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Due to modernization at CHC, says Villagomez

# DPH referring fewer patients

By Haidee V. Eugenio

Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Health has witnessed a decrease in the number of patients referred to off-island medical institutions due to modernization efforts at the Commonwealth Health Cen-

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said the more medical equipment and specialists the hospital has, the greater number of services are given to patients locally and the less need to refer them to off-island hospitals.

Villagomez cited as an example the coming in of a urologist who can attend to 20 to 30 patients. Instead of sending them to Hawaii, Guam or the Philippines,



Joseph Kevin Villagomez

they can now be treated at CHC.

"With specialists here and more medical machines, patients don't need to be sent off-island. That will save us . . . the transportation of both the patient and the escort,

their hotel accommodation, their food," said Villagomez.

He added the hospital is beginning to send fewer patients off-

Every month, there are around 10 to 15 patients who are referred to Honolulu, Hawaii. In Guam, there are five to 10 patients being sent every month, mostly to undergo a magnetic resonance imaging test. The MRI is used as a more developed process than the CT scan used by CHC to detect a lot of medical problems like brain

"Studies even show that patients heal faster when they're being treated in their home environment," Villagomez said.

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# Gutierrez-Bordallo discloses platform



Carl T.C. Gutierrez

By Jojo Santo Tomas Variety News Staff

**HAGATNA** — Public-private partnerships, captive insurance plans and ideas incorporated from the HITA (of Angel Santos) and Tom & Lou (Tom Ada and Lou Leon Guerrero) campaigns make up the Democratic party platform, which was unveiled here yesterday.

In keeping with its strategy of a written plan of action, the Gutierrez-Bordallo campaign did not attach a catchy title to their plans this time. "The Way Forward," and the "Vision 2001" plans have been the outline of the executive branch for the last four years.

"We were able to complete 85 percent of what we wanted to do in 'The Way Forward," said Gov. Carl T.C. Gutierrez, "This is now a very pivotal point, especially with the looming Asian economic crisis."

The plan's main goal is economic stability, driven by island improvements in four main categories: Public safety, infrastructure, health care and education.

From the Tom & Lou campaign, the platform has included expansion of the "New Beginnings" program to offer 24-hour

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#### CNMI's user fee collections up \$4.5M in first 7 months

By Haidee V. Eugenio

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THE CNMI government realized an increase of \$4,460,000 in user fee collections for the first seven months of this year compared to the same period in 1997, the worsening economic conditions notwith-

User fee is paid on locally-manufactured and finished garment products to be shipped out of Commonwealth, which is home to 33 garment companies.

The close to \$4.5 million increase in user fee collection is expected to somehow help refill the government's emptied coffers.

Mike Sablan, special finance adviser of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, yesterday said the increase is fueled by the all-time revenue hike in the sector and the Department of Finance's efficiency in collection.

In July alone, the total user fee collection climbed to \$3.6 million. This was up by \$330,000 from July 1997's \$3.27 million user fee

The government's targeted user fee collection for fiscal year 1998 is \$30.6 million. Sablan added that the government is projecting a \$38 million user fee collection for fiscal year 1999 which has just began.

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San Vicente Elementary School instructor Jonas Barcinas (left) teaches students the basic steps of a traditional Chamorro dance during dance class yesterday at SVES stage.

### **DOLI's Zachares: No conspiracy**

By Haidee V. Eugenio

Variety News Staff DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares yesterday dismissed speculations that the investigation of two assistant attorney generals are part of a grand scheme to have certain preferred government officials take over their posts.

"It's ridiculous. There's absolutely no political motivation," he told reporters after 

meeting with the governor.

Sources earlier alleged Zachares is being eyed for the post held by acting Attorney General Maya B. Kara once the latter's confirmation is not acted upon by the Senate.

This, the sources added, is part of the grand event that led to the demotion of former Criminal Division Chief Ross Buchholz and the resignation of Police Legal Counsel William O' Roarty ef-

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Mark Zachares

# Rota fiesta this weekend

By Louie C. Alonso Variety News Staff

ROTA becomes host to a huge island gathering in celebration of the annual feast of San Francisco

De Borja this weekend. According to the Office of Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona, the festivities will start with the culminating event for this year's San Francisco De Boria

fundraiser, dubbed as the Queen's Coronation which will take place at the Rota Roundhouse at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

After the coronation, the tradi-

tional novena and procession will follow. Organizers are expecting a large number of participants in the solemn procession.

Also on Saturday, the biggest musical band competition called "Battle of the Bands" will start at 6 p.m.

Battle of the Bands organizer Richard Manglona said bands from Guam, Saipan and Rota will be competing for the event.

Participating groups include Guam's Heritage Band, Locally Owned, Island Remedy, MC Bar-

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# Japan apologizes

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi on Thursday issued his country's strongest apology to date to the South Korean people for 35 years of brutal

A joint declaration made by

kyo, said Obuchi "expressed deep remorse and extended a heartfelt apology to the people of South Korea, having humbly accepted the historical fact that Japan inflicted heavy damage and pain on the people of

issued to an individual country by Japan for its actions before and during

Kim accepted the apology and Japan's recognition of the past, and acknowledged that it went deeper

> The subject of Kim's 1973 kidwhat were believed to be operaives for the Korean Central Intelli-

> punishment for the kidnappers.

"This was a human rights viola-



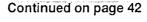
Up to now, the most thorough apology was a verbal statement

issued to the people of Asia by then-Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama in August 1995. No specific countries were mentioned.

"The apology in the declaration different from previous statements by the Japanese government n terms of form and gravity," the South Korean leader said at a news conference after the meeting.

napping from a Tokyo hotel room and attempted assassination, by gence Agency, was also broached at the joint news conference.

Kim in 1980 said he would not hold the governments of South Korea and Japan responsible for the incident, nor would be seek any



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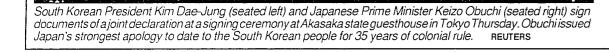
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By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of a historic vote in the House, moderate Democrats prodded the White House to quit opposing the open-ended impeachment inquiry sought by Republicans.

President Bill Clinton and his wife both spurned the pleas, officials said Wednesday.

Clinton's response came in a conversation with Rep. Vic Fazio of California, the third-ranking Democrat in the House, according to congressional sources who spoke on condition of an onymity. First Lady Hillary Clinton made clear her opposition at a separate meeting with freshmen House Democrats, several sources

Separately, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starrsaidhe could not "foreclose the possibility" of submitting to Congress evidence of impeachable offenses beyond material already provided about Clinton's affair Monica Lewinsky and attempts to cover it up.

"I can confirm at this time that matters continue to be under active investigation and review," he wrote leaders of the House Judiciary Committee, who had written him about the status of his probe.

The White House continued to attack Republicans over the inquiry, although Clinton said merely that lawmakers should cast a "a vote of principle and conscience" when the roll is called Thursday on the Republican-drafted measure. Hedenied pressuring rank-and-file Democrats to oppose the plan.

The disclosure that some Democratic House members were seeking an about-face in the White House strategy was fresh evidence of the turmoil as party leader Richard Gephardt struggled to fashion a unifiedposition on a momentous vote set for less than a month before midterm

Passage of the measure is a virtual certainty. Approval would increase the peril confronting Clinton, only the third American president - after Continued on page 42

### Firefighters make gains against fires in South Calif.

BANNING, California (AP) — Firefighters made big gains Wednesdayagainsttwoblazesthathaveblackened swaths of Southern California

"It's been pretty good today," said Iral Evans, California Department of Forestry spokesman in Riverside County. "It's been warm, and humidity low, but the winds died down."

The two blazes in the brushy inland region between Los Angeles and Palm Springs erupted Monday and were rapidly spread by strong Santa Ana winds.

The 24,625-acre Mount Edna fire was 75 percent contained, Evans said. The fire could be contained by Friday moming and fully under control by Saturday morning.

The neighboring Taylor fire, covering 2,160 acres, was 90 percent contained. Full containment was predicted for Thursday morning, and full control by Thursday evening.

# Cepeda urges override Of vetoed bill seeking to clarify legislature's powers

Variety News Staff

EIGHT days before the end of the 60-day provision to override a governor's veto, Rep. Frank G. Cepeda yesterday urged his fellow members of the House of Representatives to act on the legislative power bill on or before Oct. 16.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio vetoed S.B. 11-11 on Aug. 18.

The Senate had already overridden the governor's veto so it is now up to the House to act. Cepeda said the House should bear in mind that there is only a 60-day period in which any override must be completed.

He pointed out that since Oct.. 17 - the last day - falls on a Saturday, the final date will be moved to Oct. 16.

"In view of the significance of the override . . . I would recommend any override take place on the 16th or before to be absolutely sure," he said.

By Ferdie de la Torre

BANK of Saipan filed the lawsuit

againstits former counsel, Carlsmith

law firm, and other businessmen in

order to deflect criticism over the

\$282 million DHL International

settlement, according to former

business associates of Larry

Peter Donnici, Kerwin Donnici

and Patrick Lupo said BoS, as ex-

ecutor of Hillblom's multimillion

estate, agreed to file such lawsuit

because they were under pressure

The Donnicis and Lupo, through

counsel Lecia M. Eason, said in

order to obtain the DHLI settle-

ment, BoS had represented to the

from the heir claimants.

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The governor vetoed the bill, "The mandate to the attorney saying that it attempts or restricts general is already existing under

the present law and the governor does not have a problem with the legislature clarifying and reaffirming its powers," Cepeda said in his letter to House Speaker Diego T.

Benavente Cepeda, chair of the House committee on judiciary and governmental operations, said section 3 of the bill, which is a new section, merely requires action that is indeed contemplated by the Constitution in establishing the Attorney General's Office.

It requires the office to perform its obligations in a timely fashion and that it provides a periodic report to the concerned parties such as the House officer who certified the contempt charge.

"Such a requirement does not interfere with any prosecutorial discretion. Indeed, it requires an essential Constitutional office to be responsive to the citizens of the CNMI," said Cepeda.

The legislator said the House

In return, BOS sold the stock to

DHLI, released the company of all

claims that gave rise to the arbitra-

tion, said Eason in a notice filed

Wednesday requesting the USDis-

ing in the Superior Court to the

Eason pointed out that the settle-

ment released DHLI's directors

from all actual and potential claims

arising out of or relating to their

Eason said BoS had read in press

reports that DHLI in July 1998 had

supposedly agreed to reissue the

stock it had bought from the estate

for \$282 million for over \$400

BoS and its counsel knew that at

Cruz, chairman of the legislative

committeeon health and human ser-

vices, announced that because the

actuarial figures he expected had not

been compiled, he is postponing

furtherhearings on the bill indefinitely.

Cruz has invited the Chamber

toparticipate in working group dis-

cussions to facilitate health care reform

that would achieve the purpose of Bill

598 with minimal cost toboth the

In other Chamber news, the

Chamber's pre-General Election

WorkplaceVoter Registration Pro-

Members are encouraged to sign

up for the program to provide an

opportunity foreligible employees to

register at company premises to vote

Furthermore, the Chamber's board

of directors has approved the following

gram will continue until Oct. 13.

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needs to override the governor's veto of the bill in order for the legislature to have the proper mechanism in place to perform its

obligations to the people properly. "We can all recall several instances of wrongdoing being reported to the AG office with either no action or very slow action," he

Cepeda also pointed out that the bill provides for a sure and efficient prosecution of a certified contempt harge of the legislature.

"It does so without interfering with the discretion of the AGO. therefore urge my colleagues to override the governor's veto of SB 11-11," he said.

The legislator cited as example of such non-interfence is the fact that the attorney general, once a contempt prosecution under this bill proceeds, is no way restricted nor prohibited from dismissing the charge if he deems it lacks merits.

### Guam's water supply is not yet back to normal

HAGATNA — Although rainfall levels have increased, the University of Guam's Water and Environmental Research Institute (WERI) said it is still too soon to abandon water conservation measures and proclaim Guamout of the woods as far as water supply is concerned.

According to WERI's latest Guam Hydrologic Survey Current Conditions and Statistical Summary, Guam still has a lot of catching up to do before water levels can be certified as back to normal.

"Past experience has shown that it is after 'El Nino' years that Guam and the rest of Micronesia have typically experienced some of their driest weather, along with a reduction in the number of typhoons. The next dry season could be just as dry as the last one. And demand for water on Guam continuestorise,"WERIpointedout.

Starting in June, WERI monitored an increase in rainfall on Guam. As a result, the island became greener and the wild fires died down. During the Labor Day weekend, WERI noted that several extended rainfalls brought the monthly total rainfall up to about the average for the first time this year. The level of Fena Lake rose from about 21 feet below the spillway to about 11 feet below the spillway. filling the reservoir from about 50 percent to about 70 percent of capac-

September was rainy compared with the extremely dry months that preceded it this year. But WERI said the total rainfall for the month will likely be only barely higher than average. August, normally the rainiest month next to September, was especially dry, with only a bit more than four inches or about 30 percent of Continued on page 45

#### 4 students nabbed for pot

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff

POLICE have arrested four high school students, in two separate incidents, for marijuana possession, according to the Department of Public

DPS spokesperson Rose T. Ada said the three female Hopwood Junior High School students—one is a 13-year old, the other two are 12were caught by a school staff member smoking marijuana in the toilet.

Responding police officers arrested the three and brought them to the

juvenile office, Ada said.

A few minutes later, she added police received a call from Marianas High School (MHS), reporting a 14year old student who was seen throwing marijuana leaves into the trash

"The teacher saw the boy throwing a ball of paper into the can, but leafy bits also fell out onto the floor and the teacherpicked them up, including the paper from the can," Ada said.

\*The teacher believed that it was marijuana and so called the police,

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#### CUC discloses more info on power plant bidding By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH

Utilities Corp. (CUC) has released additional evaluation documents on its \$120-million power plant project to at least wo bidders who have requested it under the Open Government Act, CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez said.

In a statement, Villagomez said the documents include price calculations by the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) for all 13 companies vying for the 80megawatt project, and an independent engineering analysis of the originally-chosen two



Villagomez, citing OPA's calculations, said Marubeni-Sithe's

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#### Probate Court that the \$282 million million to the estate. Continued on page 45 Health care reform bill seen to cost Guam's taxpayers \$76.6M per year

Frank G. Cepeda

the prosecutorial discretion vested

in the attorney general pursuant to

what he claims is a constitutional

Cepeda said while the governor's

concern is genuine, the bill does

not remove or restrict the discre-

tion the Constitution gives to the

Ex-Hillblom associates question Bank

of Saipan's motives in suing Carlsmith

price and "the releases" were reason-

BoS filed a lawsuit last month be-

fore the Superior Court against the

Donnicis, Lupo, Donnici, Kerwin and

Donnici law firm, Carlsmith, and 50

John Does for alleged fraud, inten-

tional misrepresentation, and suppres-

sion of facts and negligent misrepre-

BoS also brought a separate civil

action against Carlsmith and one of

its attorneys, David R. Nevitt, for

alleged "egregious misconduct" and

"malpractice" in representing the es-

Eason said as part of the settlement

agreement entered by BoS and the

estate's special administrator with

DHLI in July 1997, DHLI paid \$282

able and should be approved.

attorney general.

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HAGATNA - The proposed Guam Health Care Reform Act of 1998 (Bill 598) is estimated to cost Guam taxpayers \$76.6 million, according to the GuamChamber of Commerce.

> As such, the Chamber wants Bill 598 to be placed in the inactive fileof the 24th Guam Legislature with a new and separate piece of healthcare legislation developed.

According to the Chamber, a private actuarial study performed toestimate the additional cost of implementing Bill 598 concluded that private business group health plan premiums would increase by an average of 44 percent once the proposed new benefits become effec-

This estimate was based upon the medical care utilization of fourmajor health insurers on Guam.

In cases where certain benefits havenever been offered on Guam, the study used U.S. mainland utilizationpatterns.

"The current and anticipated utilization has been projected on the membership and annual premiums of the major health plans operatingon Guam," the Chamber said.

The results of the study show that the combined total cost of theprivate business mandated benefits to Guam consumers is estimated to be\$25.6 million while the estimated additional cost for the GovGuam GroupHealth Plan, Medicaid and MIP programs amounts to \$51 million.

Thus, the combined total cost of Bill 598 mandated benefits to Guam taxpayers is estimated to be \$76.6

The Chamber said it would continue to monitor any progress on thehealth care reform bill and will keep its members informed.

A public hearing on Bill 598 was scheduled last September 14, 1998 butwas postponed. Sen. Eduardo

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Timothy P. Villagomez finalists-Enron and Marubeni-



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# **EDITORIAL**

#### Elected AG, why not

WITH the controversies facing the CNMI Attorney General's Office, it may just be a worthwhile idea to look into the possibility of having an elected AG, just like what Guam may soon see via federal legislation currently being discussed in US Congress.

Under H.R. 2370, the Organic Act of Guam will be amended to give the voters of Guam the chance to vote for an AG of their choice starting in the year 2002.

Passed by the US House earlier this week, the legislation will go to the US Senate and subsequently for the President to decide on. What this breakthrough measure will attempt to do, is to bring empowerment back to the people, so they can choose their AG instead of the governor choosing one for them.

That way, the office will be depoliticized a bit, and maintain a certain degree of independence from the executive powers.

Sure, shielding the AGO from politics is like dipping a finger in a glass of water and expecting it doesn't get wet.

By the very nature of its task and stature, any person holding this office in a way becomes a politician somewhere down the line. But at least an elected AG gets to play the politics of the people more rather than the politics of a governor.

As proponent of the Organic Act amendment, Guam Sen. Ben Pangelinan, had said, "This will ensure the politics involved with criminal cases will be the politics people want and not the politics of the appointing authority.

With the way the CNMI government is having problems with this important office, it seems an elected AG might be the way to go.

It will ensure the CNMI gets someone independent and strong enough to dispose of the duties given the office under the Consti-

Right now, there is uncertainty over Gov. Pete P. Tenorio's choice for AG—Maya Kara—especially after allegations of conflict of interest have surfaced and derailed her chances at Senate

And the governor for some reason does not have too many options if the Senate plays hard ball. Though there are a number of other legal luminaries, local or otherwise, whom Gov. Teno may see as possible "AG material," there may be impediments to finding the right one.

There may be good ones but they come from other political spectrum different from the governor's; or they don't meet the residency requirement; or they are plainly not that acceptable to the local community and are therefore not worth considering.

