> laal llól ráágh laal. Mwiisch yeel nge eyoor bwángiir rebwe ailetiiló me ebwe faisil yááyáál. Salaapi kkaal nge esemmwel rebwe <u>reprogram</u>-li akkááw mwóghútúghút, nge mille lussul nge ebwe lootiw schagh llól <u>institution</u> yeel mille yaal rosolól.</u>

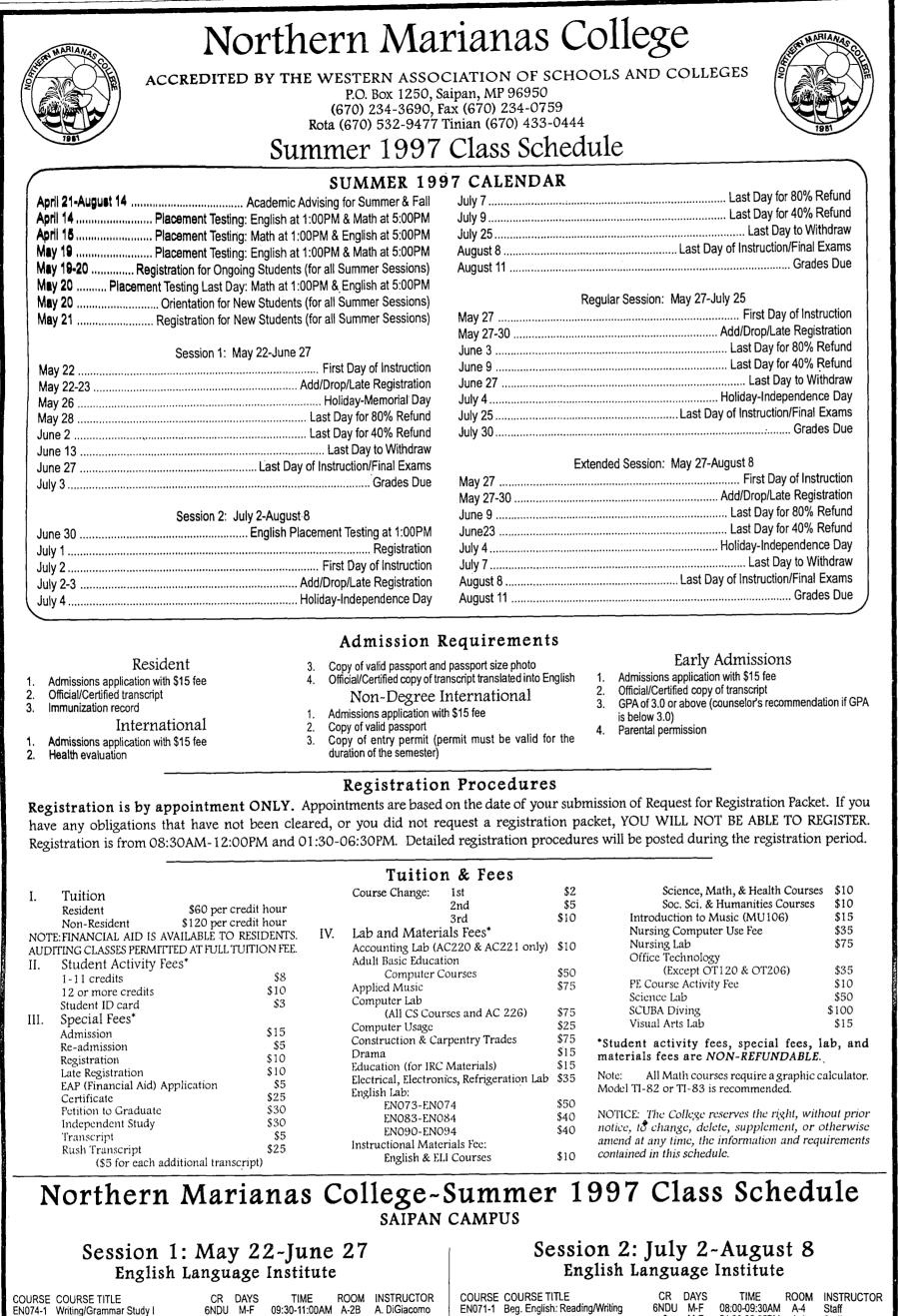
e). <u>Plóónool Ráágh</u>. Mwiischil lemelem yeel nge e fil bwe rebwe angúngúúw fléér me arongaawow yaar <u>plóóno</u> yeel, yááyáál <u>salaapiyal</u> me arongorongol nge ebwe weewe fengal schagh meigha isálliyerewow Sów Allégh. Schééschéél bwáng reel yááyáál salaapi kkaal nge ebwe mwet sángi Alléghúl Falúw <u>(Constitution)</u>.

f). Salaapi (Budget). Institution yeel nge ese toolong llól planning me budgeting act, me legislative appropriation requirements igha emwet sángi Autol II, Tálil ye 5 mellól Constitution, nge budget-dil institution yeel igha e angúúngú sángi mwiischil nge rebwé ayoora ngaliir Sów Allégh me Sów Lem.

g). <u>Alúghúlúgh</u>. Rebwe amweri fischiiy mwóghútúghútúl <u>salaapi(audit</u>) iye indepedent auditor mille ebwe féérú reel alongal mwóghútúghútúl. Kopiyaal audit yeel nge rebwe ayoora ngaliír Sów Allégh me Sów Lem.

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COURSE COURSE IIILE	CR	DATS	LIWE	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
EN074-1 Writing/Grammar Study I	6NDU	M-F	09:30-11:00AM	A-2B	A. DiGiacomo
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EN074-1L Lab		TBA	TBA	A-1	
EN083-1 Reading/Vocab. Dev. II	4NDU	M-F	03:00-04:55PM	A-4	F. DiGiacomo
EN083-1L Lab		TBA	TBA	A-1	
EN084-1 Writing/Grammar Study II	4NDU	M-F	10:00-11:55AM	A-4	B. Johnson
EN084-1L Lab		TBA	TBA	A-1	
EN093-1 Reading/Vocab. Dev. III	4NDU	M-F	04:00-05:55PM	A-2B	B. Johnson
EN093-1L Lab		TBA	TBA	A-1	
EN094-1 Writing/Grammar Study III	4NDU	M-F	06:00-07:55PM	A-4	F. DiGiacomo
EN094-1L Lab		TBA	TBA	A-1	

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EN071-1L Lab	& M-1 TB		A-4 A-1	Staff
EN073-1 Reading/Vocab. Dev. I	6NDU M- & M-	F 08:00-09:30AM	A-2B	R. Newport R. Newport
EN073-1L Lab	TB	A TBA		A-1
EN083-2 Reading/Vocab. Dev. II	4NDU M-I	F 06:00-07:55PM	A-4	Staff
EN083-2L Lab	TB	A TBA	A-1	
EN084-2 Writing/Grammar Study II	4NDU M-I	F 04:00-5:55PM	A-4	L. Roach
EN084-2L Lab	TB	A TBA	A-1	
EN093-2 Reading/Vocab. Dev. III	4NDU M-I	F 06:00-07:55PM	A-6	R. Newport
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EN094-2 Writing/Grammar Study III	4NDU M-I	F 02:00-03:55PM	A-4	L. Roach
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HI122-2 HI255-1	Hist. of World Civs. II	093/094 093/094	3		12:30-01:45PM 05:30-08:00PM 05:00-07:30PM	K-2 A-7	J. Smith N. Taisacan E. Camacho	ADULT SCHOOL May 27-July 24
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CS103-4 CS131-1	Intro. to Computers Microsoft Word /Mac Word Perfect/IBM	083/084 083/084	3 3	M-TH M-TH	05:00-06:15PM 09:30-10:45AM 01:00-02:15PM	W-3 W-1	F. Hill B. Sablan B: Sablan	Behavioral & Social Sciences COURSE COURSE TITLE *P.L. CR DAYS TIME ROOM INSTRUCT
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ED195-1	Preparation for CDA	093/094	3	tion M-TH	10:00-11:15AM	A-7	L. Barnes	Education ED201 Human Growth & Dev. 093/094 3 M-TH 06:30-07:45PM B-1 J. Taimana
ED215-1 ED280-1	Human Growth & Dev. Intro. to Excep. Indivs. Intro. to Multicultural Ed.	093/094 093/094	3 3	M-TH M-TH M-TH M-TH	10:30-11:45AM 03:00-04:15PM 01:00-02:15PM 05:00-06:15PM	A-7 A-7	R. Fua Staff L. Barnes R. Fua	ED280 Intro. to Multicultural Ed. 093/094 3 M-TH 05:00-06:15PM B-1 Staff Public Safety Administration
ED324-1	Educational Psychology Integrating Curriculum III Practicum Strategies for Rel. Servs.	202 202 093/094		M-TH M-TH TBA TBA	03:00-06:15PM 03:00-04:15PM TBA TBA	FS-7 TBA CDAC	R. Fua H. Jung N. Flood	CJ101         Intro. to Criminal Justice         093/094         3         M-F         05:00-05:55PM         B-3         F. Mendiola           ES102         First Responder         093/094         3         M-F         06:00-06:55PM         B-3         D. Hocog
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*HE150-1	Personal Health	093/094		tion MWF	& Health 08:00-10:15AM	h A-7	K. Barnes	Business & Hospitality TS101-1 Intro. to Travel & Tourism 083/084 3 M-TH 03:30-04:45PM C Y. Rich
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MA090-2	Intensive Learning Math. Intensive Learning Math. Beginning Algebra	083/Q84 083/084 083/084	4NDU 4NDU 4NDU	M-F M-F M-F	10:00-11:00AM 05:00-06:00PM 08:00-09:00AM	N-5	B. Torres B. Torres F. Hill	Session 1: May 22-June 27
MA091-2	Beginning Algebra Intermediate Algebra	083/084 093/094	4NDU 4	M-F M-F	11:00-12:00PM 01:00-02:00PM	A-11	e. Hill F. Hill	CS103 Intro. to Computers 083/084 3 M-F 06:00-07:30PM A A. Perez
BI101-1L	Principles of Biology Lab	093/094 093/094	4	M-TH F M-TH F	10:00-10:55AM 11:00-01:30PM 09:00-09:55AM 08:00-10:30AM 05:00-05:55PM	B-4 B-4 B-4	R. Masga R. Masga R. Masga R. Masga R. Church	Session 2: July 2-August 8 Business & Hospitality
BI120-1L BI201-1	Natural History of the NMI	093/094 093/094	-	F	05:00-05:55PM 04:30-06:30PM 03:00-03:55PM 02:00-04:30PM	B-2	R. Church R. Church R. Church R. Church	MG231 Intro. to Business 083/084 3 M-F 06:00-07:30PM A A, Perez
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## **Israel backs methods before UN**

#### By DALIA BALIGH

GENEVA (AP) - Israel vigorously defended its interrogation practices before a U.N. human rights committee, arguing that the country's questioning methods had helped prevent about 90 terrorist attacks in the past two years.

Nili Arad, director general of Israel's Ministry of Justice, justified Israel's "exceptional interrogation methods" Wednesday before independent experts of the U.N. Committee Against Torture, who questioned whether such practices amounted to torture.

Israel is one of the countries under periodic review before the panel, which meets twice a year in Geneva to discuss adherence by nations that have signed the Convention against Torture

Members brushed aside results of an Israeli investigation that acquitted of criminal wrongdoing those who questioned 29-year-old Palestinian prisoner Abdel Samad Harizat in 1995. Harizat died in custody.

BentSorensenof Denmark, amember of the committee, said that evidence from the autopsy on Harizat supported the conclusion that he died of violent shaking during investigation by Israeli security officials.

More than 20 Palestinians, most recently Harizat, have died in Israeli prisons since 1987.

In November, Israel's Supreme Ayman Kafishah, arrested by Israeli

Court lifted an injunction against the use of force in the interrogation of Palestinian detainees in certain cases. Since then, critics have accused the Jewish state of approving torture during investigations.

"The state of Israel categorically deplores and prohibits the practice of torture," Arad said, adding that under "extreme and exceptional circumstances," investigators used unpleasant methods "which would be normally regarded as unacceptable."

She said Israel was trying to ensure the safety of its citizens against militant terrorist attacks while maintaining basic principles of justice.

PeterThomasBurns, the U.N. committee member specializing in Israel said Israel seemed to think that standards for treatment of detainees could be modified depending on circumstances, while the standards of the Convention Against Torture were absolute

Burns questioned how Israel did not define as ill-treatment or torture prolonged interrogation, shaking, sleep deprivation and awkward and painful sitting positions.

He also noted that the Convention Against Torture prohibits "exceptional circumstances" as excuses for torture.

Israeli human rights group B'Tselem cited as an example of such torture the case of Palestinian

security forces on April 5 in connection with the bombing of a Tel Aviv cafe in March that killed three Israeli

women. The group said Kafishah had been interrogated for 36 consecutive hours, shaken violently and threatened with the torture of his family. He also was denied the right to see his lawyer for

a full month, the group charged. The United Nations' investigator on Israel, Hannu Halinen of Israel, reported to the U.N. Human Rights Commission earlier this year that serious human rights violations continued in the occupied territories last

The head of Israel's government press office, Moshe Fogel, said then that the report was biased and failed to take into account "the fact that Israel lives in constant and real threat of terrorism."

Fogel said Israel had a responsibility to protect the lives of both Jews and Arabs at the hands of terrorists.

Yosef Lamdan, left, Israeli ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva and Alexis Di Panda Movelle from Cameroon, president of the 18th session of the Committee against Torture listen to the report concerning Israel at Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday. AP

### **Fuel tank drops off air** force jet, kills 6 people

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) -Six people were killed when the auxiliary fuel tank of an air force jet burst fell off, burst into flames and landed on an apartment building in this southern port city on fire.

Another nine people were rushed to Karachi's Abbasi Shaheed Hospital with serious burn injuries, said Dr. Imtiaz Memon.

Several of the injured were in critical condition, said Memon. "We have declared a state of

emergency in the hospital because we do not have facilities to treat so many serious burn victims at once," Memon told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The Pakistan Air Force Mirage jet was on a routine exercise when its two auxiliary fuel tanks dropped off, said an air force Wing Commander Aftab Safdar.

One burning tank landed on the apartment building and one landed in an empty lot next door. It wasn't immediately known

what caused the tanks to drop off the jet.

The jet was returning to the Masroor Air Base outside of Karachi when the accident occurred. It returned safely, said Safdar.

External fuel tanks on a Mirage jet usually carry 1,000 liters each of jet fuel. But the plane had been in the air for an hour and it wasn't known how much fuel was still in the tanks, he said.

"This kind of accident is not unusual among jet planes, but an inquiry has been ordered," said Safdar.

This particular Mirage jet was acquired more than 15 years ago



A body of the victim is carried by relief workers after an auxiliary fuel tank of a Pakistani Air Force jet fell off in flight and burst into flames on an apartment building in Karachi Thursday. Six people were killed in the accident. AP

### Kuwait lawmakers vote to ban concerts, some shows

KUWAIT (AP) - A law banning concerts and some fashion shows on grounds they contradict Islam and Kuwait's conservative traditions has passed its first hurdle in parliament, Al-Siyassahnewspaper reported Wednesday.

Twenty-six of the parliament's 50 legislators voted for the ban at the parliament's weekly meeting on Tuesday, and two against, the paper said. Cabinet ministers abstained.

The vote was sufficient to have the issue brought up again for a second reading next week. If approved again, it is sent forward to Kuwait's ruling emir for signature.

If the emir refuses to sign it, the legislation must pass the parliament with a two-thirds vote to be enacted.

