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Travel mess bared



Leo L. LaMotte

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

LEGISLATORS have accumulated \$116,075.16 in outstanding travel advances as of last Aug. 21,

OPA: Legislators have outstanding, unliquidated advances

preliminary findings on the financial and compliance audit of the 10th legislature for fiscal year 1996 showed.

The outstanding travel advances, according to Public Auditor Leo L. LaMotte, were as of Aug. 21 this year.

These outstanding advances included those that have remained unliquidated and advances that were unreturned after trip cancellations.

The preliminary findings were contained in a letter by LaMotte to Finance Secretary Gabriel DLC Camacho, whom he urged to update him on the uncollected or unliquidated advances.

"We will monitor the implementation of our recommendations and should the advances remain uncollected or unliquidated by the completion of our fieldwork, the same findings will be included in our audit report," LaMotte told Camacho.

Contacted, Camacho's office told the Variety that some of the involved senators and congressmen had been cleared.

A staffer at the secretary's office said LaMotte's report had been referred to the finance and

accounting division, which "is working on it (the update)."

The Department of Finance, or DOF, received LaMotte's letter and report last Oct. 10, and it hasn't drafted a reply yet, the lady staffer said.

"Some of the information are outdated," she said, adding that some of the legislators had been "cleared already."

Of the total advances, according to LaMotte, \$12,540.21 was outstanding since FY 1995 and \$19,958.40 since FY 1996. The

FY 1997 outstanding advances totaled \$83,576.55.

The public auditor said the finance department had "failed to collect or make salary deductions when the traveler did not return unused advances or submit travel liquidation reports on time."

"Our review also showed that DOF allowed some travel advances for canceled trips to be returned by a series of salary deductions instead of requiring the traveler to return the full amount of the travel advance at one time," LaMotte said.

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Manpower agencies to make appeal to Tenorio

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

MANPOWER agencies are now banding together to appeal for Gov. Froilan Tenorio's reconsideration of a policy disallowing them from further bringing in foreign workers.

The group, led by 10 placement firm operators, said they are looking into the possibility of a selective application of Labor and Immigration Secretary Thomas O. Sablan's directive on the matter.

The new policy takes effect on Monday.

Ellen Rabins, the group's spokesperson, said the policy will not only drive them out of business but unjustly render agency-hired employed workers jobless.

She conceded though that there are "abusive" placement agencies.

But this, she stressed, does not necessitate a sweeping action

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Forestry Nursery staff member Luis Camacho explains to San Antonio Elementary sixth graders the process of planting seedlings. The students were on a field trip to the Kagman nursery yesterday. Photo by Laila C. Younis

Froilan, Borja camps disown public leaflets questioning Teno's eligibility



Froilan C. Tenorio



Jesus C. Borja



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

WITH ONLY two weeks left in what is turning out to be an unusually "quiet" campaign season, a "public notice" on former governor Pedro P. Tenorio's alleged ineligibility to seek a third term is being circulated on Saipan.

But the camps of Lt. Gov.

Jesus C. Borja, the independent candidate, and that of reelectionist Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio have both denied involvement in this apparent last-ditch effort to derail the former governor's candidacy.

"It's not from my office," Borja said yesterday.

The governor's spokesperson, for his part, said they have no information about the notice.

"It's absolutely and emphatically not from us," Mark Broadhurst said yesterday.

Signed by "Concerned Citizens," the one-page "important public notice" claims that the CNMI Constitution disqualifies the Republican Party standard bearer from running in the Nov. 1 elections.

"There is no provision in the Constitution that provides exemption to a sitting governor," the notice said.

Tenorio, who served from 1982-90, was the incumbent governor when the constitutional amendment limiting the governor to two terms was ratified.

The notice said the 1985 le-

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EPA recalls dump citation

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE UNITED States Environmental Protection Agency has withdrawn its complaint against the "unauthorized discharges" from the Puerto Rico dump and will no longer seek the \$125,000 fine it imposed on the CNMI government.

In an Oct. 14 letter to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, EPA's Norman L. Lovelace said the complaint against the CNMI was not filed due to an administrative oversight.

Lovelace said EPA, at this time, is not choosing to refile the complaint, "but is pursuing more rigorous enforcement options."

He did not elaborate.

Tenorio earlier said the CNMI government will not pay the fine EPA imposed last Aug. 18.

Tenorio blames the U.S. Inte-

rior Department's continued refusal to allow the purchase of the incinerators needed to clean up Puerto Rico dump.

He said he will tell EPA to get

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WEATHER Outlook



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Japan: More nuke plants

TOKYO (AP) - Japan will need to build more nuclear power plants to attain its target for limiting emissions of gases that cause global warming, government officials said Thursday.

The Japanese government last week proposed what it called a "realistic" plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2.5 percent from 1990 levels by 2012. At the same time, it called on industrialized nations as a group to cut gas emissions by 5 percent over the period.

Greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, are believed to lead to global warming. They are released when oil, coal or gas are burned.

Yutake Hayami, an official with the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy, said Japan must rely on more carbon dioxide-free nuclear power generation, while reducing the output of thermal power, to achieve its target.

"There will be a necessity of increasing the use of nuclear power generation," Hayami said.

Thermal power plants, fueled by coal and oil, now generate 55.5 percent of Japan's electricity, according to government figures. Nuclear power plants, there are 51 of them now, supply 34.0 percent of the nation's electricity and the remaining 10.5 percent is generated by hydroelectric and geothermal plants.

Japan has been aggressively pursuing its nuclear energy program to reduce its heavy dependence on imported fuels such as oil and natural gas.

But the nation's nuclear policy has suffered a snag in recent years following a series of accidents at publicly run nuclear plants. Last month, the government shut down the nation's experimental plutonium-based fast-breeder reactor for one year after its operators falsified reports on a 1995 sodium coolant leak.

Iran tracks US ships in Gulf

By Afshin Valinejad
TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran said it was tracking the movements of U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf on Wednesday with a new unmanned aircraft that can evade radar detection. The claim came after Iran accused U.S. battle ships and reconnaissance planes of spying on its war games in the strategic waterway.

A seven-ship Navy battle group led by the USS Nimitz arrived in the Gulf on Sunday, about two weeks ahead of schedule. Its dispatch followed Iranian air attacks on Iranian opposition bases inside Iraq. The Sept. 29 raids violated a no-fly zone patrolled by the United States and its allies. Iraq sent up two fighters in pursuit, again violating the zone.

Iran's navy commander Ali Akbar Ahmadian said Wednesday that Iran was "successfully monitoring the movements of all American warships, and especially the Nimitz, using the new stealth plane."

On Tuesday, Iran accused the destroyer USS Kinkaid and an S-3 reconnaissance plane of spying on its war games, and said they left after being warned. On Wednesday, Iran said U.S. Navy cruisers, a destroyer and three reconnaissance planes entered the area for a second time but again left after being warned.

It said a British warship also approached the exercises but moved away as well, Iranian radio reported.

The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet did not comment on Wednesday's charges, but it denied the first incursion.

PEDRO TAISACAN NAKATSUKASA

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- **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**
Radio Announcer - 1965
Budget & Finance T.T. High - 1969
Teacher Hopwood Jr. High - 1979
Asst. Legislative Liaison Officer - 1971-1977
Asst. Prosecutor - 1976 (6 months)
General Manager/Blue Penn. Hotel/Rota
Public Relations Senate Minority
Homestead Administrator (MPLC)
- **PUBLIC OFFICE**
Member Municipal Council - 1968-1976
District Commissioner - 1976
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Floor Leader 1st and 4th Commonwealth Legislature
Trial Assistant
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Member Board of Directors CAA 1979-1980
Vice Chairman Board of Directors CAA 1978-1980
Member Headstart Board of Directors - 1976
Chairman Headstart Policy Council 1979-1981
Census Supervisor - 1973
Member State Educ. Advisory Council - 1981
President San Antonio Headstart 1982-1987
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Kim's son appeals

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Kim Young-sam's son, sentenced to three years in prison for bribery and tax evasion, asked an appellate court Wednesday to reverse the ruling.

In Monday's sentencing, Kim Hun-chul, 37, also was ordered to pay \$2.1 million in fines. His was South Korea's first criminal case involving a close relative of an incumbent leader.

"We will prepare for an appeals trial with arguments that the defendant is not guilty on both bribery and tax evasion charges," Kim's lawyer, Yeo Sang-kyu, said.

Kim, the president's second son, was arrested in May on charges of taking \$7.3 million in bribes from six businessmen seeking government favors. He also was charged with failing to pay \$1.5 million in taxes.

'Who's to blame for Rasa?'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

AS REQUESTED by the Senate, the Attorney General's Office has been looking into the possible liability of the Tinian casino gaming commission for hiring someone convicted of corruption-related charges.

Sen. David M. Cing (D-Tinian), the chair of the Senate committee investigating the commission, has asked acting Attorney General Robert Dunlap to provide a legal opinion on whether former House speaker Oscar C. Rasa's consultancy contract with the commission is affected by Public Law 9-68.

The law states that "any person convicted...shall be prohibited from working for (the CNMI government) for a period of 10 years from the date of conviction of a crime."

In his letter to Dunlap, Cing is also asking whether Rasa's contract make him a full-time or part-time employee of the commission.

"In other words, would it be a breach of contract or a violation of law if (Rasa) is concurrently engaged in other employment or business activities while this contract is in effect?" Cing said.

Dunlap, in an interview, said his office is still researching on Cing's questions.

Cing told the Variety that his committee is waiting for the legal



Robert Dunlap

AGO looks into TCGCC's possible liability for hiring ex-speaker

acting Tinian municipal treasurer Jeannette H. Borja, and has "invited" Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona, commission executive director Paul Palmer, acting commission chair Antonio S. Borja and Public Auditor Leo LaMotte to testify.

It was the Office of the Public Auditor, which is assisting the Senate committee in its investigations, that earlier cited the four-year contract awarded to Rasa as another example of the commission's highly questionable and excessive expenditure of funds.

OPA, in a report to the Senate, said nine months after Rasa was hired as consultant on Oct. 22, 1996, the commission has already paid him \$734,446.

Rasa's contract provides an annual professional fee of \$100,000, payable in quarterly allotments of \$25,000.

Rasa was given a vehicle for his full-time use—with the cost of insurance, repairs and maintenance paid by the commission—a \$2,400 quarterly housing allowance, group health and dental insurance coverage and a paid vacation of four weeks a year.

Rasa is also entitled to one business class round-trip airfare between California, where he was residing prior to being hired by the commission, and the costs of relocating to Tinian, which include business airfares for Rasa's immediate family members.

Under his contract, Rasa gets in-transit expenses, \$500 cash to cover "incidental needs of international travel" and shipment costs.

All of his local, state and federal taxes are to be paid by the commission.

The contract also stipulates that if terminated for any or no reason, Rasa will receive the full unpaid amount of his professional fees.

Guerrero: 'Opponents had a hand in Haitai controversy'

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

SAIPAN mayoralty bet, Public Works Secretary Edward M. de Leon Guerrero dismissed the "damaging" letter implicating him in a cash-for-contract racket as a "political machination" employed by his opponents to discredit him in the November polls.

The letter, which was recently leaked to media, was signed by a



Edward M. de Leon Guerrero

ranking official of the Haitai Development and Construction Co. who claimed he paid Guerrero and two others \$50,000 each in exchange for an assurance that the Korean firm will corner the \$21-million Saipan Correctional Facility project in a sole-sourced contract.

The House of Representatives, rejecting such contracts, turned down Haitai's bid, Sept. 11.

The letter was addressed to Guerrero.

"As you know, it is a political month. The opponent would love to have something that could get them ahead of the campaign," said Guerrero in a press briefing.

"I don't want to accuse anybody but, of course, the opponent has something to do with this."

The leaked copy of the letter has annotations insinuating that Gov. Froilan Tenorio himself may have received more than Guerrero did, an allegation vehemently denied by Juan T. Guerrero, finance officer of the committee to elect the governor and incumbent Guerrero and two project consultants the bribe money.

Haitai, through its President, In Bae Park, has denied giving Guerrero and two project consultants the bribe money.

In an Oct. 9 letter, Park also apologized for the setback the charges have reportedly caused the Guerrero's mayoralty bid.

media is a deliberate effort by the opposing parties, either in the Republican one, or the Borja-Sablan team," said Guerrero.

"They have every reason to discredit the current administration."

He said the "Lang-Gere" tandem has "almost \$300,000" derived from dinner fundraising activities.

The smear job, said the mayoralty bet, has "unfortunately made the campaign period dirty."

Haitai, through its President, In Bae Park, has denied giving Guerrero and two project consultants the bribe money.

"It's baloney. We have not received one cent from Haitai."

"The annotated letter faxed to



Oleai Elementary School Principal Evelyn Manglona stands with students from 1st to 6th grades, each of whom were chosen as "Student of the Month" for OES. Photo by Laila C. Younis

Counsel: Hillblom Estate reps subjected Mafnas family to 'harassment'

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE FAMILY of the late former House Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas has claimed that Larry Hillblom's estate representatives have subjected them to harassment in connection with the release of \$1.7 million settlement money.

Perez said executor Bank of Saipan in its activity report is seeking court's approval to finally satisfy completely the settlement of Mafnas' wrongful death.

However, the lawyer stated, the Mafnas claimants are skeptical that the executor is trying to deny them the interest due on the settlement.

Perez said such denial was based on a claim that Hillblom's estate was not obligated to pay interest on the settlement amount until the Mafnas family received approval to settle the wrongful death action

in Mafnas probate proceeding.

The Mafnas family believed that the Superior Court had a well-founded basis for its order to Hillblom's estate to pay interest from the date when the stipulation of the parties and order was entered with the US District Court.

Perez said the settlement was reached at a Sept. 10, 1996 settlement conference before US District Court Judge Alex R. Munson.

Perez said it took the Mafnas claimants' counsel almost 10 days to get the then estate's special administrator to agree to let the court determine the specific terms as to when payment would be made and the amount of interest to accrue on the unpaid

settlement money.

"The Mafnas counsel said the special administrator in his Feb. 21, 1997 activity report sought reconsideration of the court's order providing that interest on the unpaid balance of the settlement would accrue from Sept. 20, 1996.

The administrator, Perez pointed out, based on his misunderstanding of the facts of when the settlement was reached and when the court approved the settlement.

"Contrary to the special administrator's understanding of the dates and terms of the settlement, this Court did not approve the Mafnas settlement until Oct. 4, 1996," Perez said.

He said Sept. 20, 1996 is the date when the Sept. 10, 1996 settlement was reduced to a stipulation and ordered filed in the US District Court.

The Mafnas claimants' counsel have asked Hillblom's estate on numerous occasion to provide them with a date certain when the settlement would be funded, since it needed this information to provide the court in the Mafnas probate.

"The court can see that the Estate's position that it is not obligated to pay interest from Sept. 20, 1996, as ordered by this Court, is without merit, and that based on the overall equities of the case, the estate should not be allowed to escape its obligations to pay such interest," Perez added.

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EDITORIAL

On manpower hiring ban

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration is on a roll. Its sweep of overcrowded and filthy garment factory barracks has been so commendable to the point of being seen as "long overdue."

DOLI's campaign against unscrupulous foreigners engaged in the flesh trade in Garapan is earning raves.

The training of its agents continue and more and more illegal aliens are being deported.

The drive against overstayers is intensifying. With a man of action, Thomas O. Sablan, at DOLI's helm, concerns in this most problematic government department are being resolved little by little.

The Department is moving well with its plans and policies, except that there is one that has recently caught the eye of some people as being counter-productive.

"Overkill" is actually the right word. Sablan's recent order barring manpower agencies from bringing in more workers may actually be a good idea. But the ugly part of it is for those manpower firms to be barred from renewing the employment contracts of workers who are currently gainfully employed, but were hired through agency arrangements.

This is unnecessarily disruptive, ill-conceived, pointless and excessive. There was no transition period to allow for those affected to prepare for it.

The logic for this policy is incomprehensible. How can a reasonable man like Sablan sanction such a hasty and unreasonable policy.

It is understandable why DOLI would want to put a stop to more new hiring considering that there is already a considerable number of "unemployed" non-resident workers here—the Bangladeshi *fi-asco* and those other workers who were brought in by irresponsible manpower agencies after paying huge placement fees and who subsequently ended up idle and without jobs.

These manpower firms should be penalized to the fullest extent. Shut them down if you must and send those workers with no jobs back home.

Or impose an across-the-board ban on any new manpower hiring. "Close the Commonwealth gates."

Fine. But there is no good rationale why even those who are legitimately employed and who are abiding by all the rules should be affected by the order.

Mr. Sablan's argument that the order would serve as a reminder to all that the hiring of non-resident workers is a privilege, not a right, is by no means reason enough to make the policy as sweeping as it now is.

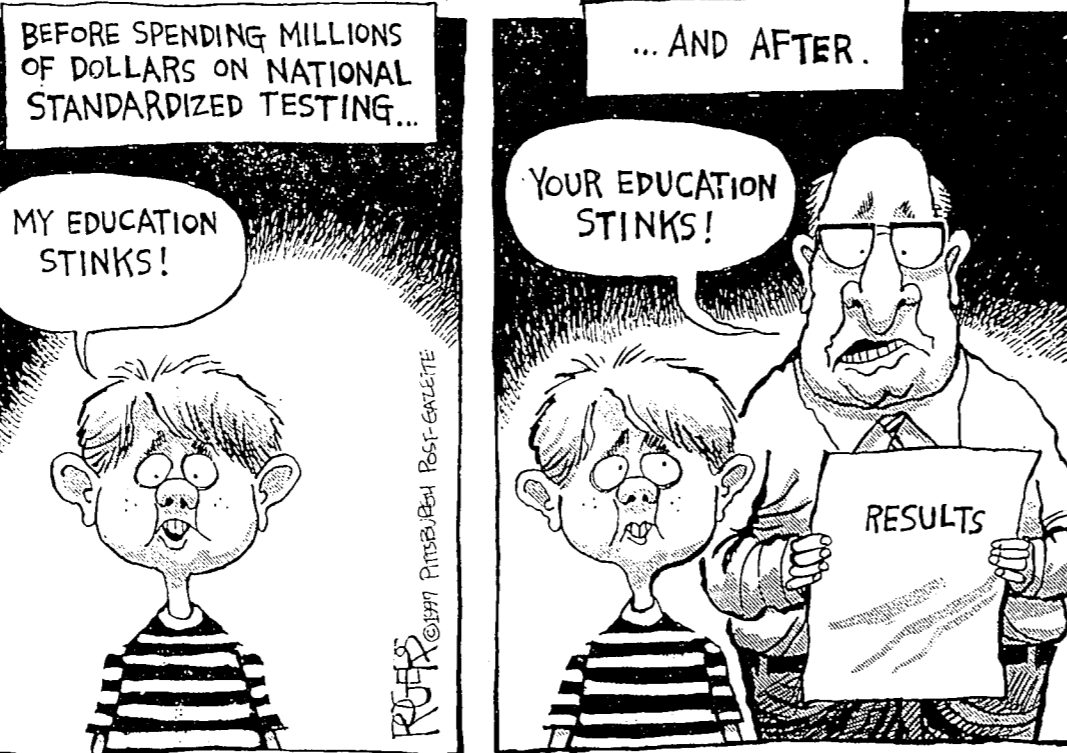
Again, it just makes no sense for DOLI to refuse to accept their renewals when some of these people have been serving their employers well and have gotten their trust and confidence.

Sending them home just because of the faults of some unscrupulous manpower agency owners is unjust, not only for the workers and the "responsible" and "law-abiding recruitment agencies, but also for employers here.

Why "burn the whole house down to get rid of a rat." It is hoped that Mr. Sablan can see the lack of wisdom in the policy he is imposing, and maybe come up with something more reasonable when he completes a review of its impacts.

Give the matter more thought, or put in a transition period. Whatever. Just don't ram it down in such a blatant fashion.

Hasty decisions are usually the ones we may be regretful about later on.



On E.T.'s

FILIPINOS are said to be regionalistic. We do not think in terms of national boundaries, as a historian once noted, but in regional oneness. In the colleges and universities back home, for example, student organizations exclusive to those who come from a particular region or province are not uncommon.

Sociologists blame the colonial Spaniards' policy of pitting regions and provinces against each other for the persistence of this trait, which though not unique is nonetheless not considered as pronounced as in the case of the other nationalities. Hence this tsk-tskery among some Filipinos even here on Saipan everytime a new regional organization is established by the *kabayans*. I still remember years ago when then consul Renato Villapando pointed out this lamentable proliferation of organizations in his speech before an inaugural meeting...of yet another new Filipino organization.

The Philippine Consulate has apparently decided to remedy this misplaced organizational zeal, mainly by pushing for the creation of a single group to comprise every Visayan, Caviteño, Ilocano, Pampangueno associations out there. They even came up with a, well, imagination-challenged name—United Filipino Organization, or UFO. As in aliens. Obviously, there was no concern whatsoever regarding the acronym's possible not-so-positive connotations.

As usual, moreover, the new organization was as representative of the CNMI Filipinos as a mink fur coat is suitable to wear at Mañagaha. To begin with, most of the UFO's leaders are no longer Filipino citizens. Amazing, really, that the Filipino's "activeness" in a Filipino organization is inversely proportional to his or her Filipino citizenship. The bluer the passport, the more Filipino they feel. Looking at the PR photos lying around the Variety's editorial office, I noticed that some of the UFO officers are the same persons who, a couple of years ago, claimed that a Filipino maid beaten up by her employer was not abused, but merely figured in a lover's spat. Which explained why the maid deserved her bruises, shiner and swollen lips.

These were the same people who harangued visiting Philippine government officials with stories of how stupid the Filipino workers are, and why these workers should therefore stop complaining everytime their employers want "crash lessons on human anatomy or Freudian complexes." I remember sitting through one of those almost surreal meetings, awestruck at the thought that without the gallons of Aquanet they sprayed on their dyed hair, these women would have been carried away by a strong wind, considering the vacuum that is in their skulls.

And yet, these are the leaders of the Filipino community. By virtue of their positions in an organization with a name that has "Filipino" in it, they represent the construction workers who are sometimes spat at, betel juice and all, by passing motorists; the farmers who get up as early as 5 a.m.; and the bar girls who are confined to their barracks and are "on-call" for the visiting dignitaries from the Labor and Immigration Department. These persons are supposed to represent us, the Philippine tax-paying, POEA-queueing, D'Elegance-eating Filipinos.

Fortunately, visiting Philippine government officials tend to see through these leaders. For starters, they put on too much perfume and they try too hard, very hard indeed, with the English language even while talking to a kabayan government official. Imagine these leaders' horror when they found out that the officials, upon returning to Manila, had cited the labor abuse stories of mainland American advocates instead of their own rosy diagnoses, as was the case in 1995 which led to the reassignment of Consul Villapando who had the misfortune of being staunchly supported by these characters.

If the purpose of this UFO is to present a genuine umbrella group and to give an impression of a united, we're-so-content picture of the Filipino workers in the CNMI then its current membership roster is not particularly helpful. UFO neither has enough Filipinos nor workers to boast of. No surprise then that its leaders are valiantly calling for the total ban of maids, farmers, bar girls and other nonprofessional workers.

There is a lesson here, somewhere, but I think it's unprintable.

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS to the editor must carry the full name of the writer and signature, with a telephone number (in case of faxed or mailed letters) for verification. Letters addressed to other publications or to third parties and those endorsing particular political candidates are discouraged. All letters are subject to editing. The Variety reserves the right to reject any letters. Name withheld and unsigned letters will not see print.

WSR classroom needs air conditioning

Dear Editor:
I am a fourth grade teacher at William S. Reyes Elementary School. During the first few days of school my class began to discuss the unfairness of not having air conditioning in their classroom at W.S.R. while some classrooms did have air conditioning. When I informed the class that in fact W.S.R. was the only public school on Saipan without air conditioning throughout the public school

system, my class decided that they needed to take action. The form of this action was to write a letter to the PSS School Board letting them know that not only was it uncomfortable to be in a classroom without air conditioning, but it affected the class in their ability to have the things that all other schools possess, like a quiet atmosphere in which they could learn, a clean room, a room that doesn't have rain and wind blowing in when they are trying to work and a

computer that they could use in the classroom. Because we have also been reading articles from the local newspapers, I suggested to them that we send two of these letters to a local newspaper. That way, their letters would be seen by the public as well. These students are insightful, as are their letters. They are the ones who have to deal with these problems every day.

ANNA VILLACHICA

Dear School Board:
Hi! My name is Michelle Ramos Domingo. I am in fourth grade at W.S.R. I would like to ask if you could put air conditioning in our classrooms, because it's hard to study now. It's very hot, it's dirty, the rain comes in, there's a lot of noise, and my teacher was going to put her computer in our room but they haven't put air conditioning in our room so she can't.

How would you feel if your classmates got sick in class because they were so hot? How would you feel if your best friend went to another school

with air conditioning? My best friend went to another school that has air conditioning. This is what our class would feel if we had air conditioning. We would feel very comfortable, we'd have no noise, we wouldn't be sweaty, we would even feel safe from the rain. Our class would be clean and our teacher would bring in her computer. Would you know that our school wouldn't be the only school that doesn't have air conditioning? Thankyou!

MICHELLE RAMOS DOMINGO

Grateful to both JAL and Continental Mike

Dear Editor:
As an observer and participant in several tourism/airlines programs and discussions, I am happy to see the gratefulness and gratitude being expressed to Japan Airlines on their 20th anniversary of direct air service between Tokyo and Saipan last October 1st.

However, I am rather surprised about the non-existence of recognition for the contribution of Continental Air Micronesia, now Continental Micronesia, which also marked its 20th anniversary of direct air service between Tokyo and Saipan last October 1st. It was through Air Micronesia's persistence and the support of our leaders that the Tokyo-Saipan route had opened on October 1, 1977.

Continental Micronesia has constantly expanded its routes linking Saipan to several major cities in Japan, our major tourism market. It started with Tokyo followed by Nagoya, Fukuoka, Sendai, Sapporo and Osaka. These connections to the different major cities in our main market certainly is a big plus to our tourism industry that we should not be forgetting.

Although we might not be happy with the services of Continental Micronesia all the time, we should be cognizant of its tremendous contributions to our islands. Let us not forget that without them, we will not have connections not only on the above mentioned areas in Japan but also to Korea, Taiwan, Hongkong, the Philippines, Hawaii and beyond.

We should also not be forgetful of the many contributions that they have made to the community in the form of prizes to different sports organizations, discount rates to the different athletes; ticket donations to the different non-profit organizations like Red Cross, church fund drives, etc.

I would like to suggest that if we are to give official recognition, we should be fair and give recognition to all deserving parties.

In closing, I would like to extend my profound gratitude and belated congratulations to both Continental Micronesia and Japan Airlines on their 20th anniversary of direct air service from Tokyo to Saipan.

J.M. GUERRERO

DPS seatbelt move in school commended

Dear Editor:
I would like to thank the Department of Public Safety for enhancing the school day by handing out tickets to supportive parents as they dropped off their children on a Friday morning last month (September).

I was surprised to see no less than six DPS vehicle located at one of the elementary schools. I am sure that DPS officer distributing tickets in school parking lots will increase parental involvement in this school. It is my understanding that the officer were enforcing seatbelt laws, and I am confident that this is the best way for DPS officers to spend their time.

Giving tickets to parents at

elementary schools is sure to build a positive image of DPS in our students' young impressionable minds as handing tickets is always an effective way to build public trust.

Of all the problems on Saipan, the violation of seatbelt laws is the most serious and should be top priority. The seatbelt laws should be addressed immediately because of the high speeds at which vehicles travel on Saipan.

Thanks DPS for being so concerned and keep up the hard work. I wonder HOW MANY DRIVERS ON CAPITOL HILL COULD BE IN VIOLATION?

DIVINIA SARIA

Thanks for making trip to Majuro possible

Dear Editor:
We would like to express our deepest gratitude to those that helped make our trip possible to the annual PREL conference in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. We presented two educational sessions to representative teachers, administrators, government officials, and parents from around the Pacific Region.

Most importantly, we would like to thank Commissioner Torres and Suzanne Lizama of the Public School System, who were instrumental with both organizational and financial resources. Lt. Governor Jesse Borja also provided valuable assistance to defray the cost of additional expenses.

Representing the CNMI at the Pacific Educational Conference was both an honor and a privilege. We believe that the sharing of knowledge and skills among professionals is an essential component for maintaining and improving the high standards that we have set for our educational system. The students are the true benefactors of this positive interaction.

Again, a special thank you to Commissioner William Torres, Lt. Governor Jesse Borja, Suzanne Lizama, and all those who supported us directly or indirectly to make the trip such a success.

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Cing hails Tinian land decision



David M. Cing

But says Tenorio should consult Tinian on land's use

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
SENATOR David M. Cing (D-Tinian) yesterday hailed Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's lobbying efforts in Congress which recently passed a legislation allowing the use of the U.S. military land on Tinian for "economic development" purposes.

Cing, the governor's political ally turned bitter critic, said the legislation is a "good thing to happen."

He added, however, that Tinian's elected leaders are now hoping that Tenorio will consult them regarding the use of the land.

"The governor might just take it all and dispense the land depending on his whim without even telling us what he's doing," Cing said, referring to previous Tinian land deals entered into by Tenorio.

"He'll just talk to his 'yes-man,' (Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona) and keep us all in the dark," Cing said.

The U.S. House Republicans have included the provision on the Tinian military land in the Defense Appropriations bill signed into law by Presi-

dent Clinton last week.

Tenorio's spokesperson, Mark Broadhurst, said the good news came in a meeting Tuesday (Eastern Coast time) with the governor and U.S. House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas).

He said it was the meeting earlier this year between Tenorio and DeLay that gave the governor a chance to push for partial lifting of development restrictions on Tinian lands controlled by the federal government.

Broadhurst said DeLay agreed with the governor that the federal government should encourage economic development in the CNMI, not restrict

it. Tenorio previously asked the U.S. Navy to allow the CNMI and Tinian to use the largely-untouched military-leased land on Tinian.

However, Guam's Rear Admiral Martin E. Janczak turned down the request.

Broadhurst said when the governor took the request to Congress "it was met by enthusiasm by Congressman DeLay," who is the third highest ranking U.S. House leader.

Broadhurst quoted the governor as saying that anyone who now wants to develop the land will be told that the military can use it anytime.

Meantime, the developer can use the land for his or her business purposes.

Tinian delegation chair asks Gov. to continue helping TCGCC

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE CHAIR of the Tinian legislative delegation is requesting Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to continue providing financial assistance to the Tinian casino gaming commission.

Rep. Joaquin G. Adriano (Unity-Tinian), in a letter to Tenorio, said "appropriate steps" are needed to be taken to ensure that the commission's employees continue to be paid their salaries.

Without a budget of their own, the commission entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the gov-

ernor last December, under which the commission will "borrow" \$2.6 million from the Office of the Governor.

But apparently irked by Sen. David M. Cing's (D-Tinian) allegation that the loan was improper and may have violated the law, Tenorio announced earlier this month that his office will no longer provide funding to the commission.

Cing chairs the Senate committee investigating alleged misspending and improprieties committed by commission officials.

Among the findings, so far,

of the committee is that the commission has already spent the entire amount of \$2.6 million by the middle of this year.

Adriano, however, said that "in order to ensure the success" of the soon-to-be-opened Tinian casino-hotel, the commission should be "assisted" until it is self-supporting.

Tenorio earlier told the Variety that he may sign another memorandum of understanding with the commission for another "loan."

Tenorio, at the same time, said the commission should be "overhauled."

As far as the CNMI government is concerned, he said, there was no loss of public funds as the commission will repay the Office of the Governor for the \$2.6 million.

Tenorio said loaning out money to the commission turned out to be the better scheme.

Typhoon Joan

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff

ANOTHER weather disturbance is headed towards the Marianas after Tropical Storm 'Ivan' left without incident yesterday.

At 4 a.m. yesterday, typhoon 'Joan' was located at 13.4 north 158.2 east or about 850 statute miles east of the Mariana islands, the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam stated in an advisory.

Maximum winds are 80 to 100 miles per hour near the center.

'Joan' is moving westward at 13 miles per hour, and is forecast to continue moving west toward the Marianas.

Over the next two to three days,

Young to hear Insular Areas Act

THE HOUSE Resources Committee has set Oct. 22 as the date for a hearing on S.210, the Omnibus Insular Areas Act.

At the request of CNMI Rep. Juan N. Babauta, the bill contains an important provision to give back to the CNMI its status as a "state" for funding under the Byrne Law Enforcement grant program.

The change in the law should bring about \$1 million more to the CNMI each year.

"I really appreciate Chairman Don Young's decision to move this legislation forward,"

Babauta said. "Senator Murkowski had included the amendment I wanted in legislation last year which passed the Senate. But that bill died because the House took no action."

This year he requested Senator Murkowski to try again. After doing so, the Senate approved it in June.

"And now Mr. Young is taking action. I am confident his Resources Committee will keep S.210 going forward," Babauta



Don Young



Juan N. Babauta

said.

The amendment, which Babauta said many people in the CNMI have lobbied for over many years, will bring

the CNMI new resources to fight drugs and to help law-enforcement efforts.

"We will get back our status as a 'state' under the Byrne grant, which we lost back in 1988. That mistake cost us \$7 million over the years," Babauta said.

Babauta said he is confident "we are finally going to fix that error."

"I'm very pleased that our good working relationship with Chairmen Young and

Murkowski has resulted in this very positive development for the CNMI," he added.

The CNMI lost its standing as a "state" in 1998. The particular law was changed and, apparently, no one noticed until it was too late, Babauta explained.

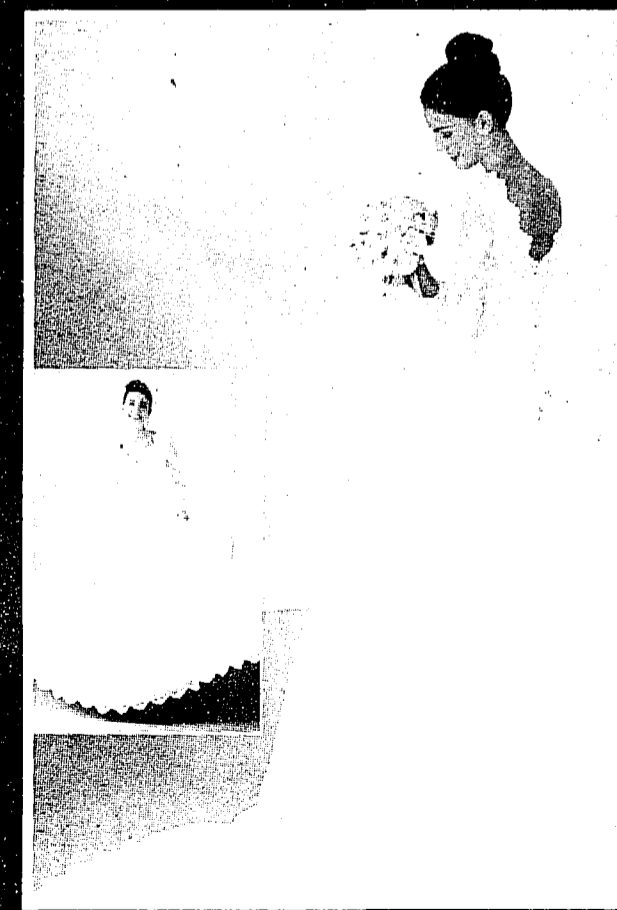
Since then, the Criminal Justice Planning Agency, in particular, has been trying to get the law returned to the way it was before 1988.

But according to Babauta, it's hard to correct those mistakes once they are allowed to happen.

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House to support SCBE

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

HOUSE of Representative members agreed to support School-Community Base Education after a meeting yesterday.

SCBE Facilitator Dr. Ikeda Moss and SCBE committee members presented to the House members plans to implement SCBE in four schools by July 1998.

"For twelve years I have been involved with the Public School System and as I walk through school hallways today, I feel a sense of readiness," said Ikeda.

