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## Young panel plans May 13th hearing

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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THE U.S. House Resources Committee is tentatively scheduled to hear the soon-to-be filed CNMI labor and immigration reform bill on May 13, but local leaders are appealing for postponement.

Washington Rep. Juan N. Babauta said the CNMI needs more time to prepare for the hearing.

The bill, still being drafted by committee chairman Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) and Elton Gallegly (R-California), is aimed at reforming the CNMI labor and immigration

*But Babauta to ask more time to prepare*



Don Young

laws and policies.

"There seems to have a sense of urgency on chairman Young's part to have this hearing this early,



Juan N. Babauta

but I don't know if that is an indication that the bill will be enacted right away," Babauta said. Top local officials expect the

Young-Gallegly proposal to be "more friendly" to the CNMI.

Babauta said he has met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Senate President Paul Mangiona and Speaker Diego Benavente and that all of them have agreed to ask the committee to hold the hearing in June.

"The hearing schedule is way too soon," Babauta said. "We need to review the legislation first, but I don't think it has been introduced yet."

The CNMI has just freshly emerged from another hearing conducted on March 31 by the U.S. Senate Committee on

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## Alleged kidnapper arrested



Luis DLG. Camacho

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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THE POLICE arrested an ex-convict who was tagged by authorities as the suspect in the reported kidnapping of three children in Garapan Sunday afternoon.

Public Safety Information Officer Maj. J.J. Castro identified the suspect as Luis De Leon Guerrero Camacho, 49, of San Roque.

Castro said investigators booked Camacho for kidnapping and sexual abuse of a child after questioning.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Steinborn charged Camacho with five counts of kidnapping, two counts of sexual abuse of a child, two counts of oral copulation and one count of assault and battery.

Steinborn said kidnapping carries a maximum penalty of life sentence.

Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas citing Camacho's prior criminal records and the seriousness of the crimes, set a \$150,000 cash bail for the defendant's temporary release.

Camacho was just released Thursday after serving a five-year jail term in connection with three previous kidnapping and sexual abuse of a child cases, the Variety gathered.

Bellas said the court found probable cause to hold the defendant in jail based on the testimonies of Sgt. Joseph Aldan and Police Of-

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*Teno assures public:*

## 'The worst is over'

By Zaldy Dandan  
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GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio described as "alarming" the 31 percent decrease in the number of tourist arrivals, but added that "things won't get worse than this."

"I'm still confident," he told reporters yesterday. "I think we've already hit bottom and things will (now get better) for us."

He said the administration is

trying its best to cope with the slumping tourism and economy.

"(Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan) and I personally met visiting Taiwanese tour operators at the airport and we are encouraging tourists from other areas to visit us," Tenorio said.

Sablan, for his part, said the governor's aviation task force is already looking into ways to increase the number of flights to the Northern Marianas.

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## Tax perks mulled to shore up investments

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
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WITH THE private sector's privilege to import nonresident workers under threat, the CNMI government may need a new set of incentives that would entice new foreign investments to come in.

This is the observation of many in the business sector who said the Commonwealth's existing foreign investments law is too restrictive, especially the \$100,000 requirement as it aggravates the

inability of foreign investors to own land in the CNMI.

House commerce committee chair Rep. Oscar Babauta said the need to come up with new incentives to encourage more foreign investors to come to the CNMI and set up businesses could be inevitable.

While stressing that the House ways and means committee has been tackling taxation issues, Babauta said he would support

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## Cabrera, Sablan are recaptured

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

TWO MURDER suspects who were among five inmates who reportedly escaped from jail Sunday, fell in the hands of authorities yesterday.

Public Safety Information Officer Maj. J. J. Castro said members of the elite DPS Rapid Response Team recaptured Peter Duenas Cabrera Jr. and Gerald Cabrera Sablan.

Castro said Cabrera was apprehended in Kannat Tabla at 10 a.m.

He did not resist arrest, said Castro.

No other information was given about Cabrera's arrest, but sources said Cabrera has relatives residing in Kannat Tabla.

The same DPS Task Force col-lared Sablan who was spotted near the Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan

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Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio (right) signs a proclamation declaring Public Service Recognition Week to honor employees of the government. Witnessing the ceremony are PSRW Committee vice-chair Ben M. Taitano (left) and Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan.

Photo by Zaldy Dandan

## WEATHER Outlook



Partly cloudy skies

# Japan-US military pact OK'd

By KOZO MIZOGUCHI  
TOKYO (AP) — U.S. and Japanese officials signed an agreement Tuesday increasing the logistical support that their military forces can provide one another during emergencies in East Asia.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi signed the amendment to a 1996 accord about military cooperation regarding Japan's peace and security.

The United States has 47,000 U.S. military personnel in Japan under mutual defense arrangements, and the forces play a crucial role in

maintaining security in the region. Japan's post World War II Constitution forbids its military from settling international disputes through force. China, which maintains the largest military force in East Asia, has urged Tokyo and Washington not to expand their military cooperation.

The amendment allows the militaries of the two allies to exchange food, transportation and petroleum during crises, but expressly prohibits the provision of weapons or ammunition.

The provision follows an agreement that Japan and the United States



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright takes a pen to sign a U.S.-Japan mutual defense cooperation pact with Japanese Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi, right, at the Iikura House in Tokyo Tuesday. AP

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# RP peso hits 40 to dollar

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine peso plunged Tuesday, breaking through the important psychological level of 40 pesos per dollar as jitters increased over upcoming elections, dealers said.

At midday the dollar averaged 39.900 pesos after hitting a high of 40.100 pesos in early trading. On Monday the U.S. currency averaged 38.817 pesos.

Traders said demand for dollars was robust as banks positioned behind the dollar with the May 11 elections approaching.

A new president, vice president, members of Congress and numerous local officials will be chosen in the vote.

Traders said jitters are natural prior to the elections, owing to the political uncertainties a change in power usually entails.

But investors also worry that a fraud- or violence-plagued election could result in increased political unrest and a drop in investor confidence.

Prospects of higher U.S. interest rates also weighed down on the peso, traders said.

Higher U.S. interest rates would lure foreign funds currently in Asia back to the United States to take advantage of higher-yielding fixed-income instruments there, traders said.

In stock trading, shares spent most of the session in negative territory but then rallied shortly before the close.

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# General arrested in Taiwan military scandal

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Officials said Wednesday that a lieutenant general had been arrested on charges of leaking official secrets, becoming the highest-ranking officer implicated so far in a procurement scandal that has shaken the reputation of Taiwan's military.

Lt. Gen. Liu Hsueh-ta was ordered

held without bail Monday night on suspicion of leaking information on bids for steel reinforced ammunition storage bunkers, said Liu Chin-an, deputy chief of the Defense Ministry's Judge Advocates Bureau.

Investigators had gathered evidence against the general over a six-week period, he said.

A major general and four other

officers already have been arrested in the scandal, which has presented Taiwanese with lurid tales of official greed and mob influence.

That military has been nearly sacrosanct in Taiwan for decades as the protector of the island's security in the face of the possibility of an invasion from mainland China, which regards Taiwan as a renegade pro-

vide. But official life in Taiwan is riddled with corruption, and many politicians — if not criminals themselves — are thought at least to have contacts with organized crime.

The latest case has cast doubt on pledges by the military to clean up its act after the still unexplained death in

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# Japan suit targets US tobacco giant

By JOSEPH COLEMAN  
NAGOYA, Japan (AP) — Anti-smoking activist Akinori Ito is angry. While American cigarette makers face tough restrictions at home, he says they are making a killing selling their deadly products in Asia.

So Ito is doing something never done before in Japan: He's suing a subsidiary of a U.S. tobacco company, cigarette giant Philip Morris Co.

The lawsuit against Philip Morris — the largest foreign-owned tobacco company in the country — marks the opening of a new battlefield for Japan's small but active movement against big tobacco.

The trial, which starts Thursday, is also part of a growing campaign among worldwide anti-tobacco lobbyists to impose domestic U.S. smoking limits on American tobacco companies' burgeoning global marketing and

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# Gov't issues deeds to 5 new homesteads

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff  
THE BOARD of Public Lands (BPL) have approved the issuance of land deeds to at least five new homesteaders whose names the Division of Public Lands (DPL) had submitted for review.

In an interview yesterday, DPL Director Bertha Leon Guerrero said the Board, in its meeting last week, did not object to the division's findings that the five have satisfactorily complied with the government's requirement for land deeds.

The bulk of the new land deed holders are from the government's homestead site in Kagman III.

The five have brought to more than 2,000 the number of homestead permit holders granted land deeds by the Commonwealth government over the past several years.

The division said there are, how-



Bertha Leon Guerrero

ever, over 1,000 permit holders whose homesteads have yet to be issued land deeds.

Government is currently reviewing their homesteads for compliance of existing regulations.

Several of these investigations are nearing completion.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, trying to live up to his campaign promises, has vowed to work on the opening of new homestead sites and expedite processing of applicants' documents.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio had earlier announced, following a meeting with DPL and BPL officials, that about 750 homestead lots will be issued this year.

There currently are 3,000 homestead applicants, around 700 of which are off-island and thus, are classified under third priority.

But while such is the case, DPL has said it has been receiving fewer applicants in the past few months this year as compared to 1997.

Some 184 applicants were recorded last year. On the other hand, the division has received 40 applicants this year.

The decline in the number of homestead applicants is being attributed to the slow pace by which government is developing sites for homesteads.

# House to re-word abortion bill

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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FOLLOWING the public's outright rejection of Rep. Oscar Babauta's anti-abortion bill, the House leadership will agree to drop the legislation and call for filing of a new version, Speaker Diego Benavente said yesterday.

"Our intention is to put more teeth to the Constitution's provision against abortion," Benavente said.

Benavente said the House leadership is supporting the Committee on Health Welfare and Education's plan to drop the Babauta bill.

Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, chairman of the HEW committee, said earlier his panel may kill House Bill 11-152 which was confronted by legal and moral conflicts during a public hearing last week.

Babauta's bill seeks to impose criminal sanctions on the practice of abortion. It provides that any person found performing unauthorized abor-

tion would be sent to jail for 10 years or fined \$20,000.

The CNMI Constitution prohibits abortion, but at present there is no statute that criminalizes it.

Among the provisions in the bill that drew objections was the one that allows abortion in cases of pregnancy "due to rape or incest or in cases where, in the best judgment of the physician the pregnancy poses significant threat to the mother's life."

The bill says termination of pregnancy is prohibited "when in the best judgment of the physician, the unborn child has reached the state of viability."

Benavente said the new legislation would not include exemptions.

"It would only exempt the stage of pregnancy that is considered illegal under the US laws," Benavente said.

The US follows the 1972 ruling, *Roe v. Wade*, in which the Supreme Court interpreted the US Constitution toward upholding the woman's



Diego Benavente

right to terminate her pregnancy.

"We will proceed with some kind of a bill that will prohibit abortion at any stages," Benavente said.

"The bill is being backed by the public except for the exemption provision," he added. "We will continue with the imposition of penalty on anyone performing abortion."

# Ex-cop in 'misconduct'

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has filed criminal charges against a former police sergeant for allegedly stealing government funds.

Joseph Ariola Flores was charged with theft and misconduct in public office before the Superior Court.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Marvin Williams in the complaint said Flores in Sept. 1995 through Aug. 1996 "unlawfully took the property of the CNMI government by claiming and receiving overtime pay to which he was not rightfully entitled to."

Williams said the amount exceeded \$250.

The prosecutor said Flores "did an illegal act under the color of office while employed as a sergeant for the Department of Public Safety" by claiming the unlawful overtime pay.

During Monday's hearing, Associate Judge Edward Manibusan set the arraignment for Flores on May 4.

Meanwhile, the owners of Benki Water Sports have appealed to authorities to conduct a full-blown investigation into the mysterious fire that hit the establishment and three other diving shops near Hyatt Hotel in Garapan Friday early morning.

The owners suspected that the fire was intentionally set off. (FDT)



Ramon Villagomez, a 3rd grader of Whispering Palms, explains to students and a guest how his "toy submarine" functions during the 3rd annual science fair at the Multipurpose Building in Susupe yesterday. Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

# Car dealers say entry of non-US cars hurts

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff  
THE DECLINE in car sales stemming from the economic slump was an expected scenario but the further dip of automobile retailing brought about by allegedly unfair competition was definitely not a desirable development.

In fact, the Commonwealth Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) has ruled out significant growth in sales at the time the Asian financial turmoil started spreading to island countries in the Pacific region.

But car dealers in the Northern Marianas were caught surprised by the entry of vehicles from Korea that were not in compliance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

CADA secretary and Microl Corporation vice president Doug Brennan said the further drop in the number of new automobiles disposed in the local market is the eventual result of the importation of non-US compliant cars from Korea.

"The question here is why they can do it [importation of non-US certified Korean cars] and we cannot," Brennan told the Variety.

But he promptly added that CADA is raising the concern not because its member-dealers are interested in bringing in cars not certified by the US but because "we are complying with the law and we care about the safety of the community."

He added that the entry of non-US certified Korean cars, which are offered at a cheaper price, is hurting the already weak sales of vehicles that have passed the US standard.

"We are suffering a drop in sales because of economic factors and the importation of non-US certified cars," Brennan said.

Recession and car sales

The Asian crisis has taken its toll on the Northern Marianas' automo-

bile trading industry, a scenario predicted by local and regional economists at the onset of the region-wide financial turmoil.

CADA dealer-members have sold an accumulated 376 new units during the first quarter of the year. This figure represents an average of 125 cars sold per month, lower than last year's tally recorded at 162 units a month, and 1996's count at 140 cars.

Member dealers in 1996 sold 1,686 units of new cars. The 1997 figure was more encouraging with all six CADA members selling 1,949 new cars.

The grim picture started to surface during the first three months of the year with only 376 new units sold. Brennan also noted a plunge in the sales of used cars since January, an indication that the economic crunch has already spread out through other business sectors in the Commonwealth.

CADA records indicated that average monthly sales of used cars during the first quarter of the year was 84, a drop from last year's 97 used units. But the present tally is still higher than the 1996 figure which was recorded to have reached 37 sold used cars a month.

Brennan, citing CADA reports, disclosed that dealer members have sold 877 used cars in 1996. The figure jumped to 1,142 last year.

He said car dealers in the Northern Marianas have already started looking at the price levels of their units in an effort to cope with the crunch.

"We have started asking car manufacturers to give us discount," he said. This, he added, would help car dealers to come up with more competitive prices.

Brennan said the current situation in the car trading industry is not limited to Saipan.

Hestressed that other dealers from

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# Anti-graffiti bill to prohibit sale of spray paint to minors

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
A BILL introduced in the House of Representatives would prohibit the sale of spray paint and permanent markers to minors.

Introduced by Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Prec. 1, Saipan), House Bill 11-166, or the "Anti-Grffiti Act," also seeks to require stores to post warning signs.

The bill is co-sponsored by Reps. Maria T. Peter (Ind.-Prec. 3, Saipan), Melvin O. Faisao (R-Prec. 3, Saipan) and Maximo L. Olopai (D-Prec. 3).

It proposes a fine of up to \$500 and/or 3-day imprisonment for store owners or clerks who violate the prohibition, and for those found guilty of vandalizing property they don't own with spray paint or permanent markers.

The bill states that the Legislature should address "a significant problem in the commonwealth" regarding minors who vandalize personal and public property with spray paint or permanent markers.

But the bill would not prevent mi-

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# Visitor arrivals dip 31%

UNFORTUNATE events still plague the economies of the region and this has affected arrivals from all of the CNMI's tourism markets, the Marianas Visitors Bureau said.