The legislation is sponsored by Muslim fundamentalist lawmakers who are trying to reverse last year's decision by the information minister, Sheik Saud al-Sabah, to lift a decadelong ban on concerts and other public performances.

They had been banned in the mid-

1980s when fundamentalists also were a strong force in the parliament. Scores of Arab singers have per

formed in hotels since the ban was lifted. Sheik Saud has been pushing to make more entertainment available in Kuwaitsothat families feel they can stay home and spend more money in their

own country He also has been pressing for more entertainmentprogramsonstate-runtele-

vision. "Concerts are nothing new in Kuwait," Al-Siyassah quoted Sheik Saud as telling parliament on Tuesday, "Kuwaiti society has known ... singing and art for decades."

He said the government did not need a new law to stop anything that is insulting to religion and tradition.

Sponsors of the legislation argued that concerts encourage young people to adopt "some habits and customs that are foreign to the Muslim Kuwaiti society."

"Morals and values are at stake," fundamentalist legislator Ahmed Bager argued in supporting the legislation.

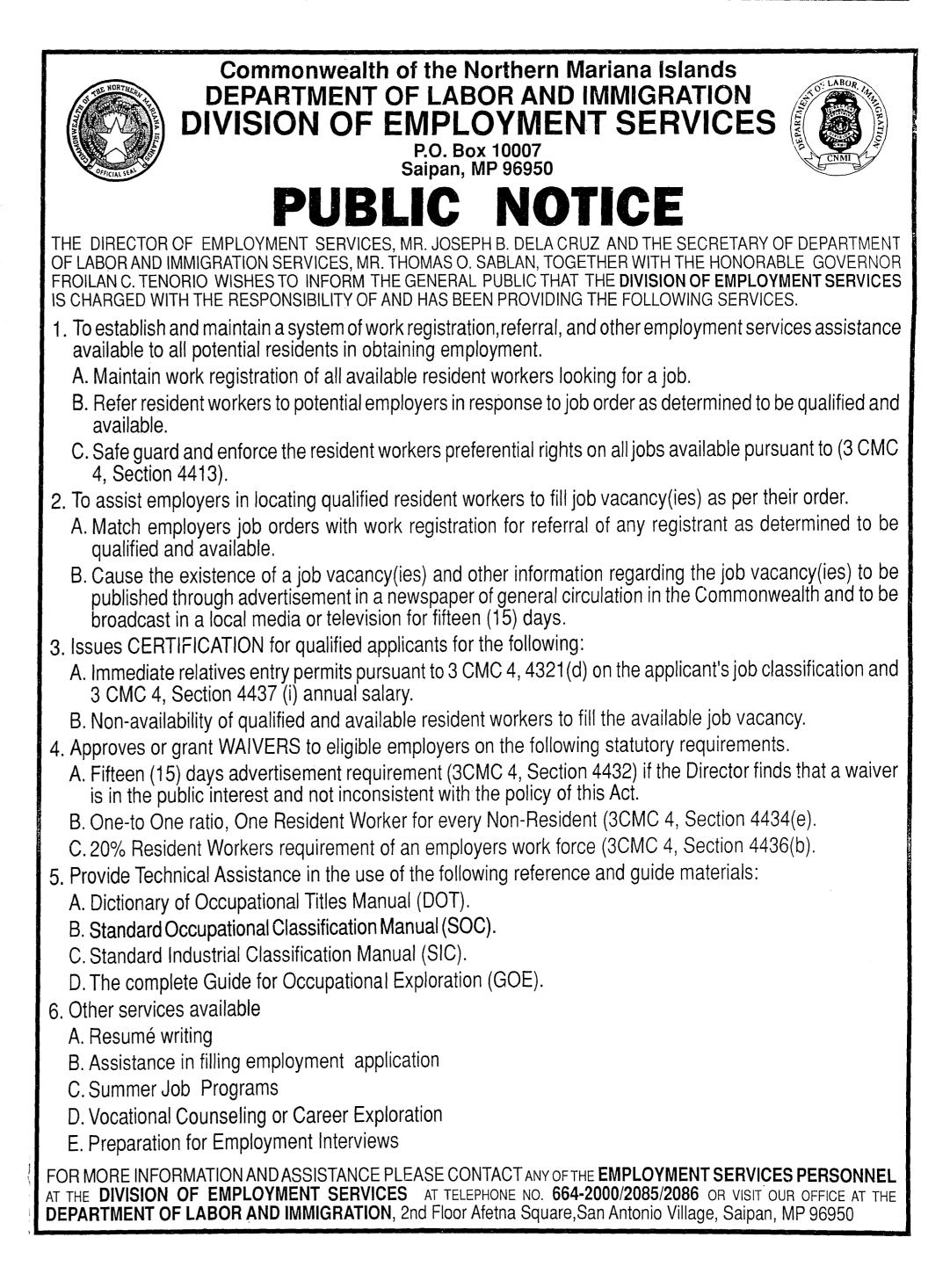
### Police raid heroin factory

**BEIJING** (AP)- Police raided a drug it said. house in Shenzhen that processed heroin for sale in Hong Kong, seized 15 kilograms (33 pounds) of heroin and arrested two people, the Chinese paper Legal Daily reported Thursday.

The two who were arrested arrived in Shenzhen from Hong Kong in October and set up a processing center for Thailand and Laos through southern diluting heroin, the report said. Most of China to Hong Kong. Some of the the heroin was then passed into Hong drugs remain in China, feeding rising Kong, and some was sold in Shenzhen, drug addiction.

Police recently announced they arrested the two, whose names were given only as Chen and Wu, on April 11 as they were getting into a car with a shipment of drugs, the newspaper said.

Traffickers move heroin from the "Golden Triangle" countries of Burma,



## Serb convicted of war crimes

THE HAGUE. Netherlands (AP) -In a landmark verdict, a U.N. court Wednesday convicted aBosnianSerb on the first of 31 charges in the first international war crimes trial since World War II.

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal ruled against Dusan Tadic, charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity for atrocities allegedly committed during Bosnia's war.

The 41-year-old karate expert and former cafe owner - charged with murder and torture in and around three Serb-run camps in northwest Bosnia in 1992-stood impassively as

the first verdict was read. In all, Tadic was found guilty on 11 of 31 counts, including the first charge of crime against humanity.

The three-judge panel's verdict was the first following an interna-

tional trial since military tribunals in Tokyo and Nuremberg sent 17 Axis leaders to the gallows. It came a year to the day after the trial began.

The Hague tribunal has no death

### NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Mr. Juan S. Tenorio, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), announces that NMHC will be conducting a Home Ownership Seminar on Wednesday, May 21, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The purpose of this seminar is to provide information and the practical aspects in obtaining an ideal house. The event marks another step where the government agencies and private sectors working together to share the important functions and responsibilities in dealing with prospective homeowners.

NMHC anticipates to have speakers who will present topics on choosing a house, energy efficiency, fire safety, selection of contractor(s), construction methods, appraisal, shopping for a residential loan, title examination and insurance, project inspections, budget and house maintenance, permits (Building Safety office, Division of Public Lands and Environmental Quality, and Coastal Resources Management Office), etc...

Prospective homeowners who have yet to commence or complete construction of their house are encouraged to participate in this event. Anyone interested in receiving more details concerning the above, is encouraged to contact the NMHC at telephone numbers 234-7689/7690/6866/9447.

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#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW97-RFP-010

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and in conjunction with the Public School System (PSS), are soliciting sealed proposals for the architectural and engineering design of Kagman Elementary School on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work may be picked up on or after Monday, May 5, 1997 at the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan. All concerns shall be referred to Mr. Andrew W. Smith, P.E., Director of Technical Services Division.

Proposals must include the following:

1. Updated Standard Forms 254 and 255;

2. Design Approach and Methodology; and

3. Design Team members/firms

Proposals will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee and a selection will be made based on the following criteria: 1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff (40%);

- 2. Experience of the firm(s) and staff on similar type projects (40%) and;
- 3. Architectural/Engineering Fee (20%)

Proposals must be marked "DPW97-RFP-010". One (1) original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, May 30, 1997.

All responses to this RFP should include any and all taxes that will'be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for the project, including excise taxes.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the government's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO Secretary of Public Works Date: April 29, 1997 penalty, but Tadic faced a maximum life sentence for each of the charges. Judges will schedule a separate hearing to decide his sentence.

Tadic has pleaded innocent to all charges, claiming he was a victim of mistaken identity swept up by authorities frantic to find scapegoats for atrocities in Bosnia.

An acquittal would have raised doubts about the U.N. tribunal's ability to gather ironclad witness testimony on atrocities that happened during the 3 1/2-year Bosnian war, which ended in 1995.

Witness testimony of brutalities at the prison camps, while graphic, often failed to conclusively identify Tadic as the culprit. If judges had found the evidence too weak to convict Tadic, the same might have applied when others among the 74 indicted suspects to go trial. Most of the cases lack physical evidence and similarly rely on witnesses.

"Although this is the first trial conducted by the international tribunal and thus has some historic dimension, the goal of the trial chamber was always first and foremost to provide the accused with the fair trial to which he was entitled," said presiding judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald of the United States. "This, we believe, has been done."

Tadic was accused of 13 murders and numerous incidents of torture, including a now-infamous case in which prosecutors allege he forced one Muslim inmate to bite off another's testicle.

The first charge, a crime against humanity count, alleged that Tadic took part in the systematic persecution of his former Muslim and Croat neighbors in the Prijedor region.

Allegations in the far-reaching count include Tadic's involvement, with Serb forces, in killing and torturing Muslims and Croats in and outside the Omarska, Trnopolje and Keraterm camps, names that have become symbols of Serb brutality during the Bosnian war.

The charge also alleges he was involved in the rebel Serbattack which



captured Tadic's home village of Kozarac - including the killing of an elderly man and woman - and then tortured and killed detainees at the camps.

The charge, which amounts to a summary of some other counts in the indictment, also says he plundered property as Serb forces "ethnically cleansed" the Prijedor region.

The 150 U.N.-blue seats in the court's public gallery were packed with press, public and tribunal employees for Wednesday's verdicts. The spectators were separated from the courtroom by a thick wall of bulletproof glass. Despite its 74 indictments, the tribunal has just eight suspects in custody. Tadic was arrested by German authorities in Munich in September 1994.

Among the indicted suspects still wanted by the tribunal are former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime army chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic. Both have been indicted twice for genocide for their responsibility for atrocities committed by Bosnian Serb forces during the war.

But Serbian authorities refuse to extradite any of their citizens to the U.N. court, which was set up by the Security Council in 1993 and has no police force to go out and arrest suspects. The majority of indicted suspects are Serbs.



The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for an automobile. Specifically, a fourdoor sedan, six cylinder, 24 valve with a horse power of 190 or greater. The vehicle must be air conditioned, with AM/FM radio/cassette, four speed auto/with overdrive transmission, power assisted steering type, with a power front disc, rear drums, electronically fuel injected, with 4 wheel independent suspension. The deadline for submission of bids is May 9, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at which time bids will be opened at the Office of the Executive Director, CPA on the Second Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any and/ or all bids.

<u>/s/ FRANK S. ROSARIO</u> Public Information Officer US: Swiss aided Nazis



Thomas Borer, head of a Swiss task force on Nazi gold, holds a map of Nazi Germany Wednesday to respond to a U.S. report on Switzerland and Nazi gold. The report says Switzerland's "business as usual" attitude in dealing with gold looted by the Nazis supported Germany's capacity to wage war. AP

#### **By LAURA MYERS**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Declaring "neutrality collided with morality," the Clinton administration condemned Switzerland for helping Nazi Germany fuel its reign of terror across Europe with gold plundered from banks and Holocaust victims.

The sweeping report said Wednesday that there was conclusive evidence that Germany stole jewelry, dental fillings and other personal items from Jews, Gypsies and other concentration camp prisoners - dead and alive - and resmelted the booty into gold bars that likely were traded abroad.

But the report found no evidence that neutral countries such as Switzerland knowingly accepted such tainted gold bars.

Stating what Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstatcalled "the unvarnished truth," the report also harshly criticizes U.S. officials for not pressing Switzerland and other neutral nations after the war to return \$ 580 million in looted gold - worth \$ 5.6 billion today. That includes half the \$ 400 million in gold the Germans sent through secretive Swiss banks. Switzerland returned only \$58 million, in 1946.

"Neither the U.S. nor the allies pressed ... hard enough to fulfill their moral obligations to help Holocaust survivors," said Eizenstat, who led the 11-agency study.

Instead, Eizenstat said U.S. leaders were more worried about the coming Cold War with the Soviet Union and about rebuilding war-ravaged West Germany than fighting a diplomatic battle for restitution.

In Bern, Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti said the revelation that gold from Jewish victims was mixed with looted bars was "shocking."

But he said the American study lacked "a measured recognition" of Switzerland's extremely difficult position as a tiny country encircled and threatened by the Nazis and fascists. Switzerland had no choice but to trade with the Axis powers, he said.

"In those dramatic days this neutrality policy meant for Switzerland a tightrope walk between adaptation and resistance," Cotti said.

The report acknowledges that many neutral countries dealt with the Nazis

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Civil Service Commission PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Civil Service Commission hereby gives notice that the Board will meet on Monday, May 12, 1997 and Tuesday, May 13, 1997. The Board will convene at 10:00 a.m. on both days, at the Commission's Office, Capitol Hills, Saipan. Additional information concerning this hearing is available at the Commission's Office, Building No. 1211, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The Commission may also be reached at phone numbers 322-4363 and 322-6954 or fax number 322-3327.

#### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. HEARING ON APPEAL OF ADVERSE ACTION OF DAVID MEYERS
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENT
- V. ADJOURNMENT

/S/EUGENE A. SANTOS

Chairman Civil Service Commission it nonetheless condemns the Swiss and other nonaligned countries for conducting "business as usual' despite "repeated Allied entreaties to end their dealings with Nazi Germany."

"Whatever their motivation, the Argentina, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, fact that they pursued vigorous trade Switzerland, Turkey and other neu-

with the Third Reich had the clear effect of supporting and prolonging Nazi Germany's capacity to wage war," Eizenstat said of Switzerland.

"In the unique circumstances of World War II, neutrality collided with morality. It is painfully clear that Argentina, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and other neutral countries were slow to recognize and acknowledge that it was not just another war. Most never did," the report said.

The 211-page report, with a 277page index, examined 15 million pages of documents, including up to 1 million that had been declassified.

### NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Juan s. Tenorio, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), announces that NMHC will be hosting the second annual CNMI Housing Expo on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 20th, 21st and 22nd. The event will bring together government agencies, architects, contractors, developers, engineers, insurance companies, lenders, suppliers, etc. to provide information to prospective and present homeowners who are interested in obtaining informationabout current housing matters such as financing, house designs, inspection services, materials, property insurance coverage, cooling systems, energy efficiency, permits for residential construction and waste disposal systems, etc. The venue for the event will be the Saipan Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. This is an opportunity for everyone who would like to gather relevant information regarding home ownership, including systems and methods available today.

Prospective homeowners who have yet to commence or complete construction of their houses are encouraged to participate, to get first-hand data from the very people involved from the beginning to completion of a residential project. Service providers and vendors will also have the opportunity during the event to disseminate pertinent information regarding services and/or products they provide, which will ultimately increas their business activities. Anyone interested in receiving more details about the event, is encouraged the contact the NMHC at 234-7689/7670/6866/9447.