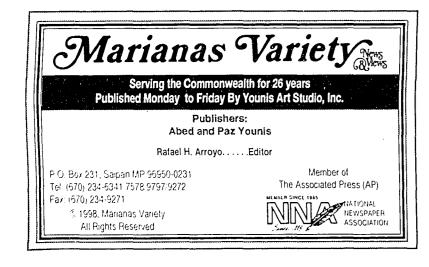
This has gotten Gov. Teno resorting to the old Froilan Tenorio tactic of naming an acting AG every 30 days, which allows the governor to avoid the risk of a humiliating Senate rejection. The only problem is, this does not resolve the dearth in leadership confronting this most important office.

It is a pity because the office definitely needs to have a clearer sense of direction and more stability in leadership, both of which would not be possible if its head changes as fast as one tears off a page in his calendar a month at a time.

That's why a permanent AG is vital and an elected one even crucial if the office is to overcome its problems.

It is important that the people through the power of the ballot choose the best person to do the job, regardless of whether he or she is a Democrat or Republican. This will bring more stability and direction in terms of charting the office's plans and goals.

An elected AG will not be beholden to anyone, except to those who voted him or her to office so all efforts can be dedicated owards helping government in the establishment of a more orderly community based on fair play, justice and the rule of law.





CONGRESSMAN JEKYLL

CONGRESSMAN HYDE



#### **Unspecial treatment**

AMID REPORTS that they are being investigated for allegedly hiring illegal aliens, the criminal division chief of the Attorney General's Office has been demoted, while the assistant attorney general assigned to the Department of Public Safety has announced his resignation, effective December. Acting Attorney General Maya Kara says Ross Buchholz's demotion is merely a "routine organizational change." Mr. O'Roarty, for his part, says his resignation has nothing to do with the Department of Labor and Immigration's (DOLI) ongoing investigation, but adds that it is "unfortunate that these things would come out." He denies the allegation. Meanwhile, when asked to comment on the investigation, Governor Teno says the law should be applicable to everyone: "No special treatment." He says Ms Kara did look into the allegations against Messrs. Buchholz and O'Roarty "and immediately took some steps

That these two gentlemen are almost, if not already, considered "guilty" despite an ongoing investigation should be, in a way, welcomed, only because AGO lawyers are the commonwealth's law officers. They provide legal advice to our high officials. They represent the CNMI in all legal maters. They prosecute violations of our laws. They should, Hawaii liaison officer accused by his own ideally, be above suspicion of any wrongdo-

But, then again, all our officials, ideally, should be above suspicion of any wrongdoing. Hence the manner in which these two attorneys' case is handled should set a precedent applicable to every government official.

Personally, I can not believe that Messrs. Buchholz and O'Roarty, who are well-known for their professionalism and dedication to their work, could be so careless as to knowingly hire maids who are illegal aliens. What I do know is that Mr. Buchholz actually wins cases for the government. And Mr. O'Roarty stood up, two years ago, on constitutional grounds—and despite possible threats to his own tenure—against the then administration's mandatory drug testing proposal. As the legal counsel for the police department, moreover, Mr. O'Roarty played a major role in the prosecution of police officers who were found guilty of beating up a suspected burglar. It would be difficult not to conclude that Messrs. Buchholz and O'Roarty are good attorneys and good men.

Now they are supposedly being suspected of breaking the law. Very well then. DOLI should proceed with its investigation. But it should also disclose its findings to the public and either clear Messrs. Buchholz and O'Roarty of the allegation, or recommend that AGO prosecute them. Otherwise, the people would suspect, as some of them do now, that such extra-legal issues as office politics were involved in these "routine organizational changes.

More important, and as mentioned earlier, this unfortunate incident should set a precedent for all government officials. It should mean, for example, that Ms Kara's nomination should not be confirmed by the Senate because she did not follow her own memo on the I&S issue, which involves more than \$2 million of taxpayers' money. Likewise, Felix Nogis, the Job Training Partnership Act administrator who has been charged with assault and battery, should be asked to resign. The same goes for Juan Q. Guerrero, the staff members of committing several and serious acts of misconduct. Antonio T. Benavente, the director of the Division of Parks and Ground who recently pleaded guilty to the criminal charge of stealing government property, should be fired.

If government attorneys who are merely being suspected of a wrongdoing could be subjected to the appropriate "routine organizational changes," any other official with similar legal problems should be treated in the same manner.

Indeed if, as Governor Teno says, there would be no special treatment to anyone in government service suspected of misconduct, it should now be easier to rid the bureaucracy of bad officials. Something good could then come out of the government's losing—over yet to be proved allegation of wrongdoing two of its most competent attorneys.

JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

#### **Surprising levity from State reports**

ANYONE who works in intelligence will tell you the job contains a lot more drudgery than glamour. The work, much of which involves grinding clerical or analytical tasks, has more in common with that of the average bureaucrat than the fictionalized world of James Bond.

That's why, to our amusement, we have found that over the last couple decades there have been a few handlers of classified material who had a sense of humor — and who managed to convey it over the driest matters.

Best at the game of highly classified punmanship are the daily toilers at the State Department's intelligence section. While the Central Intelligence Agency superiors seem to bleed every ounce of originality and color out of their subordinates' reports, officials at State seem to let their workers off the leash now and

This is perhaps best reflected in the intelligence summaries sent over to the White House each morning for a very exclusive audience — the president. From Presidents Nixon to Clinton, top-secret headlines from the State Department's analysts have often contained a dollop of levity that must have brightened presidential days.

Here are some past highlights that must have caught our presidents' eyes over their morning coffee:

"OIL: COSTA RICA CONSULTED BY WELL WISHERS" "BEARDING CASTRO" "ARAFAT PROPOSAL SEEN AS POSITIVELY NEGATIVE"

"IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA: THE GULF NARROWS" "ITALY: LIFE IS DULL WITHOUT A CRISIS"

"ALL QUIET ON THE WEST BANK FRONT"

"IN CASE OF THAIS, EARLIEST COALITION WINS" "UK: CABINET SHOOTS IT OUT OVER DEFENSE CUTS"

"USSR: WHO'S ON FIRST?"

Like headlines in the morning paper, the secret State Department captions have been timely and often timeless. Since Egypt is always the poor boy on the Arab block with his hand out to the oil-rich Arab states, one punster's offering, "SAUDI ARABIA: KEEPING EGYPT IN THE ALMS RACE," would be appropriate headline fodder for any of the last half-dozen presidents.

No subject has been too dull to stimulate the punsters at State, who simply, to paraphrase Lyndon Johnson, lift up the cow's tail and look the situation straight in the face. For example, they once reported that "COFFEE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT YET PERKING" and followed it up the next day with "COFFEE NEGOTIATIONS GRIND TO A STALEMATE."

One of the former pun-loving summary soldiers of Foggy Bottom, Douglas H. Jones, told our associate Dale Van Atta that the "Seventh Floor Regulars" — the secretary of state and his or her top aides — have not always appreciated the attempts at levity. Nevertheless, many efforts still make it to the White House, including one a few years back noting that a Latin American leader "GETS A SOVIET PAT ON HIS ASPIRA-TIONS." And another: "JAPAN: CONSERVATIVES STILL OUT FOR MIKI'S MANTLE.'

For sheer sustained punning over the most mundane of subjects, we've found nothing that equals the "Top Secret" headlines that went to President Gerald Ford during a dispute over cod fishing between Great Britain and Iceland. Longstanding hostilities reached the ignition point when a royal tugboat rammed an Icelandic patrol boat in disputed waters off the east coast of Iceland.

The puckish punster dutifully kept the president and secretary of state advised of the shifting situation. Iceland threatened to break diplomatic relations with Britain: "ICELAND IN NO MOOD TO MOLLYCODDLE." A Christmas truce was shattered by another ramming incident, causing further Icelandic displeasure: "THE COD WAR: ICELAND CABINET CHILL-

Then the situation improved briefly: "REYKJAVIK ACCEPTS BRITISH ICEBREAKER." Talks in the codfish brawl resumed: "ICELAND STILL CASTING ABOUT FOR A SOLUTION." But the Reykjavik authorities grew impatient with the British: "ICELAND WANTS THE UK TO FISH OR CUT BAIT."

At one point, other countries offered their services to mediate the cod war: "ICELAND: NORWEGIANS NEARING CODIFI-CATION OF AGREEMENT." But the British complained that Icelandic patrol boats, taking advantage of fog over the fishing grounds, had sneaked up on 40 British trawlers and cut their lines: "DID ICELAND CAPITALIZE ON A MIST OPPORTU-

Eventually, the cod-awful controversy ended with a mutually acceptable agreement, and the State Department headline writer turned to other topics - reluctantly, no doubt.

### **○ Letters to the Editor**

### Rosario raps Campbell on suit

Dear Editor,

The \$100 million lawsuit filed by the publicity-seeking attorney, one Bill Campbell, claims that he is filing the lawsuit on behalf of "each person" in the CNMI and "its taxpay-

I want to publicly inform Mr. Campbell that I am one taxpayer he has no authority to represent.

He also does not have the authority to represent Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's sons and daughters who are also gainfully employed and are paying taxes

Or any of the governor's brothers and sisters, numerous nieces and nephews and close friends.

Campbell's lawsuit is misguided and borders on being frivolous. If Mr. Campbell were to ask, he would have found out that a lot has been accomplished by this Administration to close the Puerto Rico dump since it came into office in January.

A task force on the dump was established and is still very active, a request for proposal has already been

let and several companies have responded.

The proposals are currently under review and an award will be announced soon.

The Puerto Rico dump closure is a joint effort between the current Administration and the federal govern-

Why sue the people who are working hard to close the dump perma-

> FRANK S. ROSARIO **Taxpayer**

#### Continental's Dias clarifies concerns

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a great deal of misinformation in the market place regarding Continental Micronesia's service and how it effects Saipan

Recent articles quoting both the Aviation Task Force Committee and the MVA Managing Director convey incorrect information regarding CMI performance.

We operate more flights, employ more people and carry more visitors to Saipan than any other

A little history regarding the service will help bring the issues into focus.

Prior to April 1, 1997, Continental Micronesia operated a hodge-podge of flights from Japan to Saipan which had evolved over a number of years and did not necessarily optimize the number of passengers we carried to Saipan.

For example, the only way to get from Tokyo to Saipan was to take the Narita to Saipan non-

Seven of the 17 flights per week were non-stops to Saipan. Nonetheless, only 20% of the

passengers traveling on the Narita-Saipan non-stop actually stopped in Saipan. The other 80% of the passen-

gers On April 1, 1997 Continental Micronesia initiated our Saipan Shuttle Service. We implemented this service to

maximize Saipan's exposure to the power of our route and distribution systems.

Specifically, the new schedule allowed CMI to:

• Increase the amount of seats from the Tokyo market (the largest Japan outbound market) by upgrading the DC-10's to larger 747 aircraft.

We could not add frequency, as

our number of slots is limited to 17 per week.

· Connect Saipan to all of the Japanese cities we serve, every day of the week.

 Increase choice of Saipan flights for Japanese customers.

· Increase the ease and accessibility of selling Saipan in Japan. Continental Micronesia designed a schedule to bring more Japanese tourists to Saipan

Obviously, passenger growth is the best measurement of the success or failure of this strategy.

Continental Micronesia's Japanese passengers going to Saipan increased at a faster rate than total Japanese tourists to Saipan resulting in a market share increase of .8% for CNMI.

This fact would indicate the shuttle schedule is a success.

As I have stated in the past, current market demand and cur-Continued on page 43

#### Cockfighting not the same anymore

I am writing this letter to you so that your readers and patrons of Saipan's Game cock sport can share and empathize with my concerns plaguing this our traditional past time.

Our CNMI history book includes a section on the sport of gamecock fighting and its contribution to the generation of revenue for the develing island economy.

I am but a newcomer in this dynamic sport which includes the breeding, raising, training and feeding of

the "warrior game bird." Each of these areas is a business in itself. Every aspect of the sport is a guarded

secret, and rarely passed amongst close relatives and friends. But what is common is the event of

the "cock fight" itself.

I still vividly remember my biannual vacation to Saipan while I was on active duty with the US Army. My father always ensured that a cockfight was scheduled to be held.

Win or lose, there was camaraderie among the men (young and old) par-

ticipating in the game of "cock fight." It became part of my "culture."

But I feel at times that my "culture" here on Saipan is being overly controlled and has become costly. I miss the days when I can accompany my "amigos" to the "cock fights"

and enjoy a relatively "inexpensive" It seems that the "early evening" (no later that 8:30 p.m..) Friday nights

day afternoon start of the "cock fight" Continued on page 43

or "midday" (about 1:30 p.m.) Sun-



# EEOC assists 'whistle-blower'

Variety News Staff

THE US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has asked the US District Court to enjoin a garment factory from not renewing the employment contract of one of its employees who helped 'expose' alleged discriminatory practices by the company

Susan L. McDuffie, district director for the San Francisco District Office of the US EEOC, said unless Sako Corporation is restrained from not renewing the employment contract of Carmencita Abad, their investigation on the complaints will be affected.

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be immediately and irreparably injured in its ability to investigate and determine her charge of discrimination and the charges of discrimination to which she (Abad) is a witness or to secure relief for any potential victims of defendant's discriminatory practices," said McDuffie in her dec-

New Arrivals

Taylor said Sako is entitled to present witnesses to explain its side of the story.

For the meantime, Taylor allowed Abad to continue working at Sako until the matter is resolved at the next court hearing.

ignated US District Court Judge

Marty W. K. Taylor refused

Wednesday to enjoin Sako and

instead set a hearing on Oct. 20 to

determine why the firm refused to

renew Abad's contract.

EEOC, according to McDuffie, is familiar with the discrimination charges filed by Emilia Lebona and other workers against Sako Corp. for pregnancy discrimination and retaliation to which Abad is a potential wit-

"I have concluded on behalf of the Commission that prompt individual action in the form of preliminary relief is necessary to carry out the purposes of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," said McDuffie in her statement filed Wednesday in court.

Abad in her affidavit stated that last Sept. 12 a Sako local manager informed her in writing that her one-year employment contract would not be renewed when it expired on Oct. 8, 1998.

Abad, who has been employed by Sako since 1993, said she in-

rights and assisted co-workers in filing discrimination charges at

"I believe that Sako intentionally not renewed my contract in retaliation against me for engaging in protected activities," said Abad, adding that she filed the complaint before EEOC last Sept.

She said she believes Sako intentionally not renewed her contract to scare other employees who will participate in EEOC proceed-

Sako counsel Robert O'Connor in a telephone interview yesterday said his client has the right to renew or not renew the employment contract of any of its work-

"And to a particular case, the production manager placed memos and the files about her. She was absent more than eight times without any excuse. She did not time in on her time card. She was also accused of theft...stealing merchandise several years ago. So the company decides not to renew her contract," O'Connor pointed out.

Sako, according to the lawyer, renewed Abad's contract last year because there was aunion election at the time and the company does not want to be accused of retaliation.

### BOS ponders rate cut

TAKING the cue from Guam-based banks, Bank of Saipan (BOS) Chief Executive Officer Tomas B. Aldan said he favors cutting down interestrates, even as he expressed hopes other CNMI-based lending institutions would ikewise do the same "to help the borrowing public."

Aldan however, said the 20 to 25 basis point decrease in lending interest rates effected by the Guarn Savings and Loan and Bank of Guarn would nardly make a major dent on business and individuals.

He explained only big companies who borrow huge amounts can feel the effects of the lowered interest rates.

In an interview, Aldan said BOS has been looking into trimming the rates since last week, saying such measure "will be good for the Commonwealth's economy.

Aldan however said he still needs to bring up the matter to the BOS Board

"Thope all the banks here follow suit to help, in one form or another, the borrowing public," he told Variety. Continued on page 42

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### Alleged rapist charged

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A MECHANIC working for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been accused of kidnapping and raping the 25-year old Paluan woman who was found unconscious on the

Gilligan's dance floor Sunday. The Superior Court set a cash bail of \$35,000 for the suspect, Juan F. Rabauliman, who turned 42 on the day of the alleged rape incident.

His preliminary hearing has been scheduled on Oct. 16.

According to police, the victim was seen running into the Hyatt Regency's lobby at about 3:48 a.m. Sunday, "looking disturbed and requesting for police assistance."

Responding police officers found the victim unconscious on the floor of Gilligan's, a discotheque at the Hyatt.

She was then brought to the Commonwealth Health Center (CHC) where adoctor administered the "rape kit process" on her.

Upon regaining consciousness, according to police, the victim said the suspect did rape her at Tanapag Beachandattemptedtorapeheragain at Micro beach, but she escaped from his pick-up and ran into the Hyatt's

It was learned that she resides in Western Garapan with her employers, who are a couple.

One of her employers told the police that he saw the victim leaving their house with the suspect at about midnight of Oct. 3.

A Hyattemployee, for his part, told police that a few minutes after seeing the victim running barefoot into the lobby, he saw an old white or beige pick-uptruckenteringthelobbydrive-

He said the driver was the suspect, who asked if he saw a lady running into the lobby.

The Hyatt employee would later identify Rabauliman in a photo lineA growing concern of island govts

# High cost of medical referrals hit

By MALOU'L. SAYSON For the Variety

KOROR (Palau Horizon) — The Sky-Rocketing cost of medical referrals faced by most of the American Pacific Island nations was addressed through a resolution adopted by the Second Pacific Heads of State Meeting on Health recently held in Tamuning, Guam.

This was learned in an interview

with Sen. Sandra Sumang Pierantozzi, chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Social Welfare, who together with President Kuniwo Nakamura attended the meeting.

The resolution, according to the lady senator, seeks to find ways of keeping the ever-increasing cost of medical referrals at a lower level as this has already impacted on medical/ health care programs of most of the

The problem is further aggravated by "improper" medical referrals, like

recommending a terminally-ill patient to still go for further medication to other countries. In the meeting, most of the American Pacific nations, according to the

senator, have expressed concernover ever-growing cost of medical referrals which are inadequately funded by the government. As a result, a lot of medical bills

accumulate and therefore compound the exisiting problems such as lack of medical facilities which, according to the senator, redounds to the detriment

ting more from proper medical treatments.

"It (the problem) affects all of us," the senator said.

While this problem has hit most of the American Pacific Island nations, the Republic of Palau, however, has already nudged its way to a more convenient situation wherein the cost of medical referals has been maintained at a healthy level for the past three years.

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The annual cost of medical referrals in Palau has remained at a level of \$800,000. And this has been sustained for three consecutive years

This makes Palau rise above the rest in dealing with this perennial problem that has adversely affected ts neighboring island nations.

Pierantozzi cited, for instance, the initiative of the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) in putting this matter under control by way of passing a legislation which established so-called Medical Referals Committee (MRC).