March's visitor arrivals reported 43,275 visitors which is a 31% drop compared with March of last year, MVB said in a news release.

Korean arrivals continue to register the largest drop with March arrivals at 1,655 visitors, an 88% decline from last year.

The ongoing economic crisis

coupled with the currency devaluation and termination of direct flights services to Saipan are major factors affecting growth from this market, MVB said.

CNMI's primary market, Japan registered 34,759 visitors, a 12% decrease from the same time last year.

MVB Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane, however, is undaunted.

"MVB will continue to create opportunities to meet more media and travel agents," said Tomokane.

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## Flights

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### Brothel and word inventions

Anything that can go wrong will go wrong—Edward A. Murphy.

**BROTHEL** is a whorehouse. Okay. We admit and we sincerely apologize that we messed up. Our reporter inadvertently used such a bad, bad word when in his article he referred to Tinian Dynasty Casino Hotel's Emperor Sauna. It was without malice, we swear. It was an honest mistake. But we have no other excuse but Murphy's Law. If anything went wrong, well, it didn't go right. It's Murphy's fault.

The fact that English is not our native language may be a cheap excuse. But I thought it may be interesting to note certain English words that Filipinos use with meanings that are totally different from definitions by Webster, Oxford, or The American Heritage dictionaries.

Consider these:

**Salvage.** The real meaning is "to save." But to Filipinos, it means summary execution or gang-style murder. We don't know for sure how the word's meaning evolved. One theory has to do with our police's incompetence. They always fail to "salvage" a hostage or a kidnap victim, who during rescue operations always end up dead. Hence, they become "salvage victims." Another theory is that it originated from the Tagalog word *salbahe* /*sinalbahe* which, in loose sense, means "mischief" or "abuse." The police investigators, who didn't know any better, thought "salvage" was the English translation of *salbahe*. The Philippine media have since adopted the translation and perpetuated the idiom.

**Solon.** Filipinos use this word when referring to a lawmaker. Solon was an Athenian statesman and poet in the early sixth century B.C. who instituted legal reforms. That Athenian guy was supposed to be a man of wisdom, but don't ask me, even I myself don't understand why Philippine senators and congressmen are called solons.

**Fiscalize.** This word probably does not exist in any edition of any dictionary. Filipinos use it to mean "scrutinize." Prosecutors in the Philippines are called "fiscals." Part of their job is to ask questions during court hearings. So, when you are being interrogated, you are being *fiscalized*. Get it? The other meaning for the word is "to balance," but this will require a 2,000-character explanation.

It's interesting to know how words are coined and become part of the mainstream language. Many of the words and expressions that we use in everyday English were born from writers' imaginations. And many others were taken from names of real persons.

For example, *machievellian* which means manipulative or cunning, was taken from Niccolò Machiavelli, author of *The Prince*, in which he advised Lorenzo de Medici, prince of Florence, to use cunning and duplicity to attain power over the others.

The word *boycott*, meaning "to protest," was taken from Charles C. Boycott, an Irish land agent in the 19th century who was ostracized by tenants for refusing to lower the rents.

The Philippines' possible contribution to the English language is *imeldific*, which can refer to extravagance or unfashionable passion for shoes. Courtesy of Imelda Marcos.

There's a million more of these words, but it would probably be more interesting to coin our own words based on the real people that we actually know. Here's a list:

**Froilan.** To silence a person. Origin: Froilan Tenorio. When one has been told to "shut up" or "go to hell," he can say, "I have been *froilaned*."

**Gabaldonize.** To lampoon. Origin: Guy Gabaldon, author of those satirical personally-made newsletters—or whatever it's called—which lampoon whoever is *lampoonable*. If you're a bad guy and you find yourself in Guy's newsletter, you are *gabaldonized*.

**Mitchell.** *n.* synonym. **Rayphand.** A multimillion-dollar taxpayer's lawsuit. Origin: Ted Mitchell/ Jeanne Rayphand

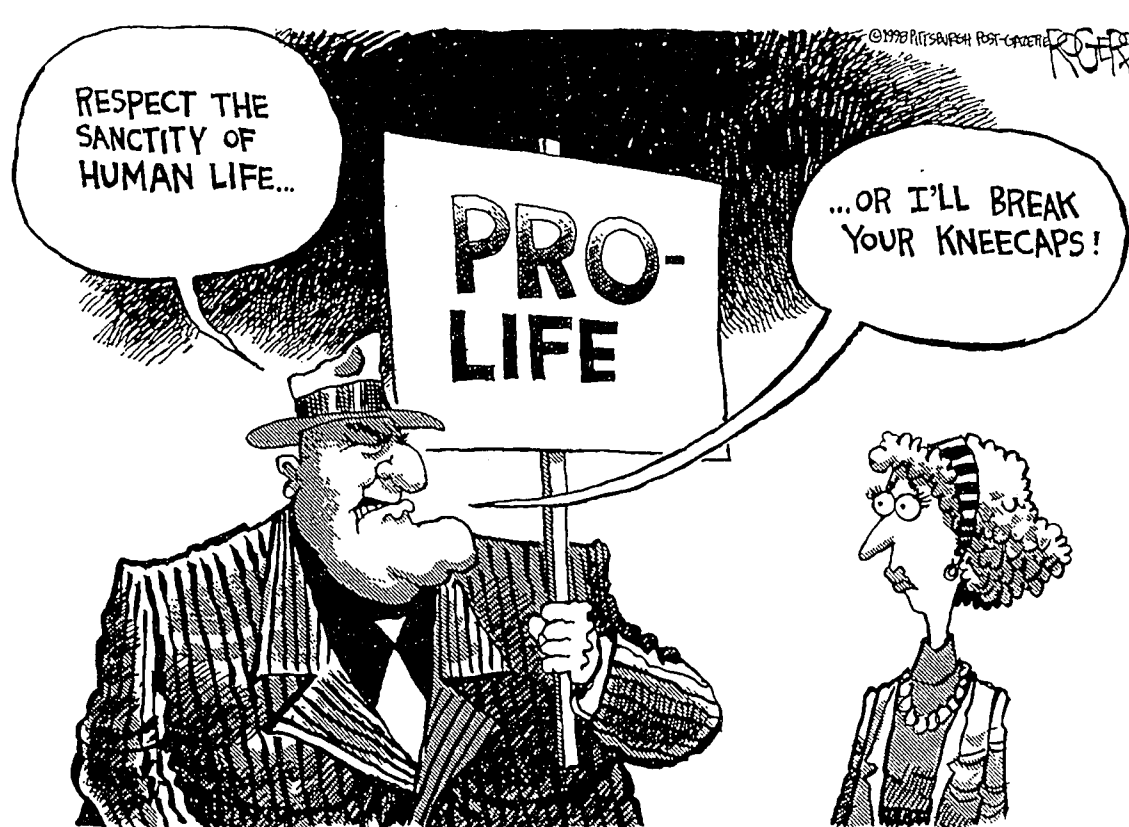
**Goldberg.** To deport. Origin: Rob Goldberg. A lawyer friend told me last week, and I quote him directly, "My clients have been *goldberged*."

**Campbellize.** If you violate the Americans With Disabilities Act, you will be *campbellized*, meaning you're facing an ADA suit at the US District Court. Origin: Bill Campbell

**Stanley.** An investigative activity, or a *serious* allegation. Can also be used as a verb. Origin: Stanley Torres, who during his term as congressman made a series of exposés. When the congressman implicated Asst. Atty. General Elliott Sattler in a lottery mess last year, Sattler remarked, "I have been *stan-licd*."

**Ayn Randitis.** A kind of incurable intellectual disease that afflict people who read *The Fountainhead* only after they graduated from college, and those who pathetically continue to preach the Ayn Rand philosophy even when they are no longer teenagers. We know a columnist who is afflicted with this disease.

I know I'll be getting a *bruce lloyd* remark. **Bruce Lloyd** means "sarcasm." Check out Bruce Lloyd's on-line CNMI News Service. Enough. I'm only kidding.



## A 'Flood' of medical info

By William L. Flood, MD  
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### The "Flu"

"IT'S only the flu" is a common enough diagnosis in most doctor's offices, but don't belittle this infection.

The flu, officially known as Influenza, has many different faces.

While the flu is usually a mild infection, it can be deadly.

In the early 1900's, the whole world suffered from an epidemic (called a "pandemic" when it involves so many) of influenza. Millions of persons died and many more suffered later complications, including Parkinson's Disease, a nervous disease which came on years later.

Interestingly, no other flu since then has been so severe, so worldwide, or followed by Parkinson's.

No one really knows why.

There are many different kinds of influenza. The two major kinds, Influenza A and B, cause annual outbreaks every winter.

The most common time we see the flu here in Saipan is in January to March, just after the Christmas holidays when travelers carry gifts, and infections, to all parts of the world.

Like most illness, it is better to prevent the flu than to try to treat it later.

Happily there is a flu shot available which will prevent most infections.

Also happily it is available here in Saipan, for free, at the Commonwealth Health Center. BUT:

- It takes 4-6 weeks for the flu shot to work, so waiting to get the shot until everyone around you is sick isn't going to work. Get the shot in the fall, around Halloween, so it is working in your system before the Christmas season.
- The influenza virus changes every year. This means that last year's shot won't work for this year's flu. You need to get the shot every single year.
- The shot does not always work. Because the shot needs to be given before the flu season, that means the Health Department needs to figure out, in advance, just what kind

of flu will be going around. Sometimes a brand new flu appears and the vaccine just doesn't work. Another reason it doesn't work is when you don't get it! (Like me, a real "shot-wimp").

The symptoms of the flu are pretty typical: Sudden fever, headache and body aches. You can treat these best with lots of fluids and a mild fever medicine, like Tylenol or Tempra.

Even better may be things like Advil or Motrin, but DO NOT TAKE ASPIRIN. Aspirin can have serious side effects in children and young adults with certain types of influenza.

Just don't use it. Sometimes vomiting, but less often diarrhea.

Treat this with frequent small sips of warm liquids, but not milk. If they stop wetting or are very drowsy or sick, they need to see a doctor.

Cough, often wheezy like asthma or bronchitis. More severe cough, with fever and rapid breathing, may signify pneumonia, a serious complication of the flu.

Most of the time the flu lasts just a few days and then goes away (too often just to a brother or sister).

It spreads by coughing, so those nearby are always at most risk.

When should you see the doctor?

1. If your child seems sicker than just the flu, or you are worried, that's good enough. Things like ear pain or sinus pain may be easy to treat.
2. Any sudden change in mental alertness.
3. Any worrisome change in breathing, like a worsening cough, especially with high fever and rapid breathing.
4. Severe muscle pains, especially after the fever is gone and especially if accompanied by pink-tinted urine.

That's about it. See you next Halloween. I'll be the one disguised as a brave pediatrician.

# Tinian projects awaited

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff

TINIAN is starting to see further development in the island's infrastructure but the Dynasty Hotel and Casino is resting its case on hopes to get an improved and extended airport runway within the year.

"The infrastructure is not as ideal as we would like to see but there are lots of improvements over the last few months," Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino general manager Tom Liu said.

He said the major concern will remain to be the extension of the runway and the improvement of the West Tinian International Airport facilities to allow more and bigger aircraft to come in.

"Probably the airport won't be done by year-end," Liu said when asked to



Tom Liu

comment on reports that the expansion project will not kick off within the year.

He agrees that the planning and construction of the runway or any major airport facility requires a lot of time.

"It does not happen overnight.

## Teno: Preston Gates billed NMI for March 31 hearing

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds has billed the CNMI for helping commonwealth leaders prepare for the US Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's March 31 hearing.

Tenorio, however, declined to reveal the amount, saying that the Attorney General's Office is currently reviewing it.

He said the administration has not signed a new contract with the Seattle-based law firm.

"We're on austerity now," Tenorio told reporters, but added that "we can't deny that important things need to be done."

Preston Gates' chief lobbyist for the CNMI, Jack Abramoff, here for a "stop over" visit, has met with the governor, Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan,

other administration officials and key legislators.

Tenorio said Abramoff "gave us advice" on recent developments in Congress.

Abramoff's visit followed that of senior congressional aide Manase Mansur, who was here recently to discuss a reform legislation to be introduced by US Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-California).

Contracted by the previous administration, Presto Gates received \$4.25 million during 1996-97, and is credited for persuading US House Republicans to block the passage of "federal takeover" legislation supported by the White House and Democratic members of Congress.

The governor and the Legislature have expressed willingness to continue retaining Preston Gates, saying that the CNMI should have "friends in Washington, D.C."

There is a lot of environmental issues... it requires a lot of studies," he said.

Liu said the airport construction will not happen in the immediate future, but expressed optimism that progress will be made as soon as possible "so that they can go ahead and start construction."

"Then, hopefully, after a year, or a year and a half we can have the facilities available," he told Variety.

Ports Authority executive director Carlos Salas said expansion of the West Tinian airport may not start within this year, stifling hopes to stir air traffic movement to and from the islands.

Salas said he is hoping the environmental assessment review process and the feasibility studies for the financing of the Tinian airport will be completed before the end of 1998.

He said CPA is looking at months or the entire 1998 for these processes to be completed, adding that the expansion project may kick off during the latter part of the year or during the first months of 1999.

He said the Ports Authority will start working on the financing aspect of the Tinian expansion project as soon as the environment assessment review is completed.

He added that the CPA would be conducting feasibility studies on the

financial aspect of the Tinian air and sea ports as well as the viability of tax revenues that can be generated from the casino industry.

Salas said the Ports Authority's declining revenues have been preventing the agency to float another bond for the West Tinian airport, but stressed that his office is committed to working out important details with regards to the repayment of the proposed bond.

## Mayor's office to remove dead animals from public roadways

By Haldee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

IN A move to get rid of dead animals on public roads, Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho has introduced a bill that would give the Mayor's office the responsibility of removing and disposing animal remains from public highways.

"There is a serious problem with dead animals along the side of public highways," House Bill No. 11-165 says, adding that "the problem has grown worse as the islands' population has increased and the traffic has gotten worse."

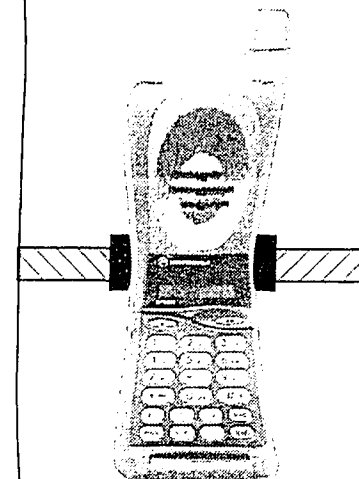
At present, there is no government agency that has the duty of removing and disposing the bodies of dead animal from roads. Even the Department of Public Safety has only limited responsibility of reporting dead animals.

Camacho's bill also calls for the Legislature to make an appropriation for the Mayor's office for the conduct of such.

The bill says that the Office of the Mayor for each island is the most appropriate agency to have this responsibility.

"This Office is close to the people of each island, and can respond quickly and effectively to this problem," states the bill.

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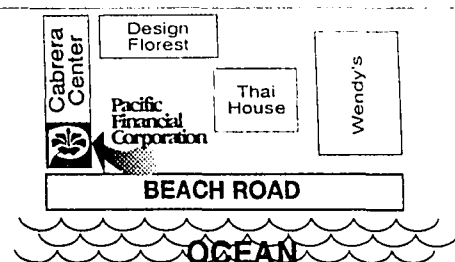
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# 70 gov't workers to be awarded

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff  
AN ESTIMATED 70 government employees will be given commendation for outstanding performance in public service next week, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) said yesterday.

sure, on the daily performance of public employees who are tasked to provide a variety of services to the citizens of the Commonwealth."