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### THE COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS "RFP-97-03"

The Honorable Marty W.K. Taylor, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the CNMI Department of Public Works, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Design and Construction of the Family Court Building to be constructed in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands requires the construction of a pre-fabricated building to accomodate the staff of the newly established Family Court. The site of this building is adjacent to the Probation Office and behind the CNMI Multipurpose Center. A Scope of Work and floor plan of this facility is available at the Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW) located at Lower Base, Saipan.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Time frame for design and construction (30%);
- Experience on similar projects (20%);
- Warranty of products supplied (20%); and
- Warranty of p
   Price (30%).
- Sealed proposals must be marked "RFP 97-03". One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be sumitted to the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth Judiciary, with attention to the Director of Courts, at the second floor of the Nauru Building in Susupe, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, May 23, 1997.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer in fulfilling the contract, including excise and other related taxes.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in said proposals if, in its sole opinion to do so, would be in the government's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

### COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION INVITATION FOR BID CUC IFB 97-0021 April 11, 1997

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from interested firms for the supply and installation of:

• one (1) 34.5 kV metal-clad switchgear line-up with SCADA remote terminal unit (RTU) at the Power Plant Substation and insure complete operation, • one (1) 34.5 kV metal-clad switchgear line-up with SCADA wiring to remote terminal unit (RTU) located in the 13.8 kV switchgear at the Waterloo Substation and insure complete

• one (1) 13.8kV metal-clad swilgear line-up with SCADA remote terminal unit (RTU) at the Waterloo Substation and insure incomplete operation,

• one (1) complete SCADA system with the master control unit located in Power Plant 1 and insure complete operation

Bid forms, specifications and contract documents may be obtained from CUC's Procurement & Supply Office at Lower Base, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. local time during normal working days.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Manager, Materials Management Division, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950. Bids shall be endorsed with the name of the bidder and the title: 34.5 and 13.8 V Metal-Clad Switchgear, IFB No. 97-0021. Sealed bids shall be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, May 16, 1997, at the Office of the Materials Management Division Manager in Lower Base. The bids will publicly opened and read aloud at 2:30 p.m., local time, May 16, 1997, at the CUC conference room.

The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the necessary funding and/or reguired approval to enter into legally binding arrangements to complete the entire project. This IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of a bid under this request, to procure, or contract for materials.

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company has in the past, and is currently, in compliance with all applicable CNMI and federal labor laws. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such labor laws and any remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire proposal.

All responses to this bid should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the successful bidder in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

CUC reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with Section 3-102 (7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Michael W. Randall at telephone number (670) 322-4033 Ext. 30, or FAX number (670) 322-4323.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ

Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) **Invitation For Bids** CUC IFB 97-0022

#### April 25, 1997

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive bids from responsible firms capable of supplying water well head materials for the upgrade of existing well heads on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Interested bidders may pick up a bid package at CUC's Procurement & Supply Office in Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI, during normal work days prior to bid closing

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company has in the past, and is currently, in compliance with all applicable CNMI and federal labor laws. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such labor laws and any remedial action taken Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire bid.

Bidders shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the successful bidder in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

Bid shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than fifteen percen (15%) of the amount of the bid, which may be a Bid bond, certified check o cashier's check, made payable to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

Bid shall be accompanied by a copy of Bidder's CNMI Business Permit in n and Licensing Laws of the CNMI. compliance with the Contractor's Registration

Bids in duplicate must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC IFB 97-0022, to Mr. Frank T. Flores, Manager, at CUC, Material Management Division, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, May 13, 1997. The bids will be opened and read aloud at the CUC conference room after bid closing.

The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the necessary funding and/ or required approval to enter into legally binding arrangements to complete the entire project.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

This IFB does not commit the CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a bid under this request, or to procure or contract for materials

CUC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any detect in said bids, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ Executive Director

## **Tenet faces clear** path as CIA chief

By JOHN DIAMOND

WASHINGTON (AP) - The future U.S. intelligence community will have smaller, cheaper satellites, spies who can penetrate terrorist cells and leaders who keep the Congress informed of their doings, says George Tenet, who now faces a clear path to becoming the next U.S. intelligence chief.

In a cordial, daylong confirmation hearing Tuesday, Tenet outlined his vision for the future of the dlrs 30 billion intelligence community. Under his leadership, there will be no massive overhaul of intelligence agencies. Instead, Tenet would focus on redirecting the CIA to post-Cold War priorities such as terrorism, drug trafficking and weapons proliferation.

Spies sent overseas would be encouraged to take risks and, if necessary, deal with unsavory people if the effort yielded valuable information.

"I would create an intelligence culture that challenges conventional wisdom and encourages creative. but responsible risk-taking," Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Com-



George Tenet

mittee. "Next to objectivity, this ethic is the most important part of our professional identity. It cannot be allowed to wither."

Such risk taking, Tenet hastened to add, will not always lead to success. "An intelligence community that shrinks from this, however, will never succeed on the scale required to protect American interests in the 21st century."

The nation's spy satellite agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, willembarkonamajoroverhaulofits multi-billion dollar spy satellite network. Instead of a few, very expen-

sive satellites trained mainly on the Soviet Union, the NRO will manage a constellation of smaller satellites to take on a widening list of targets around the globe.

Tenet said he and other top CIA officials would keep congressional overseers informed and that anyone caught lying to Congress or to superiors would be fired.

Though not a close confidant of President Clinton, Tenet assured the committee that he would have the president's ear on these issues.

"We don't play golf together, but I'll be seeing him often," Tenet said. In meetings prior to Tuesday's hearing, Tenet said Clinton "wholeheartedly endorsed" his plan for the intelligence community.

Tenet was in familiar and friendly surroundings at his hearing, having served as staff director of the committee from 1988 to 1993. Far from a grilling dished out to previous nominee Anthony Lake, Tenet was greeted with open arms.

"Well, George, we welcome you to the committee," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican. "As you know, I support you strongly.'

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 CMC 4141 et sec, the PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1987, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Division of Public Lands (Division), under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, hereby gives notice that the Division intends to enter into an exchange agreement involving the parcels of land described below. Concerned persons may request a hearing on any proposed exchange by contacting the *Division of Public Lands* on or by May 07, 1997. If so requested, hearing on the transactions listed below will be scheduled on May 09, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Division of Public Lands Conference Room.

Public Purpose - WETLAND EXCHANGE

Private Land - Saipan Tract/Lot No. H307-R1, containing an area of 29,359 square meters, more or less, located in Chalan Kanoa, owned by the heirs of Jose S. Deleon Guerrero.

Public Land - Part of Saipan Tract/Lot No. 043 L 04, subject to survey, located in Obyan, containing an area of 29,536 <u>square meters.</u>

#### NUTISIAN PUPBLIKO

Sigon gi probension siha gi 2 CMC 4141 et sec i PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1987, (sino i tulaikan tano para propositon pupbliko na akton 1987) si magalahe as Froilan C. Tenorio yan i segundo magalahe as Jesus C. Borja, ginen i Division of Public Lands (Division), gi pa'pa'i Department of Lands and Natural Resources, ma intenciociona humalong gi kontratan atulaikan tano ni ha afefekta i pedason tano siha ni manmadeskribi gi sampapa. Man interesante siha na petsona sina manmamaisen inekungok put maseha manu/hafa na priniponi put tulaikan tano. A'agang i Division of Public Lands antes pat osino gi Mayo 07, 1997. Yanggen guaha inekungok marikuesta, i inekungok siempre para i sigiente siha na transaksion u fan makondukta gi Mayo 07, 1997, gi oran alas 9:00 gi eggan gi halom i Kuatton i Konfirensian i Division of Public Lands.

PROPOSITON PUPBLIKO - WETLAND EXCHANGE

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# Clinton pushes free trade with Mexico

#### **BV RON FOURNIER**

MEXICO CITY (AP) - In a direct challenge to foes "who would throw up walls of protection," President Clinton Wednesday strongly defended NAFTA and urged the dismantling of trade barriers throughout Latin America.

Addressing a cross-section of Mexican society at the cavernous National Auditorium, Clinton and Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo said the North American Free Trade Agreement was a boon to both economies.

"We must accelerate the pace of these efforts, to reach more people and more communities,"Clinton declared.

partnership, so that we can achieve our goal of a Free Trade Area of the Americas.'

In a one-two punch, Zedillo declared, "free trade opens fertile pathwavs.

Clinton sprinkled the speech with lines designed to appeal to the pride of Mexicans, many of whom feel the United States treats them like secondrate neighbors. "We seek a peaceful, prosperous partnership filled with respect and dignity," he said.

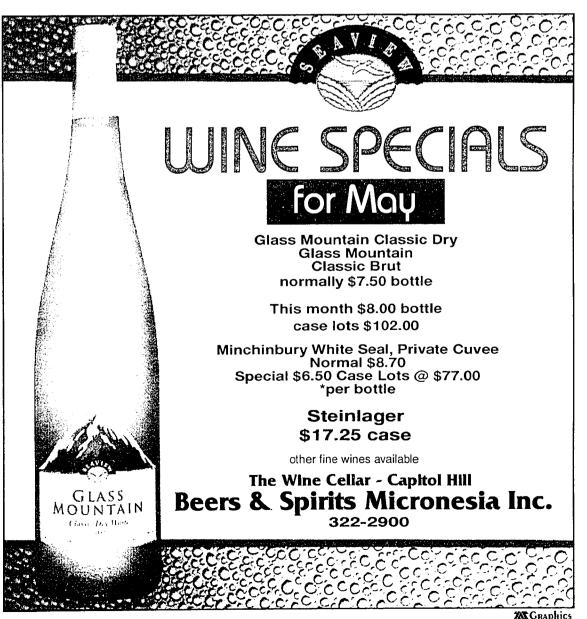
Clinton, who honeymooned here 22 years ago, opened Wednesday's speech with a Spanish greeting: "Me Encanta Mexico" - I am enchanted by

On a day partly set aside for sightseeing, he later flew by helicopter to Tlaxcala, where the crowds were warmer and more boisterous than in Mexico City. With Mexican bands blaring, confetti wafted down from rooftops and hundreds of people crowded the town's narrow streets. Shouting above the din, Clinton said the United States and Mexico must share responsibility for drug traf-

ficking "We will be able - together - to defeat our common enemies of drugs and crime," he said. Afterward, the president limped along on crutches, shaking hands with the crowd.



President Clinton listens as Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo gestures during a cultural event in the Mexican town of Tlaxcala Wednesday. The Clintons wrap up their trip to Mexico and head to Costa Rica. AP



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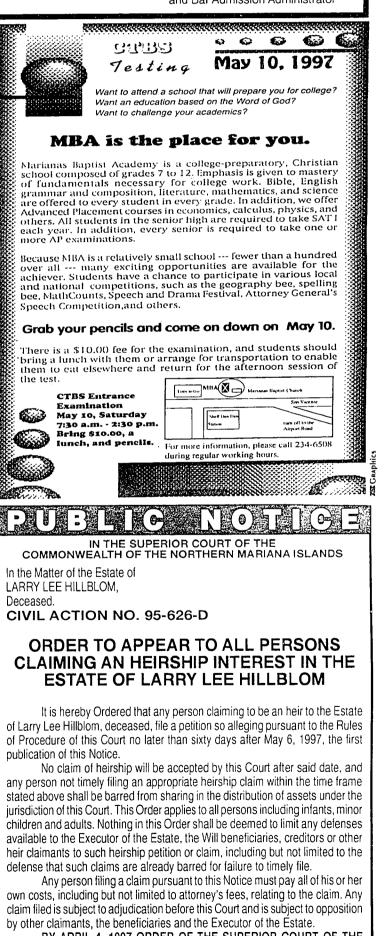
### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Commonwealth Bar Examinations (MBE and Essay Portions) are scheduled to be administered on July 31 and August 1, 1997. The MBE is on Thursday, July 31st and the Essay is on Friday, August 1st. All interested applicants shall obtain the application form and necessary information from the Clerk of the Commonwealth Supreme Court/Bar Admission Administrator, by either calling telephone nos. 234-5175/ 76/77; fax no. 234-5183 or by writing to P.O. Box 2165 CK, Saipan, MP 96950.

All applications and required fees must be submitted to the Clerk of the Commonwealth Supreme Court/Bar Admission Administrator, no later than June 16, 1997. For Regular Applicant, \$250.00 for the Essay and \$40.00 fo the MBE; for Attorney Applicant, \$300.00 for the Essay.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1997.

/S/ CHARLES M. CALVO, JR. Clerk of the Commonwealth Supreme Court and Bar Admission Administrator



BY APRIL 4, 1997 ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY H. BELLAS

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will hold its State Plan public hearing for the islands of Tinian, Rota and Saipan on the following dates:

Dates:	Location:	Time:
May 27, 1997	<b>Tinian</b> Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
May 28, 1997	<b>Rota</b> Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Teneto Village	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
May 29, 1997	<b>Saipan</b> Joeten/Kiyu Public Library	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Copies of the draft State Plan and its attachments will be available on May 22, 1997. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy may call 664-6537/38 for the islands of Saipan and Tinian. Residents of Rota can obtain a copy by calling 532-8622, Rota Office of Vocational Rehabilitation on Teneto Village.

In Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but requires accessible format such as large print or sign language interpreter must call 664-6537/6538 (Voice); 322-6449 (TDD).

/s/Sarah D. Hunt Director



**Cannes: Glitz, art** sex and megabucks



French movie star and president of the jury of the 50th International Film Festival Isabelle Adjani, center, poses with jury members Chinese actress Gong Li, left, and US actress Mira Sorvino, right, at the festival palace in Cannes, Wednesday.

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS CANNES, France (AP) - It's 1946 and Europe is shattered after World War II. France is in political turmoil and wracked by shortages of everything from food to fuel to building materials. Time to throw a film festival?

For a Europe cut off from Hollywood during the war, and its own movie industry struggling, the first film festival in this palmlined Riviera town that year drew silver screen idols and helped the Old Continent dream again.

"It brought back the magic of cinema after so many years of deprivation," festival President Pierre Viot said in an interview. "It was the desire to rediscover luxury, as in an F. Scott Fitzgerald novel."

On Wednesday night, Cannes' 50th reigns as the largest showcase for the world's multibilliondollar film industry, combining the high and low of the art, highwattage stardom and high-powered deals.

Twenty-nine films are in the official selection, opening with Europe's biggest-budget film yet - the \$100 million "Fifth Element." A futurist action flick starring Bruce Willis, it is the latest by Luc Besson ("Nikita" and "Leon").

The festival also includes firsttime works by Johnny Depp and Gary Oldman, the latest by veteran Cannes director Wim Wenders, and arty films from Asia, the Middle East and Africa. The official selection is only the tip of the iceberg, with about 500 films screened during the 12day festival. The limelight focuses Chirac is expected to attend. on the nightly procession of stars up the red carpeted-steps of the seaside Palais des Festivals. But the palace also has a film market expected to draw a record 4,000 participants.

Outside "le Bunker," as the dubbed, swanky hotels buzz with movie industry representatives. "If you want to screen a picture

for the world and in front of the world's key journalists, it's here," said Nigel Clark, senior vice president for marketing at Columbia Tristar Pictures. "It's a great way to start a buzz."

Meanwhile, promoters throw luncheons and soirees in villas or World War II began.

under beachside tents to seduce buyers and the media. Starlets, though fewer in recent years, cavort on the beach, drawing swarms of photographers.

Movie posters from the arty to the schlocky line the beachside Croisette avenue. Decorating the ornate entrance of the Carlton, the Croisette's grande dame of hotels, are huge renditions of Beavis and Butthead and the words: "Huh-huh. You said oui oui.

The 70ish Jeanine Andouard, a wealthy Cannes local, wonders if anything is sacred anymore. With rhinestone sunglasses, cream slacks and red shoes, she sips a drink at the jammed and trendy Cafe Farfalla across from the Palais as she plans to leave town during the festival.