This piece of legislation, according to Pierantozzi, was instrumental in making the MRC free from political maneuverings which have caused the steady climb of medical referal ex-

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# Stayman vs Babauta





ity (CPA) earlier raised concern that

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KRNM-FM, Saipan's public radio station, is pleased to announce that it will air a recording of the recent public discussion of CNMI affairs by Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta and Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman.

The recording will be broadcast this Saturday and Sunday, October 10 & 11 at 6 p.m. and again Monday and Tuesday, October 12 and 13 at noon.

The two officials were guests on "Talk of the Nation," a National Public Radio show hosted by Ray Suarez.

Hear Stayman's concerns yourself and listen to how Babauta responds to them. That's on KRNM, your public radio station at 88.1 and 89.1 on the FM dial.

### Teno wants free trade zone put on 'fast-track'



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Haidee V. Eugenio Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday called on the Free Trade Zone subcommittee to speed up the final set of recommendations on the creation of a free trade zone on Saipan to boost the Commonwealth's dwindling economy.

The local chief executive expects the subcommittee which is under the Economic Revitalization Task Force to come up with the final report by December.

"They're studying that and then they will submit the final recommendation before the end of this year." Tenorio told reporters.

Investors who will do business at the free trade zone may be offered incentives like low-cost labor or duty free entry of various products.

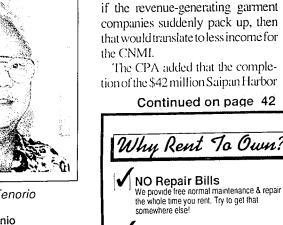
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# Pangelinan bill aimed at public awareness

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HAGATNA - A bill introduced by Sen. Ben Pangelinan vesterday seeks to increase public awareness about prospective legislation.

Should Bill 763 become law, a list of all bills introduced by the legislature would have to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation on a regular ba-

"What we wanted to ensure was the coverage of the front end of legislation," Pangelinan

"Too many times we have members of the general public show up to public hearings on bills and they don't have any



Ben Pangelinan

background on what's going on." Pangelinan, the minority leader. says the current majority isn't doing enough to get the word out. "During the Democratic ma-

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lic input at all stages, even when the bill was referred to our committees," Pangelinan said.

"I think what I'm seeing now s the current majority will print the bills and if the public misses it, it's their own fault."

On a weekly, or bi-weekly basis, summaries of all bills introduced to that point would be published in one or more of the island various print media.

"It won't cost much." Pangelinan said. "I think the cost is a small price to pay for the public to get the information and background on what their govemment wants to do to them.

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### Local NMI educators take part in Kujawa seminars

DOZENS of local educators took advantage of two professional development seminars offered recently by University of San Diego's Dr. Ed Kujawa.

Kujawa, who is the head of USD's Elementary Teaching and Special Education Program, made presentations on "Enhancing Critical Thinking in Multi-cultural Classrooms" and "The Relationship Between Assessment and Grading" at the Northern

Marianas College As Terlaje campus October 2 and 3.

Almost 50 local educators and teachers in training packed the college classroom to attend Kujawa's first presentation.

Kujawa was on Saipan at the invitation of NMC to conduct a "pre-assessment" of the college's proposed bachelor's degree program in elementary education prior to an official review of the Continued on page 45

#### Man charged for dope possession

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Variety News Staff THE ATTORNEY General's Office yesterday filed criminal charges against a man accused of illegal pos-

Jude S. Arriola, 22, was arrested by the police on Rota Wednesday. according to AGO's information.

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AGO charged him with illegal possession of marijuana and importation of a controlled substance with the intent to import.

His bail was set at \$1,000, and his preliminary hearing will be held on

In a separate case, the court set a \$5,000 cash bail for a 26-year old former legislative staff member accused of sexually abusing a minor. Ray Anthony L. Babauta's pre-

liminary hearing is on Oct. 14. AGO charged him with three counts of sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 16.

AGO alleges that Babauta did have at least three sexual contacts with the minor, who is not his spouse.

In another hearing yesterday, the court set a \$25,000 cash bail for a man accused of repeatedly beating up his girlfriend.

Edward A. Rajalexand, 29, has been charged with four counts of assault and battery.

In an affidavit, Assistant Attorney General Nicole C. Forelli alleges that Rajaxelandpunchedandhit Xia Rong, "numerous times all over her body," on at least four separate occasions this

Early this year, Xia had to be broughttothe Commonwealth Health Center(CHC) for her injuries, Forelli

Last June, Rajaxeland allegedly hit Continued on page 45

#### Bad economy preempting the intents of tax credit law

By Jojo Dass Variety News Staff

MORE businesses would have been

taking advantage of the law allowing for tax breaks to firms donating cash and equipment to non-government organizations had the economy been doing better. Cham ber of Commerce President Jose C. Ayuyu said.

"It is a good law," said Ayuyu, referring to Public Law 10-73.

"As a matter of fact," he added, "that was something that we had been pushing for a long time."

However, Ayuyu said contributions could have been pouring in to such organizations like the Public School System (PSS) "if business have the money."

"But it is very difficult to have

Nevertheless, Ayuyu assured some companies are now actually

# Underwood to attend APEC

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA -- Guam Congressman Robert A. Underwood said yesterday he willhave an opportunity to present to Asian countries distinctly Guamconcerns and interests in coast and fisheries protection when he attends as a delegate the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) OceanConference.

The APEC member-countries meet in Honolulu Oct. 12-16. Underwood had written Gov. Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Sen. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, chair-



Robert A. Underwood

woman of thelegislative committee on Micronesian affairs, and

fisheries expert at the University of Guam, to get theirinputs in the upcoming discussions of island issues in the conference.

The APEC conference will bring together high-level officialsrepresenting the oceans interests of APEC member economies in order topromote regional cooperation on issues.

"(These issues) ranging fromprotection of the marine environment to exploration of the sea," saidU.S. Dept. of Commerceis National Oceanic Continued on page 44

# Police patrol car rammed

By Jacob Leon Guerrero Variety News Staff

**HAGATNA** — A police officer was rammed by another vehicle after a traffic pullover.

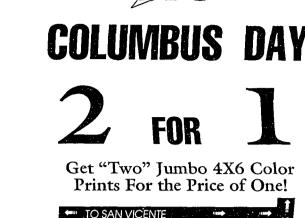
According to police spokesman Ron Taitano, officer Sean Untalan

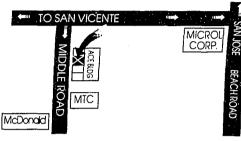
of the Dededo Precinct patrolling the Piga sub-division in Dededo, noticed a white Nissan Maxima speeding towards him.

The officer pulled the car over and confronted the operator. The driver could not produce a driver's

license or vehicle registration requested of him. As the officer walked back to his vehicle, a GO-4 Interceptor, he heard the driver rev the Maxima's engine. When he looked back the driver was

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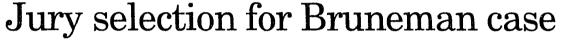
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HAGATNA - Jury selection for the criminal trial of Beau Bruneman. started yesterday at 8:30 a.m. in the Superior Court of Guam.

Bruneman is being tried for allegedly raping and murdering D' Anna C. Olley on Feb. 16, 1996 in Yigo. He faces two aggravated the impaneling of an impartial jury.

criminal sexual conduct.

The victim sustained a small

puncture wound to the upper

mid-back area, a swollen right

lip and scratches to right side

of the neck. He was treated by

medics at the Dededo Precinct.

was forwarded to the Juvenile

The case is still open and

Conviction could mean two mandatory life sentences without parole and another possible life sentence.

According to court documents, Bruneman once filed a motion for change of venue, claiming that excessive pretrial publicity would prohibit

This motion was denied. In addition, he filed a motion for

a sequestered jury, but was denied by presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III on Oct. 7, 1998.

Opening statements will begin as soon as the jury selection is finalized, in the court of Judge Lamorena. Jury selection will continue on until about next week.

### Man loses ear in fight

By Jacob Leon Guerrero Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Police officers at the Dededo Precinct received information about a fight between two men at Erica's Lounge in Yigo yes-

terday morning. According to police spokesman Ron Taitano, the two men were arguing in the parking lot outside the lounge which escalated into a fight. One of the individuals, a 37-year-old Mangilao man, was struck

guy, which partially severed his left ear. The victim was treated at the precinct by medics and was later transferred to Guam Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

with a machete by the other

The case is still under investigation. Anyone with information may call GPD at 472-8911 of Crime Stoppers at 477-HELP.

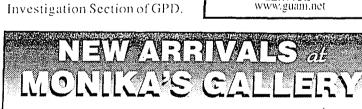
In other police news, an 11year-old student stabbed his classmate Wednesday afternoon at Dededo Middle School.

According to Taitano, the two boys were in class when they started arguing over personal belongings. The boy started to punch the victim, a 12-year-old boy, in the face. When the victim tried to

walk away, the 11-year-old stabbed him in the back with a Marianas Variety is now online Visit us at:

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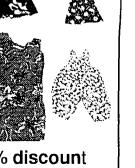
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THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture will be hosting the 14th Annual Islands Arts Exhibit, which is considered as the largest contemporary arts display on Saipan, starting on October 13.

Arts Council Executive Director Robert Hunter said the exhibit is not only limited to paintings of Saipan's best local artists but it will also feature the other forms of arts such as sculpture, sketches, among others.

"We already sent out and distributed invitations to different artists here on Saipan to come and

Islands Arts Exhibit. We now have some sample works but we are still waiting for others," said

Arts Council said the local artists could now display more of their during the exhibit.

For this year's exhibit, organizers will not implement "artists' limitation" in terms of how many works an artist could display in the event.

The Islands Arts Exhibit, Hunter added, will not just focus on the Micronesian theme as what was displayed at the recent Micronesian Crafts Exhibit.

Hunter said they are welcoming different kinds of art materials

# GES joins DLNR in environment drive

Variety News Staff HEEDING the call made by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for a greener Saipan environment, Garapan Elementary School will hold its own Arbor Week campaign inside its campus from October 19 to 23.

GES Arbor Week coordinator Kay Shaeffer said the environment drive will include the participation of parents and students to plant trees and shrubs inside the campus.

"Every classes will be doing some study on the effect of trees in the air and how important it is to our health," said Shaeffer.

GES Principal Juan L. Babauta said they are planning to intensify the arbor week campaign by integrating the idea of the environment awareness drive in the students' curricu-

"Individual classes will be doing posters, artwork and songs. The teachers will try to let them understand the value



of planting trees and plants in their own villages," continued

Shaeffer added that in a recent Parents Teachers Association meeting, many parents signed up to join the arbor week event inside the GES campus.

"It would be great if we could see the parents and students get involved together in this another GES project. We are hoping that those parents who signed up could really show up Continued on page 44

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see the various influences on the local artists.

The Islands Arts Exhibit, Huntersaid, has no specific theme. The Arts Council wants to get the people to have an opportunity to see and feel different art subjects.

Last year, the Islands Arts Exhibit had 40 participants. Today, the organizers of the event are trying to tap in the same number of artists-participants.

However, Hunter said the Arts Council has no plans of having grandiose opening ceremony for a this activity unlike the Micronesian Crafts Exhibit which fell under the CNMI Heritage Month celebration.

# SVES receives \$84K US grant

By Louie C. Alonso Variety News Staff

SAN VICENTE Elementary School has recently received an \$84,000 federal grant for the enhancement of student learning activities inside the cam-

SVES Principal Martha Haberman yesterday said they have already consulted the SVES's Parents Teachers Association recently for input on programs and activities they may want now that they have the federal funding.

"We are very pleased that we now have the federal grant that will enhance the students' learning inside the campus. The funding is a big plus for our school to create different programs necessary for student development," said Haberman.

However, SVES has come up with plans of creating after school activities.

"We are planning to create tutorial services for the students. Like if they are not good in Mathematics or Science, we will hire tutors to teach them after school. This is a bold move for SVES to increase the learning potentials of our students," continued Haberman.

Haberman added that they will also included weekend outdoor activities for students.

"Not only do the students love to hike but through this activity, they will be able to learn the different sites that is part of Saipan's history," she said.

SVES at present are focusing on other extra-curricular activilies inside the campus that will boost the students' interest in other worthy projects.

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#### Veterans meet

THE U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Association will hold their monthly meeting October 9, 6:30 p.m. at Menachom Atdao Pavillion in Susupe.

#### U.F.O. tent sale

THE UNITED Filipino Organization, Inc. (UFO) will hold a tent sale starting Friday, October 9th at 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday, October 10-11 Continued on page 44

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# NMI Red Cross prepares

IT'S THE time of the year again; the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross is reminding and urging everyone to be prepared for the

for the next typhoon the Northern Marianas traveled been busy helping the local chapto the US mainland to assist in disaster operations for Hurricane

> While the volunteers went to get more experience in disaster relief, other volunteers have also

ter in preparation for CNMI's own disaster if it happens.

A group of volunteers, MDX Radio Communication, recently helped the chapter in cleaning and

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# Sugar Plum Tree project underway

HAGATNA—The Sugar Plum Tree Christmas project goes into its 13th yearbringing cheer to abused and neglected children and manamko, who wouldotherwise receive little or nothing at Christmas.

Sugar Plum Tree coordinators are now soliciting individual and corporatesponsors to purchase gifts for needy children and the elderly, from aspecified

Volunteers are also needed to help in theadoption" process, organizing gift donations and

Beginning Oct. 17, coordinators will hung on special Christmas Treesnames of children and manamko at the Cottage Arts Collective HolidayLane Bazaar

Sponsors who select names off the trees will be asked to purchase one ortwo gifts requested by recipients and to return the gifts from Oct. 19through Dec. 4 to project coordinators at any of the follow-

Plum Tree locations: the Citizens Security Bank at Julale ShoppingCenter, the Guam Girl Scouts main office across from JFK High School, and this year's Sugar Plum Tree Holiday House in the Guam PremiumOutlets.

The gifts must be returned unwrapped.

The 1998 Sugar Plum Tree project is supported and directed by Citizens Security Bank, along Continued on page 44



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# More donations to CHC

THE CHC Volunteers Association has received a donation of two new trash cans, one wheelchair, and brand new sheets.

All donations came from Howard Macaranas, on behalf of his beloved wife, Margarita C. Macaranas, who recently passed

The CHC Volunteers accepted the items and then donated the same to the Hemodialysis Unit at the hospital.

The late Mrs. Macaranas was a hemodialysis patient.

The CHC Volunteers and the Hemodialysis Unit of the hospital appreciate Macaranas and his

family's heartfelt donation, said the Association in a news release.

The CHC Volunteers Association is again encouraging everyone to participate in "Make a Difference Day," Oct. 24, by volunteering to make a difference in the lives of people in the NMI on this

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Left to right, Infection Control coordinators Granya Shearer, Remy B. Tudela, Associate Director of Nursing Luise Noisom, former unit manager hemodialysis Howard Macaranas and CHC Volunteer Ying Steere.

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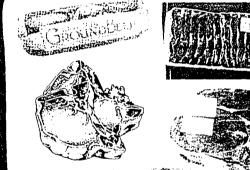
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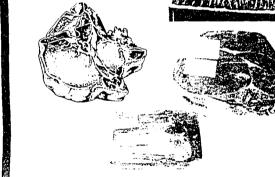
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#### Case dismissed because AGO can't locate victims

By Zaldy Dandan Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan has dismissed an assault and battery case against a San Vicente resident after the Attorney General's Office failed to locate the alleged

The bench trial for Lorenzo T. Lacy, 54, was originally scheduled last July 14, but AGO was unable to proceed due to lack of witnesses.

Another date for trial was scheduled, but AGO said that despite its "diligent search" and the assistance of the Division of Immigration, it still can not locate the alleged victims, who are also the witnesses, "making it impossible to hold a trial."

Last February, AGO filed two counts of assault and battery charges against Lacy, who allegedly beat up Pyunun Phakkay and Praphatsorn Muangsen on or about Nov. 23, 1997. Phakkay and Muangsen are

Thai nationals. AGO also alleged that Lacy made an unauthorized entry into the victims' prop-

In a separate case, AGO again filed assault and battery charges against Juan R Ayuyu, 48, who allegedly beat up Qisen Chang and Jian Hua Lin last April 21.

A Koblerville resident, Ayuyu is also accused of making an unauthorized entry upon the property of Qisen, "was lawfully advised to leave or desist and refused to promptly do so."

His hearing has been scheduled for Nov. 2. The hearing for his case

was originally scheduled for July 7, but Ayuyu was not

served the court summons. Ayuyu was also not served for the rescheduled hearing last Variety News Staff

A MACHETE-wielding Fina Sisu resident was arrested early Wednesday morning for disturbing the peace of his boss and coworkers, according to police.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Rose T. Ada said Roberto B. Alnas, 33, hurled a water cooler that crashed into the window of a room where one of the complainants was sleeping.

The incident happened at around 3 a.m., at the Marianas Star Corp.'s workers barracks in

Citing the complainants' account, Ada said Alnas was then

seen walking into the barracks' kitchen, and coming out holding a machete.

Machete-wielder nabbed

"He was waving the machete around so someone called the police," Ada said.

Among those who filed a disturbing the peace complaint were Alnas' manager, Byung Soo Jun, 44, co-workers Romeo B. Gomez, 43, and Jaime M. Anciano, 37.

It was not known whether Alnas was drunk when the incident happened, Ada said.

Gomez told the police, however, that last August he had an argument with Alnas, who allegedly tried to stab him, Ada

Gomez said he didn't report the incident because he and Alnas are friends.

Anciano, for his part, said he and Alnas had a "problem" last year, which has been settled.

"He doesn't know why Alnas acted that way," Ada said, referring to Wednesday's inci-

"The suspect did not tell us why he did what he did," Ada

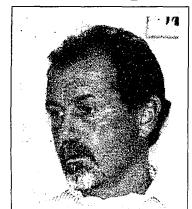
Police will submit a report to the Attorney General's Office (AGO), which will determine whether to press charges against

### Pierce: 'Healing process' has begun

Variety News Staff THE STRAINED ties between the garment sector and the local community has finally started to go through a healing process, according to the Saipan Garments Manufacturers Association (SGMA).

"The community here is sometimes unwilling to forgive this industry," said SGMA Executive Director Richard Pierce, in an interview.

He said the community is still being reminded of the garment sector's past which was highlighted by reports of labor



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abuses and a host of other viola-

Pierce likened the garment sector to "someone that had been unfaithful to their spouse and was caught."

"For years and years," said Pierce, " despite the fact that both receive something from the relationship, whenever the unfaithful one shows their face, the other is reminded of that dark day of unfaithfulness."-

He conceded the garment industry "was unfaithful, deceitful and manipulative.'

