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### Bishop Camacho gets named to 902 panel

By Haidee V. Eugenio Variety News Staff

IN ORDER to have a representation from the religious sector, the CNMI's 902 consultation team has appointed Bishop Tomas A. Camacho as its new member.

Camacho, the Bishop of Chalan Kanoa, already attended yesterday's meeting of the 902 panel at the Aqua Resort Club.

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, chairperson of the panel, told the Variety that the appointment of Camacho gives the Church a voice in the 902 talks.

He added that the team may appoint some more members in the future since the schedule of possible talks between the CNMI and the US representatives is still being ascertained.

The CNMI team has now seven members, including Sablan and Camacho.

The others are Juan N.



Tomas A. Camacho

Babauta, Resident Representative to Washington; Jose Ayuyu, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; Senate President Paul Manglona; House Speaker Diego T. Benavente; and former Justice Ramon Villagomez.

Only Sablan, Camacho and Manglona were present during yesterday's meeting, but Sablan said that the team does not need

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For the garment industry

# \$325 worker fee mulled in House

By Haidee V. Eugenio Variety News Staff

IF THE Legislature approves the proposal of a House special Committee to increase by \$100 the impact assessment fee, then CNMI garments companies will have to cough up \$325 for each non-resident worker they employ.

The current non-resident worker's fee in the garments sector is \$225.

Committee chairman Oscar M. Babauta said that while the committee 'considers imposing a \$100 for the garments sector, it is still looking for other alternative sources of funds to refill the government's emptied coffers.

It is reported that the CNMI government's revenues went down by as much as \$16 million



Oscar M. Babauta

as of March due to the dwindling economy.

He said that increasing the workers' fee by \$100 will add at least \$1.3 million to the government's general funds, or to

the \$240 million government budget for FY 1999. The estimated number of garments workers in CNMI is placed at 13,000.

"It would do an additional income for the government as far as revenues are concerned," he said, but added that "the government does not want to hurt much the business sector."

Babauta pointed out that although the garments sector has favored an increase in workers' fee, the \$100 amount is still a rough figure.

"There is no concrete decision yet. But we've been discussing this with the Saipan Garments Manufacturers Association, and they do agree, as a way of helping the government meet its financial

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PSS Commiussioner of Education Rita H. Inos (center) talks to GTC Elementary fourth graders about their

### NMI gets more highway funds under new US law

THE CNMI will receive an additional 10 percent in federal highway funds each year for the next six years as a result of the signing of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century by President Bill Clinton yes-

"This new law gives us even more resources to build and maintain the roads people in the Commonwealth use daily," said Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta in Washington.

"We are particularly fortunate to receive these federal highway funds since we do not pay taxes into the federal highway trust fund. And we should appreciate the 10 percent increase," he said in a news release.



Juan N. Babauta

In fiscal year 1997, the CNMI received about \$3.31 million for highways from the federal gov-

Under the new law the CNMI will receive \$3.64 million in fiscal year 1998 and every year

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## Construction starts over at MHS Gym

By Laila C. Younis

Variety News Staff IT IS no longer quiet at the construction site of the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Workers from Pacific Northwest Construction Company are busy completing the first phase of the gym, according to MHS Principal Dr. Jim Denight.

"We have modified the design of the gym from two-stories to one story and there will be five classrooms included," said

"We started the construction work about one month ago, and Continued on page 23

### Couple hid in closet as thieves ransack home

By Jacob Leon Guerrero Variety News Staff

HAGATNA, Guam — A Tumon couple hid in their closet Tuesday morning while thieves made off with several items including a car and the keys to their home.

According to the victims, the suspects knocked on the door at about 10:40 a.m. and refused to leave when the male victim requested that they do so.

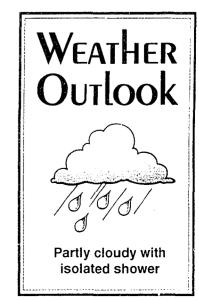
The frightened couple hid in

their closet as the suspects forced their way into the home and removed a purse, a men's wrist watch, a cassette player, the couple's Toyota MR2 and the keys to the apartment.

They were seen leaving in a red American-made 4 x 4 pickup truck, with the Toyota belonging to the victims.

The couple has requested that their identity remain secret—the

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Holding a cloth to his head, a victim of a building explosion at a Montreal homeless shelter is supported by two people shortly after the blast which detroyed the building Tuesday. The explosion, possibly from a gas leak, shattered the building, injuring about 30 people as they were

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# Netanyahu considering referendum on pullout

Illantold The Associated Press that

a final decision on a referendum

would be made in the next few

After much wrangling and de-

lay, Israel's Cabinet is expected to

vote by the end of the week on a

U.S. initiative for a 13 percent pull-

back from the West Bank, which

Israel seized from Jordan in the

Palestinian negotiator Hassan

1967 Mideast war.

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TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is considering taking an American proposal for an Israeli troop withdraw from the West Bank to the public in a nationwide referendum, nis aide said Tuesday.

Palestinians, who have already accepted the American deal, criticized the move as a stalling tactic. Netanyahu said public input was

important on such a crucial deci-"It is obligatory, above all, that there be broad public support so the

rifts in the nation will heal, and we have domestic peace, not just external peace," he told Israel Radio. A show of public support for the withdrawal could help Netanyahu weather the political storm that au-

thorizing it would bring. Right-wing members of his coaition have threatened to bring down his government if he goes ahead with a pullback.

Netanyahu's aide David Bar-

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the referendum as an excuse not to carry out withdrawals Israel has committed to completing.

"The peace process, the political process and implementing the redeployments do not need a referendum. What is needed is a prime minister that is serious about the implementation of agreements," Asfour said.

Speaking to a television station in Madrid, Spain, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called on the international community to take responsibility for the Mideast peace process, which he said was threatened "in its entirety" by Netanyahu's

According to Israeli media reports, U.S. President Bill Clinton urged Israel on Monday to quickly overcome internal disputes on the pullback and move ahead to socalled final-status talks with the Palestinians, in which thorny issues including Jerusalem's future are to be decided.

Netanyahu said security consid-Continued on page 19

### Virus alert in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore announced Tuesday that it is alerting medical practitioners in the health conscious city-state to watch out for possible cases of a virus that has infected thousands of children in

A joint statement from the Minstry of Health and Ministry of Environment said that Singapore's "surveillance system has shown no unusual occurrence" of the viral infection here, but that the two ministries were continuing to monitor the situation

The enterovirus 71 epidemic in Taiwan has been blamed for afflicting about 7,500 children, of whom 29 have died. Usually spread by physical contact, the virus breaks down immunity and Continued on page 19

### Three die in Taiwan flood

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — While much of Asia withers under a devastating drought, torrential rains in Taiwan have lead to the deaths of three people.

Up to 353 millimeters (14.12 inches) of rain have fallen in parts of the island over the past two days, overfilling rivers and reservoirs, the Central Weather Bureau reported.

In the island's mountainous center, rain washed rocks and mud down creeks, knocking out at least one bridge.

In Pingtung county at Taiwan's southern tip, two men drowned Monday when flood waters swept their pickup truck off the road and into a drainage ditch.

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# Nurses air grievances

Variety News Staff

CLOSE to a hundred nurses and nursing aides from the Commonwealth Health Center trooped to the Administration building yesterday to appeal on behalf of up to 90 nurses who face dismissal for failing the National Council Licensing Examination.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, who had a two-hour, closed-door discussion with the nurses in a jampacked conference room, later told reporters that he will find a solution to what he described as a "sensitive issue."

The governor's acting spokesperson, Frank S. Rosario, said the nurses have a "legitimate gripe."

"The nurses were supposed to be given three chances to pass the (National Council Licensing Examination, or NCLEX), but the local licensing board changed the

By Ferdie de la Torre

extortion racket on Tinian.

TWO Chinese men were arrested

while another one is being hunted

by the police for allegedly engag-

ing in what was believed to be an

Arrested were Min Sheng

Zheng and Zhi Quiang Li. The

third suspect, identified as

Variety News Staff



Pedro P. Tenorio

rules in midstream," Rosario said. "Nurses are now given only one chance to pass."

He said Health Secretary Joe K.P. Villagomez, moreover, wasn't consulted by the board before changing the rule.

Tenorio, meanwhile, has instructed Villagomez to meet with the local licensing board and try

Extortion racket' on Tinian

Chinese suspects threaten to 'wipe out family'

Zheng, Li, and Zhen were charged

with criminal mischief, attempted

theft by extortion, and attempted

criminal coercion before the Superior

In addition, Assistant Atty. Gen.

Lynch in the complaint stated

that the three defendants with the

Kevin A. Lynch charged Zheng

with assault and battery.



Joe K.P. Villagomez

"to resolve the issues without confrontation."

Tenorio said he also asked Villagomez to come up with contingency plans if the nurses' contracts could not be renewed, but added that "hopefully, things could be resolved without (resorting to contingency plans)."

Of the 127 nurses who took the

ened to commit a criminal offense

pay money to them.

as a consequence if Shan did not

The prosecutor said defendant

The government lawyer added

that the three defendants "did

intentionally or knowingly cause

and businesswomen who refused

Hawkins said the new facility will

protect pedestrians and ensure smooth

traffic flow.

Zheng then "did unlawfully strike,

beat, wound or otherwise do bodily

injury" to Shan's son, Lin Li.

passed, according to nurse Alma

She said those who passed have decided to work in the mainland

For their part, at least five nurses who failed are already scheduled to leave the CNMI this weekend despite their willingness to again take the test and continue their employment at CHC, Basilgo

In a separate interview, Villagomez, who was with the governor and acting Attorney studying for it while working."

NCLEX, a mere 10 percent General Robert Dunlap during the meeting, said at least 30 non-resident nurses who failed the test will have to leave by June 30.

But CHC needs every nurse the public hospital now employs, he

In addition, replacing the nurses will cost a lot of money.

Villagomez said. "We didn't expect the nurses to

pass NCLEX rightaway," he added. "That's why they're allowed three attempts to pass. It's a very difficult test, especially if you're

### Thwarting El Nino's wrath in Micronesia

By Bruce L. Campbel For the Variety

CHUUK — Minimal water, burned out taro patches, charred grass savannas, choking dust and smoke-all ingredients commonplace to the people of the western Pacific as they brace for the last half of the El Nino weather phenomenon.

Now in its sixth month on Guam and eighth month in the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Belau, drought-like conditions are expected to continue until August or September say Guam-based meteorologists.

The rainy season normally kicks in sometime around July to replenish the water-starved environment.

This is not the first El Nino to ravage Micronesia. In the early Eighties a drought season claimed a number of lives in Chuuk's outer islands to cholera.

This time, innovative and resourceful means to combat the drought are in the works. Water conservation education went into effect in Chuuk and Pohnpei as early as October 1997.

In Chuuk State, Governor Ansito Walter declared a state of emergency in February and enacted the El Nino Task Force "to seek the best alternative source to get water."

Appropriate Technology Enterprises president and engineering consultant Stephen J. Winter said that \$500,000 from the Compact's capital improvement projects was appropriated by state legislators to fight the drought and provide quick repairs to Weno and Toloas islands' water systems.

According to Winter, four portable reverse osmosis desalinators, weighing between 500 and 600 pounds with 1,000-foot discharge hoses were purchased from Filtration Concepts in California and installed in late-May and early-June on charter boats.

Says Winter, "Each desalination units will provide roughly 3,000 gallons of fresh water a day to islands throughout Chuuk that do not have public water supply systems. The boats will stay at each island until community water tanks are filled before sailing to the next destination."

Belau's rainy season is expected to occur before the start of the Micronesian Games on August 1. The Guam National Olympic Committee, which is sending a sizable contingent to the games, will wait until mid-July to decide if the lack of water poses any health threats to its athletes.

#### intent to commit the crime of theft damage to the property of Shan, Zheng Yuan Zhen, remains at to wit: a pickup truck." by extortion "do an overtact which large, the Variety learned yesconstitutes a substantial step in a In 1996, police arrested and terday. Sources said the three defencourse of conduct planned to culcharged several Chinese men on Saipan said to be members of the minate in the commission of that dants with about five other Chioffense, to wit: cause to damage to a so-called Fujian Group for allegnese men tried to extort money edly hurting Chinese businessmen

pickup truck owned or possessed by Lin Yu Shan."

from a Chinese resident on the island and threatened to kill the latter's family last June 3.

Lynch said the defendants threat-

to give the gang "protection money." DFS to put up traffic light at busy, Garapan intersection than usual to negotiate turns at the Hawkins said the traffic light "has intersection especially during the rush to be done in time for the completion"



David Hawkins

By Jojo Dass Variety News Staff

ATRAFFIC light will be constructed at an intersection along Beach Road and Bank of Guam in Garapan to accomodate a bigger vehicle flow anticipated to result from the completion of the Duty Free Shop expansion project in the area.

In a phone interview, David Hawkins DFS Vice President for Finance, said the facility's construction is part of a condition set by the Coastal Resource Management (CRM) when it granted them permit to build new

He pegged a "rough estimate" of the traffic light installation to be "be-

of DFS' expansion project "in the next six months." A"planreview" for the traffic light's installation has already been prepared by government, according to Jerome Savea of the Department of Public

The traffic light will use up a parcel of public land now being rented by Bank of Guam (BOG).

Division (TSD).

In an interview, Public Land Director Bertha Leon Guerrero said BOG has agreed to have that parcel of land returned to government for the purpose in exchange for another strip of public land to make up for its parking needs.

Guerrerosaida "buffer" landacross the nearby Elegance Cafe will be used as replacement.

"Right now," she said, "there is no immediate needs we are going to make it available to replace whatever

With a traffic light installed at the busy intersection, most motorists said they can finally heave a sigh of relief. It usually takes a vehicle longer



Tourists from Okinawa offer prayers for their loved ones who died here during the war near the Benavente Building in Garapan Monday morning.

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



### **Fujian Gang on Tinian?**

A CHINESE woman residing on Tinian recently received a call from a man, inquiring on the whereabouts of her father. When she told him he was not around, the caller, presumed to be Chinese, allegedly instructed her to inform her father to prepare \$1,300 cash which he would later collect.

