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section but will keep the employment processing division at the

Manila Liaison Office despite the hiring moratorium, it was

Government spokesperson Frank Rosario said only the medical

referral office will be dissolved but added that austerity measures

will still have to be instituted at the employment processing

"We will still have the labor part to take care of. The labor part

He said the employment processing division should stay despite

He cited a provision under the freeze-hiring law which allows

the hiring moratorium since the Northern Marianas is still recruit-

THERE IS still room left for the CNMI office in Manila.



Charles W. Ingram Jr.

By Jojo Dass Variety News Staff

PUBLIC Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram Jr. is "diligently" complying with the Of-Personnel fice of Management's (OPM) recommendations for his department to minimize overtime expenses, in light of findings DPS spent half of the \$12 million incurred

By Aldwin R. Fajardo

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by the previous administration on overtime expenses for FY

"Mr. Ingram is taking necessary steps as outlined in a memorandum we sent him," said OPM Director Mathilda A. Rosario.

"He is making all efforts," she added.

She failed to divulge contents of the outline but nonetheless said it includes proposals to enforce provisions of the law that bars exempt employees from taking overtime work.

A task force, led by OPM, has been set up to investigate why the previous administration spent so much in overtime work.

Rosario said the task force recently conducted its first meet-

She declined to say actions being taken so far.

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Students from GTC Elementary School take a break after a dance performance during Garapan Elementary School's Ethnic Week Celebration vesterday.

# Under proposed INS rules: FAS citizens will face deportation

By Jan Furukawa

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA, Guam — Citizens of the Freely Associated States who are not working or going to school full time after a year of living here will be deported, according to proposed Immigration and Naturalization Service rules expected to be issued today.

A 60-day public comment period will however follow today's

The proposed rules and regulations are for insular territories of the United States, including Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"We've been pushing the INS

to come up with rules relating to 'habitual residents,' which are non-immigrants who have no rules governing them to clarify what are their responsibilities and their rights,"Guam Congressional Delegate Robert Underwood said yesterday in a telephone interview.

"If, after one year, a person is not gainfully employed in a job that meets the poverty line -\$8,000 for one person, and so on — or a full-time student in higher education, then they're subject to deportation," he said.

The congressman said he and other elected officials, including Gov. Carl Gutierrez, Legislative Speaker Tony Unpingco and Sen. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, would write to the U.S. Department of Justice. They plan to submit a combined, unified statement on the matter.

"Justice has nothing to do with Compact impact, or conflicts that people may have on Guam, but it would be simply to clarify the rules and regulations on habitual residents," Underwood said.

When the FAS and U.S. governments signed the Compact agreements, they provided for FAS citizens to come to the U.S. for work and school. That made them legal migrants, which makes

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#### Murkowski bill to set up a system of asylum here

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ing workers from the Philippines.

THE CNMI would be required to host aliens seeking asylum if the Commonwealth reform bill pending in the US Congress is enacted into law.

The bill, S 1275, which is now up for floor deliberation at the US Senate, includes a provision that establishes an asylum system in the CNMI under supervision of the US Attorney General.

The CNMI, which under the Covenant controls its own im

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# Gutierrez's address stresses on education



Guam Gov. Carl Gutierrez enters the hall where he once served at the Lehislaturan Guahan to deliver his State of the Island Address Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

HAGATNA, Guam-Gov. Carl Gutierrez yesterday issued a call for unity, asked politicians to set aside politics and concentrate on making Guam schools "more effective."

"I call on our community to join in new efforts to make our schools more effective," Gutierrez said in his State of the Island address.

"I am issuing a call to unity, a call to disarm the political rhetoric, and a renewed commitment for all sides of the political divide to join toge her for the good of the school children," he added.

The governor promised to com-

plete the construction of the Upi Elementary School by the end of the year.

The administration, he said, is breaking ground for new schools in Machanao and Asan.

"As we focus on the school children," Gutierrez said, "we must ensure that every child has a chance to succeed."

"This means that we as a community must help our schools build the foundation for academic success," he added.

He also emphasized the need to enhance early childhood development programs, citing

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The violations occurred at several

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Company president Byong Hi Kang signed the consent agreement in U.S. District Court here. It applies to 178 workers.

The federal investigation found that alien workers were recruited for certain jobs and then ordered to perform higherskilled jobsforthelowerwages. For example, an employee hired as

a plasterer actually worked as an op-Continued on page 44 Operation yields no toxic waste Air Force Base.

By Sara Grant Variety News Staff

HAGATNA, Guam — 20-25 50 gallon barrels of water, initially thought to contain possible hazardous material, were found near two-lovers point yesterday afternoon. The-land, leased by the government of

Guam is owned by Andersen

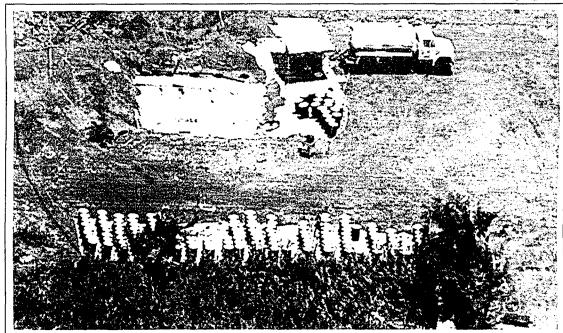
The barrels were in two different groups and surrounded by trash and debris. Some were full; others were only half-full. Many of the barrels had rusty holes where liquid could have run out.

Andersen Environmental Civil Engineers were notified of the possible contaminant by Air Force

personnel who were doing work in that area yesterday.

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) was called by officials at Andersen to come and test the material. GEPA determined it to be wa-

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An aerial overview of the site in Harmon where Andersen Air Force Base officials contracted with a civilian company to do clean up of materials left over by U.S. Forces after World War II.

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#### **\$.65M** wages

AGANA, Guam (AP) — A construction company accused of cheating alien workers of salary and overtime and making illegal paycheck deductions has agreed to repay them a total of \$ 650,000, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

The payments by Guam Construction Co., Inc., based in Barrigada, will compensate employees for work performed from December 1993 to October 1995.

The violations occurred at several

work sites, including Guam International Airport. Company president Byong Hi

Kang signed the consent agreement in U.S. District Court here. It applies to 178 workers.

The federal investigation found that alien workers were recruited for certain jobs and then ordered to perform higherskilled jobs forthe lowerwages. For example, an employee hired as

a plasterer actually worked as an op-Continued on page 44

# Operation yields no toxic waste

By Sara Grant **Variety News Staff** 

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HAGATNA, Guam — 20-25 50 gallon barrels of water, initially thought to contain possible hazardous material, were found near two-lovers point yesterday afternoon. The-land, leased by the government of Guam is owned by Andersen

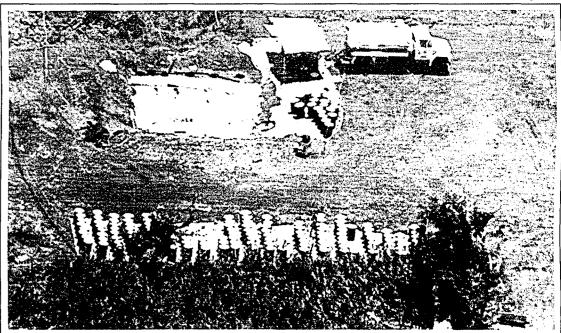
Air Force Base.

The barrels were in two different groups and surrounded by trash and debris. Some were full; others were only half-full. Many of the barrels had rusty holes where liquid could have run out.

Andersen Environmental Civil Engineers were notified of the possible contaminant by Air Force personnel who were doing work in that area vesterday.

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) was called by officials at Andersen to come and test the material. GEPA determined it to be wa-

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An aerial overview of the site in Harmon where Andersen Air Force Base officials contracted with a civilian company to do clean up of materials left over by U.S. Forces after World War II,

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# **EDITORIAL**

#### Citizens should play a role in fighting crime

THE CNMI'S Finest should be credited for their quick response in apprehending the perpetrators of criminal incidents in recent weeks. With the help of some people in the community whose cooperation aided police work, officers have succeeded in something they used to be slow in doing—solving crimes.

The arrest this week of a man who reportedly was behind the robbery attack at a poker arcade last Monday is highly commendable. After piece-ing leads together, detectives nabbed Jian Zhong Wang, the suspect in the Island Diner Poker Room robbery in San Jose and the assault of the establishment's cashier.

The recapture last Monday of escaped murder suspect Peter Dueñas Cabrera Jr. is also something to be thankful for, as the latter fell into the hands of the authorities quickly.

Cabrera, accused in the killing of Alan Obak in Dandan, managed to escape for the second time in weeks from the DPS jail last Sunday along with another inmate. His arrest, which came after an anonymous caller tipped off police, is a big relief to some people most of whom were worried that he poses a danger to the commu-

Also welcome news last Monday was the case of a woman who found herself in the receiving end of a "citizens' arrest" after he was left behind by her companion who allegedly robbed and injured a tourist walking by the road in Garapan.

These police breakthroughs are welcome developments indeed, but it should be noted that police would not have gotten headway in these cases without the help of some people in the community.

Tips, information and even the physical aspect of apprehending possible criminals like in Monday's snatching incident were the key elements in the solution of the said cases. There should be a greater partnership approach against crime.

It will always be bad news when unsuspecting tourists get waylaid in the street by car-riding snatchers; when hardened criminals occasionally bolt out of jail; or when poker room cashiers get smacked and robbed by players.

But police, no matter, how quick and well-deployed they are, can't really prevent these things from happening. Crime has become an inevitable occurrence anywhere in the globe and Saipan is no longer an exception.

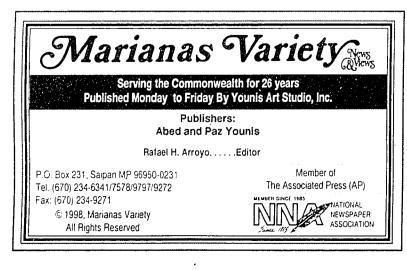
One important thing that can be done, however, is for the community and the police to be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly in bringing the perpetrators to justice, should criminal activity arises.

There should be a greater awareness on the part of the general public on how valuable their help is in crime interdiction.

It should be stressed that crimefighting is not solely the task of the police and other law enforcers—it is the people's civic responsibility as well to pitch in to the overall effort.

Otherwise, not only will the police find a hard time solving crimes, but their failure would embolden repeat offenders.

Apprehending and jailing the responsible persons at the soonest possible time, will send a message that one can only momentarily get away with crime but not for long.





### We have a president

MANILA—The Philippines' President-elect, Joseph Estrada, is probably the most underestimated politician this side of the globe. Even after winning election after election since the 1960s, Mr. Estrada's leadership capabilities were always considered suspect, and his political skills non-existent. One of the oft-repeated phrases used by some op-ed writers here to describe him is "not fit to be president," a sentiment shared by other "intelligent" persons, particularly businessmen.

But Mr. Estrada has won, and by an incredible margin—close to six million more votes than the administration's standard bearer, or almost 40 percent of the total votes cast. Considering that he ran against 10 other candidates—Mr. Ramos narrowly won in 1992 against six other candidates with a mere 25 percent of the votes—the president-elect's victory is as astonishing as it is unprecedented. Not surprisingly, Philippine op-ed writers are now furiously eating their words while at the same time bragging that they were for Erap all along, as Today's Teodoro L. Locsin Jr. commented recently. Mr. Locsin was for Alfredo Lim, who placed fifth, but he has never been into b.s., and he has more faith on the electorate's eventual choice than most of his colleagues in the Philippine media.

Meanwhile, even as the op-ed writers prepare their tongues for the new presidential derriere, Mr. Estrada is now finally revealing the extent of his political definess when he announced that 1) Vice Presidentelect Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who belongs to Mr. Ramos' party, will not only be given a Cabinet position, but will also serve as acting-president whenever he's abroad; and 2) The scrapping of the pork barrel despite the squealing protestation of some members of Congress' Lower Trough, er, House.

Both policies guarantee Mr. Estrada a "win-win situation," notes Mr. Locsin, using a favorite phrase of the outgoing president. He describes Mr. Estrada's decision to, as they say, "fully utilize" Ms Macapagal-Arroyo as both magnanimous and historic. No Philippine president has treated the vice president as more than "a proxy for reception lines and fiestas whenever the president is away." As a rule, vice presidents tend to be reduced to political non-entities. What they usually do during their incumbency is to prepare for the next presidential election. In Mr. Estrada's case, says Mr. Locsin, he wants his vice president to be "hard at work for the duration of his presidency, tying her success as a leader and thus her attractiveness to the electorate in the next...elections to the victoriesor flops—of his administration." In other words, if Ms Macapagal-Arroyo does well in the next six years, "it will be to the credit of the president [who] appointed her, besides her own hard work." Compared to Mr. Ramos who, says Mr. Locsin, "is loathe to share the spotlight with his subordinates, [the president-elect] shows signs of being happy to give credit where credit is due-provided that the official in question does his or her share." Mr. Locsin calls it "an executive virtue," this ability to "delegate, make sound appointments, set policy and then sit back and let your deputies shine to a degree commensurate with their ability.

As far as the battle over pork barrel is concerned, Mr. Locsin says the incoming administration has already won. This year's Philippine budget, according to the Manila Times, includes P55 billion worth of pork (close to \$1.5 billion) to be allocated to the 23 senators and 217 congressmen. In theory, the funds go to local construction projects for the benefit of the awmakers' constituents. In practice, the pork barrel gives the president enormous political clout—Congress appropriates the money, but only the president's signature could release the funds. More alarming, however, is the Philippine Commission on Audit's recent report, which reveals that at least 45 percent of pork goes to graft. This merely confirms the local media's numerous exposés that depict pork as outright thievery. Backed by popular opinion and by the country's influential Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Estrada has vowed not to back-up on his stand against pork. Indeed, says Mr. Locsin, "the whole nation [is] ranged against [pork] with only...paid hacks in the press rallying to its defense."

Of course, the Lower House might be dominated by Mr. Ramos's partymates (until they switch to Mr. Estrada's party, which is most likely to happen), and a majority of the congressmen might put up a fight. The most that they could do, however, is to refuse to enact a new budget. Again, this could only favor Mr. Estrada, says Mr. Locsin. Without a new budget, the new administration will simply use Mr. Ramos' last budget, which is "the biggest and the most bloated in Philippine history." Mr. Estrada could just "sit back and let the 1998 budget be reenacted year after year, by default, and still point his finger at Congress for not doing anything about the pork barrel." Mr. Locsin adds, "A real politician will be living in Malacañang, and he will be able to parry every blow and match every trick.

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

#### Risks of obsolete air-traffic controls

**WASHINGTON** — The friendly skies may not be as safe as you think. Statistics show that air travel, despite several high-profile crashes in recent years, is still the safest way to get from one place to another. Per mile traveled, you're still safer in a commercial airplane than in the family station wagon.

But the computer networks and other infrastructure in place to keep pilots and passengers safe are aging and in dire need of an upgrade. Even more worrisome, however, is the vulnerability of these networks to computer piracy.

Hackers are a well-known danger to any organization that uses computers. But a hacker breaking into the Internal Revenue Service, for example, can do no worse than ruin your credit rating or create other privacy hassles; destructive, no doubt. But if the wrong person breaks into the computers at the Federal Aviation Administration, the damage could be measured in human lives.

Nevertheless, recent reports and interviews with officials close to the problem suggests that FAA honchos have long ignored serious security weaknesses in air-traffic control computer systems. These weaknesses, experts say, could easily be exploited by a skilled hacker, or even a disgruntled agency worker intent on taking revenge.

"Failure to adequately protect these systems," reports Gene Dodaro of the General Accounting Office, "could cause nationwide disruptions of air traffic or even loss of life due to collisions."

FAA spokesman William Shumann shrugged off the threat of attack as "little more than vandalism," and claims that hackers could conceivably cause flight delays but not accidents. "We think (the GAO testimony) is exaggerated," he told our associate Aaron Karp. "We dispute that mid-air collisions are likely to

What worries us even more than the security weaknesses is Shumann's explanation as to why there's no need to worry. The FAA claims that their computers are so old and out-of-date that most modern-day computer whizzes won't be able to figure them out.

In some areas of the country, air-traffic controllers are still working with 1960s-era technology, which often breaks down and is especially tough to fix because the folks who designed it are for the most part retired or deceased.

"It's very difficult, if not impossible, for someone to hack into (the air-traffic control system) now" because of the system's age, Shumann explained. GAO officials believe that counting on hackers to be confounded by the old-time computers is a risky assumption.

And soon it will be an invalid assumption, as that the FAA is in the midst of replacing its ancient technology. Over the next seven years, the old system will be replaced by a new, state-of-the-art control system that presumably will make it easier to monitor air traffic. This new system may be more vulnerable to illicit

"The GAO rightly points to the possibility of hackers breaking into the new computer system," Shumann conceded. "We're alert to those possibilities and are taking steps to safeguard that system."

The agency's assurances might carry more weight if it wasn't also plagued by security concerns of a far simpler nature. Says the GAO's Dodaro: "We found that FAA was not effectively managing physical security at air-traffic control facilities. Known weaknesses exist at many facilities.'

An FAA assessment of one such facility found that "access control procedures were weak to nonexistent and that the facility was extremely vulnerable to criminal and terrorist attack." Unfortunately, the agency hasn't even bothered to check up on the physical security at 187 of its air-traffic control centers since

Despite this, Shumann claims that "physical security has not been a big issue." He added that the FAA is in the midst of a "multi-year effort" to beef up security, and a "complete analysis" of security deficiencies at air-traffic control centers will be completed by August.

The FAA's message to concerned flyers: Don't worry, be happy. Somehow we're not reassured.

#### We have. . Continued from page 4

Better for Congress to read the signs of the times and quit the pork barrel fight before [the president-elect] comes out even more ahead."

This advice should also go out to Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Dick Gordon, the former mayor of Olongapo who shares with Mr. Ramos the distinction of being the most overestimated Filipino pol. Mr. Estrada has as much confidence on Mr. Gordon's capabilities as he has on the president-elect's. Which means none whatsoever. So why is Mr. Gordon holding on to the position? Like Mr. Ramos, Mr. Gordon has apparently believed wholeheartedly what the Western press says about him. But, as

Mr. Estrada has said recently, "No one holds a monopoly on good leadership."

There are two lessons here. One, don't underestimate politicians who are, in one way or another, underestimated. (In the CNMI. kindly recall what they used to say about Governor Teno.) And two, when in Manila, read any of the broadsheets for news, but buy Today for its news and Mr. Locsin's op-eds.

By the time this issue comes out, I will be back on Saipan and, like most of you, will be avidly waiting for the first issue of Islands Variety, a weekend magazine to be edited by Mar-Vic C. Munar who, incidentally, used to be a Today section editor. It's going to be a real good magazine.

### **⇔** Letters to the Editor

### 'Dadang 6' sacrificial lambs?

I have always respected the fair and impartial journalism published the Marianas Variety over the

I have not always agreed with some of the opinions and articles that have been written.

However, for the most part, I have always felt that you made a serious attempt at exploring both sides of the issue. Unfortunately, Mr. Jojo Dass's

inaccurate and one-sided June 01 article and June 02 editorial regarding the "Dadang Six" disturbed me so much that I felt compelled to respond.

It's very unfortunate that the "Dadang Six" issue has been so totally distorted and blown out of proportion by members of the media and other uninformed individu-

Instead of focusing on ways to help these people and their families, we are now hearing accusations implying some sort of political agenda aimed at benefiting individuals with pending public land

With a basic understanding of the history and facts pertaining to the issue at hand, this type of reporting can almost be looked at as

Unfortunately, most people are either unfamiliar with the issue or the bill (SB 11-39) and are now being distracted by unfounded allegations and poor journalism not even remotely associated with the problems that we are attempting to

A number of years ago, the "Dadang Six" were given permission to build temporary housing on what was then the outskirts of Songsong Village.

This was the accustomed or "local way" of helping others who are less fortunate or in need of community assistance.

Rota may be a small island but it is certainly big enough for us to help others in times of need.

As a result, these families cleaned up the area, built their homes there and generally improved the prop-

Now, over 10 years later, despite a plethora of unresolved and unenforced land cases, somebody within public lands has taken it upon himself to make an example out of six Filipino-Americans and their families occupying a small parcel of

As I've stated earlier, I respect the decision of the court and understand the Board of Lands and Natural Resources' obligation to protect the land of the CNMI for its citizens.