Back in the old days "it was more intimate, and the evening dresses were marvelous. Now they're slit up to the butt and they're showing naked breasts,' she said.

"It's not a market of dreams; it's a market of who has the best derriere," she said. "I'm getting out of here.'

She'll be replaced by about 30,000 professionals expected to attend, plus thousands of stargazers and movie buffs, turning this sleepy bourgeois beach town into a three-ring circus of screenings, press conferences and surprise appearances.

For the 50th, the festival is spending a record 35 million francs (about \$ 6 million), inviting its past winners for a fete Sunday that President Jacques

Fireworks, concerts, dances and soirees are planned. Dozens of directors who won the festival's Golden Palm are to be on hand after picking Swedish director Ingmar Bergman to receive a "Palm of Palms" award. Actress blockish-looking palace is Liv Ulmann, showing her first film as director, is expected to pick it up for the reclusive direc-

> Cannes is not all cinema neverneverland either. It was first set to begin in 1939 as free Europe's answer to the Venice Film Festival under Mussolini, which awarded Nazi and Fascist films. But it was canceled when

## **Meeting spurs hope for peace**



Tony Blair

#### **By SHAWN POGATCHNIK**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - The meeting of two prime ministers offers a potential fresh start to the search for peace in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

But the newly elected Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart John Bruton will have little room for maneuver. Never mind what a settlement might look like; just getting everyone to the table has proved impossible:

Supporters of the outlawed Irish Republican Army want a place when multi-party negotiations resume on June 3, whether or not the IRA calls another cease-fire.

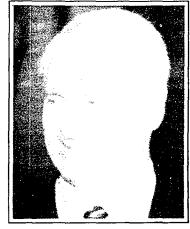
Unionist parties representing Northem Ireland's pro-British Protestant majority not only refuse to talk to the IRA-linked Sinn Fein while IRA violence continues, they also want the IRA to surrender weapons first.

Whether the unionists think peace is worth giving any ground at all in negotiations is still unknown.

So while close cooperation between the British and Irish governments is one prerequisite for progress, Bruton and Blair must also manage the trick of encouraging both sides at the same

What's new in the equation is Blair, who, unlike the defeated John Major, has a huge majority in the House of Commons and doesn't need to cultivate Protestant support to survive.

SinnFeincaptured 16 percent of the Northern Ireland vote and two seats in the British parliament in last week's election, and the party's leaders say that is all they need to qualify for negotiations.



John Bruton But Blair's Cabinet minister responsible for Northern Ireland, Marjorie Mowlam, says an IRA cease-

fire must come first. Then Sinn Fein would be invited into the talks if that cease-fire were honored "in word and deed

But Sinn Fein will want to know first what deeds exactly are re-

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said the IRA stopped bombing and shooting in September 1994 in the expectation of "proper peace talks" and would expect that to be guaranteed in return for another cease-

Protestant leaders David Trimble and Ian Paisley refused to meet Adams during the cease-fire. They reacted furiously in 1995 when Bruton and Major proposed a settlement that envisaged putting some government functions - agriculture and fisheries, for instance - on an all-Ireland basis, with responsibility shared between politicians from Northern Ireland and Bruton's Irish Republic.

That's when cooperation between the two governments began to fall apart, and the prospect of peace with it. Seeking to reassure Protestants. Major demanded that the IRA com-

mit itself to disarm. Bruton, who met regularly with Sinn Fein and knew the cease-fire was in trouble, tried to get Major to drop the issue. Instead, with President Bill Clinton's blessing, disarmament became a formal part of the talks taking shape under former U.S.

Sen. George Mitchell. The IRA resumed bombing in February 1996, effectively excluding Sinn months later. Under the Mitchell formula, disarmament would take place "in parallel" with political progress. The IRA formally rejected that compromise path, but it remains the fornula on offer.

Before departing Wednesday for England, Bruton said the Irish republican movement - Sinn Fein and the

IRA - would ultimately abandon violence, but Protestants shouldn't seek conditions that delay the process.

Republicans, Bruton said, "can't really continue in the present limbo where they are partially relying on the crutch of violence and then wishing to be in politics at the same time." Adams says he is looking "to the

new government in London with its

clear majority to give leadersh That means pushing the Protestants: "David Trimble or Ian Paisley won't budge while they don't need to budge," Adams said.

The Protestant bloc, which last week won 13 of Northern Ireland's 18 seats in Parliament, warns Blair not to be "conned" by another IRA ceasefire

Second Anniversary Rosary · milling and thing o Maria Tenorio Guerrero "Nan Kita' Pan" · milling and the o he family of the late Maria T. Guerrero invites all our relatives and friends to join us for the Second Anniversary Rosary of our beloved one.

Nightly rosary will be held at the family residence in Dandan by Herman's Modern Bakery, beginning Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. Also, daily Mass will be offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral from Tuesday to Wednesday. On Sunday, Mass will be at San Vicente Church. All Masses will be at 6:00 a.m.

On the final day, Wednesday, May 21, 1997, rosary will be said at 12:00 Noon. The Second Anniversary Mass will be offered at 5:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church and dinner will follow at the family residence.

> Kindly Join Us in Prayers and Intentions. The Guerrero Family (Pan)

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

Rita Aldan

Tudela



yan I manginadu yan manginada siha, taddong na agradesimento humuhuyong para todo ayo siha Tman matto yan man manayuyot para I difunta as Rita Cabrera Sablan Mettao (Ritan Pop).

Para si Obispo as Tomas Camacho, Pale' Gary, I techa as Margarita B. Seman, si Dema' Sablan yan i Kantoran Shalom yan palu siha ni man man ayuda, Dankulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase' - Ghilisou. Bai en hahasso hamyo lokkue' todo gi tinayuyot mame.

Sinseramenti,

/s/Raphael Mettao yan I Jamagu'on

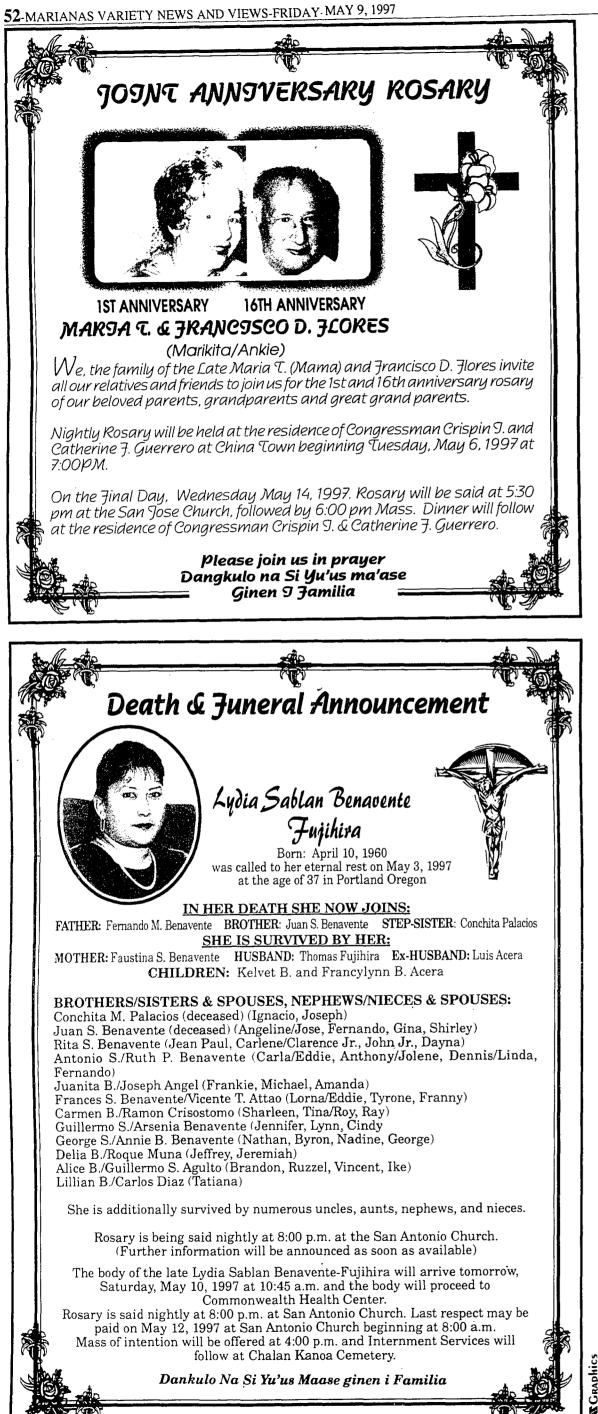
### The Family

with the second our sincere gratitude to our friends and rela-tives for the kindness and sympathy extended to us during our time of mourning. Your presence at the nightly rosaries, your offering of prayers, the many gifts of comfort, kind words of hope and strength.

We are specially thankful to Bishop Thomas A. Camacho, Rev. Father Roger T. Tenorio, the Office of the Governor, CHC Doctors and Nurses. CUC, Meitetsu Mart Staff & Mngmt. and San Vicente Choir. Our "Techas" "Auntie "Chai" B. Royal, Rosa DL. Guerrero (Ojisan), Gregory Sablan (Manila)

You have all made this difficult time much more bearable and comforting. You will always be remembered in our hearts and in our prayers.

Un Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase, Thank You.



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Wiseman pointed out that MPLT's loan to NMHC would be in the public interest as it would raise the standard of living of low-income families and homesteaders and would have an overall beneficial impact on the CNMI's economy.

In anticipation of the government making available low-interest home loans, Wiseman said NMHC has received 500 home loan applications and has pre-qualified 167 of those applicants.

Last March 20, NMHC chairman Juan S. Tenorio informed MPLT that the housing agency was ready to sign a \$10-million loan agreement.

MPLT chairman Torres responded by sending a letter refusing the loan nor to even consider the loan, citing a previous court decision.

Wiseman said that in Torres vs Tenorio case, the court appeared to require the trustees to "attempt to obtain the maximum return on their investment, just as an individual would if it were his own property."

Last April 7, NMHC, through its chairman, requested that MPLT at least agree to loan half of the 10 million dollars at an interest rate of 6% per annum.

MPLT and its trustees did not respond.

Wiseman said NMHC and the people of the Commonwealth will be irreparably damaged if MPLT does not sign the

The CNMI Constitution, Wiseman said, requires MPLT and its trustees to .

### China . . . Continued from page 1

foreign trade and economic cooperation, said the MOU would strengthen CNMI-China relations, and further trade and economic coopera-

Tenorio, for his part, said the MOU will lead to the establishment of the Chinese Economic Development Association (CEDA) office on Saipan.

He said CEDA is not a diplomatic office, but it will handle matters involving the MOU, which provides for the "screening" of all Chinese recruited to work in the CNMI.

Liu said CEDA is "responsible for strengthening consultation with the CNMI regarding all possible issues and problems that could occur because of the presence of Chinese workers" in the Commonwealth.

CEDA will will expand existing ties and discuss "ways and means" to further CNMI-China relations in the areas of trade, investments, fishery and tourism, Liu said.

CEDA will be under I

### Hillblom's Continued from page 1

titled to the same share of the estate.

Jorgensen said Honolulu-based attorney John Francis Perkin, who intends to seek admission in the Superior Court, also represents Tan's interests. Jorgensen said Perkin notified him

about the need to immediately submit their petition in court as an "absolute crucial aspect" of the ongoing settlement discussions of all heirship claims against the estate in San Francisco, California.

Tan is the fourth alleged Hillblom child to file paternity and heirship claim in Superior Court.

make investment decisions which are "reasonable, careful and prudent", and this requires that trustees consider the \$10 million loan authorized and required by the Act.

"In considering the appropriateness of such loans, MPLT and trustees must consider factors other than merely obtaining the maximum return on its investment, these factors should include, but not be limited to the effects such loans would have on the CNMI economy, the societal benefits of making low-cost home financing available to homesteaders and families of low income and other such factors," added the lawyer.

Meanwhile, Torres in his March 25 letter to NMHC explained that MPLT and its trustees feel that they cannot sign the loan documents without exposing them to serious liability.

Torres said in Torres vs Tenorio 1995 civil case the governor was sued for allegedly entering into a lease of public land at a price below market

The MPLT chairman noted that in that case, Judge Edward Manibusan held that the governor in leasing public lands is held to a strict fiduciary standard to "act as a reasonably prudent person would in the management of his own affairs ... He must attempt to obtain the maximum return, just as an individual would do if it were his own property.'

"Manibusan's decision would seem to deny us the option to even consider the program because we know that we can invest MPLT funds and obtain better than a 4% or 6% return called by those loan documents and Public Law 10-49 (Act)," Torres told NMHC.

and China's consular office in San Francisco, California.

Tenorio said the signing of the MOU may "open doors" for more Chinese workers, most of whom are hired by CNMI garment factories.

However, the MOU is silent on Chinese investors who used to enter the CNMI through "letters of invitation."

But "big" Chinese investors who can prove that they can invest in the CNMI are always welcome, Tenorio

As to the concerns raised by U.S. Labor officials on the exorbitant fees Chinese workers pay their recruiters, Tenorio said Liu denied that charging fees is government policy.

Only unregistered recruiters are charging workers as much as 25 percent of their paychecks, Tenorio quoted Liu as saying

During discussion of the MOU, Tenorio said he stressed that Chinese workers should be informed of their individual rights while here in the CNMI

He said he will further discuss the issue with the soon to be established CEDA officials

The three other children are Junior Larry Hillbroom from Palau, Mercedita Feliciano and Jellian Cuartero both from the Philippines.

Hillblom also reportedly fathered three more children from a Filipina. The three kids, represented by former vice president of the Philippines Salvador Laurel and Hawaii attorney Benjamin B. Cassidy III, have yet to file their petitions before the court.

Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas ordered BOS last month to inform other possible heirship claimants through new spapers to file their claims within 60 days.

The publication will cover CNMI, Palau, Vietnam, Philippines, Federated States of Micronesia, California, Idaho, and Guam.

### Public . . . Continued from page 1

ceived a formal request.

Tenorio then told LaMotte, whom he has earlier "advised" to run for governor, "Well, I'm asking you now to investigate MPLC's land transactions. Is that formal enough for you?"

LaMotte on Wednesday said he still prefers a written request from Tenorio, but added that his office will look into MPLC anyway.

"I don't want to have an argument with the governor." It was Tenorio who appointed

LaMotte, but the public auditor his job is always to "remain neu-

Manglona on Tuesday "dared" Tenorio to order the investigation of all the land deals MPLC was involved in.

We, the family of the late

He said once OPA begins its investigation, he will turn over all documents of his and his family's land deals.

He added that Tenorio should also provide OPA with any MPLC documents the Office of the Governor may have.

According to Tenorio, however, it would be insulting if he provides OPA with documents, when it is OPA's job to find such documents

"Let him find the documents. I would give him any documents he may have missed," Tenorio said

The governor on Thursday released a document on a 1984 land exchange deal involving Manglona's property on Rota.

The land exchange was cited by Tenorio as an example of the defunct Marianas Public Lands

Corp.'s "misdeeds."