A few minutes later, the male caller accompanied by about eight more Chinese men arrived at the house. The caller walked into the house and handed to the woman a white paper with Chinese words written on it. The man told her to give the paper to her father where he should put the money.

The daughter explained to the group to just come back the next day because her father was not around and she didn't have enough money at the time. The group left, but the same caller later contacted the daughter, directing her to tell her father to prepare \$2,600 before 10 p.m. If they could not produce such amount, the group would break everything in the house, the caller allegedly warned.

The gang came back, knocking on the door that night. The mother of the Chinese family told them they didn't have such money. It infuriated the gang. The group leader said they would instead triple the amount they haddemanded. The group then allegedly started smashing the family's pick-up truck. One of the suspects also allegedly grabbed the son and tried to pull him out from the house.

The group left, but after an hour they called again telling the family to produce \$10,000 by June 4 or else they would kill all of them. The family's father had been allegedly hiding from the group for fear of being killed. Sources said after the incident, the family had sought the police's assistance resulting in the arrest of two

There are some indications that the extortion may have been perpetrated by a notorious Chinese gang known as the Fujian Group. Remember in 1996 when members of the group sowed terror in the Chinese business community on Saipan?

It was reported in mid-1996 that eight Chinese nationals had been injured, one of them was shot while four were also "marked for death" in separate extortionrelated incidents since the gang's intensified operations started in early part of that

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In less than two months, however, police officers arrested 16 suspected members of the Fujian Group and most of them were subsequently convicted and deported. Nothing had since been heard about the gang. But sources said the extortion racket was renewed by a splinter group early this year.

The gang was reportedly named after the lush Fujian Province in China which has more than 26 million population. Reports had it that most gang members were themselves victims of illegal recruitment. They formed their own group to survive through extortion, victimizing fellow Chinese.

The extortion racket has been allegedly going on for the past few years, but the Chinese community was scared to report it to the police. Some gang members are reportedly armed with guns, thus very dangerous. The Newsweek magazine reported in its June 21, 1993 edition that Fujianese are also increasingly active in the international heroin trade.

Newsweek reported that Fujianese criminals had been involved in six out of eight major heroin busts by the US Drug Enforcement Administration's 41, a New Yorkbased unit that specializes in Southeast Asian drug traffickers.

The root cause of the problems was attributed to the gradual relaxation of the Beijing's control over southern China-particularly Fujian province, where some corrupt government officials have reportedly helped the smugglers load ships. \*\*\* \*\*\* \*\*\*

If the recent incident on Tinian was indeed related to Fujian Group's racket, our police officers should be on alert. They should not allow the extortion and terrorism to recur on the peaceful island of Tinian.

Our law enforcers should immediately do something to neutralize this gang. The Chinese community should also learn to break the silence and trust our lawen forcers iust like what the family on Tinian did. With a booming economy, there is no room for such gang-activities in a small, peaceful and friendly island.

DURING a recent trial in the Superior Court, a lawyer asked a witness if he and his boss spoke English. The witness did not understand the question, so the defense lawyer had to repeat it thrice. The witness finally answered: "I don't know any English. I just guess, guess, guess. Obviously confused, the counsel said: "I don't understand!" The judge intervened: "I do....so please

Later during cross-examination the same lawyer repeatedly raised questions to another witness. Even with the help of a translator, the witness could not give an answer related to the question. The lawyer repeated the question for the fourth time. The witness still could not get it. The lawyer finally lost his patience and gave up:"Forget it!"



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER

### **WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

### Christmas in September for EPA

OFFICIALS at the Environmental Protection Agency's Chicago office celebrated Christmas a few months early last year, courtesy of \$1.5 million in "free" taxpayer money.

As the 1997 fiscal year was drawing to a close last September, the EPA's Chicago office had still not spent \$1.5 million of the \$5 million it had been allotted to enforce the Superfund law, which holds polluters responsible for cleaning up the toxic waste they spew into the environment.

To help enforce the law, the EPA gets money from Congress each year. That money is then doled out to various regional offices around the country.

But government agencies that don't spend their entire budgets know that those budgets are likely to be cut the following year; their bosses will figure that they didn't need all that money they were allotted. In other words, they get punished for saving money.

Officials at the EPA's Chicago offices didn't want to see this happen to them, so they decided to go on a shopping spree when they discovered an extra \$1.5 million lying around.

So brazen were these bureaucrats that they passed a binder around the office detailing the loot they planned to purchase. The binder even came with a cover sheet trumpeting the "FY97 Superfund Enforcement Dollars Spending Spree: Christmas in September." It shows computer equipment being showered with money, with a large Christmas tree in the

Among other things, Chicago EPA officials bought top-of-the line laptop computers, extra-large computer monitors to reduce employee eye strain, multiple \$20,000 scanners, \$55,000 worth of Xerox equipment and approximately 200 high-powered Zip disk drives.

And even if EPA employees play rough with some their new toys, they aren't likely to break them. One expert told us the laptops, which cost \$3,500 each, are ideal for someone who's picking them up and tossing them down, like a UPS driver. Which leads us to ask: Is rough treatment of expensive computer equipment common at the Region Five office?

EPA official Tim Fields made no excuses for "Christmas in September."

"It was obviously a mistake," Fields told our reporter Ashley Baker. "It's not that the purchases were illegal, but it was a mistake.

We obviously have a larger responsibility to spend Superfund money on cleanup projects. What happened in Chicago is an anomaly. We will make sure it doesn't happen again."

Added EPA spokesman Dave Cohen: "It would be silly to let a incident like this obscure the larger picture of what we are trying to do. Of course the mis-expenditure of even one penny should not be overlooked, but the commitment here has been, and is, that every penny in the program be spent on cleanup.'

Nevertheless, EPA official Fields defended the purchase by noting that there were "no pressing (clean-up) projects" in the six states overseen by the Chicago regional office.

But that's not what Vice President Al Gore seems to think. Just two weeks ago, the ecofriendly veep condemned Republicans in Congress for not giving enough money to the EPA for cleaning up toxic waste. Information furnished to us by a Gore staffer lists no fewer than 60 sites in the Chicago region in need of cleanup. In other words, there may have been some other way to use that \$1.5 million after all.

The next time EPA staffers want to celebrate Christmas in September, we suggest they stop for a moment to consider the people who have to live near those sites.

MINI-EDITORIAL — A short item in the paper this week explains why campaign finance reform will once again die a gruesome death on the floor of the House of Representatives this week.

It seems that House Republicans, while "dialing for dollars" recently, were able to raise upward of \$10 million in record time. much of it in the form of "soft money" contributions. And these are the folks who are supposed to off the lucrative spigot of special- interest graft that gets incumbents re-

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose GOP majority is in serious jeopardy this November, has seemingly made a cold calculation: The voters may get mad at us for killing campaign-finance reform, but we can buy them back with the money we're raising from our friends in the business world.

We'll know in November if his trick worked.

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# Continental improves fleet

Variety News Staff

CONTINENTAL Micronesia is hoping to completely improve its fleet in three years, a move seen to pacify government officials' concerns on the airline's apparent deviating commitment to the region.

"We expect by the year 2001 to have entirely brand new aircraft in this region. This is the first time that Continental has been able to do this fortheregion," Continental vice president for sales and promotion Walter Dias said.

Dias said the airline company has committed to bring in new aircraft for the region "and the 757 are the first wave of those new aircraft.

"The fifth one will actually come in the next couple of months and then, in

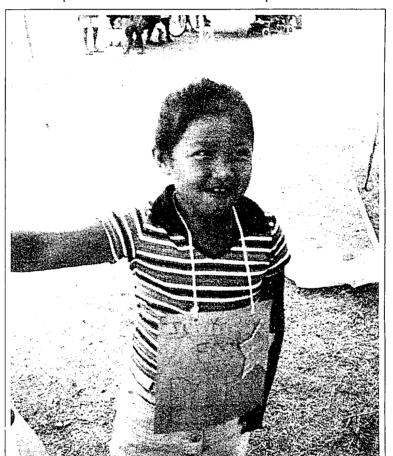
the year 2000, we will start replacing all the 727 with new generation 737 aircraft," he said.

He said the improved Continental fleet is expected to make traveling to Micronesia more appealing for tour-

"We're really excited about that and we think this will really create a great product for Micronesia and will make our region much more appealing for tourists," he said. Continental has initially shelled out

\$200 million for the procurement of five new airplanes to replace its DC-10 and 737 aircraft. Dias said the airline company is investing \$40 million for each 757 aircraft.

"This will be a significant investment. We are expecting to replace all our old airplane models with 757



Stop In The Name of Junk Food Law! A student elected as a "Junk Food" Police Officer patrols the Tanapag Elementary School campus for possible junk food offenders at the TES Cultural Day recently.

# San Antonio public park project planned

Variety News Staff

THE DIVISION of Public Land (DPL) has proposed that a parcel of land across the building housing the Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) in San Antonio be used for the construction of a park.

Public Lands Director Bertha Leon Guerrero, in an interview, said a private firm has proposed that they be allowed to build the park which is similar to the one constructed last year across the Gilbert C. Ada gymnasium in

The firm, said Guerrero, was actually "asking for achildren's park." The division, she added, instead moved to request the Board of Public Land (BPL) to "designate the entire

strip that's there for the public park." She said the developer may still need to coordinate with appropriate government agencies on "whatever it is they want to to with the lot."

This include working with the Division of Parks and Grounds for the necessary landscaping job. The lot is currently being used by

enrollees of the nearby Hopwood Junior High School for recreational It already has a basketball court, a space large enough for mini-

baseball and bleachers. If converted into a park, officials said, the area could "offer a place for nearby residents to while

Last year, IT&E installed a children's playground by a beach across the gym in Susupe.

The playgound showcases at least five different structres including a slide.

converted into a park.

Guerrero said the proposed San Antonio park will be similar to the Susupe one. It however, will be constructed

on a smaller scale. The park is expected to be completed in five months. Rep. David M. Apatang recently

"No good cause exists for delay in made the proposal for the site to be the enforcement of the order," said Sorensen in the complaint.

aircraft by the year 2000," Dias told

Variety. The move came amidst reports on economic and tourism slump but Continental executives remain optimistic over the future of tourism in Micronesia, including Guam, Northem Marianas and other Pacific Is-

"If you kind of look around, everybody seems pulling back but we are hoping it will be a temporary situation," Dias added. Dias said the purchase of five new

757 aircraft should dismiss speculations that the airline's expansion move

was very untimely given the economic situation in the whole of Asia. "It is, in fact, timely because the

new models will replace DC10s which are very expensive to maintain," he He said the airline company is

expecting to save at least \$16 million this year, from the purchase of the new 757 models, since these have only two engines, compared with the DC10's

"The new airplanes will increase reliability and reduce maintenance and fuel costs," Dias said.

help Saipan, since the new aircraft models will enable Continental to spot flights in Nagoya and Osaka.

Dias said the carrier's Japanese passengers going to Saipan increased at a faster rate than total Japanese tourists to Saipan, resulting in a market share increase of 0.8 percent for the airline.

Continental changed its routing to some Japanese cities in April last year to fly directly to Guam, citing the restrictions imposed by the Narita airport.

# Old MPLC office not fit for use by Headstart students

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff THE 50-year old Capitol Hill building which used to house the public land division's office is not fit to

due to acute structural deficiencies. In an interview, DPL Director Bertha Leon Guerrerosaid the buildinghaselectrical problems and leaks. It also is heavily infested with termites, she said.

accomodate young schoolchildren

as Rep. Dino Jones wanted done

"We (can't) put our little children up there," said Guerrero.

Jones recently filed House Resolution 11-29 urging government to have the old building used for its Headstart Program, special education project and kindergarten schoolers.

ently thought the division abandoned the facility. "We wrote him (Jones) saying we did not leave it without intent of

Jones, Guerrero said, had appar-

coming back," said Guerrero. Guerrero said she requested that the division hold its office else-

where after "computers (started) however, yet to make a selection



Dino Jones

Bertha Leon Guerrero blowing up" due to obsolete eletrical installation.

"The leaks," she added, "were going between walls."

Guerrero said she opted to transfer the office to its present one in As Lito because she "did not want to wait until someone gets hurt or fire breaks

circulated for a structural assessment of the building, she said. The division, according to her, has

A request for proposal had been

from among the bidders that have submitted their recommendations.

"We want a structural assessment to tell us if it's worth another 20 years," Guerrero said

Sheexplained government could drastically save on rental expenses if the building is to be renovated or rebuilt instead.

Paying monthly rentals, Guerrero said, "is too expensive." "Investing it (money) in a new

building will definitely allow us big savings," she said.

### 20 Bangladeshis sue to collect unpaid wages

By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

TWENTY Bangladeshis have sued their former employer and a security agency to collect at least \$193,331 in unpaid wages and damages.

The complainants, through counsel Jay H. Sorensen, asked the Superior Court to enforce the Division of Labor's administrative order issued last May 8 against Antonio P. Mareham doing business as Amco Security Agency.

The Labor entered the order regun ing Mareham and the agency to pay the unpaidwages, attorneys' fees and costs of action.

Labor found that Amco completely failed to provide the contracted employment or wages for complainants. Marehamand Amcowere also barred

from permanently hiring non-resident

workers in the Commonwealth. "The complainants are not equally at fault in this matter and are eligible for transfer relief. Complainants should be granted 60 days to transfer to new

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# Reyes to block ex-Froilan official if named DOC head

Variety News Staff

SENATE Majority Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) is urging his partymate Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to appoint a qualified Republican as Commerce secretary.

Reves, in a letter to the governor, noted that one of the potential nomineestothepostworkedforTenorio's predecessor, who is a Democrat.

"With all due respect," Reyes said. "Thave some serious concerns pertaining to this nominee and I intend to do everything within my ability to see to it that this person is not supported by (the other sena-

A copy of the letter was leaked to the Variety yesterday.



Pete P. Reyes

Asked for a comment, Reyes expressed surprise over the leak, saying his letter was not intended to be pub-

"I don't want to give the impres-

this Republican Legislature and a Republican governor," he said.