However, I am perplexed as to why this department has insisted upon taking such an aggressive stance against these particular indi-

I really felt that there was room for compromise in regards to this unique situation. I appealed to the Board to kindly consider the following alternatives before putting these people out on the street:

•Temporary Lease: Offerthem a five (5) year lease, taking into consideration the improvements that were made on the land and the return investment to the CNMI, thus providing them with ample time to save funds to relocate and

• Transfer to MIHA: Transfer these parcels to MIHA and let them manage the lease agreement;

 Land Exchange: I felt strongly enought about this issue that I was and still am willing to exchange an equivalent amount of my personal land to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources so that these people may continue to reside in Songsong Village.

Unfortunately, the suggestions were not entertained for one reason or another.

Naturally, I was shocked and saddened to see residents of our own community forcibly thrown out on the street, with only eight days' notice, by the same government that is supposed to be serving the people and helping to provide for those in need of safe and sanitary housing.

Instead of our governemt profiting from a monthly lease agreement which could have easily been renegotiated, we are now using government funds to assist these

tion 8 housing assistance. Even if they obtain an alternative land parcel, they simply don't have the funds available to build at this

families in finding alternative Sec-

That is why we have been requesting a transition period for them to be able to save money to rebuild

To be frank, I just don't believe that providing these people with only eight days' eviction notice was the right thing for our government to do. Where is the humanitarian side of our government?

Although the bill was inspired by the plight of the "Dadang Six," it was basically just another attempt to help these people and others throughout CNMI who have experienced similar frustrations, delays and inconsistencies when dealing with land exchanges, compensations, homesteads and other land-related problems.

As we all know, there are literally thousands of such cases currently pending.

Bills like this are becoming more necessary to assist DLNR in fulfilling their duties to the people of the Commonwealth in a more humane and responsible manner.

Let's put aside the bill and look at the issue. Six families, which include over a dozen children, have been displaced from their homes.

These people were given only eight days to gather their belongings and vacate their homes. Their children have been attending school for the past month with no place to call home.

The system has failed them.

The predicament of the people whose land is in limbo is the real issue we are trying to address here.

Mr. Dass's editorial also touched on the plight of the 100 agricultural homestead applicants on Rota who he falsely accused of "tilling the

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### (\$)10,000 reasons to remove factory

A \$10,000 fine, 500 Chinese workers, at least 4 raw sewage overflows, at least 4 pending labor cases, a federal lawsuit, and 2 noisy gen-

This is what the MGM/DIORVA garment factory has brought to the CNMI—nothing but trouble. Is all this worth the pittance that

MGM/DIORVA pays in taxes (not the BGRT of course)? Hardly. A \$10,000 fine is hardly a dime compared with the profits that these 2 companies make every year on the backs of foreign workers.

The recent fine against MGM/ DIORVA for unauthorized expansion gives the CRM Board of Di-

rectors every reason to deny the "after the fact" permit application with CRM.

The CRM board, composed of the DLNR secretary, CUC, DPW, DEQ, HPO, and Commerce agencies, now has an opportunity to do the right thing after years of misguided efforts. It should take advantage of it.

Imposing heavy fines against MGM/DIORVA and other companies sends a strong message that CRM is, finally, serious about enforcing the laws.

Denying the MGM/DIORVA CRM application for an "afterthe-fact" permit tells companies that "if you do business in disregard of our laws and the rights of the citizens to a clean and healthful environment, you will be dealt with severely" because CRM is now saying, "No More Mr. Nice

Yes, better a late fine than never, but better than MGM/DIORVA be told to take its pathetic operation elsewhere, preferably out of the CNMI and definitely out of As Lito and not soon enough.

When CRM issues its decision denying the MGM/DIORVA application, our family will be there to bid them Adios and good riddance! We can't wait to see that day come.

ROBERT TORRES

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# Fund denies Tinian 4' claims

By Haidee V. Eugenio Variety News Staff

THE NMI Retirement Fund has denied the release of death benefits due to relatives of four dead persons because of absence of proper contribution records.

sea accident in 1997 were reportedly employed by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commis-

ployed by the Tinian Casino Gam-

#### Torres opposes office space for CNMI Bar at Complex



#### By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

FORMER Congressman Stanley Tones has opposed the judiciary's reported plans to provide office space for the CNMI Bar Association in the Judicial Complex.

"Personally I don't agree with that because the CNMI Bar is an association of lawyers. I think they should not be accommodated in the building unless it has to do with judicial work," Tones said in an interview.

The former lawmaker expressed opposition with such idea after he overheard Courts Director Edward "They were supposedly em-

the CNMI Barwill have a space in the

When contacted yesterday, DeLeon Guerrero refused to comment on the issue. Tones said other than disciplinary actions and ethics any Bar organizational functions should not be con-

ducted in the building unless the group will pay rent. "Otherwise I don't agree for them

(Bar) having a space for free on publie building," he pointed out. If the Bar gets a space, Torres said,

the legislature should carefully review the judicial budget and identify how much expenses that space is costing the public.

"They (lawmakers) should deduct the office's cost from the judiciary's appropriated budget. The legislature should come up an opposition to that," he added. Sources, however, said providing

a free office to the Bar may not be realized because the Family Court will likely instead occupy the availnever had any document or information that says they are actually employed by the said agency. Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona told the Variety during a Board of Trustees' special meet-

He added that the four deceased are not eligible for certain benefits and entitlements under the Retirement program because the Fund was not provided with any record of them making any contribution to the Fund.

Manglona said that although the Commission has shown copies of a contribution check and personnel action, they were submitted late, and did not specify the exact

date of their recruitment since the Fund gives benefits only to those who have been contributing for a couple of years already.

The issue continues to arise after the Fund first denied the pension claims of the relatives of the deceased persons. They then sought the help of government officials and the TCGCC to ask the Fund to reconsider its decision. But to no avail.

"The Board denies the benefits until such time when the Tinian Gaming Commission comes up with an information that these people were actually employed by this company," said Manglona. In his letter to Manglona, TCGCC Commissioner Joaquin "bonafide employees of the Commission" but did not present any paper to prove it.

Boria also admitted that the untimely remittances of the deceased contributions were due to the Commission's inability to pay accordingly.

"At the time in question, the Commission did not have the financial capability to timely pay the retirement contributions of the deceased. However, the Commission made the payments subsequent to the fact . . .," said Boria.

The four deceased persons were Clifford M. Manglona, Ignacio SN. Aquiningoc, Isaac P. Palacios, and George A. Manglona.

# Ayuyu hits 'lack of planning'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar Variety News Staff

CRITICIZING the Department of Public Health's alleged "lack of planning" on the health screening requirement, business leader Jose C. Ayuyu says the government should shoulder all expenses that may be incurred by employers in the event that alien workers are asked to go

through another medical tests. "We complied with the regulations; we sent out our alien workers for the health screening test, and now they're saying these clinics are not qualified,"

said Ayuyu, president of Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said some of the clinics, not properly accredited by the federal government, may have been using non-acceptable procedures such as the Rapid Reactive Test "which leaves room for false negative and false positive results."

He hinted the possibility of recalling health certificates issued by some of these private clinics.

Villagomez is also proposing that the health screening job be reassigned to the Commonwealth

"We've done what we were told to do, but the department should have assisted us because we're not experts on this matter," Ayuyu said.

Asked if employers would oppose any requirement for them to go through the health screening process again, Ayuyu said, "We won't oppose it as long as they would shoulder the ex-

He said because of the government's "lack of planning," the employers and the employees have "wasted a lot of time and money."

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# Port fee waiver for tuna cargo

By Aldwin R. Fajardo

Variety News Staff

WITH THE impending demise of the garment industry in the Norhern Mariana, the government may need to tap other industries that would sustain shipping activities in the islands.

Sen. Juan P. Tenorio said he will ask the Commonwealth Ports Authority for a possible waiving of port fees to attract shipping companies that transship tuna catches from all throughout the Western Pacific Region to do business in the Commonwealth.

"In fact, I am going to talk with the CPA to take that into consideration and see whether we can deal with that because of the eminent departure of the garment industry here," Tenorio

He added that the Northern Marianas need industries to fall back on to sustain activities at the air and sea ports, thus, revive the cash-strapped Ports Authority and CNMI's dwindling economy.

"So if we can provide tax exemption or maybe waive some of the port fees and things like that to make it [transshipping of tunas] attractive," he said.

Tenorio also mentioned that

#### One charged with car theft, another with ice' possession

By Jacob Leon Guerrero Variety News Staff

HAGATNA, Guam — The Attorney General of Guam on Tuesday filed theft charges against Kimmie Marie Siguenza.

According to a compliant filed in the Superior Court, Siguenza was charged for allegedly driving stolen vehicles on two occa-

She was also charged with escape for allegedly fleeing while in the police custody.

The compliant alleged that last May 31, Siguenza was seen driving a 1998 Mitsubishi Mirage owned by Venture Transportation Corporation which was earlier reported to have been stolen.

Siguenza was pulled over by police along Tutuhan Drive, Agana Heights. The compliant alleged that on

June 2, Siguenza was seen driving a 1992 Nissan Sentra owned by Marilyn C. Encaracion which was reported to have been stolen.

She was seen driving the car in the parking lot behind the Hamilton Hotel, located in Hagatna. She was pulled over and placed under arrest. In another Superior Court re-

port, drug charges were filed by the Attorney General against Christopher James Grantham in the Superior Court.

 Grantham was allegedly caught last June 1 possessing plastic straws that contained crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as " ice.".

he has discussed with Senate President Paul Manglona some ways that would help facilitate the completion of the Saipan dock, and the continuation of tuna transshipment activities. Tinian previously was a trans-

shipment point for tunas caught around Micronesian waters. "I was encouraging Sen. Manglona to possibly push for the continuation of that."

He stressed that the resumption of tuna transshipment activities in the CNMI would help generate additional revenues for local businesses, which will indirectly benefit the government.

"I think it is something we should seriously look into," he said, citing Guam which has been generating revenues from tuna transshipment activities.

Tenorio said there is a need to improve the air and sea ports in the Commonwealth. He cited an open Japanese market for tuna catches since there are direct flights to some cities in



Sen. Juan P. Tenorio

Japan from the NMI.

He said this may mean additional activity in terms of airfreight and unloading the catch at the Saipan harbor, which will then be transported to the international airport for transship-

"It is very good since we have direct flights to Japan. By being able to tap into the airfreight to Japan, it will be economically beneficial for us here," he said. Tinian Chamber of Commerce

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Long said his organization will sponsor the introduction of a resolution on tuna regionalism when business leaders through out the region meets in Decem-

He pointed out that the proposal would help perk up the economic feasibility of the CNMI, as well as encourage the region to unify island states' economic zones.

Under the existing set up, island nations negotiate their own licensing fees, or rates they charge fishing companies who would fish around its territorial waters, and charges imposed on shipping companies using dock facilities for the transshipment of the catches.

Members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has adopted a resolution pushing for the development of a regional fishing cooperative arrangement among island mem-

Guerrero said considering the rich fishery resources of the region, this should have been manifested by better infrastructure, education and health facilities.

Guerrero said islanders in the Western Pacific should learn how they can join hands and linking their goals together, "so we can be assured that the benefits of our resources come to the islanders first."

FFA said this association would handle fisheries management, access arrangements and domestic industry development. The arrangement would feature government involvement, possibly with the private sector, to distribute income among the

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# FERCURD and Florands

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# Garapan Elementary celebrates culture



The "Chuukese Dancers" from Shinning Kepwe's group perform a Chuukese traditional dance during the Garapan Elementary School

Variety News Staff STUDENTS at Garapan Elementary School are wrapping up their celebration of "Ethnic Week" with a "Carnival Day" today at the school's campus.

"We started last Monday with different cultural activities for students to appreciate and learn about other cultures that exist here," said GES Principal Juan L. Babauta. "It is also a way to remind stu-

dents to be proud of their heritage and to respect it," he said.

GES's traditional "Ethnic Week" included activities like tours to the Commonwealth Mu-

visited the schools to do cultura Carolinian Utt, and the Man'amko presentations and students from different schools showed up for Parents and guest speakers also



Students from Garapan Elementary School perform to "Heal the World during their "Ethnic Week" celebrations yesterday.

# SVES opens book fair for students

Variety News Staff

THERE are tables and tables filled with new books and students at San Vicente Elementary School are "excited" to pick out their very own.

The school year's first "SVES Book Fair" opened vesterday with parents volunteering to man the book stations cluttering with "eager customers".

"What can I get for \$1.00?, asks a second grader, after eyeing several books.

"Well, you can get this one," says parent Brenda Aguon. "It's about puppies.

The young girl walks away with a new book from the Troll Company and a huge smile on her face.

"This is a good chance for students to pick out the books they want," said Aguon.

"And for parents to volunteer and get involved with their children's education," she said.

SVES Principal Martha Haberman points out that the



Students at San Vicente Elementary School choose from the new books at the SVES Book Fair vesterday.

the books they want," she added. Haberman also said that the book fair is "a good way to promote reading" among the stu-

> "Because they get to pick out the books they want, they will definitely read it. And that is what we want for them to do."

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SVES Principal Martha Haberman joins a teacher from SVES in looking over some of the new books at the Book Fair yesterday.

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#### CCAC announces visual workshop

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture is informing local artists about a visual arts workshop sponsored by the Tougaloo Art Committee in Tougaloo, Mississippi, a release from CCAC

The Tougaloo Art Colony is a week-long intensive workshop open to serious art participants—visual artists, art educators, college-level art students and emerging artists.

Studio courses in the visual arts will be taught by nationally know artists.

This year's colony will focus on figurative imagery with emphasis on ethnic and crosscultura influences.

Dr. Alvia Wardlaw, noted scholar and curator of African American Art and Associate Professor of Art History at Texas Southern University, will lecture on "The figure in African American Art: A study in the Aesthetic Definition of

Guests artist instructors will include Nanette Carter, Larry Walker, Bob Pennebaker, Willie Birch and Yvonne Tucker.

For more information on this workshop, all interested visual artists, art teachers and college level art students may contact Tina Wabol Foster at the Arts Council at 322-9982 or 322-9983.

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### **OES** kicks off Academic Fair



sing "Kuttura" during their Academic Fair yesterday.

By Laila C. Younis Variety News Staff

STUDENTS at Oleai Elementary School are taking what they have learned a step further.

At the "OES Academic Fair" which kicked off yesterday, students demonstrated what they learned to teachers, parents and Public School System officials.

"This is an opportunity for students to showcase what they have learned so far. As we are wrapping up the school year, students can demonstrate what they have achieved," said OES Principal Evelyn Manglona. "We started 'thematic teach-

ing' in Oleai Elementary. Now, students are learning through themes and units. This school year's overall theme was 'It's a Wonderful World'," she said. "Next year's theme will be 'Ex-

ploring Our Changing World This is just part of a focus students will be looking at when

The 4th Annual OES Academic

learning a subject," she added.

Fair presented various performances from all of the school's

an academic exhibition in the school's library. Also, an 'Academic Challenge

was held among the lower grades to test the student's knowledge and skills.

"This concept of learning really validates what the students have learned," said Acting Commissioner of Education Patrick Tellei.

"It is a valuable tool of demonstrating knowledge because students get a 'hands-on' experience," he said.

"This really brings out the best in students, and the creativity stretches beyond the classroom. which makes learning fun and interesting," he said.

The OES Academic Fair continues today with a walk-a-thon along the Saipan Beach Pathway. an academic exhibition and an academic challenge for the upper



Camping Time. The Girl Scouts from Oleai Elementary School gather for a photo during a recent camping trip at Managaha Island.

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The Oleai Elementary School Drum Corps drum up some action during the OES Academic Fair yesterday.



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### Guam Sen. Santos asks for probe of GPA lease

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HAGATNA, Guam — Sen. Angel L. G. Santos is asking U.S. District Attorney Frederick Black to look into alleged irregularities surrounding the Guam Power Authority's lease of the former Harmon Payless Supermarket/Super Drugs build-

Santos assailed the GPA Board of Directors for entering into a \$2.56 million lease agreement for the facilities that would later be renovated and cost the government another \$1.1 mil-

Santos chided GPA for obligating Guam's taxpayers to pay for the renovation of the commercial building in the total amount of \$1,425,740 after making the lease commitment.

The three-year lease contract was executed on Oct. 1, 1997. Santos said the GPA Board approved the lease as early as July 23, 1997, but the facility

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was not occupied until 11 months later.

"Why did GPA enter into a \$2.56 million lease agreement first, only to assume the responsibility of paying a phenomenal cost of \$1.1 million to renovate the existing structure that is obviously inadequate?," Santos asked.

Aside from the renovation costs, Santos said the government spent another \$325,740.00 to repair the damages caused by Typhoon Paka.

"I was told that change orders to the project are currently being processed between GPA and the contractor which will increase that amount by another \$141,000.00 for the construction of a parking lot and modifications mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act," Santos said.

"Why should GPA have to pay \$1.425 million to renovate a commercial building that will Continued on page 44

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Variety News Staff WITH HARDLY a trace of financial recovery, the Commonwealth Ports Authority [CPA] may need a comprehensive and immediate audit following reports that the agency has been over-manned.

Documents obtained by the Variety recommended a formal mandatory quarterly budget review and certification by management, an encumbrance process to assure that funds are actually available before funds are committed.

The same recommendations were made by the Executive Transition Committee in January but observers claimed the proposal was apparently ignored.

Board member Roman Palacios said there is a need to dismiss CPA employees who have allegedly been irregularly recruited since 1994 to keep the Ports Authority at pace with its self-instituted austerity

"We can also ask employees who are eligible for early retirement to

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Roman Palacios

relinquish to enable CPA to reduce its financial deficit," Palacios said. He said, however, that the ports agency has been in strict compliance with its severity program.

A review of its personnel disclosed that the agency has accumulated a total of 252 employees with a cumulative annual income of at least \$8.5 million.

Documents revealed that in 1994, the Ports Authority had 167 employees with a combined total income of about \$3.6 million.

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that the additional employees were given generous salaries. Of particular concern, the number of employees on Rota and Tinian doubled although activities at the air and sea ports hardly increased," the document said.

Palacios said that with the present financial condition of the Ports Authority, superfluous employees should be terminated. "I understand that this may cause some inconveniences but they should understand too, that they should have not been hired, to begin with," he explained.

Reports claimed CPA management failed to comply with the provisions of its personnel manual in that people were hired without proper vacancy announcement.

A recent report has also suggested that CPA should reduce expenses by eliminating unnecessary travels. It stressed that the agency's failure to respond to concerns raised by its financial consultant has contributed to CPA's poor financial condition.

The same report recommended that the US Department of Interior or the US Congress audit the Saipan Harbor Improvement Project [SHIP] because of the increase in scope and cost, as well as the delay in completion.

The project underwent numerous change orders during the last three years.

One of them involved over \$741,000 as additive to the existing contract for dredging work in

Requests for audit has been previously made to determine whether the change orders were justified and legal.

"It has been said that change ordernumber 7 with over \$741,000 of additive cost is a result of work initially intended to be covered by liquidated damage of \$1 million against the contractor by performing certain dredging work in Rota harbor," according to the docu-

During the Fiscal Year 1995, none of the six supplemental budget requests, amounting to more than \$6.5 million, were approved with the certification of the CPA

In 1996, some \$22.9 million in total supplemental budget were approved without the certification of the chief accountant, while close to \$245,000 in total additional budget were okayed without the accountant's knowledge

Meanwhile, the same report recommended that members of CPA Board of Directors submit courtesy resignations immediately for failure to comply with the Open Government Act, the Government Ethics Code Act of 1992.

Board members were also asked to file courtesy resignations for their failure to properly manage CPA finances.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio was urged to take action, pursuant to a provision in the CNMI Constitution which guarantees "removal for cause" should CPA board members fail to submit courtesy resignations.

# Fund to move \$10-M in equities to int'l markets

Variety News Staff

IN ORDER to comply with its investment allocation policies, the NMI Retirement Fund's Board of Trustees has approved a plan to move \$10 million from US equities to international markets.

Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona said that the US equity market returns have increased the assets in the US asset class to a value which is outside the strategic asset allocation range of 88 percent for US, and 12 percent for the international assets.

"We want to shift some assets to increase our exposure in the international markets to comply with our investment allocation policies." Manglona told the Variety.

The recommendation comes from the Fund's investment consultant Merril Lynch, he said.

As of end of March, the Fund's assets were placed at \$301 million. Of this figure, \$274 million comes from US equity managers, namely, the Atalanta, Renaissance, Provident, Bjurman and Invesco FI.