"I was there," said Pierce, himself, president of one of the four companies that started the industry with 600 workers in

"Lies to local and federal offices. Violations. We ran as fast as we could and wouldn't look back. We had nothing to lose," he added.

"Just like in a relationship, it takes a long time to heel that

Currently, however, Pierce said the garment sector has initiated moves to rectify mistakes and get back in shape, a development that has supposedly allowed other business sectors to look again.

These include efforts to join ranks with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and implement an internal, self-governing body that will monitor violations within the industry.

"The heeling process has began," said Pierce.

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# Medical workforce shortage hits Pacific

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KOROR (Palau Horizon)-As the Pacific Island states unite to wedge a so-called "healthy islands initiative (HII)," it has also started to seriously address the continuing "brain drain" in the medical workforce which has already impacted the health care program of each state and of the region as well.

According to Senator Sandra Sumang Pierantozzi, while the Pacific island states have acknowledged the need to shift to a higher level of commitment in order to advance the health care program there is still the downside brought about by the waning medical workforce.

The heads of Pacific Island states as well as health leaders attending the recent meeting in Tamuning, Guam have come up with a concensus for the resurgence of a well-trained pool of medical personnel.

In Palau, alone, there is an apparent lack of interest in the nursing profession with only 30 nurses, 13 of whom are registered, working in the government health ser-

This prompted the government through the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Palau Community College to open Palau Nursing Career Ladder Program.

Pierantozzi said human resources development (HRD) in the medical field both at the na-

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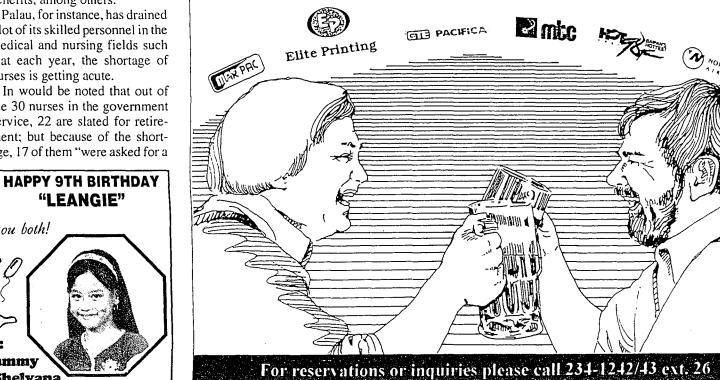
of states, backed up by health leaders, are looking at putting in place enough opportunities for the indigenous health workers to advance their career in their own countries by providing them good working environment, recognition, financial benefits, housing

a lot of its skilled personnel in the medical and nursing fields such that each year, the shortage of



In would be noted that out of the 30 nurses in the government service, 22 are slated for retirement; but because of the shortage, 17 of them "were asked for a

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### American Samoa's Gov. Elsewhere in the Pacific escapes impeachment

PAGO PAGO (Pacnews)— resolution. American Samoa's Governor Tauese Sunia will not face im-

The American Samoa Legislature did not pass the resolution calling for the Governor's removal from office for misappropriating government funds and abuse of power.

The Legislature adjourned last Friday without taking any action on the measure automatically killing the impeachment journment

The measure had been introduced three weeks before the Legislature adjourned and the House Judiciary Committee did not have enough time to review all charges against the Governor.

This is because the Government's budget took up much of the legislators' time.

As a result, the resolution was not been reported on the House floor for afinal vote before ad-

Over 100 feared buried alive in PNG landslide PORTMORESBY, Papua New alive near the isolated Maramuni

Guinea (AP) — A newspaper reported Thursday that at least 30 people are feared dead after being buried by a landslide in a remote part of Enga Province in the mountainous highlands.

The National newspaper said a church congregation was buried

Station in the north of Enga province last Friday, and said the death toll could rise above 100.

Eight bodies had been recovered and a 9-year-old girl was the sole survivor of the disaster, the newspaper reported.

A spokeswoman for the

tralian Broadcasting Corp. radio she had received reports that 32 had died following heavy rains in the

The National Disaster and Emergency Services said it was still awaiting confirmation of the disaster from state emergency authorities.

# France moving towards granting French Polynesia self-government

France is reportedly moving to grant self-government to its Pacific territory, French Polynesia.

The territory's pro-independence groups are concerned

French Polynesia's President Gaston Flosse has been in Paris,

Chirac and Overseas Territories Minister Jean Jacques

Queyranne. President Flosse says he'd been assured France would change French Polynesia's status from an overseas territory to a French overseas country, thereby mak-

President Flosse has been pushing France for the change since May, when France signed an accord granting greater autonomy to its other Pacific territory, New Caledonia.

But French Polynesia's pro-Continued on page 44 Smoking bill under debate in Fiji House

SUVA (Pacnews)—The Tobacco Control Bill, aimed at restricting smoking in Fiji's public places and stopping tobacco advertising, has sailed through the House of Representatives after debate yesterday.

The Bill, if passed into law by parliament, will also prohibit the sale of tobacco products to those under 18-years of age.

It will further regulate the labelling of tobacco containers and restrict the nicotine and tar content of cigarettes.

Health Minister Leo Smith in his closing remarks assured members that the introduction of the new tobacco legislation will not harm the many tobacco farmers in Sigatoka Valley.

#### Premier told to step down

HONIARA (Pacnews)- The opposition grouping in Solomon Islands Rennell-Bellona provincial Assembly has demanded the resignation of premier Ajilon Nasiu, saying he no longer enjoys majority support.

The opposition group leader in the provincial assembly, Francis Taupongi says the opposition now has six members in the ten-member provincial assembly following the defection of Deputy Premier, Douglas Tahea with another

Taupongi says a letter signed by the six-member opposition grouping was hand-delivered to Premier Nasiu in Honiara yesterday, giving him until Friday to step down.

Pongi says the opposition grouping will form a new government as soon as premier Nasiu steps down.

#### Vanuatu gov't to discuss concerns on redundancy

PORT VILA (Pacnews)-Vanuatu's Council of Ministers will hold an urgent meeting today to look into allegations regarding the rightsizing process under the Comprehensive Reform Programme.

The urgent meeting was confirmed at a press conference by Acting Prime Minister, Father Walter Lini.

Father Lini says allegations made by concerned redundant workers will be the main subject of the meeting.

He confirmed that if government finds any irregularities in procedures of the rightsizing process, it will ensure the Public Service Commission re-instates affected staff.

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### Thousands flee floods

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said Wednesday.

No deaths were reported, although at least 20 children, including five infants, reportedly suffered minor

Rain that began earlier this week caused a river to overflow, flooding destroyed.

officerFranciscoBaredo.Zamboanga is 530 miles south of Manila.

Relief officials estimated at least 900thatchedhouses were sweptaway or blown down by the wind.

Flooding also damaged hundreds of acres of cropland and fish ponds. Agriculture officials estimated at least \$395,000 worth of rice was

#### RP vehicle sales dip 55%

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — 61,413 a year earlier, an industry Sales of passenger cars and commercial vehicles in the Philippines 27,512 in the first nine months of the year, down 55 percent from

association said Thursday.

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### RP still after Marcos wealth

MANILA (Reuters) — The Philippine government said on Wednesday it would pursue its efforts to recover assets of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos despite a Supreme Court decision acquitting his widow of graft charges.

Tuesday's verdict quashed a

1993 ruling by a trial court which had sentenced Imelda Marcos to 12 years in jail for leasing state property to a medical foundation she headed at terms which state prosecutors said were grossly disadvantageous to the government. "President Joseph Estrada

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Imelda Marcos

stresses that the acquittal of Mrs Marcos does not put to rest the

government's pursuit of the

Marcos ill-gotten wealth," a presi-

State prosecutors have filed scores of criminal and civil suits against Marcos for allegedly help-

ing her husband steal billions of

dollars from the economy during

Some of the cases were filed

before local courts 12 years ago

after the Marcoses were over-

thrown in a 1986 popular revolt

but all of them have remained

unresolved, bogged down in a

slow judicial process that allows

for repeated postponements of

One of the cases centres on gov-

ernment claims over more than

\$500 million of Marcos deposits

in banks in Switzerland. Swiss

authorities have transferred the

money to an escrow account in a

Manila bank on condition they

will not be released until the courts

have decided on who it belongs

About 10,000 victims of hu-

man rights abuses during the

Marcos regime are also claiming

The government has held talks

with the Marcos family and the

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the money but no final deal has

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# Mail blackout in Majuro

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Majuro — It's supposed to be "off-peak" season for airlines. but virtually no mail is being flown into Majuro this month by Continental Micronesia forcing the U.S. Postal Service to resort to sending priority air mail by sea on Matson's monthly barge service.

No mail has arrived in Majuro from the outside world in ten days, and none is expected until the Matson cargo ship arrives next week, according to local post office officials.

Continental officials in Honolulu told U.S. Postal Service officials that the airline would be unable to handle first class mail from October 1-15, according to Majuro post office staff. Even express and registered mail is not arriving on Continental, according to assistant Postmaster Danny

Mail delivery to Majuro has worsened in the past two years, as Continental reduced its service connecting Majuro with Guam and Hawaii from four to three flights.

But last month, Continental Micronesia cut the service to

#### Kosrae taps Limtiaco for promotions campaign

HONOLULU — The island State of Kosrae has selected the Limtiaco Company in Honolulu, Hawaii to conduct an awareness campaign in the Northern American market.

The public relations firm will bring travel writers from selected publications to Kosrae to generate feature stories, the company said in a news release.

Kosrae is the easternmost island state of the four Federated States of Micronesia.

It is located in the Western Pacific, approximately midway between Hawaii and Guam.

It is known as a lush, "high" island with volcanic peaks covered in rain forests and navigable freshwater rivers which flow through mangrove forests. Sandy beaches break

through the mangrove shoreline to provide easy access to the narrow surrounding reef. The reef flats surrounding Kosrae are considered to be among the most pristine remaining in the world.

Besides diving and snorkeling, the island offers paddling through mangrove rivers, visits to the traditional and isolated village of Walung, hiking through rain forests, bathing beneath waterfalls and exploring ancient Kosrae ruins.

The U.S. Postal Service must treat mail for the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia as "domestic," while in effect having to deal with a foreign nation, said a U.S. Postal Service official in response to questions about mail service

little mail has arrived since

Continental is the only car-

rier on the Honolulu to Guam

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U.S. Postal Service officials

advised the Majuro post of-

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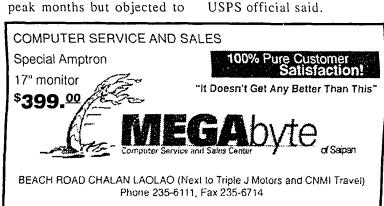
to the Marshall Islands. Because of this situation, the U.S. Postal Service is "unable to exercise the same level of control that we normally do with domestic mail," the official said.

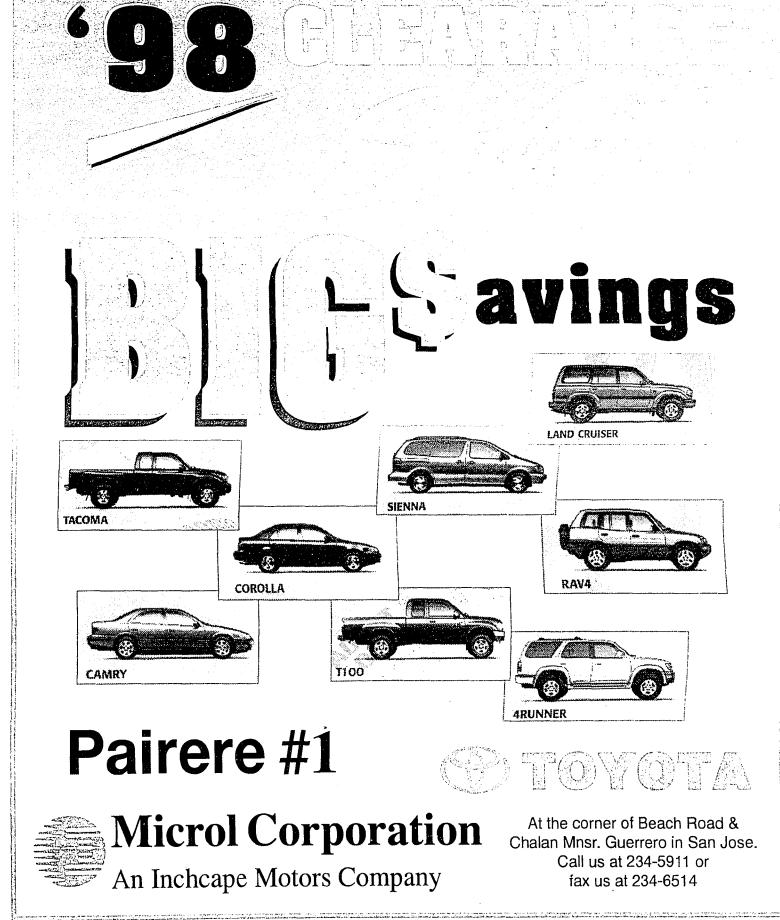
In the past, the fishing company Ting Hong has carried mail from Guam to Majuro on its flights to pickup tuna shipments in the Marshalls. Note said, however, that Ting Hong has indicated to the U.S. Postal Service that it cannot carry mail at this time.

nounced it was reducing its that included a stop in Majuro, flights September 1 through the Marshalls and Federated States of Micronesia to two each week — except during peak seasons when it would add additional fights, the FSM government fully supported

the alternate service schedule, while the Marshall Islands supported the schedule for peak months but objected to

the USPS official said. "The essential problem is that Continental and the governments of the Marshall Islands and Micronesia have agreed to a new air service pattern, which they have every right to do, thus forcing us to tailor our 'domestic' service to their new routes," the





# Estrada: Asia needs help

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Asian countries cannot recover quickly from the region's financial storm without help from the world's wealthiest nations because agencies such as the International Monetary Fundhave "frighteningly insufficient" funds, Philippine President Joseph Estrada said Wednesday.

Estrada called on the United States and other rich nations to contribute more to the IMF, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

The international financial institutions have been at the forefront of bailing out Asian countries, including Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea, ravaged by the 15-month financial crisis.

Estrada said their help is crucial. "but it is now clear that the resources of these institutions, particularly the IMF, are frighteningly insufficient."

Therefore, additional commitments for financial support from industrialized nations are needed for a quick recovery from the regional crisis, Estrada told a meeting of trade ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Estrada also renewed a call for ASEAN to organize an international conference on ways of reducing the negative impact on developing countries of free flows of capital. Large amounts of money flowed into many Asian countries for anumber of years, and then suddenly dried up last year as investors became wary of the re-

"The world is dealing with a new



left is Brunei's Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib, Laos' Liane Thykeo, Indonesia's Ginandiar Kartsasmita, Malaysia's Asmat Kamaludin, Myanmar's Brig. Gen. David O. Abel, Philippine President Joseph Estrada, Philippine Trade Minister Jose Pardo, Singapore's Lee Yock Suan, Thailand's Suphachai Panitchpakdi and Vietnam's Troung Dinh Tuyen.

phenomenon of massive amounts of capital flowing across national boundaries at lightning speed \_ bloating economies into fragile bubbles as they rush in, and shaking economies to their foundations as they are withdrawn," he said.

Estrada said it was important for ASEAN countries to continue reducing trade barriers and integrating their economies more tightly to attract more

ASEAN trade officials agreed on Tuesday to hasten plans to demolish trade barriers in the region to encourage trade and investment and help Asiarecover from the financial storm.

The officials set a goal of complete elimination of tariffs for many products traded in the region by the year 2003, instead of their previous goal of only bringing tariffs below 5 percent

Later Wednesday, ASEAN officials were to sign an agreement creating an ASEAN Investment Area that would remove barriers to investment from other ASEAN countries by the year 2010, and by 2020 for investment from non-ASEAN nations.

Under the agreement, businessmen from one ASEAN country would be granted the same privileges in areas such as land ownership and investment rights as their counterparts in another ASEAN country in which they wish to invest.

However, the agreement is subject to exemptions if a country's constitution limits equal treatment.

Estrada also urged ASEAN countries to allow free rexchanges of views, alluding to Southeast Asian countries troubled by internal strife and sensitive to outside opinions.

While struggling to solve their economic problems, ASEAN governments should also find ways of easing the plight of poor people who have been particularly hurt, Estrada said.

"The poorest of our masses, they who get hurt first and the hardest in any economic downtum, will always be restive, and rightly so, if the fruits of development go mostly to the already well-off," he said.



# China bans Starr report



By Charles Hutzler BEIJING (AP) — Like soft porn and subversive novels, China's press censors have banned Chinese-language versions of Kenneth Starr's report detailing President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Chinese officials disliked the report's salacious details and worried that its contents somehow would damage improving Chinese-U.S. relations, media and publishing sources said Wednes-

Because the sources work in enterprises strictly supervised by the government, they spoke on condition of anonymity.

The ban, however, is likely to have little effect. Pornographic videos and Penthouse magazine can be bought on many street cor-

Although the private lives of Chinese leaders are off-limits to the media, interest is high. Underground copies of a banned book about the late Mao Tse-tung's dalliances still circulate.

A popular Chinese Internet searchengine, Sohoo, records several thousand hits a day at its Clinton scandal site.

One or two publishers supposedly printed the Starr report in Chinese and distributed their versions to local sellers, the sources

The Communist Party-run Propaganda Department, which has ultimate authority over the media, decided to issue the ban last week, and the government's Press and Publications Administration ordered book stores this week to take copies of the report off the shelves, the sources said.

In a rare display of openness, the state-run Beijing Morning Post reported the ban Tuesday, but company officials later refused to comment.

A Beijing city propaganda official, who identified himself as Mr. Zhang, said the Beijing Morning Post ran an unauthorized report and that no final decision had been made on the report.

Since the scandal broke, Chinese reporters have been subjected to endless directives from the Propaganda Department not to report any sexual details, thesources said.

One source said the Propaganda Department tried to put together an edited, cleanedup version of the Starr report, but found it impossible to do.