"My letter was only to inform our governor of what I, as his supporter and partymate, feel about this issue," Reyes said. "It is not a show of disrespect and I will never disrespect the governor. There is no friction between this Legislature and (Tenorio)."

Reves said he wrote the letter to prevent a probable cause of "ill eelingsanddemoralization"among loval Republicans.

Underwood told the Variety that he extended feelings of sadness about "I think the governor would even Korean Airlinescrash 801 to the presiappreciate my effort to communident and told him about the memorial cate what my opinion is of this for the victims recently erected on matter," he said.

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# with President Kim

"I invited President Jung to come to Guam and he said that he had heard Guam was a very beautiful place," he

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# Guam's top teacher selected

Variety News Staff HAGATNA, Guam — First Lady Geri Gutierrez hosted the annual Teacher of the Year Award at Government House this week othe honors goingtoJohnF.KennedyHighSchool

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lieves in motivating students to push hard to become high achievers. Says Gillman, "Throughout the activities The Santa Rita resident has been that I teach, I try to encourage studetns to go beyond their own ability or

> perceived ability and to have a sense Continued on page 20

### Manila office's fate known tomorrow

Underwood meets

By Zaldy Dandan Variety News Staff

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HAGATNA, Guam—Guam Rep.

Robert Underwood yesterday met

briefly with South Korean President

Kim Dae-jung at a luncheon hosted

by Vice President Al Gore in Wash-

President Kim is expected to ad-

dress a joint session of Congress to

ask for economic support for South

In a telephone interview,

WHETHER the CNMI's office in Manila will be shut down or further downsized will be known by the end of this week, Health Secretary Joe K.P. Villagomez said yesterday.

Villagomez, together with the

governor's special adviser on finance and budget Mike S. Sablan, visited the office recently. In an interview, Villagomez told

reporters that the office will no longer have a medical referral section, but did not elaborate.

Variety sources on Capitol Hill said the Department of Labor and Immigration(DOLI), for its part, considers the labor functions of the office as an "unnecessary layer of bureaucracy,"citing the CNMI's alien labor hiring moratorium law.

Sources said the office's five-man staff is likely to be reduced to two, with the office itself abolished after a

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's acting spokesperson recently told the Variety that the office's employment processing division may be retained as the hiring moratorium law allows for certain exemptions

Frank S. Rosario added that the Manila office can still prevent workers with fraudulent documents from entering the CNMI.

But the office will be moved to a smaller and less expensive room space, he said. Current office rental expenses cost

the cash-strapped CNMI government close to \$36,000 every year.

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# **OPA** denies PIMC appeal

THE OFFICE of the Public Auditor has denied the protest filed by the Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp. (PIMC) on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp's alleged irregular awarding of contract for a 10-megawatt power plant on Tinian.

In dismissing the appeal, OPA said PMIC "did not file a timely protest" with the Director of Procurement and

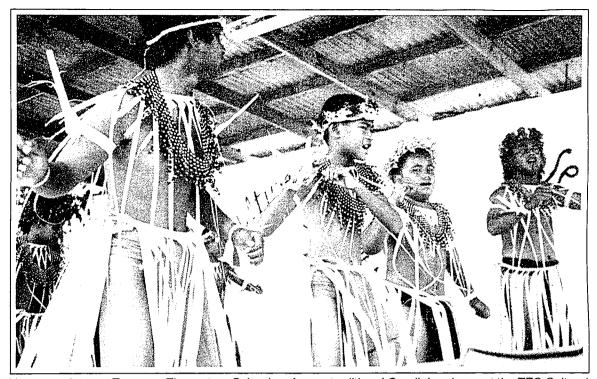
PMIC had protested CUC's contract with Telesource, claiming among other things that the company did not meet the technical specifications provided by the Request for Proposals.

The RFP called for two 5 MW units, but the contract provided for four 2.5 MW units, according to

"CUC never developed a short list of responsible offerors and never engaged in any meaningful negotiations with parties other than Telesource," PMIC alleged.

PMIC, which was among the five bidders, said its offer was "financially more advantageous than

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Young students at Tanapag Elementary School perform a traditional Carolinian dance at the TES Cultural

# Still no police or fire substation for Marpi

Variety News Staff

CONSTRUCTING a Marpi fire and police substation in the immediate future appears remote.

Public Land Director Bertha Leon Guerrero, in an interview,

### Fund: No need to worry over M. Lynch case

By Haidee V. Eugenio Variety News Staff

THE NMI Retirement Fund has assured the public not to worry about the \$437.1 million payment of Merril Lynch to settle claims by Orange County in a US case. The Fund wanted to clarify that its own financial adviser, Merril Lynch-Hawaii, is a different entity.

Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona yesterday told the Variety that the Merril Lynch is only an advisor, and not an investment agent, of the Fund's monies.

"It will not affect the money and earnings of the Fund because in the first place, Merril Lynch doesn't manage our money. They only provide the Fund's Board of Trustees with financial advice, "said Manglona.

The Fund chief said that the consultant firm's concern is to provide the Fund with vital information on new investment schemes, money managers and help hire financial managers.

"Even if Merril Lynch is required to pay that amount of penalty or what, it is not going to affect our operations here," he said.

Local government employees fear that the Merril Lynch' more than three-year involvement with the Orange County's bankruptcy, and its recent decision to pay the latter with \$437.1 million will also lead to the CNMI Retirement Fund's bankcruptcy.

As of end of March, the Fund's assets were placed at \$301 million. Earlier, Manglonasaidthatthe Fund

relies on Merril Lynch' expertise, adding that it is a fluge company "with a deep pocket."

(BPL), which recently heard a request Rep. Dino Jones, her office to coordinate with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) regarding the proposal.

Moreover, DPL has yet to identify a "suitable place" for the sub-

"(Government) is still trying to locate a good place for that," said Guerrero

She said DPL will send a letter to DPS officials informing them of Jones' request and asking them to assist them on the guidelines.

"That's something that we need to do... write to DPS and tell them that good congressman is trying to locate a place for them... (they) might want to meet with us and let us know what the specific requirements of their needs are," said Guerrero.

Jones, according to Guerrero, has been very "aggressive" in following up on his request.

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tion can address emergency situations that may arise in Marpi as well as nearby San Roque and Tanapag, Jones' jurisdiction.

However, officials conceded it may take a longer time to build a substation considering Marpi's "underdeveloped" state.

> The division, it will be recalled has been planning to develop two homestead areas accomodating nearly 500 lots in Marpi but can't proceed due to the lack of needed infrastrucure power and water supply.

In a related development meanwhile, Guerrero said DPL has "finally" identified a Kagman site from which to build a similar sub-

Guerrero said the place is adjacent to a community center which is being built by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. (NMHC) through a grant it has

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# Teacher's Dreams Come True' seeks support

Variety News Staff

ONE teacher is taking matters into his own hands.

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our community to help teachers get the little and important supplies that they need," said Whisenand.

"Sometimes it gets difficult to get classroom supplies and with direct funding from 'Teacher's Dreams Come True', it will be a lot easier. " he said.

Whisenand pointed out that TDCT will "actively seek" minimal cash donations (\$1 to \$2) for raffle tickets with prizes of "major value".

"The profits of these donations will be distributed directly to Public School educators who show the need for educational materials," he

According to Whisenand, the prizes for TDCT's upcoming raffle is one Nissan Sentra Automobile and one Yamaha Virago Motorcycle.

"We will be selling the raffle tickets at the 'Saipan Business Fair' during Price Costco's Anniversary Celebration on June 20 and the 21," he said.

From the proceeds, Whisenand hopes to have two \$500 "grants" to give to selected teachers.

"We are asking all interested

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we would like the support of teachers to submit the details of the needed items and planned use of the items," he

> "TDCT is happy to join PSS in the pursuit of excellence in education for all students. And we are hoping the community will support us in our effort," he added.

Interested teachers can send their information to TDCT AAA-706 Box 10001 Saipan MP 96950-8901.



'Teacher's Dreams Come True' Coordinator Tim Whisenand and his wife Jun Whisenand will be seeking community support for teachers.

### NMC School Lab offers Summer Camp

YOUNG children ages four to ten will have something to do and somewhere to go this summer with the opening of the Norther Marianas College Lab School Summer Camp in Fina Sisu next week, a press release from the college said.

"We have many activities planned to both entertain and educate the kids," Principal Lucy Norita-Barnes said.

She said participants will be involved in gardening, cooking, baking, arts and crafts, swimming, outdoor sports, field trips to interesting places, computers, music and dancing.

The camp will be held Monday to Friday, June 15 to July 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday.

There are a total of 30 openings for participants, 15 for students ages four to six and 15 students

The fee is \$250 for the 19 days of activities. For more information about reg-

istration for the summer camp, contact Lucy Norita-Barnes at 234-5498, extension 2203.



Food Booth vendors at the recent Tanapag Elementary School "Cultural Day" show some of the healthy food they sold at the festivities.

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TES Instructor Ron Synder tries his best husking a coconut during the school's annual "Cultural Day" recently.

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# Senator awards top Rota scholars



The Camacho family gathers for a photo with GTC Elementary graduates Serafin Camacho (left) from Kindergarten and Johnathan Camacho from 6th grade last Tuesday. Photo by Laila C. Younis



GTC Elementary School Sixth graders applaud for their fellow classmate awardees during last Tuesday's

#### top three graduates from Rota High School were awarded scholarships from Senate President Paul A. Manglona during their recent graduation ceremony, a release from the senator's office said.

The winning students for the 1997-1998 school year were Rachel M. Taimanao, Valedicto-

FOR THE tenth straight year, the rian and Mary S. Gancuangco, Salutatorian.

> Winning third place honor was Vanessa DLC Ouitugua.

> The first place student received \$1,000, second place \$700 and third place \$300.

The scholarships were awarded at the commencement ceremo-Continued on page 20

### MHS announces 1998 graduation

MARIANAS High School announces its 1998 Graduation Ceremonies, and school officials are seeking assistance, said a press

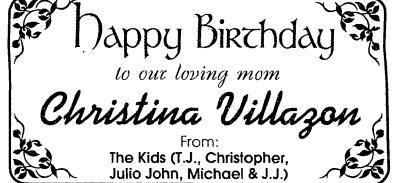
"Our single most important event will take the combined efforts and resources of the administration, faculty, staff, and parents to successfully make this a memorable occasion for your children, and our students," it stressed.

Traditionally, the MHS PTA was responsible for providing the graduation day's refreshments.

The school is asking for the community's help and requesting donations to cover the cost of refreshments.

The upcoming Awards Ceremony will be held on June 19, 1998 at the MHS Campus and the Graduation Commencement Exercises will be held on June 26, 1998 at the American Memorial Park

On Thursday, June 11, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the MHS Cafeteria, there will be a PTA meeting to discuss the coordination of the refreshments for the Awards Ceremony and the Graduation Cer-



### Deadline for Children's Parade extended

THE deadline for the "Children's Circus Parade Marchers" has been extended to June 19th.

Registration forms may also be picked up from a Community Support Committee member or at the Division of Youth Services Office in Garapan. The parent's meeting for in-

terested participants has also

been changed to June 23rd. For more information. please contact Carmen at 322-4811 or Connie at 664-2550.

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### |Faisao says permanent | CAO chief needed now

Variety News Staff THE CAROLINIAN Affairs Office has not been able to perform efficiently its main function of promoting and preserving Carolinian traditions since its executive assistant is still in an acting capacity for six months now, it was learned.

Rep. Melvin O. Faisao, himselfa Carolinian, told the Variety that the Governor needs to appoint the executive assistant for Carolian Affairs Office so that programs can already be instituted.

"We have so many programs for the promotion and preservation of Carolinian traditions and culture that are being hampered because the CAO does not have its own executive assistant," Faisao said.

The executive assistant for CAO needs to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

Faisao said that CAO needs to prepare, as early as now, for big cultural events such as the Cultural Heritage Week in September and the commemoration of Chief Aghurubw. Therefore, he said, the governor should appoint the executive asistant for CAO as soon as

"We need to start planning by July for that event," he said.

The legislator added that CAO Acting Executive Asst. Simeon Odeshi has been in the office since December, and until now, nobody has been appointed to the position. funding.



"The governor should put his acts together and appoint the executive assistant so that the CAO will start initiating the programs for the Carolinian community," said

He continued, "If I were the governor, I would appoint Odeshi right now because it has been dragging for seven years now."

He added that the governor should appoint someone who is accepted by the Carolinian community, but did not elaborate.

"The governor has already appointed the executive assistant for indigenous affairs, and we are still waiting for that of the CAO's," he

Faisao added that as soon as the governor appoints the executive assistant for CAO, he would see to it that the office will get proper

# Tenorio signs PSS building fund bill

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday signed into law a bill that would earmark \$2 million a year for the Public School System Building

Introduced by Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Prec. 1, Saipan), the bill, H.B. 11-186, allots the funds to pay the loans PSS incurred in the construction of new schools and classrooms.

But the loans should not exceed \$15.685 million, according to the bill.

The new law, P.L. 11-14, directs the Finance secretary to deposit \$2 million annually from liquid fuel tax collections into the PSS Building

Besides Reyes, Reps. David M. Apatang (R-Prec. 1, Saipan), Melvin L.O. Faisao (R-Prec. 3, Saipan), Maria T. Peter (Ind.-Prec. 3, Saipan) and Manuel A. Tenorio (R-Prec. 1, Saipan) co-sponsored the bill.

Meanwhile, the governor has named Antonio Adriano to represent Saipan on the Parole Board.

If his nomination is confirmed by the Senate, Adriano would serve a



six-year term.

The governor's three earlier nominees have declined the post.

Early last month, Tenorio withdrew the nomination of Ramon S. Salas, who, he added, is "unable to accept the position."

A Division of Public Lands employee, Salas was nominated last April 24 to represent Saipan on the board for a six-year term.

Tenorio, in April, withdrew the nomination of Perry B. Inos to represent Rota on the board.

