Hotel industry hurts

By Jojo Dass

WITH shortened work hours apparently not paying off, the hotel industry is now looking at further cutting its 2,000-man workforce to survive the economic crisis plaguing the Commonwealth, according to Ronald Sablan, president of the 21-member Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI).

"There will be more possible retrenchment if the economy continues as it is right now," said Sablan in an interview. Retrenchment has become an option after measures implemented by HANMI members failed to yield results, Sablan explained. These include shutting down certain portions of the establishments that have remained vacant due to the consistent trend in the decline of tourist arrival rates over the past several months. Also among cost-cutting measures being observed include a reduction in the employees' workshifts and cheaper room charges.

Retrenchment, he clarified, won't however be as drastic as laying off a big number of employees. "It won't have a major impact," Sablan assured.

So far, Sablan said smaller hotels have resorted to terminating employment of a number of their workers to save on operational cost and remain afloat. He assured that HANMI will also have to re-evaluate its cost of investment "and see where we can cut."

Teno signs $249M budget into law

By Haidee V. Eugenio

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday signed the Fiscal Year 1999 Appropriations Act, with the section on establishing a separate fiscal year for the Public School System stricken out in its entirety.

Tenorio's approval reportedly marks the first time since the inception of the Commonwealth government, that a unified budget package was signed into law before the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The Act, which is now known as Public Law 11-41, appropriates a total of $249,268 million for government's spending for the new fiscal year which begins Oct. 1. Section 601, which intends to establish a new budget year for PSS to run from July 1 through June 30 of each year and have the Board of Education submit a budget by July 15, was deleted.

Tenorio said the section was deleted "to align the beginning of the fiscal year with the school year so that both the Commonwealth government and the Public School System can have a unified budget and fiscal year from July 1 through June 30 of each year."

Underwood lobbies Clinton on CNMI delegate issue

By Tanya M.O. Mendiola

HAGATNA -- Guam Congressman Robert A. Underwood has asked US President Clinton's support for the bill that seeks to give the CNMI representation in US Congress.

In a letter dated Sept. 15, Underwood said it is incumbent upon the CNMI to be given a voice in Congress, if being part of the US political family.

Underwood weeks ago reintroduced the legislation in Congress. Underwood continued on page 26.

21 youth senators known

By Haidee V. Eugenio

RARELY a day after the Youth Congress elections, unofficial results have already identified the 21 candidates who garnered the greatest number of votes on their precincts or schools.

Some of the winners, however, made it to the top only because they were the only candidate in their school or precinct. There were 30 candidates who vied for youth senatorship.

Rep. Ana S. Teregeyo, author of the amended bill creating the Youth Congress, however, said the election results still have to be certified until Thursday.

These are unofficial results of the 1st CNMI Youth Congress.

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OPA junk CUC's appeal on power plant contract

By Jojo Dass

"CUC's arguments in its reconsideration request," ruled LaMotte, "provide no basis for us to alter our earlier appeal decision because those arguments have not persuaded us that the appeal decision contained errors of fact or law."

"Those arguments," maintained LaMotte, "have presented information which was inconsistent, irrelevant, incorrect, or lacking in merit, and therefore do not warrant reversal or modification of our decision."

"CUC's request for reconsideration is denied in its entirety," Lomita's decision, according to lawyer Robert J. O'Connor, requires CUC to hold off on its contract with the Marabeni-Sihe on the power plant project.

"If the public auditor says so, we will abide," O'Connor said.

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US seen relaxing on climate change stand

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The European Union (EU) is set to relax its rules on trading carbon permits as a step toward easing trade restrictions and encouraging the development of a global carbon market, according to a senior EU official.

The rules are thought to be too rigid, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official said the EU was ready to lift restrictions on the use of carbon permits as a step toward easing trade restrictions and encouraging the development of a global carbon market.

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Lizama rules against dismissing DPW suit

By Zelly Davidson

SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge B. F. Lizama ruled on Wednesday to deny a petition for a temporary restraining order filed by Guam Power Authority as the agency seeks to dismiss a wrongful termination suit filed by Donald T. DL Guerrero.

Guerrero applied for the DPW’s legal counsel, Variety News Staff reporter Dandan Lizama, former sports director and news anchor, has joined ABC in Washington D.C. at station WMAL as assistant producer.

The incident happened late on the evening of April 19, 1997 since Musgrove was driving his car in Central Guam.