"We have made a good assessment of the schools by working with people involved, and they have said that the

schools are ready for SCBE," he said.

"We assessed the schools with two methods of evaluation, process and product evaluation. It is very important evaluations happen in a continuing basis and I am recommending for schools to do internal process evaluations," he added.

San Antonio Elementary, Oleai Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, and Tanapag Elementary are the schools that have volunteered to participate in SCBE and whose principals have been under training with Ikeda for the past few days.

Ikeda recommended that the Legislature:

- Proceed with implementation for



From left, legislative assistant Rosemond Santos, BOE member Daniel Quitugua, BOE representative Rev. John A. Kinsella and BOE William S. Torres (background) listen to a SCBE presentation at the House chamber yesterday. Photo by Laila C. Younis

the four schools identified;

- Allot a \$15,000 implementation fund for schools to start with;
- Work on Enabling Legislation for SCBE;
- Review BOE policy for SCBE and
- Provide adequate resources for SCBE.

House Ways and Means Chair Rep. Ana Teregyo said she was "pleased by the informative presentation" by the SCBE members and that the Legislature "will support" SCBE.

"If the schools feel that they are ready for SCBE, then we should give them the opportunity to do it," said Teregyo.

"Through SCBE, we will be able to provide quality education that we profess about. I am very happy that the schools identified have started incorporating some of SCBE's principles," she said.

Teregyo also said that in the PSS Budget hearings held earlier this year, the Legislature had "expressed the need to start considering giving the principals more expenditure authority and more responsibility".

"We have found out that most of the problems at the schools happen

because they lack the flexibility and the autonomy to spend public funds that were appropriated for their respective schools," Teregyo said.

"We will be providing funds for implementation, facilities requirements and the reporting requirements," she said.

"We have to work together with PSS, the Commissioner, and the Board of Education to develop this piece of legislation," she added.

"All of the Legislators want quality education and they are very supportive. I feel that they are behind the schools and they want change. It is a win-win situation all over," said SVES Principal Martha Haberman.

"If any other schools are interested in getting started with SCBE, all we have to do is pull the information together and they can jump right in," she said.

Torres requests 'lump sum budget' for PSS

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

COMMISSIONER of Education William S. Torres is requesting the Legislature for a "Lump Sum" budget package for the Public School System.

In a letter to then Acting Governor Jesus Borja, Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and House Speaker Diego Benavente, Torres asked elected leaders from the Executive and Legislative branches to "please consider a 'Lump Sum' budget package for PSS".

"With our strong commitment on school site based management and the implementation of a new financial management system to be in place in fiscal year 1998, it is very important that a lump sum budget is provided to ensure the schools' success in this endeavor," he wrote.

"What we are asking for is to have the PSS budget passed without the restrictions of 'object codes'," said Torres in an

interview yesterday.

"This is so schools will be able to decide on their priorities and place the funds where they need it most," he said.

"For example, if a school needs more books then they can adjust funds to meet their needs," he added.

That flexibility, Torres said, goes in line with the School Community Base Education (see related story) and the upcoming installment of PSS new financial management system.

"The financial management system will be an 'oversight' for funds and will decrease the amount of time needed to sort out transactions," he said.

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente said on Wednesday that the House will pass a "piece-meal" budget for PSS.

Torres had requested for a PSS "piece-meal" budget on Tuesday and noted to Legislators that he was only "reaffirming his initial request" which he made earlier this year.

'Gere' hopes to see street-naming done before end of term

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff

SAIPAN Mayor Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero is hopeful that before the end of his term in early January next year, the new 'street name' directory will be ready for implementation.



Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero

In an interview, Guerrero yesterday said he anticipates the Legislature will cooperate with the 'Street Naming Commission'—tasked to name streets on the island.

The SNC, according to the mayor, is duty-bound to explain the functions of the committee and the benefits the project will bring to the people of the island.

"I am optimistic that nothing will be changed on what we've accomplished in 're-naming streets' because this project is for the welfare of everyone in the island," said Guerrero.

He said the endeavor of re-naming streets is composed of two phases:

The first phase includes municipal council briefing, draft ordinance, legislature approve ordinance, newspaper notice and public comments, street name master list, compilation of mapping data, digitized data, plot draft maps, field verification of road maps, naming of major and village roads while the second phase concerns materials and supplies to be used.

Contractors for the project, the Henry K. Pangelinan & Associates, Inc., through its Vice Pres. Thomas B. Rueb, enumerated at least three important objectives why 'street naming' should be accomplished in the soonest possible time, and these are:

- To assist the post office in the delivery of door-to-door mails or packages;
- To assist the Emergency Management Units such as the Police force, Fire, Emergency Management Office, American Red Cross, Ambulance, Civil Defense, and other government and private agencies locate immediately the area they need to reach; and
- To assist the tourists on the specific locations that they want to visit.

DL Guerrero said there are 3,700 streets in the island that are to be renamed.

"That is why the public is invited to ask questions and fill in 'comment sheets' providing recommended changes for the SNC to take under consideration," said Guerrero.

He said a large map will be displayed in public for viewing and smaller map sheets will be handed out throughout the islands.

Guerrero said that for the first phase of the project, his office received a total of \$200,000 out of the \$350,000 they've asked from Gov. Tenorio.

However, on the second phase of the project, a minimum of \$400,000 will be requested.

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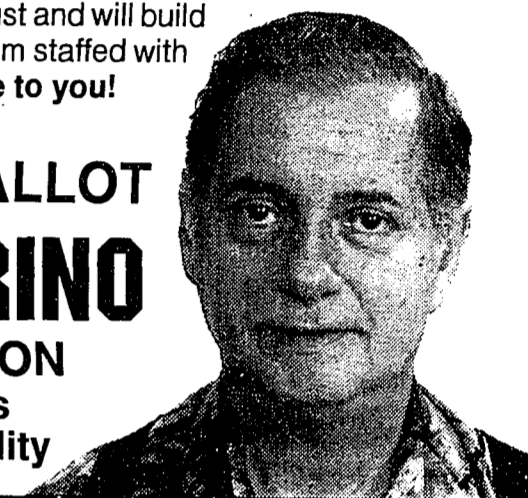
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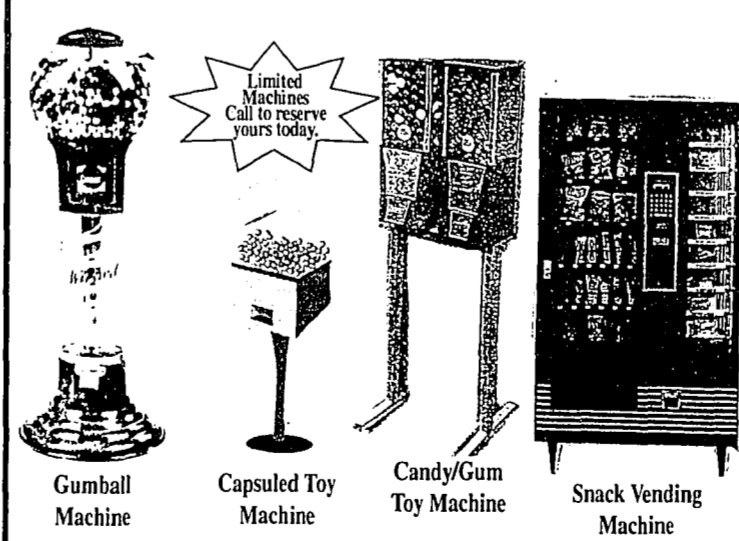
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Japan exec vouches for Yu Corp.

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A JAPANESE businessman, who claims to be a long-time friend and unofficial adviser of Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, is staking his fortunes and credibility to vouchsafe for the integrity of a Massachusetts-based firm which the Commonwealth

Ports Authority has rebuffed over \$140-million bond deal.

Masaru Horie, in an interview on Wednesday, said he was responsible for bringing Yu Corp. here after Tenorio sought his advice on how the government can get a needed \$140 million mostly to expand and improve the Tinian air-

port and seaport.

He said the governor had also expressed the desire to have a modern hospital-school and a retirement village established on Saipan.

About a year ago, Yu Corp., in tieup with Horie, established the Phoenix Development Corp. here which has since developed the ba-

sic concepts for an integrated university town and international village for retired and elderly people in the northern part of Saipan.

Horie also said he approached C. Kang C. Yu, president of Yu Corp., on the financing of the Tinian airport and seaport projects.

Yu, a civil engineer and a professor at the University of Massachusetts, owns the 30-year-old Yu Corp., a construction management firm.

Yu, in turn, looked for the lender-buyer of the proposed \$140-million bond and the bond underwriter, Paine Webber.

As "middleman," Yu Corp. is asking for a 3.5 percent finder's fee which the CPA and the bond-approving CDA both object to. Yu Corp., for finding the lender, under the unsigned final agreement, is also to be hired as project management consultant for a fee of 5 percent of the construction cost.

Horie said he had known Tenorio before he became a governor and way back when he (Tenorio) was involved in running a family construction business.

Tenorio's family and Horie's family visit each other's home whenever one visits another's coun-

try, Horie told the Variety in answer to a question how close he is to the governor.

"I believe the governor will act on this (problem) and everything will be worked out," Horie said through an interpreter.

He added he also believes that if the CPA doesn't proceed with the bond deal with Yu Corp., it "will end up destroying the CNMI."

He claimed CPA Executive Director Carlos Shoda personally dislikes Yu and that because of this, he stopped the bond deal.

"His reason for aborting the deal is personal and has nothing to do with the conditions," Horie said.


Horie went so far as to suggest that either Shoda and CPA board chair Victor Hocog resign or be removed from their positions "if they don't want to cooperate."

Saying that the governor trusts his advice, Horie intends to meet with Tenorio, who arrived yesterday from Washington, D.C., hopefully to involve him in reconciling the CPA with the Yu Corp.

Dr. Yu was also expected to arrive from the US yesterday, but it could not be immediately confirmed if he actually did.

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Rota breaks ground for new water pipelines

FARMERS and ranchers in the Gampapa and Dugi areas received good news recently as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) held a ground breaking ceremony for a water pipeline project.

The development of water services in Rota will have an immediate economic benefit as more crops will be produced and ranching improved, CUC said in a news release.

"Rota is the farming capitol of Commonwealth. Our farmers and ranchers have the expertise of growing and producing the best and healthiest foods for Commonwealth. Now, they are getting the economic and infrastructure support to help their business thrive," explained Laura I. Manglona who chairs the Operations Committee for the CUC Board of Directors.

According to Manglona, the project is the result of a lot of team work from the utility's Board of Director's, to the Rota

legislative representatives and senators.

"I especially want to thank former Lt. governor Benjamin Manglona because he didn't have to help out with the project, but he was most instrumental in making sure that the money was actually appropriated for Rota's economic development," Manglona said.

The water project includes the installation of underground pipeline all the way from the Rota Airport to Gampapa and Dugi villages. Fire hydrants and more than 30 customer meters will also be installed.

Construction began on October 3 and is scheduled to be complete by March 3, 1998.

V's Corporation was awarded the \$310,368.17 project.

According to Manglona, the project never would have materialized had she not been supported by a team of dedicated representatives and senators.

US staffers visit welcomed

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has welcomed a congressional staff delegation of six and a public policy specialist on a fact-finding visit to the Commonwealth which he said aims to reinforce the "Washington D.C.-NMI connection."

"This delegation has been invited to realistically see for themselves the conditions that exist here in the Commonwealth, instead of relying on false images and messages put forth by CNMI critics," said

Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst.

This delegation arrived last Monday, and has met with numerous government and private officials. They have also met with local policy experts who have briefed the delegation on CNMI labor and immigration policies.

In addition, they have visited various garment factories and toured historic World War II memorial sites on Saipan and Tinian.

EPA br

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

ENVIRONMENTAL Quality Director John I. Castro Jr. yesterday said he is taking a four-man delegation of officials from the Environmental Protection Agency on a tour to the abandoned U.S. military dumpsite in Tanapag late this month.

The tour, he said, will be done to convince the officials of the need to clean up and rehabilitate the place.

"We are confident EPA will assist us in getting our message across," said Castro.

Castro, who has just arrived from San Francisco where he met with EPA officials on CNMI environment concerns, insisted, in discussions with the federal authorities, that it is the U.S. government's responsibility to clean up the site despite its exclusion in the Army Corps of Engineers' listing of formerly used defense sites (FUDS).

"I was told the decision (to clean the site) rests on the ACOE," said Castro.

He said he will still be discussing the matter with the EPA officials upon their visit on the island "so that they can assist us and guide us through the process of getting help from ACOE."

No formal talks between the CNMI government and ACOE have commenced on the matter.

ACOE, in an earlier interview, has denied knowledge of the site, saying it does not fall under their jurisdiction.

The EPA delegation is composed of Norman Lovelace, chief of the agency's Pacific Island Program; Pat Young, CNMI Program Manager; Mike Lee, an environmental engineer; and Tom Yokon, a wetland specialist.

The group will also be conducting an on-site inspection of the Puerto Rico dump.

A recent government preliminary survey of the dumpsite confirmed the possibility of contamination caused by still-undetermined chemicals which were part of what had been discarded at the site by the U.S. forces shortly after the war.

The area, estimated to be a fourth of the Puerto Rico dumpsite in size, also has several World War II artifacts like mess kits and head gears strewn all over the place.

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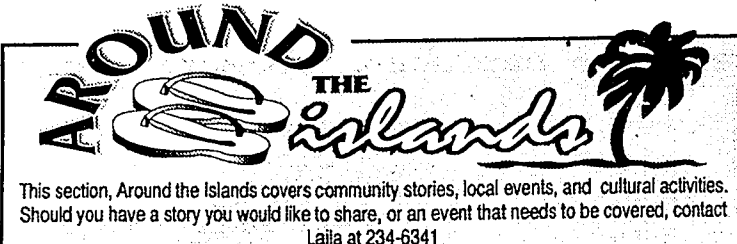

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NMC to host Health Fair

NMC will be sponsoring a Health Fair on the Saipan campus at the Snack Bar on Monday and Tuesday, October 20 and 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The purpose of the Health Fair is to promote health awareness among NMC faculty, staff, and students. CHC and other public and private agencies are scheduled to participate in the Health

Fair, and their representatives (together with NMC professionals) will be staffing booths and tables in and around the Snack Bar on the upper campus. The booths will be:

- providing information on drug and alcohol abuse/prevention
- conducting flexibility tests
- promoting healthy foods, dental care, and fit bodies
- raising our awareness of mental health and family planning issues and available services.
- talking about the importance of spiritual health and emotional/social, and spiritual health issues will also be addressed in fun and informative ways, a news release from NMC said.



SAES students tour Kagman nursery

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff
SAN Antonio Elementary School sixth graders toured the Kagman Forestry Nursery in a field trip hosted by the Department of Lands and Resources yesterday. Thirty-eight students got a chance to see the forestry process in action as staff members described the work that goes into planting. "By having the students see what the nursery has or how it functions, we are enhancing future conservation," said Nursery Overall Manager Stanley Villagomez. "There is never enough education. It is important to share with children all the important aspects of conservation, from plants, to soil and water conservation," he said. The students watched as staff member Cliff Sakamoto explained how seedlings are placed in sand. One student candidly asked, "How can the plant survive if the sand does not have any nutrients?"

Sakamoto explained that the sand protects seedlings from insects and fungus because of its "saltiness", and he adds fertilizers such as "Miracle-Grow" to help the plants survive. "It helps a lot to know what we are studying about plants. I really enjoyed the field trip," said sixth grader Joaquin Sanchez. "I learned how to grow plants fast and that is by grafting. It was fun," said sixth grader Cheri Nukum. DLNR also announced that the Forestry Nursery is offering four free plants per household in accordance to Arbor Month. According to DLNR Special Assistance for Correspondence Marianne Concepcion, the only requirement is that interested individuals have not picked up a voucher yet, and that they promise to plant the trees they selected. For more information, contact Marianne at 322-9830 or call Vic DL Guerrero at 256-3184.



San Antonio Elementary sixth graders take down notes during their field trip to Kagman Forestry Nursery yesterday. Photo by Laila C. Younis

Red Cross' typhoon season tips

TROPICAL Storm Ivan has already passed the area this week and Typhoon Joan is tracking within the vicinity of the Northern Mariana Islands Chain. The American Red Cross reminds all persons at this time to consider the following Typhoon Safety Tips.

- Gather supplies, including a first aid kit, protective clothing, canned foods, and at least three gallons of water.
- Remove dead or diseased branches from trees or shrubs that could break off and become missiles in high winds.
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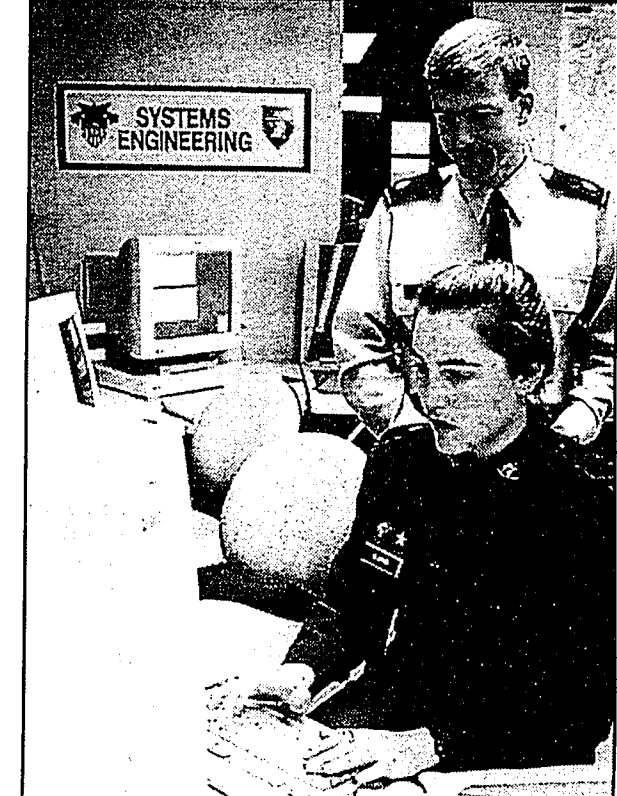
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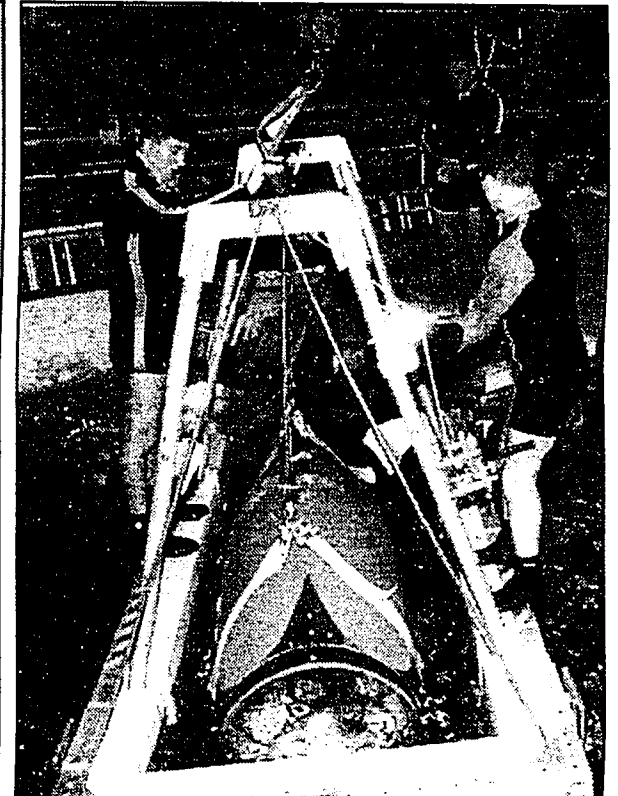
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Mitchell wants clerks off case

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
LAWYER Theodore R. Mitchell has sought the disqualification of law clerks in the Superior Court from sitting with Special Judge Juan T. Lizama who is presiding over the \$2.1 million lawsuit

filed against Chief Justice Marty W. K. Taylor and wife Celina.
"If it is reasonable to think the impartiality of a sitting judge might be questioned if he or she were to preside over this case, then it necessarily follows that the impartiality

of a law clerk would be questioned," said Mitchell on behalf of plaintiff Amalia De Leon Guerrero Diaz.
All five Superior Court judges recused themselves from presiding over the case because Taylor and his wife are defendants in this case.



Theodore R. Mitchell



Marty W. K. Taylor

said Mitchell in a motion for disqualification filed Wednesday.

The lawyer said each judge holds his or her office by virtue of a gubernatorial appointment and senatorial confirmation.

He said the judges are not subject to direction by the Chief Justice yet, they felt compelled to recuse themselves.

"Why? Because they might be seen by members of the general public to favor their fellow judges. They might be thought to favor the man who is their superior in judicial rank," Mitchell pointed out.

He said, like the judges who hold their office by appointment for a fixed term, the law clerks are employees of the court and

the Chief Justice is the administrative head of the entire judiciary.

Mitchell added that the Superior Court law clerks are appointed by the presiding judge of the lower Court and serve under the supervision and direction of the judge.

Diaz sued the Taylor couple for allegedly deceiving her into signing false land documents, "theft of electricity" and breaching Chamorro customs and tradition.

Diaz is Taylor's mother-in-law.

The Taylors' through counsel Rexford Kosack earlier stated that the complaint contained statements that serve no purpose other than to harass them.

Family Violence Task Force motorcade slated

THE FAMILY violence task force is sponsoring an island-wide Motorcade tomorrow October 18th at 9:00 am.

In a public announcement, the task force asked all interested participants to be at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion across the Palacios Baseball field at least an hour before commencement of the activity.

The general public is in-

ited to join and help celebrate domestic violence awareness month.

For additional information concerning the Motorcade, please contact Ms. Blumel Ramon of the Attorney General's Office at telephone number 664-2355 or Sgt. James Guerrero at the family violence Task Force office at telephone number 664-4583.

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One of 3 escapees captured

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
ONE of three minor detainees who reportedly escaped from the Juvenile Corrections Unit in Kagman Tuesday was arrested yesterday morning.

Public Safety Information Officer Maj. J. J. Castro said the 13-year-old boy was arrested after he was spotted in Chalan Kanoa at 10:30 a.m.

Castro said police are still hunting down the boy's two male com-

panions, who were described as 13 and 16 years old.

The information officer said prior to the escape the three detainees were with two other inmates cleaning the premises of JCU Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The three ran to the unlocked front gate and fled toward Kagman Homestead, police said.

Meanwhile, the Attorney General's Office charged yesterday two persons who allegedly conspired in stealing \$860 cash

from the Las Vegas Poker on Rota last Oct. 3.

Rhodora A. Aquino and Javier Camilo were charged with two counts of theft and conspiracy to commit theft.

The court summoned the defendants to appear and answer the charges this Nov. 7.

In another court story, a man identified as Thomas Quidachay was sentenced to eight years in jail, all suspended except nine months, for burglarizing and stealing items from a house on Tinian between June 30 and July 19, 1997.

Quidachay was ordered to pay

restitution to the victims and perform 750 hours of community work service.

Quidachay was charged with three counts of theft and three counts of burglary. He signed a plea agreement and admitted one count of burglary and one count of theft.

Man sentenced to 37 mos on the eve of his birthday

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A MAN who marks his 38th birthday today was sentenced to a three-year and one-month imprisonment yesterday for possession of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as ice.

In addition, Dionicio R. Lizama Jr., of Kagman II, will undergo four years of supervised release subject to the standard conditions after he is released from prison.

Lizama was also ordered by District Judge Alex R. Munson to pay a fine of \$7,500.

The US government, represented by Assistant US Atty. David Wood, had recommended a maximum 36-month prison term under a plea agreement and a downward departure from the minimum sentence, but Munson did not spare the defendant the additional one month, not wanting to depart from the guidelines.

Wood said this was an indication that the judge is "very, very serious" about possession of ice, which is the most commonly abused controlled substance in

the Commonwealth.

Under the plea agreement, Lizama voluntarily pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute about 15 grams of ice.

According to the information, Lizama was found to have in his possession the controlled substance last March 20.

A case against him was filed by the US last July 17.

Lizama was allowed to be at liberty on previously set bond and conditions.

Wood said it would about three weeks to designate a prison facility for Lizama in the US mainland.

George Tudela Matsunaga, meanwhile, pleaded not guilty yesterday to the charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 97 grams of ice.

Matsunaga was arrested Tuesday by a joint CNMI-Drug Enforcement Administration team after eluding a seven-day manhunt.

Matsunaga was released on a \$100,000 secured bond.

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Ramos gives Burma advice

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Philippines President Fidel Ramos has offered Burma's top generals advice on how to deal with internal opposition, advocating patience and maximum tolerance.

Ramos is on a three-day visit to Burma, the first by a head of state from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations since the regional group admitted Burma as a member in July. He spent Thursday morning touring Rangoon's Shwedagon Pagoda, a golden, bell-shaped Buddhist shrine over a thousand years old, and meeting with Filipinos living and working in Burma.

On Wednesday, Ramos, accompanied by a 15-member delegation of ministers and business leaders, witnessed the signing of bilateral agreements on trade, investment and narcotics suppression. In a speech to Burma's generals,

the text of which was released on Thursday, Ramos made the first public comments by an ASEAN head of state urging the regime to moderate its repressive behavior.

"We both have experienced the need for reconciliation with opposition groups," Ramos said. "My officials and I would only be too happy to share our experiences with you for whatever lessons you may be able to derive from them," the Philippines president said.

"One lesson is that as a government, we have had to exercise creative patience and maximum tolerance in order to attain the objectives of peace and national reconciliation," he said.

Western countries opposed Burma's admittance to ASEAN because of the regime's increased repression against the country's democracy movement led by Aung San Suu Kyi.

Amnesty International, a London-based human rights group, has said there are at least a thousands political prisoners in Burmese jails, which are noted for torture and terrible conditions.

More than 90,000 ethnic minority refugees are living in camps on the Thai and Bangladesh borders having fled abuse and persecution by the

Burmese army.

The regime has signed cease fire agreements, however, with more than a dozen ethnic armies.

Western diplomats have said that because Burma is now a member, it is ASEAN's responsibility to push the generals to change.

A former general who helped overthrow Philippines' dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 and lead the country toward democracy, Ramos had wanted to meet with Suu Kyi during his visit.

It would have been the first encounter between the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner and an ASEAN head of state, but Burmese officials refused to arrange the meeting.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his capacity as then ASEAN chairman, urged the generals during an August visit to open a dialogue with Suu Kyi.

The generals have refused, but did allow Suu Kyi to hold a congress of her political party for the first time in seven years in September.

Suu Kyi's party won a landslide victory in a 1990 election the military refused to honor.

Philippines Foreign Minister Domingo Siazon, who is accompanying Ramos on his visit, is now serving as ASEAN's new chairman.

RP rebels kidnap 8, kill 4

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Muslim extremists kidnapped eight Christian men, shot one to death and beheaded three others before fleeing with the rest in the southern Philippines, the police said Thursday.

Isah Abdullah, provincial police chief of Basilan, said the kidnappings took place Wednesday on the outskirts of Isabela, the capital of Basilan.

Abdullah said members of the Abu Sayyaf group stopped a cargo truck filled with hitchhiking farmers and

two passenger jeeps then ordered at gunpoint eight Christian men from the three vehicles to go with them.

One of the men panicked and tried to run away but was immediately gunned down, Abdullah said.

The seven others were led away to a nearby forest. Two hours later, pursuing policemen found the decapitated bodies of the three other victims.

There was no word on the four others, who were presumed to have been taken away by the rebels,

Abdullah said.

Abu Sayyaf is the smaller but the more militant of two remaining Muslim rebel groups still fighting for a separate Muslim state in the southern Philippines.

The military said the number of Abu Sayyaf rebels has increased from 900 to 980 this year but that they have conducted fewer attacks as they focused on recruitment in strongholds in the southern provinces of Basilan and Sulu.

In 1995, Abu Sayyaf guerrillas raided the southern town of Ipil, killing scores of people and torching houses, stores and banks, and then taking hostages as they retreated.

They are also blamed for numerous ransom kidnappings and other violent attacks in the southern Philippines.

The main rebel faction, the Moro National Liberation Front, signed a peace accord with the government last year.

Early this year, the government opened preliminary peace negotiations with the MILF, which led to the signing in July of a cease-fire accord covering all rebel-held areas in the southern Philippines.

RP's 'sex slaves' to bring evidence to Tokyo Court

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Women forced into sexual slavery for Japanese troops in World War II continue to suffer from bouts of depression and other psychological problems caused by their ordeal, a private group said Thursday.

Studies proving such psychological disturbances will be submitted to a Tokyo court to strengthen a class suit filed by 46 Filipino women against the Japanese government for the wartime abuses, the group said.

"The Japanese government says this is an issue of the past. We're saying it still is an issue now because the horrible effects continue to haunt its victims today," said Nelia Sancho, leader of Lila-Pilipina, which supports the women.

Historians say about 200,000 Asian women were forced to work in military-run brothels for Japanese troops during the war. Japan's government denied any involvement with the brothels until several years ago.

Forty-six Filipino women filed a class suit against the Japanese government in a Tokyo court in 1993 demanding direct compensation and an official Japanese apology.

The Tokyo government, however, has refused to provide money directly to the women, insisting that all war-related claims were settled by postwar treaties.

Instead, it established a private fund that has offered financial assistance. Most of the women have refused to accept payments from the fund, saying it is part of attempts by Japan to avoid taking full responsibility for its wartime actions.

Sancho said examinations done by a Filipino psychologist on the effects of the wartime sexual abuses on 30 of the women in their 60s and 70s, showed that most still suffer from anxiety and psychological problems such as fear of men or fear of being alone.

The 30 women were randomly chosen from the 46 women named in the class-suit. They were subjected to personal interviews and psychological tests by Filipino psychologist Cristina Gates, an independent practitioner hired by the Lila-Pilipina.

The group said the results of the study will be submitted Oct. 24 before the Tokyo court.

The study, conducted over one-and-a-half years, said "palpitations, tremors, sweating became manifest" among the women "on mere recall of their wartime trauma."

Most of the women still suffer from abdominal back, pelvic pain, headaches and ulcers, which could be

attributed to the abuses, it said.

Some of the aging women have said they were forced to provide sex to as many as 20 Japanese soldiers a day in a period of up to more than a year.

Many had kept their ordeal from their husbands and families and fled from Philippine towns where they were abused by Japanese troops, Sancho said.

Most of the 168 surviving women live in poverty and are in poor health.



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1977 University of Oregon, Eugene
1975-77 Field Work Training at UOH Manoa School of Public Health (Burns School)

1972-73 Cooperating Teacher Certification
1968-71 Teacher Certification (CCM)

WORK EXPERIENCE:
1969-97 Member, Food & Pharmaceutical Committee (CHC)
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1996 Assistant Public Relation Officer, Governor's Office
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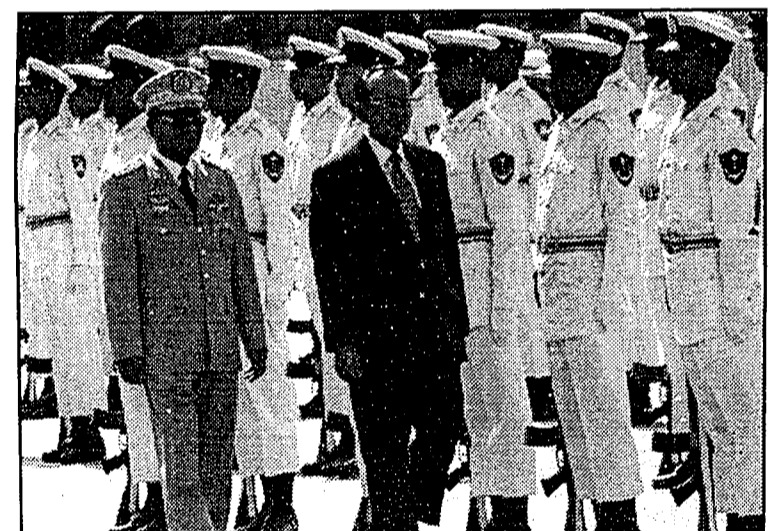
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1988 Member, Special Education P.T.A.
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State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman General Than Shwe, left, escorts Philippine President Fidel Ramos as they review honor guards Wednesday at Rangoon airport. President Ramos is Burma for a three-day official visit. AP

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Suit mars Marshalls program

By Giff Johnson

MAJURO-A \$120,000 lawsuit against the Marshall Islands government filed by a German coin collector Wednesday in Majuro is just the latest in a series of controversies that have plagued this central Pacific republic's commemorative coin program.

Since the late 1980s, the Marshall Islands has issued \$5 to \$50 denomination coins depicting moon landings and famous personalities, the latest being Princess Diana that was released earlier this month.

They are described as "legal tender" of the Marshall Islands in sales promotions. But when two German coin collectors attempted to redeem more than \$100,000 worth of these coins in May, the government halted the redemption program claiming that the collectors were trying to defraud the gover

Government officials estimate that as much \$20 million in commemorative coins have been issued since the program began.

If collectors attempted to redeem all these coins, it could bankrupt the government, which is facing major budget cuts as a result of decreases in foreign aid.

Despite the "legal tender" claims of the Marshalls, its redemption policies "are not very welcoming," said an article in World Coin News titled, "Marshall Islands repudiates 'legal tender' coins."

The Marshall Islands has been "relatively lucky" with what is, in fact, a non-redemption policy for its coins, said the coin collecting industry publication World Coin News, adding that "While (this policy) has caused some upset in the collecting community, it has not attracted negative attention from regulators on the U.S. mainland."

"Uncover (which produces the coins), for example, regularly sends sample coins to the consumer protection people in the Wyoming State Attorney General's office and otherwise maintains good relations with that office.

A journalist called that office a couple of years ago to ask about the problem that what Uncover called 'legal tender' was not, in fact, treated as legal tender in Majuro. He was told that Uncover was a pillar of the Cheyenne business community.

"Similarly, American collectors who have tried to interest law enforcement officials within the U.S. Post Office and in the Federal Trade Commission (on the legal tender issue) have gotten nowhere."

This week's lawsuit, filed by local attorney Carl Ingram, indicates that collectors will be taking matters into their own hands. Ashton J. Fruhling from Germany is seeking \$118,372.72 in damages.

Court papers say that Fruhling bought 2,200 \$50 coins "in reliance upon the government's representation that the coins were 'legal tender' and redeemable in U.S. dollars."

In early May, Fruhling came to the Marshalls and over a three day period he was able to redeem 60 coins but the government refused to pay for an additional 190 that had initially accepted from Fruhling, and later returned them to him and suspended all further redemptions.

Assistant Attorney General Richard Hickson said that he was in the process of reviewing the entire coin program, including the agreement with U.S.-based Uncover Corporation which issues the coins and the government's procedures for redemption of coins, and would likely be completed next week. "I need to complete the review to determine the legitimacy of the claims (brought by Ingram)," he said.

Ingram said he preferred not to go to court on the matter. "It's sad because it's a waste of time and money (to go to court). But we're being forced into it because the government failed to reply to us within the 90 day period for the (administrative) claim we filed first."

For its part, the Marshall Islands government believes that some German dealers selling Marshall Islands commemorative coins are attempting to defraud the program by selling high volumes of coins at low prices to buyers who then attempted to redeem these coins in Majuro at their face value.

and then ship out the fish to canneries in American Samoa and Central America. The tax and labor incentives, which PM&O officials said were a requirement if they were to consider Majuro, were strongly endorsed by island leaders.

The Nitijela (parliament) approved a 25 year tax holiday on the three percent gross revenue tax and exemption from the minimum wage law, allowing PM&O to pay \$1.50 instead of the current \$2 an hour minimum now in force. A lease for the land to be used has already been signed.

Sources indicate that PM&O is negotiating with Starkist to operate the tuna processing plant

in Majuro. PM&O officials say that the plant will employ 300 local workers, and even at \$1.50 an hour the workers will have a million dollar annual payroll. Although some businessmen and others have raised questions about pollution problems and the impact the facility will have

on the fledgling tourism industry, other businessmen and government leaders are hailing the plant for the jobs it will create.