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# Yona man yields 'ice'

By Jacob Leon Guerrero Variety News Staff HAGATNA, Guam — David

Taimanglo Quichocho, 24 of Yona was arrested Tuesday evening and charged with possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

Methamphetamine was found in the glove compartment of the

blue Nissan Sentra Quichocho was driving after Officer Frank Benevente pulled him over in Malojloj for speeding.

Benavente searched Quichocho's vehicle when a routine computer check on his vehicle revealed outstanding warrants. Ouichocho was booked and

# New Guam law clears way for home loan guarantee program

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA, Guam—A newly-enacted law will allow Chamorro Land Trust leaseholders who have been waiting to build on their property to

proceed with their construction plans. Public Law 24-220 enacts rules administered relative to home loans.

According to Commission spokesperson, Ron Teehan, eight applications for home loans with conventional banks are awaiting final arrangements between the commission

and those banks.

First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Ha waii and Citizens Security Bank all have local branches and prior relationships with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, he noted.

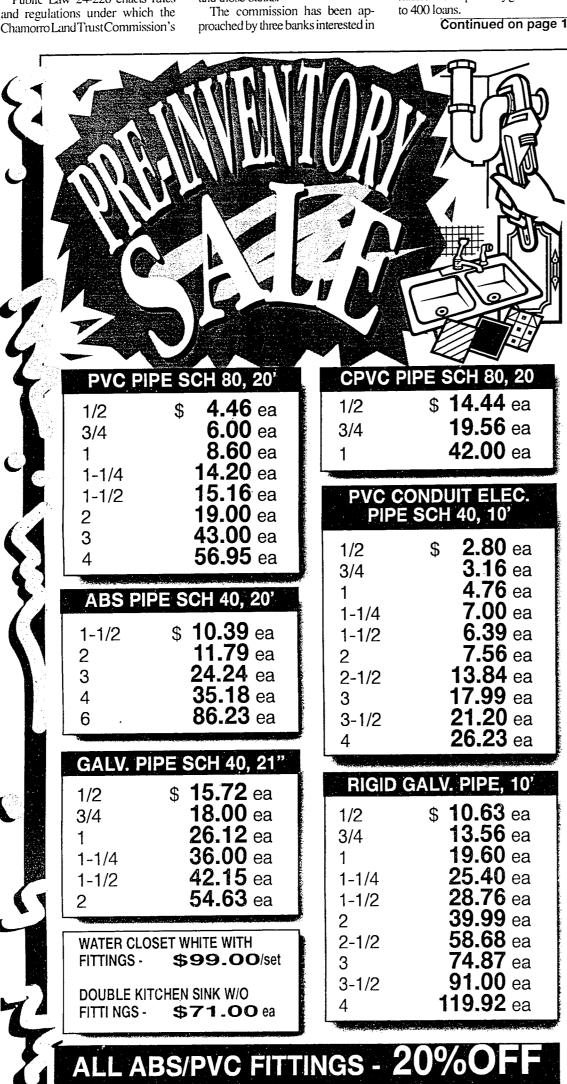
Teehan on Monday said the commission could probably guarantee 300

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# PAL starts hiring new pilots

By JIM GOMEZ
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Financially beleaguered Philippine Airlines said Wednesday it has begun the process of hiring replacements for about 600 striking pilots who have repeatedly defied government backto-work orders.

The pilots' union has refused the labor department's attempts to formally deliver the back-to-work orders and continued its walkout despite appeals from President Fidel

An airline spokesman said job applications from local and foreign pilots are being processed, but declined to say how many have applied.

Labor Secretary Cresenciano Trajano said he would summon union and airline officials to another meeting Wednesday to try to end the dispute but indicated he was losing patience.

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The pilots began the strike Friday to protest a management policy of ordering pilots to retire who have reached 20 years of service or flown 20,000 hours, regardless of age. The policy puts about 200 pilots in danger of

forced retirement, the union said. PAL, however, said it was not a unilateral management policy but a provision in a collective bargaining agreement signed by airline and union officials.

The airline earlier announced plans to reduce staff, slash costs and cut flights to survive a financial crisis.

PAL says the strike is causing daily losses of 150 million to 200 million pesos (\$3.8 million to 5.1 million) in lost revenue, pushing it "closer to the brink of insol-

It said it lost 8 billion pesos

year — three times more than the previous year.

PALpresident Jose Antonio Garcia said the strike caused several potential foreign buyers of the airline, including Northwest Airlines, to break off talks and could force the airline to

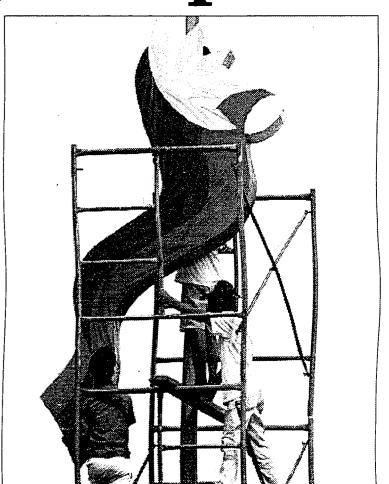
"Closing PAL is an option. If there are no pilots and operations, what work can we do?" Garcia said after attending an emergency meeting of PAL's board of directors Tuesday.

Trajano said the strikers defied a deadline for reporting back to work of 6 p.m. Tuesday. The 620-strong Airline Pilots Association of the Philippines said the order should be formally delivered to its lawyer but refused to say where she was.

The union demanded that PAL also pledge in writing to stop unilaterally retiring pilots, but the airline has refused.

PAL said it could only fly 16 out of 80 domestic and international flights scheduled Wednes-

The strike has affected thousands of passengers and is threatening to prevent many Filipino and foreign guests from visiting the country to celebrate the June 12 centennial of the declaration of Philippine independence from more than 300 years of Spanish colonial rule.



Workers put up a street lantern in the shape of a flag on a lamp post Friday in Manila in preparation for the centennial celebration of Philippine independence on June 12.

# Bad loans in Philippines rise

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Non-performing loans in the Philippine banking sector rose to 7.6 percent of total loans as of March

The central bank's treasury director, Amando Tetangco, said the rise from 5 percent at the end of 1997 wasn't surprising given the impact of the region's financial

He called the level manageable. The central bank has forecast that the ratio of non-performing loans will rise to about 8 percent by the end of the year.

periencing financial difficulties are smaller institutions.

31, the central bank said Tuesday.

He said those banks that are ex-

banks on a watch list.

Central bank officials earlier Tuesday denied a report in a local newspaper saying that monetary authorities have put 17 allegedly ailing

"We have no such list," central bank deputy governor Alberto Reyes told a radio station.

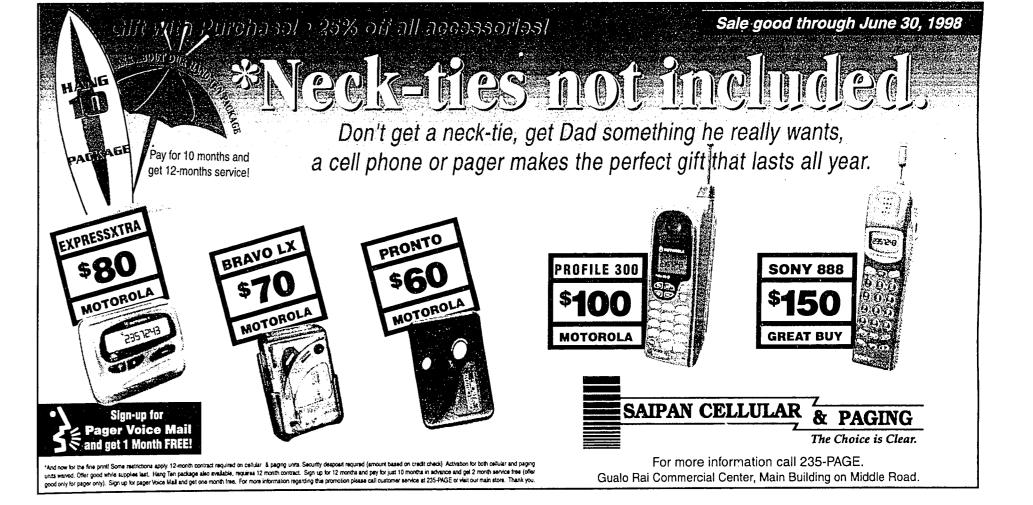
The report came a day after the central bank announced the closure of a small Manila thrift bank, Commonwealth Savings and Loan Bank, which was placed in receivership.

The central bank has said two other small banks — Richmond Bank and Fortune Savings and Loan Association — have problems, but are preparing rehabilitation programs.

Reyes said the country's larger banks are well capitalized and in sound financial health.

etangco said the regional currency crisis has prompted the central bank to set up a special monitoring team to scrutinize various aspects of the banking system in addition to existing oversight in areas such as foreign exchange and bank deposit movements.

"But there is no watch list of banks," he reiterated.



# Retired employees still on gov't payroll Vanuatu Gov't urged to

Negotiations underway to

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MELBOURNE (Pacnews)—Negotiations are continuing in the

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Cook Islands to deregulate the shipping industry.

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HONIARA (Pacnews)—An FM

Radio service to be provided by

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ing Corporation SIBC, the

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James Kilua says additional

technical equipment for the ser-

vice has been received and he

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HONIARA (Pacnews)—The task force reviewing the Solomon Islands public service has discovered that a number of civil servants who have retired years ago are still on the government payroll.

The 86 retired officers are among 235 public servants who have so far been identified as having reached the retirement age of 50, and would be retired under the government's reform programme.

A spokesman from the office of the prime minister says investigatablish who benefits from these

The spokesman says these are the sort of things the government Vanuatu's chamber of commerce would like to clear before it can and industry, is appealing to the determine the number of public government to postpone the servants to be affected by its reimplementation of the Value dundancy exercise.

Added Tax until January 1999. He says the strike notice issued The chamber says it supports the last week by the Public Employgovernment on VAT, but that timees Union demanding the goving is an important factor because ernment to sign its proposed rethe current economic climate is dundancy agreement is therefore "extremely volatile", Radio Vanuatu reports.

It says the lifting of import duties would flood the country with imported items, causing problems for

### Australia to fund health project in PNG

MELBOURNE (Pacnews)— Australia has announced a five year project to improve the health of mothers and babies in Papua New Guinea's 19 provinces.

The Parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, Kathy Sullivan, says the project will cost \$Aus 40m (\$US24m), Radio Australia re-

She says there's distressingly high level of deaths amongst mothers and babies and at present only one in five births in Papua New Guinea is attended by trained

Sullivan (Mrs) says the project will rehabilitate health centres and improve community services.

delay VAT imposition

At the same time they say ni-Vanuatu v ill be expected to face a high cost of living, while small businesses would close operations.

The department of customs and tax, has explained that the introduction of VAT is vital because the country's economic activities and population are growing, while

VAT comes into force in Au-

Meanwhile, the chamber of commerce and industry petitioned the government Tuesday, warning that a nationwide strike could come if the government fails to consider its concerns.

### Better communication links in Melanesia eyed

Elsewhere in the Pacific

HONIARA (Pacnews)— Solomon Islands says it would like to see the necessary communication links strengthened in order to fully realise the trade agreement among the Melanesian countries.

Minister for State assisting the prime minister, Alfred Sasako says this is one of the issues which Solomon Islands will bring up at the 12th annual summit of the Melanesian Spearhead Group countries.

Sasako said in order to realise the full potential of the MSG trade agreement, communication links including air and sea transport among the Melanesian countries must be strengthened.

He says the MSG member countries need to follow the trend in the global market such as sharing airline costs in order to promote trade activities.

Fiji plans to host the 12th MSG summit in July, but Sasako says Solomon Islands would like it to be held just before the Pohnpei Forum Summit in August in order to save costs.

### Sasakawa Peace Foundation to assist in training projects

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)---The Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan has granted \$US65,000 to fund the first project of its kind in the Pacific.

This is known as the archaeological training programme in the Pacific Islands, Tonga included, kadio Tonga reports.

The project will train Pacific islanders as site recorders in order to compile site inventories for their respective islands.

Then, they will watch over site developments to protect sites or recommend survey by pro-

vice Committee in Honolulu is

Isebong (Bonnie) Asang, origi-

Asang, who speaks English,

Palauan, Chamorru and Japanese,

succeeds Kilali Alaiilima, who

Among her duties will be to

develop greater public awareness

of Pacific concerns within the

United States as well as foster the

nally from Palau and Guam.

has returned to Samoa.

fessional archaeologists before the destruction of sites.

It will teach Pacific islanders to take care of their own cultural heritage, how to identify sites, and how to map and record them in order to establish in

Islanders will also learn archaeological excavation methods and restoration techniques for archaeological structures.

The training grounds are on various sites in Polynesia Micronesia, and Melanesia.

years in several positions at the

Pacific Daily News, Guam's main

newspaper, before accepting a

variety social service positions in

Her academic degrees are from

the University of Guam and the

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# US won't ease N. Korea sanctions



President Clinton, right, answers questions during a joint press conference with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, left, Tuesday in Washington. South Korean President Kim is on a four-day state visit to Washington.

AP

ile before becoming president

early this year in the first transfer

of power to an opposition party in

his country's history.

**By Terence Hunt** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton welcomed South Korean President Kim Dae-jung as a hero of freedom Tuesday but reacted coolly to his suggestion that the United States ease sanctions against rival North Korea.

Clinton said he would work with Kim on a "policy of reciprocity" that could lead toward reconciliation between the North and the South, still technically in a state of war.

But Clinton made clear that progress hinges on positive steps by communist North Korea.

North Korea should respond to Kim's "far-sighted overtures, and let's get this show on the road, as we say in America," Clinton said He said he was "very hopeful" of improving relations in the next

few months and years. Kim said, "We have nothing to fear from North Korea."

He said it was up to the United States whether to lift sanctions.

"But we would not oppose, and we would cooperate.

The 74-year-old Kim got a triumphant welcome, from a 21gun salute on the South Lawn at midmorning to an elegant State Dinner featuring honey ginger glazed lamb, crispy rice cakes, baby bok choy and spring veg-

The two leaders signed an openskies agreement allowing unrestricted air service between the United States and South Korea.