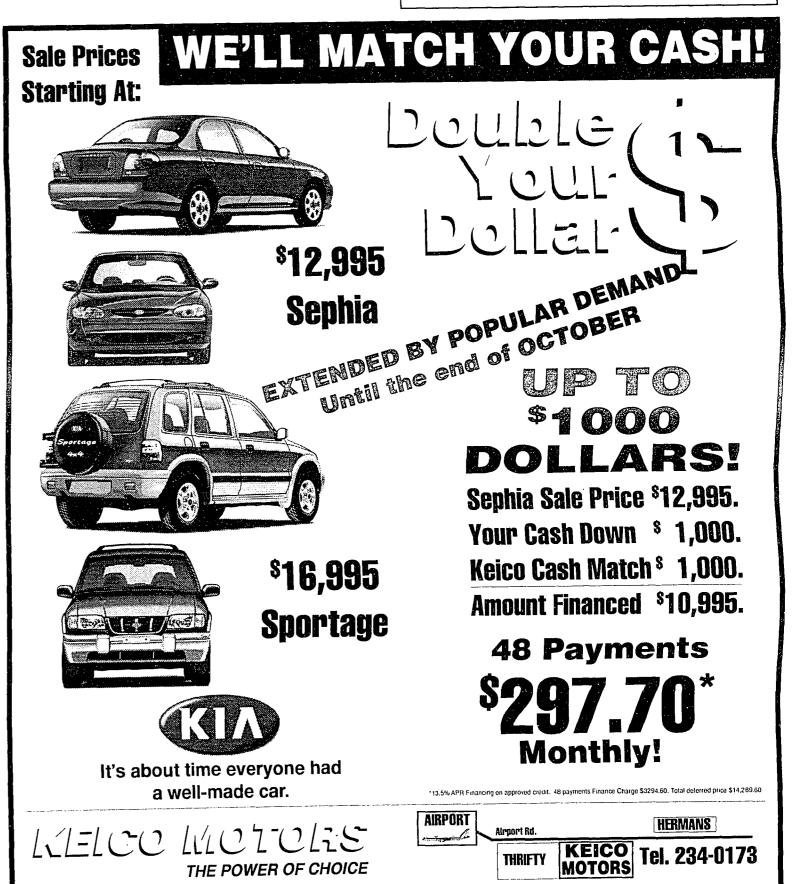


president of China, at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China. AP

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# Kim eyes Japan partnership

By Martin Fackler

TOKYO (AP) — Promoting a new partnership between long-edgy neighbors, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung said Wednesday that his nation and Japan must work together to bring Asia out of its economic quagmire.

Kim's four-day visit, his first here as president, is viewed as an initial step toward a more cordial relationship between South Korea and Japan.

Although the Asian neighbors share deep economic and cultural ties, deep resentment

remains among many Koreans because of Japan's brutal 1910-45 colonial rule over the Korean Peninsula.

Kim's speech at a gala banquet at the Imperial Palace made no mention of historical suffering, a clear departure from speeches by past Korean presidents visiting Japan.

"As a world economic power, Japan is urged to share the pain with the rest of Asia and take an active role in tackling the crisis," Kim said. "If our two nations are to succeed in cooperative efforts, we must first respect each other and



South Korean President Kim Dae-jung (left) and Japanese Emperor Akihito clink their glasses for a toast during a gala banquet at the Imperial Palace on Wednesday night. Kim, who flew into Tokyo earlier in the day, is seeking to promote a new partnership between its long edgy neighbor, Japan, during his visit. AP

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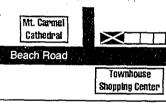
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Kim noted South Korea and Japan will be working together as co-hosts of the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament.

"The World Cup will be an occasion for us to demonstrate our forward-looking partnership and win praise for our friendship from the world," he said.

During Kim's visit, which ends Saturday, Japanese leaders are expected to offer a formal apology, an issue that has come up during each of the nine previous visits by Korean presidents since the war.

In his speech at the banquet, Emperor Akihito acknowledged as he has before that "Japan brought great suffering on the people of the Korean Peninsula."

"The deep sorrow which I feel over this never leaves my memory," he said.

Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchialso is expected to offer Kim a \$3 billion loan package to help South Korea overcome its severe economic downturn.

In return Kim is expected to promise to lift restrictions on Japanese culture in South Korea, where Japanese movies are still banned.

The loans to South Korea are part of a \$30 billion aid deal for Asia that Obuchi is putting together in response to international demands that Japan do more to ease the region's financial crisis.

Also on the agenda is last month's rocket launch by North Korea. The rocket flew over Japan, causing concern that the North has considerably improved its missile capabilities.

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# Japan may end fingerprinting

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's justice minister has moved to abolish a controversial law that requires finger-printing of all foreign residents, government officials said Wednesday.

Justice Minister Shozaburo Nakamura told a parliamentary session late Tuesday his ministry was moving to scrap the requirement that foreigners submit a fingerprint when registering to live in Japan, said Susumu Yamagami, anofficial in the Justice Ministry's immigration department.

About 6(0),000 foreigners, including workers from overseas, students and foreign spouses of Japanese citizens, are subjected to fingerprinting.

sial since it was adopted in 1952. Critics have said it is discriminatory.

Koreansliving in Japanhave fought especially hard against the law. Many ethnic Korean families have lived here for generations but they are treated like temporary residents because Japan does not grant citizenship by birth

A 1992 revision exempted most Koreans from the fingerprinting requirement, but the law is still a symbol of discrimination among the Korean community.

The move to lift the requirement for all foreigners came just before South Korean President Kim Daejung arrived Wednesday in Tokyo to begin four days of talks. The timing of the justice minister's announcement was not related to the visit, Yamagami said

Under the proposed revision, foreign residents would be required to submit a photo and signature when filling out applications to reside in Japan.

Strong opposition by the National Police Agency blocked complete abolition of the requirement when the government revised the law five years ago, and the agency was again expected to argue that fingerprinting foreigners is necessary for maintaining public security.



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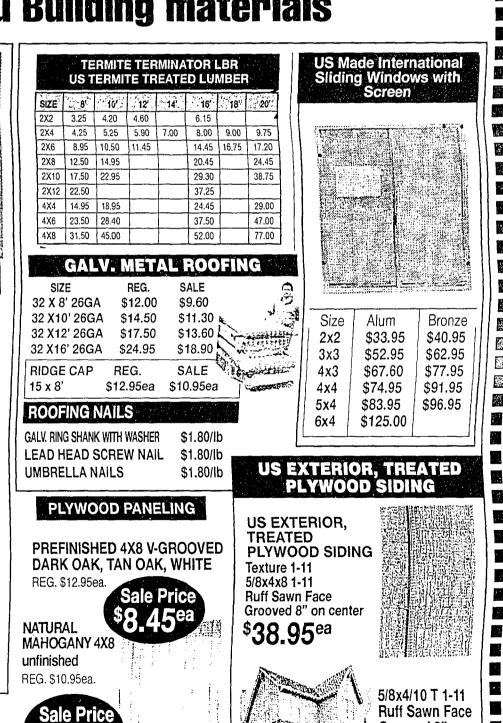
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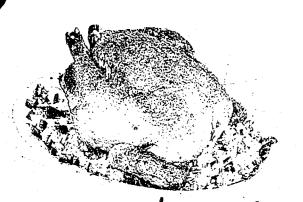
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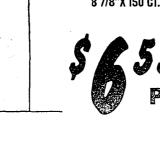
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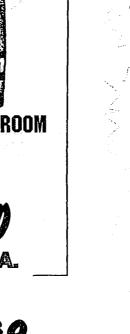


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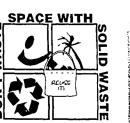
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No new proposal for Hong Kong recession

# Tung gloomy on economy



Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa poses during his annual policy address to the Hong Kong Legislative Council in Hong Kong Wednesday. To the disappointment of the territory mired in recession, Tung failed to deliver new measures to kick start the sagging economy

In his speech, Tung urged

He also reiterated that "the

The Hong Kong currency's peg to the U.S. dollar has been under serious attack by speculators betting the Hong Kong dollar will sink. To defend the currency link, the government

Tung also defended the much-criticized government market intervention in late August, when it spent an estimated 15 percent of its \$96 billion in reserves to buy stocks and futures to keep share prices at levels that would punish speculators betAlower Shop & Auneral Service
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and painted a gloomy picture.

#### By Marcos Calo Medina HONG KONG (AP) — Hong

Kong's leader presented a gloomy economic outlook Wednesday in his second annual address, offering no new proposals to rescue the Chinese territory from recession.

Chief Executive Tung Cheehwa said Hong Kong's "difficult situation will continue well into 1999."

He said the economic downturn may push the budget deficit much higher than the June estimate of \$2.56 billion, slowing growth in government expenditure in the next few

Hong Kong's economic recovery hinges on "an improvement in the external economic environment, a steadying of interest rates, stability in property market and the restoration of public confidence," he

Tung said the government's priority is to stabilize property prices, which have fallen 50 percent since last October.

Weeks after Tung's inaugural policy address last year, Hong Kong was swept into Asia's financial turmoil. The once-booming economy

is expected to shrink by 4 percent this year, and unemployment is at a 15-year high.

Vanessa Yeung, head of research at G.K. Goh Securities (HK) Ltd., said there was nothing substantial in Tung's address.

"These kinds of policies will not help the economy in the overnight sit-in in front of the legislature to protest Tung's

policy blueprint. Before his speech, a small group of protesters slipped a petition into his car, and waved a banner saying, "Failure. Out of Control. Unemployment. Disappointment."

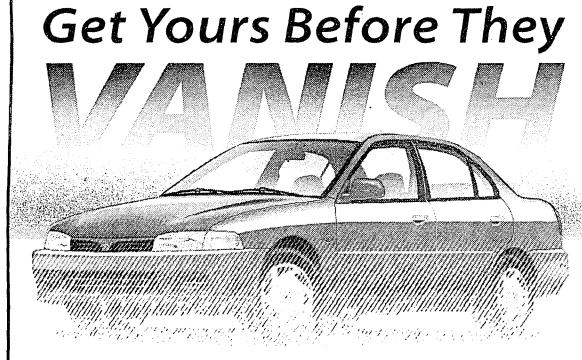
Hong Kong to strengthen ties with the rest of China for faster economic recovery and international cooperation to monitor global fund movements and stop economic crises from

linked exchange rate is to stay," and "no foreign exchange control shall be applied."

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ting on a decline.

#### Lawmaker Martin Lee, leader of the opposition 1998 Mirage Clearance Big Discounts - Real Savings Democratic Party, Hong Kong's largest, said Tung "lacks leadership, and his speech lacked direction." About 30 members staged an



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# Myanmar gov't arrests 54

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — San Suu Kyi, and included one Myanmar's military government said Wednesday it had arrested 54 people for staging antigovernment demonstrations and accused groups funded by the Vatican, the U.S. government and financier George Soros of inciting unrest.

Of the 54 arrested, 23 were members of the National League for Democracy, the political party of opposition leader Aung



elected member of parliament.

"In July and August of this year, the NLD has stepped up its confrontational activities and attempted to create unrest and upheaval," Col. Thein Swe, a high-ranking military intelligence officer, said at a news conference.

The 54 people were arrested for participating in brief "hitand-run" street demonstrations calling for an end to military rule in Myanmar, also known as Burma.

More than 1.000 people joined in the first, near Yangon University on Aug. 24. The second erupted near the Sule Pagoda in downtown Yangon on Sept. 22.

Thein Swe said the dissidents instigated unrest in collaboration with exiled Myanmar students in Thailand who are backed financially by the Vatican-based Jesuit Refugee Services, the U.S. governmentfunded National Endowment for



Activists from Asian countries march with Myanmar students' flag and banners past the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok on October 1. A group of human rights activists marched to five southeast Asian embassies to protest what they say are increasing human rights violations in the region. AP

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The 54 were not among the 967 members of the opposition detained by the government since May to prevent the NLD from convening the parliament elected in 1990.

Suu Kyi's party won 82 percent of the seats in the assembly, but the military has refused to allow it to meet. The 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner was under six years of house arrest at the time of the election.

Gen. Kyaw Win, the deputy chief of intelligence, told the news conference that the 967 were not in fact detained, but had been invited to government guest houses for discus-

Asked when they would be invited to return home, he said it depended upon the activities of the NLD.

Kyaw Win, who was a student activist in the 1960s, answers directly to intelligence chief Gen. Khin Nyunt, one of the military government's most powerful leaders. He insisted the military had dealt gently with the NLD by not sending its members to prison or outlawing the party.

"You remove a thorn with a icedie, not an ax," he said "However, if the NLD accelerates its confrontational tactics to a certain extent, the government will have to act inthe interest of the people and the

Kyaw Win dismissed condemnations heaped upon the military by many Western governments for the mass detentions of opposition members and other human rights abuses.

"We are a military government trying for the establishment of a democratic country," he said. "You cannot judge us by the standards of fully developed democratic countries."

# Thai PM warns Cabinet

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)\_It was the first order of business Thailand's Prime Minister Chuan Leekpairaised at the first meeting of his new Cabinet this week.

"Corruption will not be tolerated. I can't protect any dishonest person," Chuan told his minis-

While many of the 387 lawmak-The irony is that the seven-party ers are honest, law enforcement coalition government led by officials say there are also many Chuan, widely regarded as one of godfathers, allegeddrug smugglers, oil smugglers, people profiting from the most honest politicians in Thai prostitution and other vices, people history, is awash in corruption scandals. accused of looting financial institutions and even some who have

been arrested for assault.

Furthermore, corrupt bureau-

They began shortly after he was named prime minister last November, and the allegations some substantiated, others unproven \_ include:

• The minister of transport and communications was accused of rigging bids for a digital communications network.

• The minister of interior allegedly used timber from a national park to build his home, while investigating illegal loggers.

• The minister of health and his deputy were forced to resign over price fixing of medical supplies at hospitals.

• The deputy minister of agriculture resigned after farmers complained the ministry was selling them seeds at inflated prices.

• Farmers groups now charge the ministry is inflating the price of fertilizer.

• A deputy education minister has accused one of his counterparts of rigging bids and overcharging schools for computers.

• There has been speculation that kickbacks were involved in awarding a contract to turn Bangkok's zoo into an amusement park.

Just a few years ago, when Thailand's economy was booming, there was little public outrage over politicians taking payoffs or skimming off contracts.

"But not now, when we are going through an economic cri-

People's tolerance level has been lowered," said Professor Kasian Tejapira, a political scientist at Thammasat University in Bangkok.

If even half of the corruption allegations are true, then millions of dollars have been lost at a time when unemployment is nearing 2 million and the government is receiving a \$ 17.2 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund.

Recent polls show the public still supports the prime minister. But confidence in his coalition's honesty is declining.

The scandals also threatened the unity of the governing coalition, which had only a slim parliamentary majority.

To ensure his government would not fall, Chuan brought in another party Monday. While that increased the number of government lawmakers, polls showed voters doubted the honesty of the new coalition partner.

"This new lineup is not for the sake of the people, but to lengthen the life of the government," said

eration for Democracy, an activist group. "But if the prime minister cannot root out corruption, then the government will not last." Despite Chuan's warning to his ministers, parliament's makeup makes it likely new scandals will

Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai walks past lines of newsmen as he arrives Tuesday at Government House in Bangkok for a meeting with his new cabinet members. AP

Thailand is only a few decades removed from a feudal society where officials expected gifts in exchange for basic services. "Corruption is ingrained in our

system," Professor Kasian said about the persistence of that atti-

Former Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, who leads the opposition, has vowed to launch a noconfidence debate against Chuan using the corruption scandals as ammunition.

He is unlikely, however, to succeed. Most Thais believe the opposition is more corrupt than the gov-



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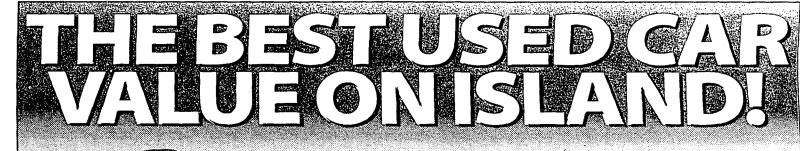
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#### Mahathir unmoved by protests

# No early Malaysia election

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Unfazed by an economic crisis and widespread protests, Malaysia's prime minister refused Wednesday to call elections anytime soon or replace his ousted heir apparent.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said he believes most Malaysians back his 17year rule, despite the protests triggered by the firing and arrest of his No. 2, Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

"Malaysia will not have elections for some time yet," Mahathir, 72, told a meeting of businessmen and economic advisers. "My assessment is that people still support the government.

At an earlier meeting of his United Malays National Organization Party, Mahathir also refused to name a replaceholds an internal election in

Mahathir, who had heart bypass surgery in 1989, had groomed Anwar, 51, as his successor but fired him on the grounds that he was morally unfit to lead. The two differed over economic policy, and Anwar has said his former boss feared he was a threat.

The absence of a successor could lead to a power struggle in the event Mahathir is forced to resign or dies, because there is no clear line of succession in Malaysia. Mahathir had fueled speculation he was ready to select a new heir last week, saying he could "drop dead" at any time.

Anwar was fired Sept. 2, accused of corruption and engaging in illegal homosexual acts. Anwar has denied the charges; he was arrested after



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad checks his glasses while listening to a question from participants of the National Congress on Economic Recovery in Kuala Lumpur Wednesday. REUTERS

# 3rd Annual Club at the **Hyatt Golf** Classic

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Mahathir's resignation. Despite the protests, Mahathir said Wednesday that support for his ruling party remains strong and there have been no defections from the party, which claims a membership of 2.4 million in a nation of 22 million.

Support "is solid," said Mahathir. "There is no exodus from the party."

He did mention the expulsion of 10 party officials with close ties to Anwar and the questioning of another 10.

While conceding the economic crisis was the worst Malaysia has ever faced, Mahathir said he was confident the country would quickly recover from reces-

"We will be, if not the first, among the first to recover," he said.

Mahathir also criticized the policies Anwar pursued as finance minister — including IMF-backed economic austerity measures, — saying they were partly to blame for Malaysia's economic troubles.

He defended the switch to lower interest rates and higher government spending, saying the government had not spent enough money and cut back on development. "The result is obvious," he said.

Mahathir also criticized International Monetary Fund chief Michel Camdessus for proposing austerity measures that could have led to the closure of many companies. Camdessus was among world officials who expressed concern over Anwar's appearances in court badly bruised and with a black eye, alleging police torture.

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Due to Asian economic crisis

# Canada immigration drops

expected to receive about 20,000 fewer immigrants this year than it had hoped to attract, mainly because of the devastating effects of the Asian economic crisis.

About 15,000 visas issued to skilled workers in Asian countries were "wasted" this year because recipients with nearly empty pockets changed their minds about coming to Canada, Immigration Minister Lucienne Robillard said Wednesday.

Immigration estimates were at 200,000 to 225,000. Robillard says the number will more likely be between 180,000 and 200,000.

"This is not a cause for alarm. Most

of our immigrants in recent years have come from (Asia). But the current fiscal uncertainty and roller-coaster stock markets have caused many people to think twice about plans to emigrate."