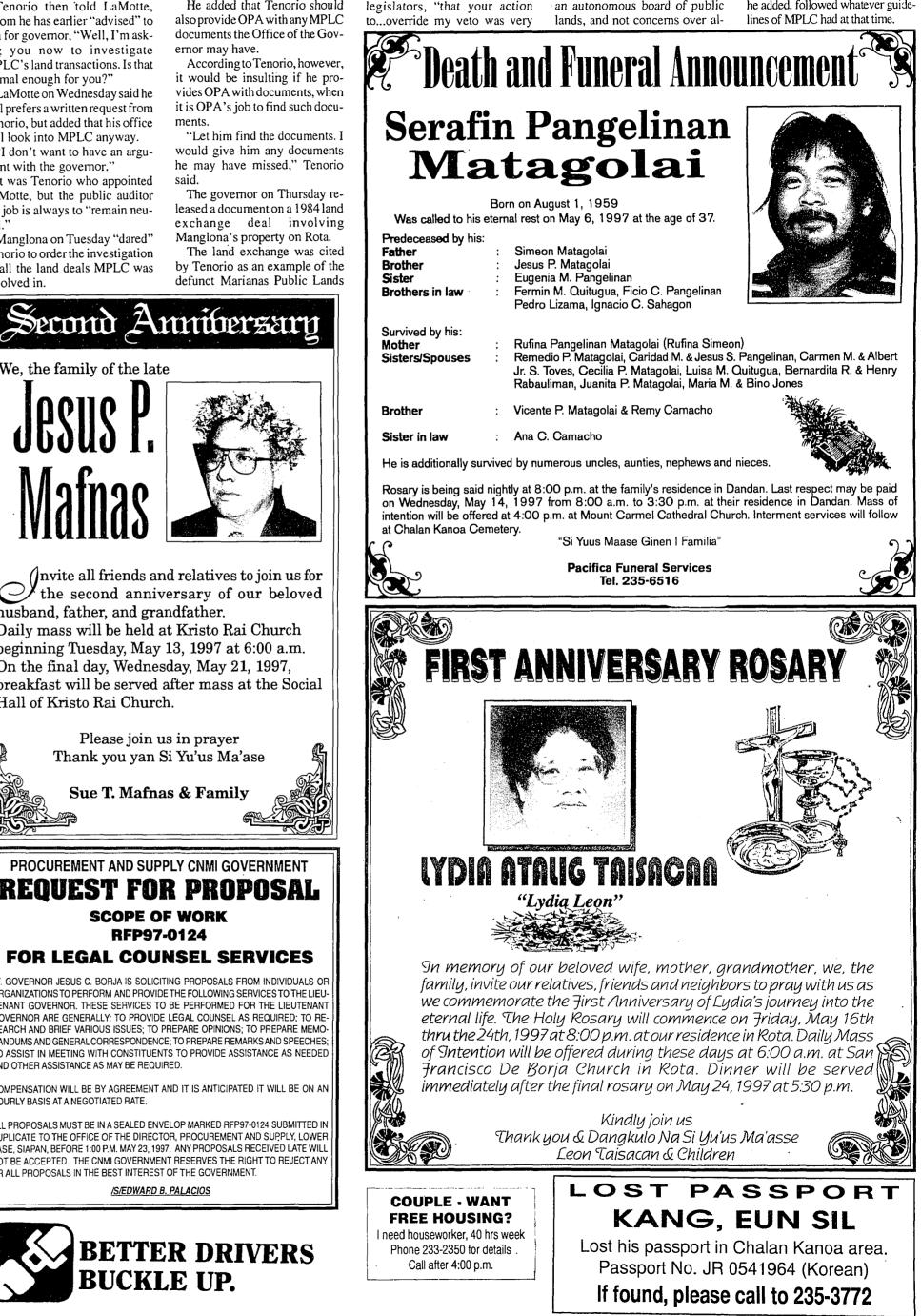
He said he will release similar "sickening" documents at least once a week, in order to show legislators, "that your action

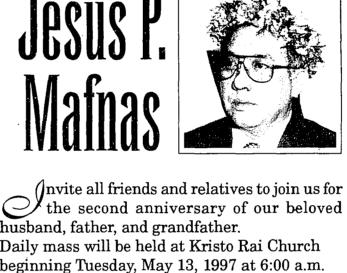
irresponsible." However, Manglona said Sunday that "the lust for power" is behind Tenorio's opposition to an autonomous board of public

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leged anomalous land transactions.

He said there was nothing improper with the 1984 land exchange which, he added, followed whatever guide-





husband, father, and grandfather. Daily mass will be held at Kristo Rai Church beginning Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at 6:00 a.m. On the final day, Wednesday, May 21, 1997, breakfast will be served after mass at the Social Hall of Kristo Rai Church.

> Please join us in prayer Thank you yan Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Sue T. Mafnas & Family

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SCOPE OF WORK** RFP97-0124 FOR LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES

LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA IS SOLICITING PROPOSALS FROM INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS TO PERFORM AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO THE LIEU TENANT GOVERNOR. THESE SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED FOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ARE GENERALLY: TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AS REQUIRED: TO BE SEARCH AND BRIEF VARIOUS ISSUES: TO PREPARE OPINIONS: TO PREPARE MEMO RANDUMS AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE; TO PREPARE REMARKS AND SPEECHES; TO ASSIST IN MEETING WITH CONSTITUENTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

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/S/EDWARD B. PALACIOS



## **Ex-cultist fears more suicides**



San Diego County Medical Examiner workers carry the body of Wayne Cooke out of a room to a waiting van after the former Heaven's Gate cult member committed suicide Tuesday in an Encinitas, Calif., hotel room. Another former member is in critical condition at a local hospital.

#### By DANA CALVO

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A former member of the Heaven's Gate cult said he is worried that at least six others might follow "classmates" in suicide.

"They're probably wondering what the next step is for them. I'm concerned about them," Dick

Joslyn said Wednesday from his home in Tampa, Florida. On Tuesday, two former followers were discovered by San Diego County sheriff's deputies in a hotel room just four miles from the mansion where 39 cult members committed mass suicide March 26.

"I don't see this as a copycat," said Larry Trachte, a chaplain who teaches a course on cults at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. "It's just an extension of the same process. They lost their whole faith community.'

Wayne Cooke, 56, of Las Ve-

gas, was found with a plastic bag over his head and died of a phenobarbital and vodka mixture, the medical examiner's office said Wednesday.

Chuck Humphrey, 55, of Denver, also had traces of alcohol and barbiturates in his system, authorities said.

He was in serious condition and breathing through a respirator Wednesday, said Sue Pondrom, a spokeswoman for Scripps Memorial Hospital in Encinitas.

"I was not surprised," Cooke's daughter, Kelly Cooke, told MSNBC. "I don't want this to be interpreted as they were crazy. They really believed in this.

Joslyn, who had been in contact with Humphrey in recent weeks, said his friend had grown frustrated by the lack of attention given to the group's ideas.

"He was a little discouraged by the inability to get the word out. He made it clear to me that when his work was done, he would go too."

The cult supported itself by designing Web pages and Humphrey was updating the group's site before the mass suicide.

A former member who uses the name Sawyer said Wednesday that Humphrey tried to kill himself when he could no longer work on the site because some-

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"As long as he had a task to

do, things were fine," Sawyer said by telephone from his New York home. "He was supposed to spread information about the 'next level' and maintain the Internet site.

"If that had not gone sour, I think he would have stayed around awhile longer, but not much longer," he said.

Humphrey and Cooke mailed farewell videos and notes to news organization, friends and relatives on Monday. Their bodies were discovered their bodies at a Holiday Inn Express on Tuesday. Humphrey made the reservation for the room April

Like the 39 cult members found in Rancho Santa Fe. Cooke and Humphrey followed an elaborate exit script in the belief they would be taken to "another level beyond human."

"I would like everyone to understand that I simply cannot stay here any longer and I am leaving because it is time for me to leave," Cooke said in a letter sent with a video to CNN. "I'd rather gamble on missing the bus this time than staying on this planet and risk losing my soul.

Formed by Marshall Herff Applewhite in the early 1970s, the cult followed a bizarre theology of Christianity and UFOs.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT Safely Home: I am home in Heaven, dear ones, oh, so happy and so bright. There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over. Every restless tossing passed. I am now at peace forever. Safely home in Heaven at last. And He came Himself to meet me in the way so hard to tread. And with Jesus' arm to lean on. Could I have one doubt or dread? Then you must not grieve so sorely for I love you dearly still. Try to look beyond earth's shadows. Pray to trust our Father's Will. There is work still waiting for you. So you must not idly stand. Do it now while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land. When all that work is completed. He will gently call you. Home Oh, the rapture of that meeting. Oh, the joy to see you come. We, the children and family wish to inform our friends and relatives that our dear and beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. ODORICO IGOBOR SEMAN Better known as "Tun Odo" March 7,1916 - May 2,1997 Was called to his eternal rest on Friday, May 2,1997, at the age of 81, at the CHC Hospital on Saipan. In his death, he now joins his parents: Vicente Paron and Jacoba Igobor Seman, brothers/sisters-in-law: Felipe and Maria T Seman; Joaquin; Esperanza T. Seman, and son: Odorico Jr. His peaceful spirit and memories will live in the hearts of his brothers, sisters and in-laws: Maria C. Seman. Juan I. Seman, Lorenzo and Lucia S. Iriarte, Dr. Jose L. and Ramona S. Chong, Jose I. and Margarita B. Seman. Children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Congresswoman Ana and Joaquin Teregeyo: Gil and Irene T. San Nicolas (Reneacia Ann, Gilbert Joaquin, Catherine Elisa), Geraldine (Gerana Lynn, Aniceto Benigno, Chantel Consolacion), Donald (Willaine, Hazel Ann, Donald Anthony, Paul Patrick, Ana Marie, Anthony Joaquin, Darren Lee), Dennis and Jerilyn (Jonathan Dennis Jr., Carmana Lynn, Coquina Leah, Cara Laureen), Catherine, Derek Joaquin Jr. (Derek Palani); Michael G. and Julia Fujihira-Newman: Chanita Marie Pedro P. and Ana Fujihira-Lizama: Evangeline L. Coburn (Aadilah), Peter Jr. (Janae Nicole) Joaquin A. and Marci Fujihira: Thessie, Nathan, Douglas Antonio and Maureen Fujihira: Brandon, Wesley Ronald D. and Maria Ana Tomokane-Sablan: Lorna, Cherisse, James, Audrey, Sean Jose T. and Rosa Tomokane-Liwanag: Joseph Lee, Dane Bla, Jake Aaron, Joan Ashley. His peaceful spirit will be missed by numerous nieces and nephews. Nightly Rosary is being said at 7:00 P.M. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa. Last Respects may be paid on Saturday, May 10,1997 at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral, beginning at 10:30 A.M. Funeral Mass will be offered on the same day at 4:00 P.M. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral, followed by Christian Burial at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa. YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE AT THESE SERVICES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU AND SEN DANGKULU NA SI YU'US MA'ASE. PACIFICA FUNERAL SERVICES

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Top enlisted man charged Sargeant major faces wide range of sexual misconduct raps

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Army has accused its top enlisted man of a wide range of sexual

misconduct, including indecent assault and adultery. Gene McKinney, the sergeant major of the Army, vehemently denied the charges.

"I want the American people to know that I have not done any of these things," McKinney said in a brief statement Wednesday at his lawyer's office in nearby Alexandria, Virginia. He was accompanied by his wife, Wilhemina.

McKinney's attorney, Charles Gittins, said his client would fight the charges, even if they lead to a court-martial.

Gittins said it was a matter of great concern whether race was a factor in the charges. Every witness interviewed by the Army was asked if McKinney, who is black, was interested only in white women, Gittins said.

"If there's a race issue, it's been injected by the investigators." he

The Army has denied that race is an issue in its probe of sexual misconduct, in particular at an Aberdeen, Maryland, training base where several black drill sergeants are facing sexual harassment charges and one was sentenced this week to 25 years in prison after being convicted of



Gene McKinnev

raping female trainees. Most of the accusers, who are trainees at the base, are white.

McKinney, 46, was suspended from his post in February after he was accused of sexual harassment by retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster, a former aide.

Hoster accused McKinney of grabbing her and demanding sex during a business trip. She came forward with her charges after McKinney was appointed to a high-level Army panel investigating the service's sexual harassment problems. McKinney had also been featured in an Army training video put together to fight sex harassment.

The charges include four counts of indecent assault, two counts of assault consummated by a battery, one count of adultery, two counts of communicating a threat, two counts of impeding the criminal investigation, three counts of solicitation of adultery and four counts of maltreatment of soldiers.

No details of the alleged incidents are included in the Army's summation of its charges, except that the charges involve three female soldiers and one female sailor in incidents that occurred between October 1994 and March 1997.

In a statement, the Army stressed that McKinney is presumed innocent "unless and until proven guilty."

The charges against McKinney bring the service's sexual harassment investigation into the highest ranks of the Pentagon.

His position is one of great influence, since the sergeant major of the Army is asked to advise the Army's top general on all matters involving the enlisted ranks

The Army has been struggling to deal with the worldwide reports of sexual harassment that have appeared since allegations were made last fall that trainees were being abused by their superiors at an ordnance school in Aberdeen, Maryland.

The charges against McKinney begin a process that can lead to a court-martial. A decision is not expected for several weeks, Army officials said.

McKinney had been the senior enlisted adviser to the chief of staff since June 30, 1995.

The Army, in its statement. said McKinney still retains his title even though he has been suspended from performing his du-

He has been assigned to work on the staff of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.



Teresita Borja Jordan

### **Terry Koichi**

Date of Birth: October 4, 1952 Passed away in the grace of our Lord on Monday, May 5, 1997, at the age of 44

Predeceased by her parents: Jose Q. & Francisca A. Borja

Sister in law: Lyd	lia B.	Fujihira
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Survived by her husband: James Jordan

Brothers, Sister and In-law:

Crispin A. Borja, Maria (Maco) B. & Toshi Minatoya, Delgadina (Del) B. & Pete Dela Cruz, Ana B. & Luis P. Castro, Elphidia (Piding) B. & Oscar B. Camacho, Thomas Fujihira, Cynthia A. Borja, Teresita (Terry) P. Mafnas.

Additionally survived by numerous aunties, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Rosary is said nightly at 7:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church. Last respect may be paid on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at San Antonio Church beginning at 8:00 a.m., responso at 12:00 noon and mass of intention will be offered at 4:00 p.m.

Interment service will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

"Si Yuus Maase Ginen I Familia"

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#### **GROUND MAINTENANCE FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting sealed proposals from firms interested in providing ground maintenance service to various schools here on Saipan. The scope of work and proposals requirements are available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the third floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, during regular working hours except holidays.

All proposals to be submitted must be marked "RFP97-006" and submitted to the Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. May 28, 1997. Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A non refundable fee of twenty five (\$25.00) U.S. Dollars must accompany the proposal. The twenty five dollars maybe a certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable and made payable to the Public School System Treasurer. The proposer is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his business permit. The Public School System reserves the right to award a single or multiple award or reject any or all proposal if its to the best interest of the Public School System.

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Inquiries to this RFP announcement maybe directed to the Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3701/02

/s/ WILLIAM S. TORRES	/s/ LOUISE CONCEPCION
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### PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM Invitation for Bid IFB97-009

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All bids must be sealed and facemarked "IFB97-009" and submitted in duplicate to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., May 29, 1997, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. The Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject any or all bids if its to the best interest of the Public School System.

All inquiries to this announcement may contact the Procurement Office at telephone number 664-3701.

/s/ WILLIAM S. TORRES /s/ LOUISE CONCEPCION Commissioner of Education Procurement & Supply Officer

### PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** RFP #97-007

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting proposals from firms interested in con ducting impact studies on the Year Round Education versus Traditional Education and an impact study on the Implementation of the Multi-Track System to affected schools Proposal requirements are available at the Procurement & Supply Office situated or the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan during regular working hours ex cept Holidays. All proposals to be submitted must be facemarked "RFP97-007" and delivered to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., May 23, 1997. Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circum stances.

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<u>s/ WILLIAM S. TORFES</u> Commissioner of Education /s/ LOUISE CONCEPCION Procurement & Supply Officer

### **Environmentalists rap Clinton Administration**

### **By SCOTT SONNER**

WASHINGTON(AP)-TheClinton administration's reluctance to use an environmental law to protect fish and wildlife is drawing fire from judges and environmentalists.