To spur badly needed investments, Clinton also reinstated South Korea's eligibility under the Overseas Private Investment

It had been suspended in 1991 because of concerns about workers' rights.

OPIC provides risk insurance for U.S. companies doing business in developing countries. Kim's visit climaxed four de-

cades of persecution by authoritarian governments in South Ko-

He survived death threats, imprisonment, house arrest and ex-

their talks with a news conference at the Old Executive Office Building.

Supporters cheered Kim's name as he walked to the South Lawn with Clinton. "Today, the triumph of democ-

racy in Korea is also a victory for the democracy-loving people of America," Kim said.

Clinton expressed confidence in economic reforms Kim has undertaken to lift South Korea from the economic crisis that has swept across Asia.

Kim said his country was facing its worst financial problems since the Korean War, but declared, "With the support of the Korean people, I will surely succeed in this struggle.'

Kim has been urging a more open, flexible approach toward North Korea, including an easing or even elimination of sanctions on North Korea as an inducement for it to open up to the

outside.

Clinton and Kim concluded

With a heavy focus on tensions on the Korean peninsula, Clinton encountered no questions about the grand jury investigation into the Monica Lewinsky case.

Kim said he spoke to Clinton about his policy of trying to engage North Korea and was assured of U.S. support.

Clinton said Kim did not ask him to lift sanctions but instead to support a policy of reciprocity, which would enable us to move forward with the reconciliation of the North and the South." Clinton said some of the U.S. sanctions would require approval by Congress "but there is some executive flexibility there."

Clinton said that Kim's initiative, and four-party talks that include China and the United States with the two Koreas, "can really lead us to some progress in here in the next few months and years. So I'm very hopeful." Administration officials said the

idea of lifting sanctions was very preliminary and needed to be developed with concrete proposals to which the United States could

Kim acknowledged reservations about dealing with North

Korea's reclusive leader, Kim Jong Il.

"Based upon our experience." the South Korean leader said, "it's very difficult to say that you can

trust a communist. But we feel the need to negotiate, and once you've reached an agreement, to hold them up to that agreement."

On other points at the news conference. Clinton:

• Left open the possibility of using American military force to end the violence against ethnic Albanians in the Serbian prov ince of Kosovo.

"We have explicitly said we do not believe any options should be taken off the table," Clinton said.

• Defended his decision to go to Tiananmen Square in China during a state visit, despite objections stemming from the 1989 government massacre of prodemocracy students. "I am going to be the guest of the Chinese .... They should be designing the terms of the arrival ceremony, not me."

Clinton was asked no questions about Whitewater or the Monica Lewinsky controver-

# Russian vessel escapes while in Korean custody

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Maritime police said Tuesday they were searching for a Russian ship which broke courtordered custody and ran away with two South Korean guards held captive.

Chavshov Alexay, 36, the Russian owner of the 683-ton refrigerator ship Tibiya, was arrested at Kimhae airport late Monday as he tried to slip out of

South Korea, police said. Alexay was accused of instructing his vessel's 18-man crew to flee after talks broke down on how to pay \$ 1.5 million he owed to a South Korean ship repairing company.

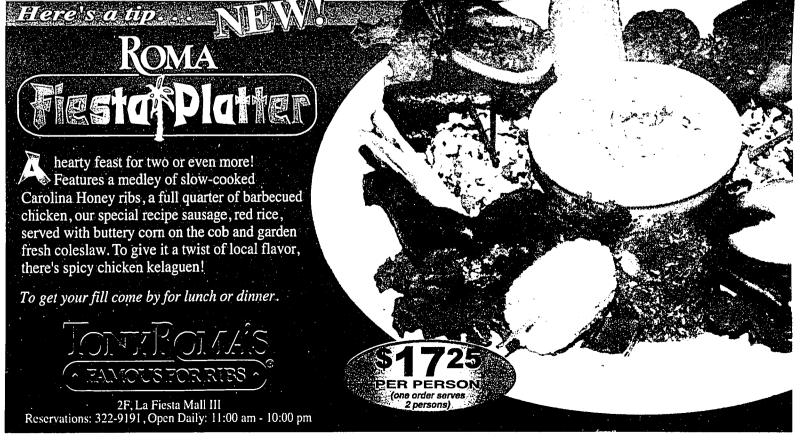
When the ship docked at Pusan port on the southeast coast on April 7 for repair, the South Korean company filed suit with a local court, seeking payment of \$ 1.5 million incurred for earlier repair work.

The Pusan civil court accepted the suit and ordered the ship impounded pending

Court-hired private guards were posted on the ship on threeday shifts to enforce the court

But when new guards sailed out early Monday for a shift change, the Russian vessel was gone, police said.

The Foreign Ministry said it has asked the Russian government to help search for the runaway ship.

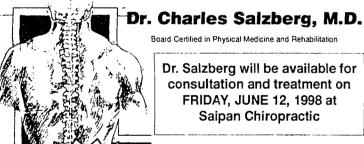




Nevada Gov. Bob Miller, right, shakes hands with Akira Kondo, president of Japan Airlines, after they announced the launching of JAL's direct flight to Las Vegas in Tokyo Tuesday. The direct flights will actually be launched twice a week from Oct. 2, 1998.

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Downer announced the program - known as "Safer Streets, Safer Borders" — during the second day of a three-day U.N. General Assembly special session on drugs, during which representatives of about 150 nations are to endorse a comprehensive program for combating drug use world-

"Ultimately, if we are to protect our streets, we must also protect our borders and our own region," Downer told the General Assem-

He said the "Safer Streets, Safer Borders" program was "an important step in that direction."

"I welcome the U.N.'s comprehensive approach to the drugs

controls on the supply of drugs but also places increased emphasis on demand reduction and alternative development programs," Downer added.

"The elimination of illicit drugs remains the first and ultimate goal," he said. "But the reality is that drugs continue to reach those who are prepared to risk their health and often their lives using drugs.'

He said Australia supports the goal of reducing demand for drugs - which leaders of drug-producing nations say is essential if narcotics control measures are to be

"This is an indispensable element in tackling the world drug

# Thailand's troubled largest conglomerate restructures

In a potent symbol of Asia's economic crisis, Thailand's largest conglomerate — which has more investments in China than any other firm in the world — has announced a major restructuring.

Australia announced a \$ 15 million (US \$ 9 million) program

Tuesday to combat drug traffick-

ing in the Asia-Pacific region and

to finance crop eradication pro-

grams in the Mekong Basin of

Most of the funds will be used to develop an Asia-Pacific law

enforcement cooperation program

and extend Australia's law enforcement liaison offices through-

out the region, according to For-

eign Minister Alexander Downer.

Other funds will be used for eradicating illegal crops and pro-

viding alternative means of live-

lihood for farmers in the Mekong

Basin of Southeast Asia,

strengthen customs services in the

Pacific, provide education for drug

Southeast Asia.

Charoen Pokphand Group revealed late Monday it would consolidate 12 core agribusiness companies into a single entity listed on the Stock Exchange of Thai-

The move reflects the start of a back-to-basics strategy by a company that over 70 years has became an Asian business empire and even surfaced in the campaign contribution scandal that touched U.S. President Bill

CP Group expanded during the Asian economic boom into everything from chicken and shrimp farming to beer, motorcycles and

grants to Thailand, it is has plowed Co. is interested in buying CP money back into the old country Group's other motorcycle plant and is the number-one investor in in China to use as a platform for China in terms of projects.

Analysts say the expansion left the company overextended and heavily in debt once the Asian boom went bust last year.

Dhanin Chairman Chearavanont was cited by The Nation newspaper Tuesday as saying CP will sell off non-core assets to maintain the growth of its agribusiness, telecommunications and 7-Eleven store franchise.

CP recently sold part of its stake in 12 Lotus discount mega-stores in Thailand to Tesco Co. of Brit-

A motorcycle plant opened in Shanghai to great fanfare two years ago has been sold to Chinese authorities. A Heineken brewery joint venture and other businesses are also up for sale

an engine production company. "People still look for partner-

ship with us because we have quality management in China,' Dhanin was quoted as saying.

In the Thai restructuring, the company announced it will merge 11 subsidiary agribusiness concerns into its biggest listed company on the SET, Charoen Pokphand Feedmill.

Once the merger is complete, CP Group said, the feedmill company will rank among the 20 biggest listed Thai companies by market capitalization. Most of the group's holdings are not listed.

Of the 11 companies to be merged into CP Feedmill, only three are listed and will eventually be delisted: Bangkok Agro-Industrial Products, Bangkok Produce Merchandising and Charoen

Former U.S. President George Bush, left, talks with Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, right, through interpreters at the Government House in Bangkok Friday. Bush visited on the invitation of Thai media tycoonturned-politician Thaksin Shinawatra.

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# HK property market turns sour

HONG KONG (AP) — Young, ambitious and well-paid, Elizabeth Chung was set to become another shining success story in this haven of unbridled capitalism.

But realestate—traditionally Hong Kong's king of investments — has messed up her life.

Chung was only following conventional, middle-class wisdom here when she invested heavily in property last year.

However, her timing was terrible. The 28-year-old is now saddled with mountains of debt on apartments whose value is plummeting.

The bills eat up nine-tenths of her income.

Asia's economic crisis combined with a government drive to increase the housing supply has turned the market for property — which accounts for one in ten jobs and roughly a third of Hong Kong's economy upside down.

As the property market sinks, so does the entire economy.

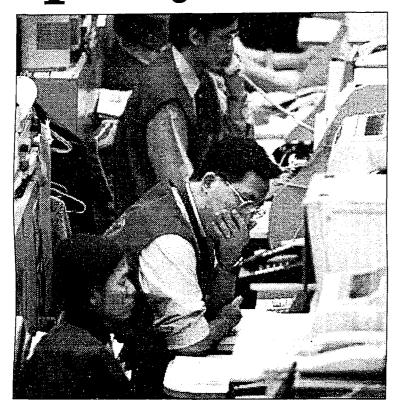
Some purchasers face losing their down payments — in some cases, their life savings — because they cannot get mortgages.

Chung sees no way out for herself. She and her france Gary Cheng even have postponed a fairy-tale wedding. "Worse comes to worst, I'll file for

bankruptcy," Chung said. "I'm glad we didn't get married,

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A trader at the Hong Kong Stock Market covers his mouth while shares fall during the afternoon trading session on Tuesday. Brokers attributed the slump to worries about the weakening Japanese currency, which investors fear could lead to a devaluation of the Chinese yuan. AP

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because I don't want to drag (Gary) into this sorry mess."

Inmany ways, it's hard to feel sorry for Chung, who makes 100,000 Hong Kong dollars (U.S.\$12,820) a month as a business manager. Even in this prosperous, and costly, society, that's

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Buildable land is at a premium in

small, mountainous Hong Kong. For decades, the government has released it slowly, keeping demand high and prices rising.

Many middle-class people saw property as such a solid investment that they were willing to skimp on other expenses to take on large mort-

Others jumped in when optimism over the handover to Chinese rule last July 1 sent prices soaring.

Chung scaped together 2.17 million Hong Kong dollars (\$ 280,000) for down payments on four apart-

Three in Hong Kong were valued at 10 million Hong Kong dollars (U.S.\$1.29 million), one in the neighboring Portuguese territory Macau somewhat less.

Sheemptiedhersavings; borrowed from her mother, brother and fiance. Besides the mortgages, she borrowed part of the down payments, too.

She figured she and Gary would live in one apartment.

As property value and rents increased, the others would provide a stable income.

Other buyers, including a group that protested recently in Hong Kong, face losing their down payments.

Because property values have dropped so much, cautious banks won't lend enough money to cover the balance of the purchase price.

"I always thought you can't go wrong with property," Chung said. "The Chinese have always bought houses and fields with their spare money."

But not everyone in Hong Kong is prosperous, and the government is also one of the world's largest public

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In a bid for popular support, Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa promised to provide 85,000 new apartments every year for 10 years.

He also started selling public housing apartments for about a tenth of their value to turn tenants into homeowners.

Such policies alone could have taken some steam out of the housing market.

But no one counted on Asia's financial crisis

Although Hong Kong rode it out initially, the economy shrank by 2 percent in the first three months of the year, and even Tung's housing construction plans look increasingly

Unemployment is at a 14-year

The stock market has fallen dramatically

Interest rates are high to protect the currency.

Property prices have fallen about 40 percent and major developers have slashed prices to stimulate demand.

Meanwhile, rental prices are dropping and potential buyers are biding their time.

"Why buy when rents are getting cheaper and cheaper?" asked economist Ho Lok Sang.

"The market's dead," said Wilson Cheung, owner of a small real estate agency in the upscale Midlevels area. "No one's buying, and we only get

an occasional customer who wants to

Tung said recently that property prices are now about the right level. That is more bad news for Chung, whose apartments lost 35 percent of their value.

### Japan bank denies rumor on ties with

**Swiss Bank** 

TOKYO(AP)—Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd., a major Japanese credit bank, denied a rumor Tuesday that it would dissolve its tie-up with Swiss Bank Corp.

"This is completely false, and there is no truth in it," the Japanese bank said in a statement.

Long-Term Credit Bank's share prices moved sharply lower on the rumor, falling by 14 percent from Monday's finish to 155 yen (\$ 1.10) per share at the end of Tuesday's morning session on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Long-Term Credit Bank Vie President Masami Suda told a news conference that the bank had asked the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission, Japan's securities watchdog, to investigate the rumor.

Last year, Long-Term Credit Bank and Swiss Bank agreed to form a strategic alliance to take advantage of Japan's "Big Bang" financial deregulation effort.

In the statement, Long-Term Credit Bank said that the securities joint venture created by the alliance, LTCB Warburg Securities Ltd., had already started operations, and said other joint operations private banking and investment trusts — will soon be launched.

According to Clinton:

# China decision was 'routine'

WASHINGTON(AP)—President Clinton said Tuesday he had made a "pretty routine" decision in allowing a U.S. company headed by a major Democratic donor to export a satellite to China while the company was under federal investigation.

His comment came as elements of an aerospace industry defense strategy emerged in response to the Justice Department's inquiry into whether Loral Space & Communications and other industry representatives illegally gave China information useful in improving missiles.