By Haidee V. Eugenio

THE SAIPAN and Northern Is-

lands Municipal Council urged the

Department of Public Works to

look into the safety of motorists by

installing fluorescent paints or light

This traffic measure, said SNIMC

Chairman David L. Igitol, would

help direct motorists, especially at

reflectors on traffic meridians.

Variety News Staff

The remaining \$27 million came



from international managers such as the BEA and the Invesco Asia.

Bymoving\$10millionfromtheUS equity managers to an international managerlike BEA, the Fund will then be in compliance with its investment policy, according to the Fund.

Since Atalanta manages the largest piece of NMI Retirement Fund's money, it is advisable to move more money from it, the recommendation paper stated.

"The goal, when changes are made, is to move toward keeping the Atalanta, Renaissance, and Provident portfolios roughly the same size, so that NMI does not

In his letter to DPW Acting Secre-

tary Jose P. Rosario, Igitol pointed

out that the current conditions of traf-

fic meridians throughout public high-

ways lack safety measures that can

"We urge your department to do

something to alleviate the dangers

inherent with the current condition of

these traffic meridians," Igitol said in

He cited a minor traffic accident on

help direct motorists.

have too much exposure to any of these core managers," it said.

The Merril Lynch recommendation also said that the BEA manages the NMI international portfolio with a focus and expertise on international markets, and all of the emerging markets like Asia, Europe and South America.

"NMI would receive better diversification by placing these funds with an international portfolio that has been BEA's style, rather than specifically into one market," said the recommendation.

It also noted BEA's outstanding performance during the past three

The paper also said that the Asia Pacific assets managed by Invesco Asia should not be changed since they are volatile.

"At some point in the future, NMIFund should consider increasing the size of the Invesco Asia portfolio," said the paper.

This plan was one of the two recommendations given by Merril Lynch which the Board of Trustees approved on Wednesday during a special meeting.

are confident that there will be

fewer traffic accidents related

to these barriers once fluores-

cent paint or light reflectors are

installed appropriately," Igitol

concluded.



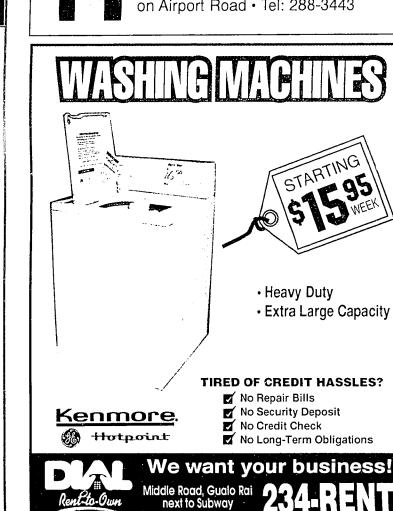


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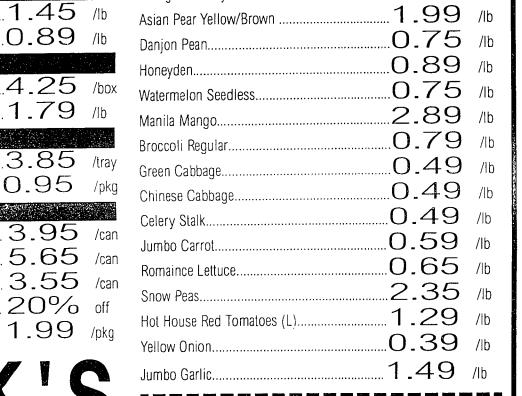
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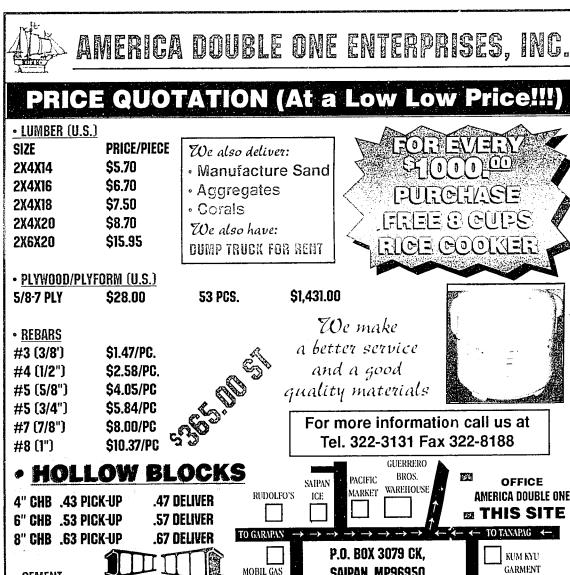


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# Ex-Pagan residents air concerns



LETTING THEIR VOICES HEARD. Former Pagan residents led by Cinta Kaipat (foreground) filled the Susupe Multipurpose Center Wednesday evening during a public hearing on HB 11-42.



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THE author of the proposed bill seeking to permanently prohibit the habitation of Pagan island said after a public hearing Wednesday night that he would consider the sentiments of Pagan's former residents who want to return to that island.

"We have a lot of concerns expressed tonight, especially by the people who are affected by the bill if it becomes a law. What the committee will do is review those comments and those concerns and take action from there," Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio, who is chairman of the House committee on natural resources, said in an interview after the hearing.

House Bill 11-142 proposes to declare Pagan as unsafe for habitation because of "long-term volcanic activity." The bill also seeks to declare the island as a protected area for the propagation of endangered species and as a destination for

The four-hour hearing at the Mulipurpose Center in Susupe was attended by over 100 former Pagan and

ing), especially by the people of the Northern Islands." Tenorio said.

Tenorio said his main concern was the safety of the people, considering that Pagan is volcanic.

Pagan residents evacuated from the island when its volcano erupted in the early 1980s. Since then they have not been allowed

The bill has afforded the residents who have long been desiring to go back to Pagan an opportunity to voice their wish.

Tenorio admitted that there has been no followup study on the volcanic activity on Pagan.

"We do have to write to the people who are responsible for monitoring the volcanic activity and see what they have to say about habitation," Tenorio said.

He said that if the scientists find out in the future that the island is safe for habitation on a permanent basis, the law prohibiting the habitation of Pagan can be amended.

"No law is permanent. It can always be amended in the future," he

## Court puts on hold sentencing of cops guilty of traffic charges

Manuel A. Tenorio

other Northern Islands residents who

led by Cinta Kaipat, who delivered a

stirring statement before the commit-

Tenoric also said his commit-

tee has to consider other com-

ments it has received from other

quarters aside from the Pagan resi-

"We'll have a committee meet-

ing and come out with a report on

what action to take, whether or

not to recommend pushing the

bill or to incorporate the concerns

The former Pagan residents were

oppose the bill.

Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court has put on hold pending an appeal the sentencing of a police officer who was found guilty of traffic violations, including driving while under the influence of

Associate Judge Edward Manibusan granted the request of Police Officer Daniel Martinez for stay of sentence pending his appeal in

Manibusan in the order issued Wednesday said based on court documents Martinez had fully satisfied the criteria for granting a stay of sentence.

During a bench trial, Associate Judge Miguel Demapan found Martinez guilty of DUI, failure to take the breathalyzer test, driving without license, and failure to yield.

Demapan, however, acquitted Martinez as to the charge of reckless The officer was off duty when he

was found operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol in Garapan in the early morning of Aug. 5, 1997, court papers said.

Martinez, through counsel Bruce Berline, filed a notice of appeal on

Last May 18 Demapan sentenced the defendant to 30 days in jail, all

suspended except six days with 10 hours credit for time already served.

Demapan also ordered the officer to pay \$600 fine and suspended his driver's license for six months. He was placed on probation for one

Ten days later, Berline filed an amended notice of appeal to ensure that the sentencing was included in the defendant's appeal.

Berline, in the motion for a stay, stated that Martinez is "not a flight risk, is not appealing for the purpose of delay and his appeal raises substantial issues likely to result in reversal.'

Berline said as defendant's sentence is of a short duration, without such stay being granted, his appeal will be moot.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Ramona Manglona, who prosecuted Martinez, did not oppose the motion.

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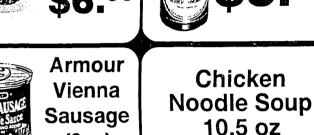
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# Legislature not ready to delegate renaming tasks'

Thomas P. Villagomez

originally began with the pas-

sage of Saipan Local Law No.

5-6 on Feb. 1988, instituting a

street directory commission to

establish a street naming system

Among the provisions of the

said law is the naming and num-

bering of streets and public build-

Upon the passage of Executive

Order 94-3 on Aug. 1994, the

Street Directory Commission was

abolished, but its duties and man-

date were transferred to the

Office of the Mayor of Saipan.

Despite this change, Sablan

said the law did not specify if

for Saipan.

Variety News Staff SENATE Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez said the naming of streets and public buildings still falls under the responsibility of legislators and not the Mayor's office.

Villagomez, chairman of the Saipan Streetnaming Commission, was responding to Saipan Mayor Jose C. Sablan's call for a clarification of some parts of Senate Local Bill 11-4, particularly on the task of naming public build-

The bill, otherwise known as the Saipan Street Naming and Street Address Numbering Act of 1998, is authored by Villagomez.

"Right now, the legislature has been doing it and I am not sure if it will be ready to relinquish that authority of naming public buildings," Villagomez told the Vari-

Sablan pointed out that the bill needs to clarify if his office is responsible for naming public buildings, as provided by Local Law No. 5-6.

The street naming project

ings is still under the Mayor's Villagomez, however, said

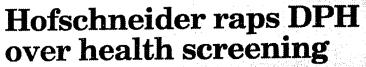
that the legislature welcomes any possible suggestions from the mayor, particularly on possible names of public buildings "If the mayor is interested in

contributing names, then he can continue to do so. But then again, it will be up to the legislature if it will support the mayor's suggestions or not," Villagomez said.

Voicing out his personal opinion, Villagomez said that delegating the task to only one individual, especially in a small community like Saipan, is oftentimes open to abuses.

"Streetnaming involves people. It is open to abuses. I still feel that if it will gonna go to a final decision process, then it should go through the Commission, and with the sanction by the delegation," said Villagomez.

He also said that the governor has the power to veto whatever proposal that comes from



By Haidee V. Eugenio

Variety News Staff REPRESENTATIVE Heinz Hofschneider said the Department of Health's refusal to extend the 90day emergency health screening and penalize late conformists was "loosely evaluated and thought of." The 90-day period expired last

Hofschneider, chairman of the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, said the DPH decision demonstrated how the

government poorly deals with the

private sector. "The way I look at it, it is an advantage to the government. We really have to look whether we are equipped with the right policies or not before we embark in similar aggressive policies like the emergency regulations.

"It proves a legitimate ineptitude of the government and the private sector to deal with such a regulation," Hofschneider pointed out.

He added that the real intent of the emergency health screening is to provide health services to nonresident workers, and not for "statistical purposes.'

"The purpose of the emergency health screening is to screen all and not for statistical purposes where you may just get your numbers and extrapolate (on those)," he said.



tagious, but who has not been screened, then "it does not do justice for that kind of policy."

"The next time we take over a policy, first we have to look at the ramifications, the impact that it will create," Hofschneider said. He added that the DPH has defeated its main purpose.

"It really defeats the purpose because if you want to alarm the people that we have so many cases of TB, HIV or syphillis here, but you only tested 50 percent of the population, it does not do justice to the other 50 percent who has not been screened," he said.

Public Health Division Director Jon Bruss earlier said the DPH liason office has received about 22,000 physical examination forms from private clinics since Feb. 25. Within this period, the DPH has issued over 18,000 health certificates. About 4,000 health tests are

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# 'Seized equipment are not from Karaoke club'

Variety News Staff

THE KARAOKE system and other equipment government recently seizedfollowing araidata Koblerville bar actually belonged to the hotel leasing out the facility to the nightspot's owners, it was gathered yesterday.

Owners clarify on DOLI raid:

Son Daeil of the Koresco Hotel, in a phone interview, said the company is discussing appropriate measures to reclaim the equipment worth thousands of dollars.

"We want to take back our property." Son said.

Son explained operators of Club 1004, the karaoke bar, were only using the facilities provided by the hotel under a two-year contract.

The bar is at the Koresco Hotel's

"Wedidnotmanage (Club 1004)," stressed Son.

He also denied allegations the hotel itself was illegally hiring nonresident workers as implied by a government media release on last month's raid at the karaoke bar.

The Club 1004 raid yielded five female Korean nationals found without proper work documentation. Son said Koresco has asked Chang Hyun Corporation, which runs Club

1004, to "correct or remedy the damage that has been done." "Otherwise," he warned, "we will bring the matter to (our) legal counsel

(for the necessary action)."

The equipment were seized as part of acriminal investigation of the club's owners for the illegal employment of nonresident workers, according to the Department of Labor and Immi-

Rob Goldberg, DOLI lawyer explained the seizure is justified under a "specific immigration forfeiture statute which states that government can seize any personal property that is used in connection with (the) violation of immigration laws."

A certain Song Jong Choun, Kim Sang Hee and Han Gi Won, the club's owners, are facing what DOLI claimed as "possible prosecution under the law."

The raid on Club 1004 culminated a month-long initial investigation made possible by information provided by a government confidential

It was part of three operations against night bars that resulted to the arrest of 11 allaged illegal nonresi-

## AGO's help sought in collecting aggrieved workers' money claims

By Jojo Dass Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) has, in three separate directives, asked the the Attorney General's Office (AGO) to assist five nonresident workers in collecting \$47,000 awarded them as compensation for having been abandoned with unpaid wages by their employers.

The AGO's help is also being sought on the \$8,000 fine imposed on the three employers involved for allegedly folding up their business establishments and fleeing the Commonwealth.

The employers, identified as Oian Li Li, Virgilio and Lourdes Imperial, and Alona Cenizal, were permanently barred from hiring new nonresident workers should they opt to return and reestablish business.

The workers, for their part, were allowed to transfer to new employers.

Qian, according to Linn Asper, DOLI's Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) Supervisor, left 13 nonresident workers after closing his business, the American Lida Development Corporation.

Eleven of Qian's workers have remained unaccounted for while the two, identified as Pan Feng and Wu Jian Lan were respectively awarded \$10,126 and \$1,952 in unpaid wages and liquidated damages.

Qian was fined \$6,500 for alleged labor law violations.

Asper likewise ordered at least three insurance firms to deliver proceeds of any bonding that applies to Pan and Wu.

The Imperials, who operated the V&L Enterprises, were, for their part, fined \$1,000 for alleged labor law violations.

Their workers, identified as Henry Manlulu and Sooriya A.M.A. Fatima, were awarded \$13,400 and \$13,000 in unpaid

wages and liquidated damages. The two's bonding firms were also ordered to apply their coverage "to the full and maximum

Cenizal, who operates the Alona Dine Enterprises, was fined \$500 for alleged labor law violations

certain Irma Villavicencio, ac-

cording to Asper's findings on her two year-old complaint, was abandoned, a total of \$3,750 in wages, unpaid. Villavicencio was awarded

\$7,500 also in unpaid wages and liquidated damages. Asper said the workers' mon-

etary claims and fines imposed Her employee, identified as a against the employers are "due and payable immediately."



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Variety News Staff FOR the second year in a row, the Aqua Resort Club's fine-dining restaurant Raraina has been chosen as the venue for the invitational luncheon reception by the Philippine consulate on June 12 when the Philippines celebrates its 100th year of Independence from Spanish rule.

The luncheon will be preceded by a vin d'honneur which will be led by Philippine Consul Julia Heidemann.

For this special affair, Aqua Resort will offer an array of Filipino dishes that include, for the main course, lechon de leche (roasted pig suckling), shrimp relleno, barbecue pork skewers, beef tapa, empanaditas, and stuffed hot wings.

The cold appetizers will include kilawin isda (raw fish in relished vinegar), crispy kangkong fritter, chicken relleno with garnishes, and green mango with bagoong.

For dessert Aqua Resort will prepare various kinds of rice, cas-

the following dishes:

Julia Heidemann

sava and root-crop cake and buko (young coconut) pie.

torical landmarks.

The carvings, occupying a 90

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centimenter space, will be the buffet table's centerpiece.

They will be executed by Hyatt Sous-Chef Bienvenido Chavez.

Pacific Gardenia Hotel, Golden Lobster Restaurant, and D' Elegance Restaurant will also contribute their specialty dishes. Filipinochefs will demonstrate how these dishes are prepared and cooked.

For example, Golden Lobster, which is owned by Saipan Filipino-American

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Roland Jastillana, will prepare paella and rellenong manok (stuffed chicken), and Pacific Gardenia arroz

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The venue for this food festival is the Costa Terrace Restaurant.

ippine Night on June 10, Wednesday, when its staff will perform Filipino dances and songs at the hotel lobby from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friedle swears that the Filipino

locals and other nationalities. Friedle said last year's food festival

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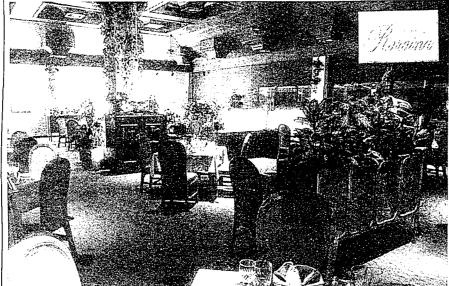
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Pol V. Urcia, Aqua Resort's food and beverage manager, said that about 80 guests are expected to come to this Centennial luncheon-cocktail.

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RARAINA: Venue for the centennial celebration of Philippine Independence on

a.m. The fundraiser is being organized by the Philippine Centennial Organizing Committee.

Aqua Resort is also, for the second year, holding a Fiesta Filipino Food Festival from June 8 to 12 and every Saturday during the whole month of

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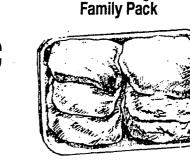
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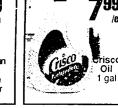
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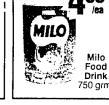
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#### US Coast Guard arrests China boat in N. Pacific

HONOLULU (Pacnews)—The Honolulu-based U.S. Coast Guard cutter Jarvis has taken control of a Chinese fishing vessel 700 miles northeast of Tokyo for allegedly violating the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Conven-

Apparently using an outlawed drift net which can extend for miles and indiscriminately catch everything in its path, the Chinese Fishing vessel No. 16 was believed to be fishing illegally for Pacific salmon and steelhead trout.

The crew also is suspected of having cut its drift net loose, after it was spotted from the air by a Coast Guard helicopter crew.

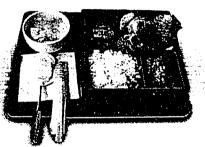
the 378-foot cutter Jarvis boarded the Chinese vessel and took control of the ship late Wednesday

Thirty fishermen were aboard. Earlier this week, a second Chinese fishing boat, the Tai Sheng, was apprehended in the same general area off the Aleutian Islands by the Alameda. California-based cutter

The Tai Sheng, which the Coast Guard pursued for five days, was observed fishing illegally with more than nine miles of drift net.

The Coast Guard is continuing an investigation into the activity of both Chinese fishing vessels.



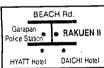


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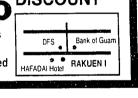
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### Elsewhere in the Pacific

### Pacific may become haven for child sex abusers, say officials

By ROBERT KEITH-REID

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — The tolerant attitudes and relative innocence of Pacific Islanders, combined with the isolation of their communities, make the region an appealing prospective "safe haven" for foreign child sex abusers, authorities warned Thurs-

Fear that the Pacific will become an alternative to Asian brothel centers has prompted governments and child protection agencies to coordinate a regional response.

Government, police and social service officials from 12 Pacific Island countries met in Suva this week to design a plan to nip in the bud the development of a commercial child

Greg Urwin, Australia's senior diplomat in Fiji, told the conference recent efforts to combat the child sex trade in Asia has prompted abusers to look for alternatives.

"(They) seem more inclined to look at this (Pacific Island) region, where perhaps controls may be perceived to be less stringent, where society generally may be perceived as more tolerant and relaxed and where the innocence of children and families may seem more easily exploitable," Urwin said. Australia funded the confer-

Christine Beddoe, of Australian non-government organization End Child Prostitution, Pornography and Trafficking, said there were definite indicators of a child sex trade beginning in Samoa, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Fiji and "high risk indicators" in Tonga.

However, except for a few proven cases involving children in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, evidence indi-

### Niue plan underway to revive honey industry

ALOFI (Pacnews)-Investigations are underway to determine if Niue's honey industry is worth reviving.

The industry, which started in 1967 as a partnership between a New Zealand beekeeper and the now defunct Niue Development Board, produced up to 75 tonnes of honey a year from 1250 hives, The Niue Economic Review reports.