"The importance of public services rendered by public employees," he added, "is too often forgotten or ignored."

This was gathered even as Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, in simple rites also yesterday, signed a proclamation declaring May 4 to 11 this year as a "Public Service Recognition Week" to "honor public servants" who have made "great contributions" in the areas of health care, education, crime and fire prevention, and the conservation of energy and Commonwealth resources.

Joseph M. Pangelinan, OPM's Employee Development and Staffing Division (EDSD) chief, said around 70 employees from 60 divisions will be given awards.

These, he said, include those in the autonomous agencies like the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC), Marianas Visitor's Bureau (MVB), Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), the Retirement Fund (RF) and the Public School System (PSS).

"The effectiveness and efficiency of government," said Tenorio, "depends in large mea-

The EDSD is coordinating next week's event.

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Gov. Pete P. Tenorio (center) and Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan (left) extoll the dedication of public servants in delivering vital government services, during yesterday's signing ceremony for Public Service Recognition Week. With them at right is David Del Rosario, this year's events chairman. Photo by Zaldy Dandan

# House keen on Senate version of US car standards, amnesty bills

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
THE HOUSE of Representatives will hold a session today to pass the Senate version of a bill that would prohibit the importation and registration of motor vehicles that do not comply with US safety standards.

The Senate on Monday discarded the proposed law's original version, House Bill 11-58, citing legal technicalities in the way the House recalled and amended the bill.

Introduced by Rep. Oscar M. Babauta (R-Prec. 2, Saipan), the bill has already been sent to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, who had until Monday to act on it.

The House recalled the bill Friday to insert a "grandfather clause," which would exempt non-complying vehicles that are already here.

But Senate legal counsel Steve Woodruff said the request for a recall only came from the House and not from the Senate.

He said a bill could only be recalled through the request of both houses and with the concurrence of the governor.

To avoid possible legal complications, the Senate passed its own version, S.B. 11-45.

Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Prec. 2, Saipan) yesterday said the House will "clean up" the passage of the new bill, which was introduced by Senate Majority Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

"We will pass it," Benavente said, adding that "the important thing is to enact such legislation."

The speaker added that the House will also act on other bills, including H.B. 11-76, which would allow illegal aliens to seek amnesty and legal

employment.

The governor, Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan and Senate President Paul A. Mangiona (R-Rota) have expressed support for the bill.

Introduced by Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio (R-Prec. 1, Saipan), H.B. 11-76 would allow illegal aliens who avail of the immunity period to be "forever immune" from all prosecution.

The illegal aliens could also be issued a temporary work permit of up to three months, during which he could seek a permanent job.

The bill states that if the alien wishes to be repatriated, the Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) would assist him to obtain money for the air fare.

Under the bill, DOLI has to provide assistance to the alien or any of his family members who want to be repatriated.

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# WESTPAC: FDM must be closed to bombings

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff  
A REGIONAL environmentalist group is considering permanently closing the Commonwealth's Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) Island to bombing exercises by the United States' Navy.

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Joaquin A. Tenorio said the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council (WESTPAC), in its recently-held conference, had expressed concerns about the impact of the military drills on the island's and its immediate vicinities' ecology.

"(WESTPAC is) thinking about probably closing that (FDM) to the bombings because they (US Navy) are destroying the habitat (of the species that live there)," said Tenorio.

Tenorio nonetheless conceded that stopping the Navy's bombing activities can be an uphill climb considering that it is allowed under an existing agreement the Commonwealth had entered into with the federal government as part of its integration into the US political

system. Concerns about the adverse impact of the bombing exercises on FDM have mounted in recent months with various environmentalist groups, during separate conferences, agreeing that the drills could cause extensive damage to the area's marine life.

Tenorio had, himself, earlier said there may no longer be a need for the US to conduct such military exercises considering the current international geo-political situation.

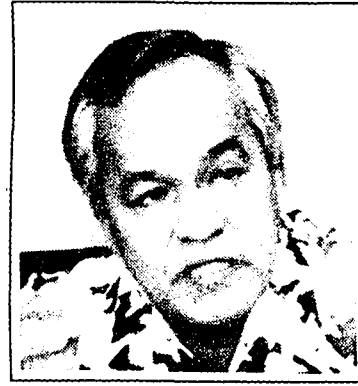
He said the bombings should eventually be stopped. He also vowed to pursue initial efforts taken on the issue by former Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Maggie Wonenberg.

Wonenberg had looked into the possibility of amending the CNMI's Covenant with the federal government to have provisions on unhampered use, by the latter, of FDM for military purposes deleted or watered down.

Previous studies have revealed that FDM is a potentially rich source of fishery resources.

# Froilan plans to make Tinian retirees' haven

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
FORMER Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has disclosed plans to put up a retirement business on Tinian.



Froilan C. Tenorio

The project which the former governor said would cost about \$10 million, would be patterned after Silverstorm, a private retirement center in Japan that caters to well-to-do senior citizens.

Tenorio said he is now working on the project with a Japanese partner.

"Japanese executives who have money can retire here and invite their relatives to come out here," Tenorio said in an interview during his visit Saturday at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

Silverstorm has its own clinic and recreational activities for its clients.

Tenorio said when he was

governor, he tried to bring in the Silverstorm in the CNMI but the plan did not prosper.

"It's going to be a corporation; we're now working on the plan and looking for financing," Tenorio said.

Tenorio said he is targeting Japanese tourists who frequently visit Commonwealth islands.

This business, Tenorio added, could help revive the CNMI's tourism.

"If we can have this people to stay here, their relatives would come also to visit them; as many as 400 people would come here every year," he added.

Tenorio also suggested that the government consider exploring other business opportunities in the island.

Tinian is being groomed by the government to be the "Las Vegas" of Micronesia. Another casino project to be called Tinian Marine Resort, will break ground in the island next month.

Hundreds of visitors mostly from Saipan visited Tinian Dynasty when it opened for the first time last Saturday.

Saying the island's population is expected to grow in the near future, Tenorio suggested that farming be encouraged in the island to meet the demands for food especially vegetables.

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# AROUND the Islands

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## Flame Tree Arts Festival Feature:

### 1998 Miss NMI International takes the stage



1998 Miss NMI International Sonya P. Pangelinan and Roxanne Maritita mingle at the 17th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival last Saturday. Photo by Laila C. Younis.

By Laila C. Younis  
Variety News Staff

1998 Miss NMI International Sonya P. Pangelinan stepped on stage last Saturday as Mistress of Ceremonies for the 17th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival and according to the newly crowned queen, it was an "exciting experience."

"I was very honored to participate in the Festival and to meet new faces and several distinguished individuals. It was an exciting and challenging experience," said Pangelinan.

"It was my first time to the Flame Tree Art Festival and it was wonderful to see many crafts and art works. My favorite crafts were the hand-made replicas of Ancient Chamorro tools," she said.

"I thought everyone enjoyed the Festival and it was very successful. I congratulate the Commonwealth Arts Council for Arts and Culture and other sponsors for a job well done," she added.

Later that day, Sonya also volunteered for the "Celebrity Bag-

ging" at Price Costco as part of the Division of Youth Services Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month Campaign.

"I was happy to have had the chance to show that I care and I hope that parents and other individuals will also take the time to care and serve as role models for the children," she said.

Pangelinan also pointed out that

plans are set for her to attend the Tinian San Jose Fiesta with 1998 Miss NMI Runner Katrina Manning and it is something she is "looking forward to".

"This is definitely a community event everyone should be a part of, as it happens only once a year," said Pangelinan.

"It is admirable how the island of Tinian can pull its resources

together to make the Fiesta happen. I'm sure it will be fun to attend with a lot of food, activities and great entertainment," she said.

"I will dedicate my time to promote many other worth while community activities, and I promise to contribute my efforts in representing the CNMI," she added.



A craft maker smiles while sharing a display of colorful Carolinian bead necklaces or "Lighatutur" at the 17th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival last Saturday. Photo by Frank Manibusan Elliptico

### CNMI JROTC Inter-island drill competition a success

ONE hundred twenty excited cadets from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan stood on the drill field (Tinian dock site) for a healthy 2nd Annual CNMI JROTC Inter Island Drill Competition on Tinian on April 25th, 1998.

The actual competition started on the early afternoon of Friday, April 24th with the Rifle Marksmanship Competition, followed by the Cadet Challenge which started in the early morning of Saturday, April 25th at about 6 a.m.

The inter island competition consisted of a total of five (5) events: Rifle Marksmanship, Cadet Challenge, Color Guard, Unarmed Drill, and the Armed Drill.

When all the scores were tallied up by the evaluators from the Guam Multiple School JROTC, the following standings were announced:

Rifle Marksmanship:  
1st place - Dolphin Battalion (Marianas High School);  
2nd place - Stallion Battalion

(Tinian High School);  
3rd place - Buck Battalion (Rota High School)

Cadet Challenge:  
1st place - Dolphin Battalion (Marianas High School)

2nd place - Stallion Battalion (Tinian High School)

3rd place - Buck Battalion (Rota High School)

Color Guard:  
1st place - Buck Battalion (Rota High School)

2nd place - Stallion Battalion (Tinian High School)

3rd place - Dolphin Battalion (Marianas High School)

Unarmed Drill

1st place - Buck Battalion (Rota High School)

2nd place - Stallion Battalion (Tinian High School)

3rd place - Dolphin Battalion (Marianas High School)

Armed Drill

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### CAO announces ceremony

THE CAROLINIAN Affairs Office is proud to announce that a ceremony known as Afeifei to unveil the newly build canoe has been scheduled for May 2, 1998 at 9 a.m. at the Carolin-

ian Ut in Garapan.

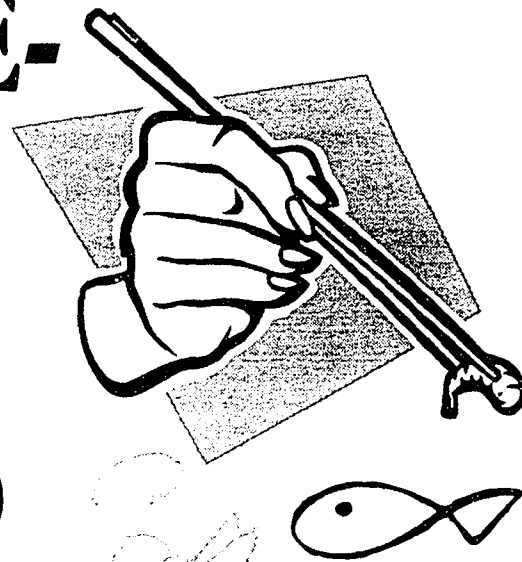
The general public is invited to come and witness this momentous event. Please bring your favorite dishes.

### Speech and drama festival

TODAY and Thursday, five high schools and a group from NMC will be participating in an island-wide Speech and Drama Festival. It will be held at Grace Christian Academy and will begin at 9:00 A.M. on both days.

There will be a panel of judges, including politicians and radio and television personalities.

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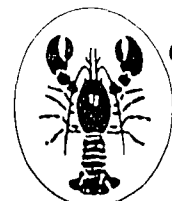


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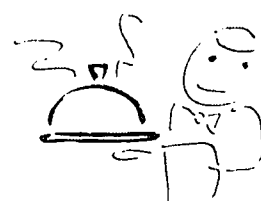
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### Villagomez requests Rota Mayor's help to cleanup park



Ramon G. Villagomez

By Marian A. Maraya

For the Variety

RETIREE CNMI Associate Justice and Boy Scout supporter Ramon G. Villagomez is seeking help from Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona regarding the maintenance of Tweeksberry Park where a proposed camporee is planned to take place in June.

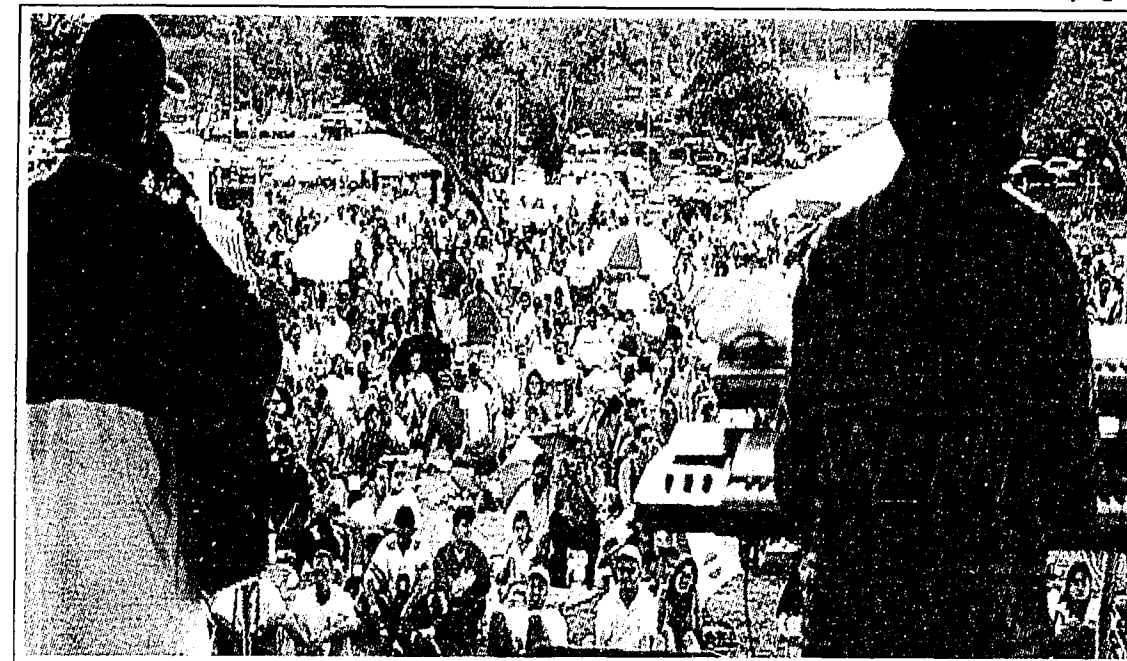
The Boy Scout Summer Camporee planned on Rota from June 21 to 28 is to be participated by approximately 120 boy scouts and 15 adult leaders.

During Villagomez's recent visit to the Park, he noticed that a large tree lay on top of the bathroom facilities which could pose as an inconvenience for the campers.

Villagomez is asking if the office of Manglona could assist them in making the park fit to be camped.

Villagomez suggested that government agencies join forces in mowing the grass, fixing the showers, bathroom facilities, and

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Hawaii Kalapana Band performs for a free concert last Sunday at Ypao Beach Park to thousands of fans. Nissan Motors sponsored the concert in conjunction to its 10th Anniversary. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

### GES Students of the Week



Apolonia Nepaial, first-grade student from Mrs. Castro's class, shows initiative to work without being told. She makes good use of her time and completes classwork efficiently and promptly.

She works hard everyday and is on the iAi Honor Roll. Apolonia comes to school well-groomed and ready to learn new things. She has a positive attitude in and out of the classroom. Apolonia is a model student that everyone likes to be with.

Congratulations Apolonia!

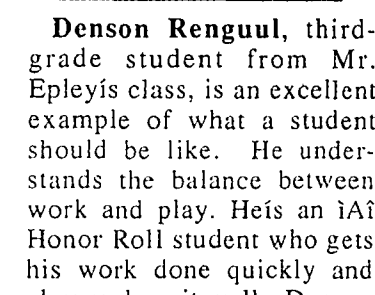


Angela Ruben, second-grade student from Mr.