At a White House news conference with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, Clinton said he followed the advice of the State Department, Pentagon and National Security Council earlier this year in approving the export of a Loral satellite for launch on a Chinese rocket.

"From my point of view it was a pretty routine decision," said Clinton. The president is preparing for a trip to China that will include arrival ceremonies at Tiananmen Square, the focal point of Beijing's 1989 crackdown on dissidents, and he said Tues-

day he will not object to that plan. "They should be designing the terms of the arrival ceremony, not me,"Clinton told a news conference.

The House overwhelmingly urged the president last week to reconsider the appearance in the square; several human rights groups are protesting the Clinton visit

Meanwhile, the Justice Department and congressional committees are investigating whether Loral CEO Bernard L. Schwartz, a Democratic Party donor, got Clinton's help in winning approval for the satellite ex-

By KAREN GULLO

ard Mellon Scaife.

able in recent days.

WASHINGTON(AP)—Check

the finances of some of President

Clinton's noisiest critics and you're

likely to find the financial support

of conservative billionaire Rich-

The Pittsburgh philanthropist's

foundations gave millions of dol-

lars last year to groups run by

Clinton critics, according to an-

nualreports that have become avail-

"The money is important," said

Mark Levin, president of Land-

mark Legal Foundation, which

received \$ 525,000 last year for

"It's one-third of our budget.

Grants to anti-Clinton groups

were only a portion of the \$ 25

million in donations that four

Scaife foundations handed out

But the money has supported

a cottage industry of presiden-

tial critics who dog the admin-

istration with lawsuits, write

unflattering articles about the

latest turn in the Monica

Lewinsky case and go on talk

shows to criticize Clinton and

defend Whitewater prosecutor tator.

to a range of organizations.

We wish we could get more."

two Scaife foundations.

Internal documents examined by The Associated Press indicate U.S. and European aerospace industry officials who investigated a 1996 Chinese rocket accident at the center of Justice's inquiry got inadequate ad-

vice from a Loral security expert

about what technical information

could be shared with the Chinese. The admission is contained in an unreleased report Loral submitted June 17, 1996, to the State Depart-

The document, prepared by outside experts hired by Loral, appears to contain key elements of a possible defense strategy should the government take action against Loral or its senior executives.

For example, the document indicates that the rocket accident study was screened to remove missile-related information before it was given to Chinese officials, and that a Loral representative told U.S. officials in advance how the accident study would proceed.

Loral's acknowledgment that it could have done a better job briefing scientists and engineers on U.S. export control laws, while embarrassing, also points to the company's effort to comply with those laws. Suchefforts, however flawed, may

complicate any prosecution aimed at showing an intent to violate the law. A copy of the Loral submission to the State Department was examined

by the AP. Elements of the report were confirmed independently in interviews with investigators, defense lawyers and industry officials.

Pittsburgh billionaire helps

Landmark's Levin takes aim at the

administration in pieces published in

conservative journals, in press re-

Levin's group pounced when The

New Yorker magazine published an

article that said Linda Tripp, a central

figure in the Lewinsky case, didn't

disclose on a security form for a

Pentagon job that she had once been

The group called on Attorney Gen-

Scaife, an heir to the Mellon bank-

ing and oil fortune, rarely gives inter-

views. Yale Gutnick, his attorney,

and Richard Larry, an official at

the foundations, did not return

The American Spectator Edu-

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American Spectator magazine, re-

ceived \$ 950,000 from two Scaife

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The department declined.

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arrested.

A Chinese Long March 3B rocket, a commercial version of China's



Bill Clinton

ICBM, exploded and crashed into a village on Feb. 15, 1996, carrying with it a Loral communications satel-

Insurance underwriters, wary of backing future launches on Chinese rockets, insisted that Western aerospace experts review China's own nvestigation into the accident.

Loral helped assemble an independent review committee consisting of U.S. and European satellite and rocket

On April 22, 1996, William Schweikert, Loral's technology transfer control manager, briefed the IRC.

He told the committee members that because the accident review involved getting information from China and not providing information to China, there was no need for Pentagon export security officials to be

He also said that merely accepting or rejecting China's own conclusions on the crash would not constitute technical assistance.

Loral's June 1996 report to the State Department, which described this briefing, criticized its content. Space Systems/Loral "acknowl-

Scaife grant recipient Larry

Klayman, whose Judicial Watch

received \$ 550,000 last year, has

filed lawsuits against the Clinton

administration on a myriad of top-

ics, ranging from campaign finance

to the FBI files-gathering contro-

from presidential aides and run snip-

pets of the deposition tapes on talks

shows, where he is a frequent guest.

to receive the support' from Scaife,

but said the grants "represent a mi-

Center for the Study of Popular

Culture received \$450,000 from

a Scaife foundation, says the

Pittsburgh billionaire is "un-

fairly pilloried" and says ther

e are no strings attached to the

"What this guy has done is

funded investigative reports into

the dark areas of the president. What

on Earth is wrong with that? It's the

American way," said Horowitz,

adding that grants from left-leaning

foundations to liberal groups far

outweigh grants to right-wing

groups from conservative founda-

tions.

nority of our support."

Klayman said "we are very proud

DavidHorowitz, an author whose

Klayman has taken depositions

was deficient," and was "not representative of the generally high quality" of Schweikert's security briefings, the outside experts wrote.

The IRC was headed by Dr. Wah Lim, then of Loral and now of Hughes. The committee's staff director was Nick Yen, who is still employed by

It was Yen who, on May 7, 1996, faxed the committee's 200-page preliminary report on the rocket accident to China Great Wall Industries Corp., the state-owned firm that runs China's commerciai rocket program.

Yen, Lim and Schweikert did not return phone calls seeking comment. Loral's outside experts said that while it was a mistake to send the accident report to Chinese officials

without notifying the State Department, the report had been cleansed of sensitive information. "Mr. Yen stated that he made a conscious effort to exclude any detailed technical analysis that the IRC members and staff included in their

experts wrote. Later the same day of Schweikert's

submissions to Mr. Yen," the outside

security briefing, Yen traveled to Washington and briefed officials of the Departments of State, Transportation, Commerce and Defense on what the IRC planned to do, Loral's

outside experts said. U.S. government agencies disagree on whether the accident report, which confirmed China's own conclusions on the cause of the crash, constituted a breach of

U.S. security. The Pentagon said last year that China got valuable rocket guidance information.

The CIA this year said there was no damage to U.S. national security

Government officials and lawyers familiar with the investigation say Justice is developing a case that could argue that merely telling the Chinese that their own analysis of the rocket crash was correct constituted an illegal transfer of military technol-

But under the federal regulations that govern the transfer of defense information, a successful prosecution may require showing intent, according to George Newhouse, Lim's

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for poor and middle-class families.

The bill, backed by 117 House

package offered by President

But it adds a tax credit for stay-at-

home parents, a group Republicans

argeted after Clinton seized the

popular issue going into an election

Mrs. Clinton tried to cast the issue

n a bipartisan tone, although the

House has seen little bipartisanship

on the issue and not a Republican

was in sight at Tuesday's Capitol

"Taking care of our children is

not a Democratic or a Republican

"I hope ... (the bill) will spark the

kind of debate in Congress that the

The president in a statement said,

Turge all Members of Congress to

come together this year to improve

American people deserve."

care for their children.

Clinton in January.

issue," she said.

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### Senate urged: Don't cut US foreign aid

WASHINGTON(AP)—The head of the U.S. aid agency urged a Senate panel Tuesday notto cuthis agency's budget, saying it is in the national interest of the United States to promote development overseas.

But Brian Atwood of the Agency for International Development came under harsh criticism at a hearing before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

Sen. Mitch McConnell said he has heard "appalling accounts of mismanagement and ineptitude in the administration of the agency's humanitarian, democracy, economic and environment programs."

"Your computers don't work, your contracting system is a mess, your goals continue to be vague, so your results are fuzzy," said McConnell. "There are many ... professionals at AID who are as discouraged as I am about the weak leadership they are being offered.

Atwood told McConnell his statement was "overly harsh. ... It was unfair" and he defended his agency. saying "I honestly believe that no

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# First Lady pushes child care bill

WASHINGTON(AP)—Demo-The House has spent little time on cratsled by Hillary Rodham Clinton ried to revive the child care debate child care this year. Fuesday, proposing a \$23 billion

No money was allocated for child care in the House budget plan, and GOP leaders say they would rather enactacross-the-boardtax breaks that including parents who stay home to families can use as they see fit. "This is classic 'Washington knows

best' legislation that puts federal pri-Democrats, mirrors the five-year orities head of family priorities," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Con-

But Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said the issue was "at the top" of the Democratic agenda and promised the president would insist on child care money during final negotiations this fall over the budget and, possibly, tobacco legislation.

"What the Democrats are saying is: This is a key issue for us, and you (Congress) better not go home without it," Shalala said.

The issue could be a political winner either way for Democrats: Either they get their program enacted or they can complain that Republicans stopped it.

works on the issue.

Members are not hearing about it from constituents and the issue is dead this year, he said.

He added, though, that Clinton could revive it by focusing on it this summer, and that he might demand child care money in exchange for Republican-backed tax cuts.

The five-year Democratic bill introduced Tuesday includes: •\$7.5 billion for subsidies for the

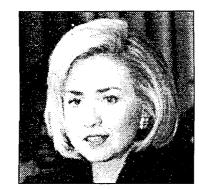
working poor. The money would be given to states, which are using most of their funds to aid people getting off wel-

•\$5.1 billion in tax breaks to help families earning up to \$60,000 per year to pay for child care.

• \$3.5 billion in tax credits for parents who stay at home to care for

· Money for businesses that providechild care, for after-school programs and for encouraging initiatives to improve quality.

Also Tuesday, Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif., said he would introduce a bill in July renewing the popular, \$4billion Head Start preschool program for poor children.



Hillary Rodham Clinton

it a campaign issue," said Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn. "We hear about it (from constitu-

ents)," said Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif.,

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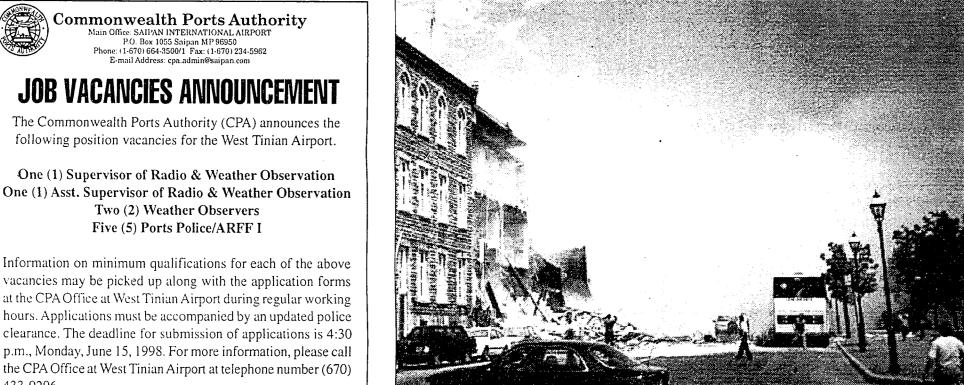
"We would like very much to make

chairman of the Democratic caucus. "We have to assume the Republicans are hearing about it. If they want

The Senate has shown more inter-Some Senate Republicans have joined with Democrats to back a to-

into subsidies for the working poor. And the Senate budget allows for higher spending on child care, although it does not guarantee it.

But House Republicans believe child care has fallen off voters' radar,



Seconds after the blast, pedestrians react to an explosion at an Old Montreal homeless shelter Tuesday. The explosion, possibly from a gas leak, shattered the building, injuring about 20 and killing two people as they were about to eat lunch.

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### Blast in homeless shelter kills two

MONTREAL (AP) — An explosion from a severed gas line destroyed acenterforhomeless people in Montreal on Tuesday, killing two volunteer workers and injuring about 20 people, authorities said.

The explosion sheared off a wall of the three-story stone building, spilling rubble into the street in historic Old Montreal.

Firefighters accompanied by tracking dogs searched through the debris, unsure if anyone was trapped underneath.

The two people killed were identified as women in their 60s, one of them a nun, who had worked as volunteers at the shelter for a number of years.

The city gas company, Gaz Metropolitain, said a private contractor ruptured a gas pipe while trying to adjust a meter. No one lived in the Accueil Bonneau shelter — it was used to provide meals and shelter for homeless people during the day.

Authorities initially reported that about 30 people were injured, but lowered the figure after determining that some people were counted more than once in the confusion.

The explosion damaged several adjacent buildings and some tour buses, which were parked near the shelter in a popular tourist area.

#### Senate... New Guam ... Continued from page 18

Forty-one applicants have qualified for Small Business Administration loans since Typhoon Paka. The commission will also guarantee those

erations were holding up a vote.

### Virus alert

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other organization does it better."

Sen. Ted Stevens, chairman of the

Senate Appropriations Committee

which is considering cutting about

dlrs 2 billion from AID's budget re-

"Iunderstand your appeal but it just

The committee is expected to vote

quest for FY 1999, told Atwood:

cannot be met."

on AID funding in July.

can leave infants susceptible to encephalitis, meningitis, and acute inflammation of the heart muscle.

Early symptoms are similar to the flu, including fever, headache and vomiting.

The two Singapore ministries said that the epidemic appears to be confined to Taiwan, and that there was no need for travel restrictions between the two countries.

But the statement added that "people travelling to Taiwan are advised to take simple precautions such as avoiding crowded places, observing a high standard of personal hygiene and avoiding sharing personal items that are likely to be contami-

### Three . . . Continued from page 2

Another man also was killed Monday in Kaohsiung county when his caraquaplaned into a road divider.

Damage to crops has been estimated at 640 million Taiwan dollars (U.S. \$ 18 million), with Yunlin county, 175 kilometers (108 miles) south of Taipei, the hardest hit. Agriculture authorities have offered farmers subsidies of 6,000 Taiwan dollars (U.S. \$ 242) per hectare (acre) for emergency replanting.

The rains preceding the summer typhoon season have been the hardest in recent years, catching officials and flood control systems off guard.