When the industry was fully privatised in 1991, production had dropped to an all time low.

The honey factory and the hives are now in poor condition and require substantial capital investment to make the business viable. Experts say around \$NZ50,000 (\$US26,000) would be required

to operate 600 hives or \$NZ100,000 (\$US52,000) for 1200 hives. The government is considering inviting New Zealand beekeepers to invest in a joint venture which is seen to have good potential for gaining export earnings.

At present the company is being privately managed under the wing of the Niue Development Bank.

cating the spread of commercial child prostitution remains largely anec-

Resolutions from the conference include agreements on greater collaboration between police, governments and communities in each country, the introduction of stringent antichild abuse laws, the need for heightened public awareness and the establishment a regional network to identify and combat child prostitution.

Urwin said an absence of effective anti-abuse legislation and effective enforcement needed to be urgently

Urwin said Australia and Fiji has just signed protocols for tighter control of child adoption procedures, for improved treatment for young victims of sexual, physical and mental abuse and for exchanges of informa-

#### Tuvalu set to begin plans for development

MELBOURNE (Pacnews)— Tuvalu's prime minister, Bikenibeu Paeniu, says his recently re-elected government is ready to go ahead with development plans and constitutional

Paeniu has just completed a tour of Tuvalu's outer islands, where he explained the government's plans, Radio Australia reports.

Paeniu says he plans to introduce a range of new measures, including a code of conduct for leaders and the creation of an ombudsman's office.

The prime minister says the govemment will extensively involve the people of Tuvalu in the reform

### Vanuatu to restructure state banks

PORT VILA (Pacnews)— Vanuatu's council of ministers has endorsed a plan to restructure the National Bank of Vanuatu and the Development Bank of

The restructure will provide the foundation for the long term future of the NBV.

In making the announcement. minister for finance and economic

urban migration

PORT VILA (Pacnews)-Vanuatu's minister of lands, Silas Hakwa says the increasing

inavailability of land and resources in

the islands is causing an increase in

He made the statement Monday

when opening the environment week

in Port Vila, Radio Vanuatu reports.

sources in the rural areas will assist in

keeping the people from moving into

He said the population of the two

The minister has also called on the

people to look after the environment so that resources are available for the

urban centres is today increasing at an

Hakwa said having available re-

the rate of urban migration.

the urban areas.

annual rate of over 7%.

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He said the government will

management Sela Molisa said as a result of this, the Development Bank of Vanuatu ceased lending operations Wednesday.

increase its equity in the NBV and the Asian Development Bank will also contribute funds to the NBV to strengthen the capital base of the restructured organisation. Molisa said a new company

will be formed, to be called Asset Recovery Limited, which will purchase, for a discounted value, the bad debts of DBV, NBV and the Vanuatu National Provident Fund.

The company will be responsible for pursuing all those clients of the banks and the VNPF who have failed to meet their responsibilities to repay loans.

### Tongan man completes major canoe project

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)—A Tongan man residing in Hawaii has just completed a major canoe project to be exhibited at the Wineburg Foundation in Lahaina

The Wineburg Foundation owns a shopping complex on the island of Maui, about one kilometre to the southern part of Honolulu, Radio Tonga reports.

As a move to attract buyers, the foundation is embarking on several advertising projects. One of

them involves a double-hulled canoe built by Tongan Tui'one Pulotu.

Pulotu expects to build a similar canoe to be exhibited in Tonga, as part of a national celebration to welcome the new millennium.

Pulotu says he has been to Fiji to locate the material for the Tongan Kalia.

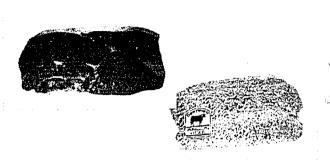
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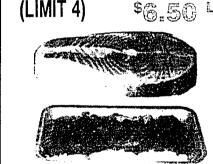
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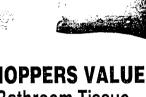


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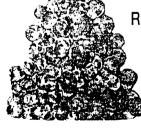


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# Alarm raised on nuke cleanup

For the Variety MAJURO — A former Bikini Atoll worker issued a warning Thursday (June 4) to Marshall Islanders who will be working on a U.S.-funded nuclear cleanup and rehabilitation project at Rongelap Atoll, scheduled to start next

Marshall Islander John M. Milne, who worked in a nuclear cleanup program at Bikini in the 1970s and heads the Marshall Islands Radiation Victims Asso-

ciation, said he is concerned for the people who may go to Rongelap and work.

group (who worked at Bikini and Enewetak atolls) have radiationrelated health problems," he said. "Our aim is to make sure that Marshallese who go to Rongelap are aware of the situation, and that the company doing the work provides precautionary measures for the workers (to insure their

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dioactive fallout from nuclear weapons tests at Bikini in the 1950s. It has been uninhabited "Many of the members of our for 13 years since Rongelap islander evacuated their home fearing exposure to radiation in the

> The U.S. government is now providing about \$45 million for cleanup and rehabilitation work at Rongelap that could pave the way for a return of the exiled population in the next several

A two-year \$9 million project kicks off next month, with construction of a dock, worker barracks, airport improvements and related construction at Rongelap to establish a base camp for ongoing cleanup work at the isolated atoll, according to Rongelap offi-

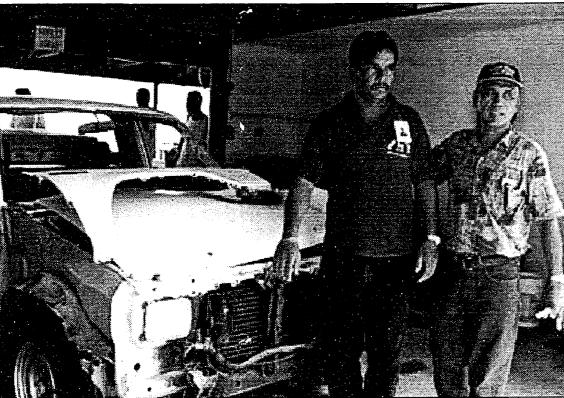
Considering the construction work and clearing of jungle overgrowth that will be done at Rongelap preparing the island for resettlement, "they'll have to be exposed to radiation," Milne said. "Our concern is to see that they are provided the means to safeguard their health."

He said that this might be in the form of masks to prevent inhaling radioactive material during construction work or dosimeters that are worn by individuals to measure radiation exposure.

At Bikini more than 20 years ago, workers weren't provided with any safety precautions of information during cleanup efforts.

"We want this new (Rongelap) crew to have an idea about radiation, so they know what to do on Rongelap," Milne said. He said that Marshallese and others who had worked on Bikini and Enewetak have "fallen through the cracks" of U.S.-provided health and compensation programs which do not recognize them as "exposed" to radiation.

Without access to adequate medical treatment, many of these workers have died of cancers that, diagnosed early, might have been treatable, he said, adding he didn't want to see the same pattern repeated with Rongelap work-



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# Man charged with 'ice,' gun violations

By Jacob Leon Guerrero Variety News Staff

HAGATNA, Guam Ronnie Sevilla Analista has been charged by the acting Attorney General of Guam, with drug and firearm violations after he was caught in a recent sting operation.

In a compliant filed at the Superior Court of Guam, Analista was charged with possession of controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver and possession of a firearm vithout an identification card.

According to court documents on or about April 28, May 1 and 28, Drug Task Force Agents conducted three controlled buys using a confidential informant at Analista's residence on G.S. Borja Street, in Santa Rita.

On April 28, the informant, monitored by the Drug Task Force agents, allegedly purchased approximately one gram of methamphetamine or "ice", from Analista for \$500.

Allegedly on May 1 & 28, an informant monitored by the Drug Task Force agents again bought .25 grams of "ice" for \$150 each time from Analista at the same address in Santa

According to the complaint, Analista was identified each time as the alleged person who possessed and delivered the drugs to the confidential informant

On or about June 1, Drug Task Force special agents obtained a search warrant for the residence on G.S. Borja Street, in Santa Rita. The search yielded numerous drug paraphernalia and a weapon.

The weapon was reported to be a .22 caliber pistol, manufactured by North American

The compliant states that Analista does not possess a firearm identification card.

The compliant was filed on Tuesday June 2, 1998, an indictment is pending on the decision of the Grand Jury.

# Inouye backs funding for Micronesian pensions

USSENATOR Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) is requesting that \$19 million be added to the budget of the US Interior Department to complete the funding of a pension program for Micronesians who are ex-US governmentem-

Without this additional funding some 4,000 Micronesians will soon lose the small pension they now receive from the Prior Service Trust Fund, he said in a news release.

The Micronesians worked between 1944 and 1968 for the US Departments of the Nave and Interior, and for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands administered by the U.S.

The pension program began in 1968; and a trust fund was established in 1986 with an \$8 million appropriation from Congress out of which the pension payments are made. But those monies are running out.

According to Trust Fund Administrator Jerold Facey," at the time it was understood that the \$8 million was a down payment on the US obligation.

Now the time has come to complete funding of the program.

In 1997, the former chief actuary of the US Social Security Administration, Robert Myers, determined that an additional \$15 million would be needed. Be-



Daniel K. Inouve

cause of changes in interest calculations the amount now required in \$19 million.

"We are very encouraged by Senator Inouye's decision to help complete funding for Prior Service," says Facey.

I'm sure that as a veteran on World War II himself he must have a special sympathy for those pen-sioners who aided the US in war-

"Many of them served as Marine Scouts in the Mariana and Marshall Islands, putting their lives at risk for the United States," said Facey.

"What we have is a finite group of people. There will be no new members. Congress, therefore, be assured that once these funds are appropriated, it will have fulfilled its promise.

# probe targets govt officials

Marshalls passport sales

For the Variety MAJURO - A parliamentary probe into the Marshall Islands government's controversial passport sales program this week targeted bank accounts held by government officials.

The Marshall Islands High Court ordered a local bank to turn over financial records of three government officials subpoenaed by the Nitijela (Parliament) Public Accounts Commit-

The High Court ruling followed an appeal by Bank of Marshall Islands attorney David Strauss asking the High Court to quash the subpoena issued by Public Accounts Chairman Senator Rien Morris, saying that it was a violation of privacy provisions of banking laws.

But Marshalls Chief Justice Daniel Cadra denied the motion, ruling that the bank has to give the requested records to the Nitijela committee.

The Public Accounts Committee demanded bank account information for three government officials, associated with the passport sales program, and their wives. Nitijela officials declined to release the names of the government of-

The Nitijela committee is preparing to issue similar subpoenas to Bank of Guam and Bank of Hawaii regarding the same three individuals, according to Nitijela officials.

The Marshall Islands has sold passports since the late 1980s, but sales in the mid-1990s began earning millions of dollars as hundreds of passports were sold to Chinese from the People's Republic of China. Complaints from the United States State Department concerning use of these passports by non-Marshallese attempting to enter the U.S. coupled with internal management problems forced the government to announce that it had cancelled the program in late

After weeks of heated debate over the passport program, the Nitijela last year directed its Public Accounts Committee to investigate alleged mismanagement of funds in the pro-

A government audit of the passport sales in 1995 reported"possible misappropriations of \$2.4 million."

A 1997 government audit reported that there was insufficient documentation to audit the entire sales program.

In his ruling this week, Chief Justice Cadra said that Nitijela rules under the Constitution allow its committees to investigate matters, including summoning witnesses, and search-

ing for papers and records. The investigation of the passport scheme was a matter referred to the Public Accounts Committee by the Nitijela and it has authority to conduct its investigation, Cadra said.

The documents requested are sufficiently definite and relevant to the investigation, and individual privacy is not compromised, he

"The depositors have no legitimate right to privacy as the documents requested are not private records but business records of the bank," Cadra

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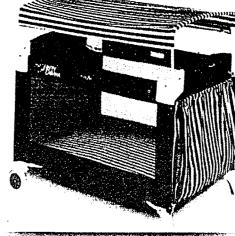
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# Japan wants anti-nuke forum

convening the forum later this summer, possibly in the city of Hiroshima.

The foreign ministry official, who

declined to be named, said that the site and date of the forum has not been decided yet, but indicated it may

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not be held until autumn.

Japanese newspapers said.

pose convening an international forum on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons in the wake of recent nuclear tests by India and Pakistan, a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi will formally announce plans for a meeting of experts from around the

world on the non-proliferation issue in a speech scheduled for Thursday, the spokesman said.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto preempted that announcement when sufferanuclearattack, has been among the harshest critics of India and Pakihe mentioned the proposal early Wednesday while appearing before stan after those nations carried out an upper house of parliament ad hoc nuclear weapons tests last month. It has punished both countries by suspending economic aid.

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The findings were made in a survey of about 2,500 adult males across Japan between August and October of last year that was conducted by the Asia-Japan Women's Resource Center, acivic grouphandling women's issues.

Of the 2,500 respondents, 46.2 percent said they have paid for sex,

as thought," said Yukiko Tsunoda, a lawyer for the group.

Like other Japanese polls, the survey provided no margin of error. And Tsunoda cautioned that the men surveyed included acquaintances of group members and were not picked entirely at random.

As many as 61.1 percent of those who said they had paid for sex also in 1956, but the sex industry remains prosperous at loosely disguised "soup land" brothels.

Japan has come under international criticism as a growing numberofSoutheastAsianwomencomplain of having been lured to Japan with promises of jobs only to be forced into prostitution by the "yakuza," Japan's mob.

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source and extent of the spill.

#### Toxins in ground water near Toshiba plant

TOKYO (AP)— Local environmental agency officials have found high concentrations of a toxic chemical in water under a Toshiba Corp. plant in the central Japanese city of Nagoya, a spokesman for the city's Environment Protection Agency said on Wednesday.

Ground water under the factory

15.670 times the level the environmental agency considers safe, according to the agency official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

TCE causes cancer in laboratory animals, and studies indicate it may be the cause of lupus erythematosus and other connective-tissue and immune-system diseases.

The city does not use ground water for drinking water, the offi-

> TCE from 1988 to 1990. According to the agency official, the factory said it properly disposed of the TCE it used.

For its part, Toshiba claims it has not used TCE in the area in the last 15 years, according to company spokesman Keisuke Ohmori. Ohmori said the company "suspects it came from other facilities.'

Toshiba's plant in Nagoya, 269 kilometers (168 miles) west of Tokyo, makes home appliances.

In a previous incident, a former Toshiba plating factory that had been located nearby was blamed as the source of toxic substances including TCE found there in Octo-

The environmental official said his agency did not believe the plating factory was also the source of the newly discovered contamination because it was some 350 meters (yards) away and ground water between the areas was not polluted.

Toshiba said it is working with Nagoya city to investigate the con-

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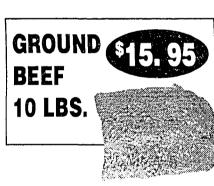








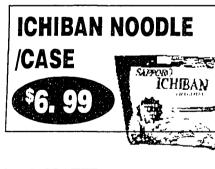












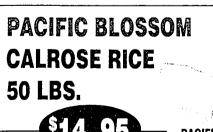


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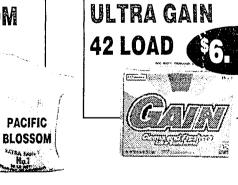
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# Military chief asking for end to Suharto criticism

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA AKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Student protesters shouted "Hang Suharto" outside Parliament on Wednesday as Indonesia's military chief appealed for a halt to "out of control" condemnation of the ousted

Suharto, a former army general who turns 77 next Monday, faces growing demands that he surrender riches accumulated during three decades in power.

Inatelevisioninterview, new President B.J. Habibie urged Indonesians not to dwell on the country's corrupt past and to focus on economic recovery. With the economy expected to shrink by at least 10 percent this year, the task is a daunting one.

Student protesters who helped dislodge Suharto accuse him of deepening Indonesia's financial crisis by exploiting state wealth.

The authoritarian leader quit May 21 amid campus demonstrations and riots over price increases.

A government commission, meanwhile, said the death toll over several days of riots in Jakarta in mid-May mate by the military. Many victims were looters trapped in buildings set afire by arsonists.

In a report released Wednesday, the National Commission on Human Rights also criticized the armed forces for failing to take prompt action to prevent rioting.

About 2,000 banner-waving students rallied in a major highway outside Parliament, demanding that Suharto be put on trial for economic crimes. Soldiers closed off the road.

Chanting "Reject Habibie," the protesters scoffed at their new president's pledge to hold general elections in 1999, saying he was a corrupt lackey of Suharto and should

A close ally of Suharto for decades, Habibie is bowing to popular demands for democratic reform.

Later the military blocked off a major dov ntown intersection to stop a convoy of about 20 busloads of protesters from staging a demonstrationat Jakarta's National Monument, adjacent to the Presidential Palace.

Gen. Wiranto, the armed forces

people should pardon Suharto because he boosted economic growth and averted chaos by relinquishing

"Lately, condemnation and harassment against the former president and his family have been exaggerated and, in some cases, have gotten out of control," said Wiranto, a former personal aide to Suharto.

"The armed forces will take necessary measures to stop it," Wiranto said without elaborating.

The military is the most powerful institution in Indonesia, which is beset by uncertainty about its political

It is doubtful that Habibie, who has a shaky power base, would make any policy decisions without the backing

In an interview with Cable News Network that was broadcast Wednesday, Habibie argued against a painful investigation of misdeeds that could divide the nation.

"You have unlimited problems in the past. Where are you going to stop?" Habibie said.

"So I think it is not worthwhile to dip into the past. I have to look to the future and create a better life ... for the

In a separate interview with the New York Times, Habibie said Indonesians should not indulge in "Wild West" justice against the former State prosecutors have launched

an inquiry into corruption under the old government, including complaints that Suharto's family abused its influence to build huge business empires.

However, critics doubt they will aggressively pursue the former presi-

Earlier this week, opposition leader Megawati Sukamoputri urged people tostopdenouncing Suharto, whorose to power in the 1960s by edging aside herfather, Indonesia's founding President Sukarno. Still, sentiment against Suhartowas

strong among about 200 supporters of Megawati who joined students outside Parliament to demand govemment action to help the poor.

"Everybody knows he's corrupt so the case must be processed legally," said protester Daulat Sidautar.

"It will give an example for the future of Indonesia."

#### Police detain 2 Singaporeans carrying corpses

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (**AP**) — Police have detained two Singapore nationals who were driving in a car with two male corpses, one in the boot and the other in the back seat, the national news agency said Wednesday.

The bodies, that police said were of Malaysians aged about 30, were believed to be of murder victims, Bernama news agency reported.

The two Singaporean men, detained Tuesday at a road checkpoint, were produced before a local magistrate in Rompin town in the eastern coastal Pahang province, Superintendent Mokhtar Mohd.

Ali of Pahang Police said.

The bodies had been sent for au-

The news agency did not give any more details.



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# El Niño coming to an end

SINGAPORE (AP) — There was good news Wednesday from the world's weather forecasters: the massive disruptions caused by El Niño are coming to an end.

The World Meteorological Organization said the current round of El Niño "is in its dying stages," but conceded there was considerable uncertainty "about the rate of weakening."

El Niño, a disruptive weather phenomenon that returned in 1997, has been blamed for flooding in Kenya, drought in Indonesia and heavy snow in the southwestern United States.

It has even been credited with lengthening the days on Earth by slowing its rotation.

Unlike previous episodes which lingered for years, the current El Niño "is showing clear signs of weakening," said the World Meteorological Organization, a U.N.

The organization's update said the four conditions typical of the weather phenomenon are becoming less pronounced.

The four conditions are warming in the eastern Pacific Ocean; shifting of precipitation from the western to the eastern Pacific; slowing of trade winds; and changes in sea level.

El Niño causes reversals of normal weather patterns, resulting in drought in usually wet locales and flooding in arid areas.

It also helps trigger some manmade disasters.

For example, fires set by farmers and plantation owners in Indonesia in 1997 and 1998 swept through unusually dry forests, shrouding much of Southeast Asia in thick haze.

The World Meteorological Association (WMO) said it is difficult to predict just when this round of El Niño will come to an end.

"One model has conditions moving rapidly towards normal by mid-1998, and another has El Niño lingering on towards the end of the year," the report stated.

During a press conference Tuesday, the organization's secretarygeneral Godwin Obasi, of Nigeria, said he expected the former scenario, with El Niño tapering off by the end of this month.

Such a development could be followed by the so-called La Niña effect, which could reverse some of the effects of the current disturbances and, in Southeast Asia, help curb some of the forest fires. However, the international

weathermen said it's far from certain whether La Niña will occur. The U.N. weather agency pre-

dicts drier-than-normal conditions

southern South America during the next two months.