PM&O is a major American shipping line that connects the central Pacific islands with the U.S. and Asia. The tuna plant offers PM&O the promise of its

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Ex-Vanuatu official slapped fine

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews) — Papua New Guinea's defence force commander Brigadier-General Leo Nua told a court martial Wednesday that members of the Special Forces Unit placed him under house arrest for 13 hours on July 28 this year.

Brig-General Nua who appeared at the court martial for the first time, said that more than 30 soldiers surrounded his house at the Murray Barracks "restraining his and his family's freedom" from 4.30am to 5.30pm the next day.

He said the soldiers were heavily armed with a rocket launcher and assault rifles.

He said the soldiers who had covered their faces with sweat rags and camouflaged themselves ordered him not to answer telephone calls, and later cut the line from outside.

Brig-general Nua was held under house arrest on July 28 in an alleged mutiny.

PNG general appears before court martial

PORT VILA (Pacnews) — Vanuatu's first secretary of former prime minister Maxime Carlot Komman narrowly missed being jailed for six months for contempt of court after he refused to comply with Supreme Court orders over his refusal to talk or disclose information needed by the Ombudsman's office.

Leymang who requested an appeal after he was given 21 days to answer to questions put to him by the Ombudsman, was fined 200,000 vatu (US \$1,697).

Ombudsman Marie-Noelle Ferreux Patterson has welcomed the decision of the Court of Appeal saying she believes the result of the case along with the Air Vanuatu case, will increase cooperation from the public required to assist her and her office with their enquiries into allegations and complaints of maladministration and leadership breaches.

The Court of Appeal, Monday rejected all seven grounds of Gerard Leymang's appeal against his contempt conviction for failing to answer questions put to him by the Ombudsman's office.

PTA Council opposes proposed garment factory adjacent to school

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Call to eliminate display or sale of pornography

By FLOR B. PAMINTUAN
NMI Council of PTA Chairman Thomas J. Camacho yesterday called for the elimination of the display and sale of pornography in schools.

Parks petition gathers over 4,000 signatures

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
THE Citizens for Parks and Recreation is a non-political, grassroots organization that has been busy developing parks and protecting recreational areas for our children and grandchildren.

Advocate wants park land deeded by gov't

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff
A FORMER chief of Parks and Recreation says public lands designated for parks should be protected from private development.

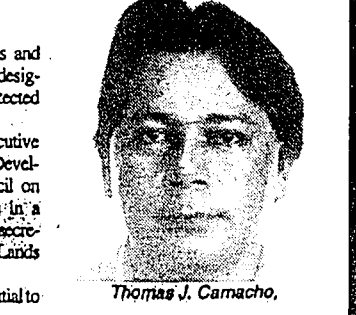
Movement on to save park

PTA Council pushes for new schools
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PTA Council calls for evaluation of YRE
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Tax breaks for tuna plant OK'd

By Giff Johnson

MAJURO-Desperate to attract job-creating foreign investment, the Marshall Islands has passed legislation offering a major shipping line tax incentives and labor exemptions if it will build a tuna loining plant in Majuro, the nation's capital.

Pacific Micronesia and Orient (PM&O) lines officials indicated that groundbreaking for the new plant could be as early as December, although final contracts have not been inked yet.

PM&O is proposing to invest in a \$5 million fish loining facility that would process tuna off-loaded from purse seiners

and then ship out the fish to canneries in American Samoa and Central America. The tax and labor incentives, which PM&O officials said were a requirement if they were to consider Majuro, were strongly endorsed by island leaders.

The Nitijela (parliament) approved a 25 year tax holiday on the three percent gross revenue tax and exemption from the minimum wage law, allowing PM&O to pay \$1.50 instead of the current \$2 an hour minimum now in force. A lease for the land to be used has already been signed.

Sources indicate that PM&O is negotiating with Starkist to operate the tuna processing plant

in Majuro. PM&O officials say that the plant will employ 300 local workers, and even at \$1.50 an hour the workers will have a million dollar annual payroll. Although some businessmen and others have raised questions about pollution problems and the impact the facility will have

on the fledgling tourism industry, other businessmen and government leaders are hailing the plant for the jobs it will create.

PM&O is a major American shipping line that connects the central Pacific islands with the U.S. and Asia. The tuna plant offers PM&O the promise of its

first source of regular cargo on the return trip to the U.S. Because islands in the Marshalls and Federated States of Micronesia produce few exports, container ships leaving these islands for California have little to carry, increasing the costs of inbound cargo to pay for the empty return trip.

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Elsewhere in the Pacific

Delegates question Japan PM's absence in summit

SUVA (Pacnews)—Concern was raised this week on why Japan's prime minister Ryutaro Hashimoto did not attend the Japan-South Pacific Forum Summit meeting in Tokyo.

The meeting was attended by delegates from 13 Pacific Island nations and representatives of the Japanese government, The Fiji Times reported.

At a press conference in Tokyo, Wednesday, questions were directed to the Heads of States as to what reasons Hashimoto gave for his absence, and whether any of the delegates had heard from him since the summit opened. Hashimoto had greeted the foreign delegates through written statements.

Micro-credit conference held in Niue

ALOFI (Pacnews)—Fifty delegates from around the region are currently on Niue to attend a conference on micro-credit.

The conference sponsored by the New Zealand ministry of foreign affairs and trade is targeting women in the region, Radio Sunshine reported. Conference coordinator Gerda Yska says the reason for organizing the conference is because some of the micro-credit schemes running in the region have not been all that successful.

Yska (Ms) says micro-credit is a relative newcomer to the Pacific region, and there is still much to learn, adding that contacts made at this conference should make it easier to share experiences in the future.

Pacific islanders upset over import restriction

CANBERRA (Pacnews)—Pacific islanders living in Australia are upset at the Australian government's decision to restrict the import of kava, the non-alcoholic but intoxicating drink that is part of their cultural tradition.

Australia's minister for customs, Warren Truss, says the restrictions are necessary because of the devastating effect kava drinking is having on Aboriginal communities.

The First Secretary at the Fiji embassy in Canberra, Rusi Korovusere, told Pacnews that the restrictions were "a disappointment" to the 30,000 members of the Australian-based Fijian community.

He said kava was used as a social drink at ceremonies such as weddings and birthdays and also at official meetings.

Korovusere said the embassy was seeking further information about the new restrictions as well as clarification of the import permit system.

He said the restrictions might be "an issue for discussion" at future talks between Australia and Fiji but at this stage NO protest was envisaged.

Travellers will still be able to bring kava into Australia but they will be allowed only up to two kilograms of kava roots or powder, used to make the drink.

Samoa to retaliate if new name is ignored

PAGOPAGO (Pacnews)—Samoa's deputy prime minister, Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi told members of the American Samoan legislature that Samoa will retaliate if the territory approves a bill which does not recognise the independents new name.

At a meeting in Apia last week, Tuilaepa told American Samoa's senior representative Avegalio Aigamau, that the territory should wait and see what will happen if it approves the non-recognition of the bill. Legislators Avegalio and Seti Lopa visited Samoa in an effort to get the leaders to change the country's name back to Western Samoa.

Avegalio described their meeting with the leader of the Opposition, Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi, as very fruitful. According to Avegalio, Tuiatua said he would support American Samoa's efforts to try and reverse the westerners name back to Western Samoa.

CIA reveals \$27M budget

By John Diamond
WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA ended 50 years of secrecy Wednesday surrounding how much the government spends to spy, announcing in response to a lawsuit that the annual budget for national intelligence is \$26.6 billion.

Disclosure came in a one-sentence legal filing by Lee Strickland, a CIA information officer: "In response to the referenced Freedom of Information Act request, the total budget appropriation for intelligence for fiscal year 1997 is \$26.6 billion."

The budget, covering the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, includes the CIA, the National Reconnaissance Office, the Defense Intelligence Agency and other branches of the vast U.S. intelligence-gathering apparatus, as well as tactical military intelligence.

No breakdown of how the money was spent was provided and CIA Director George Tenet said none would be.

"The administration intends to draw a firm line at the top line," Tenet said. "Beyond this figure, there will be no other disclosures of currently classified budget information because such disclosures could harm national security."

Tenet also said the administration would decide on a year-by-year basis whether to reveal overall intelligence spending. Neither Congress nor the administration has provided the intelligence budget for fiscal 1998, but a congressional staffer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was only slightly larger.

To put the intelligence budget in perspective, the total was somewhat lower than what the federal government spent last year on transportation, \$35.9 billion, and health and human services, \$34 billion, not including Social Security.

Despite the lack of details, the Federation of American Scientists, which filed the suit, has been able to construct approximate breakdowns of intelligence spending based on an inadvertent disclosure by the House Appropriations Committee three years ago.

About \$10 billion of the total goes for tactical military intelligence, serving battlefield commanders; the CIA itself gets about \$3 billion; the National Security Agency, which conducts electronic eavesdropping and decoding operations, gets about \$4 billion; the National Reconnaissance Office, which builds and operates spy satellites, gets about \$6 billion.

The rest is divided among a variety of intelligence analysis agencies such as the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, and intelligence offices at the FBI, State Department, Energy Department and elsewhere.

Plugging the \$26.6 billion figure into an unclassified percentage comparison of intelligence spending published last year by a

government review panel indicates spending on intelligence peaked in 1989 at about \$34.5 billion, up dramatically from about \$15.2 billion in 1980. In other words, today's intelligence budget is about average for the last decade of the Cold War.

Not since World War II, when the War Department budget listed appropriations for the Office of Strategic Services, precursor to the CIA, has the intelligence budget been made public. The CIA, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has long argued that revealing the spending total would give adversaries a window into the capabilities and limits of U.S. spycraft.

That barrier to disclosure collapsed in April 1996 when President Clinton announced he would support disclosing the total. When the CIA continued to refuse to make the figure public, and when Congress this year voted against disclosure, the Federation of

American Scientists sued. "It appears that the only force for change is lawsuits from the public," said federation chief Steve Aftergood, in whose name the federal lawsuit, Aftergood v.

CIA, was filed. "These institutions are not going to reform themselves." Attorney Kate Martin of the Center for National Security Studies, which handled the lawsuit for

the federation, said Clinton's support for releasing the intelligence budget made it impossible for the CIA to use national security as a reason for refusing to disclose the figure.



Trent Bernard Murray, 13, a student at Lincoln Middle School in Palmetto, Fla., is taken from the school's gymnasium to a waiting helicopter after being shot by a fellow student Wednesday. He was flown to Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg.

Tonga targets traffic violators

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)—Tonga's ministry of police has expressed concern over the high rate of the death toll from road accidents this year as the current number has tripled that of 1996.

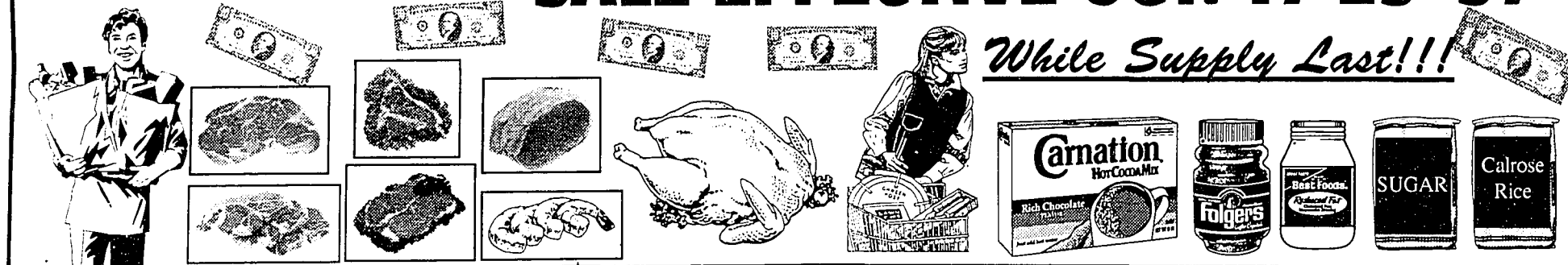
Chief superintendent of police, Taniela Faletau says the high rate this year has prompted authorities to be alert and ensure stricter measures against traffic offenders.

The latest victim, a 24-year-old man, was the 15th to have died from road accidents so far this year, compared with only five last year, Radio

Tonga reported. He says the major cause of road accidents have been attributed in every case to driving under the influence of liquor.

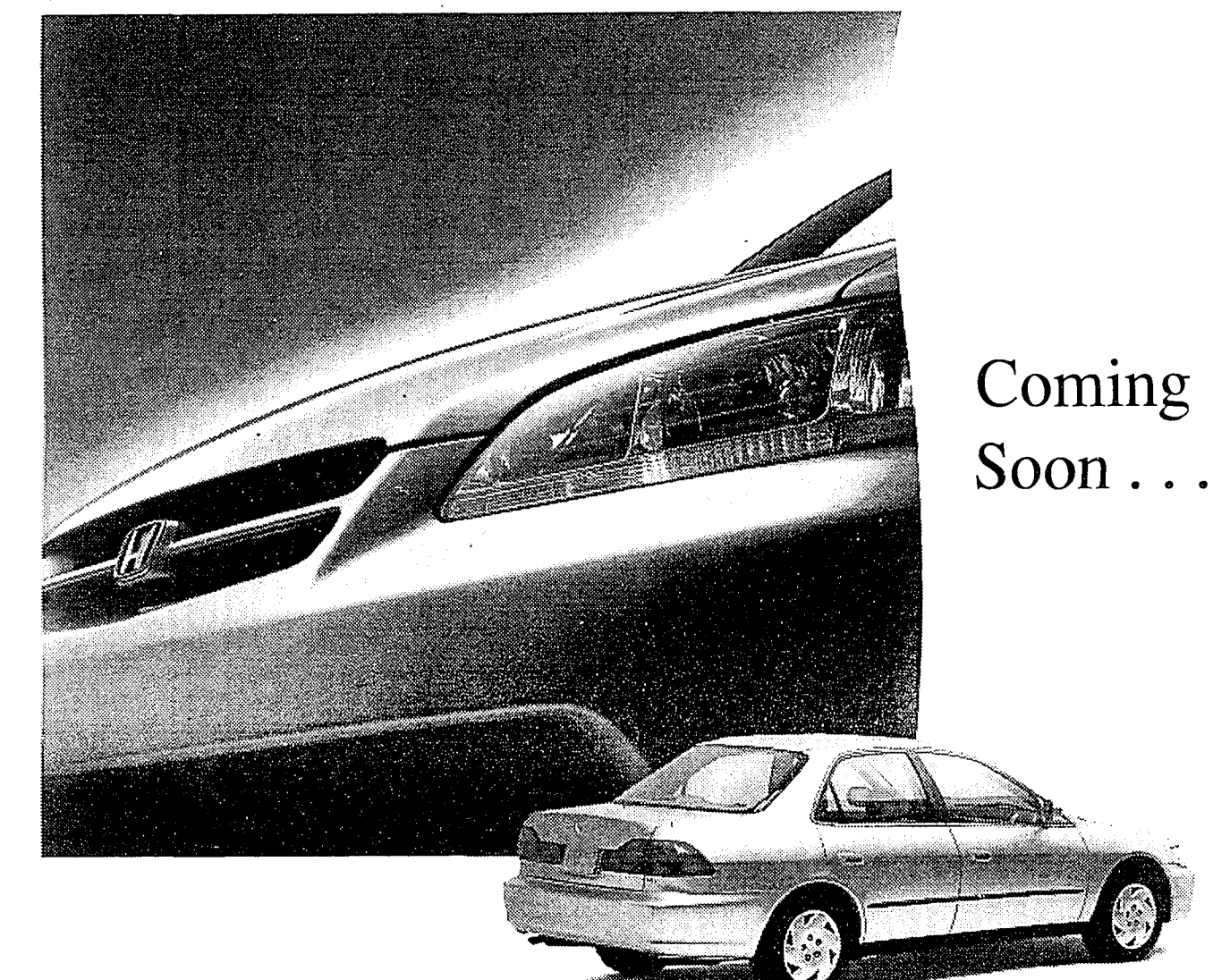
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Japan OKs organ transplants

TOKYO (AP) — A law recognizing brain death takes effect Thursday in Japan, allowing doctors here to perform heart, lung and liver transplants that were not possible previously.

Japan had been one of few nations that did not recognize death when the brain ceases activity but the heart and other organs are still working with machines. That made transplants of certain organs illegal — those that deteriorate rapidly once the heart stops. People could still get corneas and kidneys in Japan but had to go abroad for hearts, lungs or livers.

That changed in June, when Japanese lawmakers rewrote the definition of death, creating the possibility of the first heart transplant in the country in nearly 30 years.

Japan's only heart transplant, in 1968, prompted two criminal

investigations of the chief surgeon, although he was never indicted.

"Now that a law has been officially worked out, we hope to do as much as we can," said Dr. Takenori Yamaguchi, head of the National Cardiovascular Disease Center in Osaka.

"If an organ to suit a patient is donated, we'd like to conduct an operation speedily," he said at a news conference on Wednesday.

The center in western Japan is one of five so far where people will be able to obtain transplants of hearts or livers from brain-dead donors.

Emotional debate had stalled passage of the new law for three years.

On one side were hundreds of patients needing transplants and their doctors. On the other were the skeptics, who said entrusting

doctors with determining the moment of death was too dangerous.

Informed consent in treatment is still a novel idea in Japan, and many people feel they can't question their doctors.

Also among the law's opponents were those who ascribe

to the belief, traditional in Japan, that damaging a corpse can affect a person in the afterlife.

The new law includes a number of provisions to lessen public distrust, including the right of a patient's relatives to reject a doctor's diagnosis of

brain death. It also recognizes brain death only for transplants, and brain-dead people can still be considered alive and continue to receive treatment.

Transplants will also be allowed only from donors who have left written consent.



NATO Secretary General Javier Solana, left, shares a smile with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto prior to their meeting at Hashimoto's official residence in Tokyo Wednesday. Solana, former foreign minister of Spain, is on a two-day visit to Japan. AP

7 die in Honolulu house fire

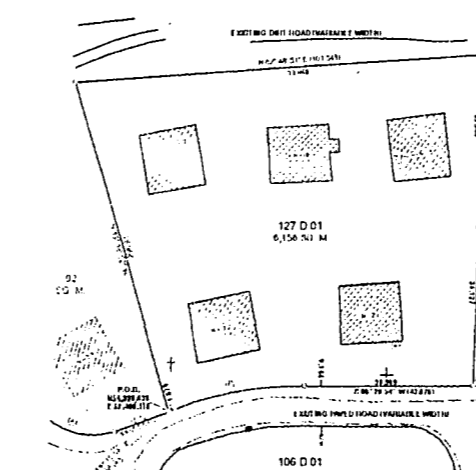
HONOLULU (AP) — Fire swept through a two-story home early Wednesday, killing seven people, including a father who tried to put out the flames, then went back in to rescue four of his children.

The children were a 12-year-old, a 6-year-old and four-year-old twins. The family's mother and a teenage brother escaped with mi-

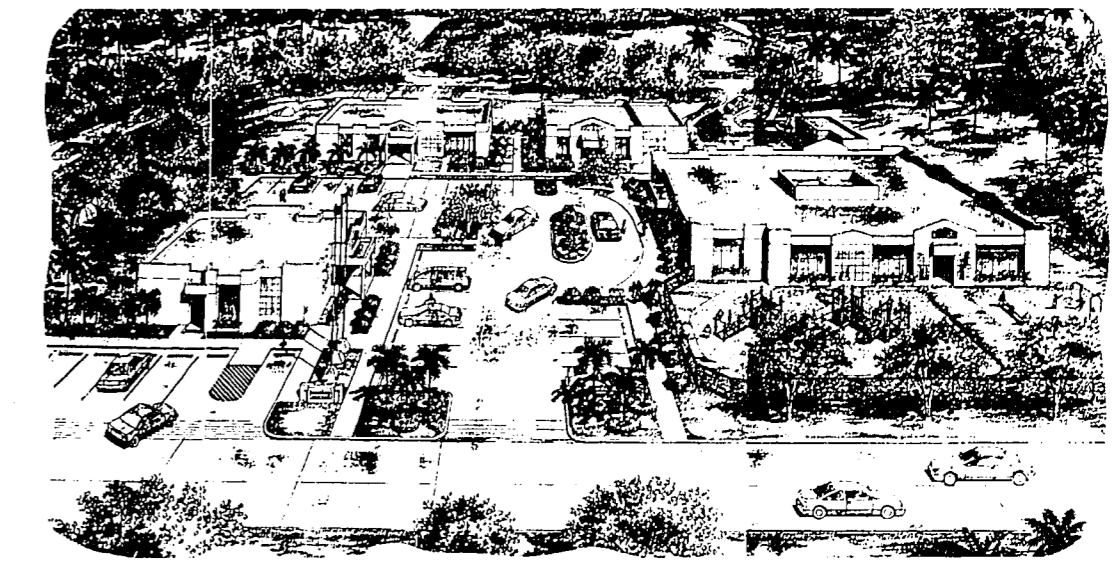
nor burns. Two adults were also killed. Their relation to the family was not immediately known.

The fire broke out around 12:30 a.m., and quickly spread to two neighboring homes, destroying one and heavily damaging another.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.



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On behalf of the CNMI Women and staffs of the Women's Affairs Office, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals and agencies for their support, commitment and participation in the development of the proposed CNMI Women & Day Care Center. Your continued support and dedication towards addressing the needs of our women, indicate a shared commitment toward the advancement of Women, Children and Families.

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio:

For identifying Funds for the A & E design and designating a parcel of land at Navy Hill

Department of Public Works:

For initiating the Request for Proposal on the A & E design and assisting the Office of Women's Affairs with the preliminary design and estimate on the total cost for construction of the center.

Division of Public Lands:

For working with the Governor to identify and designate a site for the center

Division of Lands & Survey:

For surveying the site for the proposed center.

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For completing the first phase of the design of the center.

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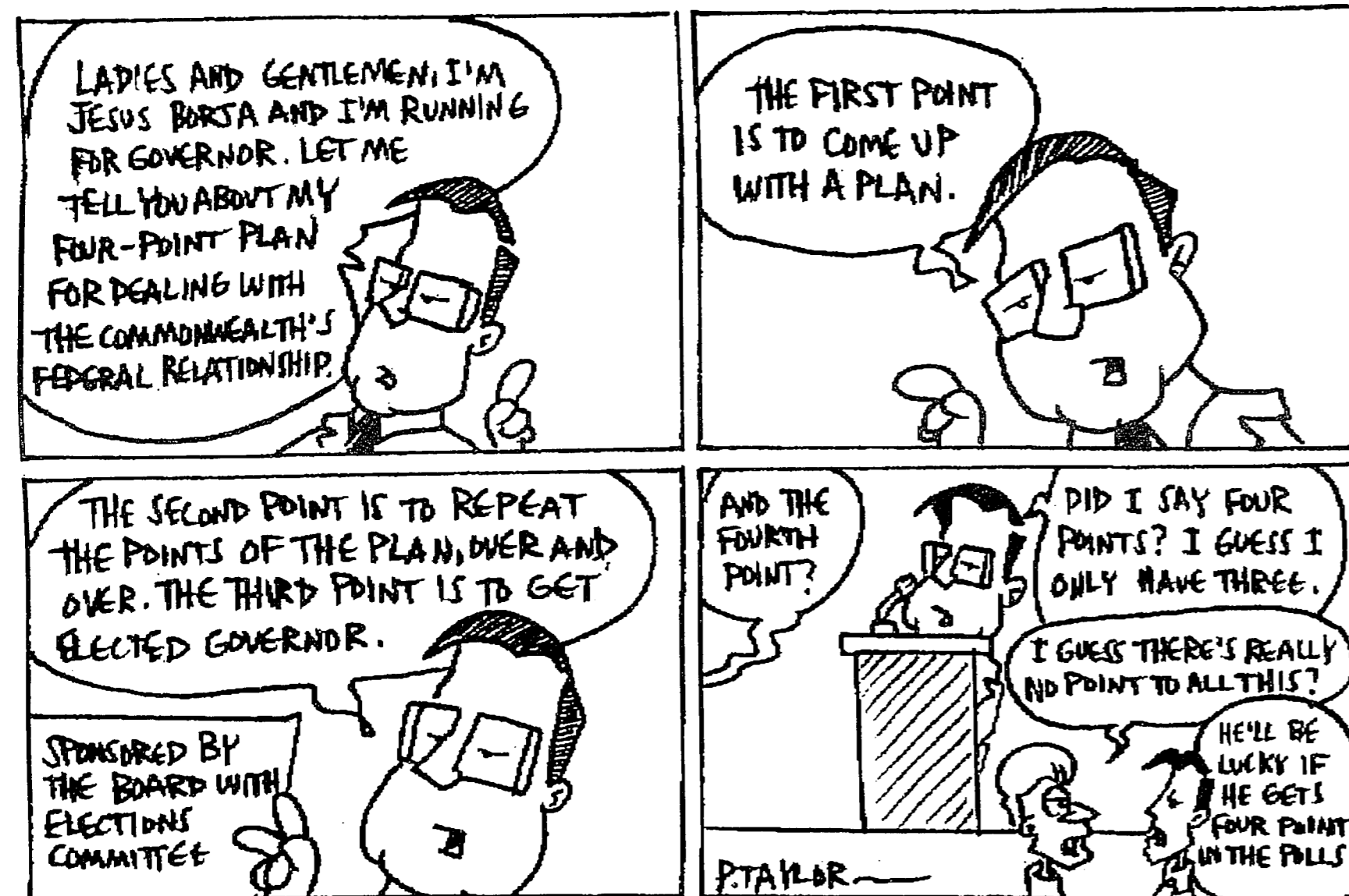
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For their support.

It has been over a decade, since the proposed Women's Center was developed by the Northern Marianas National Council of Women, CNMI Chapter in conjunction and collaboration with our Office for the sole purpose of providing a centralize facility to address issues, concerns and actions regarding women in our community, both government and non-government.

The center will consist of the Office of Women's Affairs, a Training and Development Resource Room, Cafeteria and Day Care Facility with playground area.

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US rebukes Mahathir, over remark on Jews

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department condemned reported comments by the Malaysian prime minister that Jews were trying to block development of his primarily Muslim nation and sabotaging its currency.

"We strongly condemn any statements linking Jews or other ethnic groups and financial difficulties of Malaysia or other countries," spokesman

James Rubin said Wednesday. "We would find the reported statement, if it were made, unfounded and unjustified and difficult to comprehend."

Rubin said it would not contribute to solving economic problems and showed "an illogical understanding of the international system."

He noted that Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad subsequently denied he had said there was a Jewish conspiracy.

Mahathir is credited with turning the small Southeast Asian nation from a tin- and rubber-producing backwater into one of the region's economic tigers since he came to power in 1981.

The annual economic growth rate has reached 8 percent for the last decade and living standards among Malaysians have improved dramatically.



Osama Al-Sulaim (left), representing International Law firm and Michael Abbott (center) lawyer of Frank Gilford (right) give a news conference in Adelaide Wednesday. Gilford official waived his right to seek the death penalty for the two British nurses accused of his sister Yvonne's murder. He accepted US\$1.2 million in return for clemency and will donate most of the money to the Women's and Childrens Hospitals in Adelaide. AP

Slain nurse's brother waives death penalty

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — The brother of an Australian nurse murdered in Saudi Arabia said Wednesday he had officially waived his right to seek the death penalty for the two British nurses accused of the killing.

Frank Gilford said he had agreed to a deal which included US \$1.2 million (Australian \$1.7 million) in compensation in return for clemency.

"Today I would like to announce that I have waived my right to ask that the death penalty be imposed on either of the nurses who have been charged with the murder of my sister Yvonne, namely Deborah Parry and Lucille McLachlan," he said.

Gilford's lawyers, Michael Abbott and John Keen, released a statement saying the compensation would be paid by "British companies who have no connection with the nurses."

The body of Yvonne Gilford, 55, was discovered bludgeoned and stabbed at the King Fahd Military Medical Center in the eastern Saudi

city of Dhahran last December.

In September a Saudi court found Lucille McLachlan, 31, guilty of playing a part in the murder of Gilford and sentenced her to 500 lashes and eight years jail.

A second British nurse, Deborah Parry, 38, is awaiting sentence by the court for murder.

Under Saudi Arabia's strict Islamic law, a guilty verdict carries a death sentence, generally by public beheading. But the family of the victim can have the sentence commuted to a prison term by seeking clemency, generally in exchange for financial compensation.

After insisting on a death penalty for months during the trial, Gilford confirmed recently talks were under way between his lawyers and those of the two accused nurses on a clemency deal.

In his statement, Gilford denied the payments were blood money, and said he had accepted compensation

as provided for under Saudi law.

The statement said about US \$720,000 (Australian \$1.2 million) would be paid to an Adelaide hospital, and used to set up a day surgery unit for children that Gilford hoped would be named after his sister.

Gilford said he would only get US \$37,000 (Australian \$50,000), which he regarded as small compensation for the pain and suffering he had endured since his sister's death.

Gilford's lawyer, Michael Abbott, said the rest of the money would go towards covering legal expenses.

He expected some funds to be left over, which would be paid either to the hospital or to another charity. Parry and McLachlan initially confessed to the murder, but later withdrew the confessions, saying they were made under duress.

Israelis nabbed for selling bombs

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ten Israelis have been arrested on suspicion they sold explosives to Palestinians from the West Bank, Israel radio reported Wednesday.

Islamic militants have carried out more than a dozen suicide bombings in Israel since 1994, and Israel is on high alert for more attacks.

The Israelis, all Jews from Jerusalem, were arrested earlier this week and found to be in possession of over 200 kilograms of explosive material, the report said.

Police believe there may be a connection between this group and two Palestinians arrested last week in the West Bank on charges of stealing explosives.

The Palestinians had 50 kilograms (110 lbs) of explosives in their car and 30 kilograms (66 lbs) stashed in a building in the West Bank village of Bani Naim outside Hebron, said police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin.

Police did not rule out the possibility that the explosives were intended for a terrorist group.

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Clinton: 'Educate the poor'

By Terence Hunt
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — From Brazil's wealthy financial capital to a gang-ruled slum, President Clinton visited this nation's haves and have-nots on Wednesday, lamenting the "age-old curse of Latin America."

Amid intense security, the president and his wife, Hillary, ventured to the entrance of the Mangueira Hill shantytown, a slum of board shacks and brick houses notorious as a drug-selling spot.

In a nation of sharp economic inequality, Clinton said, "It is wrong for only a few to reap the benefits of the wonderful changes going on while many remain mired in poverty. That is a betrayal of our values of individual integrity and equal opportunity."

Sharpshooters with binoculars watched the hillside above the "Vila Olimpica" — Olympic Village — soccer field where Clinton spoke to an audience of poor children. Soldiers lined nearby streets. On a freeway ramp behind Clinton, a conspicuous sign read, "Go Back to USA."

But on the field, the president got a rousing welcome. He was accompanied by Brazil's soccer legend, Pele. Olympic Village, a program largely financed by Xerox, provides education, job training and sports to lift children out of despair.

Clinton's message: that government and business have a "practical

and moral obligation" to alleviate poverty. He praised President Fernando Henrique Cardoso for trying to improve primary and secondary schools.

"Brazil's most important debt is to its children," the president said. "Educating all of them is the best investment Brazil could make."

Later, Clinton toured Rio by helicopter, twice passing by the famous mountaintop Christ statue, 126 feet tall, aides said.

The president then flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina, for a two-night stay.

During the flight on Air Force One, the Clintons were entertained by tango dancers — two lawmakers and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, also on the trip. Rep. David Dryer, R-Calif., taught Albright some fancy footwork before dancing cheek to cheek with Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y.

"They thought it looked pretty enticing," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said of the first couple, who didn't tango on the plane, but planned a night of dinner and dancing out in Buenos Aires.

Rio's Mangueira, once known as the birthplace of samba, gained notoriety for the violent gangs that control the shantytown hillside and the city's other slums. The 10-year-old Olympic Village program has helped change; some of its athletes even participated in the 1996 Summer Olympics at Atlanta.



President Clinton takes a turn with the ball as he joins Brazilian soccer legend Pele at the Mangueira School during a visit to Rio de Janeiro, Wednesday. Through athletics and academics, the Mangueira project seeks to lift children out of the despair of slum life by teaching them how to build strong bodies and minds. AP

"For here school attendance is nearly perfect. Dropout and juvenile crime rates have plummeted," Clinton said during his visit.

The hot day left the audience drenched with sweat. The youngsters, dressed in school athletic uniforms, turned restless in the midday sun and the audience thinned as Clinton continued speaking.

They perked up again at the end when the president leaned over a rope line to shake hands. Young girls hugged and kissed him. With encouragement from Pele, Clinton bounced a soccer ball from his foot to his knee and then booted it into the net past a willing goalie.

Clinton bragged that he faked left and kicked right. "I know he thought I was some

old lame white guy from American so I fooled him," the president said of the goalie, according to McCurry.

Clinton came to this slum 20 minutes outside Rio after a morning speech to business leaders in Sao Paulo, the commercial heart of Latin America, where he said open trade can create jobs and lift living standards.

"But even as we seize these possibilities," he said, "we must also work even harder to bridge the gap between the haves and the have-nots. The age-old curse of Latin America — the constant undercurrent of all advanced economies of the last 20 years — has got to be dealt with more seriously not only by government but by people in the private sector."

White House officials said Clinton's message of sharing prosperity is a key element behind his battle for enhanced authority to negotiate new trade agreements — a move opposed at home by organized labor and many Democrats. "Globalization is irreversible," Clinton said, addressing critics in Congress. "Protectionism will only make things worse."

Under a tough economic plan Cardoso fashioned in 1994, Brazil has shaved its inflation rate from 2,500 percent to 5 percent in five years.

In that period, 13 million Brazilians have been lifted above the poverty line. But the country's per capita income is just \$4,742.

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Grenades hurled at news compound

By ROBIN McDOWELL
PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Two grenades were thrown into the compound of the popular Koh Santepheap (Island of Peace) newspaper early Wednesday, police and government officials investigating the attack said.

"We are investigating the case," said Khieu Kanharith, a government spokesman, adding that two men on a motorcycle apparently hurled the grenades into the compound around 2 a.m. (1900 GMT Tuesday).

The first grenade hit some barbed wire around the building's wall and did not reach the house, he said, so the attackers lobbed a second grenade over the wall

which exploded. No one was injured in the blast, but shrapnel from the grenade sprayed the building's walls and windows and caused extensive damage to a car parked in the compound.

Attacks against reporters and editors have occurred frequently in recent years and are widely

believed to be ordered by politicians angry at being criticized in the press.

"Before (the) blast there was a sound of a motorcycle passing," said Chim Sitha, 31, the publisher's son, who did not know why his newspaper had been targeted.

The paper, one of the most popular in Phnom Penh, is considered to be supportive of Second Prime Minister Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP), but has recently written of internal problems within the former Communist party.

Khieu Kanharith, however, said that the motive for the attack remains unclear, as the newspaper "attacks a lot of top people and has a lot of enemies."

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Information said it had suspended a local newspaper for 25 days, warned another against insulting the country's king, and filed a complaint to the courts against a paper that opened without registering with the ministry.

Publication of Antarakum (Intervention) newspaper has been suspended for 25 days "as a warning," for manipulation of a photograph, called by Khieu Kanharith tantamount to "psychological warfare."

The paper - the second to be suspended since a July coup led by Hun Sen - published a picture Oct. 5 in which Hun Sen's head had been replaced by that of resistance leader Nhek Bunchhay standing beside ousted co-premier Norodom Ranariddh.

The subtitle under the photograph of the two men standing before government troops said that the forces supported the royalists, now engaged in armed resistance against Hun Sen's forces in northern Cambodia.

The Ministry of Information also sent a letter to another traditionally pro-CPP paper, Chakraval (Universe), for insulting King Norodom Sihanouk in an article which said "as soon as the king dies, stability and peace will prevail."

The paper, which has also recently reported on alleged splits within the CPP, was told to refrain from criticizing the king.