This spring, three federal judges criticized the government for failing to use the law, known as the Endangered Species Act, to protect jaguars in the Southwest, lynx in the Northwest and the Barton Springs salamander in Texas.

Environmentalists have grown increasingly critical of U.S. President Bill Clinton's willingness to bargain away the law's stringent protections.

"We are seeing a very disturbing pattern here," said Mark Hubbard of the Oregon Natural Resources Council, a non-profit conservation group based in Portland, Oregon, that has sued the government for lax enforcement.

'We have gone from surprised to disappointed to just plain angry with the Clinton administration over their refusal to protect endangered species," he said.

Architects of the administration's policy say negotiating with state and private land owners to save species makes sense in a political climate where property rights carry much weight.

The carrot works better than the stick, they argue.

"It is not a win to see a species driven to the verge of extinction and then be able to save the last of that species by hammering someone with the Endangered Species Act," said Katie McGinty, director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

The administration is using the law "to its fullest and most creative

extent and reaching out to save those rare ecosystems by working in partnership with people who own the land," McGinty said.

By year's end the administration will have negotiated habitat conservation plans covering more than 18 million acres (7.3 million hectares) of state and privately owned land.

Such pragmatism is no virtue in the eyes of Clinton's environmental critics.

"Essentially it is a new way to get around enforcing the Endangered Species Act," Sierra Club lobbyist Melinda Pierce said of the habitat conservation plans.

"It's just feel-good politics. They have junked the law," said Mike Bader of the Montana-based Alliance for the Wild Rockies, which wants federal protection for the bull trout in the Northern Rocky Mountains.

Environmentalists' biggest beef is with a "no surprises" clause in the habitat conservation plans, which promises land owners that if they fulfill protection criteria, they'll be insulated from any future federal conservation requirements.

"It's the only way companies would ever enter into such agreements," said Chris West, vice president of the Northwest Forz estry Association in Portland, Oregon

In March, federal judges in Arizona, Texas and Washington state chided the administration for refusing to order protection for the jaguar, Barton Springs salamander and lynx.

In the case of the jaguar, the Fish and Wildlife Service was ordered to declare the rare cat endangered and set aside land to protect it.

In Washington, the agency was told to reconsider its decision to keep the lynx off the list; only a few hundred of the cats remain in a handful of states.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service has consistently ignored the analysis of its expert biologists," wrote U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler in Seattle.

In Austin, U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton ruled that Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had violated the Endangered Species Act after "strong political pressure was applied to the secretary to withdraw the proposed listing of the salamander."

Babbitt subsequently declared the salamander threatened. But environmentalists were up in arms again when the National Marine Fisheries Service decided April 25 against federal protection for Oregon's coastal coho salmon, opting instead to give the state a chance to try its own \$ 30 million recovery plan with support from the timber industry.

Environmentalists say an industry pledge to log more responsibly and to help restore damaged stream beds was little consolation for the Oregon coastalcoho, whose stock has dropped from as many as 1.4 million in the early 1900s to about 80,000 today.

"Many of these coho runs are dangerously close to extinction and need protection right now," said Ken Rait, conservation director for the Oregon Natural Resources Council.

"The Clinton administration has surpassed the Bush administration in both their zeal to change the Endangered Species Act and their reluctance to implement it," said Bader, a former park ranger at Yellowstone National Park.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** DPW97-RFP-007

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Dandan Baseball Field Lighting Project on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The existing baseball field will be improved with appropriate lighting for night time activity. The successful proposer will be responsible for supplying all necessary materials, labor, and equipment to construct and install adequate lighting.

The Department of Public Works has prepared a Scope of Work to be used in evaluating proposals and comparing costs. The detailed Scope of Work is available at the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan.

This project is funded by a granti from the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) at 60 percent of the cost, with 40 percent matching funds provided by the CNMI Government. The award of a contract for this project is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

Proposals will be evaluated by a DPW Evaluation Committee and a selection will be made based on the following criteria: 1. Experience on similar projects (50%)

- 2. Time frame for completion of the work (25%)
- 3. Price (25%)

Proposals must be marked "DPW97-RFP-007". One (1) original and three (3) copies of proposals must be submitted to the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, May 28, 1997.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in the said proposals if, in its sole opinion to do so, would be in the government's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

<u>/s/Edward M. Deleon Guerrero</u> Secretary of Public Works May 7, 1997

/s/Edward B. Palacios Director of Procurement & Supply May 7, 1997

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cial is quoted in the transcript as rejecting the idea, saying "This is not something we use Mega for."

Ben Elissar was quoted as vehemently denying in a telephone interview Tuesday as ever having made such a request

"I simply think that this allegation is ridiculous," he told the newspaper. "... Of course, I cannot guarantee for everybody, but if anybody in this embassy had this conversation or such a thought, he can be considered an utter fool, a fool

Ben Elissar later told Israel radio that the Washington Post report was "first-rate non-

issued on a timely basis.

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sense" and came from "malicious sources."

"Israel does not carry out any intelligence gathering in the United States," Ben Elissar said.

And Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem issued a statement saying "the reported story is absolutely baseless."

David Bar-Illan, a senior adviser to the prime minister, suggested that the report came from parties interested in damaging Israel's ties with its greatest ally.

"This report is completely baseless and unfortunately this is not the first time that that elements in the administration obviously unfriendly to Israel are spreading stories of this kind," Bar-Illan said.

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a lot of issues," Dr. Joyce Lashof, the panel chairwoman, added Wednesday. "We're not putting this to bed today.'

Veterans have reported such symptoms as memory loss, fatigue, diarrhea and insomnia. Some blame chemical weapons, but the panel's January report said there was no single cause.

"I really wish it was in my head," said Kenneth Queen of Spindale, North Carolina. "I would like to go one day in my life without hurting."

The committee is holding hearings around the country where there are concentrations of veterans.

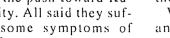
At Wednesday's hearing, Bradford and three former and current Marines said Bradford's vehicle and another detected chemicals during the push toward Kuwait City. All said they suffered some symptoms of Gulf illness.

chief of the Marine's Chemical and Biological Warfare Agents Division, said there was "no substantive evidence to confirm or deny chemical presence" during the push to Kuwait City.

What evidence there is is anecdotal and computer tapes inconclusive, Nalls



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Continued from page 5 CHC, fire and police substation, and shopping and dining facilities.

I recommend that we get away from the old mentality of giving homestead lots for the sake of meeting political commitment and without consideration to the living environment and health and well-being of homesteaders.

San Juan/Kalabera is a ghost town at this time, and it will take tens of years before any meaningful and affordable public homesteading program can be implemented. The cost of an on-site infrastructure alone could cost \$10-15 million.

If you are to bring the island central utility systems to the area, it will probably double the cost. Can our government afford such expenditure at this time?

Maybe after a resort is developed, or in conjunction with a resort development, a more realistic homesteading development is possible, like the homestead subdivisions near the LaoLaoDevelopmentandresortarea.

I am aware that the San Juan/ Kalabera area is being opposed as a future site for resort development with the use of the magical political issue of "homesteads for the poor and the ordinary versus filthy-rich foreign investors." I am all in favor of homestead, although I am not running for any office, but I completely disagree with your thoughtless idea to locate our people out in the middle of nowhere, to use their desperation and frustration over their pending homestead lot applications to promote whatever ulterior motive you have

Mr. Torres, I wish that you will reevaluate your present plan to locate our citizens to an area that you and I know is not feasible or practical as a residential area at this time.

I would further suggest that all those small parcels of public land. close to public facilities and are distributed throughout Saipan be studied for feasibility to convert into individual or cluster-type homesteading lots of small subdivisions.

Who says that we should only develop 100 or 300 lots at a time for a homesteading program to be possible. Why not issue homestead lots of small land parcels belonging to the government which are located adjacent to many of our public roads, parks, and other existing residential areas

The new homesteaders will be much better served and would benefit more if their homestead lots are within convenient distances from public facilities.

Why do we always suddenly to reserve public lands located so far away for homesteads every time a proposal is submitted to utilize the land for investment?

Why are you panicking so quickly over such a proposal as if it is some kind of commercial development to manufacture nuclear and biological weapons?

Isn't tourism the primary industry that generates income for our government? Aren't you promoting airlines to locate their facilities in the CNMI, and aren't we encouraging more airlines to bring tourists to our islands?

How do we cope with more visitors if we do not have facilities to accommodate them and provide them with amenities to enjoy their short

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stay in the CNMI? Another area that is somewhat easier to develop as a homestead subdivision is the approximately 700,000 square meters of public land near Ladder and Obyan Beach area which was originally planned for a golf course and resort development. GovernorTenoriorecentlyterminated that investor's lease, and it is near an area that is at present being developed

by a resort company. The area is reasonably close to public facilities, very accessible, and will have a resort as its next- door neighbor. Please look into that area also

I want you to know that I have admired many of your crusades regarding other issues. You have helped many people to open their eyes and to participate in public issues which will affect their lives. I give you a lot of excellent grades on those issues.

In this latest crusade of yours where, in my opinion, you are intentionally trying to victimize our "poor and ordinary" by trying to use their desperation to accomplish your hidden motive, I give you a flunking score.

Yes.IwilladmitthatIamaconsultant for the corporation that is proposing such development near Bird Island, and I am involved in the project because I feel it will provide longterm benefits to our people, and could even promote the eventual development of remaining public as well as private lands in that area through its development as a resort.

I feel that many more of our people will benefit from the establishment of a resort in this area which is currently being planned only to be developed by our government as a site for a garbage dump and an incineration facility.

Would you rather see just a landfill/ incinerator, or would you prefer to see both a landfill/incinerator and a brand-new hotel and golf course?

And by the way, Mr. Congressman, the company that is proposing the resort development is owned by U.S. citizens who are residing permanently in the CNMI. It is not a Chinese company as you purposely and mistakenly publicized at one time.

Like any other investment company, it will have to borrow funds for the development, so it is not a rich company, but it has the resources and borrowing power to implement its proposed development plan.

Lastly, I wish that you would carefully review the proposed lease and evaluate its benefits to our people. I consider it very unfair and unusual for you to reject something which you have not had the opportunity to review. Three previous public land leases for golf course and resort developments were approved during your tenure in the House of Representatives.

The legislature even approved extensions of such leases to 40 years without serious debates on their implications to future homesteads. I am not disagreeing with such actions, but I seriously question your rather committed effort at this time to oppose a proposal which, in my opinion, is far superior and realistic than those which were earlier approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views, and I look forward to your unbiased and objective response.

> PETE A. TENORIO Consultant, Bird Island Development, Inc.

### **Trial on Oklahoma City** bombing gets emotional

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN **DENVER** (AP) - A prosecutor in the Oklahoma City bombing trial cried as he questioned a blast survivor about a 3-yearold girl who was killed as she visited her father's office when the bomb went off.

"I'm sorry, your honor," Oklahoma U.S. Attorney Pat Ryan said Wednesday as tears flowed down his reddened face after asking the final question to retired Army Capt. Lawrence Martin.

As jurors watched, Ryan walked back to the counsel table and buried his head in his hands.

The emotional moment came during an otherwise tedious day of testimony about hundreds of pages of phone card records that prosecutors say link Timothy McVeigh to explosives and the rental truck that carried them.

Ryan first became emotional when Martin pointed to a posterboard with the pictures of the seven Army recruiting office employees killed in the explosion. Martin was blown through a wall into another office and suffered severe cuts and wrist injuries that forced him to retire from the service.

Ryan concluded his questioning by asking about the fate of 3year-old Kayla Marie Titsworth. Kayla and her 4-year-old sister, Katie, had accompanied their father, Army Sgt. William

Titsworth, and mother, Gloria, to Titsworth's office that morning.

"In addition to those seven men and woman, Sgt. Titsworth's daughter died that morning on the floor?" asked Ryan, his voice breaking.

"Yes," said Martin. Ryan, who has three children of his own, then broke down and went back to the prosecution table.

Kayla was the only member of her family to die. Her sister, mother and father all were injured.

Aside from the tears, the day was dominated by 27 telecommunications employees who were flown in from around the country to authenticate hundreds of pages of records from a prepaid phone card. They each testified only a few minutes, and one witness was on the stand just 50 seconds.

Prosecutors contend the records trace the movements of McVeigh as he traveled across the country in the months before the April 19, 1995, bombing and called auto racing tracks, chemical companies, motels, storage facilities and rental truck outlets.

The most important of the witnesses was Trisha Sain of Sprint United Telephone Co. of Overland Park, Kansas, who described phone calls placed in Junction City, Kansas, five days before

the bombing.

That's the town where McVeigh allegedly rented the Ryder truck that was filled with explosives and blew up the downtown Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people. The phone records track calls to the truck rental agency that prosecutors say McVeigh made from a bus station pay phone.

Under cross-examination, Sain - as the other witnesses said the records merely show telephone numbers and locations of phones and don't actually show who placed the calls or what was said in the conversations.

These records, according to prosecutors, mesh with the paper trail left by a prepaid calling card McVeigh allegedly obtained through an ad in the right-wing newspaper, the Spotlight.

That card, in the name of Daryl Bridges - which prosecutors say is an alias for McVeigh was found in the home of codefendant Terry Nichols just days after the bombing.

Sources confirmed a CBS News report that McVeigh's fingerprints were found on money orders used to purchase additional time on the calling card. Sources also said handwriting analysts determined that McVeigh filled out the money orders.

### Senator defends female US Air Force pilot accused of adultery

WASHINGTON (AP) - Assailing "gender schizophrenia" in the U.S. military, Sen. Slade Gorton urged the Air Force Wednesday to dismiss the criminal adultery charges against the nation's first female bomber pilot.

Gorton, a former Air Force judge advocate and Washington state attorney general, said informal sanctions would be more appropriate for Lt. Kelly Flinn, who faces court martial May 20 at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

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"It is difficult for me, as an officer who served for more than 20 years as an Air Force judge advocate, to imagine that no other officer at Minot Air Force Base has committed the offense of which Lt. Flinn stands accused," Gorton said Wednesday.

"Wisdom and good judgment seem clearly to demand a dismissal of the criminal charges against Lt. Flinn," he said.

Flinn, 26, who is single, is charged with adultery and frat-

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ernization in connection with two affairs that the Air Force says she had over the past year, one with an unmarried enlisted man and the other with a married civilian. She also is charged with lying to investigators and disobeying an order to stay away from the married man.

"It's a crime in the U.S. military to commit adultery. We can't allow our people to decide which rules they want to obey," said Major Ed Worley, an Air Force spokesman.

Lastly, my naive, arrogant boy or seek help from middlemen or Mr. Thomas Camacho I guess you have forgotten that I was an educator, who was and still is very active person in school and community involvement when it comes to our students (children) welfare.

But I never shouted out for recognition or tried to hug credits. You seem to be a handsome, educated young man who one of these days could be somebody.

But you got a very bad ego problem that if you do not hold it in check, it will be to your disadvantage.