Gaskill's class, is an iAi student who always turns her work in on time. She has a nice smile and is always helping her classmates. Angela was the class deputy and she enjoys helping her teacher. Keep up the good work Angela!



Na Young Kim, fourth-grade student from Mr. Seldomridge's class, always tries her best, completes her assignments and tries the extra-credit work. Na Young is a model student who is on the iAi Honor Roll. Her behavior and citizenship are excellent. Way to go Na Young!



Denson Renguul, third-grade student from Mr. Epley's class, is an excellent example of what a student should be like. He understands the balance between work and play. He is an iAi Honor Roll student who gets his work done quickly and always does it well. Denson also has fun at school by writing funny stories, playing hard in sports and being friendly to everyone. Students like Denson know that being successful in school makes it easier to enjoy life. Keep it up Denson.



Joseph Fital, fifth-grade student from Mrs. Snodgrass' class, participates and shows interest in class. He follows directions and makes good use of his time. Joseph works well with his classmates because he is cooperative and helpful. Joseph is a great student! Nice job Joseph!

### Special Literature Corner

If you have poems and short stories you would like to share, please mail to P.O. Box 231 or fax to 234-9271

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Your strength is believing in yourself,  
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You have come.  
Our beliefs, and dreams are seedlings of your guidance.  
And our courage comes from your wisdom.

And the walls you said never existed  
Because unless you do not try,  
nothing is possible.

On this day, and every moment you are with us,  
Know our love for you is boundless.  
Our dreams are your heritage.  
For what you have given us, we will return a thousand fold.  
And because of you, and all that

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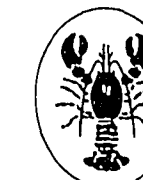
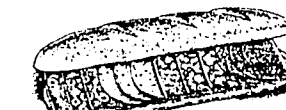
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# Bill eyes DPS advisory panel

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
A BILL filed in the House of Representatives is seeking the creation of a special commission that would serve as adviser to the Governor and the Public Safety Commissioner on the recruitment and training of public safety personnel.  
The purpose of the commission is to formulate policies and procedures necessary to launch a training program for public safety recruits

and in-service training programs for the [Department of Public Safety] personnel that meets the minimum national standards of training," according to House Bill 11-164, authored by Rep. Rosicky Camacho.  
The proposed advisory body to be called Commission of Peace Officers Standards Training, would be composed of seven members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.  
"The Commission members shall

serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of functions," the bill said.  
The members would serve staggered terms of four years.  
The commission would be attached to the Department of Public Safety.  
The Commission would also be assigned to draw up educational programs aimed at improving professionalism within the DPS, and to adopt rules related to its duties.

## About the economy

# Encouraging increased foreign investment

By William H. Stewart, Economist  
Economic Service Counsel  
Part 2 of 3

Continued from yesterday

The drafters of legislation effecting either existing or potentially new businesses must realistically examine the situation from the investor's view point. In order to do this, one must recognize two factors basic to the issue.

Given the fierce competition for foreign investment among countries around the Pacific rim, the islands should abandon the attitude that they are doing a potential investor of large project a favor by letting him do business in the area.

It is actually the other way around, the businessman making a large capital investment does the area a great service by investing within its borders.

Second, there must be an appreciation of what investment capital really is . . . and from what it is derived. Governments frequently have a problem with this. Investment capital is risk, venture funds. Nothing in business is certain and one enters the venture (perhaps adventure is a better word) and takes the risk that the endeavor will be a success and that the investor will be rewarded. The reward for taking the risk is the profit earned.

The money which is put at risk is itself a product of thrift, prudence, planning, management and in some cases sacrifice. It is extremely rare for such money to flow into areas where these traits are not respected.

In these changing times it is difficult enough to compete and succeed in business in one's own home country where the laws are familiar and where there is no question as to one's rights in terms of ownership of assets, profit and such other business essentials as respect for contract, etc.

When businessmen and women review the business potential of an area, no factor escapes analysis, most of all the so called "business climate" and the experience of other foreign investors in the area.

These are just a few things to keep in mind when establishing the "investment climate" to which one hopes to attract such funds.

It is worthwhile considering that development itself can not be "legislated" as is so commonly thought in the islands. Only the legal environment known as the "business climate" under which such investment is expected to thrive can be established by an area's legislative body and even then there is no guarantee investment will result, but such legislation is, in a real sense, a "welcome mat".

One of the measures of how badly an area wants foreign investment may be gleaned from the incentives it offers. These can take various forms, several of which follow as examples found in the various states in the United States as well as other countries. It should be realized, however, that they may not all be appropriate for the Commonwealth.

- Training of employees at government expense;
- Provision of access roads to business site locations not presently



Bill Stewart

located adjacent to a public highway;

- Provision of utility lines (water, power, sewer) to the business property line when such sites are not located along such facilities;
- Assistance with the construction of shell buildings for either lease, lease with an option to buy or outright purchase;
- Duty free importation of raw materials equipment and supplies (when are not for resale within the country);
- Tax holiday;
- Establishment Of A Free Trade Zone: Consideration should be given to establishing legislation to create a "Free Trade Zone" within the boundaries of both the airport and seaport property. Such a zone would permit duty free entry for certain "selected" desirable facilities of all machinery, processing equipment and raw materials without payment of import duties, (excise tax) and without a tax levied on those processed or manufactured items when exported, (user's fees). In terms of the Saipan International Airport those products which have high value in relation to bulk can bear the air freight charges associated with their transport to market would be the types of products that could be manufactured within the zone. This issue is quite important since our major competitor in the area for investors is Guam which is a "duty free" port.

• Guarantee against an increase in taxes for a specified period.  
With respect to the latter incentive, the following is suggested for consideration. This need not necessarily be confined solely to foreign investment but can be directed to local business investment as well.  
TAXES  
Some stimuli are necessary to encourage increased private investment within the potential production sectors of the economy and, to the extent possible, direct investment away from consumption oriented enterprises.  
In a society where any local investor is free to enter any legitimate business, some inducements may be necessary to convince businessmen to take the risk in implementing new productive endeavors particularly those the government desires to see undertaken.  
In this regard the government should also indicate a willingness to assist in sharing the risk as well. This can take the form of a tax holiday for "approved" projects.  
Consideration should be given to enacting a law designed to offer tax relief for a period of several years for those undertaking new projects.  
Of course, care must be taken to avoid prejudice against those already

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# Nena submits \$22M budget

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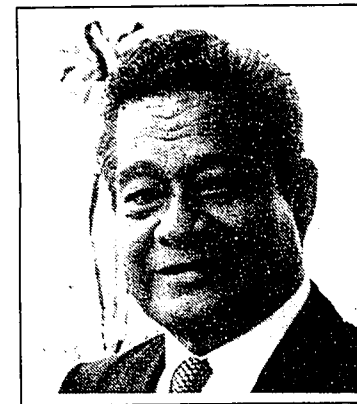
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**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSMIS)**—President Jacob Nena has submitted to FSM Congress the Administration's \$22M budget plan for Fiscal Year 1999.



Jacob Nena

The measure contains funding requirements for the Executive, Legislative, Judiciary and all independent agencies including special programs of the National Government.

The budget reflects a structure that can provide essential, effective and economical to this Government, Nena stated in a news release.

"The policy of this administration is to hold the growth and to continually reduce the size and expenditure to the size and level of resources that may be available in the future," said Nena.

Nena's budget reflected a total proposed budget of \$22,109,147.

Of this total, \$21,690,147 will be derived from current general fund with \$519,000

from surveillance grants.

A total of \$12,688,093 will be for the operation of the Executive Branch, \$2,726,200 for Legislative, \$956,700 for Judiciary, \$492,900 for Public Auditor, \$1,554,411 for Agencies and \$3,690,843 for other programs and subsidy contributions.

Also included is \$896,506 to service the Early Retirement Loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), \$304,152 for Energy,

\$882,000 for Telecommunication, \$188,000 for Health and Medical referral program and \$457,925 for others.

The Capital budget for development is \$7,606,700 of which \$2,960,00 for the College of Micronesia-FSM, \$130,000 for upgrading staff, \$500,000 for FSM 2000 Population and Housing Census, \$200,000 for National Visitors Council and \$187,000 for a regional livestock project.

Nena stated that he has re-designed a total of \$5,717,000 from the current general fund in to the Compact capital account to supplement the development budget requests. Partial Funding will be made available from the Post-Secondary funding under Section 216 (a) (3) of the Compact, Nena added.

Nena recommends that \$2,000,000 of the \$15 million estimated to remain available be set aside as a trust fund to supplement funding for the future years when less Compact funding becomes a reality.

Nena advised that it is not necessary now to create any legal requirements. Additionally, without it will give more usage flexibility.

## FSM bill to establish aquaculture revolving fund

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSMIS)**—President Jacob Nena has transmitted to Speaker Jack Fritz a proposed legislation to establish an aquaculture revolving fund similar to the existing maritime operation revolving fund.

This will enable the FSM aquaculture center in Kosrae to retain income derived from sale of giant clams and other products for operation of the center rather than reverting it into the general fund of the FSM Government, Nena explained in a news release.

The arrangement will enable the government to better gauge the Center's progress toward self-sufficiency and eventual privatization of the center, he said.

The proposed bill provides that future appropriations and revenues of the center shall be deposited in the fund and any unexpended balance shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

It also provides that the President or his designee will be responsible for the administration of the fund who shall report to Congress status of fund at the close of each fiscal year.

## Elsewhere in the Pacific

# Australian Gov't moves to protect the Marlin

The Australian Government has introduced legislation into the Senate to protect black marlin and blue marlin from commercial fishing.

The Minister for Resources and Energy, Senator Warwick Pater, noted that: Black marlin and blue marlin are prized by game fishermen, but are occasionally caught by commercial fishing operators.

"Game fishing and commercial fishing are both valuable industries, and we want to ensure that they do not conflict with one another," said Pater in a news release.

"Game fishing is particularly important in the Coral Sea off Northern Queensland, which is one of the few parts of the world where game fishers can chase the elusive 1000 pound (453 kg) black marlin.

"The game fishing industry's tag and release program means that most of these magnificent fish are released back into the ocean.

"In the 1996 election campaign, we promised that we would impose a mandatory ban on the taking of black marlin and blue marlin by commercial operators if the existing voluntary

ban proved to be ineffective," the release said.

According to the release, small number of commercial operators ignored the voluntary ban. As a result, Pater announced last year that "we would legislate to protect black marlin and blue marlin from commercial fishing."

"Commercial fishing operators that catch black and blue marlin will be required to return them to the sea, whether the fish are dead or alive. The penalty for breaking the law will be a fine of up to A\$13,750," the Minister said.

# Vanuatu defers VAT

**PORT VILA (Pacnews)**—Vanuatu's finance minister, Sela Molisa, has announced a one month deferral in the implementation of the Value Added Tax (VAT) and changes to business license fees.

Molisa took the move after consultation with the council of ministers.

He says VAT and the new fees would be implemented as from August 1, and not July 1, which

was the previous target date, the Trading Post reports.

He says planning for implementation of VAT by the VAT office is well in advance, however the one month deferral will give businesses more time to prepare for the changes.

Molisa says he's pleased with the high quality of submissions from the business sector and their desire to make constructive contributions.

# Preparations underway for cease-fire Thursday

**MELBOURNE (Pacnews)**—Preparations are intensifying on Papua New Guinea's Bougainville island for Thursday's signing of a ceasefire to end the ten years secessionist war.

The ceasefire agreement which was initiated in Canberra several weeks ago is undergoing a number of last minute alterations, Radio Australia reports.

Organisers are still hoping that the secessionist president, Francis Ona,

will change his mind and give his endorsement to the ceasefire signing.

Officials from all factions with the possible exception of Ona's are due to meet tonight onboard the Australian navy ship, the HMAS Tobruk.

Tobruk will be the venue for a leaders meeting Wednesday, which is expected to be attended by Papua New Guinea's prime minister, Bill Skate, and the secessionist vice-president, Joseph Kabui.

# Kiribati observes Int'l Women's Day

**TARAWA (Pacnews)**—Women groups in Kiribati's capital South Tarawa celebrated the International Women's Day Monday because of other commitments on March 8, the actual date for this international event.

More than a 100 women in their colourful uniforms, staged a march past the R-K Uatua stadium in

Bairiki in honour of the chief guest President Teburoro Titi, government ministers, members of the diplomatic corp, church leaders and other invited guests.

They were led by the police brass band, Radio Kiribati reports.

In her opening address Madam Keina Tito urged women to involve themselves in money generat-

ing ventures as money becomes a necessity for life on South Tarawa.

She praised the women who sell fish, local produce, and other items at the Bairiki Square, the Betio and Bikenibeu markets, saying these women were helping to earn money for their family's survival.

# Death penalty being sought in Solomons

**HONIARA (Pacnews)**—A leader from Solomon Islands Guadalcanal Province has called on the Alliance for Change government to introduce the death penalty in the country for murderers.

Provincial Assembly Member and Former Guadalcanal Premier Siriaako Usa made the call in a letter to Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulufa'alu following the brutal killing of a Guadalcanal woman in Honiara last week.

Usa says the government was not doing enough to sa domestic needs.

Water Engineer-Western Sandy Reid says a restriction has already been gazetted and therefore, people are expected to abide by the restriction, Island Networks Corporation reports.

Reid says the department intends to disconnect people they see misusing water and watering their gardens

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# Tongan in cocaine ring

**NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)**—A Tongan man was the alleged leader of a one million pa'anga (\$US651,000) cocaine importing ring which used hollowed-out yams to smuggle the drugs into New Zealand.

The New Zealand Herald stated that the High Court in Auckland heard last week that 'Epalahame 'Alamoni Liava' a masterminded a cocaine importing ring consisting of six people, Radio Tonga reports.

In his opening address in the trial of Richard John Te Rure, Crown Prosecutor David Colbert said Te-Rure and a William Allen had bought cocaine from Liava'a's importing ring.

Te-Rure who is the last alleged member to be tried pleaded not guilty to one count of conspiring to supply cocaine between May 1996 and January 1997.