Wetter conditions than usual will continue over the central and eastern equatorial Pacific and over

John Miller, chief of the environment division at WMO, told The Associated Press that the forecast was a conservative prediction that discounted the possibility of

Niña episode.

This was despite growing evidence to suggest such an occurrence, because forecasts rely on a consensus of results in the computer predictions.



National Hurricane Center Director Jerry D. Jarrell, left, speaks during a news conference next to Jack Kelly, director of the National Weather Service at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. With El Nino muting bad weather over the AtaIntic, the hurricane season may get off to a slow start and still turn out average. AP



### Thailand to close 35 overseas offices

(AP) — Thailand will close or merge at least 35 government offices in 16 foreign countries to save money amid the continuing economic crisis.

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### Rights group doubles riot death toll in Indonesia

By ALI KOTARUMALOS JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - main human rights watchdog Wednesday said at least 1,188 people died in rioting that led to the resignation of autocratic President Suharto last month.

The figure is more than twice as high as official estimates made by the military, which the National Human Rights Commission, or Komnasham, accused of doing too little, too late to quell the violence and save lives.

"Komnasham has received quantitative reports that there was an excessive material loss because of the riotings, including ... the killings of 1,188 people and 101 injuries along with some cases of rape," the commission said in a report.

It said 40 shopping centers, 2,479 shop-houses and 1,604 shops were attacked, burned or looted, along with 1,119 automobiles, 1,026 private homes and 383 offices.

The commission did not provide a breakdown of the death toll, but said it was based on reports in Jakarta and other parts of the country from May 12-25.

It noted that security forces had failed to anticipate signs that rioting would erupt. Moreover, when the violence started "there were no signs of serious efforts by the security forces to prevent the spread of the rioting."

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It also called for an inquiry into allegations that much of the violence had been the work of "well-organized groups who started the rioting and burnings."

In a three-page statement, the commission noted that members of the ethnic Chinese community were frequent targets in the un-

Although Chinese make up only a fraction of Indonesia's 202 million population, they dominate commerce and industry, and have been made into scapegoats for the country's worst economic crisis in three

The commission was set up by the Suharto regime but has earned a reputation for independence in its investigation of human rights abuses.

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But the government has lobbied Spain not to renew Skase's residency status after Spanish authorities seized his expired Australian passport, raising hopes Skase will be forced to leave Spain for another country.

Howard said he had written to his Spanish counterpart about the issue because he shared the resentment of the Australian public at what Skase had been able to do. "Now I want him brought back to

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By ALI KOTARUMALOS

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# Pollution alert on Yangtze

China's Yangtze River is harming the health of residents and clogging a crucial power plant, state media reported Wednesday.

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It added that factories and tourist restaurants were also to blame. The health of people living along the river is suffering and the pollution is affecting the operation of the Gezhouba powerplant, the newspapersaid with-

No mention was made about pollution's possible effects on the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largin the middle reaches of the Yangtze.

When completed 11 years from now, the dam will hold back a 600kilometer (350-mile)-long reservoir touching on its western end the heavily industrialized city of Chongqing.

project's lack of sanitation facilities and fear the reservoir will become little better than a large, open sewer.



A Chinese tour group visits a local pagoda in Hong Gai village on the outskirts of Ha Long bay, Vietnam Tuesday. Thanks to streamlined procedures for residents of the border provinces between China and Vietnam, an average 1,000 people mostly from China cross the border for shopping or an excursion to Ha

# Vietnam drought officially over

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam's worst drought in a century is over, thanks to the onset of the delayed rainy season, official media reported Wednesday.

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dents Sunday and Monday.

Two other people were killed by lightning in the Mekong Delta province of Can Tho on Sunday. A heavy thunderstorm

knocked out power to parts of Hanoi on Tuesday night.

Most of the city's traffic lights were still off Wednesday

#### Ung Huot hopes border DO YOU HAVE: issues resolved by 2000 No Credit

Bankruptcy HANOI, Vietnam (AP) -Cambodian First Prime Minister Ung Huot hopes that bor-LEARN HOW TO der issues with Vietnam can be resolved by the year 2000, Obtain Credit Cards the Labor newspaper reported

> Wednesday. per, Ung Huot said the two countries may add other agreements soon to the three that were signed during his twoday visit to Vietnam.

Ung Huot finished his second trip to Hanoi in six months on Tuesday.

The two countries signed agreements on road transport, drug control and cooperation in culture and information.

ments on telecommunications. tourism, sea and waterway transport will soon be reached," he was quoted as

"We agreed that border experts from two countries will meet and have discussions in Phnom Penh between now and late June. We all hope that the sea and land border issues will be settled by the year 2000. This proves that we are good neighbors and will be good neighbors forever."

Ties have been warming slowly since Vietnam ended a decade-long occupation of

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According to political parties

# Hong Kong not doing enough on economy

HONG KONG (AP) — Major political parties from across Hong Kong's spectrum told the government on Wednesday that it wasn't doing enough to stimulate the recession-bound economy, and reached consensus on their own six-point program.

Held only a week and a half after elections, a special meeting

included parties that won more than two-thirds of the seats in the new legislature. It included government critics, pro-business parties that generally support the government, and grassroots pro-China parties.

Their ability to bridge differences could mean that, despite being controlled by pro-business

and pro-China elites, the legislature may give Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa and his government a hard time on economic issues.

"The government is wealthy," said Allen Lee, chairman of the pro-business Liberal Party, who chaired the meeting. "It's the citizens who don't have money."

**WB** approves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

World Bank's executive board

approved a \$225 million rural

poverty reduction loan for In-

donesia Tuesday but did not act

on a \$1 billion bank credit to

help shore up the troubled

Both loans had been sched-

uled for approval by the bank's

board on May 19 but were halted

as escalating civil unrest that

culminated in President

Suharto's resignation forced the

World Bank and the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund to evacu-

ate staff and suspend operations

As for the \$1 billion loan.

Graham Barrett, a spokesman

for the bank's East Asia opera-

tions, said, "We need to take

into account the events of the

last several weeks before we

close off on the loan and submit

Barrett did not indicate when

that will be. However, he said

the loan is tied to an agreement

by the International Monetary

Fund and Indonesian authori-

ties on another economic res-

cue package, the fourth since

financial turmoil erupted in Asia

Because of the steep decline

in the country's currency, the

rupiah, some economic objec-

tives in previous IMF programs

Plans for release this week of

a \$1 billion IMF credit that is

part of Indonesia's previous \$43

billion IMF rescue package were

put on hold after civil unrest

erupted last month. It has sub-

sided since Vice President B.J.

Habibie replaced Suharto as

Iwan Jaya Azis, an Indone-

sian economist who advises the

World Bank, said at an eco-

nomic conference Tuesday that

he expected the latest IMF re-

view to be completed within the

next few weeks. He said he ex-

pected the IMF to be more flex-

ible in its requirements, such as

removing government price sub-

The approved poverty reduc-

tion loan is designed to provide

direct help to 7 to 10 million

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\$225-M loan

By Harry Dunphy

nation's economy.

# Australia's uranium mine to be set up soon

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The opening of Australia's first new uranium mine in a decade continues to inch closer, despite the latest vow Wednesday by Aboriginal landowners to block the development. Energy Resources of Australia Ltd. said it expects to begin digging at the remote Jabiluka mining lease in the Northern Territory this month, after the territorial government on Tuesday signed authorizations allowing work to begin on the mine's entrance and shaft.

But the company may be left with nothing but a hole in the ground, a

s it goes ahead without having formal approvals to either build a processing plant or to truck ore to an established mill at its nearby Ranger mine.

ERAhas been forced to consider building a second mill just 13 miles (22 km) from Ranger by Aboriginal landowners' refusal to accept its preferred option, to transport the ore.

The owners of the Jabiluka lease oppose the mine, claiming it will cause environmental and indirect cultural damage.

But they are bound by a 1983 contract approving the mill-onsite option.

Representatives of the Mirrar Aboriginal clan said Wednesday they will seek a court order blocking the territory government's approval until an environmental approval process for the on-site mill plan is completed.

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/s/CARLOS H. SALAS
Executive Director

# Korea labor group to strike

By DAIII SHIN

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — militant labor group said Wednesday it will go ahead with plans for a nationwide strike next week, citing a breakdown in talks with the government aimed at halting growing layoffs.

The decision by the maverick Confederation of Korean Trade Unions raised concern that labor unrest may persist in South Korea in the midst of its deepening economic crisis.

It also chilled President Kim Dae-jung's hopes of attracting foreign investment during his visit to the United States next week. Kim has stressed the importance of labor peace to his efforts.

"The government is too much uncompromising, especially on layoffs," said Chung Sung-hee, a spokesman of the confederation, which claims a membership of 500,000 in car, shipbuilding and other heavy industries.

Chung said overnight talks with the government to avert the strike broke down because of what he called the government's unwillingness to accept the confederation's demand for a halt to widespread layoffs.

layoffs.

He said the strike, the second in two weeks, will begin on June



Kim Dae-jung

10 as scheduled, joined by 130,000 car workers, shipbuilders and office clerks from staterun companies.

The group organized a similar two-day strike last week.

Government figures show that the number of jobless people has doubled to nearly 1.5 million and will likely top 2 million by the end of the year.

Chung said his confederation also will stay out of a government-sponsored committee that was to begin meeting later Wednesday to discuss layoffs and other labor problems.

Its 15 members were drawn from labor, management and government.

A similar committee, formed in January, agreed to make South Korea's rigid labor markets more flexible. That subsequently led to the adoption of a law that makes layoffs easier.

The new committee is supposed to follow up on what was agreed on in January and adopt additional measures, including how to speed up a restructuring of bloated, family-oriented Korean conglomerates, or chaebol.

In accepting a dlrs 58 billion bailout from the International

Monetary Fund in December, South Korea agreed to liberalize its labor market and force the restructuring of the chaebol to make

them more competitive.

The new committee includes delegates from the Korean Federation of Trade Unions, a progovernment group that has generally avoided labor strife.

The government regretted the confederation's decision to stay

out of the committee but said it was optimistic that the group would eventually change its position

"From now on, our efforts will be directed at creating and systemizing a South Korean model of a social contract to overcome our national crisis through harmony and compromise," said Kim Wonki, who heads the committee.

CONWOOD NEW YARD



Striking workers of Hyundai Motors Co. shout anti-government slogans in a protest against growing layoffs by the nation's leading car maker in Ulsan, south of Seoul Wednesday. Autoworkers and other laborers put down their tools Wednesday in a nationwide strike over job security, ignoring government warnings that labor unrest would scare off badly needed foreign investment.

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### India heat wave toll hits 1,000

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Pradesh and the northeastern Severe heat claimed another 100 victims, taking the total number of dead this summer to more than a 1,000, according to local news agency re-

ports Wednesday. United News of India reported 100 heat-related deaths Tuesday, most in the southeastern state of Andhra

state of Bihar.

Temperatures have ranged from 43 to 50 Celsius (110 to 122 Fahrenheit) across India over the past month, making it the hottest summer in 50 years.

The seasonal monsoon rains have already hit the coast of southern India, bringing respite. The rains will take another month and a half to reach the plains of northern India that have been hardest hit by the heat wave, but pre-monsoon rains are already having an ef-

In the western desert state of Rajasthan, where temperatures hovered around 48 Celsius (120 Fahrenheit) two weeks ago, the heat has lessened slightly.

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The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, and to waive any defect in said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so is in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the

All inquiries regarding this proposal should be directed to Mr. Mariano Fajardo at telephone number (670) 322-4033, ext. 16, or facsimile number (670) 322-6582.

> TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ **Executive Director**



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Labor and Immigration

Division of Labor



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Failure to appear at the Division on or before the date and time specified above shall be grounds for dismissal of the above cass. Furthermore, appropriate actions and/or sanctions shall be taken against the above individuals, which will include the referral of their names and/or matters to the Division of Immigration for proper actions.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1998.

/s/GIL M. SAN NICOLAS Acting Director of Labor



A union leader of South Korea's Kia Motors, wearing a vest with Korean characters reading, "Job Security, leads more than 1,500 workers in singing a labor song during a rally to demand owed wages and job security, at Chongmyo Park in Seoul, Wednesday.

AP

#### North Koreans take steps toward market economy

By ROBERT H. REID UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a move that could have far-reaching effects, North Korea has agreed to a plan to decentralize some of its agricultural sector and allow small farmers to sell a portion of their crops wherever they can find the best price.

They are going into what they call 'modernization' but it cannot happen overnight. There are so many implications for the society," Christian Lemaire, the UNDP representative based in North Korea, told The Associated Press.

North Korea and the U.N. Development Program developed the plan to gradually restore food production to pre-1995 levels and end North Korean reliance on emergency humanitarian aid — estimated at \$ 2 billion over three years.

The government is asking for \$300 million to implement the plan.

North Korea's willingness to change their highly-centralized, regimented agricultural system represents an acknowledgment by government officials that state bureaucracy contributed to their critical food shortage, created by a series of severe floods and droughts, other U.N. officials

But Lemaire said the North Koreans were reluctant to take steps which

might endanger the system of social controls and benefits which has been the hallmark of its communist sys-

The plan, formally presented last week at a two-day conference in Geneva, allows greater autonomy in decision-making for rural agricultural cooperatives, allows cooperatives to developtrade among themselves, creates a system of small-scale credits and permits private households to develop small-scale commerce.

"So they have private plots and they sell the produce to whichever gives the best price — the cooperative or these farmers' markets," Lemaire said.

"Once you start injecting money at that level, it can only go one way.' Lemaire said the degree of cooperation between North Korean and U.N. officials had improved dramatically over the last two years as more international attention, generated by the food crisis, has been directed at the

"People are also much more open. people go to the markets, it's a tremendous change," he said.

But he said international agencies are still denied regular access to about 20 percent of the country — mainly military zones along the borders with South Korea and China.

#### Beijing-Shanghai rail soon

of a \$ 12 billion high-speed railway line between Beijing and Shanghai will begin in 2000, the state-run China Daily reported Wednesday.

Trains will be able to travel up to 300 kilometers (180 miles) per hour along the 1,300-kilometer (800-mile) rail line, the newspa-

Initial designs have been com-

pleted although no decision has been made where to start construction, the newspaper quoted Shen Zhijie, the Ministry of Railways official overseeing feasibility studies for the project, as say-

Shen noted that foreign funds would be required to complete the project but the method of foreign participation has not been deter-

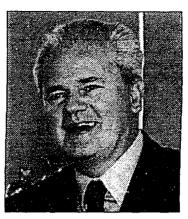
# Another Balkan war looms

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The world may have another Balkan war on its hands in the Serbian province of Kosovo, and how the United States and other foreign powers respond will test what they learned from the years of hesitation over Bosnia.

The risks are higher in this round of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic vs. the world. For 3 1/2 years starting in 1992, war consumed Bosnia. Kosovo, with its ethnic Albanian majority, would suck neighboring Albania and Macedonia's Albanian minority into the conflict.

That could touch off an allout Balkan war if Macedonia, already a fragile neighbor, disintegrates into conflict between its Albanians and Slavs. Others in Europe, including NATO members Greece and Turkey, would end up on different sides.

That's one reason NATO has sounded much more urgent



Slobodan Milosevic

about Kosovo than it did when war began in Bosnia. NATO officials met Wednesday to discuss dispatching alliance troops to Albania and Macedonia to contain Kosovo's war.

War in Kosovo has been predicted for so long that it began to sound like Balkan scaremongering. Now, with shell-shocked refugees, an increasingly fierce assault on civilians, talk of ethnic cleansing and escalating force on

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The Kosovo Liberation Army, the clandestine group seeking an independence neither Serbia nor the world want to grant, has grown since Serbian police began a March crackdown. The KLA claims to control about 40 percent of the province.

Fighting already has shut down Pristina airport and some major roads. The KLA is just 12 miles west of Pristina, and perilously close to the main Pristina-Belgrade road, where heavily armed police patrol constantly against attacks from hills just west.

The Yugoslav army is trying to break the KLA by razing villages and giving militants no place to hide.

Traditionally, Serbs regard Kosovo as the cradle of their culture and say they would do anything to defend it. But most have never been there, and are demoralized after 11 years of

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ship and decay. A report in Wednesday's Belgrade daily Telegraf said 100 city policemen have been fired for refusing to go to

Kosovo and fight. Still, Milosevic traditionally is at his wily best when waging a war. He also long has killed in Kosovo without provoking much Western response: In 1989, at least 25 Albanians died in one day of its autonomy. No foreign government protested.

But Milosevic's hold on power is increasingly stretched. Serbia's sole remaining partner in Yugoslavia, Montenegro, is now led by an anti-Milosevic man and could break away from the federation.

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# US-EU pact to hit Castro

By HARRY DUNPHY

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. agreement with the European Union would ease trade sanctions against companies that do business with Cuba but also would hit the island's president, Fidel Castro, the Clinton administration said Wednesday

Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat told a congressional panel the administration will seek approval from Congress to waive a provision in the sanctions that denies U.S. visas to foreign executives of companies that do business on expropriated U.S. property in Cuba.

The agreement requires congressional approval.

The chairman of the House International Relations Committee indicated any administration legislation to ease Cuban sanctions may be dead in the water. Republican Rep. Benjamin Gilman said the agreement reached May 18 with the EU has "a number of serious deficiencies" and "regrettably does not represent a viable substitute for the sanctions" in the U.S. law.

Sen. Jesse Helms, Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and author of the legislation, also has criticized the

But Eizenstat said the pact "is the first collective acknowledgment by the Europeans since the Cuban revolution that Cubans have engaged in illegal expropriation of U.S. property."

Castrounderstands the agreement's significance, Eizenstat said, which is why he has denounced it as a pact between the United States and the EU to strengthen the American blockade of Cuba.

fter eight months' negotiations, Eizenstat agreed with the Europeans to ease terms of the Helms-Burton Act, which authorizes U.S. sanctions against international companies that deal with Cuba.

Eizenstat told the committee the accord builds on Helms-Burton "and for the first time establishes disci-

Fidel Castro

plines" that major industrialized nations must impose to "deter investment in illegally appropriated properties," not only in Cuba but around the world.

### EU is reaching out to its Mediterranean partners

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
PALERMO, Sicily (AP) —
The European Union comes
together with its Mediterranean partners Wednesday, trying to get the economic cooperation process back on track
after last year's derailment by
Mideast issues.

A year ago in Malta, the EU's 15 foreign ministers gathered with their 12 Mediterranean colleagues to talk trade and investment, only to see their meeting blown away on the turbulent winds of the Mideast peace process.

Even at the inaugural meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean conference in Barcelona in 1995, heady ideas also fell victim to disputes, that time over human rights.

The Palermo meeting is an informal session with no set agenda.

Organizers hope it will bring the conference back to its original idea of creating a European-Mediterranean free trade and security zone by 2010.

Last year, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and then-Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy were the stars of the show, agreeing to resuscitate the moribund Middle East peace talks.

Today, those talks are still stuck, and neither Arafat nor Israel's foreign minister plans to turn up here.

"This meeting is aimed at providing a new momentum to the Barcelona process," EU foreign ministers said in a statement.

Mediterranean nations sell half their exports to EU countries and provide the EU with 20 percent of its energy supplies.

At the same time, half of the Mediterranean nations' imports come from Western Europe.

The EU's per capita income is a dozen times higher than most of the North African and Mideast nations.

Ministers here are continuing efforts to come up with a Euro-Mediterranean Stability Charter and to establish confidence-building measures for the region.

Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini said the EU wants to have this completed by the Euro-Mediterranean meeting in Stuttgart, Germany, next year.

On the economic side, the 27 were to discuss support for economies in transition, private investment in the non-European Mediterranean countries and eventual realization of the free-trade zone.

Depite the wish to move on, however, it's not possible to contemplate security and stability in the Mediterranean without peace between Israel and the Palestinians; Israel continues to occupy a piece of neighboring Lebanon; stability is impossible without a stop to the ceaseless killing in Algeria; no Mediterranean security plan can be complete without Libya, absent here: and Turkey's long battle with the Kurds shows no sign of resolution.

Joining ministers from the European Union are officials from Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and the Palestinian Authority.

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Clinton urges US

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By Terence Hunt

WASHINGTON(AP)—President Clinton urged Congress to renew normal trade benefits for China, saying good relations with Beijing are crucial amid fears of a nuclear arms race in South Asia.

Failure to renew trade privileges would "sever our economic and, to a large measure, our strategic relationship with China," Clinton warned.