"The first measure is to warn the paper, but if they continue to defy the warning, they will be suspended," said Leng Sochea.

A newly opened paper, Banteay Srei, began publishing Wednesday without seeking permission from the Information Ministry, and will face government legal action, he said.

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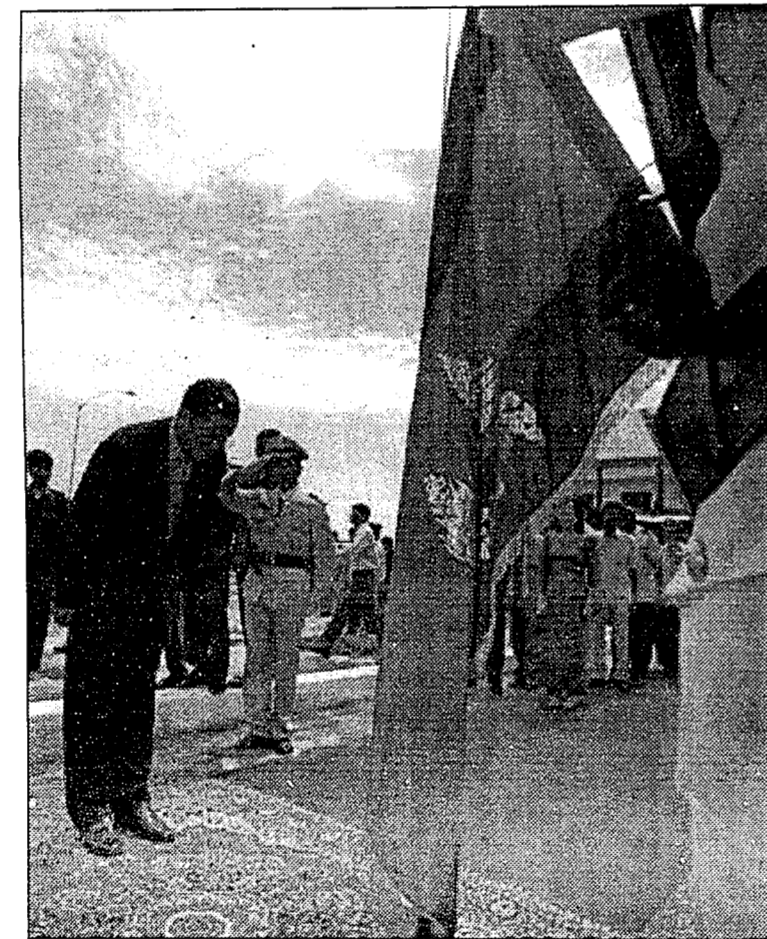
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By MARYLOU S. ADA



Second Prime Minister Hun Sen respects a Cambodian flag during an inauguration of the Royal Army Engineering headquarters in Phnom Penh Wednesday. AP

Singapore buys Russia air defense system

SINGAPORE (AP) - Singapore has for the first time bought Russian military equipment, the official TV station said Wednesday.

The IGLA Missile System is designed to defend against low-flying aircraft, the report said.

After viewing the equipment, Deputy Defense Minister Teo Chee Hean was quoted as saying the combat-proven system meets Singapore's needs in a cost ef-

fective reliable way.

Teo said the Singapore Armed Forces will consider all possible weaponry that would best meet its needs, including those offered by Russia.

The cost of the air defense system and other details were not immediately available.

Singapore previously obtained military hardware from Western suppliers.

Khmer Rouge:

Laying land mines a 'right'

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)

- In a slap at an anti-land mine group that won the Nobel Peace Prize last week, the Khmer Rouge said Wednesday that the laying of mines is the "inalienable right" of all Cambodians.

"Cambodian people have the right to use all kinds of weapons for self-defense, to protect their country from being washed out by the Vietnamese communists," the guerrillas said in a radio broadcast.

Cambodia, with as many as 7 million mines buried in its soil, is one of the most heavily mined countries in the world. Aid agencies estimate that up to 300 people are killed or injured in Cambodia every month by land mine explosions.

Many of the mines have been laid by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in their long civil war against successive central governments, though all sides have sown the lethal devices.

"It is an inalienable right of all Cambodians," to lay mines, they said.

The statement came less than one week after the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to U.S. peace activist Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines is a coalition of more than 1,000 private organizations in more than 60 countries.

More than 90 countries - including Cambodia - drafted a treaty last month to ban the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of anti-personnel land mines, for which the group lobbied heavily.

Efforts to rid Cambodia of land mines were derailed following a July coup by Hun Sen against his rival co-prime minister, Norodom Ranariddh.

The deposed prince - backed by Khmer Rouge hard-liners holding out in their northern stronghold of Arlong Veng - has launched armed resistance to the Hun Sen-led government. Both sides again are laying mines.

"Land mines are planted by (the Vietnamese) and Hun Sen (like crops on a farm)," the guerrillas said Wednesday, but they "are in fact weapons of genocide."

The Khmer Rouge guerrillas have a long hatred of the Vietnamese, who

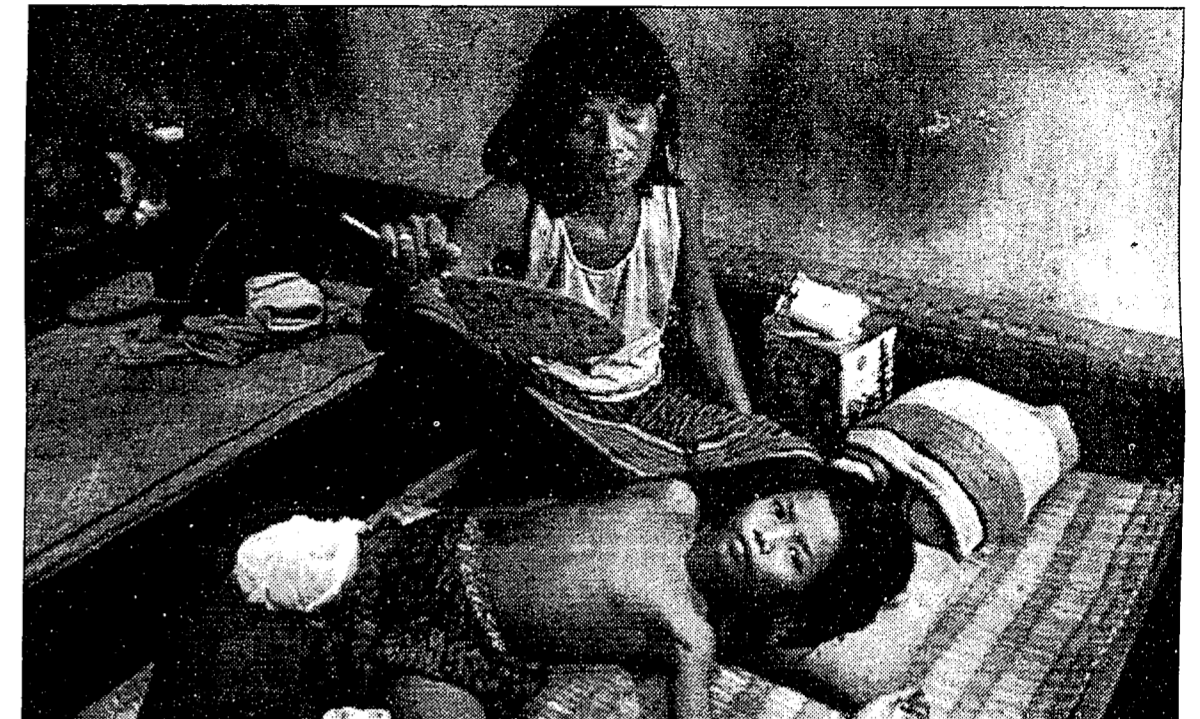
ousted them from power with a 1979 invasion, although there is no evidence of Vietnamese involvement in Cambodia's current conflict.

The Khmer Rouge, responsible for the death of as many as 2 million Cambodians during its nearly four-year reign in the late 1970s, defended its own laying of mines as small-scale compared to that of its enemies.

"As for mines planted one-by-one by our resistance forces, it is for self-protection and self-defense only," they said. "So the difference between land mines laid by Hun Sen's troops and our resistance forces is like the sky and the earth."

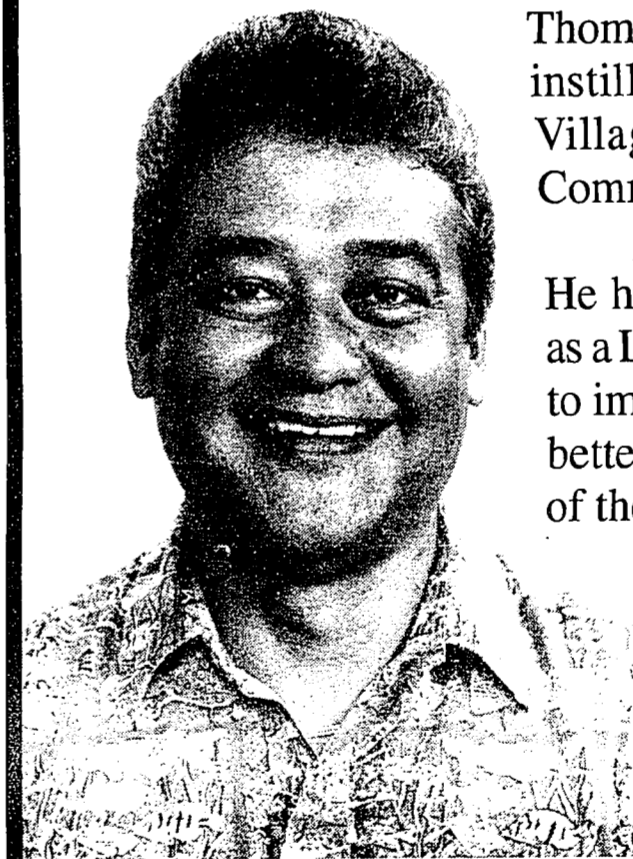
The guerrillas said that as soon as the war carried out by Hun Sen ends, the problem of land mines in Cambodia will end too.

In the meantime, they said, "we must rise to fight Hun Sen, prosecute him, arrest him, put him in jail and hand him over to an international court."



File photo dated Nov. 1990 of an unidentified nine-year-old girl mutilated by a landmine being comforted by her mother in a field hospital outside Phnom Penh. The U.S.-based International Campaign to Ban Landmines and its coordinator Jody Williams won the Nobel Peace Prize Friday. AP/Philadelphia Inquirer

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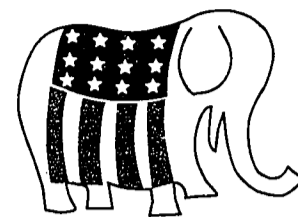
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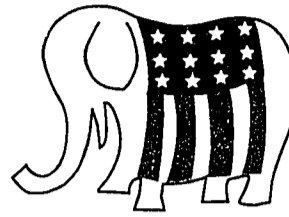
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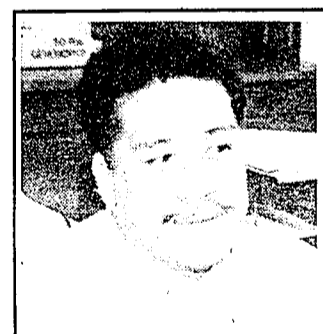
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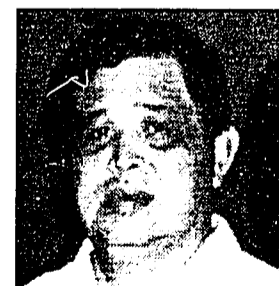
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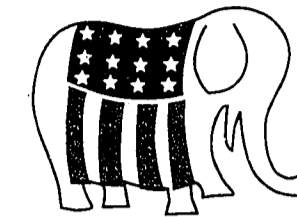
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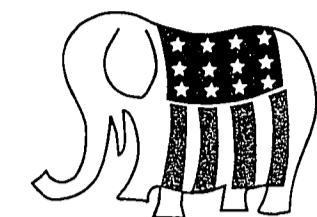
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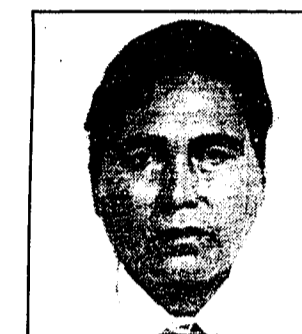
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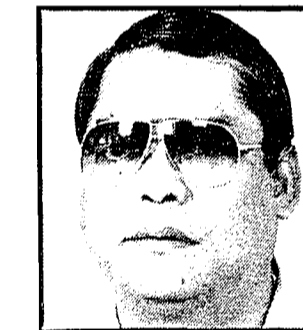
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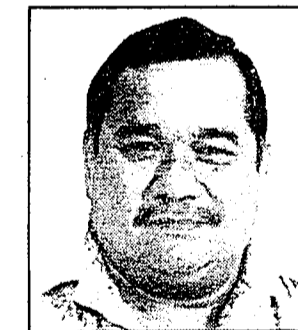
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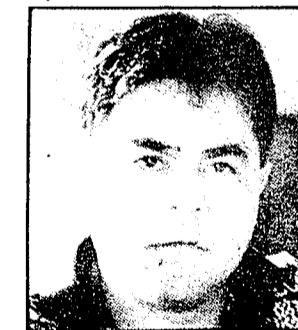
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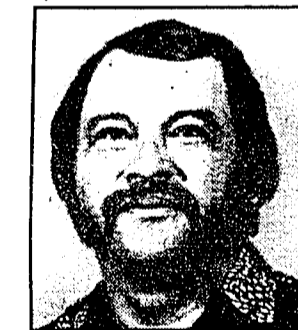
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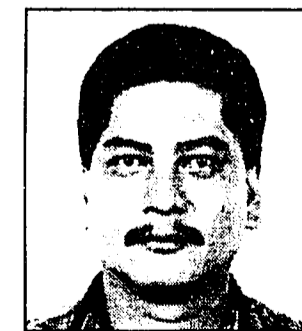
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Exec calls for Taiwan-China links

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan should immediately open direct trade, transport and communication links with China and agree to reunification "in the next generation," a leading business executive said in an interview published Wednesday.

Taiwan has "no reason at all" not to drop its ban on direct links, which is a major hindrance to business and

ordinary travelers alike, said Chang Yung-fa, chairman of the Evergreen Group that includes the world's largest shipping concern and EVA airlines.

Chang's comments to Taiwan's China Times are a public challenge to the government's strategy of using the ban as leverage to gain concessions from China and prevent its

economy from becoming dependent on the mainland.

Taiwanese have invested an estimated U.S. \$24 billion in China and trade between the two sides is booming. But the two governments do not recognize each other. Taiwan bans direct links, while China claims Taiwan as a breakaway province, and threatens to use force to recover it.

Therefore passengers and goods must transit through a third point, chiefly Hong Kong.

Responding to Chang's remarks, Chang King-yu, chairman of the cabinet-level Mainland Affairs Council said economic opportunities in China will continue to take a back seat to national security.

"We want to remind China that we need a more stable environment to facilitate further developments," Chang told reporters.

Taiwan froze direct links when the Nationalist government fled here in 1949, having been swept out of mainland China by Mao Tse-tung's Communists.

Originally conceived to isolate the mainland, the ban has become a defensive measure as China turns increasingly to luring Taiwanese businesses and encouraging them to pressure their government to agree to Beijing's terms. The Economics Ministry this year banned all investment in major infrastructure projects in China and said Taiwanese companies couldn't sink more than U.S. \$50 million into any single deal.

Chang said China's explosive economic development has invalidated

the ban on links as a bargaining chip. Half-measures such as this year's opening of limited direct shipping links are "completely meaningless," he said. Chang said Taiwan should agree to an open-ended schedule for reunification because Chinese lead-

ers are in no rush. China demands Taiwan recognize its sovereignty over the island and open direct talks on reunification.

The Nationalists officially espouse reunification, but only after the sides recognize each other as equals.



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UN rethinks Congo policy



Kofi Annan

By ROBERT H. REID
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - As Washington plans one last bid to convince the Congo to allow a U.N. massacre investigation, senior U.N. officials are questioning whether the probe has become an obstacle to efforts to promote stability in central Africa.

Concern over stability in the region has taken on new urgency with the crisis in the neighboring Republic of Congo. Portugal's U.N. ambassador, Antonio Monteiro, spoke of the danger of a "domino effect" sweeping the volatile region, which also includes Angola, Rwanda and Burundi.

The United States announced Wednesday that U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson, special envoy Howard Wolpe, and Rep. Donald Payne would visit Kinshasa in a last ditch effort to persuade President Laurent Kabila to allow an unimpeded U.N. investigation into alleged massacres in eastern Congo.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan this month recalled four team leaders until the United States sends a mission to the Congo to try one last time to convince Kabila to approve the probe.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin, in announcing the makeup of the team, said the failure of the U.N. investigation to proceed would "only serve to prevent Congo from reentering the community of nations" and receiving U.S. economic and political support.

In New York, however, the United Nations is having second thoughts. Senior U.N. officials are asking whether the investigation should be the linchpin of U.N. policy toward the former Zaire and whether the massacres of perhaps thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees should stand in the way of international aid to Kabila's government.

Two developments have forced a rethink of the policy of linking aid with the investigation. Despite public statements to the contrary, U.N. officials say the Congo government has effectively denied permission for the U.N. team to conduct the probe by raising unacceptable conditions.

The United Nations lacks both the means and the legal mandate to attempt an investigation on the ground without Kabila's ap-

proval. Kabila took power last May after a seven-month rebellion ousted longtime dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

The second factor is the strong, adverse reaction to the probe from many African governments. The negative reaction surprised a United Nations now led by its first sub-Saharan secretary-general.

In a speech last week, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni accused Annan of trying to force the investigation, adding "the government of Congo is right to object to his approach."

Some of the criticism comes from allies of Kabila, who themselves may have been indirectly responsible for the slaughter. But it also reflects African suspicion that Western powers are using the United Nations as a cover for colonialism.

In recent conversations, some senior U.N. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, have stressed that human rights is only one in a series of issues at stake in the Congo.

Not the least of them is the overall stability of Kabila's government and whether its collapse might trigger a new wave of violence throughout the region, posing new and dangerous risks to civilians.

The fighting in the smaller Republic of Congo, located across the Congo River from Kabila's capital Kinshasa, is seen as an example of the spillover effect.

Angolan forces crossed into the Republic of Congo and seized the country's second largest city, Pointe Noire, helping speed the apparent downfall of President Pascal Lissouba, who was opposed by the former president, Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso.

Angolan sources claim former Angolan rebels from UNITA was helping Lissouba.


Furthermore, fighting is still underway in eastern Congo involving the remnants of Rwandan Hutu militias. Human rights groups blame Rwanda's Tutsi-led army for most of the massacres in the Congo.

Rwanda joined the fighting against Mobutu to destroy Rwandan Hutu extremists responsible for the 1994 slaughter of a half million Rwandan Tutsis and moderate Hutus.


The extremists then fled into the Congo when Tutsi rebels overthrew the government in Kigali. With the various crises so intertwined, U.N. officials fear stability in central Africa is impossible without a coordinated, global solution. Leaving one crisis unresolved risks the fires spreading from country to country.

Because of that, the United Nations is asking itself whether it is wise to shun the Kabila government, which needs massive infusions of aid in order to survive, regardless of how the dispute over the massacre investigation pans out.

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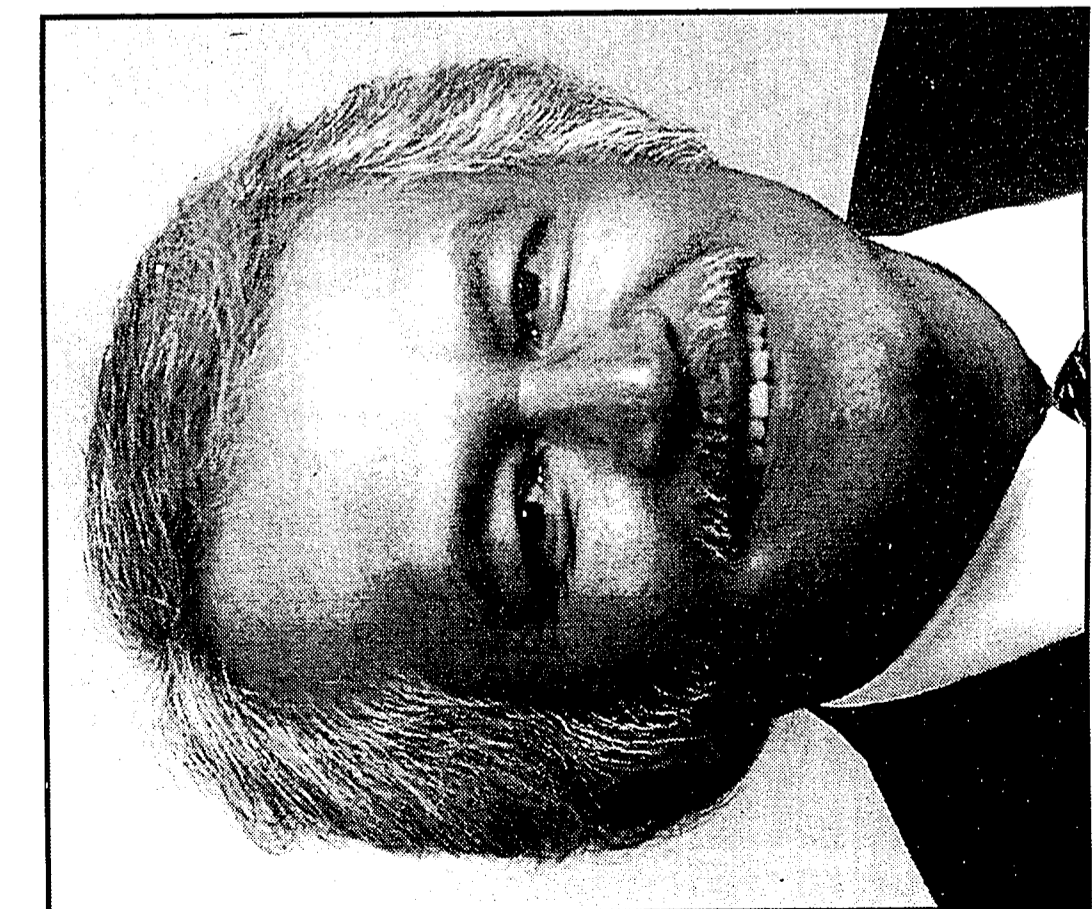
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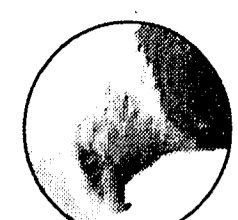
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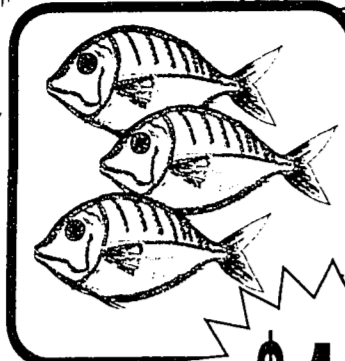
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US, India to broaden ties

WASHINGTON (AP) - A U.S. attempt to broaden its relationship with India gets underway on Friday when a top State Department official opens talks with Indian officials on trade, security, environmental and other issues.

Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering will hold two days of talks in New Delhi before traveling to Pakistan for two days of discussions there.

A senior official told reporters the administration is eager to increase American engagement in South Asia.

The key factors behind the new approach include the democratic and economic reform taking place in the region and new trade and investment opportunities, the of-

ficial said. The discussions also will encompass such international issues as global warming and population trends.

Another official said the U.S.-Indian relations will be less "nuclear-centric" than they have been. The two officials briefed reporters on the condition they not be identified.

Pickering's trip is aimed at laying the groundwork for a visit to the subcontinent before the end of the year by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. President Clinton will visit the region early next year.

The officials said that with the end of the Cold War, the United States is able to discuss with India issues that could not be discussed beforehand.

Citing a warming trend between India and China and hints of progress in Indo-Pakistani relations, one of the officials raised the possibility that India's national security requirements may change over time.

A generalized relaxation of

tensions in the region, the official said, could enable India eventually to view more positively the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The United States is already the largest trade and investment partner with India, and the official said the growth

potential is vast given the current trend toward liberalization.

Highlighting India's potential for increased U.S. trade, he noted that the Indian middle class is roughly as large as the population of the United States.



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

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes (9/4&12/97)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEES REPORT
 1. Finance Committee
 - a. Adoption of Financial Statements
 2. Seaport Facilities Committee
 3. Airport Facilities Committee
 4. Personnel Committee
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. CPA Ports Revenue Bond - Public Hearing (10/23/97)
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Supplemental Budget Request No. 98-01
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Assailants unknown 37 killed, 14 hurt in Rwanda

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - Unidentified assailants killed 37 people and seriously wounded 14 others in northwestern Rwanda, where the Tutsi-led army has been fighting Hutu rebels, Rwandan radio reported Wednesday.

The killings occurred Tuesday in Mutura commune, about 40 miles northwest of Rwanda's capital, Kigali, said the broadcast, monitored in Kenya. It quoted survivors as saying the attackers also stole property and money from the victims and several villagers were missing.

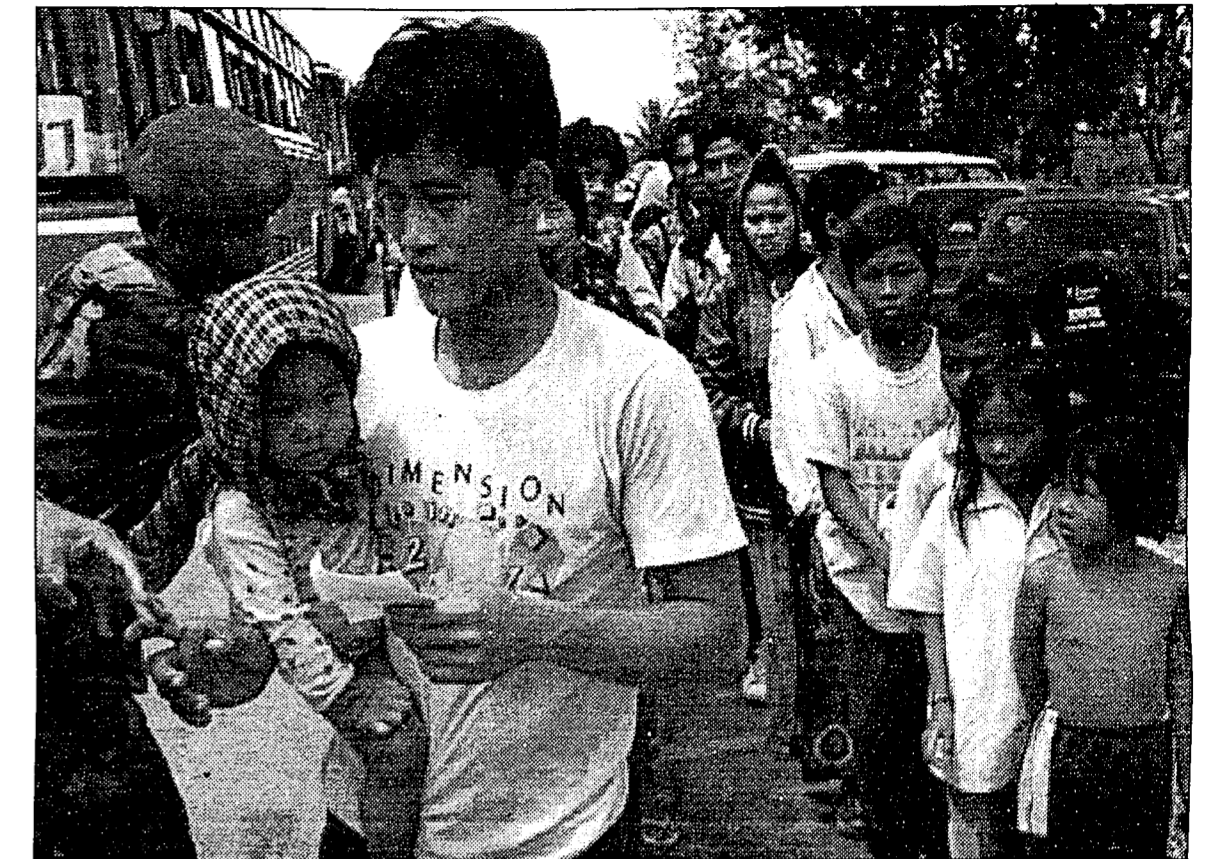
Thousands of people fled their homes, the broadcast said, without indicating where they went. Local officials urged them to return and appealed to the

U.N. refugee agency to provide emergency aid.

Congo, formerly Zaire, closed its border with Rwanda last month to prevent an influx of refugees, most of whom were driven out by fighting last November.

Although the broadcast did not identify the attackers, the army has been battling Hutu rebels in the area for most of the year.

The rebels are former Hutu soldiers who carried out a Rwandan government-orchestrated massacre of at least 500,000 minority Tutsis in mid-1994. Tutsi-led rebels overthrew the Hutu government and stopped the genocide.



Cambodian refugees stand in line to get a convoy of buses and trucks at their camp at the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet. Thailand and the UN sent the first group of 245 Cambodians back to their country in the first voluntary repatriation of refugees who fled fighting in August. AP

Bomb attack comes as tourism picks up in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - The number of tourists visiting Sri Lanka, which had been increasing after security forces confined the battle against the Tamil Tigers to the north, could again suffer a setback after Wednesday's bomb explosions in a hotel parking lot in Colombo.

Three blasts left 11 dead and 105 injured, 31 of them foreign tourists, in an attack that the government blamed on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest of the groups fighting for an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's ethnic Tamils.

The foreigners were mostly injured by glass splinters at the Galadari and Hilton hotels in downtown Colombo, hospital sources said.

Most Western tourists frequent hotels along the southern coast of the island, far away from the fighting, which is in the north and the east.

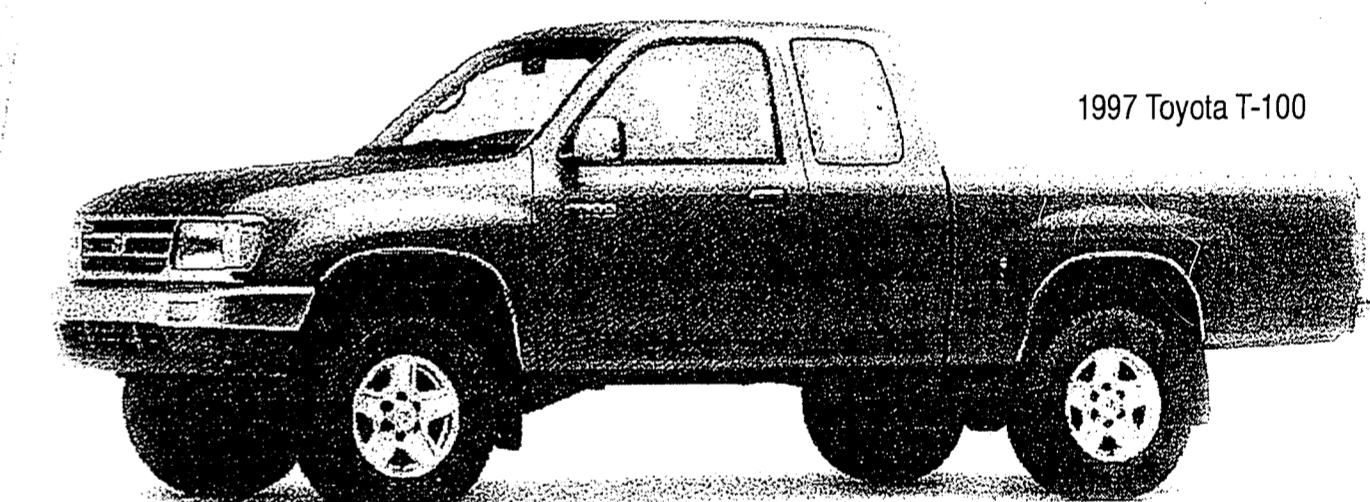
Security in Colombo, which is along the southwestern coast, is tight. Police checkpoints dot the city's streets and civilians are frisked frequently.

The number of foreign tourists dropped by more than 30 percent after a suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden truck into the Central Bank building in downtown Colombo. The blast in early 1996 killed 88 people, injured 1,400 others and devastated the area.

But since then tourism has picked up. In the first half of this year, it increased by 20.5 percent to 174,234 arrivals, compared to the first six months of 1996, according to the Ceylon Tourist Board.

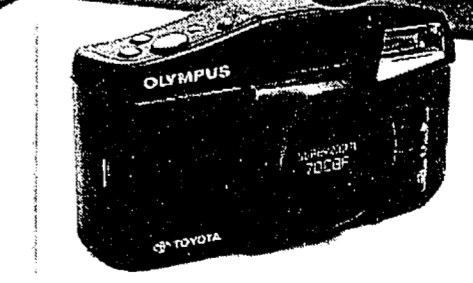
Last month, Sri Lanka's tourism minister joined his counterparts from neighboring South Asian nations to ease visa rules and increase air services in the region, home to 1.6 billion people.

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Bombing in downtown Colombo:

At least 11 dead, scores hurt

By NIRESH ELIATAMBY
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Bomb explosions and gun battles left at least 11 people dead in downtown Colombo Wednesday as Tamil rebels brought their secessionist war to the capital for the first time this year.
 Maj. Gen. Srilal Veerasuriya, the army's deputy chief of staff, said the dead included a security guard shot by rebels as they forced their way into the parking lot of a luxury hotel to set off a truck bomb, seven other civilians and three Tamil rebels.
 It was not clear how many of the victims were killed in a series of explosions, one of which left a 20-foot by 10-foot (six-meter by three-meter) crater in the hotel parking lot.
 The general said 105 people were injured. They included 31 foreign tourists, most from Japan, Britain and

France, according to the foreign ministry.
 Veerasuriya said a small group of rebels fled into a government building following the truck bombing and were believed to be holding an undetermined number of hostages there.
 Foreign Ministry spokesman Ravinath Ariyasinha blamed the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main rebel group that has been fighting since 1983 to carve out an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority. The rebels say Tamils are discriminated against by the majority Sinhalese, who dominate the military and the government.
 "The attack...proves that the LTTE does not care for international opinion or the safety of civilians, including foreigners who have nothing to do with the present conflict,"



Medics rush a man into hospital in Colombo, Wednesday following an explosion in a hotel car park in this image made from television. Several bombs exploded in a hotel parking lot near the presidential office Wednesday morning in a suspected rebel attack killing 10 people and injuring more than 100. AP

Ariyasinha said. "This attack only proves our contention that the LTTE is a terrorist organization."

The Tigers had no immediate comment.

The sound of automatic gunfire echoed through the business district as rebels battled with police and soldiers following the bombings. Police later identified a man they shot as a Tamil rebel who had what appeared to be explosives strapped to his body.

Farah Mhilar, who lives in the area, said the scene outside her window "looked like a war zone, with heavily armed Sri Lankan soldiers dismounting from trucks and motorcycles and taking up positions. Moments later, I saw a body of a teenager with explosives wrapped around his body."

Veerasuriya, the deputy chief of

staff, said rebels drove a truck to the entrance of the Galadari Hotel parking lot early Wednesday and shot a security guard who tried to stop them.

They then parked in the lot, left the truck, and used a rocket-propelled grenade to ignite its load of explosives.

"The explosion was so massive that a 20-foot-wide by 10-foot-long crater was created," Veerasuriya said.

"I have never heard such a loud bang before," said Priyanta Dissenayaka, a 27-year-old computer technician who had been on his way to his office at the nearby World Trade Center, a new building that houses the Colombo Stock Exchange. "It sounded like 100 jets breaking the sound barrier."

The rebels fled toward the nearby Lake House, headquarters of the state newspaper publishing company. An army patrol fired on them as they ran, killing two of them, the general said. The rest entered the building and apparently took hostages.

"I saw one of the rebels running toward me and I opened fire and shot him dead," said army corporal, Rohan Wijenaik, who was at an army checkpoint near the Galadari Hotel.