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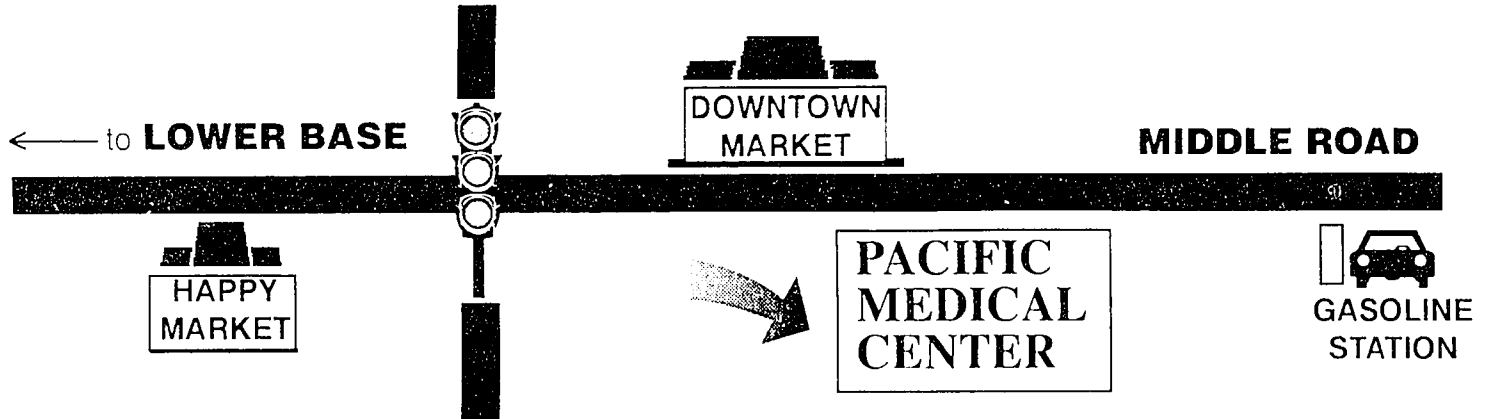
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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions.....	\$ 307,822	Deposits.....	\$ 5,010,852
Securities.....	668,289	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase.....	618,081
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	152,400	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury.....	None
Loans and lease financing receivables		Trading liabilities.....	None
Loans and leases,		Other borrowed money.....	97,237
net of unearned income.....	5,065,609	Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases.....	736
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses.....	65,184	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding.....	867
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve.....	None	Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits.....	None
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance and reserve.....	5,000,425	Other liabilities.....	182,800
Assets held in trading accounts.....	None	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>5,910,573</b>
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases).....	222,551	EQUITY CAPITAL	
Other real estate owned.....	28,720	Perpetual preferred stock.....	None
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies.....	23,323	Common stock.....	16,227
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding.....	867	Surplus.....	410,445
Intangible assets.....	80,050	Undivided profits and capital reserves.....	305,042
Other assets.....	157,564	Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities.....	(276)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,642,011</b>	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments.....	None
		<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL.....</b>	<b>731,438</b>
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,642,011</b>

## REPORT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK-Saipan OPERATIONS

at the close of business the 31st day of December 1997 (In thousands)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Loans.....	\$ 11,655	Deposits.....	\$ 327
Premises and fixed assets.....	166	Due to Head Office.....	11,494
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 11,821</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>\$ 11,821</b>

The audited report of First Hawaiian, Inc. and subsidiaries and unaudited report of First Hawaiian Bank-Saipan Operations are available for public review at the Office of the Director of Banking, Department of Commerce and Labor, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

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# 1,600 join lawsuit vs noise at US air base

TOKYO (AP) — A total of 1,607 Japanese living near a U.S. Navy air base outside Tokyo filed suit Monday, demanding the Japanese government compensate them for noise caused by aircraft.

The lawsuit, the third of its kind by residents living near Atsugi Naval Air Facility south of Tokyo, bring to 5,047 the number of plaintiffs in the class action suit.

An official at the Yokohama District Court, where Monday's suit was filed, said the plaintiffs are requesting 1.27 billion yen (dlsr 9.7 million) in compensation.

A similar suit involving the Atsugi base was partially successful in 1995, when the state was ordered to pay 69 plaintiffs a total of 106 million yen (\$809,000). But their demand for a ban on flights by U.S. military jets and Japanese Air Self-Defense Force aircraft at night and during early morn-



Finance Ministry bureaucrat Atsushi Nagano, second from right, walks through the media as he gets into a car in front of the Finance Ministry in Tokyo Monday. Nagano, chief of the Securities Bureau, submitted his resignation after the ministry punished 112 of its officials for receiving lavish entertainment from financial companies. AP

# Finance Ministry punishes 112 execs in entertainment scandal

TOKYO (AP) — In an unprecedented attempt to repair its battered public image, the Finance Ministry announced Monday that it was punishing 112 of its officials for receiving lavish entertainment from financial institutions.

Two senior bureaucrats resigned after their punishments were announced.

Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga said the punishments were the result of a three-month, in-house investigation into the ties of 550 ministry officials to the private financial sector.

"It is with great pain that I must announce that 112 officials will receive severe punishment," Matsunaga told a gathering of ministry officials.

The investigation began after four officials from the ministry were arrested on charges of bribery earlier this year.

The four allegedly extended favors or revealed confidential information to banks and brokerages after being treated to expensive dinners and golf outings by representatives of the companies.

Japanese bureaucrats long have accepted lavish attention from private companies.

Former finance minister Hiroshi Mitsuoka and another ranking official resigned earlier this year over the scandal, although they were not directly implicated. It is common in Japan for top officials of institutions to quit when subordinates have been accused of wrongdoing.

Atsushi Nagano, chief of the Securities Bureau, Takashi Sugii of the ministry's banking bureau resigned.

# Self-proclaimed sorcerer sentenced to death for ritual killing of 42 women

LUBUKPAKAM, Indonesia (AP) — An Indonesian court on Monday condemned to death a self-proclaimed sorcerer who was found guilty of killing 42 women, purportedly in order to strengthen his magic power.



Self-proclaimed sorcerer Ahmad Suradji, center, is led out of jail by police to his final court hearing for murder in Lubukpakam, northwest of Jakarta Monday. An Indonesian court condemned Suradji, 47, to death after he was found guilty of killing 42 women. AP

Some onlookers in the sweltering courthouse cheered when a three-judge panel read out the penalty for Ahmad Suradji, who was convicted in the town of Lubukpakam on Sumatra island.

Suradji, 47, remained impassive and was driven away in a van by police after the three-and-a-half-hour hearing.

Also known as Nasib Kalewang, Suradji was arrested in April last year after the discovery of a victim's body in a sugar cane field near his house. Dozens of bodies were discovered later in the same field.

Also on trial is 39-year-old Tumini, the eldest of his three wives, who are all sisters. A state prosecutor is seeking the death penalty, alleging that she took part in the killings.

A verdict on Tumini is expected Wednesday by the same court near the North Sumatra provincial capital of Medan, 1,400 kilometers (870 miles) northwest of Jakarta.

A total of 106 witnesses testified against Suradji, whose case attracted international attention.

Outside the courthouse, people watched the proceedings on televisions set up under canopies.

Both Suradji and Tumini had denied the killings, saying they confessed to the slayings because they could no longer bear torture by interrogators. Suradji's lawyers said they will appeal.

Suradji was said to have killed the women, aged between 12 and 30 years, over 11 years in the belief that this would increase his magic powers. All were strangled.

All of the victims were believed to be seeking his help to make their husbands or boyfriends faithful.

Police said he lured each woman to the field, buried her up to the waist in the ground, and then strangled her before reburying her with her head pointing toward his home.

# US pushes wheat exports to China

BEIJING (AP) — Research that helped persuade Brazil to accept imports of U.S. wheat will also be presented to China next month, in an effort to overcome Chinese barriers to U.S. wheat, a senior U.S. agriculture official said Monday.

China has refused since 1973 to buy wheat from the U.S. Pacific Northwest, contending it may be tainted with the fungus TCK.

U.S. officials have disputed China's claims, saying the fungus is harmless and that China lacks the natural conditions for it to spread. Northwest farmers lose an estimated \$100 million in sales per year because of China's ban, U.S. officials have said.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Michael Dunn, who is visiting Beijing, said a new international study about the fungus would be presented at a three-day meeting of U.S. and Chinese experts next month in Shanghai.

He said the study recently helped lift a Brazilian ban on U.S. wheat imposed in September 1996 over concerns about TCK.

Dunn reported no major progress on the dispute from his meetings with Chinese officials, but said "They have indicated a willingness to listen to what we're saying."

The issue could complicate China's bid to join the World Trade Organization. Washington wants China to open its markets further to agricultural imports before it joins the rule-setting body on world trade.

U.S. officials have argued that China's wheat ban may be politically motivated, not least because shipments from other infected countries have been accepted.

They also say the ban is based on bogus scientific standards that are being used as excuses to prevent U.S. imports from entering Chinese markets.

But Ray Miyamoto, a Beijing-based U.S. food health official, said Chinese quarantine authorities are moving toward accepting international norms.

The difference since a few years ago is "like night and day," Miyamoto said.

"They're really falling in line with international standards."

# Vietnam sticks to 9% growth projections

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam is sticking to its estimate of 9 percent economic growth this year even though the target will be tough to meet, Prime Minister Phan Van Khai told local reporters.

"Whether we can achieve that target also depends on objective factors," Khai was quoted by the newspaper Nguoi Lao Dong as saying. "We would lose our 'militant spirit' if we adjust the target now."

Khai said the government is preparing new investment incentives, for both foreign and local investors, to be approved by the National Assembly's Standing Committee in order to boost the economy.

"It would be extremely difficult to achieve the target if the investment (environment) remains unchanged," he said.

Vietnam admitted last week that gross domestic product officially grew only 8.8 percent in 1997, down from the 9 percent target.

However, economists estimate growth is as low as 5 percent to 7 percent.

The country has seen a sharp decrease in foreign investment and trade in the fallout from Asia's financial and monetary crisis.

Vietnam has effectively devalued the dong by only 15 percent, while the currencies of its regional competitors have plunged, making Vietnam's exports less competitive.

Meanwhile, Communist Party General Secretary Le Kha Phieu told the newspaper Youth last week that he will allow party members to get involved in private capitalist projects.

"There are ways of doing business which are not in line with the party statute and policy, but they bring efficiency," he said.

"The necessary reaction is not to prevent that effective way (of doing business), but (we) should consider whether our policies and goals are suitable."

Phieu said he has instructed local governments to allow farmers who have acquired large tracts of land to continue operation, despite a legal ceiling of five hectares (12 acres).

"The establishment of private farms is a new issue. Thousands of farms have been set up. I have to say the private farm economy is doing well," Phieu said.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

4/28/98

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The Meeting is scheduled to continue from day to day until completed and as such, the meeting will be reconvened the following day at the same time and at the same place if the boards calls a recess of this meeting. The meeting will be held at Northern Mariana Islands Retirement fund Conference Room at Nauru Building in Susupe.

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Minutes
  - (a) November 25, 1997
  - (b) December 24, 1997
3. Report of the Legal Counsel
4. Unfinished Business
  - (a) Rudolph's Pizza
  - (b) Saipan Cellular and Paging - Lease Agreement
  - (c) Solid Builders
  - (d) MDM - Request for extension
  - (e) Nakamoto Development - Lease
  - (f) NMI Retirement Fund - Rota
  - (g) Senate Bill 11-19
  - (h) CNMI v. Anglo (Dadang Six Matter)
5. Homestead Matters
6. Miscellaneous
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment

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# Malaysia turns to rainmakers

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Desperate for water, the Malaysian government has given rainmakers a second shot at making it pour on the capital by manipulating energy fields.

"We welcome any offer of help now because of the dry period," environment minister Law Hieng Ding told local daily The Star in Monday editions.

Regarding the same firm's failure to deliver promised rain during a 1991 drought in Malacca state by "manipulating the chi and ether" for a fee of 3.2 million ringgit (\$860,000), Law said the government would disregard the firm's past track record.

"They are doing their experiments now for free," he said.

This time around, the firm plans to "guide clouds" over water catchment areas in the capital, where nearly 2 million residents have been facing severe water rationing for weeks.

A second firm will attempt to disperse the haze by dousing fires

with its "cyclone-creating" technology.

Chi is the Chinese term for energy; ether is an imaginary substance regarded by the ancients that fills space beyond the sphere of the moon and makes up the stars and planets.

"No one has really proven the science behind this. It might be as effective as flying in some Navajo Indians to do a rain dance," said Sabri Zain, director of communications for the World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia.

In any case, Sabri pointed out that only 10 percent of water in city catchment areas comes from direct rainfall.

The main source of water comes from mountain forests, where upstream water catchments were losing their effectiveness due to deforestation.

Previous government measures to combat the water shortage has revolved around more orthodox cloud-seeding exercises and drilling for underground water.



Two Malaysian workers working in a warehouse wear masks, one with surgical one, to protect against the haze in Kuala Lumpur Friday. Saturday's readings of the Air Pollutant Index (API) for Kuala Lumpur was 74, well below the moderate level. AP

# Grand jury eyes Hillary tapes

**By PETE YOS WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Whitewater grand jury investigating Hillary Rodham Clinton will see the first lady's videotaped testimony, a step that could be a prelude to considering whether criminal charges are warranted in the probe.

The plan is to present Mrs. Clinton's five hours of videotaped testimony, taken Saturday, to the grand jury in Little Rock, Arkansas, said lawyers familiar with Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity.

White House officials declined to say whether Mrs. Clinton answered all the questions or asserted any legal privileges in her latest session with prosecutors.

She has undergone questioning on five previous occasions in the Whitewater investigation.

There were calls Sunday from Clinton supporters for the investigation of the first lady to end with the expiration of the grand jury on May 7.

"No new light has been shed on anything that they've known for over two years," former White House lawyer Jane Sherburne said on ABC television's "This Week."

"I don't think they've begun to find enough that they could indict her on."

"She has no involvement in anything that even approaches criminality" and "Mr. Starr has never had a case against Mrs. Clinton," former White House special counsel Lanny Davis said on Cable News Network's "Late Edition."

Meanwhile, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch said he expected a "highly critical" report but doubted "the first lady is going to be indicted, no matter how much her fingerprints are on almost everything."

## Ex-VA chief named to Gulf Illness Board

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Bill Clinton said Monday he will appoint Jesse Brown, his former secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be vice chairman of a special group that is overseeing the Pentagon's investigation of Gulf War chemical and biological incidents.

The group's chairman is former Sen. Warren Rudman. It is overseeing the Pentagon's effort to determine whether releases of chemical or biological agents during and after the 1991 Gulf War may be linked to mysterious illnesses suffered by veterans.

Brown was veterans affairs chief from 1993 to 1997.

Clinton also named five other members to the oversight board. They are environmental consultant Vinh Cam of Greenwich, Connecticut; retired Army Lt. Gen. Marc Anthony Cisneros of Premont, Texas; retired Navy Rear Adm. Alan M. Steinman of Arlington, Virginia; retired Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., a former chief of naval operations, of Arlington, Virginia; and David Moore of Aurora, Illinois, a deputy sheriff for Kane County, Illinois.

from Whitewater up to now in the eyes of many who are looking at this objectively."

"But if she was indicted, I think it would be a dramatic, very interesting and, I think, worrisome thing," he said on NBC television's "Meet the Press."

In a sidewalk interview later with ABC, Hatch added, "I personally don't think (an indictment) would be good for the country."

Mrs. Clinton's videotaped testimony will help Whitewater grand jurors in Arkansas assess her account and could assist them in deciding whether criminal charges are warranted, legal experts said.

Starr's "close to a decision one way or the other on Mrs. Clinton, and he would want the grand jury to have a chance to look her in the eye before they signed off one way or the other," Georgetown University law professor Paul Rothstein said.

The grand jury has been investigating the roles of Mrs. Clinton and her former law partner Webster Hubbell in a failing Arkansas savings and loan owned by the Clintons' former busi-



President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton peer into the audience looking for author E.L. Doctorow before the Clintons spoke at a Democratic National Committee 150th anniversary fundraiser at the National Theater in Washington Sunday. AP

ness partner in the Whitewater land development deal, Jim McDougal.

Mrs. Clinton has steadfastly denied wrongdoing.

While the Arkansas grand jury focuses on the S-and-L, a grand

jury in Washington is investigating Hubbell on possible tax violations related to financial assistance to him and his family, much of it arranged by friends of the Clintons.

Hubbell and his family collected more than \$ 700,000 while he was under investigation in Whitewater in 1994 and during the time he had promised to cooperate with the probe in early 1995.

Starr has been investigating whether the money was an inducement to thwart the investigation, in which Hubbell's testimony has proven largely useless.

Senior Clinton adviser Mack McLarty said he was simply trying to aid a friend when he organized help for Hubbell after informing the first lady in March 1994.

"I think the essence here, if I understand it, is some kind of motives for hush money ... and ... there's never been any indication of that," McLarty told CNN. "I certainly wouldn't have participated in anything like that."

"There was no orchestration at all," he said. The assistance was "simply trying to help another human being, in this case someone who had come to Washington from Arkansas."