Always a contentious issue, the China debate promises to be even hotter this year because of controversies about exports of American satellite technology to Beijing and allegations of illegal campaign contributions. "I think the current circumstances make it a very difficult vote," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Nevertheless, three senior Republicans — House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, Rep. Bill Archer of Texas and Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois — wrote Clinton that China's trade benefits should be treated as a separate issue and deserves support.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said normal trade with China "is the right step for business and consumers."

But House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri said he would stand against Clinton. "We must not reward the Chinese Communist government for its continuing political repression and tyranny," Gephardt said.

Another opponent, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Clinton's decision"ignores that China has provided Pakistan with technology critical to its development and recent testing of nuclear weapons."

The congressional debate opens just three weeks before Clinton heads to China, the first American president to visit since the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown on pro-democracy supporters. He will make stops in Xian, Beijing, Shanghai, Guilin and Hong Kong between June 25 and July 3.

Clinton announced his most-favored-nation decision in a joint appearance in the Rose Garden with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright before she left for Geneva and a meeting of the five major nuclear powers to try to stem the dangerous arms race between India and Pakistan.

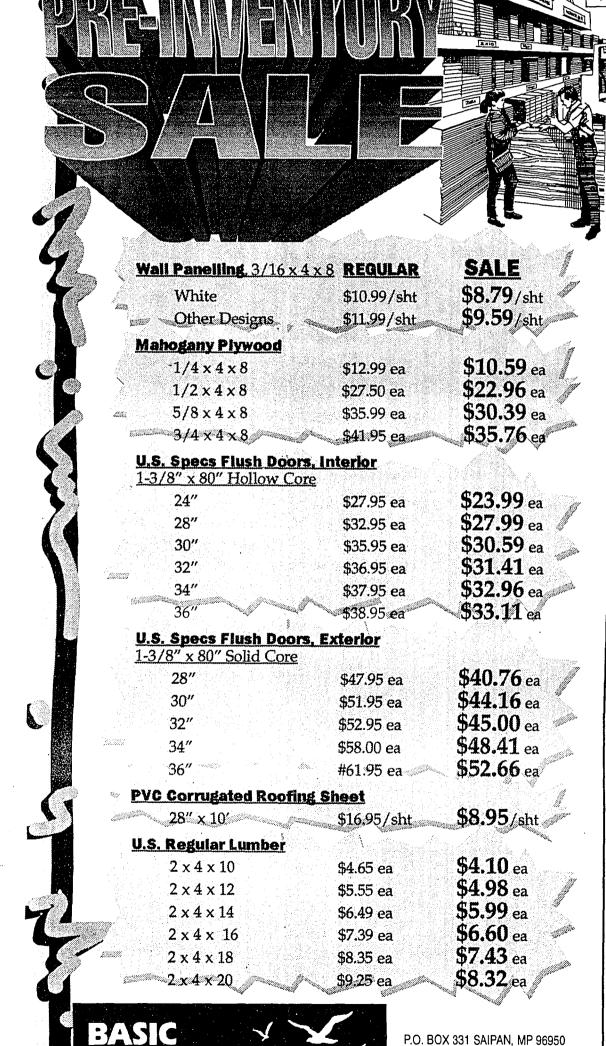
The president said China's participation in the Geneva meeting was evidence of "constructive Chinese leadership" that will be "essential to the long-term resolution of issues involving South Asia."

Moreover, he said "trade is a force for change in China, exposing China to our ideas and our ideals and integrating China into the global economy."

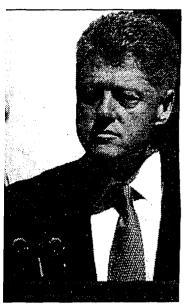
Since 1980, every American president, Republican or Democrat, has extended most-favored-nation trade status to China to allow it to sell goods to the United States under the lowest tariffs.

The privilege is permanently granted to almost all U.S. trading partners but must be renewed each year for China.

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tify Congress of his intention to extend China's trade status 30 days before it expires July 3. Congress has 60 days after the expiration date to object to the recommendation.

Trying to back away from a tempest regarding Clinton's China trip, an administration official said the president's welcoming ceremonies would be in front of the Great Hall of the People, at the edge of Tiananmen Square, and not actually in the square.

A coalition of more than 30 groups had written to Clinton that by going to Tiananmen Square, "you are bestowing legitimacy to the ground where innocent blood was needlessly shed.'

"It's technically not in Tiananmen Square," the administration official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official said the welcoming site had not been

changed, but the location had been mischaracterized.

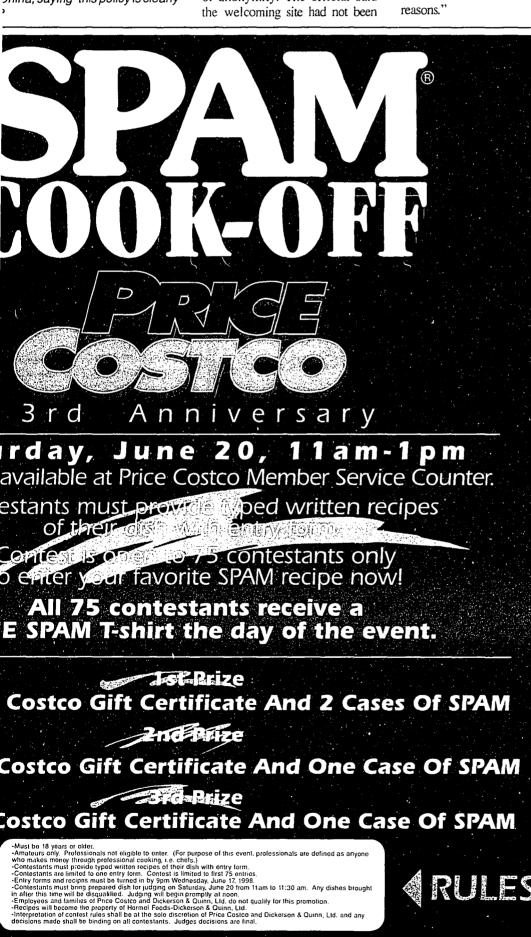
Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry suggested there wasn't much difference by changing the description of the site. "If it was a controversy before," he said, "it's a controversy now."

Gary Bauer, a conservative leader and head of the Family Research Council, agreed that "It doesn't sound like much difference."

"The fact they're spinning it this way shows that the pressure that's been on, across the board, by liberal and conservative grass-roots organizations, is beginning to have an impact," Bauer said.

"The real problem is his policy, which has abandoned human rights and national security concerns for commercial consideration and other

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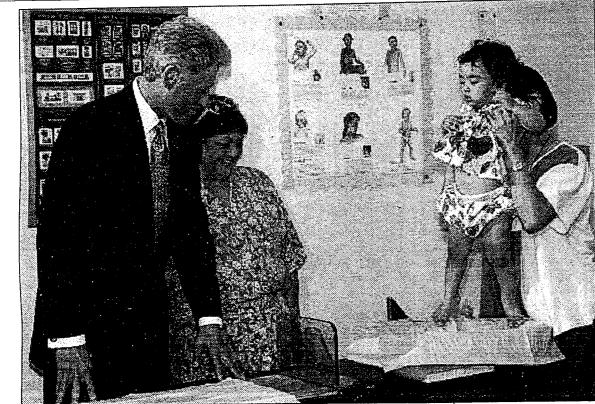
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President Clinton, left, and Marta Moreno, director of the Magnolia Multi-Service Center, watch as Graciela Barron, right, weighs her daughter, Giselle, 1, Tuesday at the center in Houston, Texas. Clinton and Moreno took part in a roundtable discussion on the importance of census accuracy after touring the facility. AP

# Clinton makes pitch for anti-smoking bill

By Robert Burns

CLEVELAND (AP) - In an emotional appearance at a convention of young volunteers, President Clinton challenged Congress on Wednesday to act quickly on a bill to reduce teen smoking and chided those trying to "stall, stop or kill" it.

"Wewillneverhaveabetterchance to save a thousand lives a day and save a million kids in the next few years," Clinton said in the keynote address at the national convention of City Year, a network of volunteer

Before making his anti-smoking pitch, Clinton heard touching testimonials from two young people who serve with City Year. Leslie Frye, 19, of Chicago, read from the letter she wrote to Clinton in April asking him

to attend the convention. "This year of community service with a diverse group of young people

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Casey Hunt, 24, of Cleveland, said his work with City Year as an elementary school tutor and a volunteer at a senior citizens center taught him invaluable lessons about what his generation owes to the previous and next generations.

"I've received much more than I have given. I heard the words, 'I'm proud of you, son,' from my mother for the first time," Hunt said, his voice breaking with emotion.

"When he started talking about his mother, I almost started to cry, too," Clinton said as he took the podium on the gymnasium floor at John Carroll

Looking out onto a sea of wildly

cheering youngsters in red jackets, Clinton thanked them for their commitment and praised the progress of his AmeriCorps service programthat offers college scholarships in exchange for a year of national service.

"AmeriCorps works and it should be extended by Congress into the 21st century," he said.

Clinton has made national service a cornerstone of his domestic agenda. He recalled that he had visited a City Year group in Boston in 1991 as a presidential candidate and said it inspired him to push for AmeriCorps when he entered the White House.

"When I went to City Year in Boston, the lights came on in my mind and I said, 'This is what I want to do," he said.

Inrenewing his call for Congress to actonanti-tobaccolegislation, Clinton told his audience of about 1,000 volunteers that the lives at stake were those such as the kids he visited Wednesday at Stephen E. Howe Elementary School in Cleveland, and the dozen City Year volunteers who

"One of the things I'd like for every child in that grade school to know is this: Smoking-related illnesses kill more people every year than AIDS. alcohol, car accidents, murder, suicides, drugs and fires combined combined," he said.

He said 3,000 young people start smoking every day and 1,000 of them will die early as a result.

"While there are some in Congress who seem determined to stall, stop or kill the tobacco bill," the message he hoped to send back to Washington was "act, and act now."

Afterward, Clinton went to the Cleveland Playhouse for a reception to raise \$500,000 for the gubernatorial campaign of Democratic candidate Lee Fisher. There he returned to the topic of anti-tobacco legislation and noted that if it passes, a portion of the increased tax on cigarettes will be given to the states.

"We're talking major money for a large state like Ohio," Clinton said, adding that this makes it especially important who is elected governor in

# Gore targets Medicare fraud

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The government will start offering senior citizens rewards of up to \$1,000 for help catching doctors or other health care providers defrauding Medicare, Vice President Al Gore announced Wednesday.

"Wherever you live, if you find fraud in the Medicare system, and you turn out to be right and it's eliminated because of your work, you can keep 10 percent of the money we save, up to \$1,000." Gore told senior citizens at the 40th anniversary convention of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Medicare, the nation's health care program for the elderly, is expected to run short of cash when baby boomers begin to retire in

Meanwhile, the program loses billions of dollars a year to fraud and waste. New regulations Gore described will enlist senior citizens in the effort to stop the drain.

Starting Jan. 1, those who tip off government investigators will be entitled to 10 percent of whatever illgotten gains Medicare can recover, up to a maximum reward of \$1,000.

"I'mgoingtocheckmybillsmore," said Patricia Holm, 70, of Quincy, Ill., who attended Gore's speech.

Congress approved the reward program in concept as part of health care legislation passed in 1996. and the Health and Human Services Department already runs a toll-free fraud hotline senior citizens can call to report suspicious



Seal so that it looks like it says "Presidential Seal," as he gets in a little campaigning while joking with the audience Wednesday. Ğore also told AARP members of an administration proposal to "deputize" senior citizens to tell the government when they think their doctors are engaging in Medicare fraud.

Mayor-elect Brown

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Gore noted the success of a pilot project started by Sen. Tom Harkin,

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basking in victory and pitching his

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serves as a member of the City

Council, with the city manager

wielding much of the day-to-day

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hire and fire the city manager, who

"In a city as diverse as Oakland,

there has to be a unifying force, and

an elected mayor with executive

authority fills that bill," Brown said

is now appointed by the council.

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It's also the city that gave birth to

D-lowa, that has trained senior citizens in a dozen states to spot Medicare fraud.

One Iowa woman recently saved the program more than \$1 million when she reported that Medicare was billed twice after she was told her first flu shot was faulty and she needed another. It turned out Medicare had been double-billed for many

"That's the kind of help we need from seniors all over the country,

The vice president also used his speech at the AARP convention expected to attract more than 20,000 people over the course of three days - to appeal to senior citizens for support on issues important to Democrats campaigning for this fall's congressional elec-

He ran through the party's legislative wish-list, including a "patients' bill of rights" to protect Americans from abuses by health insurers that increasingly limit

choices to save money, and mor funding for cancer research.

But especially, Gore asked members of the formidable "gray" lobby to put their weight behind President Clinton's request that Congress not spend projected federal budget surpluses this year.

Clinton wants the money saved until lawmakers can talk calmly about whether it will be needed to propup Social Security when baby boomers more than double the number of people drawing retirement benefits early in the next century.

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Jerry Brown

By Jean H. Lee OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Jerry Brown is used to thinking global, even celestial.

Nowthe mayor-elect must begin thinking municipal.

On Wednesday, a day after he won the mayor's race in a landslide, residents were cautious, yet hopeful, that a politician once dubbed "Governor Moonbeam" for his lofty, even quirky ideas can handle the down-and-dirty problems of city government.

"I would say ... if you can run a state, you can definitely run a city," said Michael Nobles, a 34-year-old student lounging downtown.

Brown, who only moved to Oakland in 1994, two years after his third failed presidential bid, was the only white in the mayor's race. In January, he takes over a strug-

"It's more democratic. That's the key point," he said. "The people can elect the one who has authority and is not just a figurehead." Brown and other strong-mayor

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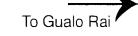
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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The International Development Bank is urging Latin American leaders to fervently fight the violence plaguing much of the region in order to strengthen their economies.

"Violence is not a biblical curse," bank president Enrique Iglesias said at the start of a meeting on public

"Violence is not only repugnant to all civilized society but an excess that cannot be permitted in Latin America.

Bank experts estimate that violence costs Latin America nations at least \$ 15 billion annually.

In 1996, there were 140,000 homicides in Latin America, a rate of 30 deathsforevery 100,000 people which

world, Iglesias said. "We are in the presence of a special

theme that has major social, political andeconomic repercussions,"he said. A recent study by the University of Central America showed that in 1995, violence cost El Salvador \$ 777 million — or 13 percent of the gross national product.

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Enrique Iglesias, left, president of Interamericano de Desarrollo bank, BID, is greeted by Salvadorean President Armando Calderon Sol Tuesday in San Salvador. Iglesias is in San Salvador to meet with 500 Hispanic Caribbean leaders and world experts on issues concern in

El Salvador's President Armando Calderon said Monday that the country's crime problem has been one of the major headaches of his administration.

El Salvador suffers a homicide rate of more than 100 killings per 100,000

Colombia, long considered the most violent nations in Latin America, had a homicide rate of 81 per 100,000 in 1996, the latest figures available. The International Development

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### Police busts Mexico's biggest meth cartel

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two top leaders of Mexico's largest methamphetamine cartel have been arrested, dealing a major blow to one of the major suppliers to the United States, the federal Attorney General's office announced.

Ending a 26-month investigation, police arrested brothers Luis and Jesus Amezcua Contreras on Monday and Tuesday.

They are charged with money laundering and criminal association, said Deputy Attorney General Mariano Herran Salvatti, the agency's head of anti-drug operations. "With the detention of these suspects, the Attorney General's

office believes Mexico's largest methamphetamine and amphetamine trafficking cartel has been broken up," he said Tuesday. Along with the arrests, Mexican police seized dozens of busi-

nesses in three states, including ranches, pharmacies, gasoline

stations and restaurants belonging to the cartel. In some of those properties Salvatti said police found chemicals used for producing methamphetamine in Mexico and illegally

sending the drug to the U.S. Methamphetamine — a highly addictive synthetic drug also known as crank, ice or crystal — has gained popularity along the U.S. West Coast and central states, surpassing usage of crack and other drugs in many communities.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said the Amezcua brothers' organization was the largest methamphetamine and chemical trafficking gang known to U.S. law enforcement agents. Another Amezcua brother, Adan, and a brother-in-law already

The cartel's power grew dramatically in recent years, largely because the Amezcua brothers collaborated with Colombian drug dealers sending cocaine to the U.S., according to U.S. and Mexican anti-drug officials.

"While trafficking cocaine for the Colombian organizations, the Amezcuas learned the lessons of marketing and structuring the drug trade as an international business," the DEA's statement

# Mexican troops raid town

NICOLAS RUIZ, Mexico (AP) — One thousand police officers

and soldiers swarmed into this small southern Mexican town early Wednesday, firing tear gas. breaking down doors and arresting 141 rebel sympathizers they said had "held the town hostage."

People scattered through the streets and hundreds fought police with poles during a raid that Gov. Roberto Albores Guillen insisted was intended only to "bring the town into conformity with the law."

"We don't care if they're sympathizers of the Zapatista National Liberation Army or if they're Muslims. All we care about is that they respect the law," he said in a telephone interview from the state capital, Tuxtla Gutierrez.

The governor said the raid was peaceful, but television images showed state police kicking people and beating them with wooden poles. One image showed the face of a villager covered in

Authorities said no one was injured, but townsfolk said dozens of people were hurt, most of them by tear gas.

Some of the officers carried assault rifles, and they broke down doors to drag suspects from their beds in the early morning raid. Helicopters flew overhead.

The raid was similar to two others carried out in the last two months in the villages of Taniperlas and Agua Tinta, both sympathetic to the Zapatistas.

Twelve foreigners were arrested and deported during the Taniperlas raid, and a group of Italians who denounced alleged human rights abuses during the raid were later deported for visiting the village without permis-

Albores Guillen denied that Nicolas Ruiz supported the rebels. blaming a "small minority" of the town's residents for intimidating the rest of the town of 8,000 people, 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Tuxtla Gutierrez.

He said that group didn't allow others to choose their political parties, denied them religious freedom, made unilateral decisions and wouldn't allow the government into the town to build a road and a health clinic.

He said they also "very violently" expelled 33 families from the town who "didn't agree with their ideas.

Most of the people arrested were supporters of the leftist opposition Democratic Revolution Party. Albores Guillen said the raid came only after they refused to negoti-

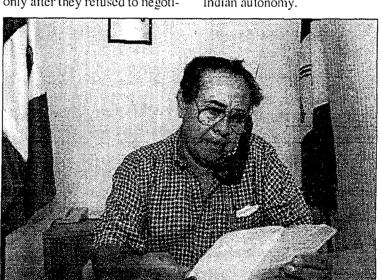
"Hopefully we won't have to conduct any more raids, as long as these groups understand that we're in a new Chiapas," he said.

The governor was appointed in January after his predecessor was forced to resign over alleged government complicity in the massacre of 45 men, women and children in another village that sympathized with the rebels.

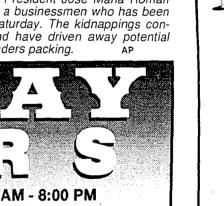
Like his predecessor and all other governors in Chiapas' history, Albores Guillen is a member of the ruling Institutional Revolutiona ry Party.

The rebels staged a brief uprising in 1994, demanding greater rights for Mexico's poor Indians.

Peace talks stalled after the government backed off of a treaty the two sides had signed on greater Indian autonomy.



Cuernavaca Chamber of Commerce President Jose Maria Roman speaks on the phone with the wife of a businessmen who has been kidnapped in Cuernavaca, Mexico Saturday. The kidnappings continue to inflame public sentiment and have driven away potential investors and sent many business leaders packing.



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# Israel not asking Abbas arrest

estinian side."

JERUSALEM (AP) - The former PLO guerrilla chief who masterminded the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking that killed an American passenger poses no threat to Israeli security, Israel's attorney general said Wednes-

Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein wrote that Israel doesn't plan to seek the arrest of Mohammed Abbas, who is currently visiting in the Pales-

#### **US** condemns Iran bombings

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The United States strongly condemned on Tuesday terrorist attacks in Iran which were carried out by an outlawed opposition group.

A bomb exploded at the Revolutionary Prosecutor's office in Tehran, the capital, and officials said at least three people were killed and two injured.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin noted that the Mujahedeen el-Khalq, which claimed responsibility for the attacks, has been designated a foreign terrorist organization by the secretary of state.