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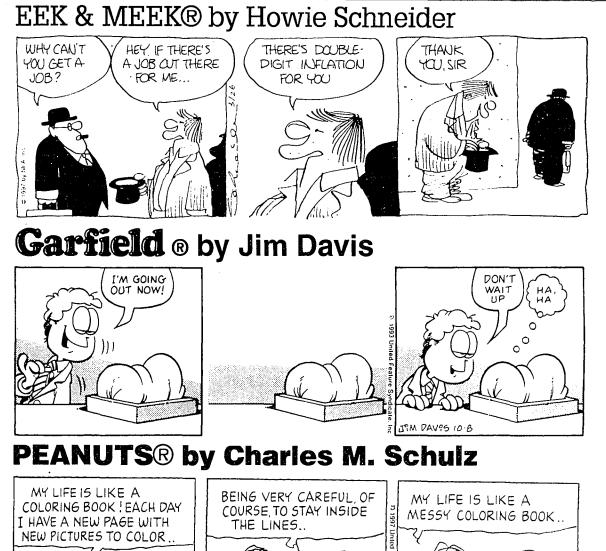
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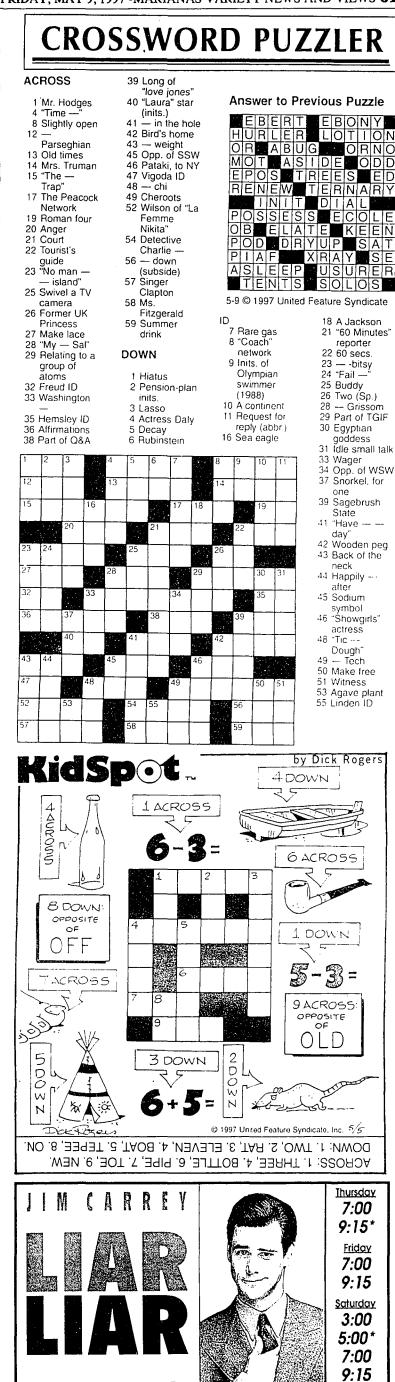
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Also born on this date are: John Brown, abolitionist; Candice Bergen, Albert Finney. Glenda Jackson, actors; Billy Joel, singer, songwriter, musi- your surprise cian; Mike Wallace, journalist.

To see what is in store for you graph. Let your birthday star be end. Do not let frustration get the

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Paper manufacturers recycle the

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Robert Moses never learned to

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your daily guide SATURDAY, MAY 10

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ---This is a good day to consider taking your crusade to those who have not yet had the pleasure of your influence. You can have a big get the ball rolling

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The odds are in your favor today, but this doesn't mean success is guaranteed. On the contrary, you best possible decision today. Be may have to work harder than usual

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel as though someone has been letting you down on a regular basis. Make you feelings known; share your concerns with

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone may be trying to gain mileage on your coattails today, but there's no reason to object. Remember, there's flattery in such behavior

That which happens by accident the kinds of issues that are bound today is going to have the greatest to arise today. You know how to effect on your affairs - much to make real strides.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ----You may have to work very hard around the obstacle you are curtomorrow, find your birthday and today to remain dedicated to an rently facing? You can't expect evread the corresponding para endeavor through to the bitter eryone to favor your efforts.

Earth Tip: With spring upon us, millions will be heading for the beach. Plastic bags and six-pack holders kill millions of fish, sea mammals and seabirds each year. So be sure not to add to the millions of pounds of trash that is left on our nation's beaches each year.

Three of Theodore Roosevelt's four sons were killed in wars.

Predictions for the 1960s at the 1939-40 New York World's Fair included: People do not care much for posses- Nick LaRocca, is considered the first sions. Two months of paid vacation is jazz style

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -

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Today is the day for you to speak up about that which has been concerning you lately. The issue will be resolved, but it's up to you to

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan (19) — Others may be surprised to learn today that you have been getting help all along. There is nothing wrong with that; you'rethe smart on

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - A question of policy may arise today, and it is up to you to remain thoughtful while dealing with sensitive issues

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Not everyone is as well-VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — equipped as you are to deal with

> ARIES (March 21-April 19) How are you planning to get Copyright 1997, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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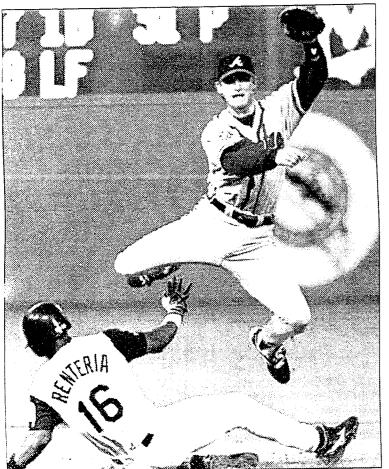
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## <u>1997 Major League Baseball</u> Yankees stop Rangers, 5-2



Florida Marlins' Edgar Renteria, is out at second as Atlanta Braves' Jeff Blauser. leaps to complete the double play during first inning action in Miami, Fla. AP

#### Manibusan. Continued from page 64

his last three attempts at bat. His 0-3 performance lowered his battine rate from .550 to .478 with his overall mark of 11 of 23.

Johnty Jones of the D-9ers jumped from seventh to fifth overall after improving his mark to .429. The San Roque slugger hit the ball 12 times in 28 attempts to become the second D-9er to crack the elite top five batting club of the American Division.

Aside from Camacho and Jones, there are two more D-9ers in the league's top 10 batters as the un-Jefeated and reigning titlist San Reque squad dominate the batting category.

Benny Pereda and Sandy Camacho are in seventh and ninth spots respectively with .417 and 33 hitting averages.

Dandan Jets Dane Lizama, the Padres Byron Kaipat, retiago Castro and Chris b das compised the rest of the members of the top 10 club.

Lizama has connected on 11 hits out of 26 attempts for a .423 average for the sixth spot while Kaipat is running eight with his .348 after going eight of 23 stints at bat.

Castro is in tenth after going eight of 24 for a .333 hitting accuracy, the same mark being sported by his Little Padre counterpart.

In the pitching derby, Manibusan made it a double after his ERA remained the lowest in the league. Manibusan gave up six hits with no earned runs in 11 innings to keep his unblemished ERA of 0.00.

Jonathan Camacho went one run higher, from third to see-

NEW YORK (AP) - Tino Martinez hit his 14th homer, tying Ken Griffey Jr. for the U.S. Major League Baseball lead, as the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 Wednesday night.

In arematch of pitchers from Game 1 of last year's first-round playoff series, David Cone (4-2) beat John Burkett (1-2). New York beat the Rangers for the 13th time in their last 15 regular-season games at Yankee Stadium and won for the eighth time in 11 games overall.

Texas went ahead in the first on a double by Ivan Rodriguez and a single by Juan Gonzalez, but the Yankees made it 4-1 in the second.

Singles by Cecil Fielder, Paul O'Neill and Derek Jeter loaded the bases, and Joe Girardi followed with a two-run double. Luis Sojo hit an RBI groundout and Tim Raines added a sacrifice fly.

#### Orioles 3, Angels 0

In Baltimore, Jimmy Key won his American League-best sixth game. pitching six scoreless innings and getting home run support from Chris Hoiles.

Key (6-0) allowed six hits, walked three and did not allow a runner past second base in lowering his ERA to

#### 1997 CNMI Little League Baseball Batting Leaders-Based on 21 or more times at bat

Compiled by LL Deputy Administrator Tony Rogolifoi for the Variety

American League Name Team AB Hit	Ave
Jack Manibusan . Dandan Jets 26 14	.538
Lawrence Guerrero Little Padres 23 12	.522
Jonathan Camacho SR D-9ers 25 13	.520
Maynard San Nicolas Tan. Falcons 23 11	.478
Johnty Jones SR D-9ers 28 12	.429
Dane Lizama Dandan Jets 26 11	.423
Benny Pereda SR D-9ers 24 10	.417
Byron Kaipat Little Padres 23 8	.348
Sandy Camacho SR D-9ers 24 8	.333
Santiago Castro SA Cardinals 24 8	.333
Chris Salas Little Padres 21 7	.333
Roger Salem SR D-9ers 22 6	.273
Gyles Ruluked Kagman Braves 22 6	.273
Dennis Pua Tan. Falcons 26 7	.269
Benjamin Jones SR D-9ers 23 6	.261

Johnty Jones, D-9ers(16), Lawrence Camacho, Chris Salas, Padres(12)

Doubles Jonathan Camacho, D-9ers(5), five others tied at (4)

Triples: Jonathan Camacho, D-9ers(3), three others tied at (3)

Homeruns: BJ Seman, Dane Lizama, Jets(3) Jonathan Camacho, D-9ers (2)

RBI: Dane Lizama, Jets (9), Jonathan Camacho, D-9ers(8), three others tied at (7)

Dalle Lizania, Jets (3),	Pitchin	g Le	eader	s:		
Name	Team	Gm	Inn	ER	Н	Era
Jack Manibusan	Jets	5	11	0	6	0.00
Jonathan Camacho	D-9ers	7	39	4	17	0.62
BJ Castro	Cardinals6	26	2/3	5	22	1.13
Ryan Sablan	Jets	3	13 1/3	3	11	1.35
Maynard San Nicolas	Falcons	6	21	5	20	1.43
Ton Sablan	Jets	4	12 2/3	5	11	2.37
Strike-Outs:						
Jonathan Camacho, D	-9ers(88), BJ	Castro,	Cardinals (	37), Ma	ynard S	San Nicola
Falcoris(34)						

ERAs respectively.

rest of the field,

spectively.

In the other categories, two

D-9ers and three Jets lead the

Jones is setting the norm in

the most runs with 16 while

teammate Jonathan leads the

doubles and triples depart-

ments with five and three re-

Dandan's BJ Seman and

Lizama are in joint tie for the

homerun leadership with three

apiece while Lizama is all alone

in the RBI category with nine.

ond, with his ERA of 0.62. The leader in the strikeouts category with a whopping 88, yielded 22 hits that resulted to five runs in 26 and 2/3 innings he played for San Roque.

Bobby Joe Castro of the Cardinals fell to third after his ERA of 0.55 balloned to 1.13 after giving up 11 hits and three runs more last week.

Ryan Sablan, erstwhile leader San Nicolas and Tony Sablan are in the top six list with their 1.35; 1.43 and 2.37 1.93. The left-hander is the first Oriole to open with six straight wins since Ben McDonald went 7-0 in 1994.

JesseOroscoandArmandoBenitez both got three outs and Randy Myers finished for his AL-best 13th save. Allen Watson (1-3) was the loser. Brewers 1, Athletics 0

In Milwaukee, Jeff Cirillo's RBI single in the seventh inning broke a scoreless tie and lifted the Brewers.

The game lasted 3 hours, 20 minutes, the longest 1-0, nine-inning game in major-league history. The previous longest came on May 17, 1988 when the New York Mets beat the San Diego Padres in 3 hours, 7 minutes.

With two out in the ninth, pinchhitter Matt Stairs singled to right but right fielder Jeromy Burnitz threw

### Aces. . . Continued from page 64

single run.

In the next play, Glenn Palacios belted another hit sending Nelson in for the tving run.

Then it was the turn of Callahan, the batting leader, to shine in crunch time. Sablan threw two consecutive strikes but failed to retire the prolific UMDA standout as Callahan belted his game winning single sending Palacios for the winning run.

Callahan led the Aces' offense by going 2 of 4, scoring arun and an RBI. Coleman, Palacios, Kapileo and Ben Hocog each drove in an RBI for the Aces' seventh consecutive win in as

B-QN5 B-Q2 6. BxN BxB 7. N-B3 N-B3 8. 0-0 B-K2 9. N-Q5 BxN

Black cannot keep both his bishops: 9...NxN 10. PxN B-Q2 (if 10...B-B3 11. Q-K4+) 11. QxNP R-KB1 12, R-K1, threatening 13. B-R6 or 13. B-N5.

10. PxB 0-0 11. B-N5 P-B3 12. P-B4 PxP 13, PxP R-K1 14, KR-K1 P-QR4

In order to be able to continue with 15...QR-B1, or possibly with 15...P-R5 and 16...R-R4.

15. R-K2 QR-B1 Instead of this 15...P-R3 would have given the Black king an escape square—and deprived the

vorld a work of ar 16. QR-K1 Q-Q2 17. BxN!

The first move in the combina tion seems harmless enough! 17...BxB

If 17...PxB, White plays 18. P-KR3!, and there is no satisfactory defense to the threat of 19. RxB! RxR 20. RxR QxR 21. Q-N4+

18. Q-KN4! Q-N4 Or 18. QxQ 19. RxR+ RxR 20

RxR#. Black's queen must stay on the

diagonal Q2 to R5 to protect the KR.

#### 19. Q-QB4! Q-Q2

Once again, if 19...QxQ 20. RxR+ forces mate, and if 19...RxQ 20. RxR+. Finally, if 19...RxR 20. QxR+Q-KI 21. QxQ+RxQ 22.

out Scott Brosius on a close play at the plate to end the game.

Brosius and manager Art Howe were ejected by home plate unipire Dale Ford for arguing even though the game was over. Mike Fetters (1-()) was the winner, Jeff Montgomery (0-1) the loser.

#### Indians 7, Blue Jays 1

In Cleveland, the hometown Indians had four home runs, including David Justice's 10th of the season, and Jack McDowell showed his return to the rotation was no fluke by allowing six hits over eight innings.

Tony Fernandez had three hits, including a first-inning homer, and combined with Jim Thome on backto-back homers in the first. Marquis Grissom homered in the fifth - his first hit since coming off the disabled list.

Callahan, who also leads the ERA department, likewise picked the win after relieving Nelson at the mound in the last two innings of the ballgame. Callahan gave up three runs, all of

them earned, five hits and one walk while retiring one batter for the win. Sablan took the loss after giving up

seven hits that resulted to three earned runs, three bases on balls and six strikeouts

Revesled the Wheels' losing cause with a 2 of 5 performance at the plate. Reves also scored once and drove in two RBIs.

The loss, the Wheels third in seven games, spoiled the return of Tony Benavente to the Wheels' bullpen. Benavente pitched for one third inning for his first appearance of the season.

#### R<sub>x</sub>R#

Black's queen must still stay on the vital diagonal.

20. Q-B7! Q-N4

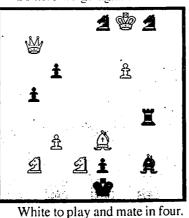
Here, too, 20...QxQ or 20...RxQ succumbs to 21. RxR+, while 20...RxR loses to 21. QxQ. 21. P-QR4!!

White avoids 21. QxNP, which would lose brilliantly to 21...QxR! 21...QxRP 22. R-K4! O-N423. OxNP! (1-0).

A splendid performance.

Puzzler. Come on you guys. You can do it. There is a solution to our puzzle.

To all those who had sent in solutions, I did get them, but none of them has the correct moves. So here we go again:



Answers should be sent to "64" c/o The Marianas Variety, P.O. Box 231, Saipan MP 96950, or faxed through 234-9271.