At 2:00 a.m. on March 16, 1997, Musgrove was hitting a speed bump and his vehicle went off the road and went onto the driver’s side of the road.

In addition, he has agreed to a plea bargain in court. The police sergeant has agreed to dismiss charges and enable the Koblerville resident to avoid a two to three year sentence.

But this charge was dismissed under request of the Guam’s Criminal Justice Office.

Guerrero denied the position would have to be extended to five years.

Meanwhile, AGO charged Igisomar with obstruction of justice will be tried in the Superior Court.

A change of plea hearing was set for Sept. 20.

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Six drug pushers were arrested by AGO in the Superior Court.

And should therefore be liable for the damages caused to Bell’s property. The victim’s car was damaged and he only estimated the damage to Bell’s property at $3,396.

The victim identified the suspect as Sephi A. Tuotte, 42, with whom he had a previous relationship.

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Instead of being arrested, Musgrove was hit by a rock that was thrown by a man who wrestled with a police officer.

Two men were arrested.

The incident took place in the vicinity of Tamuning, Guam, near control of his vehicle, which then lost control and ran onto Bell’s property, where it knocked down two trees.

The damage to the car amounts to $3,396 plus 30 percent interest.

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The COMMONWALTH Council for Arts and Culture is accepting entries for the 1998 Governor’s Arts Awards. This is an opportunity for residents in the Commonwealth to recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts. Nomination forms are available at the Arts Council Office Capitol Hill between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 1998. For more information please contact Chairwoman at 432-6982 or ext. 8135.

Guam breaks ground for new senior citizens center today

A second new senior citizens center is taking shape in Taguå. The first groundbreaking ceremony for a center was held in the village of Yigo earlier this past week.

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Inos said that schools are continuing to absorb the local language established from the constitutional policies and legislative authorities that looked to the indigenous language as critical components of the subject area.

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Calvary Christian Academy opens

By Laura C. Alonso

Calvary Christian Academy, formerly known as Golden Island Christian Academy, held its grand opening ceremony on Saturday, August 31.

“We are planning to add more classroom spaces in the future,” said Principal Leah Goodspeed. “We have new teachers and are excited to start the school year! Our students are ready to learn and grow.”

The new school building has 34 classrooms and 15,600 square feet.

The community is invited to visit the school and tour the facilities during the school year.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting

This is to inform all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, Saipan Post 3457, that Oleai Beach at 1830 hours, on Friday, September 4, 2008, will be the site of a special meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the upcoming homecoming in October.

For more information, please contact Tony Cabrera, Post Commander, at 322-0417, Joseph Dela Pena at 6900, or Andy Rivas, 335-716.

Guam Committee action

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The Committee will begin work on the report of the Special Committee on Decolonization on their second day of work.

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Uncommittee on the question of decolonization of selected territories.

Regents vote on WERI name change

The Board of Regents changed the name of the Water and Energy Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) to the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific. The new name reflects the institute’s focus on water and energy issues.

The Board voted on the name change at their last meeting on Sept. 17, 1998.

MCOG meeting

The Micronesia Council of Government (MCOG) is holding a special monthly meeting today at 10:15 a.m. at the MCOG conference room.

At the meeting, the council will address the issue of water quality in the islands.

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By Kin-chan

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Ransom sought for kidnapped Chinese

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines—A Philippine tycoon held 3 Chinese as ransom. The man, who owns a cement company, said he was kidnapped by an armed gang and that his hijackers demanded at least P400 million (US$8 million) for his release.

Elsewhere in the Pacific

Skate addresses UN, boasts PNG to mirror its principle

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Weakened by multiple natural disasters, PNG showed up at the United Nations to tell the story of its survival. Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare said PNG's tireless efforts have helped the country to overcome its challenges.

Solomons welcomes new ambassador from China

BONORA (Papua)—The new ambassador of the Republic of China to Solomon Islands, Ping Ting was sworn in yesterday. The new ambassador is expected to bring new life to bilateral relations between the two countries.

Employment statistics on the rise in Tonga

NIUKALOA (Papua)—Tonga's Ministry of Labor has recorded an increase in the total employment last year, compared with 199,000 in the previous year. The increase is due to the increasing number of businesses established in the country.