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/s/FELIX R. NOGIS  
JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## Motorists stopped for drug testing at random

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Hundreds of motorists passing from Thailand to Malaysia were stopped and made to produce urine samples as part of a cross-border drug crackdown, a news report said Monday.

Police said a 30-officer anti-narcotics team flagged motorists at random for mandatory spot tests. Motorists who failed to cooperate were detained, Monday's Star newspaper reported.

The full-day operation, at the Bukit Kayu Hitam border checkpoint between northern Malaysia and southern Thailand, yielded 10 positive urine tests.

The report did not say where the motorists were made to produce the samples.

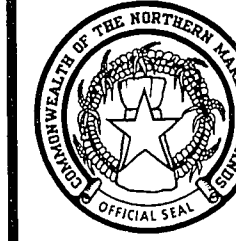
Authorities said they suspected truck and taxi drivers took drugs to endure their long journeys.

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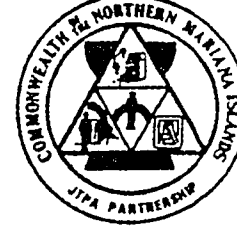
**BEIJING (AP)** — A rock singer and a businessman in southwestern China have been sentenced to three years in a labor camp for telling overseas groups about the detention of four dissident poets, a human rights group reported Monday.

Wu Ruojie, a rock singer and brother of one of the poets, and Li Yi, a businessman, were recently sentenced for allegedly having "divulged state secrets" and are being held near Guiyang city, the Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said.

News of Wu and Li's sentences was published April 26 in the Guiyang Evening News, the Hong Kong-based group said.



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# 4 Japan parties coalesce

TOKYO (AP) — Three political parties merged Monday with the Democratic Party of Japan to form the nation's largest opposition group, party sources said.

With 131 members in both houses of Parliament, the enlarged Democratic Party will be second in size only to the 379-member ruling Liberal

Democratic Party, said Democratic Party spokeswoman Noriko Habermeier.

The heads of the Democratic Party and the three other parties — the Amity Party, the Good Government Party and the Democratic Reform Party — will formally ratify their merger at a meeting Monday evening.

Habermeier said.

The new party will appeal to voters by calling for a smaller national government and greater reliance on market forces, it said.

The incumbent Liberal Democrats are usually associated with the stated economic policies that guided Japan's rise to economic power in the

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The Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), represented by Mr. Juan S. Tenorio, Chairman, is informing the public that NMHC's Rota Field Office will be accepting applications for the Rota Section 8 Housing Program Waiting List.

Acceptance of applications will begin on April 27, 1998 and will close on May 8, 1998 or immediately after the submission of thirty (30) applications. NMHC will accept applications only from families numbering 4 to 8 for three bedroom units and families numbering 6 to 10 for four bedroom units.

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For details regarding the nature of the Section 8 Existing Housing Program, contact Mr. Charles A. Mangiona, Rota Field Representative, at 532-9410, or visit NMHC's Rota Field Office at Songsong Village, Rota.

/s/MARYLOU S. ADA  
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Naoto Kan, the leader of the newly launched Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), center, answers reporters' questions during a news conference following the party's inaugural ceremonies at a Tokyo hotel Monday. Four opposition parties merged into the new party to challenge the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. AP

1960s and 1970s. But many now blame Japan's powerful bureaucrats for the stubborn economic slump and incessant scandals that have plagued the country in this decade.

Except for a brief period in the mid-1990s, Liberal Democratic prime ministers have ruled Japan continuously since the party formed in 1955.

Leadership of the new Democratic Party will be shared by Naoto Kan, a

popular young politician from Tokyo who co-founded the original Democratic Party, and former Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata.

Kan will serve as president and Hata as secretary general.

With only 93 of the lower house's 500 seats and 38 of the upper house's 252 seats, the party will have a long way to go to win a majority in Parliament.

## Chinese PM assures S. Korean business

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Chinese Vice President Hu Jintao assured nervous South Korean businessmen Monday that his country will keep its currency stable to help other Asian countries cope with their financial crisis.

Many South Korean goods compete with Chinese exports. If China depreciates its currency, thus releasing a flood of cheaper Chinese products, it could further destabilize the South Korean economy, already hit by its worst financial turmoil in years.

Speaking before 200 local industrialists, Hu spent much of his 10-minute speech explaining China's commitment not to devalue its currency, the yuan.

"It was not an easy decision but it was a prudent and justified decision," Hu said. A stable yuan is "vital to the economic stability and prosperity of the Asian region," he said.

Hu said China can keep its promise because its exports are still competitive in global markets because of low labor costs.

Also Monday, Hu met with acting Prime Minister Kim Jong-pil to discuss peace on the divided Korean Peninsula and trade and investment. He also met with heads of South Korean conglomerates LG and Daewoo.

Seoul considers Chinese help crucial in persuading North Korea to make peace. China is a longtime communist ally of North Korea, whose 1950-53 war with the South ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Hu was also scheduled to meet with President Kim Dae-jung and visit South Korea's auto, semiconductor and shipbuilding plants during his five-day trip that started Sunday.

Since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1992, two-way trade has increased fivefold to \$23.5 billion in 1997.

China now is South Korea's third largest trading partner after the United States and Japan.

Hu, 55, is the youngest member of the ruling Communist Party's inner circle. He was elected state vice president by the National People's Congress, China's legislature, in March.

# Iraq to cut food rations

By WAIEL FALEH BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq says it will reduce the monthly food ration for its 22 million people in May and blamed the United States and Britain for delaying deliveries.

The official Iraqi News Agency, in a report late Sunday, quoted an unnamed Trade Ministry official as saying that some goods had not arrived because of problems getting letters of credit under the U.N.-approved oil-for-food program.

He accused the United States and Britain of "inhuman and immoral methods to directly and indirectly obstruct the implementation" of the program, which is an exception from the U.N. trade sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"The U.N. Security Council was to meet Monday on the sanctions and was expected to continue them. The Council has said they will not be lifted until Iraq proves it has eliminated its biological, chemical and nuclear weapons as well as long-range missiles.

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Baby milk, it said, would be reduced to four cans from six, and no salt would be distributed.

The balance of the ration includes 9 kilograms (19.8 pounds) of flour, 2.5 kilograms (5.5 pounds) of rice, 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of sugar, soap and detergent.

to buy needed food and medicine.

U.N. officials acknowledge that there have been problems getting contracts and credit approved under the cumbersome U.N. bureaucratic process. But they also say Iraq's ordering and distribution systems can be inefficient.

In May, INA said, monthly rations cooking oil, tea, lentils and baby milk would be reduced. It said "no table salt is available" for distribution.

Late last year, the Iraqis accused the United States and Britain of forcing a cut in the distribution of baby milk. It later was learned that Iraq hadn't ordered enough to meet the nation's needs.

The oil-for-food program began in December 1996 and has been renewed at six-month intervals. The U.N. Security Council has agreed to increase it to \$5.2 billion, but Iraq says it is able to pump just \$4 billion over a six month period because of the poor state of its oil industry.

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Guy Smith, Vice Chairman of AmeriCares checking at Amman International Airport on Monday the shipment of humanitarian aid which is due to be flown to Iraq Tuesday. The shipment contains medicine and nutritional goods. AP

## 300 detonators stolen in France

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Police were searching for thieves who stole 300 detonators from railroad tracks around the city's main train station over the weekend, officials said Monday.

The detonators, described as large firecrackers, were taken from security devices that set

off flares that warn train operators of an electronic signal failure near Saint-Charles Station.

But the detonators could set off larger explosives, and while police believed youths most likely stole them, authorities were not ruling out terrorist motives.

Marseille will be one of 10 French cities hosting soccer's

World Cup 1998 that runs from June 10 to July 12. Police remain on alert for Algerian and Corsican militants, who have staged a number of attacks in recent years.

The railroad security system was quickly restored with new detonators, this time under lock and key to avoid any new thefts.

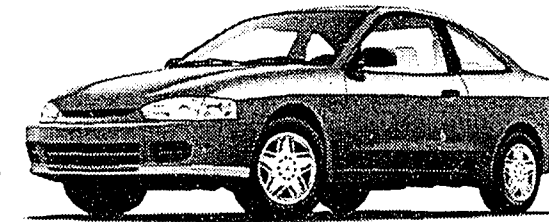
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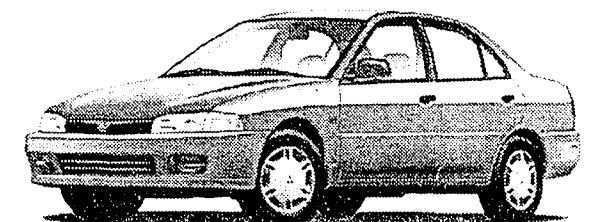
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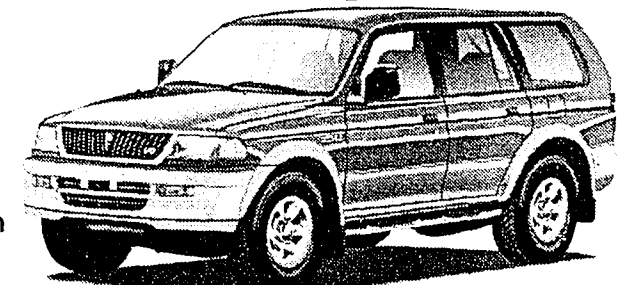


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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the CORRIDOR ENCLOSURE AND AIR-CONDITIONING AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIR PROJECT NO. 3-69-0002-08 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, June 26, 1998, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general consists of demolition of existing blastwalls, enclosure of Gates 1 through 5, ground and second floor, air-conditioning of both ground and second floor, fire sprinkler system, trenching for drainage on the apron side; electrical including PA system, telephone, fire alarm system, lighting; and all other miscellaneous construction. All work will take place at Saipan International Airport, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Port 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 the 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 Labor 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. 3-69-0002-08) 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, 1977, 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 (78 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 non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, on Friday, May 1, 1998 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 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 H. SALAS  
Executive Director

Date: April 7, 1998

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- 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.
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- A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
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This is to correct all previous "Notice to Bidders" that the Corridor Enclosure and Air-Conditioning at Saipan International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0002-08 is in fact AIP 3-69-0002-28.

# Sinn Fein urges British troops out

LONDON (AP)—Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said Monday that he will press the prime minister for the immediate withdrawal of British troops from Catholic districts in Northern Ireland.

It was Adams' first meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair since the April 10 peace agreement providing for Protestant-Catholic power-sharing in the British province and a formalized link with the Irish Republic.

Adams complained that things were going too slowly. "The very least that should happen is that their (British troop) patrols should be pulled back, they should not be in contact with the local populace," Adams said before meeting Blair.

He added in a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview that British troops were harassing Catholics, including himself.

The deal, which needs approval in a May 22 referendum, provides a mechanism for the Irish Republican Army and pro-British Protestant-based groups to hand over weapons.

Sinn Fein is the only major party in Northern Ireland which has not yet taken a position on the agreement.

A significant number of Sinn Fein supporters are unhappy with an agreement which stops far short of their goal of a united Ireland.

Blair's predecessor, former Prime Minister John Major, tried but failed to get the IRA to hand



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over any weapons before Sinn Fein was admitted to peace talks.

The issue has remained sensitive among Protestant parties.

Adams signaled he would not be discussing IRA decommissioning with Blair because the IRA's cease-fire declared in July was sufficient.

"It is not a matter of us offering anything in return," Adams said. "The fact is that people in my part of Ireland should not have to suffer the presence of British troops on our streets."

Adams said he will also ask Blair to ensure that annual Protestant marches this summer are kept out of hostile Catholic areas.

On Sunday, police stopped the Orange Order from parad-

ing across a bridge into a Catholic section of Belfast, the Northern Ireland capital. Some 60 marchers sang hymns and joined in prayers, but did not try to force their way through.

John McCrea, grand secretary of the Orange Order, said Monday that the group was seeking a meeting with Blair to express its concerns about the peace agreement.

McCrea said the key issues were prisoner releases, decommissioning of weapons, and the integrity of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, overwhelmingly Protestant police force.

The agreement includes a commission to review the structure of the police service.

## Transition going well but Hong Kong still buffeted by outside problems

HONG KONG (AP)—Despite weathering the transition to Chinese rule well, Hong Kong is in for a hard time this year and perhaps next year because of external developments, a think tank says.

Much depends on the success of the economic reforms just started by Premier Zhu Rongji in China, with which Hong Kong was reunited last July 1, said Political and Economic Risk Consultancy in a report received Monday.

With U.S. and European firms moving to take advantage of

economic restructuring likely after Asia's collapse, Hong Kong stands to benefit, it said.

Hong Kong "will be the first Asian economy that is part of the seamless global system in which an increasingly limited number of really large players are fighting it out for dominance," the report said.

Hong Kong "will be the base from which the major international players try to coordinate their new initiatives in Asia designed to capitalize on the opportunities being created by the structural changes taking place."

However, the road right in front looks rocky, it added, citing retail closures, weakness in the tourism industry, rising unemployment and falls in property prices and rents.

Developments in Indonesia, Japan, the Chinese mainland and the United States bear close watching, the report said.

Hong Kong's progress will depend most on Zhu's newly launched reforms in mainland China, it said. If he succeeds, Hong Kong can more easily refocus on a "unique supporting role for the mainland, as well as for other Asian economies," it said.

The cost of failure, on the other hand, would make Hong Kong's current economic distress seem mild.

Although Hong Kong does not face direct risks in Indonesia, Japan does — and Japan has invested heavily in Hong Kong.

Japan has plenty of problems of its own, and failure of its Indonesia investments could cause it to pull back in Hong Kong, the report said.

The report also questioned whether record U.S. share prices can be maintained, and said that Hong Kong's Hang Seng market would likely mirror a sharp drop in the U.S. market.



Massimo D'Alena, President of Italy's Parliamentary Commission for the Constitutional Reforms and the National Secretary of the Party of the Democratic Left, meets Hong Kong's leader Tung Chee-hwa, left, at Tung's office. The Italian politician visited Hong Kong after a visit to mainland China last week. AP

## Tax . . .

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legislation that would grant tax perks in a form of incentives to foreign investors.

"I agree that in this time of crisis that the Commonwealth is already feeling the pinch of the economic crunch, we need to entice more investments through the granting in a given time of incentives," he told Variety.

He said one incentive the CNMI

government may offer is tax perks.

"I agree that one [form] is the tax incentive for a couple of years of the business' initial operations," he added.

Babauta said this has been the practice of the previous administrations, adding that the presence of big businesses on the islands could already be an indication that this kind of formula works.

But he said that this move should be initiated by both the private sector and the government through consultation and public hearings.

"I'd like to reiterate that this has to

come from both the paying private sector and the government," he said, while stressing that there is a need to come up with a clear cut policy on foreign investments.

Babauta is currently drafting foreign investment legislation that would set specific criteria in setting up investments in the Commonwealth and the granting of incentives to foreign investors.

"I believe that we need a clear cut investments counter-policy for the next 10-20 years so we don't have to be changing laws every week," he

said. Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Joe C. Ayuyu has previously urged the Legislature to amend the provision in the Foreign Investment Law that requires a \$100,000 security deposit from foreign investors.

Ayuyu suggested instead the imposition of other forms of mechanisms to attract legitimate businesses like bonds, a bank guaranty or an irrevocable letter of credit.

Babauta is looking at the possibility of lifting the security deposit pro-

vision since there is a need to encourage more foreign investors to reboot the Northern Marianas' ailing economy.

The imposition of the \$100,000 security deposit has discouraged foreign investors from doing business here because they would rather use the money as part of their capital than let it stay idle in the bank.