Despite continuing turbulence, the target level for 1999 will stay at up to 225,000.

"We remain hopeful for the future," said Robillard.

This year's drop is mainly among so-called "economic" immigrants recruited for their skills.

Robillard was vague on the economic impact of losing the 15,000 skilled workers and there were no figures available on the types of

"If we decrease the number of new immigrants received every year in our country, then in the

long term there will be a negative impact on the economic side."

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Critics say the system should be more flexible to allow unused visas in one immigrant category

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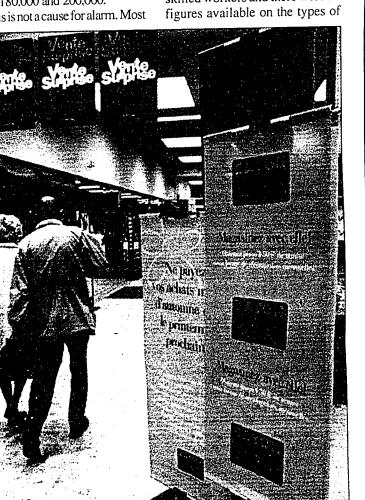
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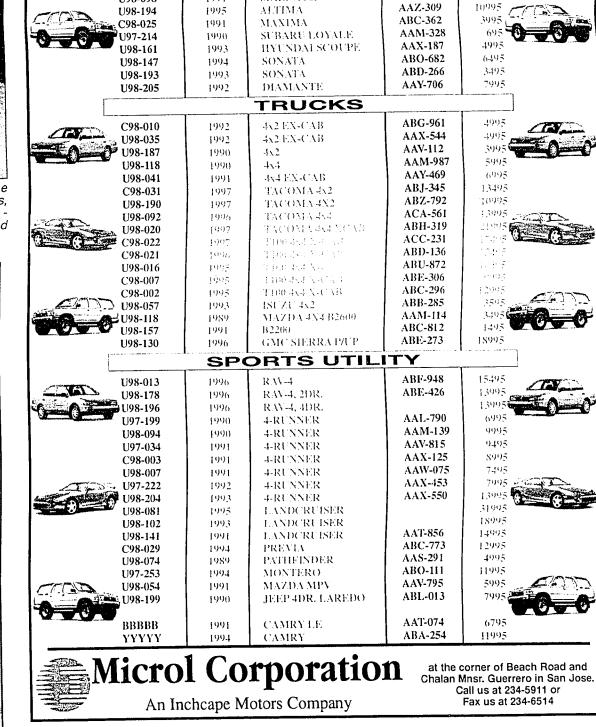
Canada is on target in welcoming government-assisted refugees this year--about 7,300--and the number of immigrants sponsored by immediate family members is on the rise.

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Shoppers walk past some of the signs written in French at the downtown Eaton department store in Montreal, Canada. For years, major retailers in Montreal - one of the world's most bilingual cities have displayed signs in French only, even though a 1993 law allowed





### Online-only bank launches

HOUSTON (AP) — Billing itself as the first fully chartered online-only bank in the United States, CompuBank launched its Internet-based services on Wednesday.

The institution is the first exclusively online bank to receive a charter from the Office of the Comptroller of

the Currency and approval by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., CompuBank officials said.

The bank offers traditional services such as checking and savings and wire services. Via Web site at its www.compubank.com, the bank also offers instant access to account status, account statements up to 12 months and check images up to three years.

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CompuBank, based in Houston, is backed by private investors.



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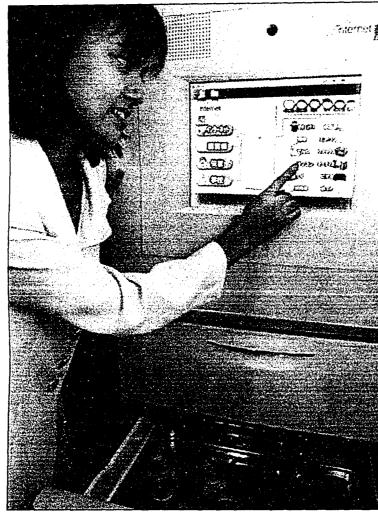
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A model touches a panel screen installed in a newly introduced "Internet Refrigerator" at the PC World Expo in Makuhari, Japan. The unique refrigerator is connected with all household equipment like telephone, air conditioner, bath, television, security, etc., which could be controlled by the touch panel or verbally through a built-in micro-

### House OKs limits on Internet pornography

By TED BRIDIS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rejected by the courts in an earlier effort to restrict Internet pornography, the House of Representatives voted Wednesday to require companies to verify an adult's age before showing online material "harmful to minors."

"There are literally thousands of sites devoted to every manner of perversion and brutality," said Rep. Michael Oxley, the bill's sponsor. "Unfortunately, the Web is awash in degrading smut."

Included within the bill, passed on a voice vote, was a far less controversial proposal to require companies on the Internet to obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children on

The anti-porn legislation refor a credit-card number, adult access code or "any other reasonable measures" before showing "harmful" material. Violators would face fines up to \$50,000 and up to six months in prison.

"This will further erode the notion of freedom of speech," complained Rep. Barney Frank. "This goes far too tion, although it's unclear broad. I believe it will be judged unconstitutional."

The Senate voted 98-1 earlier Wednesday to amend a similar measure, sponsored by Republican Dan Coats of Indiana, that would impose a moratorium on any new state or local taxes while a federal commission sorts out tax op-

tions for electronic commerce. Coats said tax benefits shouldn't be extended to online pornographers whose material is available to chil-

If the Senate approves the tax bill with the Coats amendment, a conference committee would need to resolve differences between it and the House bill before Congress adjourns on Friday.

Critics compare the legislation, which they describe as "CDA 2," to the 1996 Communications Decency Act, which the Supreme Court overturned last year as unconstitutional. It sought to ban anyone, not just commercial Web sites, from sending "obscene or indecent" material to

Supporters said the "harmful to minors" standard was quires companies to verify a much narrower than "indecustomer is over 16 by asking cent" and thus more likely to withstand scrutiny by the courts.

> Sen. Christopher Dodd added a provision requiring Internet service providers, such as America Online, to sell or give free parental filtering software to customers.

The administration has indicated it opposes the legislawhether President Bill Clinton would veto it.

Clinton's top telecommunications adviser, Larry Irving of the Commerce Department, recommended that parents be given high-tech tools, such as software filters, rather than a "static, imperfect solution" such as a new law.

On impeachment move in Congress

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# Clinton asks vote of conscience

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bill Clinton said Wednesday that members of the House of Representatives should cast "a vote of principle and conscience" on whether to approve a broad, Republicanwritten impeachment inquiry against him. He denied he was trying to pressure lawmakers.

"It's up to others to decide what happens to me and ultimately it's going to be up to the American people to make a clear statement there," the president told reporters in the Oval Office. "More important than anything else to me is they do the people's work and

then let the people decide where we go from here."

In return, Sen. Robert Byrd, the senior Democrat in the Senate, offered "friendly advice" to the White House: "Don't tamper with this jury." Senators would be the jury if impeachment resolutions were approved by the House and a Senate trial was

A day before the House is set to approve the impeachment inquiry, Democrats were searching for an alternative that would satisfy both liberals and conservatives in the party, as well as those with tough re-election

After a House Democratic caucus, it was clear that a number of lawmakers --especially conservatives and those in tough races --would vote for the Republican resolution.

"This cannot be a vote where

#### Clinton names Asst. Secretary for Treasury

WASHINGTON (AP) -Edwin M. Truman, a senior official at the Federal Reserve, will be nominated by President Clinton to be assistant secretary for international affairs at the Treasury Depart-

If confirmed by the Senate, Truman, director of the Fed's Division of International Finance and a 26-year veteran of the central bank, would replace Timothy Geithner.

Geithner is replacing David Lipton as undersecretary for international affairs.

The Fed said Karen H. Johnson, who serves under Truman as associate director, has replaced Truman, effective Oct. 17. After that and until his confirmation to the Treasury post, Truman will serve as a special adviser to the Federal Reserve Board.

Since 1983, he had been one of three staff economists advising the Fed panel that sets short-term interest rates. At the Treasury Department, he will be one of the top officials creating U.S. international economic policy.

dent of your own party," Rep.

But most Democrats who spoke Tim Roemer told reporters at the meeting said they would show strong party unity by voting



President Clinton makes a point while addressing a Democratic fundraiser in Washington Monday. Earlier in the day, the House Judiciary Committee voted 21-16 to send a recommendation to Congress to proceed with an impeachment inquiry.

\_ even though it's destined to

"We're a party and we have to start thinking like a party," Rep. Gary Ackerman told reporters.

Another Democrat, Rep. Ellen Tauscher said she spoke to the president, who pledged to cooperate with any inquiry. She said she might vote for the Republican resolution to get an inquiry moving, but acknowledged: "It's not easy to vote for any inquiry that's going to be open-ended, that looks like a rehash of a bunch of salacious material.

Lawmakers said several members of the Congressional Black Caucus were among those stressing unity.

The White House denied that Clinton was engaged in an intensive lobbying campaign. Press secretary Joe Lockhart said the president had called a half-dozen lawmakers in the last few days, and that half of those were return calls to members

Clinton also denied trying to pressure lawmakers, saying, "I think everybody should cast a vote of principle and conscience."

Meanwhile, a small group of Democrats prodded the White House to drop its opposition to the open-ended impeachment inquiry sought by Republicans.

Rep. David Minge of Minnesota, a lawmaker on the Republican target list for this fall, said he telephoned White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles on Tuesday night to urge that the White House reverse course.

Bowles was noncommittal, Minge said, adding, "I don't know if he's going to do this but that's what I conveyed to the White House."

The disclosure that some members of the rank-and-file were seeking an about-face in the White House strategy was fresh evidence of the turmoil within the Democratic Party.



# IMF mulls key US proposal

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal President Bill Clinton put forward to calm turbulent financial markets caught officials at the International Monetary Fund off guard and will need further refinement, a top IMF official said Wednesday.

Jack Boorman, IMF's policy director, called the U.S. recommendation to speed IMF loans to countries threatened with investor flight a "distant" part of the global architecture

officials are struggling to create to cope with the current crisis and prevent future crises.

forts on this front are not discussions that take away from the first order of business \_ dealing with the crisis," Boorman told a small group of reporters during an interview.

Calling it more a "concept" than a thought-through proposal,

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW98-IFB-032 September 24, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting competitive sealed Bids from qualified CNMI construction firms for the Intersection Improvements and Installation of Traffic Signals at Various Intersections Project on Saipan. The estimated magnitude of this project is between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 PM October 26, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be publicly

A Bid Bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be certified check, cashier's check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check, "Credit Account No. 44660". Bid Bond must be executed by a surety approved by the CNMI government.

There will be a Pre-Bid conference for this project at 2:00 pm, local time, on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at the DPW Conference Room, Office of the Secretary, Gualo Rai, Saipan. The scope of work, drawings, and bidding documents will be available on or after September 28, 1998 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, MP. There is a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the Scope of Work documents. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer, a receipt of payment must be presented when acquiring the project package. Any questions/concerns must be submitted in writing to the Director of Technical Services Division, DPW, Lower Base, no later than 4:30 p.m., October 15, 1998.

The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, must be executed by the surety U.S. Treasury listed insurance or CNMI approved affiliate, equal to 100% of the price specified in the contract. Performance time for the completion of the construction project is 150 (One hundred fifty) calendar days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages to be assessed at the amount specified in FP-92, 1992, Table 108-

This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHA.

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/s/ JUAN B. CEPEDA Acting Secretary of Public Works /s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

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## INVITATION/FOR BIDS DPW98-IFB-029

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), through the Department of Public Works (DPW) in cooperation with the Tinian Mayor's Office, is soliciting competitive sealed Bids from qualified CNMI construction firms for the asphalt paving of approximately 1.0 mile of Suicide Cliff Road (Route 200) on the island of Tinian. The estimated magnitude of this project is between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

September 24, 1998

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00PM October 23, 1998, at which time and place the bids will

A Bid Bond of ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be certified check, cashier's check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check, "Credit Account No. 44660". Bid Bond must be executed by a surety approved by the CNMI government.

There will be no Pre-Bid Conference for this project. The scope of work, drawings, and bidding documents will be available on or after September 28, 1998 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, MP. There is no cost for the Scope of Work documents. All questions/ later than 4:30 p.m., October 15, 1998.

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further consideration. However, he said, a number of potential problems would have to be resolved, including how to involve rich countries and the private sector along with the IMF in supplying emergency loans.

The feeling is that all three groups need to be involved to offer enough resources to persuade frightened investors to leave their money in a particular coun-

Boorman said Clinton's proposal caught the IMF off guard because it had not been raised by the U.S. representative to the organization during preparations for the annual meeting or in discussions by a separate group of 22 nations convened by the United

global financial system. The IMF learned of the pro-

posal only a few days before Clinton made it public last Friday in brief remarks on the South Lawn of the White House, he said.

Clinton, who has given increasing attention to the financial crisis in recent weeks, has been involved in a series of brainstorming sessions at the White House with his top economic advisers, searching for bolder proposals to contain what he has called the biggest threat to the global economy in 50

Boorman, an American, made his remarks as the annual meetings of the 182-nation IMF and World Bank were heading to their closing sessions Thursday.



STS-95 Payload Specialist Chiaki Mukai of Tokyo, Japan stands next to Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, during a break in training exercises Wednesday morning at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Seven members of the STS-95 crew are preparing for an Oct. 29, 1998 launch. AP

#### Jury awards \$39M damages over chemical leak incident

CHARLESTON, West Virginia (AP) - A federal jury on Wednesday awarded \$38.8 million in punitive damages in a class-action lawsuit against FMC Corp., stemming from a chemical leak that jured at least 10 people,

The U.S. District Court jury award represents about 5 percent of the Chicago-based company's net worth of \$776 million. A judge must decide how to divide the award among 343 plaintiffs.

On Tuesday, the jury awarded an average \$8,300 in actual damages to 10 people who claimed they were injured by the leak of 6,000 pounds (2,700 kilos) of phosphorous trichloride in December 1995.

FMC plant manager Brian McConnachie met with plant officials about four months before the accident to discuss problems with the reactor that ultimately failed. McConnachie and the employees concluded it did not need to be shut down.

Evidence indicated that faulty equipment in a reactor contributed to the leak. Phosphorous trichloride combined with rain that day to form hydrochloric acid.

Five highways were closed for more than two hours, and thousands of residents were asked to stay inside to avoid contact with the leak. FMC attorneys declined to comment Wednesday.

FMC makes fertilizers and chemical compounds used in motor oil and a variety of other products.

# Major Web firms push privacy plan

NEW YORK (AP) -- Eight major Web companies announced a multimillion dollar online privacy initiative Wednesday aimed at heading off legislation in Congress.

Microsoft, Excite, Lycos, Infoseek, Snap, Netscape, Yahoo! and America Online revealed the Privacy Partnership effort at the sixth annual Internet World convention in New York.

The online ad campaign is aimed at educating consumers about privacy rights and encouraging companies to post clear and easily accessible policies dealing with the collection of personal data.

Susan Scott, executive director of TRUSTe, a nonprofit industry group that aims to promote online commerce, said privacy was the No.1 reason people were suspicious of using the Internet to conduct online com-

At a news conference, Scott said a recent study revealed that 61 percent of people who didn't use the Internet indicated they weren't online because of concern over how their personal data would be used.

The campaign will take the form of donated banner ads on the Web sites of the participating companies. From Oct. 12 until the end of the month, the companies expect to reach about 85 percent of the American online audience by flooding the Web with between 150 million and 200 million displays of ad ban-

The Privacy Partnership is aimed at heading off pending legislation in Congress. The Clinton administration has taken a hands-off approach to the Net, but privacy advocates, the Federal Trade Commission and the European Union are demanding some kind of federal regulation to protect consumers.

### Louisiana ex-governor faces another probe

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By ALAN CLENDENNING NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A retired state transportation official was charged Wednesday with conspiring with former Gov. Edwin Edwards to wiretap the homes of two FBI agents.

Neither Edwards nor his son Stephen, who was also implicated in the alleged scheme, was charged. Edwards has been the target of a wide-ranging FBI corruption investigation for at least 18 months.

Dempsey White, 76, a former state transportation official, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit illegal wire-

In court papers, the FBI said the Edwardses and White wanted to intercept FBI agent Geoffrey Santini's telephone

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conversations, along with those of federal prosecutors.

On July 22, Edwards allegedly told an informant he was interested in "what's happening, what he (Santini) thinks, and what he believes." The court papers did not identify the second FBI agent targeted for wiretapping.

The former governor said of the allegations Wednesday: "I know nothing at all about it. I don't know what White did. But he didn't do anything on my instruction, direction or with my knowledge.'

The federal investigation has looked into such things as cattle sales to state prisons, a defunct insurance company and a failed attempt to bring basketball's Minnesota Timberwolves to

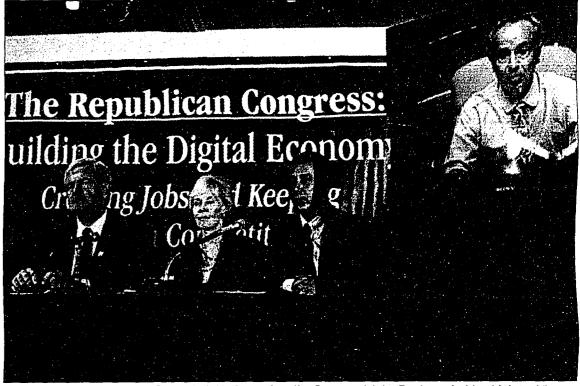
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Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (left), Reps. Jennifer Dunn and John Boehner, hold a "high-tech" news conference at the Capitol with Intel CEO Andy Grove participating via tele-conference Wednesday. Gingrich and other Republican leaders used the event to point out the advances they have made during the 105th Congress on high technology issues.



#### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Job Vacancy No.: 98-042

Opening Date: 09/28/98 Closing Date: 10/30/98

#### **Electrical Engineer**

DUTIES: Duties include planning and design of distribution systems, including substation, primary, secondary and customer services and the preparation of specifications, reports and cost estimates. Will work closely with construction, operations and marketing personnel.

LOCATION: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, SAIPAN

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS: BS in Electrical Engineering from an accredited university; five years minimum experience working for an electric utility and/or as an electric utility consultant. Good interper-

STARTING SALARY: \$38,000.00-\$45,000.00 PER ANNUM PLUS HOUSING

Submit resume with salary history to Human Resources, CUC.

Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office.

Copy of diploma and/or official transcript and recent police clearance must be attached.