At least two more explosions were heard later Wednesday morning, along with gunfire near Lake House.

Police cordoned off a 2-square-kilometer (1-square-mile) area that included a major railway station and some of the city's largest hotels and business houses. Main roads leading out of the city were blocked. Communications to many of the buildings in the area were knocked out.

Army helicopters hovered over the district. Troops were conducting room-to-room searches at the hotels and other buildings in the area. The attack came during a holiday, the Buddhist Full Moon Day, which meant that fewer people than normal were in the area.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga was at her home about one mile away (2 kms). She rarely uses the presidential office, an old Dutch building that once served as the parliament building, opposite the sea front.

It was the first major terrorist attack this year in the Sri Lankan capital, where security has been stepped up as the war in the north with the Tamil rebels intensified.

The explosions and gun battle were barely 200 yards (meters) from the site of the 1996 bombing of the Central Bank that killed about 88 people and injured 1,400 others. A suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden truck into the Central Bank building, and many of the buildings nearby remain shattering.

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Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority, on Thursday, October 23, 1997, will hold a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with respect to a proposed issuance by the Commonwealth Ports Authority of Revenue Bonds; 1997 Series A and B Airport and Series A and B Seaport Bonds in an amount in total not to exceed \$140,000,000.00 for the purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital improvements, including runways, terminal, docks, wharfs, dredging and other renovations, improvements and expansions of the airports and seaports owned and operated by the Commonwealth Ports Authority including those located at West Tinian Airport, Saipan Airport, Rota Airport, San Jose Harbor on Tinian, Saipan Harbor and Rota Harbor.

This meeting will commence at one o'clock (1:00) p.m., and will be held in the Conference Room of the Tinian Municipal Council on Tinian Island. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of such bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities being financed will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to Carlos A. Shoda, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Saipan International Airport, or via mail to P.O. Box 1055 CK, Saipan, MP 96950.

Dated this 7th day of October, 1997.

/s/ **VICTOR B. HOCOG**
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Defense veto riles Congress

By JOHN DIAMOND
WASHINGTON (AP) - If President Clinton's sparing use of the line-item veto on a \$248 billion defense bill was designed to avoid conflict with Congress, his strategy was not entirely successful. Clinton trimmed a modest \$144 million from the huge military spending bill Tuesday, striking out obscure items for alloy research and fuel cell development among others, and sparing major spending added to the bill by lawmakers.

"What I did today was responsible and quite restrained," Clinton said while traveling in South America.

With Congress out of town for the Columbus Day holiday, there were none of the floor speeches by outraged members or proposals to repeal the new line-item veto authority. But via fax ma-

chines and phone calls, members expressed their displeasure.

"I couldn't be more angry than I am about this," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, a California Republican, over Clinton's dlr 4 million veto that eliminated research being done in Lewis' district into a new cancer treatment device with possible breast-cancer applications.

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, expressed disappointment from the opposite point of view. "The President has clearly taken a hike and missed an opportunity to eliminate billions of dollars in low-priority, unnecessary and wasteful spending from the defense budget," McCain said.

McCain was pleased, however, that Clinton took his advice in killing the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, a costly reconnaissance aircraft the Pentagon has been trying to mothball since 1989. Lawmak-

ers, particularly Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, have kept the program going.

Clinton administration officials said there were more items they would have liked to cut. But the strictures of the line-item veto law prevented them.

In cases in which Congress added spending to existing line items - adding \$720 million to buy a fourth Aegis destroyer, for example - Clinton had to choose between accepting all four ships or cutting all four out of the budget. He chose to accept them. It was a decision sure to please Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, whose hometown shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi, will get at least one of the destroyer contracts.

Budget Director Franklin Raines said at a White House news conference that the limited use of the line-item veto in the defense bill reflected the degree to which Congress stuck to Clinton's original Pentagon spending blueprint. The line-item veto power, Raines said, was prompting lawmakers to refrain from adding wasteful spending in the first place.

"It's not a perfect vehicle," Raines said of the line-item veto. "But I believe it is one that is going to produce tremendous results for the taxpayer ... because I believe it will affect behavior. We have a bill that's a lot closer to our military plans than some bills in the past."

In the past, the president only had the power to veto an entire bill. The line-item veto enables him to veto specific spending

items in appropriations bills.

Among the more prominent spending items to survive Clinton's action were the eight C-130J transport planes added to the one contained in Clinton's original budget request. They are built in Marietta, Georgia, hometown of House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said military considerations, not the threat of a fight with Gingrich, prompted Clinton to accept the extra aircraft - at a cost to taxpayers of nearly half a billion dollars.

"The average age of our C-130 fleet in the Air Force is 23 years. It's an old fleet," said Hamre. "Congress found the means to give us eight additional aircraft to help modernize that fleet and we found that had positive value."

White House budget chief: Deficit to stay under \$30-B

By ALAN FRAM
WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. federal deficit for the fiscal year that just ended will be below \$30 billion, White House budget chief Franklin Raines said Wednesday. But he said there were no indications the budget will be balanced in 1998, and cautioned Congress against planning new spending or tax cuts.

Raines' remarks, made at a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, were the latest in a string of estimates in which government budget analysts have lowered their expectations for the 1997 shortfall.

When the year started, Clinton administration and congressional budget officials said the 1997 deficit would be about \$125 billion. Just last month, Raines' Office of Management and Budget said it expected a \$37 billion shortfall for fiscal 1997, which ended Sept. 30. On Oct. 3, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office forecast a 1997 gap of \$23 billion.

"We'll be announcing later this month that we'll have a deficit below \$30 billion" for fiscal 1997, Raines told the gathering.

Afterwards, Raines declined to tell reporters specifically what the 1997 shortfall will be. He said the final, official figure would be released in seven to 10 days.

Raines said the administration's lowered deficit estimate was based on the continued strong economy.

But, he added, "There's nothing that's occurred yet that would cause us to say there will be a budget that is balanced in 1998."

Both the White House and Congress say they expect higher deficits in 1998 than the year just ended because of the recently enacted budget package, which envisions balance in 2002. Many of the tax cuts in that agreement take effect this year, but few of the spending cuts do.

Raines acknowledged that deficits over the next few years will probably be smaller than the administration and lawmakers envisioned when they approved the budget-balancing deal last summer. But he said Congress should not yet plan on spending that extra money because deficits, albeit smaller, will remain.

"My friends, reduced debt and deficits, at least when I was in the financial business, is not a surplus," he said. He added, "Until they actually cross the line of balance, there is no surplus to be spent."


For weeks, congressional

Republicans have been talking about how to spend budget surpluses in bills they hope to pass as early as next year. Their plans, often conflicting, include additional tax cuts, building highways, reducing the cumulative national debt and preparing Social Security and Medicare for the imminent retirement of the Baby Boom generation.

Republicans were quick to take issue with Raines. Rep. John Boehner, the No. 4 House Republican, said he wants to cut taxes by at least \$135 billion. That is the amount by which the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has increased its estimate for revenue collections through 2002 since the spring, when the budget deal was initially struck.



Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell, left, greets Samuel Gresham Jr. chairman of the Association of Urban League Executives after his speech at the black church leadership conference in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Monday. AP




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Cuban revolutionary war veteran Julio Garcia, right, holds a portrait of Che Guevara as he waits for the motorcade carrying the remains of the Cuban revolutionary hero in Matanzas, Cuba, Tuesday. The motorcade is winding its way east to Santa Clara where Che will be entombed in a mausoleum on Oct. 17. AP




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US agrees to reform wild horse program

By SANDRA CHEREB
RENO, Nevada (AP) - The U.S. Bureau of Land Management agreed in court Wednesday to tighten the reins on its wild horse adoption program, which has allowed thousands of federally protected animals to go to slaughter.

The agreement settles a lawsuit filed in June by the Fund for Animals and the Animal Protection Institute of America after an investigation by The Associated Press uncovered abuses in the \$16 million-a-year program.

"The settlement is about whether people can take title to animals with the intent to sell them for slaughter. That's been the major loophole for years," said Howard Crystal, a Fund for Animals lawyer in Washington.

He said the settlement will not end the slaughter of wild horses but should reduce the number killed each year.

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British au pair Louise Woodward glances a smile toward family members as she arrives for the afternoon court session Tuesday in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge, Mass. Woodward is accused in the alleged extreme force injury death of infant Matthew Eappen in February. AP

Proposed tobacco deal

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon wants to be considered in a proposed nationwide tobacco settlement, arguing that it should be reimbursed \$584 million a year for smoking-related health care expenses.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday that Judith Miller, the Defense Department's general counsel, wrote the White House with the proposal on Sept. 22.

The step makes the Pentagon the first federal agency to make such a request, under the deal, which would require tobacco companies to pay \$368 billion over 25 years.

Even though Congress has put off consideration of any

tobacco deal until next year, the military wants its case to be considered.

Bacon said Pentagon officials have estimated that the Pentagon's costs could be as much as \$5 billion over 25 years.

President Clinton has insisted that any tobacco deal must include annual industry settlement payments and fines that are steep enough to force the industry to raise cigarette prices by \$1.50 a pack over a decade.

Only with an increase of that magnitude would any deal fulfill the key goal of reducing smoking by teenagers, Clinton has said. The average price of a pack of cigarettes in the United States is about \$1.75.

Miller's letter was first reported by the trade publication Defense Week, which said the proposed tobacco settlement with 40 state attorneys general calls for payments of \$196 billion to state governments, of which 60 percent could be earmarked for federal Medicaid reimbursements. Medicaid is the government-funded health insurance program for the poor.

However, no dollars have been earmarked specifically for federal agencies or departments.

Lt. Col. Thomas Begines, another Pentagon spokesman, said the request was made in the event federal agencies are included in any settlement.

Group to disclose videos of the late Ron Brown

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton White House isn't the only place in town with videotapes. The Commerce Department has some too, and a private group said Wednesday it expects to get them this week.

The tapes show the late

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and other department officials on trade missions in the early years of the Clinton administration, the group Judicial Watch said Wednesday.

Judicial Watch sued the department to obtain information about Brown's trade

missions, alleging that seats for them were sold to campaign contributors. In the course of the lawsuit, the private group discovered there were videotapes of the trade missions.

Judicial Watch chairman Larry Klayman said. "The videos of the Brown-Clinton

Commerce Department trade missions will provide crucial insight into meetings between Brown and donors meeting with foreign leaders."

Klayman said the Commerce Department had agreed to release the tapes this week.

In a letter last week to Klayman, the U.S. attorney's office in Washington said the Commerce Department had offered the videotapes to Klayman's group in 1995. The U.S. attorney's office is representing the department in the lawsuit.

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The CNMI Public School System is soliciting from firms interested in providing to the Public School System Occupational Therapy Services, Physical Therapy Services, Speech and Language Services, and Psychological Services (Related Services) to children from ages birth to five years old and from ages 6 to 21 years old. The Proposal package requirements is now available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, during normal working hours. All proposals are to be submitted in duplicate and facemasked "RFP98-001 - Special Education Related Services" and delivered to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., November 26, 1997. The proposer is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his business license. Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A pre-bid conference for the aforementioned RFP will be held on October 29, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. Interested proposers are requested to submit all their questions pertaining to the proposal package requirements in writing Attn: Sue Lizama, Action Special Education Coordinator no later than 4:30 p.m., November 07, 1997 at the Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. All submitted questions will be responded to in writing within three working days from date all questions are due.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections will be made based upon the following criteria:


1. Price	20%
2. Proposal Plan	40%
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4. Qualification of Firm	10%

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to award a single or multiple awards or reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the Public School System. Inquiries to this announcement may be directed to Louise Concepcion at telephone 664-3763

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Bermuda's Supreme Court overturns law

By Raymond Hainey
HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — The Supreme Court has overturned a law banning McDonald's and other fast-food restaurants from setting up on this island, but Bermuda's burger battle is still broiling.

In a ruling Tuesday, the court essentially rejected the Prohibited Restaurants Act, a law designed to prevent McDonald's and certain other "foreign" restaurants in this British colony.

Justice Vincent Meerabux found the act violated a contract between former Premier John Swan's Grape Bay Ltd. and the U.S. fast-food giant, and therefore violated Swan's constitutional property rights. "No one, not even the legislature, can disobey the constitution with impunity," Meerabux said.

The attorney general was expected to appeal the decision on behalf of the government to the Bermuda Court of Appeal. Gov. Thorold Masfield approved the controversial act in August, despite Senate opposition.

He and other supporters of the ban argue it would safeguard the tourist appeal of the island, where gambling is prohibited and the top speed limit is

only 20 mph. Tourists must use bicycles and mopeds, instead of cars.

Attorney Mark Diel, who represents Swan, welcomed the decision. "We are very pleased."

The issue first arose in February 1996, when the finance minister gave Swan permission to set up the holding company to bring McDonald's into Bermuda. Swan put down \$3 million to guarantee sites at the airport and in downtown Hamilton, the capital.

Legislators fought back, drafting a bill banning all restaurants with "a foreign flavor," even though a Cabinet committee hearing public opinion on the law found the community not overly concerned about having fast-foods chains on the island.

Some residents of Bermuda, 600 miles east of North Carolina in the Atlantic Ocean, developed a taste for Big Mac hamburgers when a McDonald's operated here on a U.S. military base. It closed in 1995.

Courts push terrorism cases through in Peru

By DAVID KOOP
LIMA, Peru (AP) - Secret anti-terrorism courts tried dozens of suspected rebels, often ignoring basic legal rights, in a rush to push cases through before the courts were disbanded Wednesday, human rights activists said.

In the 10 days before the courts were closed, they tried 10 to 15 cases a day, with some cases in-

volving more than one person, said Gloria Cano, legal representative of Peru's Pro-Human Rights Association. The courts usually try two to three cases a day.

"In some cases, the presentation of evidence, interrogation, defense and sentencing took one hour," said Cano, a lawyer who has defended suspected rebels before military courts. "They were sentenced without a fair chance to defend themselves."

The courts, involving both military and civilian judges, commonly handed down sentences of 20 years to life in prison to suspected leftist guerrillas.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation that the CUC Human Resources system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Lower Base, Saipan is looking for applicants for the following position:

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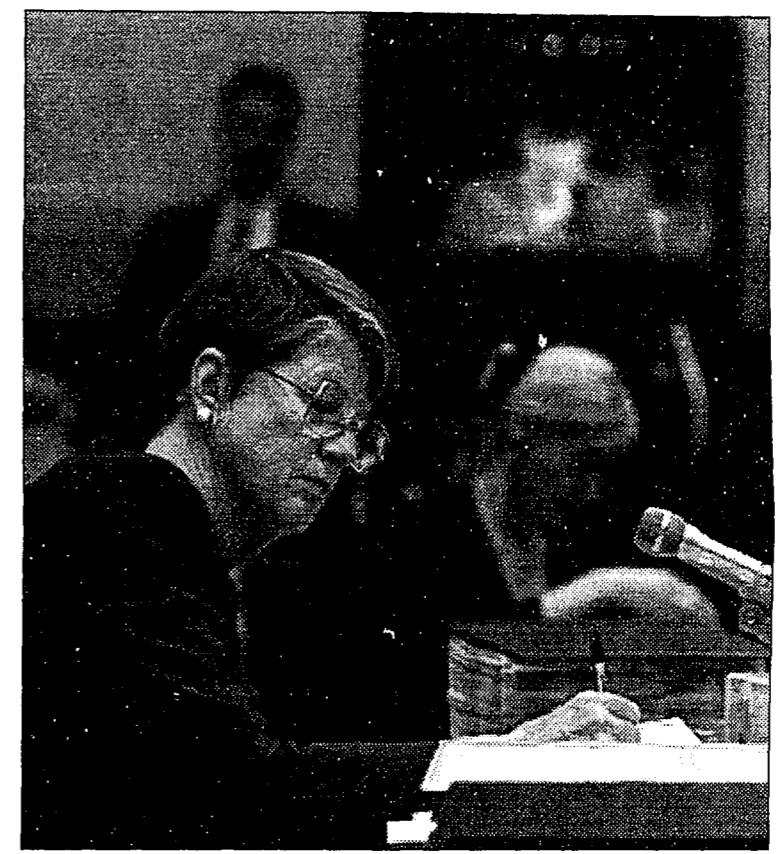
This announcement closes on October 29, 1997. Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian Office. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance and a copy of the high school diploma.

/s/ TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
 Executive Director
 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Reno gives FBI veto on probe

By Michael J. Sniffen
WASHINGTON (AP) — As sailed by House Republicans, Attorney General Janet Reno promised Wednesday not to close any avenue of her campaign finance investigation without the FBI director's agreement — an unprecedented safeguard. But GOP lawmakers insisted the investigation "bristles with conflicts of interest" and should be handed to a special prosecutor.

During an occasionally testy, daylong hearing before the House Judiciary Committee, Reno repeatedly said she was barred by law from supplying details of what her investigators were doing. "If I could tell you what was being done, I think you would feel much more comfortable," she said.



With a tape of her playing in the background, Attorney General Janet Reno takes notes while testifying on Capitol Hill Wednesday before the House Judiciary Committee. AP

Instead, she delivered for the first time an extraordinary assurance not required by the independent counsel law: She has given FBI Director Louis J. Freeh veto power over the course of the investigation. In the long history of the often-contentious relations between the FBI and the Justice Department, no previous attorney general has publicly shared authority so explicitly with an FBI director.

Pressed by Republican lawmakers about reports that her prosecutors had prevented FBI agents from interviewing top administration officials, she repeated three times that no allegation would be dismissed without the personal assent of Freeh, who has publicly criticized the Clinton White House more than once.

The promise did not deflect Republican demands for an independent counsel.

Chairman Henry Hyde of Illinois asserted Reno's effort "bristles with conflicts of interest" because she must examine her boss, President Clinton. Hyde said public opinion polls show "the average American wants an independent counsel."

Reno shot back, "I don't think you or the American people want polls" determining application of federal law. "They want someone doing the best single job they can."

She said she pays "no attention whatsoever to politics or pressure."

Reno acknowledged her task force suffered early tensions and fell behind in analyzing subpoenaed documents. But she insisted it is working to build a solid case by traditional bottom-up investigation.

She said she is prepared to seek an independent counsel if evidence emerges to warrant it, as she has done four times previously for senior Clinton administration officials. "And I have never gotten in trouble with the White

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(Amended 9/12/97)

SEALED PROPOSALS for the APRON EXPANSION AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP PROJECT NOS. 3-69-0003-08 & 3-69-0003-10 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950. Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M., Friday, October 24, 1997, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of unclassified excavation, subbase and base course filling and grading, construction of apron (asphaltic concrete pavement or alternate portland cement concrete pavement), striping, drainage, and miscellaneous electrical including flood lights, location and guidance signs, and apron edge lights. All work will take place at Rota International Airport, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) days from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (AIP No. 3-69-0003-08 & 3-69-0003-10) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Proposal).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

- The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.
- The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1997, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (76 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA CONFERENCE ROOM AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, on Friday, September 26, 1997 at 9:00 A.M. to explain and address any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of the same mailed, simultaneously, to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

September 9, 1997
Date

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- Each proposer must supply all the information required by the proposal documents and specifications.
- The (EEO) requirements, labor provisions and wage rate are included in the specifications and proposal documents and are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
- Each Proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the proposal), the Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause, and the "Certifications of Non-Segregated Facilities" as contained in the Bid Proposals.
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- Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of

Papon claims he fought for Jews

By Jocelyn Noveck
BORDEAUX, France (AP) — Maurice Papon gave a spirited defense of his wartime past Wednesday, telling a French court he "literally cried" when a convoy of Jews was deported to Nazi death camps and insisting that he has always carried "the sorrow of my Jewish compatriots" in his heart.

The remarks were a stunning reversal for the man accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their deaths while serving as a top official of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime during World War II. Previously, Papon has sought to downplay the suffering of Jews in the Holocaust. But on Wednesday, he not only publicly acknowledged their suffering for the first time, but spoke of personal feelings of sorrow.

"I was torn apart to witness the Nazi repression against the Jews," Papon said. "I have never ceased to carry in my heart the sorrow of my Jewish compatriots and of foreign Jews."

Besides giving a hint of Papon's

defense, the episode showed the 87-year-old defendant, far from being weakened and sick, is spirited, energetic and completely in control of his faculties. He occasionally rose from his seat behind bulletproof glass as he delivered the surprise remarks.

Only last week, a court cited Papon's flagging health in its decision to free him for the duration of the trial.

Wednesday's comments came as the court was reviewing Papon's personal history, a routine phase before witnesses are called.

Lawyer Arno Klarsfeld, who is representing victims' families, noted that in 1965 Papon laid a wreath during a ceremony at a Jewish memorial in Paris and asked him to describe his feelings.

Papon said it was an "honor" to pay homage to the Jews. "I spent the (Nazi) occupation fighting for Jews, and for others," he said. "If I had it to do over again, I would do the same."

Papon, the highest-ranked Vichy official to stand trial for crimes against humanity, is charged with ordering

the deportation of 1,690 Jews, including 223 children, while serving as a police supervisor of the Bordeaux region.

France deported about 76,000 Jews to Nazi death camps during the war, including 12,000 children. Only about 2,500 survived.

In the past, Papon has insisted he was unaware of Hitler's plan to systematically exterminate the Jews. However, referring Wednesday to the departure of Jews in a convoy in the winter of 1943, Papon said, "My wife and I... literally cried when we thought of the fate of the Jews in the convoy."

That prompted another lawyer representing victims, Gerard Welzer, to ask Papon whether his tears over the deported Jews' fate meant he knew what ultimately awaited them.

At that point, another civil party lawyer, Alain Levy, complained that Wednesday's questioning was not supposed to cover the Nazi occupation and Papon's wartime activities, which are supposed to come later in the trial. The proceedings then moved on to the witness phase.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is soliciting proposals for financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF), Workers' Compensation Commission, and the Group Health and Life Insurance Programs for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The audit shall be performed in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

The audit includes examination of the following:

For the Retirement Fund:

- Net assets available for benefits
- Changes in net assets available for benefits
- Statement of accumulated plan benefits
- Changes in accumulated plan benefits
- All other financial statements relating to the operation of the Fund

For the Group Health Insurance Programs:

- Statement of Revenues and Expenses
- Statement of cash flows
- Balance Sheet
- All other financial statements relating to the operation of the GHI

Proposals must at least have the following information:

Title Page:

- Request for Proposal subject
- Name of CPA or CPA firm
- Local address and telephone number
- Name of contact person and submission date

Transmittal letter:

- Briefly state your understanding of the work to be performed. Include affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period specified.
- State a comprehensive fee for which the audit will be performed.
- State the scheduled dates for the entrance and exit conferences, and the submission of the draft and final audit reports.

Your Company's Profile

- Provide a brief description of your company which includes your personnel's educational background and experience, number of staff, level of staff (partners, managers, supervisors, etc.), and a list of clients.
- The description must also include an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.
- Name and profile of staff members to be assigned to the audit, should you or your firm be selected.

Award will be based on four evaluation factors: price, technical competence, prior experience, and ability to meet the deadline.

The contract for this engagement will be awarded on or before December 1, 1997. Audit work shall commence immediately thereafter and the final audit report shall be delivered no later than January 30, 1998.

All inquiries regarding this audit may be directed to Mr. Edward H. Manglona, Administrator, at telephone number 234-7228. Audit reports from previous years are available at the NMIRF's main office at the Nauru Building.

Please label all proposals "NMIRF FY97 Audit - Confidential" and submit four (4) copies to:

The Public Auditor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
J.E. Tenorio Building - Gualo Rai
P.O. Box 1399
Saipan, MP 96950

All proposals must be received by the OPA not later than 4:30 P.M. November 7, 1997.

OPA and the NMIRF reserve the right to reject any proposals in the interest of the Fund and the CNMI Government.

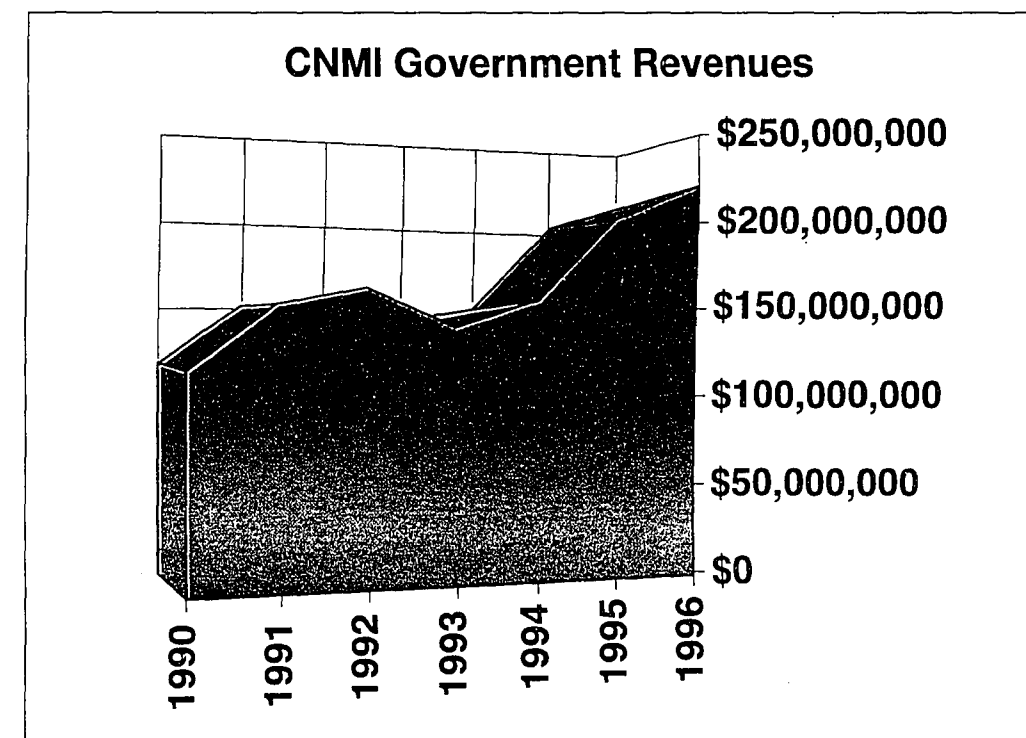
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Saudis to attend Qatar meet



Chinese Vice Premier Li Lanqing meets with Saudi Arabian education delegation headed by Khalid Bin Mohammad Al-Ankari, left, minister of Higher Education of Saudi Arabia, in Beijing last week. AP

By Barry Schweid
WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a partial Arab boycott, the State Department said Wednesday that Saudi Arabia would attend a conference next month in Qatar designed to promote economic cooperation between Israel and the Arab world.

Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia are expected to send their foreign ministers to the meeting in Doha Nov. 16-18, spokesman James P. Rubin said.

He said he did not know who may represent Saudi Arabia, the oil-rich Arab kingdom that often sets the tone on Israeli policy for smaller Persian Gulf and other moderate Arab governments.

How many Arab countries will attend the fourth such conference is an open question, Rubin said. "We do recognize reality, and the reality is that in the absence of continued improvements in the Middle East peace process it will be difficult to get the best possible summit," he said.

Saudi attendance would be a

big boost to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's drive to promote Arab-Israeli peacemaking through economic cooperation. She urged the Saudis to go to Doha on her trip to the Middle East last month.

Syria and other hard-line Arab countries have boycotted the conferences from the outset. Inducing more moderate governments to attend competes with a widespread Arab desire to punish Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his tough stand on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Still, Rubin said the economic conferences were no favor to Israel.

The Saudi Embassy did not respond to a request for information.

The planning meeting for Doha was attended by delegations from Qatar, Egypt, Tunisia, Russia, Jordan, Morocco, Israel, Canada, the European Union, the European Commission and Japan, Rubin said.

On the negotiating front, mean-

while, American mediator Dennis Ross and his deputy, Aaron Miller, are due to go to the region next weekend for talks with Israeli and Palestinian officials.

Among their objectives: to enhance Israel's security against terrorist attack, to promote another Israeli military pullback on the West Bank, to induce Israel to halt settlement construction and to try to set up negotiations on a final agreement even while pushing for implementation of the 1993 and 1995 Oslo accords between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The talks are to be followed by negotiations here between Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and Mahmoud Abbas, a senior adviser to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Israel marks the Feast of Tabernacles

By Melissa Mccord
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis set up makeshift huts Wednesday in backyards and on balconies, decorating them with palm fronds and dried fruit for Sukkot — the Feast of Tabernacles which commemorates the Israelites' sojourn in the wilderness.

Much of the country shuts down for the eight-day holiday, which begins at sundown Wednesday.

More than 400,000 people — nearly 10 percent of the population — will vacation in Israel or abroad during the holiday. About 31,000 travelers arrived at Ben Gurion airport before sundown Wednesday — 6,000 more than usual. Government offices will close for nearly two weeks.

In Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim district, residents were busy with last-minute preparations for the holiday which commemorates the 40 years the Jews spent wandering in the desert after their biblical Exodus from slavery in ancient Egypt.

Residents built huts — sukkas in Hebrew — on small balconies and patios, many with green plastic sheets as walls and mats or branches as coverings. They decorated them with dates and other dried fruit.

Shoppers clustered around tables laden with palm fronds, etrog, myrtle strands and willow branches. Observant Jews wave clusters of bound palm, myrtle, etrog and willow leaves inside their sukkas, and some Jews even eat all their meals and sleep in them.

Groups of ultra-Orthodox men wearing sidelocks and black hats closely examined the branches and aromatic plants for any defects Wednesday.

"I spent the whole day yesterday looking for the right one," said Yaakov Feit of Brooklyn, who is studying at a Jerusalem rabbinical school for a year.

The holiday gives Israelis a chance to unwind from a string of bad news, such as Israel's botched assassination of a leader of the radical Islamic Hamas group in Jordan last month.

3 Egyptians sentenced to die

By Tarek El-Tablawy
HAEKSTEP, Egypt (AP) — A military court sentenced three Muslim militants to death Wednesday and ordered 53 others to jail for plotting assassinations, bombings and other subversive acts.

The defendants, members of the outlawed Jihad group responsible for the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat, were kept in a large steel cage in a makeshift courtroom at this military base 25 miles north of Cairo.

Thirty-one defendants were acquitted.

One of the men sentenced to death, Adel Ali Bayoomi al-

Sudani, 41, is the head of the group's military wing. The other two were tried in absentia and remain at large.

Two men were sentenced to life prison terms, the others received sentences ranging from two years to 15 years of hard labor. An Egyptian-born Briton, Akram Sharief, was jailed for 10 years on charges of collecting funds abroad to support the militants.

The convicts can appeal the verdicts only to President Hosni Mubarak.

The militants have waged a five-year campaign of violence to try to overthrow Mubarak's

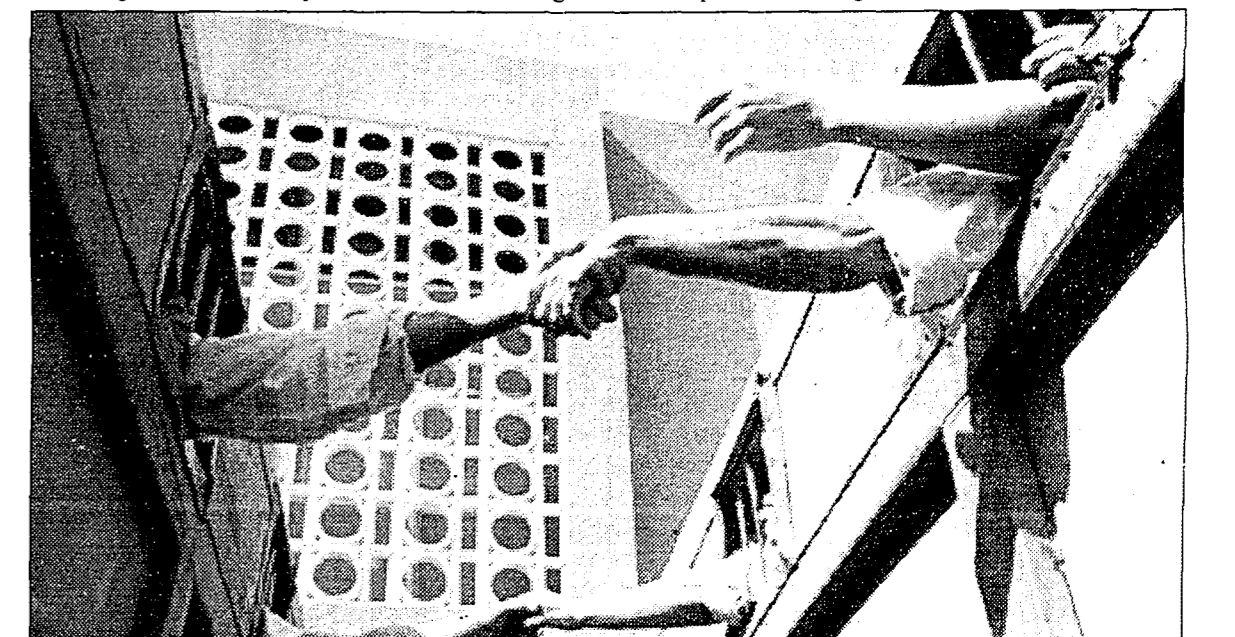
secular government and replace it with strict Islamic rule. More than 1,100 people — mostly militants and policemen — have been killed.

The government says the

Jihad group and other militants largely have been crushed, but sporadic attacks continue.

Last month, another military court sentenced four militants to death, eight to life imprison-

ment and 60 others to jail terms. They were among 97 people tried for being part of the Islamic Group, Egypt's most powerful outlawed Islamic militant organization.



Suspected Muslim militants greet each other through the bars of military prison trucks as they arrive at a military court in Cairo Wednesday to attend the final session of their trial. The court sentenced three of them to death and 53 others to jail for planning assassinations and bombings. AP

US wants Libyan petition junked

By Mike Corder
THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The United States asked judges at the World Court on Wednesday to throw out Libya's petition to lift U.N. Security Council sanctions against it.

Tripoli asked the court in 1992 to suspend the sanctions, which were imposed in an effort to force the surrender of two Libyan intelligence agents suspected in the 1988 Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland that killed 270 people.

Libya's petition said the suspects should be tried at home instead of in Scotland or the United States, where both men have been indicted.

U.S. delegation leader David Andrews urged the U.N.'s highest judicial body to drop the petition to suspend sanctions, warning that any action on it could undermine U.N. efforts to combat terrorism.

"The effectiveness and security of U.N. peacekeeping missions depend heavily on the prompt acceptance by states of a legal duty to comply with the council," Andrews said.

U.S. lawyers argued Tuesday that the World Court has no power to overturn decisions of the U.N. Security Council and no jurisdiction in the case.

The World Court, formally known as the International Court of Justice has no enforcement power and relies on voluntary compliance with its rulings. It will likely take months to decide whether to proceed with the Lockerbie case.

Frustrated by the long wait for justice, the father of a 23-year-old Scottish woman killed in the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing said Wednesday he wants to go to Tripoli to persuade Libya to surrender the suspects.

Dr. Jim Swire, who went to Libya in August, said he wants to tell Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi about a Scottish offer, made Monday, to allow international observers to monitor a trial in Scotland and ensure impartiality.

"I'll go if Gadhafi will agree to meet me," he said.

Swire, who represents the families of Scottish victims of the blast, says a trial in a neutral country is likely the only way to bring the men to justice.

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Tapes show Clinton with donors

By Michael J. Sniffen
WASHINGTON (AP) — Assaulted by House Republicans, Attorney General Janet Reno promised Wednesday not to close any avenue of her campaign finance investigation without FBI.