The Foreign Investment Law requires investors to come up with a \$100,000 security deposit on top of the \$150,000 minimum capital.

## The worst . . .

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"We're also looking into a partnership with the private sector, which could include special packages and discounts for tourists and even a reduction in the airport landing fees," Sablan said.

"We need to invigorate and stimulate the tourism market."

He added, however, that the administration will first secure the support of the community before imple-

menting its plans for tourism.

The Marianas Visitors Bureau (MVB) on Monday reported that there were 43,275 visitors last month, which is a 31 percent drop compared with March of last year.

South Korean arrivals continue to register the largest drop with 1,655 visitors, or a 88 percent decline from last year.

The Asian currency crisis and the termination of direct flight services to Saipan are the major causes of the decline, MVB said.

CNMI's primary market, Japan,

registered 34,759 visitors, or a 12 percent decrease from last year.

The governor yesterday said the decrease in arrivals will affect the administration's fiscal year 1999 budget submission.

Tenorio said the budget will be completed after he meets with the governor's council, whose members include the four municipal mayors.

The administration's budget bill, which is estimated to range from \$233 million to \$240 million, will be sent to the Legislature on May 1, Tenorio said.

## Cabrera . . .

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Kiya at 1:10 p.m.

Cabrera and Sablan have a pending case in Superior Court in connection with the killing of 36-year-old Alan M. Obak who was beaten and stabbed in New Dandan Homestead last Nov. 29.

Cabrera and Sablan with Ryan T. Babauta, Jeffrey Sablan Basa, and Sheldon Yano escaped from jail at the Division of Corrections by loosening the screw of the perimeter fence.

Babauta, Basa, and Yano were arrested in the Northern Marianas College compound in As Terlaje Monday at 12:35 a.m.

## Osborne . . .

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ERA in that stretch. He allowed six hits and five runs — four earned — in 6 1-3 innings.

### Reds 3, Phillies 1

In Cincinnati, Eddie Taubensee hit atwo-run homer in the ninth and Brett Tomko allowed only three hits in eight innings for Cincinnati.

Taubensee's homer decided a pitching matchup between Tomko and Tyler Green (2-2), three of whom allowed one run and three hits through the first eight innings.

Cincinnati's Reggie Sanders and Philadelphia's Gregg Jefferies left the game after hurting themselves in collisions with the outfield wall. Sanders hurt his lower back and Jefferies twisted his ankle.


## IOC . . .

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Kosrae and Yap.

The delegation also consists of Kevan Gosper, International Olympic Committee Executive Board Member and President of Oceania National Olympic Committee; Dr. Robin Mitchell, International Olympic Committee Member and Secretary General of the Oceania National Olympic Committee; Fekrou Kidane, Director of the International Olympic Committee President's Executive Office and the Department of International Cooperation and Communications; Anni Inchausti, Personal Assistance and Chief of the President's Private Secretariat; Pere Miro, Director of National Olympic Committee Relations and Olympic Solidarity; Jose Angel Castro, Chief of the Sports Section of the Spanish News Agency EPE; and Ricardo Blas, Vice President of Oceania National Olympic Committee and President of the National Olympic of Guam.


Coming with them on the same flight is the ISM National Olympic Committee President, Dr. Eliuel Pretiuk.



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### Anti-graffiti...

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nors to use these products "under adult supervision, for lawful purposes."

Instead, the proposed law intends to "educate minors and retail clerks that both the act of making graffiti and the sale of these restricted products to minors are unlawful, punishable by possible jail terms and fines."

Within 60 days after the bill is signed into law, stores that sell spray paint or permanent markers would be required to place the following sign in clear public view at or near the display of such products:

"Graffiti is a crime. Any per-

son defacing real or personal property not his or her own with paint, markers or any other liquid or device is guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment of up to three days and/or a fine of up to \$500."

Store owners would also be required to place the following sign "in the direct view of employees or persons responsible for accepting customer payment for aerosol containers of paint, or spray paint or permanent markers":

"It is a violation of the law to sell aerosol containers of spray paint or permanent markers to person under 18 years of age punishable by imprisonment of up to three days and a \$500 fine."

### CNMI . . .

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1st place - Buck Battalion (Rota High School)

2nd place - Stallion Battalion (Tinian High School)

3rd place - Dolphin Battalion (Marianas High School)

Over-All Winner 1998: Buck Battalion (Rota High School)

The success of the competition was made possible by the superb hospitality and logistical support of the Tinian High School who hosted the event and the Community of Tinian, and the supportive parents of our future CNMI "Standard Bearers."

### Villagomez . . .

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the water faucets near the BBQ pit.

"We also need to transport a large amount of camping equipment and supplies from Saipan to Rota. I wonder if the government can help us in this," asked Villagomez.

Villagomez made known his suggestions in a letter addressed to Manglona, also thanking the Mayor for co-hosting the members of the Wakayama-naka Rotary Club from Japan and Saipan during their stay on the island of Rota.

"The fellowship, cultural ex-

change, and the dinner were excellent and enjoyable. The tropical atmosphere, by the beach, at sunset, gave real meaning to the phrase "paradise island of Rota," said Villagomez.

"The Rotarians both from Japan and Saipan truly appreciated the lush forest and the beauty of the island, along with the historical and preservation sights. We had a memorable visit. Thank you," he further stated.

Villagomez also thanked to Frank Calvo and his staff for their warm hospitality and for their assistance in promoting the cultural exchange between the people of Rota and the Rotarians from Japan and Saipan.

### Visitor . . .

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One of MVB's promotional efforts is the Third Marianas Tourism Academy, an educational tour of media from Japan.

"We designed this tour to provide the Japanese media updated information from experts in the travel and tourism industry and to gain firsthand experience of our island's hospitality. This event is scheduled to take place on May 13-16," said MVB.

Another upcoming event is the opening of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino scheduled for summer of 1998.

Tomokane said "she is very encouraged by the opening of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino as this will bring a larger level of exposure from the members of the media and travel agents."

Since the beginning of the construction of the property, MVB has kept members of the media and travel agents abreast on this development through city seminars, fa-

miliarization tours, and trade and travel shows.

Until the regional economies become stronger, we can anticipate that visitor arrivals to the CNMI to be affected.

Tomokane said that "the simultaneous turmoil in Asian financial markets has suggested that major challenges are ahead if tourism is going to maintain its status as the most valuable industry in the CNMI and if we are to continue to position ourselves as a destination of quality and cost competitiveness."

### 1998 LIBERATION DAY COMMITTEE

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The Chamber Coordinator reports directly to the Chamber Executive Director and assists in the daily operations of the Chamber including, Board and Chamber committee administrative clerical support, office operations, project & event implementation, and support to the Executive Director. The Coordinator must have a strong work & customer service ethic, excellent office and organization skills, and be able to perform well in a fast-paced deadline & project centered atmosphere.

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## NOTICE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner as per Commonwealth Insurance Act 4 CMC, Division 7 regarding Capital Increase, herein below is a copy of the resolution of the stockholders of PREMIER INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., to serve as public notice

#### RESOLUTION OF SHAREHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS OF PREMIER INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

**RESOLVED**, Article four, Section 1 of the corporation's Articles of Incorporation be and hereby is amended to include the following purposes.  
 (a) To act as an insurer, as insurance agent, and as a reinsurance agent.

(b) To write insurance policies, including without limitation, policies for the insurance of workers under the Workers Compensation laws, general liability policies, special liability policies, and employee bonds except life insurance.

**RESOLVED**, Article Six of the corporation's articles of incorporation be and hereby is amended to raise the capital of the corporation to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) consisting of One Hundred Thousand Shares of common stock, par value One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

The Secretary was then ordered by the Chairman to prepare minutes of the meeting and Articles of Amendments and record such minutes and Articles of Amendment with Commonwealth Recorder's Office, after obtaining the signatures of the shareholder and the directors.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

The being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated: March 10, 1998

Directors and Shareholders

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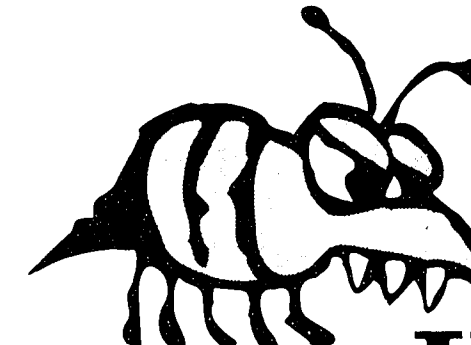
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## Encouraging

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in business even though they may be of a smaller scale than the government desires.

A number of formulae could be devised. For example, for every additional 5 acres of farm land brought under cultivation the law might permit two years relief from taxation.

The tax relief could be applied to all new project investment activities such as agri-business, food processing, production of fruits and vegetables, horticulture, animal husbandry, etc.

The same legislation could be extended to forestry, timber, and lumber production, fishing, fish processing, mariculture, light manufacturing, air and sea transportation, etc.

The key words here are "new projects" which must, of course, include an expansion of an existing endeavor. The tax holiday would remain ineffect for a particular period providing the business itself was in operation for the duration of the tax relief period.

The legislation should not be ex-

tended to retail, wholesale or construction activities (unless related to the overall project) since the objective of the legislation should be to reduce consumption of imported items through import substitution which translates into local production for both local consumption and export.

To be continued

## Death . . .

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or washing cars.

He urged consumers to use water wisely.

Meanwhile, in the Central Division, PWD is installing temporary booster pumps at the Khalsa Road and Wainbuku Junction to solve water problems in the Nasinu areas, outside Suva.

Principal Engineer Paul Wilison says there are long term plans for the area which has been without water over the past three weeks.

He says the duplication of a 600-millimetre diameter main, has already been designed and funding has already been secured.

to be enacted this year.

Among the provisions of the bill, according to Mansur, would be the imposition of the 50 percent local hiring requirement in the garment sector; the creation of an "industry sensitive" committee that will review the CNMI's wage policies; and the creation of a CNMI non-voting delegate seat in Congress.

"Together with the governor and other leaders, we need to make a presentation that will convince Congress that we progressing on issues of reform," Babauta said.

Babauta said the new bill will cover the issues which T.E. Manase Mansur, adviser to the committee on insular and international affairs, discussed with CNMI's top officials when he was here two weeks ago.

Mansur, in an earlier interview with the local media, said the bill is likely

## 70 gov't . . .

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Variety tried but failed to obtain a copy of names of employees that will be given the award.

Pangelinan explained OPM's EDSD is still "putting together" the names of nominees submitted by each government agency.

Pangelinan had been the event's organizing committee's chairperson in the past three years.

He has however delegated the task to an OPM staff.

Awarding ceremonies will commence in government offices located at Capitol Hill.

## NMHC . . .

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mined that HUD was mistaken and that the contract would not expire until June, 1999.

HUD has since confirmed NMHC's position.

By keeping the unit in annex I occupied during the remaining term of the Annex II operating contract with HUD, NMHC will be able to maximize its revenues while it prepares to sell-off the property.

The property, which represents the largest non-commercially developed lot in Garapan, is bordered by Middle Road to the East, beach Road to the West, the Garapan Elementary School to the South, and American Memorial Park to the North.

## Car . . .

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all over Asia and the Pacific are also in the same scenario as the eventual result of the regional economic turmoil.

And while admitting that the car trading market is down, he said the industry will be able to recover and stabilize in 18-24 months.

"We will be perfectly back in line in the next four years," he said.

Unfair competition  
Brennan was raising concerns over the alleged unfair competition that goes along with the importation of Korean cars that did not pass the US standard.

He said this practice has been upheld by federal laws since 1982. "There is a law since 1982 that prohibits the entry and sale of non-US certified cars."

But he said the law was apparently

## Japan-US . . .

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reached in September to step up their military cooperation under such new guidelines.

In another development during Albright's one-day visit to Japan, the Japanese Cabinet approved two

billings regarding Japan's security. Both are expected to be approved by the Diet.

One would allow Japanese forces to join search and rescue operations for U.S. military personnel, or to inspect foreign vessels off Japan during emergencies in the region that have been identified by a U.N. Security Council resolution.

The latest scandal arose from a feud between two private companies over a 420 million Taiwan dollar (\$12.7 million) contract to build steel-reinforced ammunition storage bunkers in Taitung, eastern Taiwan.

After the bid was awarded on Jan. 13, two managers of the losing company, Sheng Pai, kidnapped Maj. Gen. Woh Chi-kao, and his aide, Lt. Col. Lee Cheng, and beat them for allegedly renegeing on a promise to give the bid to their company.

and thus help lawsuits filed internationally.

The Japanese case, filed in Nagoya, 270 kilometers (170 miles) west of Tokyo, makes an argument similar to smoking lawsuits in the United States: Cigarette companies know tobacco is harmful and should pay for the damage it causes.

In the lawsuit, Ito and 19 other activists demand that Philip Morris stop importing and selling tobacco in Japan, pay each of them a symbolic 100,000 yen (\$770) and cover the cost of the trial.

Similar lawsuits have been filed in Britain, France and Israel. All three countries are consulting with U.S. lawyers on strategy, and U.S. anti-smoking groups are working on ways to share evidence of health hazards

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Baka on Friday filed a US government complaint at the federal district court, alleging that HBI Corporation had imported uncertified vehicles which consisted of three minibuses and 16 passenger cars, all of them second hand.

## General . . .

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1993 of a navy captain just before he was to implicate other officers in taking bribes.

Besides the five under arrest, nine other officers, including two-star Gen. Wei Yu-hui, have been penalized for dereliction of duty. Gen. Ting Tze-fa, a three-star general who handled military supplies and provisions, has resigned because of the scandal.

## Japan . . .

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sales.

"They can't expand their sales much at home any more," said Ito. "So they're trying to sell more abroad instead, especially in Asia."

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ADOPTION CASE NO. 98-0127

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of Joseph Tamen Ogumoro (also known as Jose Tamen Ogumoro) and Doris Taisakan Ogumoro, for the adoption of the minor child identified in the petition and requesting termination of the parental rights of the minor child's biological father, will come before the Court for hearing on Thursday, June 18, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in CNMI Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan.

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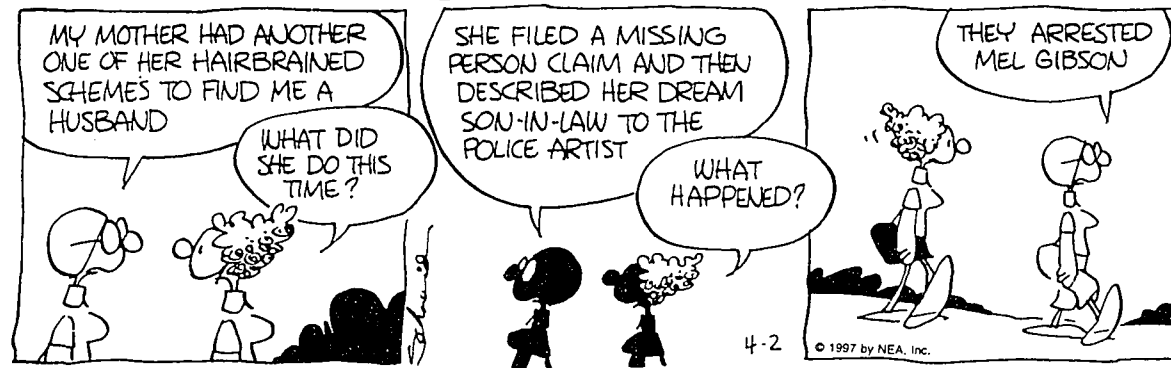
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Would like to invite all relatives and friends to join us in prayer for my beloved son and our brother as we remembered him in prayer on his first Year Anniversary.