Solomons has 3 new ministers

BONORA (Papua)—Solomon Islands will have three new cabinet ministers. Prime Minister, Beniamino Taniela has confirmed this, without disclosing the names of the expected new cabinet ministers.

Rabuka shrugs off criticisms

SANT ANDREWS (Papua)—Former Prime Minister Sir Michael Rabuka has dismissed criticisms by the Opposition, which he said were misinformed and against the interest of the country.

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The government’s Attorney General indicated Monday evening that he was preparing to hold a confidence vote to be taken this week in the Marshall Islands enclave in the CNMI. The government’s Attorney General, Zackios, indicated that a motion to attend this week’s session expired last Friday, but Speaker Note said the deadline for holding the vote has not passed into history without quorum. A tension called for by the President was at the United Nations to give the government latitude to run the government for up to one quarter on the Nitijela's request. The government's Attorney General, President Kabua on Friday asked the Court to rule on the secret ballot roll call, arguing that a 10-day deadline for holding the vote has expired and that the motion is not effective until the next session begins. The motion is also expected to be taken to the Court on the matter as part of the next session.

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The material also included copies of President Clinton’s exasperation with tape, which shows Clinton turned down a Pleasure Island in the early days of the Lewinsky matter, with his lawyer citing reasons as diverse as foreign policy, his desire to run the government for up to one quarter on the Nitijela's request. The government's Attorney General, President Kabua on Friday asked the Court to rule on the secret ballot roll call, arguing that a 10-day deadline for holding the vote has expired and that the motion is not effective until the next session begins. The motion is also expected to be taken to the Court on the matter as part of the next session.

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Tape elicits laughs, anger

By Michael Conlon

CHICAGO (Reuters) - President Bill Clinton assured a grand jury in a videotaped session that he had not had oral sex with a White House intern and was "very confident" about his denial of an affair when he had said in August that he did not "have sexual relations with that woman," a federal official said.

"The president's last round of questioning was his first opportunity to sit down and tell the story he wants to tell. He's not going to start feeling bad or looking back," the official said.

"I think he's very, very confident about his denial of an affair on that day in August." Clinton was deposed last Monday as the grand jury investigation into a sex scandal in which he is at the center of is ongoing.

"He's very confident about it," the official said.

"He has put his foot in his mouth, after the tapes are all over, What he says heMemorial Hospital Authority

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A new generation of East Asian financial powers is emerging, with the ASEAN economic communities of Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia. These countries have witnessed rapid economic growth and industrialization, driven by exports and foreign investment. The regional integration and economic grouping that constitutes ASEAN has led to increased trade, investment, and cooperation among member states. The ASEAN free trade area (AFTA) came into effect in 1992, creating a single market for goods and services among the member states. The new century has brought new challenges and opportunities for ASEAN, including the need to address economic imbalances, strengthen institutional coherence, and enhance regional security cooperation.
To help combat famine
US to send wheat to N. Korea

The United States is expected to announce plans to send wheat to North Korea as early as next week, a move that would be part of a broader effort to help the country combat famine.

According to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United States is considering sending 2.5 million metric tons of wheat to North Korea as part of an initiative announced on April 17 by President Bill Clinton.

The White House has been negotiating with North Korea for several months to try to reach a deal on the wheat shipment. The negotiations have been complicated by North Korea’s historic animosity toward the United States and its frequent denials of famine conditions within the country.

The move comes after North Korea requested assistance from the United Nations to combat famine, which has been exacerbated by recent floods and droughts. The United Nations has estimated that up to 10 million people in North Korea are facing food shortages.

North Korea has been isolated by international sanctions due to its nuclear program, which has made it difficult for the country to access humanitarian aid. The United States has previously been reluctant to provide aid to North Korea, but the new move could be seen as a signal of increased engagement with the country.

The new contribution, if approved, would be delivered through the WFP and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which would be responsible for the delivery of the wheat.

The United States has a long history of providing humanitarian aid to countries in need, and the wheat shipment would be just one of many efforts to help North Korea combat famine. The United States has already provided food aid to the country in the past, and it is hoped that the new move will help to alleviate the suffering of millions of people in North Korea.
**Australian elections a tight race**

SYDNEY (Reuters) - The October election could be a closer contest within New Zealand's complex system of government if the opposition Labour party
wants to win its first overall victory since 1990

The Australian newspaper's editorial writer, Doherty, said that the opposition Labour party was
likely to win in the key eastern states of New South Wales and Victoria, but it was far from certain in
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that it was unlikely to come about.