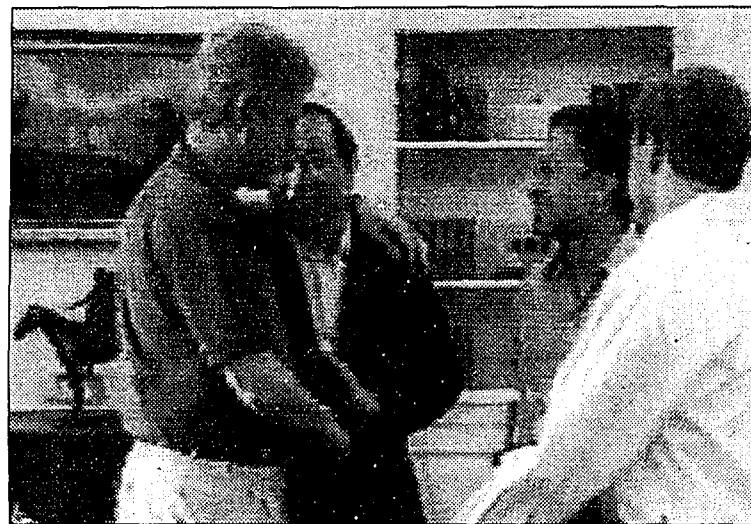
Director Louis Freeh's agreement. But GOP lawmakers insisted the investigation "bristles

with conflicts of interest" and should be handed to a special prosecutor.

During an occasionally testy, daylong hearing before the House Judiciary Committee, Reno repeatedly said she was barred by law from supplying details of what her investigators are doing. "If I could tell you what was being

done, I think you would feel much more comfortable," she said.

Instead, she delivered for the first time an extraordinary assurance not required by the independent counsel law: She has given Freeh veto power over the course of the investigation. She repeated three times that no allegation would be dismissed without his



President Clinton greets fund-raiser John Huang, center, and James Riady, a wealthy far Eastern businessman in the Oval Office of the White House in 1996. Man a right is unidentified. AP

assent.

The promise did not deflect Republican demands for an independent counsel.

Chairman Henry Hyde of Illinois asserted Reno's effort "bristles with conflicts of interest" because she must examine her boss, President Clinton. Hyde said public opinion polls show "the average American wants an independent counsel."

Reno shot back, "I don't think you or the American people want polls" determining application of federal law. "They want someone doing the best single job they can." She said she pays "no attention whatsoever to politics or pressure."

Reno acknowledged her task force suffered early tensions and fell behind in analyzing subpoenaed documents. But she insisted it is working to build a solid case by traditional bottom-up investigation.

She said she is prepared to seek an independent counsel if evidence emerges to warrant it, as she has done four times previously for senior Clinton administration officials. "And I have never gotten in trouble with the White House for anything I have done," she said, adding she was ready to return to Miami if fired.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., however, sharply questioned "the track record of the investigation." He noted that a newspaper beat Justice investigators to key evidence and that Reno recently replaced the task force chief.

"Can you tell us why the American people should believe you when you say you're going to pursue every lead?" McCollum asked.

"What we are committed to do is trying to pursue every lead ... and make sure that before those leads are closed out, Director Freeh and I have approved the closeout," Reno replied. "No door has been closed."

McCollum asked whether prosecutors barred FBI agents from interviewing some top officials.

"There may have been a situation where someone said to them (FBI agents) it's better to build from the ground up and interview them down the road than interview them now," Reno acknowledged.

And she added "it was dis-

turbing to me" to read first in The Washington Post about a questionable transfer of contributions between accounts.

"Some of the information had not been assimilated yet or put into the computer," Reno explained. "There were 500 grand jury subpoenas. So much information came in so suddenly. They thought they could keep up with it and they couldn't." She has since added more investigators.

"It is important that members of Congress don't second guess investigations," Reno added. "They don't understand all the information that is before us, all the transactions, the steps that have been taken."

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said newly revealed videotapes showing Clinton praising fund-raiser John Huang for his money-raising skills were "new and credible evidence" that the president was aware of the illegal practices Huang is alleged to have used.

Reno retorted that to make such a conclusion was "to engage in rumor and innuendo" because the president's statement in no way was proof he was aware of criminal activity.

Sensenbrenner shot back that failure to make that connection "destroys your credibility and the credibility of your department."

Ranking Democrat John Conyers of Michigan said Republicans should apply their standards to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and ask for an investigation of his attempt to introduce a \$50 billion tax break for the tobacco industry into the balanced budget deal. Tobacco companies make large donations to the Republican Party.

Conyers said that was no different from Republicans who said Clinton was accepting a bribe when he declared a southern Utah region off-limits to coal development. That was an act that could help the Riady conglomerate in Indonesia, a group that made contributions to Clinton's campaign and which has large coal reserves in Indonesia.

Congo's capital, city fall

By LOUIS OKAMBA
KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — The Republic of Congo's president apparently has lost his four-month battle to remain in power after militia backed by foreign troops took control of the country's capital and second-largest city.

Soldiers with the Cobra militia of former dictator Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso captured the capital, Brazzaville, on Wednesday from forces loyal to President Pascal Lissouba, according to Radio Liberte, Sassou-Nguesso's mouthpiece.

"Today the war is over. We control all of the country and all major cities," Jean-Marie Tassoua, a top commander in the Cobra militia, said by telephone Wednesday evening after witnesses, diplomats and military sources reported the fall of Brazzaville.

Sassou-Nguesso, the country's military ruler for 12 years until his ouster in 1992 elections, planned to speak to the nation before the weekend, Tassoua said.

U.S. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the American Embassy in Kinshasa, the capital of Congo, which is located just across the river from the Republic of Congo, confirmed the apparent fall of Brazzaville and reported that as of Wednesday morning there was no significant fighting in the city.

Cobras fighting alongside Angolan troops also took over the Republic of Congo's main port and second-largest city, the Atlantic coast town of Pointe Noire, said Rubin, witnesses, diplomats and a military source close to Lissouba.

U.N. sources speaking on condition of anonymity said they had been unable to contact Lissouba. Sassou-Nguesso's forces were searching for him and would try him on charges of crimes against humanity if he is caught, Tassoua said.

Lissouba's military commander in Pointe Noire said on French radio that he had ordered his men to surrender there because they did not have the means to battle the militia and allied Angolan forces.

Laurent Tsendou, a petroleum worker who arrived in Kinshasa from Brazzaville on Wednesday, said crowds of young people had gone into the streets of Brazzaville waving white flags and chanting "Peace, peace, we want peace!"

They encountered Sassou-Nguesso's men without incident, Tsendou said, adding that the city was quiet, the first time it has been so since June 5 when the long-simmering rivalry between Lissouba and Sassou-Nguesso exploded.

Fighting broke out when Lissouba sent in his troops to disarm Sassou-Nguesso's militia in advance of presidential elections that both men planned to enter. Lissouba said he acted to ensure peace during the campaign, but

President loses four-month battle to remain in power



A rebel loyal to former Congo President Denis Sassou-Nguesso walks along his station near the front line in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo Monday. Militiamen claimed victory Wednesday in their four-month war against the government after seizing the capital and the second-largest city. AP

Sassou-Nguesso accused Lissouba of trying to spark clashes so he would have an excuse to cancel the vote and prolong his term in power.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan asked the Security Council on Tuesday to slap an arms embargo on the Republic of Congo and send a military team to nearby Gabon as a preliminary step toward a U.N. peacekeeping force to halt the fighting. The Security Council met again Wednesday to review the situation following Sassou-Nguesso's victory, and repeated its calls for reconciliation.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said earlier that a U.N. peacekeeping mission "clearly has no role if either fighting intensifies and there's no peace to keep or if one side vanquishes the other."

Council action hinges on U.S. approval. Council diplomats said

the Americans were reluctant to commit to a peacekeeping force.

Sassou-Nguesso's militia has received help from Angolan troops well-trained for combat after a 20-year civil war in their own country. Lissouba's army mainly comprises soldiers recruited after he won the country's first multiparty election in 1992.

Rubin said the United States has made clear to Angolan officials in Washington and in Luanda that it opposes Angolan involvement in the Republic of Congo. The entry of Angolan forces raises fears the conflict will engulf more of central Africa, a region still stunned by conflicts in the former Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi.

While the Angolan government has never admitted involvement, witnesses consistently have reported the presence of Angolan government troops on Sassou-Nguesso's side, to counter Angolan rebel support for the Lissouba government.



Office of the Secretary of Public Works

INVITATION TO BID DPW98-ITB-001

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja through the Department of Public Works and the Department of Lands & Natural Resources, is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Kagman Watershed Wetland Project Irrigation Pipeline and Supplemental Wells Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time on November 7, 1997 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Cashier's Check, Bid bond or other acceptable form from the Government made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660."

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permits in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after October 20, 1997 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set, payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer, Capital Hill.

Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 10:00 A.M., local time, October 28, 1997 at Gualo Rai Conference Room Department of Public Works, Saipan. A site showing will follow after the pre-bid conference.

Attention is called to Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

All bids documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, Instructions to Bidders page IB-2, Section 5 "Bid Guarantee."

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Reviewed by:

STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX
Acting Secretary of Public Works

MAGGIE WONENBERG
Secretary of Lands & Natural Resources

EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director, Division of Procurement & Supply



Marianas Visitors Bureau

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Interested company or organization can pick up the Calendar of Events Form at the Marianas Visitors Bureau office located at old Professional Building on Beach Road, next to the Saipan Bowling Center.

Submission deadline is Friday, October 31, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call MVB office at 664-3200/1 and ask for Martin Duenas or Edward Diaz.

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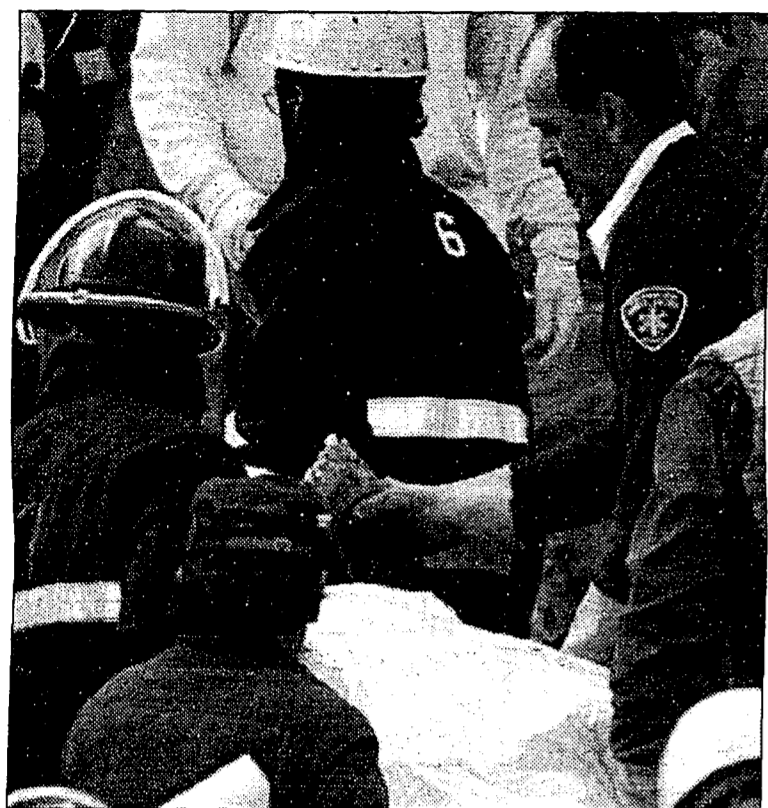


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Town mourns bus crash dead



A rescuer holds the hand of a victim of a bus crash Monday after it plunged into a ravine at the bottom of a steep hill in Les Eboullements, northeast of Quebec City. Forty-three senior citizens were killed in the crash. AP

By DAVID CRARY
ST-BERNARD, Quebec (AP) - This grieving farm town is bracing for the largest funeral of its 150-year history, a public Mass Thursday for 42 senior citizens killed when their tour bus plunged off a hillside curve.

Relatives of the victims returned to the town of 2,100 Tuesday night after a grim trip to Quebec City, 20 miles (32 kilometers) away, to formally identify the bodies at a makeshift morgue.

The bus was carrying 47 passengers, all from the St. Bernard Golden Age Club. The driver and all but five of the passengers were killed in Monday's crash at the foot of a treacherous descent along the St. Lawrence River.

Nearly every family in St. Bernard lost a relative or a neighbor in Monday's accident, which claimed half the members of the local senior citizens' club.

St. Bernard Mayor Liboire Lefebvre lost three relatives and two neighbors.

"We'll gather together and try

to rise above it," Lefebvre said. "We have to continue on with our lives."

Eight members of the Labrecque family were killed, including the Golden Age Club president, Yalonde Labrecque. "She was the organizer of everything," said Louis Fournier, director of a local savings bank.

The club often visited museums in Quebec City, or went on road trips for cultural events or to admire the fall foliage. They invited younger folks in for dinners and parties, or played cards and boules.

"They were young in spirit," said Paule Croteau, who works at the town hall. "They kept themselves busy and they kept strong ties with the community."

On Monday, club members had been heading out on an overnight trip to an island in the St. Lawrence. It was Thanksgiving Day in Canada and, following a local tradition, they were to celebrate an early Christmas party complete with gifts and Santa

Claus.

But on one steep grade - at the same place where a 1974 tour bus crash killed 13 people - their bus dropped into a ravine, shaking the passengers like a rattle and throwing some onto the rocks.

The impact was so strong that some of the victims were unrecognizable and had to be identified by dental records, clothing or jewelry, said provincial police spokesman Richard Gagne.

"The more time passes, the more we realize the magnitude of the sadness," said Patrice Moore, whose mother Veronique had organized the excursion and died in the accident.

"We have to identify people we love who we can barely recognize," said an emotional Moore, who served as a spokesman for the grieving families. "What happened is sad for everyone and I'm asking you to let people grieve." Other than the 29-year-old male driver, the victims ranged in age from 50 to 84. There were 30 women and 12 men, including several married couples.

Five passengers who survived the accident were listed in stable condition Tuesday after undergoing surgery at the Infant-Jesus hospital in Quebec City. But Dr. Pierre Frechette told reporters the three men and two women, ages 60 to 71, suffered "very serious injuries" and might not survive.

Johanne Labreque's parents were among the five survivors. "It's a miracle, but I'm still crying for everyone else," she said.

Marc-Andre Lachance, the local priest since 1990, struggled to hold back tears Tuesday as he told reporters of his plans to meet all the grieving families and arrange a mass funeral service without caskets.

"People here are wounded," he said. "They have been hit hard."

Four private funerals were planned for Friday and Saturday in the town's 800-seat church.

Social workers offered counseling to any St. Bernard residents who needed it.

The cause of the afternoon crash has yet to be determined. Road conditions were dry and the sun was shining. There were hardly any skid marks on the road; police have not ruled out brake failure.

Inspectors were examining the wrecked bus Tuesday at a garage.

Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard said a public inquiry would be held after a coroner's investigation is completed. "There can't be anymore accidents on that hill," said Bouchard after visiting the crash site.

Pierre Tremblay, mayor of St. Joseph-de-la-Rive, near the site of the accident about 100 kilometers (60 miles) northeast of Quebec City, urged Bouchard's government to act quickly to improve safety at the treacherous hill. "For heavy trucks and buses there has to be a mandatory stop before starting down the hill and there should be a stop halfway down the hill," Tremblay said.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND IMMIGRATION WORKING FOR YOU

COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

Laws remain nothing more than a piece of paper, unless they are observed and enforced. The majority of employers in the CNMI observe the law. Those who do not must be reminded to do so, through mediation procedures at the Department, or ordered to do so by the Administrative Hearing Office.

Those who must be ordered usually need careful supervision in fulfilling the conditions of the order.

WHAT STEPS HAS THE DEPARTMENT TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT ORDERS ARE FOLLOWED?

- In April of 1996, the Department created a new Compliance and Monitoring Section tasked with:

Seeing that the orders were executed;

Taking a PROACTIVE stand by initiating Agency (Department of Labor and Immigration) Complaints against businesses.

- The Department is authorized, by law, to visit and investigate without prior notice the work place(s), housing quarters, and payroll accounts of any business that hires guest workers.

By taking the initiative and visiting businesses, the Department can nip the cause for complaints in the bud and make businesses accountable. It is the job of the Compliance and Monitoring Section to execute the law, by making either announced or unannounced inspections of job sites and worker housing.

- The records of one investigator give an idea of how much has been accomplished with enforcement. From April, 1996, to August, 1997, this investigator handled 146 cases, 40% of which were Agency Complaints. The findings for these cases included: \$3,421,476.41 in back wages, and \$192,600.00 in fines. A total of 27 employers were barred permanently from further use and/or hiring of guest workers, and one employer was barred for five years. When collections on such judgements are problematic, they are referred to the Attorney General's Office.

- The Secretary of Labor and Immigration recognizes the shortage of investigators in this crucial area of the Department, and is committed to expanding the section. Training is a top priority.

In May 1997, there was an intensive two-week long workshop conducted by two directors of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. Twenty-five employees from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian learned the basics of investigation, computation, and violations and how to handle them.

- Following the workshop, the CNMI Department of Labor and Immigration and the U.S. Department of Labor continue to work together.

• In the area of health and safety, another critical area of compliance and monitoring, the Department has been working closely with a Public Health Liaison assigned to the Department since January of 1997. The Liaison is working to provide reliable and uniform health screening procedures. Such procedures are an absolutely essential part of assuring the health of everyone on our islands.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND IMMIGRATION IS ONCE AGAIN PART OF THE SOLUTION.

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BIO-DATA

Name: **LUIS TAISAKAN WABOL**
Born: **November 5, 1950**
Location: **Chalan Kanoa**
Parents: **Froilan Maligar Wabol**
Mariana Satur Taisakan
Spouse: **Bernadette Newell Wabol**
Children: **Beverly, Patricia, Windy, Nicole, Candelaria**

EDUCATION

- Elem. Education, 1970-1972
- Comm. College of Micronesia, Pohnpei
- Bachelor Degree, Secondary Ed. 1976-1979 Monmouth, Oregon

EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Comm. College of Micronesia, 1972-1974
- Teacher, Kosrae High School, 1974-1976
- Coach, Volleyball, La Creole Jr. High, Dallas Oregon 1977-1978
- Asst. Coach, Football, Walker Jr. High, 1978-1979
- Asst. Coach, Track-Field, Walker Jr. High, Salem Oregon, 1978-1979
- Coach Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Albany Boys and Girls Club, Albany Oregon, 1980-1981

- Certified Instructor in Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Washington State, 1981
- US Army 1) Recreation Specialist 2) Combat Engineer 1982-1986
- Graduate, US Army Fitness Academy, 1984, Fort Ben Harrison, Ind.
- Teacher, Social Studies, Hopwood, 1987-1989
- Teacher, PE, Hopwood, 1989-1994
- Director, Sports and Recreation Div., 1994-Present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Coach, NMI Track & Field Fed.
- President, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Assoc., 1995-1996
- President, NMI Track & Field Fed. 1995-Present
- CNM Sports Representative in the following countries: Japan, PNG, Guam, FSM, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Korea, New Caledonia, Tahiti, and Greece.

TO ALL MY FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS AND VOTERS FOR PRECINCT #3

BOTA SI LOUIE

US: Serbs to give up arms

By SLOBODAN LEKIC
WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is optimistic that Bosnian Serbs will soon bow to demands to surrender heavy weapons and comply more with the terms of an arms control agreement, a senior U.S. official said

Wednesday. "Six months ago, the projections were kind of alarming," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It looked as if the parties would be far out of line with the ceilings, particularly the Bosnian Serbs."

The Serb refusal to part with their overwhelming advantage in tanks and artillery has often been cited as one of the principal violations of the U.S.-sponsored Dayton peace accord that ended the Bosnian war almost two years ago. Other transgressions include the

Serbs' refusal to allow the return of displaced Bosnian Muslims and Croats in significant numbers and their reluctance to hand over indicted war criminals to an international tribunal.

The peace accord includes disarmament provisions aimed at creating a balance of power in the war-torn nation. These allocate 273 tanks and 1,000 artillery pieces to the Muslim-Croat federation that forms one entity within a unified Bosnia. The other entity, the Serb Republic, was allowed 137 tanks and 500 guns.

The deadline for the reductions is Nov. 1. But several months ago, the Serbs still had 1,000 tanks and cannons over the limit, according to officials of the NATO-led peace force.

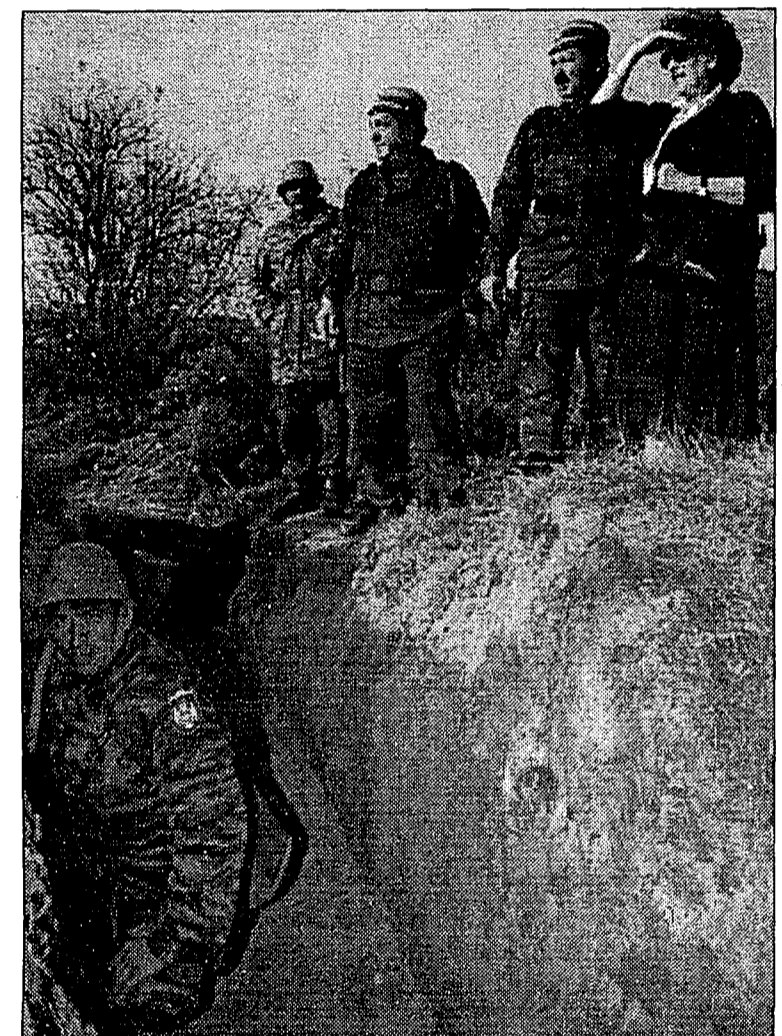
"We approach the ... deadline with a much, much greater degree

of comfort than we would have looking at it six months ago," the official said. "The gap between what is expected of them and what they're doing has reduced dramatically from the projections of a few months ago."

The Serbs acquired their weaponry from the Yugoslav army when Bosnia seceded in spring 1992. Neighboring Yugoslavia kept them supplied with spares and replacements throughout the 3 1/2-year war.

They used their advantage in equipment to offset the numerical superiority enjoyed by the poorly armed government forces.

"If there's a degree of non-compliance (after Nov. 1) we should be able to get the remaining compliance within a relatively short period," the official said.



Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, top right, observing Bosnian Serb army practice maneuvers last week at Mount Manjaca, northwest of Sarajevo accompanied by two top Bosnian Serb army generals. AP

US donates \$1M to Bosnian Serbs

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The U.S. Agency for International Development donated \$1 million Wednesday to a Bosnian Serb faction opposing war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic.

The deal was signed between the U.S. ambassador to Bosnia, Richard Kauzlarich, and incumbent Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, Karadzic's rival for power in the half of Bosnia controlled by Serbs. The money is for rebuilding roads, bridges and houses in the Banja Luka area,

Plavsic's stronghold. Plavsic controls the western part of the Bosnian Serb minstate, having won support from the United States and other western nations for endorsing the Dayton peace agreement that ended the 3 1/2-year Bosnian war. Her feud with Karadzic's faction has often been violent, with shootouts between rival police forces.

Karadzic was forced to step down as the Serb's wartime leader because of two indictments for genocide by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

Yeltsin avoids 'showdown'

By Vladimir Isachenkov
MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's communist-led parliament backed away from a no-confidence vote Wednesday, avoiding a showdown with President Boris Yeltsin after he intervened with an 11-hour compromise on the budget.

The battle had been building for weeks as the State Duma, parliament's lower house, expressed bitter resistance to Yeltsin's economic reforms.

Facing the prospect of failure, lawmakers decided to postpone the vote for a week. They reluctantly accepted Yeltsin's offer to consult with the hard-line opposition on the government's disputed budget.

With Wednesday's no-confidence debate already under way, Yeltsin called parliament speaker Gennady Seleznyov with the face-saving proposal and urged deputies to withdraw the no-confidence measure.

"I don't want confrontation (or) early elections," Yeltsin was quoted as saying by Seleznyov. "Don't put me in a difficult position" — a clear reference to his right to end any standoff by dismissing parliament and calling new elections.

The Duma objects to the government's austere 1998 budget, which trims spending on welfare programs, the military and agriculture.

While the government's plan is aimed at strengthening the economy, it is a hard sell to Russians who are struggling to make ends meet and are appalled at the government's rampant corruption and failure to pay wages and benefits on time. Nearly 1,000 farmers protested Wednesday outside the main government

building to demand higher farm subsidies.

Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov said the current economic policy "leaves the country and our children without a future."

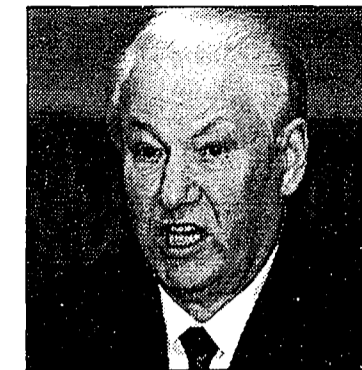
Yeltsin agreed to Zyuganov's demands to take part in talks with opposition parliament leaders on the spending plan and other policy issues.

Although the communists won that concession from Yeltsin, there were signs they wanted to avoid a showdown in any case.

A no-confidence vote is usually a painless way for lawmakers to register disapproval in the government — the measure has no legal effect under Russian law unless followed by a second vote within 90 days.

But Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin raised the stakes Tuesday by saying he might submit his resignation immediately if the first no-confidence motion was approved. Such a move could set in motion a political chain reaction that would eventually allow the president to dismiss the Duma and call new elections.

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Boris Yeltsin

jobs and putting their popularity to the test. The communists, who put forward the no-confidence motion, also saw they were unlikely to get the necessary votes.

After discussing the no-confidence issue for more than two hours, the Duma voted

228-137 to postpone a vote until next Wednesday.

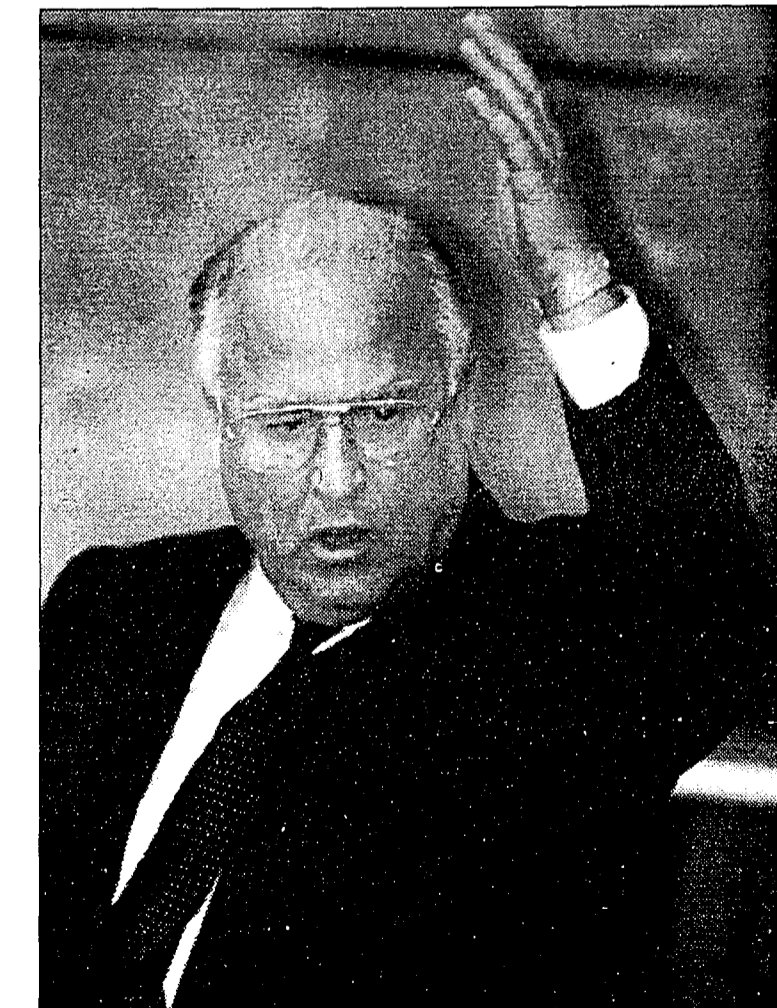
The government and parliament have usually managed to find ways to move away from confrontation in recent years. Parliament has voted no confidence in the government only once before, in 1995, a

vote that was overturned by a "confidence" vote a few days later.

The constitution gives the president the upper hand on most matters. However, the president does need parliament's consent on some key issues, such as the annual budget.

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Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin gestures while addressing the Duma, the Russian parliament's lower house, in Moscow, Wednesday. Communists in parliament tried to muster enough support Wednesday to pass a no-confidence vote against President Boris Yeltsin's government and put the brakes on his proposed economic reforms. AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR CNMI WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The Antidegradation Policy of the Water Quality Standards of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands requires that in making a determination for a Water Quality Certification, the Commonwealth shall assure that the protection and maintenance of the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth are an historic and legal right of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

An application for Water Quality Certification must be submitted to the Division of Environmental Quality for any proposed activity that will impact the waters of the Commonwealth. Upon receiving an application, DEQ issues a public notification which describes the proposed activity and potential impacts on water quality, aquatic life and human health. A thirty (30) day public comment period will commence from the date of the first publication of the notice.

The Director of DEQ may conduct a public hearing to solicit comments of the application if a hearing is requested by the public. DEQ will make a determination for issuing a Water Quality Certification based upon a complete technical review of the application and the public comments received.

DEQ is soliciting comments on the following application for a CNMI Water Quality Certification.

1. APPLICANT: Nikko Kikaku Saipan, Co. Ltd.
c/o KG Consulting, Inc.
701 B Street 1200
San Diego, CA 92101
2. APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: CNMI Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act (Public Law No. 3-23) CNMI Environmental Regulations, Water Quality Standards, Parts 3 (Commonwealth Register Vol. 19 No. 01, January 15, 1997, as amended).
3. LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Chalan Piao, Lot 572 New-6
4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Leasehold owner propose to discharge clean quarried limestone fill material to remove a small area of wetland which resulted from a prior sandmining excavation. The site will be developed for proposed resort hotel. Approximately 400-900 cubic meters of fill materials will be deposited on an area of about 2,061 square feet (0.05 acre). The action is allowable under Army Corps Nationwide permit 26 for an area less than 1/3 acre.
5. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: Loss of the wetland caused by discharge of fill material would eliminate Phragmites karka (karisu) vegetation which now grows at the base of a sandmining excavation. The wetland vegetation did not provide habitat for any threatened, endangered or candidate bird species and did not contain the nest of any type of bird during biological investigations.

Written comments and inquiries should be submitted to DEQ within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice. Please mail comments to Director, Division of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1304, Saipan, MP 96950.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-98-0001 October 10, 1997

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals for the purchase and supply of the following heavy equipment:

- Three (3) new production Pressure Digger
- Three (3) new Telescopic Aerial Lift

Specifications may be picked up at CUC, Procurement & Supply Office at Lower Base between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 16:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except designated government holidays.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections made based on Cost (35 points) Delivery Time (25 points), Warranty and Duration of Warranty (15 points), Parts and Supplies Availability at CUC's Request (15 points) and Payment Terms (10 points).

Six sets of proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelop marked CUC-RFP-98-0001, to Mr. John C. Mafnas, Acting Chief of Procurement & Supply, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, November 11, 1997. All proposals received late will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

This RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals if in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries regarding this proposal should be directed to Mr. John C. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 322-4033, ext. 16 or facsimile number (670) 322-6582.

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-98-0002 OCTOBER 17, 1997

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals for the purchase and supply of the following equipment:

- Fifteen (15) new 4-wheel drive pick-ups

Specifications may be picked up at CUC, Procurement & Supply Office at Lower Base between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 16:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except designated government holidays.

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/S/ TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director

After hurricane, cholera

By JAMES ANDERSON
ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) - Frail and exhausted on her hospital bed, Juanavilla Rojas managed a wan smile when a nurse patted her on the arm and told her she'd be out in no time.

"I have no idea how I got it," said Rojas, 59, one of 18 people being treated for suspected cholera at the General Hospital of Acapulco's flood-ravaged industrial suburb of Renacimiento.

Without massive intervention, hospital director Jorge Alberto Chida said, the cases could mark the start of a cholera epidemic brought on by contaminated water

and fecal dust unleashed by Hurricane Pauline last week.

Three cases of cholera have been confirmed, and lab results for the 18 patients in Renacimiento - lying on beds behind a wooden partition labeled "Restricted Area" - were due shortly, Alberto Chida said.

Hurricane Pauline triggered

floods and mudslides that killed at least 150 people in Acapulco and more than 230 in all as it roared through Guerrero and Oaxaca states Oct. 8-9. More than 50,000 people were left homeless.

The storm crippled Acapulco's water system. State officials say tortilla factories that serve the poor have shut down, lacking clean water to mix with corn meal. Milk supplies are down because many stores don't have power for refrigeration.

To ease shortages, the government food agency Conasupo said it had sent 46,800 gallons (177,000 liters) of water and enough powdered milk to make 80,000 gallons (300,000 liters).

Health officials also were alert for cases of salmonella, dengue fever and diarrhea, hoping outbreaks would not hit the shelters housing thousands of homeless.

"What if 400 people in a shelter come down with cholera? We don't have the capacity to take care of 400 people," said Jorge Garcia Leal, director of a 120-bed hospital in Acapulco.

Cholera is easy to treat but can kill quickly because of acute dehydration. A 9-year-old girl, who was nearly in shock when she was brought in Tuesday, was sleeping soundly in her Renacimiento hospital bed the next day.

Dust shrouded Renacimiento and other parts of Acapulco as tons of mud dislodged by the hurricane baked dry under the hot tropical sun. Red Cross workers, soldiers, children and the elderly wore face masks and bandannas to ward off the nauseating smells of sewage and spoiling garbage.

Epidemiologists chlorinated water inside broken sewer lines and wells and handed out chlorine

tablets to residents lined up at first-aid stations. Trucks dispensed millions of gallons (liters) of safe water at street corners, and authorities urged people to stay out of debris-strewn streams.

"We have to work harder," Leticia Hernandez Lopez, a Renacimiento health worker, said as she tightened her face mask. "We're trying to stop an epidemic here."

At a noisy gymnasium-turned-shelter nearby, children made homeless by the hurricane played basketball and lined up for fresh clothes while their parents chatted or took catnaps on the bleachers.

Many of the 340 people inside the shelter had respiratory infections and gastroenteritis, and mumps and measles were spreading, said army Maj. Raul Guillermo Lopez Vallejo, 24, a doctor assigned to the shelter.

"The people are so malnourished, a simple flu can kill them," he said.

The 80 soldiers running the shelter and dispensing water to hundreds outside made sure the homeless were well-fed, doling out large portions of meat, chicken, rice and beans from simmering pots.

The options were not so enticing in Acapulco's sprawling downtown street market, where merchants rushed to reopen soiled shops even before sanitation crews could haul tons of storm debris away. Vendors offered piles of limp fish, fruit, vegetables and peppers set beside mounds of garbage and leaking sewers.

Thirsty storm victims dipped buckets into a manhole to capture water leaking from ruptured water pipes. "It's safe. They say the health department put chlorine in there today," said Fulgencio Varela, 29.