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# Mideast summit next week

EREZ CHECKPOINT, Gaza (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday that Israeli and Palestinian leaders had made "significant progress" toward a West Bank accord and hope to conclude it at a summit with President Clinton next

"Basically, we have a lot to do," Albright said in Jerusalem, as she prepared to fly to Brussels, Belgium, and then to London to grapple with the unrest in the Serbian province of Kosovo. The summit opens Oct. 15 and could last more than one day.

"I am very realistic about their having to make the hard decisions," Albright said of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who will be negotiating with the direct participation of Clinton.

"Their body language has been fairly positive," she said. "But you can't get away from the fact they do have to make the hard choices."

The summit will be held at Wye Plantation, a conference site on the eastern shore of Maryland, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart

There were both symbolic and solid signs of progress after nearly two years of deadlock.

Arafat invited Netanyahu to a lamb and fish lunch he hosted for

after the three-way talks. Netanyahu smoked a cigar after the meal, and later told Israelis the food Arafat served was kosher.

A senior U.S. official said, meanwhile, that the two sides agreed on the establishment of an industrial zone in Gaza in December and the formation of an anti-incitement committee that would include educators and journalists. The aim is to deter provocative statements on both sides.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said CIA Director George Tenet met Tuesday with Israeli and Palestinian security officials. No details were provided, but the CIA for years has been assisting in the coordination of information about terrorism.

"We are in a far better position to finalize all the issues" needed to conclude an agreement on the West

"The president is going to be very much involved in a lot of the detailed work," Albright said. "He has a very special and uncanny ability to work with people who have difficult problems like these. He puts himself in their shoes."

"I can say we climbed the foothills. We still have a very large mountainto scale in Washington," Netanyahu told reporters after returning to Jerusalem. If the Washington summit is successful, he



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (left) and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, shake hands as they are joined by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at the start of tri-lateral talks in the Israeli Civil Administration headquarters in Erez along the border with the Gaza Strip Wednesday. AP

ciple of reciprocity?" Netanyahu

will be an agreement. Period."

asked. "If the answer is yes, there

Said Arafat, "Until now, the Is-

raeli side did not give any sign of

approval for the American initia-

tive, but in spite of that we are

continuing our negotiations today."

In an exchange with reporters

Wednesday in the Oval Office,

Clinton said he was eager for the

said, he won't rule out beginning voke the PLO charter, to fight ternegotiations with Arafat at the summit on an overall settlement.

This would mean dealing with even more difficult issues than an Israeli pullback on the West Bank. The Palestinians are insisting on a state and placing its capital in

"Are the Palestinians ready to fulfill their commitments, to re-

talks to start. "It may take more than a day, yes," he said. "I asked them to black out a couple of days to come back because I think it's very important that we try to get over these last humps and get into the last stage of negotiations."

"I'm prepared to invest as much time as it takes," he said, adding that he would stay closely involved. "I will be involved constantly

throughout the process, yes," he ror, to fulfill completely their part of the agreement under the prin-

"I'm encouraged by the attitude and the sense of openness I felt from Prime Minister Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat the last time they were here," Clinton said. "And if they can come back here with that spirit, we're close enough now that we can get this done. And I just hope and pray that that will happen when they come back."

Albright praised the cooperation of Netanyahu and Arafat.

"This new spirit was very helpful and I hope very much that it will be carried on to Washington," she said. "I am very realistic that there are still hard decisions to be made."

Albright noted this was the first time that Netanyahu had ventured intoPalestinian-heldterritory."These two leaders here are putting their

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shoulders to the wheel," she said. The Israeli pullback on the West

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Job Vacancy No.: 98-041

Opening Date: 09/28/98 Closing Date: 10/30/98

#### Human Resources Manager

DUTIES: Responsibilities include initiation and updating of policies and procedures, recruitment, job classification, salary and benefits administration, performance evaluation, employee records, training and safety. Must be able to facilitate teamwork and conflict resolution at all levels and to recognize and diagnose organizational problems and develop recommendation for systematic solutions.

LOCATION: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, SAIPAN

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: BA in Personnel, Public Administration or related field and a minimum five (5) years progressively more responsible HR experience.

Submit resume with salary history to Human Resources, CUC.

Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office. Copy of diploma and/or official transcript and recent police clearance must be attached.

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Job Vacancy No. 98-043

Opening Date: 10/09/98 Closing Date: 10/23/98

#### TRADES SPECIALIST (ELECTRICAL CONTROLS/MOTOR REWIND)

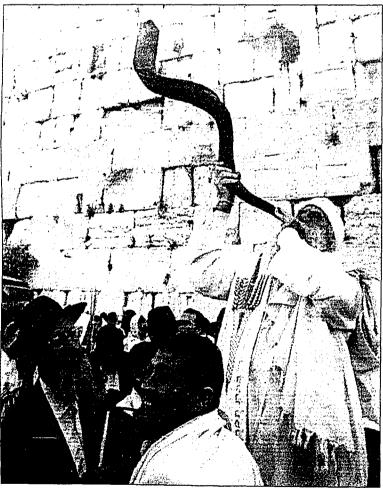
DUTIES: Responsibilities include planning and directing through subordinate personnel, work involved in electrical and mechanical rewinding, repairs of electrical control panels and motors. Repairs motor control relays, transformers. Rebuilds, overhauls, maintains, and prepares intrumentation for tests on all types of electrical element necessary to meet all the requirements of the utility systems. Trains personnel in rewinding skills, directs the dismantling, rewinding, and reassembly and testing of repaired motors. Instructs and enforces safety practices and procedures for testing and operating motors and its electrical systems. Travels to Rota and Tinian to assists in trouble-shooting and installing of electrical motors and controls.

LOCATION: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, SAIPAN

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: AS or equivalent plus five (5) years experience in the areas of electrical trades, specializing in overhaul, servicing of major electrical instruments with at least one (1) year in the journeyman level or higher. Must have a minimum of three (3) years supervisory experience.

STARTING SALARY: \$22,069,00 - \$28,151.12 per annum (hazardous premium embedded)

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Rabbi Motti Levy blows a shofar during massive prayers at the Western Wall during celebrations of the week-long holiday of Sukkot in Jerusalem's Old City Wednesday. AP

# IAEA: Iraq seems nuke-free



United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan (right) shakes hands with Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq Tariq Aziz during a meeting Wednesday at the U.N. AP

Iran leader: Stop misuse of freedom of expression

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) \_ Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

on Wednesday criticized what he described as conspirators misusing

freedom of expression and said their actions amounted to treason, the

"Critique and criticism of the government's policies are not bad, but,

when someone attempts to undermine the foundations of the govern-

ment, it is a treason and not freedom of expression... The enemy's hands

In recent months, hard-liners at the judiciary have shut down six

publications, including two on Monday, and arrested six journalists

The New York-based Human Rights Watch said it feared that four

detained journalists working for the banned Tous daily were being

It said the four men Mahmoud Shamsol-va-Ezine, Hamid-Reza

Jalaipur, Mohammad Javadi-Hessar and Ebrahim Nabavi \_ have

been held incommunicado since their arrest Sept. 16 with no access

The watch group said in an open-letter to Mohammad Yazdi, the

head of Iran's judiciary, that the arrests appeared to be in "direct

violation" of Iran's Constitution which states that any offenses

relating to the press should be brought before a designated press

court. It said the Iranian press law stipulates that such courts should

The group said it was concerned that "the prosecution of the four

journalists is part of a campaign of repression and violence targeting

Tous, a popular independent daily, was shut down for allegedly

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hold their proceedings in public and in the presence of a jury.

"ill-treated in order to pressure them to sign false confessions."

are seen in such practices," the agency quoted Khamenei as saying.

**UNITED NATIONS (Reuters)** — The International Atomic Energy Agency said on Wednesday that Iraq appeared free of nuclear weapons but cautioned that its information was still incomplete.

"The IAEA has found no indication of Iraq having achieved its programme goal of producing nuclear weapons, or of Iraq having retained physical capability for the production of weaponsusable nuclear material or having clandestinely obtained such material," the Vienna based U.N. nuclear watchdog said in a state-

The IAEA's conclusions were based on its six-month report to the Security Council on Iraqi disarmament and were almost identical to its previous findings. The agency is in charge of nuclear disarmament in Iraq while the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) is responsible for dismantling Baghdad's ballistic, chemical and biological arms.

But the IAEA said it could not guarantee that all "readily con-

for allegedly printing lies.

independent media."

to their lawyers and their families.

Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

cealable" items have been found. Iraq, it said had not disclosed some information on foreign assistance for its past programme or revealed documents the agency wanted.

But it indicated that most of its work could be accomplished through a long-term monitoring programme to assure Iraq did not revive its atomic weapons programme.

Iraq suspended cooperation with all U.N. inspectors on August 5 and since then has prevented UNSCOM and the IAEA from visiting new sites.

"As a result, the level of assurance the IAEA can give that prohibited activities are not taking place in Iraq is significantly reduced," the IAEA said.

The agency's reports have prompted Russia, France and China to call for the Security Council to " close & quot; the nuclear file and work only within the long-term monitoring programme. But the reports have also given the United States ammunition to oppose this move,

saying the IAEA still lacked in-

Iraq launched a crash programme to test its first nuclear bomb, using highly enriched uranium, after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The target date was April 1991, four months after the Gulf War that drove Iraqi troops from the emirate and after U.S. bombs had destroyed many facilities.

nuclear weapons capability

since the Gulf War and had com-

Scott Ritter, the American UNSCOM inspector who resigned his post in anger in August, told a congressional committee that Iraq had built up its

ponents for three bombs. But he said it lacked plutonium or ura-

However, UNSCOM chairman Richard Butler last week dismissed the allegation, saying that if that were true, he would have reported it to the Security Council or the IAEA.

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW98-IFB-005 September 24, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting competitive sealed Bids from qualified CNMI construction firms for the Furnishing and Installation of Traffic Signs, Posts and Guardrails at Various Locations on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The estimated magnitude of this project is between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00AM October 23, 1998, at which time and place the bids

A Bid Bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be certified check, cashier's check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check, "Credit Account No. 44660". Bid Bond must be executed by a surety approved by the CNMI government.

There will be no Pre-Bid Conference for this project. The scope of work, drawings, and bidding documents will be available on or after September 28, 1998 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, MP. There is a cost of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the Scope of Work documents. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer, a receipt of payment must be presented when acquiring the project package. Any questions/concerns must be submitted in writing to the Director of Technical Services Division, DPW, Lower Base, no later than 4:30 p.m., October 15, 1998.

The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, must be executed by the surety U.S. Treasury listed insurance or CNMI approved affiliate, equal to 100% of the price specified in the contract. Performance time for the completion of the construction project is 180 (One hundred eighty) calendar days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages to be assessed at the amount of \$200 (Two hundred dollars) per calendar day.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHA.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI

/s/ JUAN B. CEPEDA Acting Secretary of Public Works /s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW98-RFP-027 September 24, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting competitive sealed Proposals from qualified firms for the Design-Build of the Talofofo Road-Route 309 on the island of

Interested proposers must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of their sealed proposals to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 pm, local time, October 26, 1998.

Proposals will be evaluated and a selection made based on the following criteria:

A. Qualifications of the Contractor/Engineer Team

B. Ability to complete the work in the required time C. Past performance on similar projects

A copy of the Scope of Work may be obtained from the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan on or after September 28, 1998.

A Pre-Proposal conference will be held at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, Gualo Rai Office at 09:00 am, local time, October 01, 1998. All proposers are required to attend or send an authorized representative. Any questions must be submitted in writing to Mr. Andrew W. Smith, P.E., Director, Technical Services Division, no later than 4:30 pm on the same date as the Pre-Proposal Conference.

All responses to this RFP need to take into account any and all taxes that will be assessed the successful proposer in fulfillment of the contract, including any excise taxes.

All proposal documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI government. The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI

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# Prodi faces Parliament

ROME (AP) — A breakaway faction of Italy's Communist party indicated Wednesday it would take up Premier Romano Prodi's appeal for support, boosting the chances that the center-leftgovernmentcould survive a confidence vote.

The Communist Refoundation party, led by Fausto Bertinotti, decided over the weekend to withdraw support for Prodi, saying the proposed 1999 budget didnot do enough tosumulate jobs, particularly in Italy's lesser developed south, where the jobless rate runs about double the national average of 12.5 percent.

Prodi, who has relied on the Communists' votes in the lower Chamber of Deputies throughout his 2/1/2year term for a majority, was forced to call the confidence vote, expected Friday, to determine whether his coalition still commands a majority.

Arguing that Italy needs political stability to maintain its place within Europe and the European Monetary Union, Prodi went before Parliament earlier Wednesday and appealed to his frayed majority to reunite.

"I don't think that any of the forces in the majority can hold back their support," Prodi told lawmakers, "I think that even you, Bertinotti, must be feeling the same weight and the same responsibilities that we feel."

Hours after Prodi spoke, the Communists' No. 2, Armando Cossutta. told hundreds of his followers that it was time to "disobey" the party's hard-line stance and support Prodi despite unhappiness over the budget.

**AGENDA** 

Call to Order

III. Election of Officers

Old Business

A. IOTA Update

New Business

C. Other Old Business

• Museum Opening

• Chugai Pictographs

• Publication Update

• HPO FY99 Budget

• Other New Business

• PROA Partners Contract



stresses a point during his speech at the Italian Parliament Wednes-

On Monday, Cossutta resigned as party president, calling Bertinotti's tactics "wrong and dangerous."

Communist leaders in Parliament said the next day that they would heed Cossutta's appeal to prevent the govemment from falling, but it was still unclear how each deputy would vote.

With votes from Cossutta's faction, Prodi would be just shy of a majority in the 630-seat Chamber of Deputies, but a few abstentions and some stray votes from centrist lawmakers in the opposition could be enough to win the confidencevote.

Prodi has outlasted all postwar premiers except Socialist BettinoCraxi. who was premier from 1983 to 1987. Prodi's is Italy's 55th government since World War II.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW

**BOARD MEETING** 

9:00 A.M., October 21st

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Orientation of New Board Members

B. Rota Agricultural Homestead

• Saipan International Airport Project

• Mt. Carmel School Expansion Project

• Saipan Review and Compliance Update

• Disposition of Human Remains

• Post Office Expansion Project

• C.K. Japanese Historic House

• On-going Compliance Projects

• Rota/Tinian Program Update

IV. Adoption of Minutes from June 11, 1996 Board



Italian Communist Refoundation Party's president Armando Cossutta (left) and Party's MP Oliviero Diliberto (right) clap their hands, as Party's secretary Fausto Bertinotti jots down, at the end of Italian Premier Romano Prodi speech at the Italian Parliament Wednesday. Prodi's government will face an expected vote of confidence on Friday. AP

## Bin Laden ex-secretary indicted

By Gall Appleson Law Correspondent

NEW YORK (Reuters) — A former personal secretary to Osama Bin Laden, the Saudi exile suspected in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya, was indicted with three others on Wednesday for conspiring with a violent Bin Laden group to kill U.S. troops and civilians.

The charges against Wadih el Hage of Arlington, Texas mark the U.S. government's latest

move in its expanding probe of Bin Laden and his al Qaeda organisation.

The 238 count indictment, filed in Manhattan federal court, accuses the defendants of conspiring to kill members of the American military stationed in Saudi Arabia and Somalia as well as U.S. nationals employed at the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The August 7 embassy bombings killed 253 people, including 12 Americans, and injured more than 5,000 in Nairobi. An almost simultaneous attack on the U.S. Embassy in neighbouring Tanzania killed 10 people and injured dozens.

Last month el Hage was indicted for lying about his knowledge of Bin Laden's activities but he was not accused of participating in actual acts of violence. The new charges accuse him of being part of a broad plan to kill Americans. He could face life in prison if con-

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW98-IFB-030 September 24, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting competitive sealed Bids from qualified CNMI construction firms for the Reconstruction and Hazard Elimination of chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Phase III, with an approximate distance of 0.42 mile. The work includes widening a portion of Chalan Pale Arnold for approximately 0.11 mile. All the work will be on Saipan. The estimated magnitude of this project is between \$800,000 and \$1,300,000.

Scaled Bids, in duplicate, must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 PM October 30, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be publicly

A Bid Bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be certified check, cashier's check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check, "Credit Account No. 44660". Bid Bond must be executed by a surety

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference for this project on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., local time, in the DPW Conference Room, Office of the Secretary, Gualo Rai Saipan. The scope of work, drawings, and idding documents will be available on or after September 28, 1998 at the Technical Services Division, Depar ment of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, MP. There is a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the Scope of Work documents. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer, a receipt of payment must be presented when acquiring the project package. Any questions/concerns must be submitted in writing to the Director of Technical Services Division, DPW, Lower Base, no later than 4:30 p.m., October 15, 1998.

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Acting Secretary of Public Works

September 22, 1998

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

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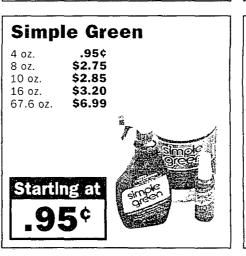
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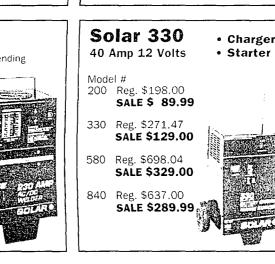






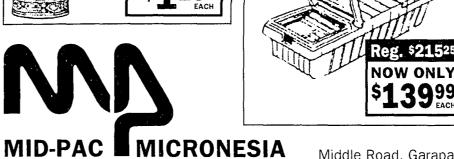
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VII. Adoption of Resolutions /s/ JUAN B. CEPEDA

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VIII. Adjournment

**Radio Engineering Services** 

at 234-6128 extension 2300 or 2301.

/s/ Ignacia B. Villaluz

Manager, P&PMO

the following:

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

Northern Marianas College is soliciting qualifications for

RFQ: 98-014 Telecommunications/

Specifications for the above are available for all interested

persons and may be picked up at NMC Procurement and

Property Management Office, Building "L", As Terlaje

Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope

marked RFQ 98-014 to Procurement Office, Building "L"

The Northern Marianas College reserves the right to

reject any or all submittals for any reason, if it is

determined by the College to be in its best interests. All

submittals shall become the property of NMC.

For additional information, please call NMC procurement

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

INVITATION FOR BID

PSS IFB99-001

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bid from interested

firm(s) for the procurement of folding/mobile cafeteria tables for Tinian Public School.

All items must be CIF Tinian Public School System and delivered within 60 days

from date of award. The specification package is now available and can be obtained

at the Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Build-

ing, Susupe, Saipan during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, except

All bid submission must be submitted in duplicate and sealed in an envelope

facemarked "IFB99-001 and submitted to the Procurement and Supply Office situ-

ated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m.