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Akebono ...

Borah Christianson (left) and Chad Rowan hold up the belt of their title fight. Borah Christianson, the defending champion, lost his belt in the 26-member room for his third fight. Rowan, who will rule on the violation of law or public interest, is the No. 7-ranked Hoshitango. Hoshiandesu, or Argentine Jose Underwood. Underwood, 902 Consultations, Ed Cohen.

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Back to both the "Northern Circuit," the Senate went back to hearings on the Senate's special committee. The Senate committee was formed by the Senate leadership to review the current situation of U.S. citizens of the CNMI Constitution.

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NBA talks stall again

By Chris Sheridan

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners and players discussed getting together for another bargaining session, but the idea was dismissed when the sides couldn’t agree on the ground rules.

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik and players union president Billy Hunter both acknowledged Monday that talks aimed at ending the lockout could have resumed almost a week and a half ago, though they differed on why such a meeting never took place.

Only one formal bargaining session has been held this summer, and the league is expected to begin canceling exhibition games later this week.

“We invited players to come back to the table, and they declined,” Granik said. “They said as long as we would be talking about a hard cap or some system that set a defined percentage of revenues to go toward player salaries, they didn’t see any point of meeting.”

Hunter said he proposed a small meeting, with four representatives from each side. But when commissioner David Stern asked that the meeting be held when the eight members of the owners labor committee were in town, Hunter declined.

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San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Orel Herhiser is shaken up after being hit by a pitch from Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Jose Silva in the ninth inning at ICOM Park, September 21. Herhiser scored in the inning on a double by Bill Mueller.

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By Tony CelleS

SAIPAN Little League baseball reorganizes

THE Saipan Little League Baseball Organization, headed by District Administrator James Ado, has reorganized and elected its Officers and Board of Directors for the 1999 season, league officials announced.

Joe Borja was elected the League’s new President.

Borja’s recent travel to Williamsport, Pennsylvania provided basis for the reorganization, the organization said in a news release.

“Under the old system each division [Little, Senior and Big league] had their own individual president,” said Borja.

In contrast, the new organization maintains only one president, with a Commissioner heading up each division.

Little League, Senior League and Big League will be overseen by Commissioners Julie Cristostomo, Mike Evangelista and Manny Tenorio, respectively.

“I believe the new system will provide a positive effect for the youngsters, it will do away with confusion and redundancy of the past organization,” added Borja.

“Our aim is to start the ’99 season early, in January. We want more time to prepare our players for the All-Star competition.”

Other officers are Assistant District Administrators Tony Rogolofoi for Operations, Frank Palacios Jr. for Records, Mike Borja for Media & Activities and Kirk Virgith for Facilities & equipment.

Mike Miyata remains as Um

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Diaz brothers key FAS win over STS in ICBL

By Tony CelleS

The Diaz brothers, Tony and Ed, joined hands to lead their team, FAS, in a 120-90 lead over STS during an intercommercial basketball league event, Sunday.

The brothers are regarded islandwide as possibly two of the top notch basketball players on the island.

And on the second game, Sunday, they didn’t let the fans down as their combined score brought 40 to FAS’ 63 points by halftime.

Teammates Jess Dela Cruz and Peter Sablan added 14 points apiece for security.

STS was led by F. Dela Cruz and E. Mercado, with 23 points each. B. De Leon had 12 points.

The Diaz brothers led all scorers with 38, followed by Ed with 33. Dela Cruz and Sablan each scored 14 points on their way to an easy victory.

In an earlier game also on Sunday, between RB/ASCEP and Securewest Int’l/ Lens Bar&Grill, teammates Marc Libinabo and Roger Valencia, of Securewest tried to carry the team to victory.

Without much help from the other team members the two

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Sports notes

Softball co-ed League meet

THE SAIPAN SOFTBALL CO-ED LEAGUE would like to remind players and coaches of the mandatory meeting scheduled for this coming Friday Sept. 25. The meeting will begin at 5:30 PM in the conference room, Ada Gym.

For more information please call Joe Torres at telephone number 235-1662 or fax 234-9305. You may also call Carol Ngiraidis at 325-6427.

RGA qualifier

THE REFALUWASCH GOLF ASSOCIATION will hold its Monthly Ace Qualifier for Oct.

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