6 scientists win Nobel prizes

By MATT CRENSON
NEW YORK (AP) - Six scientists, three of them American, won Nobel Prizes for research into what makes cells go and how to make atoms sit still.

In chemistry, American Paul D. Boyer, John E. Walker of Britain and Jens C. Skou of Denmark were honored Wednesday for discovering aspects of how the body's cells store and use energy, a fundamental process that affects everything from the building of bones to the contraction of muscles and the transmission of nerve impulses.

The physics prize went to Americans Steven Chu and William Phillips and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji of France for developing ways of trapping atoms of gas and cooling them to within a millionth of a degree of nature's limit. The discovery has already led to more accurate atomic clocks and a new form of matter whose existence Einstein postulated in the 1920s.

"It's wonderful," said Chu, a 49-year-old professor at Stanford University. "I'm delighted to be sharing it with some good friends, and I'm so happy for Stanford."

Physicists said the cooling process might someday lead to work on a molecular rather than a mechanical level, laser beams composed of matter instead of light or microelectronics many times

faster than those in existence.

Working at Bell Laboratories in 1985, Chu developed a way of trapping thousands of gas atoms using lasers. The atoms are bombarded from six sides by the lasers so that they can't move from a single point.

Heat is a product of atomic motion, so the less an atom moves, the colder it is. Chu's laser trapping method can cool atoms to within a thousandth of a degree of absolute zero, the theoretical point where all atomic motion ceases. Absolute zero is minus 273 degrees Celsius (minus 459 degrees Fahrenheit).

In 1987, Phillips, 48, a scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland developed a magnetic trapping method that allowed further cooling.

And Cohen-Tannoudji, a 64-year-old professor at the College de France and the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, achieved a final level of cooling that can bring atoms to within one-millionth of a degree of absolute zero.

An invention of Chu's based on laser cooling, dubbed the "atomic fountain," can improve the precision of atomic clocks 100 times. Atomic clocks are normally accurate to one second in 32 million years; Chu's improvement makes them accurate to a second in more than 3 billion years.

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

Josepha Cepeda Sanchez



Would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our friends and relatives 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 especially thankful to Bishop Thomas A. Camacho, Shalom Choir, and the Techa Mrs. Meggie Tenorio.

You have all made this difficult time much more bearable and comforting. You will always be remembered in our hearts and in our prayers.

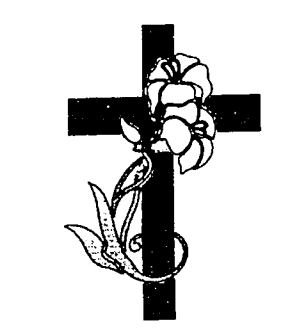
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THE FAMILY

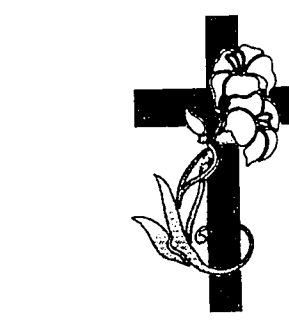
Joint Anniversary



MARGARITA S. CASTRO
2nd



MANUEL C. CASTRO
23rd



RAFAELLA B. CASTRO
32nd

We the family of the late Margarita S. Castro, Manuel C. Castro, and Rafaella B. Castro, would like to invite all our family and friends to join us for the joint anniversary rosary of our loved ones beginning Sunday, October 19, 1997.

Rosary will be said nightly at 8:00pm at the residence of Judith Castro and Rudolfo Camacho in San Roque. Mass of intention will be announced at a later date.

Please join us in prayers. Si Yu'us Ma'ase
THE FAMILY

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Cecilia Cabrera

also known as "Chilang" of San Vicente was called to her eternal rest at the age of 48 on October 9, 1997.



She is predeceased by her
GRANDPARENTS: Ramon Taisague & Concepcion Camacho Cabrera

Survived by her
MOTHER: Lucia Camacho Cabrera
REARED FATHER: Dr. Calistro C. Cabrera
SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW: Bernadita C. & Miguel Aldan (Michelle, Benjamin Guerrero (Audrey), Lori Ann and Michael)

REARED BROTHERS & SISTER-IN-LAWS: James & Jesusa Cabrera (Jadine, Jermae, Jodie & Jasmine), Edward Cabrera (Catherine, Junior, Eric, Dorsha, Taisha & Maybelline), Donald & Priscilla Cabrera (Chad, Lionel & Amber).

She is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rosary is being said at Dr. Calistro C. Cabrera's residence in Susupe at 8:00 p.m. Last respect will be on Saturday, October 18, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian burial will be at 2:30 pm. Burial will follow at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia

TENTH ANNIVERSARY MASS



In Loving Memory of the late

Joaquin McGinnis Seman

"Joaquin Nellie"

We the family would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us as we remember our Dad, Joaquin in our prayers on his Tenth Anniversary Mass.

Holy Mass will be offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at the Kristo Rai Church beginning on Saturday, October 18, 1997 and will end on Sunday, October 26, 1997.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia

Death & Funeral Announcement



Rosa S.N. Sablan

also known as "Rosan Katingting"

Born: July 20, 1908
Died: October 9, 1997

Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00PM at Miguel Sablan's home in Navy Hill. (Rapugao-Maturana Hill)

Viewing and last respects will be at Miguel's house on Friday, Oct. 17, 1997, from 8:00AM-1:30PM. Mass for a Christian burial will be at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 2:30PM. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Dinner will be served at Miguel's home after the services.

Pacifica Funeral Services
235-6516

- FATHER: Jose Wilson Pangelinan (†)
MOTHER: Maria SN. Sablan (†)
- CHILDREN/SPOUSES:
Herman/Rita D. Sablan
Margarita S./Richard Dunn
Rosalia S./Bill Owens
Fermina S./Carlton Ihlán
Miguel/Emilia C. Sablan
Eugenio/Carmela Sablan
Norbert/Jean F. Sablan
- SISTERS & SPOUSES
Emilia S. (†)/Vicente C. Pangelinan (†)
Estefania SN. Sablan (†)
Guadalupe P./Blas P. Tenorio (†)
Luise P./Manuel S. Villagomez
Juanita P./Frank Meglich
Juana S. (†)/Manuel Okada
Nieves SN. Sablan (†)
- BROTHERS/SPOUSES
Gregorio (Kili) SN. (†)/Joaquina D. Sablan (†)
Francisco SN. Sablan (†)
Francisco S. (†)/Dolores I. Pangelinan
Candido S. (†)/Prescilia D. Pangelinan
Juan SN./Rosalia S. (†)/Jun Pangelinan
Herbert/gnacia M. San Nicolas
Manuel SN. (†)/Victorina M. Pangelinan
- SISTERS-IN-LAW/SPOUSES
Teresa S. (†)/Bernardo Ch. Guerrero (†)
Matilde S. (†)/Jose B. Tudela
Ana S./Roman M. Tudela
- BROTHERS-IN-LAW/SPOUSES:
Vicente P. (†)/Josefa R. Sablan (†)
Sylvestre T. (†)/Maria Sablan (†)
Nicolas T. (†)/Josefa C. Sablan (†)
Joaquin T. (†)/Margarita Ch. Sablan
Gregorio T./Rosa I. Sablan

Additionally survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Aani Aljaroushi cuddles her 3-year-old daughter Rim at her hospital bed in Tel Aviv Saturday. Rim, an Arab toddler, received the heart of a Jewish child killed in a road accident. AP

Over-doses of popular drug can damage liver

NEW YORK (AP) - A new study affirms that people who take too much of the popular painkiller acetaminophen can seriously damage their livers, particularly if they are alcoholics.

"People don't have a healthy respect for it," said researcher Dr. William M. Lee. "They don't realize that there's any downside to it."

Warnings about dosage limits already appear on products with acetaminophen, such as Tylenol. People should pay attention to those labels and not exceed dose limits "when you're seeking pain relief and get frustrated," Lee said.

Alcoholics appear to be particularly vulnerable to damage, said Lee, who reports his findings in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine with colleagues at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

They studied 71 patients admitted to the hospital over three years who either had liver damage from

acetaminophen or who'd taken enough of the drug to risk damage.

The 50 patients who'd deliberately overdosed for a suicide attempt showed a lower death rate, 2 percent, than people who'd taken too much accidentally, 19 percent. They also had less liver damage. That happened even though those who attempted suicide took more acetaminophen.

One reason could be chronic alcohol abuse, which was more common in the accidental-overdose group, the researchers said. Alcoholics are at extra risk because alcohol makes acetaminophen more toxic while depleting another substance that protects against liver damage, Lee said.

Labels on acetaminophen painkillers recommend consulting a doctor if a person has had more than three alcoholic drinks, he said. Another reason could be that people who overdose accidentally take longer to seek medical help, Lee said. "They don't know they've done anything wrong" until they have nausea, vomiting and jaundice, he said.

People may take more acetaminophen than they realize because it is found in liquids taken to promote sleep, Lee said.

Report: China selling organs for transplants

NEW YORK (AP) - Chinese military hospitals are using kidneys and other organs from ex-

ecuted criminals to perform transplants for foreigners willing to pay as much as \$30,000, ABC-TV reported on Wednesday.

Working undercover, producers from ABC's "PrimeTime Live" met with a Chinese doctor in New York City who said he had already arranged for several transplants to Americans. He told the producers that a new batch of kidneys would soon be available.

Captured on a hidden camera, the doctor asks for part of the \$30,000 payment in advance.

A Chinese newspaper published in New York advertises "kidney transplant in mainland China. Don't miss the opportunity," ABC said.

ABC also interviewed Apple Yoonuch, a woman from Bangkok who said she underwent a transplant at the Nanfung Military Hospital in China.

"Third of January, the doctor called me that there will be an execution," she said. "It means that prisoners, some prisoners, are going to be shot dead. So I have to come over and prepare myself to get the operation, kidney operation."

A press spokesman was unavailable at the Chinese Embassy in Washington on Wednesday, according to a phone message. An embassy statement issued to ABC said the organs of executed criminals are used in transplants rarely and only with the consent of the prisoners or their families.

An official with the International Transplantation Society said the practice is barbaric and "makes me cringe."

"The consent issue as far as I'm concerned is a bogus issue," said Dr. Ronald Guttman. "It's a justification for what they're doing."

ABC also aired videotape made by the Chinese military showing guards making sure an executioner's gun is placed at the back of a condemned person's head to ensure the retrieval of intact organs.

Chips from Rembrandt found

BOSTON (AP) - Paint chips purportedly from a Rembrandt masterpiece stolen in one of history's biggest art heists were turned over to the FBI by a newspaper that said they had been authenticated by an expert.

If genuine, the chips support the claims of a jailed art thief and his accomplice who say they have access to the \$300 million in art works stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston seven years ago.

Convicted art thief Myles Connor Jr. and William Youngworth III say they know where the paintings are being kept and will arrange for their return in exchange for immunity from prosecution, Connor's early release from prison and the \$5 million reward offered by the Gardner Museum.

The Boston Herald said Wednesday that the chips were made available to its reporter as evidence the offer to return the stolen art works was legitimate. The newspaper refused to say who gave it the chips.

FBI gets clue to one of history's biggest art heists

An expert hired by the newspaper, Walter C. McCrone of Chicago, said the chips were almost certainly from a Rembrandt. Two Rembrandts, "Storm on the Sea of Galilee" and "A Lady and Gentleman in Black," were among the stolen paintings.

"I said I feel it is very likely these chips came from a Rembrandt painting, but nobody should ever stick their neck out and say there is certainty," McCrone said.

He said the composition of the pigments in the paints Rembrandt used has been widely studied and said the chips of brown paint he was supplied matched precisely. McCrone said the chips appeared to have been severed by someone cutting through the canvas, probably around the edges. Officials have speculated that the paintings stolen from the Gardner were later cut out of their frames to make them easier to hide.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI refused to confirm or deny

Wednesday whether the paint chips had been handed over, and would not comment on any other aspect of the case. The newspaper's managing editor for news, Andrew Gully, said the paint chips had been given to the

FBI. Museum officials had no comment. In the summer, a Herald reporter said he had been shown, in an undisclosed location, Rembrandt's "Storm on the Sea

of Galilee." The newspaper also had experts review photographs it said were of the stolen paintings, and provided details of their condition that would not be known to the general public. The photographs also have been given to the FBI, according to the Herald.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., is pleased to announce the availability of an **Advocate** position. The position will be part of NMPASI Operations, and this position will be located on Saipan, CNMI.

Position Description

The advocate will handle cases involving the rights of people with disabilities under the supervision of a Program Coordinator. A detailed position description may be obtained at the NMPASI office in Garapan.

Organization Information

NMPASI is a non-profit corporation formed to advocate, advance and protect the legal, human and service rights of people with disabilities. NMPASI is funded through federal legislation of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is a CNMI wide legal advocacy system that is completely independent from the service delivery system. NMPASI is staffed by full-time professionals.

Affirmative Action Policy

NMPASI is an equal opportunity employer which employs persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, and national origin. The agency makes reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants and employees who have a disability.

Application Procedure

Please submit a resume to the attention of:



Lydia Fujihira Barcinas
Executive Director

Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 3592CK, Saipan, MP 96950
Fax No.: (670) 235-7275

Application deadline for this position is October 27, 1997, or until filled



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, the Housing Task Force and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby serve notice to the general public of the implementation of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation MPLT-Funded Family Home Loan Program.

Construction and/or permanent financing for prospective first-time homeowners will be first priority. Second priority will be financing of home improvements. Third priority will be refinancing of an existing home loan. Fourth priority will be construction and/or permanent financing for a second home which will serve as a principal residence. Assistance will be extended to all first priority applicants before second priority applicants may be assisted and so on, to the fourth priority category.

Interest rate will range between six and eight percent, depending on applicant's income category. Maximum loan term will be thirty (30) years and the interest rate will be fixed.

Starting October 1st, NMHC will begin accepting applications only in the morning, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on a first-come, first-served basis. Afternoons (12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) will be reserved for processing purposes. Interested applicants are requested to observe this schedule to help speed the application process.

Contractors interested in undertaking projects financed by this loan program, must have a valid CNMI contractor's license and must have also constructed a minimum of six (6) residential houses within the last ten (10) years, one of which was at the cost of at least \$80,000.00. Contractors must also have a liability insurance in effect and be able to secure payment and performance bonds. Interested contractors are required to submit a list of projects completed, including a short client list. Contractors for these projects must have experience in construction business on Saipan for at least three (3) years, Tinian and Rota for at least (1) year.

Those interested in this program are encouraged to contact the NMHC offices on Saipan at 234-7689/7670/6866/9447, or Tinian at 433-9213 and on Rota at 532-9410.



A policeman, armed with a Kalashnikov machine gun, guards Rembrandt's painting "Danae" at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Monday. The restored painting was unveiled Monday a dozen years after it was attacked by a man who threw acid on the canvas and slashed it with a knife. AP

Royal family expands Web site

LONDON (AP) - The royal family has greatly expanded its official Internet site to meet growing worldwide demand, Buckingham Palace announced Wednesday.

Eighty million people have visited the World World Web site since it was established eight months ago, with 35 million of those visits coming in the two weeks after Princess Diana's Aug. 31 death, the palace said.

Additions to the expanded site include 60 pictures, some

never before published, including a photo of Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Tony Blair relaxed and smiling at each other in the queen's audience room during one of their regular Tuesday meetings.

Many rare pictures also have been culled from the vast royal collection, particularly to illustrate the site's historical section, expanded to meet the request of teachers at home and abroad, the palace said.

SAIPAN HEALTH CLINIC

will be moving to their new and bigger health facility in Chalan Kiya.

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Business & Trade

GTE earnings flat, sales up 11% in 3Q

STAMFORD, Connecticut (AP) - GTE Corp. said Wednesday its third-quarter earnings were flat compared to a year ago as it responded to competition for cellular customers with new pricing and marketing plans.

The telecommunications giant earned \$756 million, or 79 cents per share, in the quarter ended Sept. 30. The per-share figure was 78 cents in the same period a year ago, because there were more shares outstanding. The latest results were slightly

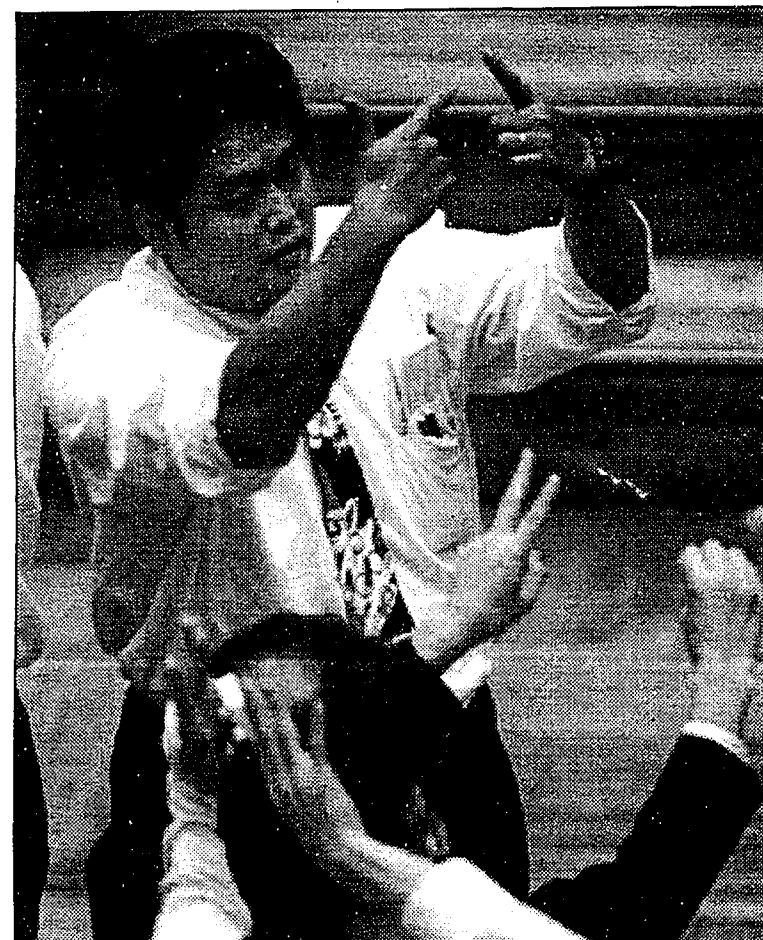
ahead of analysts' expectations, but GTE's stock sank \$ 2.18 3/4 to close at dir\$ 48 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Singapore-China fund launched

SINGAPORE (AP) - Singapore's Temasek Holdings Pte. Ltd. and China Everbright Holdings Co. have started a direct investment fund to put money into major industrial enterprises in China.

The fund will be incorporated in Singapore and will have an initial size of \$100 million, which may be increased when other investors are brought in, the two companies said Wednesday.

Temasek is an investment arm of the Singapore government while China Everbright is the investment branch of the Chinese government. The fund will take significant equity stakes in the companies it invests in and will participate actively in their management, Temasek and China Everbright said.



Floor traders on the Tokyo Stock Exchange send hand signals during Thursday's morning trading session as stock prices rose moderately. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average finished the morning session at 17,498.80, up 167.43 points, or 0.97 percent. AP

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW98-RFP-002

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting proposals for three (3) Baseball Field Lighting Projects on the island of Saipan and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The existing baseball fields at Dandan, Susupe and Tinian will be improved with appropriate lighting for night time activity. The successful proposer will be responsible for supplying all necessary materials, as required in the Scope of Work.

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.

The Susupe and Dandan projects are funded by a grant 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. Award of a contract for these projects are contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA. The Tinian project is funded by the Northern Mariana Housing Corporation (NMHC), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of a contract for this project is contingent upon approval from NMHC-CDBG, for using HUD funds.

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 (25%)
2. Time frame (25%)
3. Price (50%) supply of materials.

Proposals must be marked "DPW98-RFP-002". 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, Friday, October 31, 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 proposer is required to submit with his/her proposal, 1) a copy of CNMI-issued, current Business License; 2) updated Financial Statement; 3) listing of existing and past projects including completion dates; 4) Certification of Tax Compliance from the Department of Revenue and Taxation; 4) written confirmation from a reputable bonding firm as to the company's capability to obtain Bond Insurance and Performance and Payment Bond; 5) copy of Builder's Risk and Workmen's Compensation coverage; 6) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued Work Permits; and 7) listing of equipment(s).

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this Invitation.

Attention is further called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI, Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project.

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.

/s/ JUAN S. TENORIO
Chairman of the Board
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
October 10, 1997
Date

/s/ STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX
Acting Secretary of Public Works
October 10, 1997
Date

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director of Procurement & Supply
October 10, 1997
Date

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation that the CUC Human Resources System shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin.

JOB TITLE: WAREHOUSEMAN 1

DUTIES: Tallies and completes shipping and/or receiving documents. Prepares and packs materials and/or supplies for shipment. Receives, unloads and stores materials and supplies to designated storage area. Verifies quantity and quality of merchandise received against shipping documents. Operates forklift and other vehicles utilized by Warehouse personnel. Delivers requested supplies and materials to respective divisions. Issues supplies and materials to authorized persons. Maintains Warehouse and surrounding areas. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION: HS graduate or GED with basic English and Math skills. Licensed Driver (Good Driving Skills).

STARTING SALARY: \$10,094.68 - \$12,264.90 per annum, depending on experience

LOCATION: Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Saipan

CLOSING DATE: October 29, 1997

Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office.

Business & Industry

GTE offers \$28B for MCI

By DAVID E. KALISH
NEW YORK (AP) - GTE Corp. on Wednesday offered to buy MCI Communications Corp. for \$28 billion in cash, escalating a bidding war for America's second-largest long-distance phone company.

The bid would be the biggest all-cash deal ever, topping RJR Nabisco Inc.'s \$25 billion sale in 1989. It comes two weeks after WorldCom Inc., the No. 4 long-distance company, offered \$

30 billion in stock and British Telecom earlier proposed paying about \$21 billion in stock and cash.

GTE's board met Wednesday to vote on the offer and made an announcement after the stock market closed.

The \$40 per share offer for MCI is just the latest in a series of jolts to America's telecommunications landscape. A federal law intended to force more competition has touched off a spate of attempts by the industry's biggest players - not all successful - to buy their way into each other's busi-

nesses.

GTE would pay \$40 for each share of MCI, or a total of \$28 billion. The combined telecommunications company would have \$40 billion in annual revenue.

WorldCom's offer would be worth more than either rival bid, but investors will typically settle for a lower price in return for the security of cash rather than stock. MCI is scrutinizing whether WorldCom's stock would retain its value.

MCI said its board would meet shortly to review the new bid as well as WorldCom's. With less than \$1 billion cash on hand, GTE would need to borrow billions more to pay for MCI. But GTE chairman Charles R. Lee said he would be willing to consider paying a combination of cash and stock instead of all cash.

Buying MCI could make sense for GTE, a major seller of local phone service. GTE, which doesn't face the same restrictions placed on the Baby Bell regional telephone companies, has been expanding in long-distance.

WorldCom's offer on Oct. 1 exposed cracks in British Telecom's bid, which was reduced in July after MCI said its earnings would suffer due to massive losses from its effort to start local telephone service.

MCI stock rose \$ 1.5625 on the Nasdaq Stock Market to close at \$36.875 as reports of the offer circulated. MCI shareholders are scheduled to vote on the BT offer in December.

"It makes sense for GTE to get into the long-distance market as aggressively and as fast as it can because it's free to do so," said David Goodtree, an industry analyst with Forrester Research.

GTE, unlike Baby Bells that sell

service in concentrated regions, offers local service in thousands of small communities scattered across 27 U.S. states in the Midwest and West.

Federal law requires the Baby Bells, formed by the court-ordered breakup of AT and T, to show they face competition for local service before offering long-distance.

AT and T said Wednesday that it would expect federal regulators to force GTE to open up its local markets to more competition before approving a deal. AT and T had been in talks to buy GTE, but the talks recently fell apart.

GTE has been peddling its long-

distance service in all 50 states and has a big presence on the Internet due to its acquisition earlier this year of BBN Corp., a big competitor of WorldCom's UUNet Technologies subsidiary. BBN operates regional computer networks and offers services for businesses such as dial-up access, consulting and hosting of World Wide Web sites.

But GTE is not a big player in services to large companies, an area where MCI gets a big chunk of its revenues.

A deal between GTE and MCI would have to be approved by antitrust authorities and the Federal Communications Commission.

Department of Labor and Immigration Office of the Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Chengfan Gao	131005	Zhenhua Jin	138385	Shouyu Shen	138391
Longzhu Han	138393	Luzhu Jin	138389	Shengfan Shen	131004
Guinan Huang	133157	Bingtian Jin	130995	Hengzhen Shen	131003
Shengjin Huang	133161	Jifan Jin	130993	Chenghao Shen	133159
Yanzhi Jiang	131059	Zhengji Li	131065	Chenri Shi	130996
Zhenhua Jiang	133164	Jingyu Li	131063	Chunzi Tai	138381
Long Zhe Jin	133135	Xiangji Li	131061	Qinghu Xu	130992
Rifan Jin	138395	Changjun Li	133152	Fenshu Xu	133160
Donghao Jin	133155	Rilong Li	131002	Chenglie Xu	133153
Jishan Jin	130898	Yongzhu Li	133158	Jingzhu Yan	133149
Zhengzhe Jin	130994	Jihu Li	130999	Shanyu Yin	138387
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The above mentioned names who are employees of Y.C. PACIFIC CORPORATION hereby notified to appear at the Department of Labor and Immigration, Hearing Room, 2nd Floor Afetna Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan. Your scheduled for hearing before the Administrative Officer on (Thursday) November 6, 1997 at 9:00am, and presence is required.

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Dated this 12th day of September, 1997.

/s/ THOMAS O. SABLAN
Secretary of Labor & Immigration

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation that the CUC Human Resources System shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Lower Base, Saipan is looking for applicants for the following position:

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This announcement closes on October 29 1997. Application are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance and a copy of the high school diploma or official transcript.

/s/ TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

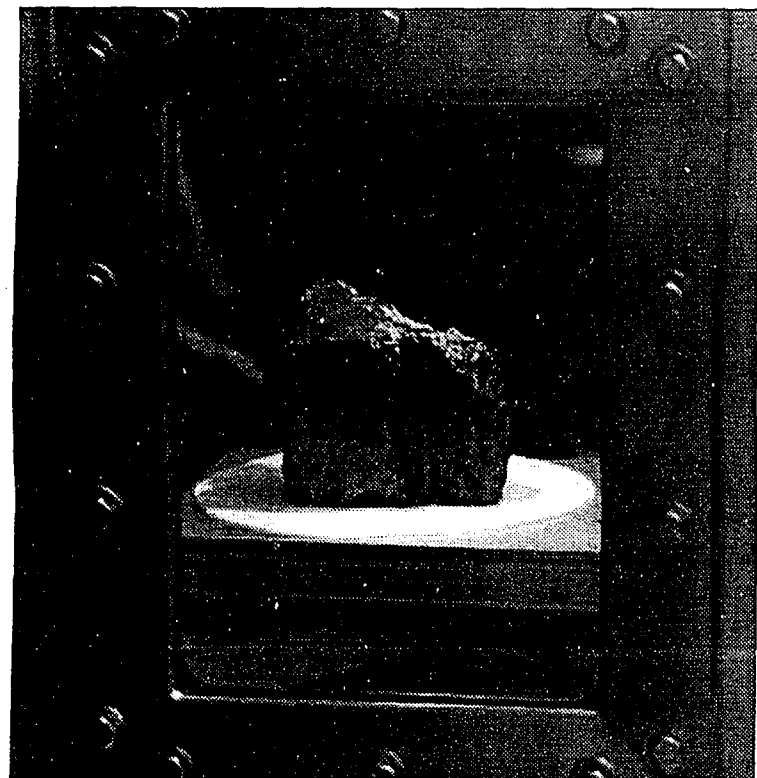
Tight security for Mars rock

By MICHELLE KOIDIN
SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - The door to Room 237 has extra locks, a new alarm system and a gray sign that makes it clear what's inside: Meteorite Processing and Cosmic Dust Laboratories.

The main attraction behind the door at Johnson Space Center's Building 31 is a controversial 4.1-billion-year-old meteorite from Mars. Dubbed ALH84001, it was there without fanfare for 11 years - until the announcement last year about possible life on Mars.

"It's been breathless. It's just been a yearlong race," said Marilyn Lindstrom, one of the curators responsible for Room 237. "All of it's been positive. All of it's been exciting. But all of it's been exhausting."

NASA scientists went public in August 1996 with their belief that ALH84001 contains signs of primitive life on Mars. Many of their col-



The meteorite labeled ALH84001 sits in a chamber at a Johnson Space Center lab in Houston. Researchers at NASA and three universities claimed to have found in the rock from Mars organic compounds that they say were deposited by primitive life forms before the rock was blasted into space and sent on a 15 million-year voyage to Earth. AP

leagues have disputed the claim.

Since the announcement, requests for a look at the rock star and pieces of it for research have intensified. So has security, with extra locks and an added alarm system.

A cabinet-level Japanese official, Russian cosmonauts and the head of the European Space Agency are among 260 people who have gotten a peek at the new celebrity. The public isn't allowed into the lab.

The rock, a potato-shaped, 4.2-pound (1.9-kilogram) object when it was discovered in Antarctica in 1984, was launched to Earth when another meteorite struck Mars 16 million years ago.

Since it arrived in Houston in 1985, it has been cut into 300 pieces. The largest weighs 1.5 pounds (0.7 kilograms) and the smallest pieces are as tiny as a grain of sand. Half of the pieces, including the Hous-

ton lab.

Chips and slices adding up to about a tenth of the meteorite had been distributed to scientists before the announcement. Then dozens of requests came pouring in and 92 pieces totaling about 7 ounces (198 grams) were sent out this summer after a committee spent months figuring out which researchers should be accommodated.

Lindstrom's office has been flooded with requests to see ALH84001.

"It's slowed down, thank goodness," she said. "The first couple months we were wondering if we were ever going to get done with it."

Lindstrom escorts visitors and the media into the lab. She gives them white, nylon coats and matching hats and booties and leads them into an elevator-sized air shower, where filtered air blows off dust.

Once inside the main room, the meteorite is found in a stainless steel and glass cabinet. The portion that is usually on display, the second-largest, is fist-sized and gray.

"It looks so ordinary because it's mostly one mineral," Lindstrom said. "In some ways it looks more boring than other meteorites. It's so blah."

The announcement about ALH84001 has inspired people from around the world to send rocks to the lab, asking that they be analyzed in case they are meteorites. During a normal year, the lab receives 10 or so such requests. Over the last year, more than 100 have arrived.

Most people get their rocks and a form letter back in the mail.

"I just got a rock from France, but it's not a meteorite," lab scientist Cecilia Satterwhite said. "Most people are looking to make a quick buck. They know they're worth money. They know there's a market out there."

There are 12 meteorites in the world that have been identified as Martian and all of them have become more valuable as a result of the announcement, Lindstrom said. Johnson Space Center has five of them.

Rock ALH84001 is priceless, not only because of the NASA finding but because it is a geologic great-great-great-grandfather compared with others, Lindstrom said.

"This rock is 4.1-billion-years-old. That's as old as the planet. That's as old as the solar system just about," Lindstrom said. "It's the very earliest thing that formed on Mars. ..."

"You can get philosophical about that if you want to - you know, that we were supposed to find it," she added. "You can play whatever kinds of mind games you want with the fact that we've got it."

Cassini lifts off for Saturn



The Cassini spacecraft sits atop a Titan rocket as it is launched from Cape Canaveral Air Station Wednesday. The controversial spacecraft, carrying over seventy pounds of plutonium, starts its seven year journey to Saturn. AP

By MARCIA DUNN
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - With its destination beckoning in a moonlit sky, NASA's plutonium-powered Cassini spacecraft rocketed flawlessly toward Saturn on a mission activists had tried to stop for fear an accident would shower Earth with radioactive fallout.

Saturn appeared as a yellowish speck above the nearly full moon as the monstrous Titan 4-B rocket carrying Cassini thundered away before daybreak. Forty minutes later, Cassini shot out of Earth orbit and was on its way to Saturn.

The journey to the ringed planet will take seven years and cover 2.2 billion miles (3.5 billion kilometers). Once there, Cassini will spend four years exploring Saturn, its rings and its icy moons, especially the biggest, Titan.

The chairman of the Italian Space Agency's scientific committee pronounced it "a historic moment."

"It is the link that connects this millennium to the next," Giancarlo Setti said Wednesday.

After a two-day delay caused by high wind and computer problems, the launch was perfect. Antinuclear activists, 22 of whom showed up at the last minute to protest, feared the worst if the rocket carrying Cassini and its 72 pounds (32 kilograms) of extremely poisonous plutonium exploded.

It is the most plutonium ever flown in space. It is also the biggest, most complex interplanetary probe and the most expensive, too - \$3.4 billion for the whole mission.

"There will be few if any probes like Cassini again as NASA pushes a 'faster, better, cheaper' agenda."

"The scale of this project kind of matches the majesty of the place where it's going," said NASA's chief space scientist, Wesley Huntress Jr. "This is the second-largest planet in the solar system, and you put the rings around

it and it's the biggest. It's also the most spectacular. It has a huge retinue of moons and this strange and enigmatic place called Titan that we don't know very much about."

Cassini's mission won't begin, scientifically, until the spacecraft and its 18 instruments reach Saturn in July 2004.

The route is roundabout: The first stop, so to speak, is Venus in 1998 and again in 1999 to use the planet's gravity like a slingshot to speed Cassini on its way. The spacecraft also will sweep within

500 miles (800 kilometers) of Earth in 1999 - a prospect that terrifies Cassini opponents more than the launch did - and by Jupiter in 2000.

NASA said there is a less than 1-in-1 million chance that the probe will enter Earth's atmosphere in 1999 and spread plutonium.

Opponents said they would continue their fight. NASA plans to use plutonium - though less of it - on its smaller interplanetary missions.

"It's a bigger picture than even just Cassini. This is an icebreaker," said Carol Mosley of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, which failed in a court attempt to stop Cassini. "We just keep going."

If all goes well over the next seven years, the two-story robotic explorer, named after Gian Domenico Cassini, the 17th-century Italian astronomer who discovered the largest gap in Saturn's rings, will be the first probe to orbit Saturn. Previously, three spacecraft - Pioneer 11 and Voyagers 1 and 2 - flew past Saturn in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

This is the busiest period in interplanetary exploration since then, with Pathfinder on Mars, Global Surveyor orbiting Mars, Galileo orbiting Jupiter, and Cassini bound for Saturn.

Cassini will orbit Saturn 74 times and fly through some of its wispy rings. It will also sweep at least 45 times past Titan, the largest of Saturn's 18 known moons, venturing as close as 530 miles (850 kilometers).

Perhaps most spectacularly, Cassini will release a European-

built probe to land on Titan in 2004. Scientists say the moon's cold, preserved state could provide clues as to how life evolved on Earth. A microphone on the lander - another first - will beam back Titan's sounds.

Eventually, Cassini - and its attached digital disk containing more

than 600,000 signatures from 81 countries - will crash onto Saturn or one of its moons.