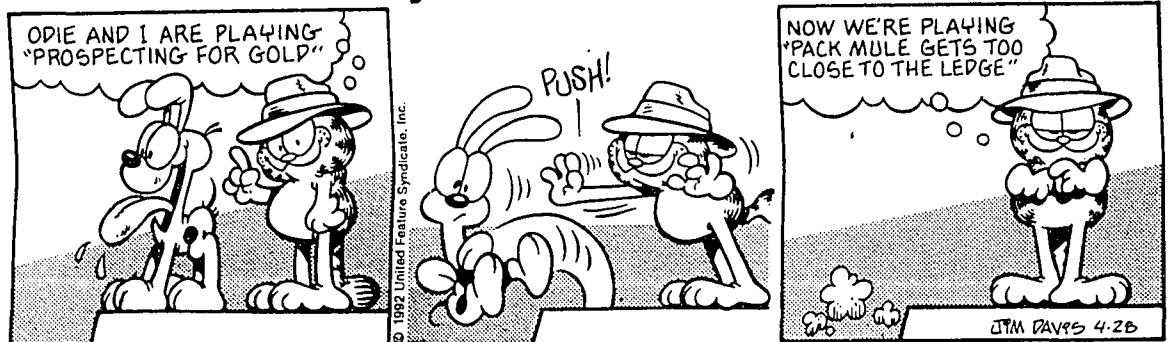
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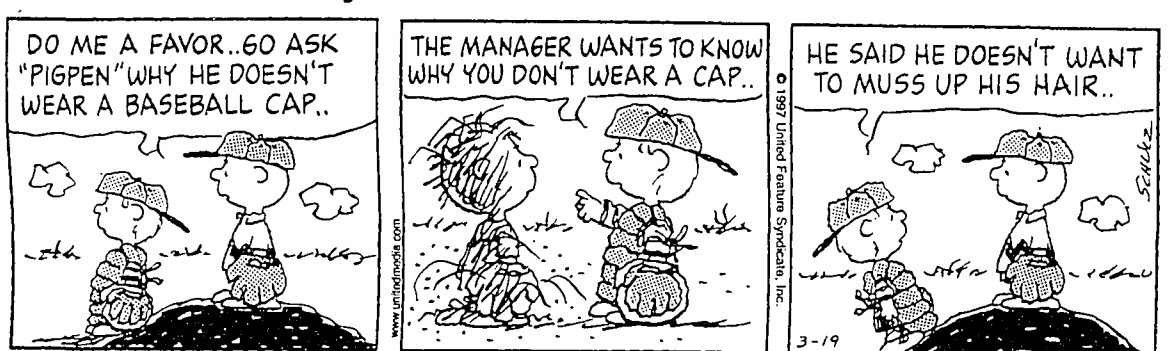
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Also born on this date are: Hirohito, Japanese emperor; Andre Agassi, tennis player; Daniel Day-Lewis, actor; Zubin Mehta, conductor; Michelle Pfeiffer, actress.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph.

Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You can enjoy the start of something big before the day is out. Before putting all your eggs into one basket, you may want to weigh pros and cons.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You must work harder to keep your emotions in check today. In this way, you can maximize effectiveness at work and keep a few demons at bay.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Others are sure to benefit today from your opinions on a variety of subjects. Fortunately, you are not loath to share your views freely.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You may feel as though you've lost a little something, be it enthusiasm, drive, focus, or what have you. It'll return when you least expect it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You may discover today that someone you thought was a rival is really a big fan — and is willing to help you any way he or she can! A barrier falls.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You're going to have to temper your style just a bit today in order to be more in synch with what others are

doing. You must strive to fit in.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Now is no time to give up on something that is so close to succeeding for you. Give it one more chance at least — and redouble your efforts.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — What you want may seem to be just out of reach, but in fact you have it already in your possession. It's all a matter of the proper perspective.

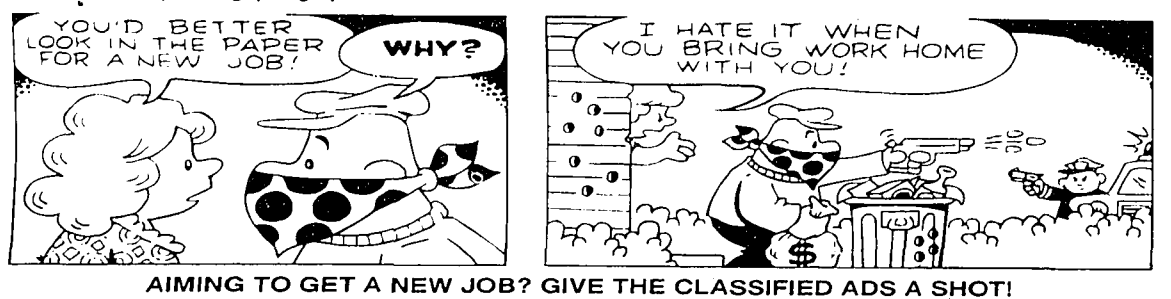
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Someone near will increase your chances of getting in touch with someone far away — and the connection you make will be long-remembered.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Take a close look at a stubborn problem and you'll realize today that you do indeed have what it takes to solve it once and for all.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — It's important for you to talk about what is on your mind today — but you must be sure that your audience is one that will be receptive to you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You may find yourself first in line today for something you do not feel you deserve. Soon you may realize that things are not as they have seemed.

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**ACROSS**

1 Worker  
9 Ms. Hagen  
12 Broadcast  
13 Tidal flood  
14 Ms. Peeples  
15 "The Green"  
17 Boorish  
19 Table scrap  
20 Water-encircled lands  
21 Prefix with mount or meter  
23 Davis ID  
24 — Age  
27 Harris and Sullivan  
28 Winter covering  
30 Ms. Bagnold  
31 Artificial language  
32 TV's Beaver  
34 "North By Northwest" actor (inits.)

**DOWN**

1 Scrooge's expression  
2 Vowel sequence  
3 Mistakes  
4 Follow orders  
5 — bran  
6 Gill ID  
7 Love god  
8 Distributes playing cards  
9 Accord  
10 Thatch plants  
11 Joyful exclamation  
16 Firearms grp.  
18 Lavish entertainments  
20 Resident of Boise  
21 Danger  
22 Worship  
23 Pair  
25 Recess  
26 J. — Hoover  
28 Calcium symbol  
29 Actress  
32 Horses  
33 Sun god  
36 Dolphins quarterback  
38 Burial garment  
40 Attempt to capture  
42 Roman 149  
44 Developed  
45 — Domino  
46 Greek letter  
47 Ending with mountain  
48 Sailor  
49 Sports org.  
50 Sault Ste. Marie  
53 "Deum"

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

LA DOUCE  
NORMAN AND FAMILY  
OSCAR WINNING ACTRESS  
DOUGLAS (TREE)  
PAUL CLAWS  
CHICKEN  
ATTEMPT TO DO (2 WDS.)  
FLYING SAUCER (ABBR.)  
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ACCORD  
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J. — HOOVER  
CALCIUM SYMBOL  
ACTRESS  
HORSES  
SUN GOD  
DOLPHINS  
QUARTERBACK  
BURIAL GARMENT  
ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE  
ROMAN 149  
DEVELOPED  
— DOMINO  
GREEK LETTER  
ENDING WITH MOUNTAIN  
SAILOR  
SPORTS ORG.  
SAULT STE. MARIE  
— DEUM

**Red Sox rally to beat Indians**

BOSTON (AP) — Midre Cummings and Darren Lewis hit eighth-inning homers to give the Boston Red Sox another comeback win, 6-5 over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

The Tigers lost their fifth straight and dropped to 4-17, matching their worst start ever. Detroit has lost 11 in a row on the road.

The Red Sox won their seventh straight and improved to 17-6, with eight wins coming in their last at-bat. They have won 14 of their last 15 games.

**Athletics 7, Devil Rays 6**

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Kevin Mitchell drove in three runs, two of them on a ninth-inning single, to give the Oakland Athletics a victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Mitchell delivered the game-winning hit off Roberto Hernandez (0-1), who walked the bases loaded before blowing a save opportunity for the second time in four tries.

Fred McGriff homered twice and drove in five runs, and Miguel Cairo hit his first major league homer for Tampa Bay, which led 5-0 before Oakland scored five runs in the fifth to tie it.

**Angels 3, Orioles 1**

In Baltimore, Chuck Finley won his 14th straight decision as the Anaheim Angels extended their winning streak to five games.

Finley (4-0) gave up four hits over eight innings, struck out nine and walked six. His winning streak, which began last July 1, is three short of the AL record held by Johnny Allen and Dave McNally.

Finley, who gave up five runs to Baltimore in his previous start, retired the side in order only once but lowered his ERA to an AL-best 1.54.

Scott Erickson (3-2) went the distance for Baltimore, yielding nine hits and three walks.

**Yankees 1, Blue Jays 0**

IN New York, the Yankees beat Roger Clemens for the second time in less than a week and won for the 14th time in 15 games.

Clemens (2-3) allowed just three hits in seven innings, and struck out eight to pass 2,900 for his career. But the four-time AL Cy Young winner was done in by his control, walking six as he lost at Yankee Stadium for just the fourth time in 14 career decisions.

Andy Pettitte (4-2), who beat Clemens 9-1 at Toronto on April 22, got a third-inning sacrifice fly from Tino Martinez and survived a line-drive double play off his hip to win his fourth straight start.

Pettitte gave up seven hits in 5 2-3 innings, struck out seven and walked none.

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**PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
No. RFP98-0047  
For: Insurance Coverage of Government Facilities, Structures and Contents Opening Date: May 22, 1998 Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Division of Procurement and Supply, are soliciting competitive proposals from licensed Insurance Carriers or Agents in the CNMI, for insurance coverage of some government facilities and contents for a minimum of 12 months. Deadline for submission is Friday, May 22, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. Interested companies or individuals may pick up detailed information at the Office of the Acting Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).  
/s/Herman S. Sablan

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# SPORTS



Sondia Gogue, II, is on her way to the World Junior Golf championship in San Diego, California after carding a two-day, 36-hole score of 118 to qualify in the Guam Junior Golf Academy-sponsored tournament at the Admiral Nimitz golf course. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

## Tinian fishing derby this Fiesta weekend

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE MOST awaited local fishing competition is set to rage on Saturday at Tinian Marina Fishing Base.

Dubbed as San Jose Fiesta Fishing Derby, this fishing competition is expected to draw crowds among our locals who has this undying passion for fishing and good time.

A whopping amount of \$3,000 will be given to the participant who could catch a fish that weighs at least 500 pounds. The biggest fish catch that will not exceed the abovementioned weight will certainly get \$2,000. And a participant who will catch the biggest Wahoo will be receiving \$1,000.

Competing party who catches

the biggest Tuna (Yellow Fin, Katsuo, Saba) will bag \$1,000 while the contestant that will catch the biggest Mahi-Mahi will get an air conditioner unit with 24,000 BTU.

A special prize of 13' boat will be given to a participant who will catch most variety of fishes such as Dog Tooth, Barracuda, and Rainbow Runner. In case of a tie, weight will be a determining factor for this category.

Consolation prizes include GPS, lures, rods & reels, fuel, oil, drinks and EPIRB.

For one captain and two anglers, entrance fee costs \$100. Additional anglers will have to pay an additional \$25.

For added information, interested applicants may contact or-

ganizers Richard Farrel at telephone numbers 433-9298 and 433-0065 (w), Joseph Mendiola at 433-3452 (w) and Wayne Villagomez in DPS Boat and Safety at 433-0476.

This fishing event is made possible with the help of Moylan's Insurance, Tinian Marine Resort, F.P.A.-Tinian Ice & Water, Telesource-Tinian, Mobil Marianas, KCNMI-KZMI, Pelley Boat Charters, Pacific-Trading, MAR-PAC, G.P. Tackle and Charters, J.M. Enterprises, Hofshneider's Gas Station, SN-5 Gas Station & Shipping Co., Big Hook Fishing Supplies Guam, Micronesian Marine, JWS Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Saipan Fish & Tackle.

## Osborne keys Cardinals' shutout win over Expos

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Donovan Osborne ended a long drought and kept Carlos Perez's going, allowing three hits in seven scoreless innings as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Montreal Expos 7-0 Monday night.

Osborne, who missed the first two weeks of the season with a groin injury that held him back last season, won for the first time since beating Kansas City last Aug. 31.

He struck out four, walked three and helped himself with a diving stop of Vladimir Guerrero's liner in the sixth.

The Expos, who lost to Houston 15-0 Sunday, haven't scored in their last 21 innings.

A bases-loaded triple by Delino DeShields in the seventh broke open a 1-0 game, chased Perez (0-3) and sent the Expos to their fourth straight loss.

Mark McGwire and Ron Gant added run-scoring singles off Shayne Bennett for a five-run inning.

Perez hasn't won since Sept. 3 and is 0-6 in his last 10 starts despite a 2.98

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## IOC President Samaranch set to visit Pohnpei, Guam

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSMIS)— President Juan Antonio Samaranch is visiting Pohnpei, FSM early next month en route to Guam.

According to a news release from the President's Office, preparations for Samaranch's visit have already begun with the establishment of an organizing committee.

"President Samaranch on a charter flight is visiting the FSM to welcome the FSM athletes into the International Olympic family," said Jim Tobin, Secretary General of the FSM National Olympic Commit-

tee and also FSM Sports Director.

The FSM National Olympic Committee was established last year and formally became a member of the IOC on September 6, 1997.

The visit and FSM's membership in IOC enables the FSM to participate in International Olympics around the world.

The IOC was established in 1894 to run International Olympic Games, bringing athletes around the world together in competition.

Samaranch and his entourage will arrive in Pohnpei on the 4th of May at

about 2 p.m. and will be welcomed at the Pohnpei International Airport with leis and honor guards.

A visit to the Capital in Palikir is being arranged for the visitors who will be hosted to a dinner reception with entertainment at the Nahntelick-PCR restaurant.

The delegation will leave for Guam in the evening of the same day.

The dinner reception will be broadcast live within Pohnpei and the other three states of Chuuk.

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## Duncan celebrates 'Rookie of the Year' award with win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After Tim Duncan received his Rookie of the Year award, he scored 22 points and keyed a crucial third-quarter rally Monday night to lead San Antonio over the Phoenix Suns 100-88 and give the Spurs a 2-1 lead in their NBA playoff series.

Duncan teamed with David Robinson in the third-quarter scoring binge as the Spurs grabbed a double-digit lead by outscoring the Suns 27-15 in the period.

At one point, the two 7-footers (2.13-meter) took turns dunking off passes from the other.

The Spurs, trying to match up better with the smaller Phoenix players, abandoned their "Triple Towers" lineup and started 6-foot-4 (1.93-meter) shooting guard Vinny Del Negro in place

of 7-foot (2.13-meter) center Will Perdue.

Antonio McDyess led the Suns with 26 points and 17 rebounds.

Cavaliers 86, Pacers 77

In Cleveland, Shawn Kemp made sure Larry Bird won't sweep his first playoff series as a coach.

Kemp scored 31 points as Cleveland avoided elimination with its first home playoff win in five years.

He sealed the victory with a 16-foot (5-meter) jumper that made it 84-77 with 29 seconds left.

The Pacers, who won the first two games of the series at Market Square Arena, now must play Game 4 on Thursday night. Only five teams have come back from 2-0 deficits in best-of-5 series.



Female competitors start the swim leg of the International Triathlon Union World Cup in Sydney, Australia. Jackie Gallagher won the women's event on the triathlon course that will be used for the 2000 Olympics. AP