The sogginess contrasts strongly with parched conditions in Southeast Asia brought on by the El Nino weather phenomenon. Dozens of villages were stranded

Tuesday by flood waters that were two stories high.

Supplies were brought in by boat and helicopter.

Waters also inundated the construction site for the island's second majorhightechnology industrial park in Tainan county.

orecasters said they expect the weather to dry up gradually over the

### Underwood Continued from page 6

The congressman said he also ex-

pressed Guam's interest in strengthening economic ties with Korea. Cathy Gault, communications di-

rector for the Guam District Office said that Underwood hopes to be able to speak with Kim in a bid to renew the Korean tourist market on Guam.

She said that before the plane crashed, growth in Korean tourism helpedthelocal Korean business community

"Now we need to rebuild the fall in the market due to the plane crash and the declining Asian economy, and that is what Congressman Underwood hopes to be able to do," she added.

Continued from page 10 guarantee program also includes commercial ventures and other funds, but rules for those components of the Land Trust Act have yet to be developed and adopted by the legislature. A related proposal was signed into

Likewise, the Guam Housing Corporation is also processing a few applications for home loans that the commission is guaranteeing. They are almost ready to break ground,

#### Netanyahu ... aking on a Jewishneighborhood in traditionally Arab east Jerusalem. Continued from page 2

The Palestinians, who have full claims jurisdiction over all Jerusacontrol over 3 percent of the West Bank and partial control over another Bitter disputes have broken out in 24 percent, have accepted the Amerirecent weeks over Jewish settlers' can initiative. moves into Arabparts of town, which Palestinians view as land grabs in

Under the American plan—which has been widely reported but never formally unveiled — a second Israeli redeployment would take place in three stages over 12 weeks. It would bring full and partial Pal-

estinian control over the West Bank to 40 percent. Peace talks between the two sides

have been deadlocked for more than 15 months.

They stalled after groundbre

ments to Land Trust land to be depossaid Teehan. Teehan explained that the loan ited into the guarantee fund, which in

law earlier this year that provided

\$2.5 million for the loan guarantees.

up mechanisms for home and com-

mercial loan default remedies and

provided for taxes paid on improve-

Palestinians want the city's eastern

sector as their future capital, but Israel

advance of any settlement of

On Tuesday, Israeli troops shot

and killed a Palestinian after they

spotted him and several others trying

to enter a Jewish settlement in the

Military officials who spoke on

condition of anonymity said the Pal-

estinian, identified as Abud Qanan,

22, from Khan Yunis, was not armed.

Gaza Strip, the army said.

Jerusalem's status.

Says Teehan, "P.L. 24-168 also set

turn increases the ability of the fund to guarantee additional loans." The new law also changed a \$25,000 ceiling up to the maximum amount that a borrower is capable of

paying, which is determined by the

ending institution. Before the guarantee fund was capitalized, Teehan said, a lessee would approach a lending institution, but could not use the Land Trust property as collaterai.

This money guarantees that such oans will be repaid if the borrower

"P.L. 24-220 is akin to a Part 2 of the earlier law," Teehan explained.

The new law "covers everything from determining the purpose of the loans to actions the commission can take in management of these funds; determines how loan applications will be processed; and sets down criteria for application processing and conditions on loans.

"It allows us to immediately guarantee loans to lessees with SBAapproved disaster assistance loans after Paka," Teehan said, adding that "it also clarifies a number of other

He noted that the new law clears up statutory omissions in the Land Trust

For example, the commission pre-

viously cannot arbitrarily release a borrower from his obligation to the lending institution.

"It clarifies the conditions under which loans could be guaranteed and

payments to banks assured." That previous experience could prove beneficial to the Land Trust

and lessees. Teehan clarified that the fund program is not for low-income borrowers. "It's for those with the financial

means to repay the loans," he said. The Land Trust Act provides for home loans; home repair and development, or infrastructure, loans; commercial loans; and educational loans.

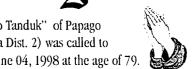
It is also a "match monies" fund, Teehan said, that allows federal or other grants to be used for special

"The commission is greatly appreciative that the legislature fast-tracked (Bill) 628. Had they not done so, many lessees would probably have missed the deadline to take advantage of the funds that are now available through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle.

"The opportunity to use the Freddie Mac funds runs out in October, so we're moving as quickly as possible to implement this program," said Techan.

The commission's next undertaking will be to develop commercial

# DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



He is predeceased by his:

Parents: Santiago Estrada Aguon & Maria Perez Mafnas Parents-in-Law: Francisco Gumataotao Concepcion & Maria Sablan Concepcion

Brothers/Sisters: Antonio M. Aguon, Ramon M. Aguon, Jose M. Aguon, Dorotheo M. Aguon and Ana M. Aguon Sons/Daughter" Francisco C. Aguon, Gregorio C. Aguon, Juan C. Aguon and Maria C. Aguon

His spirit and memories will live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Rosa Concepcion Aguon

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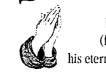
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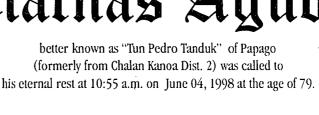
He is additionally survived by 76 Great-Grandchildren, 3 Great-Grandchildren, numerous Uncles, Aunties, Nephews, Nieces and Cousins.

Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Ty. Fejeran (Carmen) in Dan Dan Village. Last respect will be paid on Friday, June 12, 1998 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. and Dinner will be served right after the burial at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral Compound.























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I. Sablan.

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### Tenorio... Continued from page 10

Tenorio said Inos is unable to accept the position, citing his residency on Saipan and not Rota.

He reiterated the Republican legis-

Tenorio's other nominee to the Parole Board is Mametto M. Ayuyu, For his part. Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, as acting governor, recalled whose appointment has been confirmed by the Senate.

the nomination of Edward I. Sablan

conscious of the fact that there are a Reyes . . . lot of qualified Republicans out there who could be named as Commerce Continued from page 6

He added, "It is the governor's lators' pledge to work with the adprerogative to appoint the members of his Cabinet, and I'm even willing ministration, saying that he remains to set aside my feelings if this Demo-"committed to this pledge and have crat were the only one qualified for the post. But he's not the only one Still, Reyes said, "a lot of loyal Republicans helped us win (the Noqualified, and I'm only reminding the governor about that." vember elections), and we need to be

Education in 1970. Sheis been nomi-

nated for the "Who's Who Among

As a result of her award, Gillman is

now eligible to compete in the 1999

National Teacher of the Year Award

and have the opportunity to attend

off-island National Teacher of the

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Dec. 13, 1997 to initiate a review of

such file, then waited for another four

calendar days to file the protest, miss-

ing the 10-day requirement for filing

American Teachers.'

1999 school year.

Award

of a protest.

### Guam's . . . Continued from page 6

shown my commitment.

of pride in what they have accomplished."

Among Gillman's accomplishments is her involvement as advisor to the JFK Islanders in Motion, a ballroomdance organization that she is taken to the Brigham Young University Dance Camp.

Gillman graduated from Sacramento State College in Sacramento, California with a degree in Physical

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Telesource's."

The contract also covered the training of operators and the transfer of operation and ownership of the facility to CUC.

PMIC filed the protest on Dec. 19, 1997

"Although PMIC received Telesource's contract file on Dec. 3, 1997 it did not diligently pursue the information which could form the basis for its protest," OPA said.

Senator...

nies held last Friday on Rota.

The Senate President has been

awarding scholarships from his

personal funds for the past ten

years to the top students from

He said the awards are based on

academic achievement in addi-

tion to scholastic achievement test

(SAT) results and acceptance to

an accredited institute of higher

and great satisfaction to me, my

Rota High School.

learning

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OPA noted that PMIC waited until

"The protester's failure to timely review the files whether intentional or not, does not waive or toll the timeliness requirement in the CUC-PR,"OPA said. "Therefore, we could not consider December 15, 1997 as the point in tie from which to count

PMIC has 10 days to appeal the OPA's decision. (MCM)

the 10-day filing requirement for pro-

"They have continually and consistently maintained superior academic standing in their perspective field of study in some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation," he said.

"It is very reassuring for our people that these young leaders will be well prepared for the challenges as we enter into the new millennia," he added.

In addition, Senator Manglona was invited to be this year's keynote speaker at their commencement ceremony

In his speech he said, "What "Since the beginning, the re- you get out of your future cipients have brought pride, honor largely depends on what you want to put into it. The future family and our community," said can be yours only if you pre-

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0 · 233-6901. The sale will be open to the general public. Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of the buyer to ay portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim. ment or rescission by the buyer. Prospective hidders man ntaet Seuray Bestran Castodia - 1 the vessel un (70-156-47) (670) 235-7521, for appointments to board and inspect the M/V enita and for copies of the marine vervey

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NORMA JEAN SANTOS,

CIVIL ACTION No. 98-616B

NOTICE OF HEARING To all interested persons Notice is hereby given that Norma Jean Santos, of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be appointed as Guardian of the Estate of Luisa Renges Santos Mangiona, a minor

July, 1998, at the Superior Court in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 10:00 a.m. All interested person should

child. The attorney of record is Perry B. Inos, Esq., P.O. Box 2017 CK,

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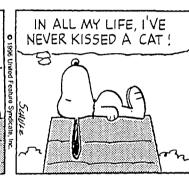
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Alsobomonthisdate Barbeau, actress; Chad Everett and Gene Wilder, actors; Joe Montana, football player.

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. your sense of humor.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You must follow the rules at all costs today. A loved one will be able to lend you valuable assistance when you need it the most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - You can contribute to the manufacturing of your own legend today — and all you have to

do is be yourself. Make sure the hype doesn't get to you! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can afford to be a flexible today.

Don't give up what you believe in, but be more accepting of oth-VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) —

You may find yourself in a difficult mood, and a friend is sure to tell you so. Don't take things per-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Focus today on issues that have You may have to choose today bebeen developing over the past days and weeks. You may find that an old agreement cannot be honored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You will find a way to get along with someone more uptight than you are. Trust in

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You're going to have to plan a journey carefully today if you expect to reach your destination on schedule. Certain ob-

stacles are stubborn. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't let yourself be bothered by those who are unable to see things from your point of view.

Your comprehension is complete. AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may have trouble getting a friend to agree to an experiment

today. Be patient, and discuss the possibilities with care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may have made up your mind today about something that concerns those around you, but they can be trusted to make up their own

ARIES (March 21-April 19) tween a friend's requests or a lover's demand. A last-minute inspiration can enable you to indulge both.

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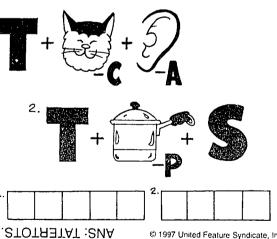
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### Bishop . . .

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to constitute a quorum to decide on certain matters regarding the pending talks.

"The 902 does not live by quorum because the Covenant does not require it," he said.

Sablan pointed out that the CNMI panel sent on Monday a second letter addressed to President Clinton's special 902 representative Edward Cohen, the deputy solicitor of the US Department of Interior, inviting him to Saipan for the talks.

Sablan said that perhaps, the

second letter might do the trick

to the first letter, but maybe the second letter would do," he said, adding that the panel faxed a copy, and at the same time sent the

Preliminary talks are expected

original copy to Cohen.

to resume once Cohen responds.

would lay on the discussion table the issues on Federal takeover bill, CIP funding, and labor and "We will try to offer them the

### economic cooperation between the US and the CNMI," Sablan The talks had been scheduled

in March but was indefinitely postponed following the Federal takeover legislation hearing in the US

"What we want is for the United States to give their cooperation and to respect the provisions of the Covenantthat we agreed upon. We wanna make an impression that we are not a foreign government," Sablan said.

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente cannot be reached for \$225," said Babauta, who is also comment. But in an earlier interthe chairman of the House comview, he said that with the two mittee on commerce and tourism. oills on attrition, more ideas have since popped up in ways to tax the garment industry more.

"With our movement, the Senate bill as well as my bill, more suggestions have been offered to reboot the revenues by forcing the garment to contribute more to the government," he said.

Benavente said that with the government's shortfall in resources at this point, some of the legislators have considered increasing the user fee or increasing the application for nonresident workers for the garment sector.

No burden for employees Babauta pointed out that the additional \$100 on workers' fee will be shouldered by the employers, and not the employees.

"The supposed additional \$100

will be imposed to the employer

tory owner will be mandated by

law to cough up additional \$100

of each garment factory, and not to the employees. Let's be clear on this. If this provision passes the legislature, each garment fac-

on that proposal, he said.

### Construction . . . Continued from page 1

soon as possible," he said.

gym's structure.

tionable," said Denight.

"Safety is a priority and we are that," he said.

of our needs here on campus. Not school year," he added.

only for sport activities, but for student assemblies, and school events," he said.

Another "urgent" project, the school's fourteen additional classrooms, is also underway with Fletcher and Pacific Construction Company, Denight noted.

"We are looking at this August as the completion date. They have started on the foundation and now we are just waiting for the prefabricated materials," said

"Also, we hope to get the collateral equipment for the additional classrooms soon," he said.

"We are working to keep the facilities up to par here at MHS. And we are expecting a very busy

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The legislator explained that this increase will not be an additional burden to the workers since under the present laws, it will be illegal for employers to impose deductions to employees.

"Other deductibles currently allowed under the law like the workers' fee is legal. The additional \$100 cannot be imposed by the employer to the employee because that is not in the contract. It is illegal for the employer to go back to the employee to deduct it," he said.

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the league with 48.87 weighted aver-

total of 48.40 weighted average.

For the Mixed Doubles Category, the team of Lydia & Manny conquered the top spot of the team standings with 126 wins in 198 games, collecting a 64 winning percentage. Joel & Mara came as second with

# Pepsi...

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and a stolen base.

This year there was a lot inspired in me," said Pangelinan, who had his first daughter, Kianna, born less than two months ago. "We had a lot of help from our new guys. Without them, we wouldn't be here. They helped us depth-wise. Last year we were not that deep."

Pangelinan was 8-for-10 in the final two games.