You can also send your solution via e-mail; our address is <younis@mtccnmi.com>

### many games. 64...

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## 1997 Saipan Men's Fastpitch League Sluggers end losing skid

#### Team Standing SS Mauleg SeaBees Four Team Budweiser L&T Waves MTC Islanders **B/S Sunrisers** Amigo's Lite Beer No Fear DOC Brothers its Okay Beach Éoyz

#### By Ray Palacios

for the Variety THEMTC SLUGGFRS ended their

three game slide by beating Lite Beer No Fear, 12-2 while SeaBeesFour

streaked to their fourth win in five games in last Wednesday's double header in the 1997 Saipan Men's Fastpitch League at the Susupe Softball Field.

Sluggers 12, No Fear 2 MTC leaned on Tito Laniyo's two doubles and five RBIs to end a threegame slump by routing No Fear, 12-2, in the first game.

After allowing No Fear to score the first run of the ballgame, the Sluggers retaliated with seven runs in the bottom of the first highlighted by Elias Rangamar and Laniyo's two run

MTC extended the advantage to 12-1 after Carl Pua scored a run in the second, another run in the third on Laniyo's RBI fielder's choice and three more in the fourth on Laniyo's three-run double.

No Fear failed to continue the ballgame beyond five innings as the 10 run mercy rule caught up with them.

Greg Ada went the distance giving up just five hits for the win. Mike Camacho picked his eighth double of the season after hitting one

for No Fear. SeaBees 10, DOC 0

Tony Satur pitched a two-hitter with six strikeouts while Tony Taitano knocked in two runs as Pacsports Seabees Four pounded the DOC Brothers, 10-0 in the nightcap.

The SeaBees racked up 10 hits, including seven with extra base, as they completely outplayed their DOC rivals

A single, three doubles and a triple highlighted SeaBees' five run explosion in the first inning with Jess Omar scoring the inning's lone RBI.

Mike Guerrero, Tony Taitano and Joe Guerrero knocked in a run each as SeaBees extended the lead to 9-0.

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upcoming season.

Cabrera at 234-6559.

Guerreromade it 10-0 after scoring for the third time in the bottom of the fourth.

The win gave SeaBees a 4-1 slate while DOC fell to 2-4.

In a related matter, the league will take a breather starting today, May 9 to May 26 to give way to Saipan Fastpitch All Star Team's participation in the 1997 Arafura Games in Darwin Australia and the upcoming Budweiser Memorial Day Softball Tournament.

All games set during the break will be to rescheduled later.

### Friday Intercommercial League Four teams dispute title

doubles.

#### **Friday Inter-Commercial League Team Standings**

Pos	Tm	Team	Won	Lost	Pct	Totpins	Ave	Gm	Ser
1	5	Panthers Security	55.5	36.5	60.33	67231	974	1131	3216
2	1	Saipan Stevedore	55.0	37.0	59.78	67060	971	1115	3115
3	11	ALPZ Merchandising	54.5	37.5	59.24	66948	970	1105	3183 .
4	6	Wushin Corporation	52.5	39.5	57.07	67107	972	1075	3092
5	9	Microl/Toyota	49.0	·43.0	53.26	66454	963	1078	3025
6	12	Toshiba	48.0	44.0	52.17	66885	969	1122	3095
7	8	L&W	45.0	47.0	48.91	67349	976	1098	3212
8	3	Duty Free Shoppers	43.5	48.5	47.28	66336	961	1100	3082
9	7	Kang's Corporation	43.0	49.0	46.74	63278	958	1074	3098
10	4	Halina's Kitchenette	39.0	53.0	42.39	66056	957	1070	3144
11	10	PSTC Bowlers	35.5	56.5	38.59	66779	967	1118	3073
12	2	Joeten Enterprises	31.5	60.5	34.24	61808	950	1055	3014

#### By Erel A. Cabatbat Variety News Staff

WILL Panthers Security go all the way? Can Saipan Stevedore come back from an 0-4 loss? Can Alpz Merchandising revive its sagging title bid? Will Wushin Corporation make that one big comeback?

All these questions will be answered tonight at the Friday Intercommercial League enters its final round with nothing but the title at stake at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Panthers Security will face arch rival Saipan Stevedore in the opening two lanes while Alpz Merchandising and Wushin Corporation tangle in the next two as the four teams dispute the FIL supremacy in a down the wire pairingsasthe league reaches the homestretch.

Panthers Security leads the league with its 55.5-36.5 win loss slate but only enjoys a half win advantage over the Stevedores. Alpz Merchandising is just a

Name Ben Mesa

Winsor Peter

Brady Ubede

Jojo Attao Mel Sakisat

Greg Camacho

Lester Garcia

Anton Iriate

Doubles:

an Tarang salah sajar sa

Most Runs:

Joe Guerrero Paul Camacho

win behind while fourth running Wushin Corporation will be the longshot as the team trails Panthers by three victories.

Of the four contenders, the Panthers squad is the only team that is coming off to a winning run in the penultimate round.

The Panthers team clawed its way to a 3-1 win over lightweight Joeten Enterprises while the Stevedores absorbed a stinging 0-4 beating from Toshiba. Alpz and Wushin both suffered 1-3 defeats from PSTC Bowlers and Microl/Toyota.

Panthers Security will lean on DannyRobles,RossZapanta,Wency Lamson, Roman Mamauag, Rene Cabigao, Ric Cuison, Ador Dimaano and Pat Gagaring in their crucial matchup with Saipan Stevedore. The Stevedores' bid will be bannered by Dong Eparawa, John Igisaiar, Frank Palacios, Willy Quanico, Richard Sana, Robert Talavera and Manny Tenorio.

Alpz Merchandising is expected to go to Art Macaspac, Willy Ngayan,

Hit

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.513 .500

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Danny Lorzano and Alex Uy with help coming from Roel Bince, Richard Leong, Robert Perez and Joe Velarde against the unpredictable Wushin combo.

Wushin can still overhaul Panthers' three win advantage with a perfect run against Alpz in lanes 3 and four and to do this, the team will rely on league president Jess Rebusada, league secretary Jack Muna, John Matsumoto, Joe Demapan, Joe Ada, Al Aldan and Moses Williams.

In the remaining pairings, Microl/Toyota (49-43) faces Toshiba (48-44) in lanes 5 and 6; L&W (45-47) goes up against Duty Free Shoppers (43.5-48.5); Kang's Corporation (43-49) battles Halina's Kitchen; and PSTC Bowlers (35.5-56.5) and Joeten Enterprises (31.5-60.5) dispute the cellar in lanes 11 and 12.

Also at stake in tonight's final round will be the best scores in the individual and team all events.

### Mesa tops...

out of 45 swings for a respectable .556 average while Sakisat trails him closely with a .538 norm after going 21 of 39 attempts at bat.

comes in at sixth, averaging .529 on account of his 18 of 34 performance.

tlers, Anton Iriate of the Senyevins, Joe Guerrero of the Turtles and YCO's Paul Camacho are in seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th spots

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**Sportsbits** Youth Bowling League The Youth Bowlers of Saipan viduals are encouraged to attend the

meeting. For more information, please SSA president Joe Torres at 234-6098.

> LL Division Managers and Coaches Meeting

The CNMI Little League Base ball will have a managers and coaches meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 6 p.m. at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym Conference Room.

Playoff games format and schedterested junior bowlers to sign for the ule will be discussed during the meet-For more information please con- -Attendance is mandatory. tact Becky Cabrera at 234-6420; Ri-

For more information, please contactMichaelEvangelistaat664-5103 or 664-5104. \*\*\*

ICBL 2nd Tournament The Inter Commercial Basketball League is set to hold its second tournament on May 24 at the CMS Basketball Court.

Entry fee is pegged at \$900 per team.

For more information, please contact ICBL president Abner Venus at 234-5911 or Archie del Rosario at 234-6136. \*\*\*

#### Tennis Tournament

The 16th Annual DFS Saipan Ltd. Micronesian Championships Tennis Tournament, the longest running tenniseventin CNMI, will be held or May 17, 18, 24, 25 and 26 at the Pacific Islands Club.

Entry forms are available at Pacific Postal Plus, Las Vegas Discount Golf and Tennis and at the American Memorial Park in Garapan. Deadline of submission of entry

forms will be on May 12. For more information, please contact tournament director JJ Richardson.

#### SAVA Tournament

The Saipan Amateur Volleyball Association will hold an islandwide volteyball tournament on June 2.

The tournament will feature cometitions in the Men's. Women's Boys' and Girls' divisions.

For more information, please contact Tonie Taitano at 234-6170 or Tony Rogolifoi at 234-1001. (EAC)

#### for fourth place.

Ubedei, however, paces the doubles and RBI categories. The Warriors' slugger notched nine doubles so far while knocking in 20 RBIs.

Iriate tows the rest of the field in most triples with four while three more players are in joint second with similar three triples.

Attao leads the homerun derby with 12, one more than Greg Camacho and two infront of Nick Castro.

Sumang Riungel (3) Homeruns

Servistar

Pepsi Spec

Warrior I Luv U Man

Bombers

Servistar

Hustlers

Turtles

Servistar

Brady Ubedei(9), Winsor Peter (7), Jerome Attao (6), Luis Ngirakelau (6)

Rasko Yamada(27), Nick Castro (24), Francis George (23), Brady Ubedei(22)

Anton Iriate (4), Ben Mesa, Francis George, Scot Santos, Ben Hocog, Ray Semen,

Brady Ubedei (20), Nick Castro (17), Tony Moreham (18), Mel Sakisat (19)

Senvevins

1997 Marpac Palau League

**Batting Leader** 

AB

Based on 30 or more attempts at bat

Jojo Attao (12), Greg Camacho (11), Nick Castro

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Servicestar's Greg Camacho

Lester Garcia of the Hus-

The Refalawasch Golf Associa tion will hold its May Ace Tournament this coming Sunday, May 11 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Course. Tony Rogolifoi's 65 is the score to

East Course.

for pairings.

6:06 a.m.

beat in the monthly tournament. Tee off time is set at 6:30 a.m. bu golfers are requested to be at the greens at least 30 minutes earlier.

tact Ray Diaz at 322-6581

16 golfers. For more information, please con-

tact Tony Rogolifoi or Joe Lizama at 234-1001 or 234-1002.

#### SSA Coed League

The Saipan Softball League will have a meeting on May 14, 5:30 p.m.

All teams who have submitted

#### respectively.

Camacho is averaging .529; Garcia a .526; Iriate is toting a .514; Guerrero a .513; and Paul Camacho is norming a bat within the .500 success rate.

Yamada leads Nick Castro, Francis George and Ubedei in the most runs department with adrift while George has 23. Ubedei has scored 22 times

The tournament is open to the first

at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym Conference Room.

coming first ever 1997 Co-Ed Softball Night League.

their rosters and other interested indi-

.500 flat as the top 10 leaders

In other categories, Rasco 27. Castro is just three runs

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### The agenda will be on SSA storth-



## 1997 Saipan Men's Major League Aces outduel Wheels, 6-5

Team Standings	W	L	By Frank M. Pa
UMDA Aces	7	0	Erel A. Cabatba Variety News St
Miller Lite Brewers	4	2	JEFF CALLAH
Toyota Wheels	4	3	hit off Elmer Sabl
Kautz Glass Glazers	4	2	of the decisive 10 game wnning si
Team Palau	2	4	UMDA Aces to
Typhoons	1	5	win over the def ons Toyota Whee
Sunrisers	0	6	day night in th

By Frank M. Palacios and Erel A. Cabatbat Variety News Staff JEFF CALLAHAN slammed a hit off Elmer Sablan in the bottom of the decisive 10th inning for the game wnning single to lift the UMDA Aces to a thrilling 6-5 win over the defending champions Toyota Wheels last Wednesday night in the 1997 Saipan Men's Major League Baseball at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

The Wheels appeared on their way of avenging their first round defeat against the Aces after taking a 5-2 lead in the top of the 10th inning highlighted by John Reyes two-run single but couldn't hang to the lead as the Aces' offense exploded in the crucial changeover.

UMDA came up with clutch hits in their own half of the extra inning to reaffirm their dominance over the Wheels this season.

Ed Diaz sparked the Aces' big comeback by belting a single. Steve Eason made it a back-toback hit for the Aces with another shot as UMDA put two men in scoring positions. Diaz eventually reached the homeplate after Wheels' third baseman Ray Guerrero committed an error while handling Chris Nelson's groundball for the Aces' first run in the extra inning.

UMDA's third baseman Steve Coleman whacked a sacrifice fly to bring in Eason for another run as the Aces cut the Wheels into a **Continued on page 62** 

# ETETTEEtio The rematch

Garry Kasparov, left, is seen before his next move against Deep Blue, IBM's chess playing computer. Kasparov and Deep Blue are engaged in a Man vs Machine six-game rematch in New York. Deep Blue can examine an average of 200 million positions per second. The man at right is unidentified. AP

Zaldy Dandan

### Queen sac

THOUGH I learned to play chess at the age of 8, it took me eighth more years before finally being smitten by this most incredible game.

The "catalyst" was a book on sacrifices, and I still remember how awestruck I was going through the scores, and those seemingly reckless moves that wantonly gave up material after material only to reveal mate in the last move.

One of my favorite games was that of an obscure amateur named

### Mesa tops Palau/ Marpac League's batting category

By Erel A. Cabatbat

Variety News Staff BEN MESA of YCO Servistar leads the batting race after two months of action in the ongoing 1997 Palau/Marpac Men's Slowpitch League at the Koblerville Baseball Field.

Mesa is averaging a scorching .595 hitting accuracy after connecting on 22 hits in 37 attempts at bat to lead Winsor Peter and Brady Ubedei in the individual race for the league's batting champion.

Peter of Pepsi/SPEC belted the ball 24 times in his 41 plate appearances for a .585 mark while Ubedei of the Warriors is norming a .579 after slamming the ball 22 times in his 38 plate appearances. The league's homerun leader Jojo Attao of I Luv You Man is in fourth while Mel Sakisat of the Bombers checks in at fifth. Attao racked his hits to 25 **Continued on page 63** 

### scoring positions. <u>1997 LL's American Division</u> Manibusan reclaims batting, pitching leads

### By Erel A. Cabatbat

Variety News Staff DANDAN Jets mainstay Jack Manibusan went 2 of 3 in his last game to reclaim the driver's seat in the batting race in the American Division of the 1997 CNMI Little League Baseball at the San Vicente Elem. School Ball Park.

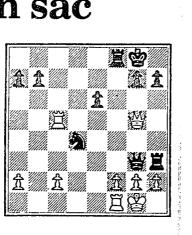
The Jets slugger likewise vaulted on top the pitching category with his earned run average (ERA) of 0.00 after 11 innings of manning the mound for Dandan.

Manibusan improved his batting prowess to .538 after bringing his hits to a total of 14 out of 26 plate appearances.

Little Padres' Lawrence Guerrero and Jonathan Camacho of defending champion San Roque D-9ers trail Manibusan closely for the batting title.

Guerrero slammed 12 hits in 23 attempts for a .522 average while Camacho is just a whisker behind in third with a .520 hitting accuracy after belting the ball 13 times in 25 swings.

Erstwhile leader Maynard San Nicolas fell to fourth overall after failing to find his target in **Continued on page 62** 



Adams against the Mexican champion Carlos Torre, he of the Torre Attack, and the same dude who, wearing a trench coat, would suddenly reveal his birthday suit underneath (his ding-a-ling, of course, included) to his fellow bus passengers in New York city. It is not known whether his madness was a result of losing the

following game, in which Adams offers his queen to Torre six times in succession.

Annotations are by Irving Chernev:

Game of the week.

Philidor Defence

Acams-Torre

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Seattle SuperSonics' Sam Perkins, left, goes for two points against Houston Rockets' Charles Barkley in the first quarter Wednesday, May 7, 1997, in Houston. Barkley was called for a foul and no basket was scored. AP