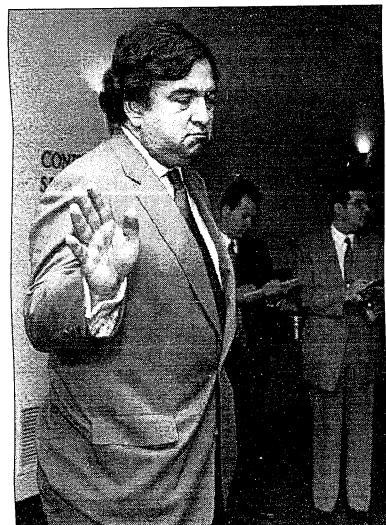
The Paris office of the Mujahedeen called Rubin's statement "an unjustifiable interference in the internal affairs of the Iranian people.

'It said the statement' was more of the same shameful policy of appeasement of the bloodthirsty mullahs.

In an earlier statement, the Mujahedeen said the attacks came in retaliation for the killing of its fighters in recent months.

tinian-controlled Gaza Strip. Rubinstein responded to a petition by two Israelis and Dov Hikind, a New York state assemblyman from Brooklyn, who have asked the Israeli Supreme Court to order the arrest of

In a statement to the court,



Bill Richardson, US ambassador to the UN, gestures while addressing the media after morning consultations on Iraq with the U.N. Security Council Wednesday. Although Iraq maintains it has destroyed illegal materials, Chief U.N. Inspector Richard Butler used photos, charts and records to press his claim that Baghdad is still hiding illegal weapons.

a wheelchair, Leon Klinghoffer, Rubinstein said Abbas "does, and threw his body overboard. not pose a security threat" and The hijackers surrendered to that an arrest "would probably

Egyptian authorities, who put cause real friction with the Pal-Abbas and his men on a flight for Tunisia. The U.S. Navy Acting on Abbas' orders, gueforced the flight down in Italy, rillas seized the Italian cruise ship off Egypt. They shot an but Italian authorities allowed Abbas to flee. elderly American passenger in

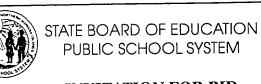
An Italian court later convicted Abbas and two other PLO guerrillas in absentia and sentenced them to life in prison.

In 1996, Israel allowed Abbas, also known as Abul Abbas, to return to the Gaza Strip to attend a session of the Palestine National Council. Since then he has returned to Gaza three times and has described the current stay as an extended one.

"We had always said that what took place on the ship had not been planned and had not been organized and I wasn't on the ship," Abbas said from Gaza.

Under a 1993 peace agreement with the Palestinians, Israel allowed thousands of PLO guerrillas to return from abroad and enter the new autonomous Palestinian areas.

Rubinstein said it would be unreasonable to prosecute Abbas for acts committed be-



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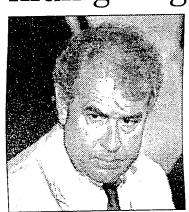
All bids must be sealed and facemarked "IFB98-006. Cargo Van For Tinian Food Services Program" and submitted in duplicate to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., July 07, 1998, at which time and date, and place all bid will be opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. The Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject any or all bids if its in the best interest of the Public School System.

All inquiries to this announcement may contact the Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3762/63.

/s/Rita Hocog Inos, Ed. D. Commissioner Of Education

/s/Louise Concepcion Procurement & Supply Officer

### Butler: Baghdad is still hiding illegal weapons



Richard Butler

#### By ROBERT H. REID UNITEDNATIONS(AP)—Deal-

ing what the U.S. ambassador called a "devastating blow" to Iraq's credibility, the chief U.N. inspector used photos, charts and records Wednesday to press his claim that Baghdad is still hiding illegal weapons.

Richard Butler presented his evidence before the Security Council in an effort to convince the 15 members that Iraq has still failed to comply with U.N. orders to destroy all longrange missiles and chemical, nuclear and biological weapons.

Butler's presentation lasted throughout the day Wednesday and was to resume behind closed-doors Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (1430 gmt).

U.N. arms inspectors must certify Iraq free of illegal weapons before the council will lift sanctions imposed in August 1990 after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, touching off the Gulf conflict.

Iraq says it has destroyed illegal materials, and Russia, France, China and others have been pressuring the U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, which Butler heads, to back up his claims to the contrary.

"UNSCOM has dealt a devastatng blow to Iraq's credibility," U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said after the morning session.

"UNSCOM has produced documents, charts that catalogue the gaps and inconsistencies in Iraqi claims in the chemical, biological and other

Richardson said the evidence showed a "pattern of concealment" by Iraq and that Baghdad still has "a long way to go" to satisfy conditions

"Iraq has a lot of explaining to do," he said

British Ambassador John Weston said it was clear "there are a number of unanswered questions" even in the field of missiles, one of the areas where the United Nations said progress in disarmament had been







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# Lewinsky team moves quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving quickly in an effort to ward off an indictment, Monica Lewinsky's new defense team has contacted prosecutors in a prelude to negotiations for an

immunity deal, legal sources speaking on condition of anosaid Wednesday.

While the initial contacts Starr is well acquainted with Ms. Lewinsky's new lawyers, could not be characterized as Plato Cacheris and Jacob Stein. negotiations, serious talks were In fact, Stein and Starr worked on the horizon, said sources fawith each other — although in miliar with the development, different roles — during the Senate investigation of former

nymity.

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore. Prosecutors could gain in their investigation of President Clinton if they secure Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation through Cacheris and Stein, something they could not do with the former intern's first lawyer, William Ginsburg.

Ginsburg came close in the opening days of the controversy to sealing a deal for full immunity for Ms. Lewinsky. He provided a written offer outlining her testimony and received a letter back indicating prosecutors could accept the terms, according to people close to the

But the effort fell apart at the last minute, and relations soured as Ginsburg went to court claiming Starr reneged on the deal. Starr won that legal battle. By the end, Ginsburg was calling Starr names and demanding Clinton fire the prosecutor.

Sources familiar with the original offer have said Ms. Lewinsky offered to change her public story and acknowledge a physical relationship with Clinton but was vague on whether she was asked to lie or obstruct justice.

Ginsburg, a Los Angeles medical malpractice attorney, left the defense team Tuesday saying he had failed in his major objective — negotiating the immunity deal — and was wor-

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A lawyer familiar with Ms. Lewinsky's defense said her new lawyers will make a fresh pitch to Starr by saying "we don't know what has gone on

Also on Wednesday, White House officials said a presidential aide who previously refused to answer questions before the grand jury, Sidney Blumenthal, was expected to return to testify on Thursday.

Blumenthal had declined to answer certain questions about Clinton on grounds of executive privilege, but the White House withdrew that claim this

Starr is investigating whether Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky lied under oath when they denied in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit that they had sexual relations.

Prosecutors also want to know whether Clinton and presidential friend Vernon Jordan encouraged Ms. Lewinsky to lie by finding her a job and lawyer, and whether other presidential aides tried to obstruct the inves-

recordings made by a Lewinsky friend, Linda Tripp, in which the former intern alleged she had an affair with Clinton and was asked to cover it up.

Charles Bakaly, a spokesman for Starr, said Wednesday he could not comment on specific contacts with Stein and Cacheris out added, "Ken Starr has known both lawyers a long time."

He pointed out that Starr worked closely with Stein after Starr was chosen to review Packwood's personal diaries during the ethics investigation of the senator's sexual and official conduct. Stein was Packwood's lawyer.

Cacheris negotiated Fawn Hall's immunity arrangement with prosecutors in exchange for her testimony about document shredding at the National Security Council by Oliver North in the Iran-Contra affair.

Meanwhile on Wednesday, news organizations including The Associated Press asked the Supreme Court to rule on whether the news media should have access to court hearings in the grand jury investigation involving Ms. Lewinsky.

An appeals court has ruled that the First Amendment provides no right of public access to the court arguments over various issues, including executive privilege and attorney-client privilege, invoked by the president and White House lawyers.

Edited transcripts of those hearings have been released

### Apology is issued for sex questions

By Nicole Ziegler SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP) — The Illinois Board of Education apologized Wednesday for sending out a test that asked hundreds of 11th-graders explicit questions about sex.

The health education test, sent to 61 high schools as part of a statewide pilot project, contained questions about the AIDS virus that referred to anal and oral sex. The test also asked students the most effective way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases but did not list abstinence as an option.

"I am as shocked and dismayed as anyone that questions as insensitive as these would be used on any kind of assessment of Illinois students," state Superintendent Joseph Spagnolo said in a letter of apology to affected schools.

The Rev. Robert Vanden Bosch, director of Concerned Christian Americans, said an apology cannot repair the harm

"Every child in the state of Illinois who took this test has already been mentally molested by the state Board of Education," Vanden Bosch said.



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#### BPL nixes. Continued from page 3

Songsong village.' With Aldan's rejection of the Rota mayor's appeal, observers said it could take the evicted Filipino-Americans a longer while before their plight is

finally addressed. A bill, addressing Dadang 6's problems and similar cases, has been filed at the Senate.

Aldan however said he is blocking Senate Bill11-39 which was filed by Rota Sen, Edward Maratita.

#### Suspect...

Continued from page 3 from the Duty Free Shoppers last

Wen Hua Fan, 45, was charged with theft before the Superior

Assistant Atty. Gen. Kevin Lynch in the complaint said the items stolen by Fan were lighters, necklaces, a bracelet, a carton of cigarettes, and a cockado-odle-

No other details were given in

Rosary is being said at the family residence in San Roque every afternoon at 12:00 and nightly

at 8:00 p.m. Mass for Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, June 10, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. at San

#### Train derails:

Continued from page 2 the wreckage with a crane, and sliced open the metal siding with blow

Survivors were found among the

tangle of metal, including a 10-oldfinding new survivors was slight.

All 13 cars and the rear engine

intention to exercise their option the estate's share to purchase and then

failing to give notice, both DHLI and DHLC effectively had the time pe-"This notice was required by shareriod extended to meet the very short periods set forthin those shareholders agreements and the estate lost the opportunity to sale the shares in the

> The senator suspected that GPA could have violated the legal procurement process.

#### Hofschneider... Hofschneider earlier proposed a Continued from page 14 30-day extension of the emergency

still waiting for results.

It is estimated, however, that there are around 40,000 non-resident workers in the CNML

The 90-day health screening requirement was administered by DPH following reports from Atlanta-based Center for Communicable Diseases indicating that cases of infectious diseases like TB, syphilis and HIV infection in the Commonwealth have already reached intolerable proporthey will be identified and as-

After the companies are being notified, and they still do not comply within 30 days, the DPH will have to assess and take necessary actions, said Villagomez.

workers who underwent health test-

girl pulled from the wreckage an hour and a half after the 11 a.m. crash. But as rescue efforts continued into the night, officials said the chance of

health screening after the DPH dis-

closed that not even half of the CNMI's

42,000 nonresident workers have

been tested, with only seven days

left before the May 25 deadline.

retary Joseph Kevin Villagomez

earlier said that after the end of

the 90-day period, employers are

still encouraged to let their em-

ployees undergo health testing,

without sanctions. He added that

although they will not be fined,

Newly-confirmed Health Sec-

derailed, and splintered glass covered

Luggage was piled next to the wreckage, and residents who described the crash as an explosion reported survivors wandering away

comeup with the cash," the claimants

The claimants pointed out that by

#### Heirship. reap a huge profit by a direct sale. The stock was lost to the estate in

Continued from page 3

was also in negotiations with the ultimate purchaser or at least knew that a resale at a substantial profit was possible," said the claimants in the mo-

The petition said the heir claimants have always asserted that whomever had possession of that stock would

1995 when the former executor failed to give formal notice to DHLI and DHLC of Hillblom's death, according to court documents.

holders' agreements entered into by Hillblom in 1992. It was important because notice triggered a very short time period in which other shareholders or DHLI could give notice of an

and Bloon:er said they will continue to move the barrels through the night until they are finished.

The DPH chief added that extending the emergency period does not do any good, adding that in the last two weeks that he went around to some of the clinics, there have been no significant increase in the number of non-resident

edge in quality over the U.S. Big Three, the difference has narrowed each year, said George Owens, product director for the survey.

**DETROIT** (AP) — Ford.

Honda and Toyota scored the

most top rankings in J.D.

Power and Associates' latest

survey of new car and truck

Ford and Honda each had

seven top-ranked models,

while Toyota had six. They

were followed by General

Motors with five, Nissan with

four and Chrysler and BMW

with three each, the market

research firm announced

The annual survey is the

industry's most closely

watched quality study. But

major changes in its method-

ology this year means the find-

ings are not directly compa-

The number of potential

problem areas that J.D. Power

rable to previous years.

Wednesday.

"While the domestics continue to improve each year. there's still a gap they're trying to close," he said.

averaged 1.83 problems per vehicle, the Asians scored 1.64 problems and the Europeans had 1.57. J.D. Power listed the top

utility vehicle.

Escort and its twin, the Mercury Tracer, the Contour, Mercury Sable, F-series pickup, and the Expedition and Lincoln Navigator SUVs.

Toyota Tacoma and T100

pickups, the Sienna minivan

and 4Runner SUV. The LS400

20 car models rated high

Honda scored with the Civic, Prelude, CR-V sport utility. Odyssey minivan and three models from its luxury division, Acura: the TL, RL

Business & Trade

As a group, the Big Three

three vehicles in each of 13 car and truck categories, from compact car to luxury sport

and Integra. Toyota's trucks and its Lexus luxury division gained all of the company's top rankings. The Lexus ES300 and LS400 were joined by the

hicle in the study.

Some of the top-ranked Japanese vehicles, such as the Civic and T100, are made in the United States.

Chrysler historically has not ranked as high as its competitors in the survey. But the automaker's redesigned Concorde sedan was ranked first among premium midsize cars, while the Cirrus was rated best entry-level midsize

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after a new model's launch, J.D. Power said.

A total of 58,117 owners of 1998 vehicles filled out the survey after three months of ownership. The vehicles were bought last November, December or January.

J.D. Power, based in Agoura Hills, Calif., sells its survey information to automakers and others in the industry. Manufacturers pay to use the awards in their advertising, and use the statistical information to compare with their own quality and customer-satisfaction



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR JUDICIAL SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on Tuesday, Ju

0, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the U.S. Marshal

ervice, First Floor, Horiguchi Building, Garapan, Saipar

CNMI, the above captioned in rem defendants, to wit: The fishing vessel M/V "NAGO II", her gear and

ackle, along with similar gear and tackle off the sister

vessel "NAGO 15" sold to the highest bidder(s), individua

tems, or entire lot, as is, where is, without warranty, a

public auction. Details set forth below in the following

ORDER FOR JUDICIAL SALE

Good cause appearing, Plaintiff having a default judgment entered in its favor, the above captioned in rem defendants are ordered to be sold at public auction under

. This Notice to be published on four consecutive weeks

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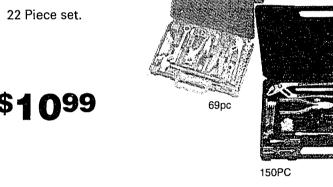
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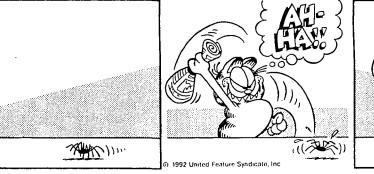
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Also born on this date are: Robert Lansing, actor; Bill Moyers, journalist. To see what is in store for

you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. SATURDAY, JUNE 6

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The more directly and colorfully you express yourself today, the more likely others will be to listen — and to do what it is you ask.

CANCER (June 21-July

22) — You may have to work harder than usual today to capture the attention of those around you. Use your imagination as you impart practical

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone you know well may be taking you too seriously at this time. You can put his or her mind at ease today by sharing a secret or

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things prepared for someone else to take over — but you can be proud of a job well

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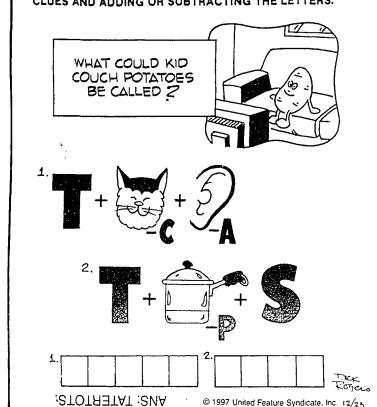
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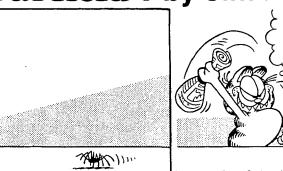
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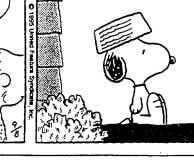












Sorenstam headed to

ners this year.

last year.

SAVA fundraisers

# French Open focus on women

PARIS (AP)—FWilliams hadn't shown respect during an on-court

She faces Lindsay Davenport, maybe one of the most modest semifinalists ever. Asked earlier in the week if she felt overlooked here, she replied, "If I were a

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Annika

Sorenstam, defending champion at

the \$600,000 Michelob Light Clas-

sic, is happy to be headed back to

She likes the people, she likes the

golfcourse. But mostly, she's happy

to return because she needs a win,

and she's won the St. Louis event

Droughts are uncommon for

Sorenstam, 28, who wonsix tourna-

ments in 1997, when she was the

LPGA's leading money winner with

This year has been harder, as

Sorenstam has yet to post a win and

stands fourth on the earnings list at

dlrs 288,400. But Sorenstam is not

frustrated, because she knows it's

the increased competition that's kept

SAIPAN Aikido Association (Saipan

Aikikai) is offering a four-week Aikido

Summer Workshop beginning on June

The Aikido Summer Workshop of-

fers training to the higher grades of

elementary school and one for junior

and high school ages. Aikido classes

will be held from Monday through

Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 in the morn-

For ages 8-12, classes will begin on

June 15 and will end on July 10. While

ages 12-18 will start on July 13 and will

Classs fee is \$100 and it include the

Aikido is a non violent and non

Andhere at Saipan Aikikai, there are

about 35 children from age 2 to 14 are

practicing three times a week.

competitive martial art originated in

earnings of \$1.2 million.

her from winning.

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

15, 1998.

end on August.

rental of 2 sets of uniforms.

this year's tournament.

twice before.

betting person or a journalist, I'd overlook myself also." But Davenport is the No. 2 seed here, and may be ready to prove she can win a big one on clay.

Hingis has little left to prove. The 17-year-old Swiss star is at the top of her game, and her innate court sense and impeccable

"Myscoring average is going down

and I'm still not winning," she said. "I

think there will be a lot of new win-

trying to join that category are this

year's sponsor's exemptions, NCAA

Player of the Year Marisa Baena of

the University of Arizona and Cindy

Muellerof Belleville, Illinois. Mueller,

a golf instructor, made the cut here

Among the 144 players in this

year's field trying to keep the young-

sters down, however, are seven of the

top 10 money winners on the tour -

Sorenstam, Karrie Webb, Donna

Andrews, Pat Hurst, Lorie Kane,

Saipan Aikikai camp set

Instructor Mutsuko Minegishi says,

"Those who are taking classes in Aikido

seem to enjoy the practice because

Aikido is neither a competitive nor a

Aikido is a form of martial arts that

helps in improving one's physical and

mental conditioning. It also promotes

self-defense, cooperation, self aware-

cooperate with each other in a very

It helps the young participants to

As a result, children of Aikido make

friends with everyone in class and learn

how to become a good member of the

group whether he or she is a leader of

Rank promotions are made accord-

ing to achievement and performance,

rather than by winning competitions.

Though some achieve faster than oth-

ers do, no one is a loser. Each student is

This non competitive principle gives

ness, endurance and perseverance.

violent martial art."

friendly atmosphere.

Two young women who will be

timing have served her well this

Her swift victory over Serena Williams' big sister, Venus, in the quarterfinals only outlined the gap between the two, despite hopes for a new rivalry in women's tennis.

Hingis has rolled through the

St. Louis here, in 1995 and last year. She

"I know I can play this course," she said. 'It gives me a lot of confidence. I know every hole. I can play it in my sleep."

said just being here gives her a

The par 72 layout fits her game, Sorenstam believes. The fairways are tight, often lined with large trees. She is annually among the LPGA leaders in hitting fairways

"It's a course where you have to think a lot," she said. "A lot of players run out of patience. I have a lot (of patience) and I think that's why I play so well here."

Danielle Ammaccapane and Meg But Sorenstam has a comfort factor at Forest Hills that none of the other players can match. She has won two of the three times she has played

and greens

Despite her struggles, Sorenstam hasn't made any changes in her swing. And she doesn't believe in even trying to make changes while she is playing.

the students a relaxed mental state.