But that's decades or even centuries away, and scientists Wednesday preferred to dwell on Cassini's beginning. Hours after liftoff, they raised a champagne toast to a long and prosperous life.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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against the sector. "We are planning to make an appeal... we will seek an audience with the governor this weekend," said Rabins. She argued that the directive will only further worsen the labor situation, saying government "might as well expect a deluge of complaints" from agency-recruited workers who will not be allowed anymore to stay in the Commonwealth upon the expiration of their contracts. "I, for one, do not have the money to buy them (workers) plane tickets all at the same time," she explained. She said they will also push for the renewal of these contracts. Rabins, whose placement office became operational only a year ago, said she has invested \$31,000 on her venture. The policy, she said, will hold her from recovering what she has spent. "Only two of my agency's workers have been renewed thus far. I have yet to recoup my expenses and now I will be folding

up," Rabins said. "Do you think that's fair?" The Department of Labor and Immigration, early this week, started posting public notices regarding the policy shift in its processing offices. The ban on these recruitment activities, said the memorandum, is being implemented "due to the numerous problems" with the failure of manpower agencies "to

provide adequate employment or contractually obligated wages." The new policy is also seen to impact heavily on individuals and firms who rely on these firms for their manpower needs such as domestic help. The new directive was announced a month after Commerce Secretary Pedro de la Cruz said he is recommending that manpower agencies be phased out of the

Commonwealth. He said that these firms' operations have only resulted to an abnormal situation where unemployment exists among nonresident workers. A sizeable number of workers recruited by these firms, said de la Cruz, is being left on their own to secure employment thereby leaving them irregularly employed, if

not totally unemployed for months upon arrival. Such practice, de la Cruz stressed, is illegal. There are close to 600 manpower placement firms in the Commonwealth. About 400 of these have recently been found by government to be financially incapable to sustain employment of foreign workers.

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The notice alleged that the Republican Party and the former governor "did exactly that." However, it added, "This is not about (the former governor). It is about our Constitution, our rights, we the people... It is extremely important that individuals seeking the Office of the Governor shall maintain the highest respect for our Constitution." The notice said that if former governor Tenorio's interest is "to our people first... then he should demonstrate it now... and have the court review the legitimacy of the attorney general's opinion." Incumbent Governor Tenorio, in past interviews, said he believes his Republican opponent is ineligible to seek a third term. But he added that the voters

should decide on the issue. For his part, Borja, a former Supreme Court associate justice, has said that the Constitution clearly prohibits the former governor from running again. However, he said, his campaign committee has advised him to "lie low" on the issue. The former governor has repeatedly dared anyone to take him to court over his eligibility. LaMotte said \$6,790 of the total outstanding advances pertained to advances for canceled trips. Some legislators had also received overdrawn advances, which exceeded the legislators' actual expenses. Under the laws and regulations, traveling legislators should liquidate their expenses within 15 days of their return, otherwise the cost of travel shall be deducted from their salaries. A legislator or for that matter a government worker who fails to submit a detailed trip report within 15 days after return shall not receive a travel advance until his or her "travel submission is remedied."

Also, under the standard DOF policies and procedures, if a traveler fails to return an advance for a canceled trip, the DOF should initiate an automatic payroll deduction to recover the advance.

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In a way, LaMotte continued, "government travel funds served as an additional benefit to the traveler in the form of an interest-free loan." Some legislators had reportedly requested the DOF travel section personnel to repay travel advances for canceled trips through salary deductions.

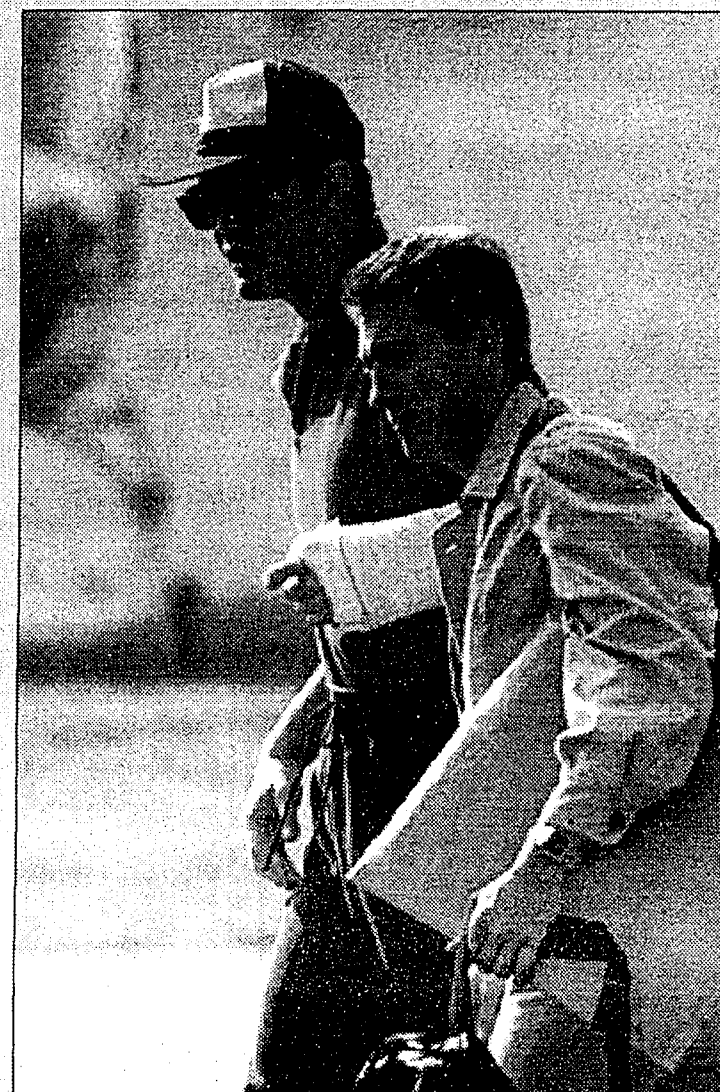
Top AIDS experts quit journal

By Daniel G. Haney
BOSTON (AP) — Two top AIDS experts have resigned from the New England Journal of Medicine's board to protest an editorial that likened AIDS studies in the Third World to the notorious Tuskegee experiment. Dr. David Ho, head of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City, and Dr. Catherine M. Wilfert, a pediatric AIDS expert at Duke University, said as board members they should have been consulted about the editorial before it was published last month. The editorial criticized several studies, mostly in Africa, that are intended to see if brief, inexpensive doses of the drug AZT will keep HIV-infected mothers from passing the virus to their babies. Some of the women are receiving dummy pills instead of AZT. Dr. Marcia Angell, the journal's executive editor, said in the editorial that the studies are unethical. She likened them to the Tuskegee study in which poor

black men in the South with syphilis were left untreated even after penicillin became available. The editorial upset many AIDS researchers, including Ho and Wilfert, who believe the African studies are the only practical way to prove that a simple approach works better than nothing at all. Wilfert and others worried that the influential journal's criticism could bring the studies to a halt. In an opinion piece in the Sept. 29 issue of Time magazine, Ho called the Tuskegee comparison "inflammatory and unfair." He said it "could make a desperate situation even worse." Dr. Jerome P. Kassirer, the journal's editor in chief, fired off an angry e-mail to Ho, criticizing him for not talking to the journal before writing in Time. Kassirer said Wednesday that Ho wrote back offering to resign. "I sat on it for a couple of days and then decided to accept his resignation," Kassirer said. Wilfert said she submitted her resignation to take effect after the editorial board's next once-a-year meeting in December. There she said she hopes for "a very cool discussion about the role of the editorial board." She said the journal's decision to present just one side of the controversy was a policy issue that should have been brought to the 25-member board. "I resigned because of the way in which it was handled," Wilfert said. Kassirer said the board members, among some of the most prominent physicians in research, are asked for advice on such policy questions as conflict of interest and Internet publishing but never on the journal's content. "I regret this happened," Kassirer said. "On the other hand, we can't be hamstrung by trying to have decisions made by committee." Dr. Richard P. Wenzel of the Medical College of Virginia, another AIDS expert on the editorial board, has not resigned.

Princess Diana's bodyguard seeks damages in accident

By NICOLAS MARMIE
BORDEAUX, France (AP) — Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones has filed suit to seek damages for injuries suffered in the car crash that killed Princess Diana and her companion Dodi Fayed, judicial sources said Thursday. Rees-Jones, the only survivor of the Aug. 31 crash, joined the investigation as a civil party, which under French law would allow him access to all court papers and sue for damages. Medical expertise ordered by a French judge also has determined that the amnesia from which Rees-Jones is suffering is "rarely reversible," the judicial sources said, speaking by telephone from Paris. Rees-Jones spent more than a month in a French hospital and was under heavy anesthesia during operations to repair his jaw, which was severely injured in the crash. Now that Rees-Jones has filed suit, under French law he Rees-Jones can no longer be interrogated by investigators except in the presence of his lawyer. Medical experts have also determined that Rees-Jones, an employee of the Fayed family, suffered two shocks after the Mercedes crashed in a traffic tunnel, the judicial source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. In another development, the sources said that Bernard Darteville, who is representing the Fayed family, has asked the judge to give him access to all videos taken by banks, government offices or news organizations on the route the Mercedes took from the Ritz hotel to the spot where it crashed. No charges have been filed in the case as yet, but prosecutors



Bodyguard Trevor-Rees Jones (with cap) arrives at the Issy-les-Moulineaux heliport near Paris in this Oct. 3 file photo. Jones is seeking damages for the car crash that killed Princess Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. AP

are investigating the role of nine photographers and one motorcycle courier in the accident. Investigators are also looking for a small car, possibly a Fiat Uno, that may have collided with the Mercedes and caused the driver to lose control. Should criminal charges be filed, Rees-Jones could seek damages against the defendant. Henri Paul, the 41-year-old driver of the car, was legally drunk and on prescription drugs at the time of the crash. During two separate interrogations, Rees-Jones was able to remember some details of what happened before the accident, but he was unable to remember the crash itself. Rees-Jones, a 29-year-old former paratrooper, left France for England on Oct. 3.

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Defendants
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-0075
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From: The Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
To: IKAO YOSHIZAWA, KIM JIN YOUNG, HAE JA JUNG, KIM YOUNG JIN, and WON JUNG JA
You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty (20) days after final publication of this summons and completion of posting, and defend in the above-captioned action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the First Amended Complaint of Plaintiff, Brigitte W. Nekaifes-Kapileo and serve a copy of your answer upon the Plaintiff's attorney, The Law Offices of Robert C. Narap, P.C., P.O. Box 1960, Saipan, MP 96950. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you according to the reliefs demanded in the First Amended Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court. The First Amended Complaint contains allegations of non-payment of rentals in the Lease Agreement of Lot No. 1897-B1-1, of which you are privy to in your capacities as Assessor and/or assignee.
JOVITA C. FLORES
Clerk of Court
By: BERNADITA A. SABLAN
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-590B
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DATED this 15th day of August, 1997.
/s/ BERNADITA DLR. ALDAN
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/s/ FELIX R. NOGIS
JTPA Executive Director

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its money from Interior. Tenorio, at the same time, said he will ask the Attorney General's Office to draft a complaint against Interior, which is currently facing two other lawsuits filed by the CNMI—one on the so-called Compact Impact costs, and the other on the ownership of submerged lands within 12 miles from the CNMI's coasts. Acting attorney General Robert Dunlap, in an earlier interview, said he will look into the possibility of filing another lawsuit against Interior.

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by JOSE MATERNE TORRES, Petitioner.

FCD-AD PETITION NO. 97-0115

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petition for Adoption of ITTHIPHING SUKJAI, minor child by JOSE M. TORRES has been set for hearing before the Commonwealth Superior Court, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, on the 30th day of Oct., '97 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

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On this day in 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

On this day in 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her 30 years of work for the poor in Calcutta.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jupiter Hammon (1711-1790), poet; Nathaniel West (1903-1940), novelist; Arthur Miller (1915-), dramatist; Rita Hayworth (1918-1987), actress; Montgomery Clift (1920-1966), actor; Evel Knievel (1938-), daredevil; 59; Margot Kidder (1948-), actress; 49; George Wendt (1948-), actor; is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1883, the first scoring system was established for the game of football.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talent."
— Thomas Jefferson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, two tornadoes in Texas followed nearly the same 35-mile track within 45 minutes of each other.
SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

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Demi Moore's 'G.I. Jane':

Focus on women in combat

By Lucette Bentley
For the Variety

THE ORIGINAL story for Hollywood Pictures' intense action/drama "G.I. Jane," and heroine Lt. Jordan O'Neil, had its gestation in the fertile creative mind of screenwriter/executive producer Danielle Alexandra.

Christened "the female Tom Clancy," because of her mastery in the male-dominated world of action/political thrillers, Alexandra was inspired to write "G.I. Jane" based on the current political issues and news-breaking headlines about women serving in combat.

Navy Intelligence officer Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore) sets a historic precedent when she is recruited as a test case to be the first woman allowed to train for the highly covert operations unit known as the Navy SEALs.

Selected for her courage, skills, and level headedness, O'Neil is determined to succeed in the most demanding, most merciless and most honored fighting force in the world, in which 60% of her male counterparts will fail.

She just wants her chance to survive, the grueling special training that SEAL recruits undergo.

Under the relentless command of Master Chief John Urey (Viggo Mortensen), O'Neil is put through weeks of physical and emotional hell, and is not expected to succeed.

Indeed, military and high-ranking government officials - including her sponsor, Senator Lillian DeHaven (Anne Bancroft) - are counting on her to fail.

However, to their dismay and perplexity, O'Neil perseveres.

When the recruits' final training exercise is diverted to aid in extricating American troops in the Middle East, the

Master Chief is critically wounded, and O'Neil must gather all her leadership experience and courage to save him and the mission even at the cost of risking her own life, in Hollywood Pictures' intense drama, "G.I. Jane."

"From day one, long before I sold the project and wrote the screenplay, there was never any question in my mind that anyone other than Demi Moore would play the role of Lt. O'Neil," Alexandra says.

"I believed she was the only actress credible enough and capable of handling the physical and emotional ride. Prior to my pitching the story to any studio - I met with Demi to discuss the project. She responded immediately. And as I wrote the screenplay, I thought of the personal and physical strength that Demi has as an individual, a survivor, a woman, an achiever - an actress."

With the role of Lt. Jordan O'Neil, Demi Moore adds another dimension to the range of her talents and the remarkable and memorable characters in her repertoire.

"I was looking for something a bit more physically challenging for my next film."

Moore says of her initial interest in playing this demanding role.

"I wasn't interested in just stepping into a man's character in an action movie.

"What 'G.I. Jane' afforded me was the opportunity to deal not only with the enormous physical demands of the action genre, but also to be involved with something that had great substance. The story deals with a subject matter that is not only topical, but also very important because of the bigger issue of women having more choices available to them."

Producer Roger Birnbaum adds, "When I first heard the story for this film, it was in a pitch from Danielle. She came into the offices here at Caravan and I just found it all very, very, exciting. It was a personal story with drama and action, and had a lot of characteristics that could attract a large audience.

"There's so much that goes on in this film, in terms of understanding what the Navy SEALs really are about and what they do, and the training they have to go through," Birnbaum continues.

"It also has a lot of political



Demi Moore stars as Navy Intelligence officer Lt. Jordan O'Neil

intrigue as well.

"And Demi, quite simply, was the perfect actress for the role of Lt. O'Neil because she is physically very strong and also extremely bright.

"Any person, whether it's a man or woman, who's selected to go through the Navy SEALs program needs to start off being a real tiger, and I think Demi is just that."

Among other preparations was the need to give all the actors a Special Forces hairstyle. When they first arrived, many in the group wore long hair and mustaches. After a few days of initial training, Demi herself threw a "Shave Your Dome" party in a nightclub.

Six weeks after the "Dome" party, on a much-anticipated date in the shooting schedule, Demi Moore shaved her head to match that of the others.

"One of the big moments after reading the script was the impact of the scene where Lt. O'Neil cuts off her hair," Moore says. "It's an integral part of the story and reflects her total commitment.

After the scene was shot, the assembled group of men cheered in approval. "It was interesting," Moore continues. "I had more people want to touch me. The funniest responses came from my children who would say to friends, 'Hey, do you want to come look at my Mom's head?' as if I were a show-and tell item. Even my husband had a laugh."

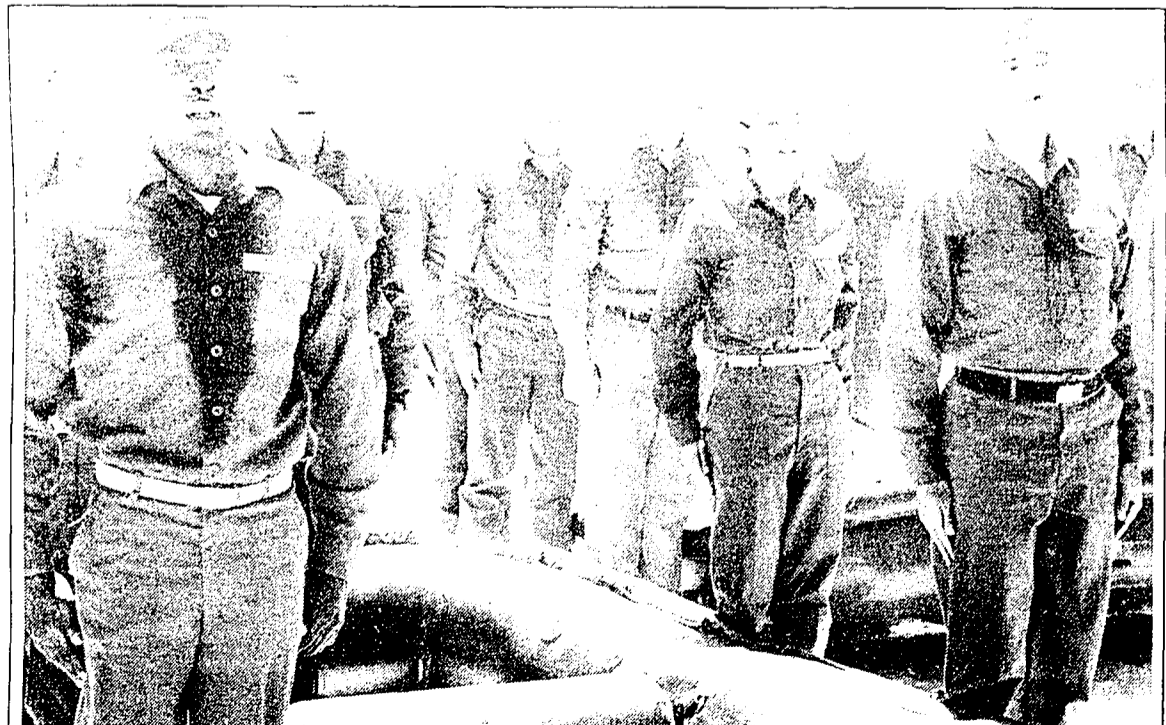
"Ridley has always directed very provocative stories with incredible depth of character" observes Demi Moore.

"'G.I. Jane' is not based on a true story, but is based on what could be true events and Ridley was the perfect choice as director because of the incredible level of realism he brings to his films, and the mutual enthusiasm we shared for the project."

A Hollywood Pictures presentation in association with Scon Free Productions and Largo Entertainment, "G.I. Jane" is directed by Ridley Scott, from a story by Danielle Alexandra, screenplay by David Twohy and Danielle Alexandra. The producers are Ridley Scon, Roger Birnbaum, Demi Moore and Suzanne Todd.



On the set of "G.I. Jane," director Scott (left) discusses a scene with star Demi Moore (right).



Recruited as a test case in the all-male Navy SEALs training program, Lt. O'Neil (Moore, second from right) is determined to succeed in the most demanding, merciless and most honored fighting force in the world.



O'Neill stands at attention in combat garb.

Kemp eyes \$107M deal

By Chris Sheridan

SHAWN Kemp moved a step closer Wednesday to getting his renegotiated megacontract, a seven-year deal with the Cleveland Cavaliers that will be worth about \$107 million.

It will make Kemp the fifth NBA player in the \$100 million club and

will end the salary saga of the ex-Seattle All-Star whose anger with his old contract played a big part in driving him away from the SuperSonics.

According to a source close to the Cavs, the sides have agreed on the amount of money Kemp will be

paid—approximately \$8.3 million in the first season with 20 percent raises in each of the next six years.

Several details remain to be worked out.

"We're close, but I won't comment further than that," said Tony Dutt, Kemp's agent.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for those coaches not affiliated to NMASA but who would like to attend.

The Saipan Swim Club has invited Wayne and Helen Morris to conduct clinic for the swim team in addition to working with other coaches.

Cavs spokesman Bob Price said the team would have no comment until an agreement is finalized.

Cleveland had about \$9.5 million of salary cap room when it acquired Kemp from the Seattle SuperSonics in a three-way trade that sent Terrell Brandon, Tyrone

Hill and a first-round draft pick to Milwaukee and Vin Baker to Seattle.

Sincethen, the Cavs have signed free agent Henry James and made a trade with Phoenix for Wesley Person and Tony Dumas, shrinking their cap room to about \$5 million.

Coaches...

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NMASA is requiring all Micronesian Games Coaches to attend the sessions.

Those coaches are Elias Rangamar, Tony Rogolifoi,

Sonny Flores, Jovie Omar, Todd Sandvold, Patrick Tenorio, Carol Ngiraidis, Eliceo Castro, Windsor Peter, Jean Sakovich, Mario Espeleta, Jeff Race and Fred Guajardo.

Each sporting organization within NMASA has also been asked to send on representative.

Swimming coaches from off island are expected to attend the swimming sessions.

The swim club has received a partial grant to pay for about half the expenses which are estimated at about \$5,000.00.

Wayne Goldsmith will also be a guest speaker at the Rotary Clubs

meeting on November 11th.

The course schedule is:
November 7, 1997 Friday, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
November 8, 1997 Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For further information please contact Bill Sakovich at 234-1001.

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Botvinnik and former world champ Max Euwe.

In 1948, Smyslov was invited to the five-man Fide-sponsored world championship tournament, in which he placed solo 2nd ahead of Keres, Reshevsky and Euwe. Smyslov placed 3rd in the 1950 candidates tournament, but won the event in the next cycle in 1953 to gain the right to challenge the world champ Botvinnik. The result was a draw, +7=10-7. But Smyslov was not to be denied. He topped the 1956 candidates and in the 1957 title match bested his old rival +6=13-3. Botvinnik proved to be the more resolute player, however, regaining the championship in 1958. Only the rivalry much later between Karpov and Kasparov could match the intensity of the Botvinnik-Smyslov duels.

Commenting on his opponent, Botvinnik would later write: "For five years, between 1953 and 1958, he (Smyslov) was unbeatable... (he) scored wins thanks to his admirable skill in positional play and his excellence in the endgame..."

Smyslov would play in three more candidates cycle, the most notable of which was in 1983-84, when he, the 62 year old veteran made it to the finals against the then 20-year old Kasparov who, of course, easily won the match.

A two time champion of the USSR, Smyslov played on nine Soviet Olympiad teams during 1952-72, scoring a tremendous +69=42-2. Among his notable tournament successes: 1st at Zagreb 1955, 1st at Moscow 1956, 1960, 1963, equal 1st at Monte Carlo 1969, 1st at Graz 1984 and equal 1st at Rome 1988.

Says Euwe: "His style... contrasts strongly with that of Botvinnik. Smyslov builds his game mainly on a positional basis—though this is by no means to say that he fights shy of combination. The general aspect of his style is pacific but the methods he uses to attain his goal are not always what they seem. He is less direct but stealthy, and all the more dangerous for that."

Smyslov, like Botvinnik, is an outstanding master of the openings but as "The Chess Encyclopedia" noted, his outlook is similar to that of the great Capablanca—he sees deeply and quickly and is not overly

impressed with opening theory.

Nevertheless, in the following game, it was Smyslov's thorough opening preparation that ensured victory against a formidable opponent (with annotations by Euwe).

Game of the week.
Ruy Lopez, Open Variation V. Smyslov-S. Reshevsky USSR-USA radio match, 1945
1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. B-N5 P-QR3 4. B-R4 N-B3 5. 0-0 NXP 6. P-Q4 P-QN4 7. B-N3 P-Q4 8. PXP B-K3 9. P-B3 B-QB4 9... B-K2 is more usual today.
10. QN-Q2 0-0 11. B-B2 P-B4 12. N-N3 B-N3 13. KN-Q4 NxN 14. NxN BxN 15. PXP P-B5

Leading to one of the most hotly disputed variations of the Ruy Lopez, Black intends to sacrifice a piece.

16. P-B3N-N6 17. PxN PxP 18. Q-Q3!
Typical of the Soviet School of Chess, White proposes to return the extra material to improve his position. The idea is 18... Q-R5 19. QxRP+ QxQ20. BxQ+ KxB21. B-Q2 with an ending in White's favor.

18... B-B4 19. QxB RxQ20. BxR Q-R5 21. B-R3 QxP+ 22. K-R1 QxKP

The critical position of what the books have come to call, for obvious reasons, "The Long Variation."

23. B-Q2! QxP?
Too greedy. 23... P-B4 was better. Now he loses an important advanced passed pawn.

24. B-B4 P-B4
There would have been better defensive possibilities in 24... P-Q5. 25. B-K6+ K-R1 26. BxP R-Q1 27. QR-Q1 P-B5 28. BxNP P-B6 28... QxRP 29. BxP!
29. B-K5
White lines up the bishops for a decisive mating attack.

29... P-N5 30. B-QN3 R-Q7 31. P-B4 P-KR4 32. R-QN1 R-KB7! 33. KR-K1 Q-Q7 34. QR-Q1 Q-N7 35. R-Q8+

It's all over. The great American champion excels above all in defense, but not even he can hold out against the hurricane which now breaks. [Incidentally, it was a bad day all in all for the favored American team—the three-time Olympic champs before the war—in this historic match against the then untested Soviets who nearly swept them on all boards—zd.]

35... K-R2 36. B-N8+ K-N3 37. R-Q6+ K-B4 38. B-K6+ K-N3 39. B-Q5+ K-R2 40. B-K4+ K-N1 41. B-N6! (1-0).

Warriors...

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Luv You Man is the newest team in the Palau League.

It made it to the play-offs and now has advanced championship in their inaugural season.

Luv You Man will be led by Jerome and Jojo Attao who are the premiere hitters in the league.

Attao, who won the homerun title

the Kontrarios. Toyota Wheel defeated the Kontrarios 105-65.

The top scorer for the Toyota Wheels is Edwin Bubos with 39 points, Keith Gamer (16 points) and Ed Cosino (15 points) help their team winning the second game of the night.

The Kontrarios team consists of veterans of basketball, like Tony Rogolifoi who had only 7 points and Tom Barcinas with only 2 points.

The leading scorer for the Kontrarios is John Diaz with 14 points and Joe Camacho with also 14 points.

this year, reached the point where he had to be given a free-ticket to first base every time he comes to bat.

An awards ceremony will follow the best of three games which will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until one of the two teams win two games. The Palau League and its board would like to acknowledge all teams sponsors for making it possible for 24 team to participate in this years season.

Indians...

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fort by Mike Mussina and making the Orioles disappear from the play-offs.

The Indians managed only one hit in eight innings off Mussina, who turned in his second straight sensational performance in a losing cause. Mussina left after having thrown 108 pitches in his second successive start with three days' rest.

"I don't know if we've played a game this postseason in which we've been dominated by a pitcher like Mike Mussina," Hargrove said.

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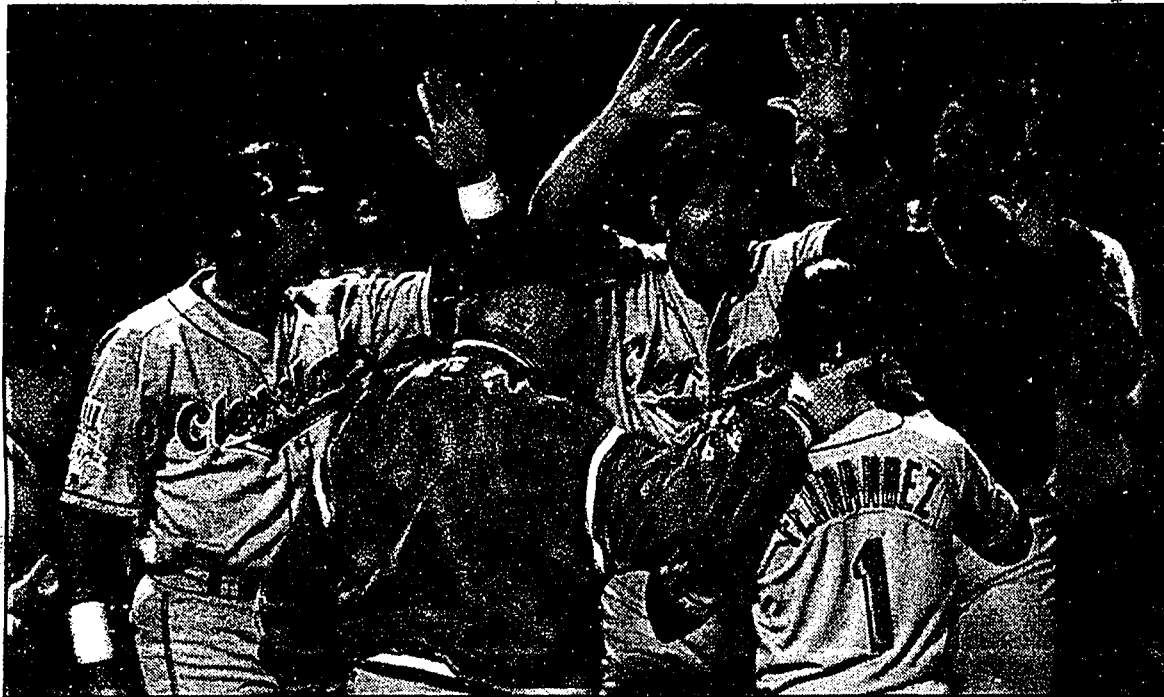
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DATE:	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1997 (ONE DAY)
VENUE:	CORAL OCEAN POINT RESORT CLUB
TIME:	SHOW TIME: 5:30 A.M. TEE TIME: 6:30 A.M.
FORMAT:	SHOT GUN - MEN'S MEDAL PLAY; LADIES & SENIORS (NET)
FLIGHTS:	CHAMPIONSHIP, A, B, C, FLIGHTS, LADIES & SENIORS

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SPORTS



Cleveland Indians' Tony Fernandez is greeted at the dugout after hitting a game-winning, eleventh-inning home run during Game 6 of the American League Championship Series Wednesday. The Indians will face the Florida Marlins in the World Series. AP

Indians win AL

By David Ginsburg
BALTIMORE (AP) — They must be hiding good luck charms in those high socks of theirs. How else to explain the strange fashion in which the Cleveland Indians keep finding ways to win? The Indians won the AL pennant for the second time in three years Wednesday, beating the Baltimore Orioles 1-0 in Game 6 on an 11th-inning home run by late-substitute Tony Fernandez.

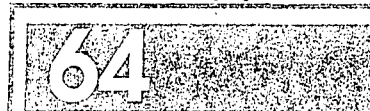
The Indians open the World Series on the road Saturday night against the Florida Marlins. Cleveland managed only three hits, yet still won their fourth one-run game of the series. The Indians prevailed in Game 2 on a three-run homer by their No. 9 hitter, Game 3 on a blundered squeeze bunt and Game 4 with the aid of a wild pitch that scored two runs.

"This whole series I didn't think we caught many breaks," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "You don't win this many one-run games because of fate or luck, but because you mind your Ps and Qs and you've got talent," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove insisted. The Indians concluded a magical week with their best trick yet — surviving another brilliant effort.

Coaches course slated

WAYNE Goldsmith, sports scientist and sports trainer for the Australian Institute of Sports and Australian Olympic teams, will be conducting an 8-hour coaches course on Saipan November 7 and 8 at the Saipan Multi-Purpose Center.

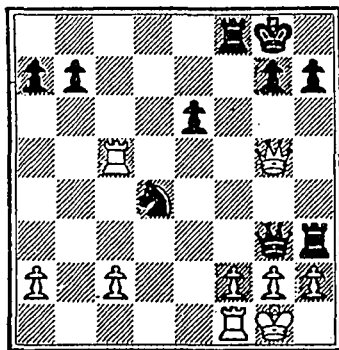
All sessions must be attended for certification. Please contact Bill Sakovich to register at 234-1001 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. According to a news release from the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, the



• Zaldy Dandan

Vasily the great

VASILY Vasilievich Smyslov (1921-) won the world championship in 1957 against his great rival and compatriot Mikhail Botvinnik. He lost the return match the next year, but his place among the chess greats was already secured. "The Chess Encyclopedia" ranks him as one of the 10 greatest chess players who ever lived.



When World War II ended, Smyslov emerged as the no. 2 Soviet chess star after Botvinnik, who was 10 years older. In Groningen 1946, Smyslov announced his entry into the top ranks of the chess world by placing a strong 3rd, just behind

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BANMI opener

National Saipan team defeats Ol'Aces, 95-75

By Priscilla T. Castro
For the Variety
 THE National Saipan Team defeated Ol'Aces during the opening game of the BANMI League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. National Saipan Team consists of the basketball players that will be trying out for the Micronesian Games next year, the team is being led by Ray Lizama. Ray Lizama is the top scorer

for the National Saipan team with him shooting 17 points in the entire game. Ed Diaz is good in defensive and offensive play, he was able to make 16 point to help the National Saipan Team to win their first game. Aside from Diaz and Lizama, Tony Diaz made 14 point, Jess Dela Cruz with 13 points and Edsel Mendoza with 13 points helping their team for their first win in the opening of the

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National Saipan Team's Jess Dela Cruz goes for an undergoal stab during the opening game of the BANMI league last Wednesday night. The National Saipan team defeated Ol'Aces, 95-75.

Warriors, I Luv You Man start showdown Sunday

By Patrick Tellei
For the Variety
 IT ALL started with 24 teams involving 600 players in two divisions with games played in two fields (Koblerville and Susupe Softball Complex). Eight months later, only two teams are left standing, Warriors sponsored by Glyde Aguon and I Luv You Man sponsored by Marpac. The Warriors as a team never

thought of taking the pennant. In the end, they defied the odds and won Division A. This coming Sunday, they may very well win the Championship if they can get by I Luv You Man. On the way to the championship, the Warriors had beaten the Ambassadors in the Play-Off and defeated Koror Tigers in two games last Sunday to advance to the championship.

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Peter DL. Guerrero Jr. holds the first-place trophy (right) he won during the Black Belt Tournament in Guam last October 11. At left is the second-place trophy he won last year. Photo by Priscilla T. Castro

1997 Men's Fastpitch League Statistics

Top Ten (63 AB):	Player	Team	Avg
	Jeff Cabrera	Amigo's	.549
	Bill Quilano	Islanders	.500
	Mike C. Camacho	Lite Beer	.493
	Mark Toves	Seabees 4	.485
	Dennis Ngeskebei	Amigo's	.482
	Greg C. Camacho	Maulag	.479
	Nick Saimon	Amigo's	.474
	Mel Sakisat	Maulag	.468
	Ben Duenas	Islanders	.466
	Mel Aidan	Tanapag Waves	.453
Doubles:	Player	Team	Total
	Mike C. Camacho	Lite Beer	22
	Jack C. Guerrero	Seabees 4	14
	Jess Peterson	Lite Beer	13
	Mark Toves	Seabees 4	13
Triple:	Player	Team	Total
	Ben DL. Guerrero	M.T.C. Sluggers	9
	John Idechill	Team Bud	7
	Ben Duenas	Islanders	7
	Ben Mesa	Seabees 4	7
	Jack Santos	Tanapag Waves	6
Home Run:	Player	Team	Total
	Mel Sakisat	Maulag	10
	Nick Saimon	Amigo's	8
	Ed Kapileo	Seabees 4	7
	David Kapileo	D.O.C. Brothers	7
RBI:	Player	Team	Total
	Mel Sakisat	Maulag	39
	Nick Saimon	Amigo's	39
	Ben Duenas	Islanders	32
	Greg C. Camacho	Maulag	30
Runs:	Player	Team	Total
	Jeff Cabrera	Amigo's	42
	Greg C. Camacho	Maulag	39
	Mel Sakisat	Maulag	38
Pitching (ERA)	Player	Team	ERA
	Tony Satur	Seabees 4	3.50
	Jess Manibusan	Amigo's	4.44
	Ben C. Sablan	Lite Beer	4.63
	Paul B. Roberto	Sunrisers	4.86
	Max Pangalinan	Maulag	4.88
	Norbert T. Torres	Islanders	5.06
	Tino Camacho	Maulag	6.50
	John Camacho	Team Bud	6.51
	Luis Babauta	D.O.C. Brothers	6.84
	Gus Aguon	Tanapag Waves	7.05