The Tritons' Chris Fernandez, who set the championship batting average 2-for-16 (.125) in this year's finals. He was only .222 in the regular sea-

The Giants of the 1990s rival the Continental Golden Jets of the early 1990s. Pepsi has garnered four regular season titles and two championships in the '90s, while the Jets won three straight pennants (1991-93) and two championships this decade as well. In fact, the nucleus of the Jet teams is the core of the Giants, with some additions.

Pepsi won its first championship in 1987 when it defeated the University of Guain Tritons four-games-to-three in one of the best championship series in league history.

core of veta ans hurt through the sea-Kraft was trying to become the first

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through fiscal year 2003. Babauta said he has kept his eye on highway funding throughout his eight years in Washington. In 1992, he convinced the Federal Highway Administration to reformulate the division of funds among the US insular areas of American Samoa, Guam, the

As a result the CNMI share increased 25 percent.

Virgin Islands, and the CNMI.

Over the six years covered by the new Transportation Equity Act, the reformulation Babauta sought will bring the CNMI an extra \$3.64 million — the equivalent of an extra year's funding.

In signing the new law, President Clinton unleashed a torrent of public works money amounting to \$203 billion to pay for everthing from widening highways to flush toilets at rest stops.

ing, supporters lost their fight to include a provision penalizing states that failed to adopt a 0.08 percent blood alcohol standard for drunken driving.

Critics call the legislation pork,

but travelers won't have to look

far to see the results: Over the

next six years, the federal govern-

ment will spend \$167 billion im-

proving, widening and extending

It will spend an additional \$36

Critics say the new law, which

contains 40 percent more spend

ing than the bill it replaces, is a

pork-filled, election-year plum for

While the new law also includes

\$719 million to encourage states

to crack down on drunken driv-

billion improving mass transit

its highway system.

systems across the US.

Congress.

Lawmakers did approve \$7 billion for 1,500 special projects designated by House members and \$2.35 billion for projects recommended by individual senators. (With AP reports)

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8911. One of the suspects is de-

scribed as a local in his twenties,

5'9" with shaved head and weigh-

The other is a local in his early

thirties, 5'9" with black medium

ing about 180 lbs.

length hair.

### Couple . . . Continued from page 1

male victim claiming to have met the suspects once before. The police are asking for help in the

Anyone with information may

For the individual players, Paul

Cielo tops the rank with 46.46

weighted average while Sebastion

Morel car e in second by posting a

#### 122 wins in 198 games posting a 62 winning percent advantage.

Paul & Jean finishes the season and landed on the third spot with 113 wins in 198 games for a total of 57 winning

Larry Santiago of MGD Don't Touch Me came in second posting a

Crown Royals' Frank Santoscame in the third spot with 47.60 weighted

### Joselito Mari came in the third place with 46.42 weighted average.

said Manager John Salas.

lose again

46.42 weighted average.

The next dart season will start tis Augustand SEDA is preparing for an improvement over the previous sea-

team since the 1983-84 University of

Guam Tritons to win back-to-back

titles. But this championship was a

series of misfortune. Kraft lost so

many base runners on basic mistakes,

Plus the Tritons couldn't hold a

lead for long; they were up 3-1 in

Game Laftertwoinnings butthen lost

15-5; they were up 6-2 going into the

sixth inning in Game 3 and eventu-

ally lost 10-9; finally, the Tritons

were up 3-0 and 6-3 Tuesday, only to

"Pepsi just played harder. They got

clutch hits and key plays at the most

opportune times," Salas said, "We

had so many hits that should have

been singles or doubles but turned out

to be outs. Keith (Hattig, Pepsi's vet-

eran infielder) was a big difference.

Whenever Le was in, the ball didn't

"The difference was the defense

that Keith rade at shortstop," added

Kraftassistantcoach Nick Borja. "He

made big plays that, no matter how

hard ground balls were hit to him, he

made them into double plays or an

out. Keith ame out with big plays in

Hattig is the only current Giant

who was a member of Pepsi's 1987

champion sip squad. He said the

Giants wen fortunate to not have its

go through the hole."

key situations."

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Silver . . .

ness Center and Gold's Gymna-

There will be free t-shirts/tank tops for the first 150 finishers. Registration will begin at five in the morning and refreshments will be available during that event.

For further inquiries regarding this annual fun run event, interested parties could reach Wolf Mojica at 234-6615 extension

"It was one of our better years. We didn'thave as many injuries," he said. "A lot of our young players really helped big time. They picked up the slack when we needed them. It's pretty tough when you're up three games for another team to come back."

In Tuesday's Game 5, Triton second baseman Dominic Cruz's costly error in the seventh inning broke a 6-6 tie and gave Pepsi the lead for good. Tony Doyle scored on the error, which started when Jay Flores laid down a sacrifice bunt.

The ball rolled to Cruz, who misfielded it while running in. Hattig then singled to drive in Pangelinan and Flores scored on Wilton Acta s ground out for Pepsi's third run of the

From there, Pepsi pitcher Barry Nauta sent down the Tritons in order in the top of the eighth inning, then got Tony Yatar to hit into a game-ending double play - Pepsi's third of the game — to seal the victory.

Pepsi's regular season mark is 68-16 since 1994, the year of the Giants' transgression into a contender. The next closest team is the Jets at 55-32 in the same span.

The Giants tied the UOG Tritons, Exxon Tigers and Jets with three championshiptitles. The Atkins Kroll Islanders have the most with six, while the Agana Heights/Bud Light Cougars have five.

#### areas of discussion my group had since Cohen failed to answer the decided upon. This include how CNMI panels' first letter dated best we can enforce Federal laws May 27. applicable to us, and social and "I don't know what happened

Sablan said that the CNMI panel

immigration laws, among others.

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resources projections," said Babauta, adding that the committee will have to come up with another proposed amount of in-

The legislator added that it is also possible for the banks and hotels to have additional workers' fee, but nothing yet is final.

"Let us say that those are only ideas because we don't want to penalize the business community," he said, but added that increasing the workers' fee is better than imposing additional taxes on

businesses. "Rather than imposing severe tax increases that will just allow them to close their doors and go somewhere else, we would rather impose \$100 increase in worker's

fee," he said. Meanwhile, Rep. Melvin O. Faisao, also a member of the special committee, said that the House leadership doesn't really want to impose such increase on the gar-

ment industry. "The leadership is not too keen

hopefully we can have it done as

According to Denight, Pacific Northwest was instructed to "sand blast and chip" the rust off the three-year old steel bars for the

"There were concerns on the strength of the steel bars, but I will not allow construction to continue if the steel's integrity is ques-

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# SPORTS WWG

Saipan Major League

# Miller Lite wins over UMDA to stay on top

By Frank M. Palacios

For the Variety

TONY Camacho went three for four and Francis George knocked in two runs and also scored the go ahead run as the league leading Miller Lite Brewers avenged their only loss of the season to the U.M.D.A. Aces.

Chris Nelson was untouchable

in the first four innings shutting down the power hitting brewers on a three hitter with six strike outs as the Aces led 2-0 on James Soback's two-run, two-out single, before the Brewers finally put one on the scoreboard when Frank Pangelinan doubled in Nick Guerrero making it a 2-1 game after five innings of play.

The Aces pulled away in the top of the sixth with four runs on three hits highlighted by Soback's third RBI of the game and two Brewer errors, but the latter countered with four runs of their own led by Frances George's two-run single making it a 6-5 ballgame.

Elmer Sablan, who relieved starters Dominic Chong then shut down the Aces in the last three innings on a two-hitter while the Brewers managed to slip by two runs off Nelson and company for their eight win in nine outings.

The Aces dropped their fourth loss of the season, but remains in second place with a 7-4 mark. Winning Pitcher for Brewers was Elmer Sablan (5-1).

It is only the second setback for Nelson in twenty-four decisions dated back to May 1995.



A highly spirited Raymond Rojas of the Pepsi Giants reacts after his team's recent win over the Kraft Tritons. Pepsi won Tuesday against the Tritons to win the Guam Major League Baseball Championship.

# Pirates, Tigers, Padres win Sunday's LL games

LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM STANDING (As of Sunday June 7, 1998)

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	PCT	GB	TEAM	WIN	LOSS	PCT	GB
S/R D-9'ers San Vicente A's OL'Aces Kautz Glass Tigers Blue Jays C.K. Padres Hustlers	10 10 9 8 7 7	1 2 2 3 4 5	.909 .833 .818 .727 .636 .583 .545	1/2 1 2 3 3 1/2 4	Garapan Pirates Kagman Rockies Tanapag Falcons Little Knights Kagman Lions Cardinals Team Toyota	6 5 4 3 1 1	6 7 7 8 9 10	.500 .417 .364 .273 .250 .091 .083	4 1/2 5 1/2 6 7 7 1/2 9 9 1/2

By Frank D. Palacios

For the Variety

A.J. Guerrero struck-out ten batters and also went two for four as the Garapan Pirates double up team Toyota, 18-9 in the first game of Sunday's Little League action.

The Pirates rallied for seven runs in the top of the second behind four base on balls and never look back the rest of the

Mayron Duenas was three for three and Kevin Ada knocked in three runs for the Pirates. Winning Pitcher: A.J. Guerrero (1-0) Losing Pitcher: Ryan Cabrera (0-1)

In the next game Bobby Coldeen and Joel Crisostomo combined on a two-hitter with thirteen strike-outs to lead the Kautz Glass Tigers to a 17-5 run-over the St. Jude Hustlers, Crisostomo also hit a homerun and knocked in five runs for the Tigers. Winning Pitcher: Joel Crisostomo (2-0) Losing Pitcher: Jason Reves (1-3).

In the other game, Jack Cabrera went three for three with three doubles and three runscored and Edgardo Imperial went two for two to lead the C.K. Padres to a 12-8 victory over the Kagman Lions. The Lions led 8-7 after 4 1/2 innings of play but the Padres rallied for five runs in their half of the fifth to take the lead for good. Winning pitcher was

Jack Cabrera (2-1) while losing pitcher was Jun Indalecio (0-1).

In Saturday's games, Tyron Fitial went three for four with two doubles and four RBIs and also strike out six batters in 3 1/3 innings as the Kagman Rockies defeated the Little Knights 14-5 in the first game.

The Rockies jumped on top 9-0 after two innings and never trailed the rest of the way. Winning pitcher was Jonathan Benavente (1-0) and losing pitcher was McGregory Camacho (0-5).

In the other game, Bill Benavente and Sam Babauta each went four for four with Benavente recording a double and a two-run homer to lead the League leading San Roque D-9'ers to an 18-5 blow-out over the Tanapag Falcons in the second game. Myron San Nicolas was three for four with a double and homer for the falcons. Winning Pitcher: Ricky Jones (2-0) Losing Pitcher: Myron San Nicolas (0-1).

The Dandan Blue Jays took advantaged of twelve San Antonio Cardinals base on balls scoring eleven route to a 17-9 decision in the third game. Ian Babauta Leo the Blue Jay with four runscored and two RBIs. Winning Pitcher: James Kintol (2-0) Losing Pitcher: Carl Martin (0-4).

# Pepsi Giants cap great GML season with finals win over Kraft Tritons

By EDDIE SIGUENZA For the Variety

HAGATNA, Guam—It's ahuge, giant decade for Pepsi in the Guam Major League, and no one can dispute that especially after Tuesday's title-clinching effort.

The Pepsi Giants, who entered the GML in 1986, capped an incredible season by winning the 1998 championship following a 10-6 victory over the Kraft Tritons Tuesday. Pepsi clinched the Bestof-7 series 4-1 and stopped Kraft from winning its second straight championship.

These two teams have decided the last three champions, with Pepsi winning it all in 1996 and Kraft last year. Aside from Kraft's 9-2 victory over the Giants on Sunday, Pepsi had the upper hand in every offensive and defensive category.

"The third game was the turning point of this series," Pepsi Manager Ray Aguon said of his team's 10-9 victory last Friday. "Isay that because they were up on us and we came back. Then we just held on to our lead in the last inning. A lot of breaks went our way. It's hard for a lot of teams to come back after getting into a 3-0

The Giants combined seasoned veterans with freshrookies and good hitting with surprising pitching. Pepsi's offensive onslaught, one that produced 44 runs in the five games, was led by outfielder Benjie Pangelinan, who was named Championship Series' Most Valuable Player.

The 26-year-old Pangelinan seta new championship batting average mark by hitting .667 (14-for-21), which included six RBI, six runs scored, two doubles, a home run

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### Silver Streak this June 20

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

The 5th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run kicks off next Saturday, June 20, 1998.

Dubbed as 'The Silver Streak, this special event was organized by DFS Saipan Limited.

The race will start at DFS Saipan Galleria in Garapan at six in the morning.

Aside from promoting physical strength and endurance, this annual event was organized as a fitting remembrance of DFS to their the late former president, Tom Picarro.

Registration forms are available at DFS Saipan Galleria, The

ADA Gymnasium, Saipnan Fit-Continued on page 23

Lite Beer leads SEDA Masters

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

LITE Beer has maintained its leadership status at SEDA's Master's Division topping the overall team standings on their bracket this season. The beermen posted a 153 wins in 270 games gathering a 57 winning percentage at the end of the season.

Pacific Amusement Playboys came in as second place in the standings collecting 143 games in 270 games, posting an average of 53 winning

Oleai Beach Restaurant is on the third spot with 122 wins in 270 games. On the individual Master Player Standings, Bong Mendoza of Pacific Amusement Playboys leads the pack with 58.60 weighted average.

Oliver Arguelles of Norpac Dart Busters came in second to Mendoza with 56.49 weighted average. While Ding Foragay of Lite Beer Ano Pa came in to conquer the third spot with 53.90 weighted average.

In the A Division, Norpac Dar Busters-A is on the lead once again in the overall team standings with 146 wins in 240 games, posting a 61 winning

Lens Strikers and Revolution X is tied on the second place with 143 wins in 240 games, collecting a total of 60 winning percentage.

Crown Royals came in on the third spot with 135 wins in 240 games posting a 56 winning percentage. On the individual player standings, Renato Reyes of Revolution X tops

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