Each student will achieve his or her

goal by helping and being helped by

With the present problems of sub-

stance abuse and violence among

our youth, Aikido is a good venue

to teach these kids how to gain

inner strength and physical and

mental balance in order to resist

Saipan Aikikai is a member of

the Asian Aikido Federation. The

first Aikido conference will be held

in Thailand in November this year.

And four Saipan Aikikai represen-

tatives will be participating in that

Interested parties could register

at Saipan Aikikai on the 5th Floor

of Nauru Building, Susupe. You

could also reach the Aikakai staff at

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e-mail

those problems.

Felix Mantilla.

man to reach the semifinals at

Roland Garros since Henri

Leconte in 1992. Just two

Frenchmen have won the title

since World War II, with Yannick

Arazi, who played most of the

match with a blistered left foot,

converted only five of his 21 break

Seine River," he cracked. "The

thing that really did me in is that I

stayed too much on the baseline.'

five-set matches in the tourna-

ment, will have a day to rest be-

fore facing Corretja in Friday's

Corretja made just 18 unforced

errors while reaching his first

Grand Slam semifinal by defeat-

ing Belgium's Filip Dewulf 7-5,

"It's not easy to have a country

put three guys in the semis of a

Grand Slam. We used to see the

American guys in other tour-

naments, but not the Spanish

"This is history," Corretja said.

6-4, 6-3.

Pioline, who has played three

"I'm going to jump into the

Noah the most recent in 1983.

"I was so tired and I had But it is Seles, anine-time Grand break points against me practically in every game. I saved Slam champion, who is the emosome of them by miracle," tional favorite this year at Roland Pioline said. He became the first French-

Playing with her father's ring around her neck, she says she came here so soon after his death because the memories at home were just too painful. And, of course, because "my dad would have loved me to play."

first five rounds, losing just 21

Beating Novotna in the quarters, she clenched her fist and scrunched her face into a victory grimace that made it clear how much she wants this title, which she's won three times before.

But the crowd's emotional support won't be enough; she has to be at her very best. Hingis has defeated Seles all five times they've played.

The men have a day off Thursday, which is a relief for the weary Cedric Pioline. The Frenchman withstood five

sets of sloppy and often tedious tennis Wednesday to became the only non-Spaniard in the men's semifinals.

His 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, 6-3 win over Morocco's Hicham Arazi , a match marred by 149 unforced errors — put him in the semifinals with Alex Corretja, Carlos Moya and

#### San... Continued from page 52

Aguon and teammate AJ Taitano of A's came out with 2 hits.

Manahane was also credited with the A's winning by striking out 5 batters and giving up no

On the other side of the field, Leroy Kani of Tigers blasted a solo homer and scored twice while teammate Derek Omengabar had 3 hits in four tries.

SV A's are currently on the second position while the Tigers are in the 4th place. In the other games, Garapan

Pirates prevailed over Kagman Lions, 13-6. The Pirates advanced to the 8th position while the Lions went

down to 12th. AJ Guerrero of the Pirates had

3 hits and scored four times. Teammate John Peter Sablan

#### minegishi@saipan.com. world champ Daniella Somers (8-1,

4 KO's) from Belgium. "D-Day Dynamite,"-Holyfield vs. Akinwande, will air one time only on Marianas Cable Vision's Channel 42 this Sunday.

Aces is in third place.

Also last Saturday, Antonio Cardinals came to a losing end when Kagman Rockies beat them, 10-0.

Rockies surprised the Cardinals with a 10-run mercy rule.

# Cubs defeat Marlins

CHICAGO (AP) — Kerry Wood was his usual solid self, and Sammy Sosahitatwo-runhomerrun Wednesday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Florida Marlins 5-1.

While Livan Hernandez (3-4) was getting rocked for 10 hits and five runs in seven innings, Wood (6-2) was rolling. He struck out nine batters and gave up five hits in eight innings as he won his fifth straight decision. The Cubs (34-24) moved 10 games over .500 for the first time since finishing the 1989 season at 93-69 the last time Chicago made the postseason.

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nized," she explained.

Aside from OPM, the task force

is also joined by the finance

department who's head, in a

recent interview, said the De-

partment of Public Safety's

(DPS) \$6 million overtime

expenses in the last year was

"the one that really glared at

Finance Secretary Lucy

DLG. Nielsen said it is "ab-

surd" to note that a govern-

ment bureaucracy of about

4,000 employees was able to

spend \$12 million in OT for

double in the fourth to put the Cubs up 2-1 and Sosa hit his 16th home run of the year, and seventh in six games, to make it 4-1 in the

Giants 8, Reds 5 In San Francisco, Brian Johnson hit two home runs for the second time in four days as San Francisco won its sixth straight win. Shawn Estes (5-5) won his third straight decision, carrying a four-hit shutout into the seventh before the

Reds touched him for five runs. Johnson, who also hit two home

fiscal year.

Nevertheless, she did not discount the possibility that several emergency situations, which include at least three strong weather disturbances last year, contributed to the expenses.

tion is focusing on government staffing pattern to determine whether there were indeed not enough employees that overtime was warranted.

Officials said the investiga-

Also, probers are looking into allegations lesser paid employees were being allowed to unnecessarily work overtime to supplement earnings.

but at a much lower scale now,"

ery year.

he said. The CNMI's labor office in the Philippines, however, will have to move to a smaller and less expensive space in a suburb city west of Manila.

He said CNMI officials are in the Philippines right now trying to look for a more appropriate space for the Manila Liaison Office, which is assuming a labor-

processing-only function. "They are going to look at another office space. Thety are moving in to another office somewhere in Quezon City," he

stressed.

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migration, does not have a sys-

seeking Chinese worker in the CNMI who claimed he was being hunted by the Chinese government for his alleged political involvement here had to go to the United Nations

CNMI under probation.

If enacted into law, the

them "habitual residents" of the U.S., Shannon Murphy, chief of staff for Leon Guerrero, said yes-

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FAS...

terday She said the migrants do not seek U.S. citizenship, so can live in the U.S. for work or school, with a one-year "grace period" where there was none before. "That's the change that's being proposed," she said.

"This proposal really only applies to Guam, which is a reflection of our efforts to push the process along," Underwood said. Existing rules will apply if FAS

On the question of health care

Variety News Staff

etary budget.

or this event.

compete this August are do-

Heeding the call of Bill

Sakovich to find ways to raise

for the habitual residents here, the congressman said, "That's where the issue of welfare reform comes in. That doesn't mean GovGuam won't continue to treat them in the hospital, but that's a decision that will continue to be made on Guam."

citizens go to the 50 states.

Underwood said the change is "a good process, something I'm confident will lead to a very important resolution of issues, because over time, it will serve as a disincentive to come to Guam just to access social services. This clarifies that's not a legitimate purpose to come to Guam."

The Federated States of Micronesia embassy in Washington, D.C. has no

"But I can understand that be-

Islands will be affected, he said. In a letter to the INS earlier this

"The INS should stop sending off-

#### CNMI . . . Continued from page 1

businesses that have poured in more than \$200,000 in total investments to still import nonresident workers.

Rosario also said there could be a need to maintain the labor office to continuously gatekeep workers with fraudulent documents from coming into the CNMI.

"The purpose there is to make sure that documents are not fraudulent. In the past, there were many documents that were faked," he said.

To prevent that, according to him, the labor office verifies the documents submitted by Filipino workers applying for jobs in the CNMI, adding that a number of workers have been barred from being issued with entry permits due to their submission of "doctored" papers.

"There are papers that are still

#### Murkowski . . . Continued from page 1

tem to accommodate asylum

Early last year, an asylum-Commission on Human

CNMI officials said the asylum issue was among those discussed with them by members of the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the March 31 hearing in Washington D.C.

S 1275 provides that "any alien admitted to the Commonwealth seeking asylum in the United states shall be required to remain in the CNMI while his application is being pro-

the CNMI during the application period, the bill said, his or her application would become moot.

has been receiving at least \$22,000 in annual income, or around \$1,830 in monthly salary. Observers said the figure is way above the pay level a senior cor-

porate executives would normally get in the Philippines which ranges between \$1,000 and \$1,200 a

the "high side."

live very well with that kind of income in the Philippines," Rosario said Flores, according to Rosario,

started with \$18,000 per annum. He noted that the previous liaison officer, who was an attorney by profession, succeeded by Flores was receiving \$36,000 in annual

To encourage early childhood

development, Gutierez said he has

directed the Department of Pub-

lic Health and Social Service and

KGFT to produce a video that

will be given out at the hospital to

"This video will coach on the

The governor is also seeking

"Parental involvement is often

the missing ingredient that plays

things they can do to help their

children succeed," he explained.

parental involvement in their

all new parents.

children's education.

cause she is an attorney," he added. The CNMI government is shell-

> ing out \$77,800 every year in total wages of the office's personnel who have been assisting medical referral patients and reviewing the employment documents of Filipino workers bound for the Northern Marianas.

The Manila Liaison Office has been employing five workers, two of them are with the medical referral section and the other three are connected with the labor division.

Medical referral workers will be served their walking papers but the governor's spokesperson could not say if they will retain all three of the labor division emplovees.

Rosario said the medical referral office will be dissolved, which he added, is expected to result in some savings for the government.

"That can result in some savings for us. The only time that we

a major factor in determining whether a child succeeds or fails

Executive order 98-16, establishing the Governor's Parental In-

GovGuam employee can use administrative leave to volunteer at his child's school for up to four



Happy Birthday From Mommy, Daddy

#### Jazz... Continued from page 52 break points.

Neither team could generate much offense in the fourth quarter, except for when Malone got up a head of steam and headed for the hoop. His fast-break dunk with 5:57 left ended a long scoreless drought, and his dunk with 4:44 left put Utah ahead 73-66.

That's when Jordan got hot again. He scored on two jumpers, both of which hit nothing but net, and a 3-pointer by Pippen tied the game 75-all with 2:34 left. After Dennis Rodman

blocked a shot by Malone,

Pippen rushed a 3-pointer and

got an earful from Jordan. With Chicago down by two, Pippen grabbed an offensive rebound — Chicago's ninth and last of the game — and called timeout with 23.6 seconds left on the game clock and 23 left on the shot clock.

It was no surprise when Jordan got the ball, but Chicago didn't hold for the last shot. Instead, Jordan penetrated and passed over to Luc Longley, who made a short jumper from the lane to tie the game 79-79 with 14.3 seconds

The Jazz inbounded with 7.3

seconds left and Stockton headed

for the right corner, where his

jumper from 3-point range came

# Holyfield

Mills Lane during the July WBC WBA heavyweight bout with Lennox Lewis.

WBA Middleweight Championship defense of William Joppy (225-1-1, 19 KO's), against veteran boxer Roberto Duran (102-13, 69 KO's), the four-time world champ form Los Chorillos, Panama.

Also a 10 round bantamweight bout between IBF/WBO champion Johnny Tapia and Carlos Hernandez (13-3. 5 KO's). And the female boxing sensation

Christy Martin (34-1-2, 22 KO's)

defends her WBC beltagainst former

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The undercard bouts feature the

The official time of the main event has not yet been determined, however, viewers should probably see the undercard bouts beginning around

This will be the only time that viewers can watch the event unless there are last minute changes to the current satellite schedule. In the event, the fight is moved or

delayed for any reason. Stay tuned to Channel 42 and the KMCV NEWS Sports report with Bob Coldeen for further updates on the fight schedule.

blasted a triple, double and scored thrice as their team outshadowed the Lions.

Pirates' Gary Cruz came in relieved in the third inning and struck out 5 batters, gave up no walk and pushed the Pirates win as he issued one hit.

Lions' Mike Muna led his team perfectly at the plate with 2 hits in 2 trips to the plate.

In Game 2, Tanapag Falcons beat Little Knights, 11-10.

Falcons' Luis Iguel went 3 for 3 and scored thrice. Another Falcon, Myron San Nicolas, had 2 hits as the Falcons edged the rookie team Little Knights in an

extra inning game. Koblerville Hustlers stopped CK Little Padres, 10-8.

It was a come-from-behind victory for the Hustlers. Jason Reyes of the Hustlers had 2 hits while Joe Taga, Osaky Keller had 2

runs a piece. Padres' Chris Salas led the team going 3 for 4 at the plate and also knocked in 3 runs in the losing

On Saturday, Dandan Bluejays defeated Team Toyota, 23-2. Blue avs are now in the 6th spot while Toyota has one win and 10

MV Ol' Aces made a killing and beat San Roque D9-ers, 16-5, last Saturday.

It was the first loss of San Roque this season. San Roque, still maintained its leadership in the over all team standing.

# National League roundup

Less than two months before the much-awaited 4th three hits and is 14-for-38 with seven Micronesian Games in Palau, homeruns and 13 RBIs since coming different teams that is set to

off the disabled list May 20. Johnson homered against Brett Tomko (5-4) to lead off the third and added a two-run shot off reliever Scott Sullivan in the fifth.

Robb Nen got his 16th save in 17

Pirates 3, Mets 0 In Pittsburgh, Jon Lieberoutdueled

Rick Reed with eight shutout innings, and Aramis Ramirez's first career hit helped Pittsburgh finish off a threegame sweep of New York.

some funds for the games, SAVA from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

> The finalized rules and regulations will probably be implemented by next year. All citizens of the FSM and therepublics of Palau and the Marshall

island over \$4,000,000 a year that it collects in Guam. It should use this money to step up its enforcement operations on illegals, on alien-laborer overstays as well as performing its administrative responsibilities in overseeing Compact citizen migration to Guam," Gutierrez said.

#### to be processed. We are still getting workers from the Philippines

Rosario also disclosed that one of the office's staff, Teri Flores,

Cost of living in the Philippines is a lot lower compared to Saipan so Flores' pay is considered on

The move is among the austerity measures instituted by the CNMI government, in its desperate effort to save funds for other

Rental expenses cost the CNMI government close to \$36,000 ev-

cessed If the asylum seeker leaves

S 1275, which was endorsed recently by the US Senate energy committee, places the

CNMI's immigration would be placed under control of the US Attorney General, and wage affairs would be controlled by the US Department of Labor. (MCM)

"That's big money. You can

Gutierrez . . .

in school," Gutierrez said, The governor signed yesterday

studies which showed that a person's learning potential is influenced by his early develop-

& Sacoh

#### ing a lot of fundraising acbe held on July 17, 1998 at tivities to augment their mon-8-10 in the evening. The Saipan Amateur Volleyball Association (SAVA) is currently on the race to raise money

Today, the SAVA players will be having a road fund raising activity. The team members will be asking monetary donations from passing motorists at the Microl traffic intersection

has a lot of plans to go and

SAVA has another

fundraising project dubbed

as 'Dinner Cruise on the

This fundraising event will

get some money.

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problem with that, he said.

week, Gutierrez requested that the Service improve its enforcement func-

pay is when we send a patient. That means we won't be keeping the medical referral staff there lying idle and still getting paid,' he pointed out.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Joe C. Ayuyu said he visited the Manila Liaison Office during a recent trip to the Philippines and was told that the medical referral section was "lucky enough" to have one patient in a

month. "Maintaining that office is just a

waste of money," Ayuyu said. Financial consultant Mike Sablan Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomezand Dr. Jon Bruss planed in the Philippines Tuesday night to discuss the possibilities of direct medical referral to Manila hospitals.

"They are in the Philippines to make arrangements so we can go directly to Manilahospitals and eliminate the staff of the medical referral. That will mean savings for us,' Rosario said.

volvement Initiative.

Under the initiative, a

# SPORTS



# Jazz over Bulls in OT

By CHRIS SHERIDAN SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —

John Stockton atoned for missing a last-second shot in regulation by scoring seven points in overtime as the Utah Jazz defeated the Chicago Bulls 88-85 Wednesday in the opening game of the National Basketball Association Finals.

In a sloppy game that seemed to take forever to be decided, the Bulls missed a chance to steal a game and wrest homecourt advantage away from the Jazz.

"You couldn't ever ask for a better opportunity to win on their court," Chicago coach Phil Jackson lamented. "I feel like we let one slip away."

That's because Stockton made all the big plays in overtime and Scottie Pippen missed a tying 3-pointer at the buzzer. And the Jazz walked off leading the series, something they never did in last year's finals.

Stockton ended up shooting 9-for-12 from the floor for 24 points with eight assists and two steals. Karl Malone added 21 points and Bryon Russell had 15 to help Utah overcome 33 points from Michael Jor-Stockton started his

overtime flurry with an assist to Malone for a layup that broke a 79-all tie.

Pippen, yelled at by Jordan late in the fourth quarter for rushing a 3-point shot, then had the ball poked away by Jeff Hornacek as he drove to his right. Stockton gathered the loose ball and went in for a three-point play that put Utah ahead 84-79.

Jordan made one of two free throws and a jumper to cut the deficit to two with 2:07 left, but the Bulls would not score for another two minutes.

With 43 seconds left and the ball in Chicago's hands, it ended up going to Luc Longley. He tried going to the hoop and had the ball deflected away for Chicago's third turnover of overtime. Bryon Russell recovered, the Jazz ran the clock down and Stockton made the shot of the game.

Guarded by the slow-footed Steve Kerr, Stockton drove to his right, jumped off the wrong foot and made the shot from about 10 feet (three meters) away.

Toni Kukoc hit a 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left, and Stockton made two free throws with 3.5 seconds left to give the Jazz another three-point lead.

"They just kept coming back.



Utah Jazz's Greg Ostertag (00) goes for a rebound against the Chicago Bulls' defense as Michael Jordan watches from the background during overtime in Game 1 of the NBA Finals in Salt Lake City, Wednesday. The Jazz went on to win 88-85 and take a 1-0 lead in the best-of seven

We're going to have to play better than that if we're going to win this thing," Stockton

The Bulls fired the ensuing inbounds pass upcourt and tipped it to Pippen at the 3point line, but his shot was too

"Stock's got the ice water in his veins," Russell said. "You know he wants that ring. Stock took over that game."

Coming off 10 days rest and playing a Bulls team that was extended to seven games by Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals. the Jazz led most of the game but could never pull ahead by more than eight.

They kept Jordan somewhat in check, limiting him to 13-for-29 shooting. Pippen shot only 7-for-19 with five turnovers, Kukoc was 4-for-12 and Chicago's reserves scored only eight points.

The Jazz got 22 points from the bench, including eight by Howard Eisley, outscored Chicago 52-34 in the paint and 21-6 on fast-

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# San Vicente A's battle for top spot in Little League

By Louie C. Alonso Variety News Staff SAN VICENTE A's have inched to the top position in the Little League Baseball as they defeated

By Frank D. Palacios

Kaultz Glass Tigers, 7-5, last Sun-

Rick Manahane of SV A's went 2 for 3, scored 2 times and blasted a 2 run homer for the third con-

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secutive time in the last three games.

In the heart-stomping game of the A's and Tigers, Elton Continued on page 50

### Holyfield-Akinwande fight Sunday on MCV

TOUTED as "D-Day Dynamite," Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield puts both his WBA and IBF heavyweight titles on the line against challenger Henry Akinwande this Sunday, June 7 on MCV, a press release from MCV said.

MCV will go live via satellite to the "Mecca of Boxing," Madison Square Garden-New York City for this special boxing event.

the first time in seven months, after taking the IBF crown from

The WMA heavyweight belt of course came from the famous

Holyfield's defense of that victory in the controversial June 1997 rematch remains as one of boxing's most bizarre events, as Tyson

Akinwande was crowned the WBO heavyweight champion title

He held that title until last year when he was disqualified by referee

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Strikeout Leaders:

Jon Joyner

Majors: (63) Tyron Fitial (58) Bobby Coldeen (54) Chris Salas (48) Ray Cruz (44) Jesse Taisacan, William Kaipat (38) John Sanchez, Ryan Duenas Senlors: (54) Jonathan Delos Santos (32) Anthony Benavente (20 Daniel Sablan Big: (27) Palrick DeLeon Guerrero (23) Kevin Kapileo (20) Tito Santos (18) Audi Maratita

Holyfield (35-3, 25 KO's), steps into the ring to defend his belts for Michael Moorer last November.

Tyson/Holyfield-"Finally" bout a year earlier.

was disqualified for biting Evander's right ear.

by defeating Jeremy Williams in June 1996.

### RGA qualifying round

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

The Refalawasch Golf Association (RGA) will have its qualifying round on June 6 at Lao Lao Golf Resort.

Tee time is 6:27 a.m. The members are encouraged to be at the golf course at least 30 minutes before the scheduled tee time.

RGA's champion last month was Jess Wabol and Sonny Flores was the ace of April.

All monthly champions will be competing in December for the year's overall champion.

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