November 09, 1998 at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud

Late submission will not be considered under any circumstances.

/s/ Tee Abraham

**VP** Administration

no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, 1998.

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price was pegged at \$7.60 a kilowatt hour (kwh), Enron at \$8.47 a kwh, and the Tomen consortium at \$8.45 a kwh.

Enron and Tomen requested the new documents apparently to determine how they fared against CUC's choice. Marubeni-Sithe.

"The prices from all 13 companies," said Villagomez, ".... ranged from... \$7.56/kwh to... \$16.30/kwh.

"Using the same analysis, and after the best and final offers." he added, "the prices changed slightly with Marubeni-Sithe providing the lowest price at \$7.83/kwh...

Enron's price, said Villagomez, was the second lowest at \$8/kwh while Tomen consortium's price was tagged fifth lowest at \$8.46/kwh.

Meantime, also released by CUC was an independent technical evaluation of Enron's and Marubeni-Sithe's best and final offers compiled by an engineer for CH2M Hill, a U.S. firm.

Villagomez said a summary of the evaluation concluded that there is not a clear choice for the IPP on a technical basis judging from interviews and information provided.

CUC has opted to let an independent evaluator review once again, all of the proposals submitted by interested bidders on the power plant project after OPA junked its bid to reconsider an earlier ruling upholding a losing bidder's petition to be included back into the selection process.

"While CUC is confident that the selection process it undertook was proper and accurate... (it) has undertaken the process of hiring an outside engineering firm to assist in an independent reevaluation of all project proposals in order to move the project forward (and) satisfy the documentation requirements of the Public Auditor," said Villagomez.

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Aldan hinted that the drop in local lending interest rates, like the ones effected this week by the two Guambased banks, will likewise be minimal, if it ever pushes through.

saved here and there would still be "Every little cent that you can save

He nevertheless explained a penny

for business and individuals

#### ${ m Teno}\ldots$ Continued from page 7

Improvement Project next year may all go to waste if the garment firms decide to leave. It said seaports operation rely heavily on the garment sector's huge volume of outbound cargoes

"We're trying our best to bring up that type of industry that can generate revenue and at the same time, it's not labor intensive," said Tenorio.

The governor said he is willing to listen to the recommendations that the subcommittee will make.

helps,"Aldan said. Current lending interest rates in the Commonwealth range from 11 to 16

ThetwoGuam-based banks lowered their lending interest rates by 20 to 25 basis points for their Saipan clients following similar moves in the Guam market, an offshoot of the 25-point cut on federal funds rate implemented

by the Federal Reserve. "It would help a little, not that much," said Aldan.

They're meeting everyday and the will be recommending what actions shall we take so when they request something I always try to assist them because it's very important.

"I think the committee is bringing in some people from outside and meet over here sometime," he said.

The governor earlier said that once the Harbor Improvement Project is fully completed, it can compete with other ports in the Pacific region for transshipment business.

He added that it is the most expensive project ever undertaken by the CNMI government.

ranging declaration. "It's extremely significant that we have turned a new page in our relationship," Kim said.

"For big business, it helps. For

a small community like ours, the

impact is small, not that big a

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, on

Wednesday, called on CNMI

banks to also lower their rates to

ease the impact of the economic

crisis on consumers and busi-

His call was made in light of

concerns raised by the private sec-

tor and consumers who want to

avail of loans at affordable rates.

tion, and so the truth of what hap

pened must be brought to light," Kim

"While I am not seeking that the

criminals be brought to justice, I still

believe the truth should be brought to

light and an investigation should be

conducted in a proper manner," Kim

Kim and Obuchi, meeting at

Japan's Versailles-like State Guest

House, vowed to build a new partner-

ship of cooperation in their wide-

Japan ...

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told reporters.

boost," he added.

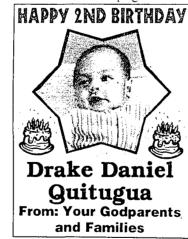
The South Korean leader promised Obuchi a gradual opening up to Japanese cultural imports, banned since the Japanese occupation ended in 1945. Japanese movies, popular songs and even cars are prohibited in South Korea.

#### Some . . . Continued from page 2

Andrew Johnson and Richard Nixon —to be confronted with the prospect of impeachment.

The proposal would allow an impeachment investigation to be expanded beyond material that Starr compiled concerning Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky. In addition, the Judiciary Committee would not be laboring under any time limit as it conducted its own inquiry, including public hearings.

Some Democrats say they fear Republicans would expand the inquiry to include material compiled by Rep Dan Burton about alleged violation of fund-raising laws during Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign



# Happy Birthday

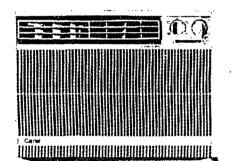
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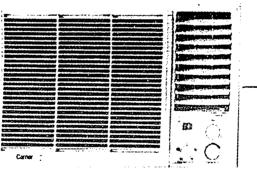
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#### Cockfighting . . . Continued from page 5

has become a thing of the past. Now it seems one has to be a very

late night or wee hours of the morning type of a person to go to the "cock fight" on Fridays.

The start of the hack fight is rarely before 11 p.m..

And to top it off, a cockfight enthusiast must pay an entrance fee regardless of whether the individual brings in a game bird or two to fight.

I remember the days fondly of going into the "cock fight" for free simply by bringing a rooster, yes I remember this every time I reluctantly give my entrance fee to the gate

I hope that we can somehow return to the nostalgic days of daytime or early evening of "cock

I ask the new management of the Saipan Gamecock Sport Complex to seek ways to make our traditional and cultural sport an attraction so that it will generate

revenue, rather than embracing the monopolistic practice of "price maker" wherein the customer has to pay the posted price (entrance fee) or leave the complex area.

These are but food for thought and an avenue to express an opinion, that an island tradition and culture needs nurturing versus pure business motivations.

Patrons are customers who are willing to return again and again because they feel welcome.

#### DAVID BORJA

#### Continental . . . Continued from page 5

rent scheduled service into Saipan, makes a connecting schedule the optimum system for both the air-

line and the destination. Connecting route structures are nothing new and have been used successfully around the world for

Arrivals are documented via non-stop flights and via connecting Guam flights by city of origin.

As you can see, the greatest declines are in Nagoya and Osaka, which each lost over 5,000 pas-

In addition, Fukuoka lost over 3,000 passengers, a 51% decline. Narita, with only connecting passengers, actually increased by 5%.

I believe the market is declining for reasons other than sched-

Both Nagoya and Osaka continued to decline, even though they had round trip non-stop ser-

Under the current schedule we are able to offer at least twice the flights to Saipan from Japan than we did with the pre-April 1997

The performance of the Narita market after April 1997 proved our theory.

Congress.

serve you to the fullest extent of my ability.

this year the best and most fun year yet to come.

this rare opportunity to serve you.

In addition, the current economic crisis in Asia and the lack of an effective marketing campaign by the CNMI are causing passenger demand to slacken.

While outbound traffic from Japan has fallen by 8.3%, CNMI inbound passenger traffic has dropped by 15%.

In contrast, Guam's Japanese visitors have declined by only 8%. Airlines are in the business of carrying passengers to places they want to go.

When passenger demand declines, it is natural for airlines to reduce seats by a corresponding amount. Conversely, when passenger demand increases, airline seats will begin to increase.

The schedule changes made by Continental Micronesia in Saipan and Guam are designed to remove empty seats.

I also believe the public bickering with Continental Micronesia has not helped the situation. The negative publicity probably

has raised a few cyebrows within the aviation community While we are all competitors,

the economic facts of life are the same for all airlines. Incumbent airlines would ques-

tion a community expending a great amount of effort enticing new entrants, when load factors

Without your votes, support and encouragement, I would not have been granted

I stand confident, that again, with your help and support, I will be able to handle

and solve the problems that we, as a school, are facing today. I am ready to accept

any challenges that lay before me in this upcoming year, and I ensure you that I will

I would also like to thank the MHS Junior Class of 2000 for re-electing mc as your

class president. Again, thank you for your continued support and I hope to make

OF MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL

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I, Nadine Camacho Deleon Guerrero, daughter of Scrafin & Maria, would like to take this time

and opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the youth of Marianas High

represent our school in the first ever CNMI Youth

School for electing me as your Senator to

for flights currently in the market are dismal.

munity has not had an effective marketing strategy for at least

for the industry.

Continental Micronesia are doing all we can to promote the CNMI as a premier travel desti-

We have also designed new

ket and sponsored a familiarization trip for interested TPE agents We are also committed to working closely with the rejuvenated

promote the CNMI. We are your strongest asset to combat the current economic climate and add the most value to

Let's work together to meet the market.

Especially, when the same com

The next 12 to 24 months are certainly going to be challenging

I can assure you, that we at

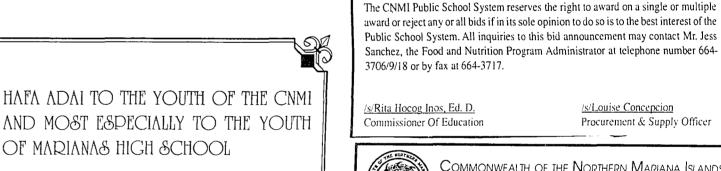
Most recently, we completed the CNMI Golf Extravaganza, which promoted CNMI golf courses to 250,000 Internet users

CNMI packages for the TPE mar-

MVA in their renewed efforts to

the CNMI economy. current economic challenge to our

> WALTER DIAS Continental Micronesia



/s/Louise Concepcion Procurement & Supply Officer



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Labor and Immigration Division of Labor

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform all former employees of George C. Duenas and Commonwealth Security Services and Duenas Security Services ith pending Labor or Agency Case and who have not been trans ferred to new employers are hereby notified to report to the Division of Labor, Enforcement Section (EBC), located on the 2nd Floor of Afetna Building, San Antonio, Saipan within Twenty (20) days from the date of the publication of this notice or the date specified below.

HEARING DATE & TIME:

(TUESDAY) October 13, 1998 - 10:00 a.m.

Failure to appear at the Division on or before the date and time specified above shall be ground for dismissal of their cases and appropriate action and/or sanction shall be taken against them, including the referrals of their matters to the Immigration Office for their actions.

Dated this 30th day of September, 1998.

/s/GIL M. SAN NICOLAS Director of Labor



including Gozaresh-e Rouz.

Khaneh, Rah-e Nou, Tayana,

The crackdown is stymying ef-

forts by moderate President

Mohammad Khatami to give more

Journalists say they are the vic-

tims of powerful hard-liners in the

regime, who have found them-

selves under increasing attack by

Khamenei has in the past called

on the judiciary to deal with what

he described as "the abuse of press

an increasingly daring press.

freedom" by the media.

France  $\dots$ 

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independence groups are con-

cerned, unsure whether the change

would be a step towards inde-

pendence or a concentration of

power in the hands of President

Meanwhile independence

leader Oscar Temaru is in Paris

for meetings with French govern-

ment representatives for the first

freedom to the press.

Jameah-e Salem and Asr-e Ma.

#### Iran . . .

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publishing articles "detrimental to national interests.

Tous angered hard-liners with its anti-war stance by calling for a diplomatic solution rather than military strikes in the conflict with the Taliban militia in Afghanistan.

It also angered hard-liners by questioning Khamenei's authority as the spiritual leader.

In addition to Tous, five other publications have been shut down,

#### RP vehicle... Continued from page 20

Inc. attributed the sharp decline

est rates. Banks have become very selective with their loan approvals since the regional financial crisis broke. Those able to receive loans must

to tighter credit and higher inter-

pay sharply higher rates. In September alone, sales of passenger cars fell 32 percent from a year earlier to 1,984.

#### More . . .

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The Volunteers are connecting with the national Points of Light Foundation in their drive to encourage all citizens of the world to take part in the Make A Difference Day.

On this day volunteers will support projects dedicated to helping children, the elderly, the environment, the homeless, and many others.

#### NMI . . .

time in 20 years.

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rearranging the warehouse for typhoon supplies such as cleanup kits, comfort kits and other necessary emergency items.

Containers were also recently sent to Rota and Tinian to be used for their single-family disaster supplies such as for fire.

Training volunteers are also continuously being planned and Sugar... Continued from page 14

he said.

scheduled.

"We have said time and again

that expressing views on every is-

sue is free and those having objec-

tions to the government's plans are

entitled to publish their objections

But there exists a fundamental

difference between objection and

sabotage," IRNA quoted

Khamenei as saying Wednesday.

economy and the work of this gov

emment \_ this government which

is the servant of the people \_ he is

our enemy. We must confront him,"

"If anyone today undermines the

and no one will stop them.

with other corporate sponsors including Hawaiian Rock, the American Greetings Car Company, the Pacific DailyNews, Matson Navigation, Guam Premium Outlets, Guam Girl Scouts,

The Office of the Governor. Messages can be left on the Sugar Plum TreeHotline at (671) 479-

Seven people were sent to Guam

in September and are now certi-

fied supervisors for Damage As-

supervisors for Family Service.

Eight others were certified as

For more information about ty-

phoon preparedness or volunteer-

ing or Red Cross assistance ef-

forts, contact the chapter at 234-

3459 or stop by the office at Air-

Oceans: Realizing the Opportunities for APEC Economies," is expected to bringtogether 10

Underwood pointed out that as

side the campus.

GES...

Shaeffer.

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during the event and help the teach-

ers to teach their kids the impor-

tance of arbor week," added

GES Arbor Week starts from

two to six in the afternoon. Ac-

cording to Babauta, they intention-

ally slated the event after school so

that parents could have a chance

to participate in the event after

As the school's commitment in

the environment campaign of

DLNR, Babauta added that GES

have their own students who are

taking care of the environment in-

tion of theInternational Year of

Continued from page 9 delegate, he would be able Atmospheric toactively participate in the dis-Administration(NOAA) Admicussions with Pacific nations on nistrator D. James Baker. the conservation and development The conference, hosted by the of the Pacific Ocean resources. NOAA, is entitled "Sustainable

the Ocean.

In thepast, Guam representatives were treated as no more than observers andhad been denied involvement in any of the APEC discussions about islandresources and economy.

#### Police . . . Continued from page 9

APEC member nations.

Veterans...

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U.F.O. . . .

and various projects.

call Neneth at 235-5009.

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at 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mt.

Carmel Cathedral ground (base-

Proceeds will benefit Karidat

For more information, please

Underwood...

tivities.

ball field).

Members and interested vet-

Issues to be discussed is the

upcoming Veterans Day Ac-

erans are encourage to attend.

accelerating in reverse and struck the patrol car. The suspect then

The conference is in celebra-

Untalan pursued the suspect and located the car a short distance away in the subdivision with the engine running, but the suspect

The Maxima was impounded. The suspect was described to be a male Filipino, about 5'6"-5'7" tall, between 145 and 155 lbs., with black hair and a dark complexion.

The patrol car sustained minor

# NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SAIPAN, MP 96950

### PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairman, Mr. Juan S. Tenorio, is reminding the public that acceptance of applications for the Koblerville Expansion Project commenced on October 2, 1998 and will close on October 15, 1998. Acceptance of application will only be from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m.

Those individuals that have picked up applications are urged to contact the NMHC Office at 234-7689/7670/6866/9447, for more information or for an appointment if needing assistance in filling out the application.

MARYLOU S. ADA Corporate Director

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

#### Local . . .

Continued from page 8

Man . . .

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program by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the regional academic accrediting

Kujawa is involved in several professional certification and accreditation review groups in the State of California.

#### Bad... Continued from page 8

past practices.

local instruction.

implemented.

"I'm impressed with the NMC

program," the professor said. He

noted that, as a new program, it is

designed to meet current national

standards and avoid being tied to

Kujawa also said that he appre-

ciated that design is experience

based, enhancing student skills

in areas particularly relevant to

Kujawa, who received his doc-

She said some businesses may

not have been making use of the

law because it is not being fully

Under the law, the amount of

donations a company doles out to

PSS and private learning institu-

PSS Commissioner Rita H. Inos and punched Xia "several times a has been urging businesses to donate to schools by availing of the Two months later, Rajaxeland allaw's tax credit benefits.

legedly tied up Xia "and then slapped, punched and choked her when she was unable to give him money."

After another such beating incident last August, Xia ran away from Rajaxeland "in fear of her life and liberty," Forelli said.

She said the Superior Court recently ordered Rajaxeland's deportation as he is an illegal alien.

Moreover, WERI observed that the

total rainfall accumulation for the year

is still only about 60 percent of normal.

For the next couple of months, WERI's

chief concern regarding the water sup-

ply for the coming year is still whether

Guam will enter the 1999 dry season

With two of three months in which

rainfall normally peaks for the year

already over, whether the reservoir fills

before the 1999 dry season begins may depend largely on how much and what

kind of rainfall the island gets in the

"The additional rain we got from June though August came mostly in the form of isolated showers and thunder-

showers, from which the rain is gener-

ally too sparse and infrequent to fill surface reservoirs rapidly. The most

reliable kind of rain for filling the Fena Reservoir is the day-long island-wide

rainfall. This kind of rainfall comes

from the southwest monsoon, which brings large cloud clusters that produce

WERI noted also that Guam gets

heavy, widely distributed rain when tropical storms pass near the island.

Although tropical storms are forming

more to the west of the island this year

making the odds of nearby passage

somewhat smaller, WERI said past experience has shown that a couple of

good heavy storms could fill the reser-

"September's rainfall, therefore, seems to bode well. We now stand a

good chance of entering the coming dry season with the reservoir full."

According to WERL monsoon winds

on Guam with their island-wide heavy

rains are possible through October and

the chances of a nearby tropical cy-

clone are greatest in the fall. "Although we certainly don't want another big storm like Supertyphoon Paka, nearby passage of a couple of tropical storms

which can come as late as November

and December would provide the best chance of topping off our water storage

before the next dry season if the mon-

soon doesn't stay with us for the next

WERI also pointed out that the vol-

ume of groundwater stored in the fresh water lens on northern Guam reflects

the average amount of rainfall that the

lens has captured over the previous few

years. It would therefore probably take a few years of below normal rainfall

island-wide heavyrainfall."

next three months.

with the lake full up to the spillway.

Guam's...

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tions is tax deductible. Recently, a private school, the before Guam experiences wide-

quality of groundwater from wells. On the other hand, WERI said it would take a similar number of years of above-average rainfall fol-

spread problems with the supply or

nursing and law. Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) received donations from a firm through the tax credit law.

torate in education form the Uni-

versity of Michigan, is heavily

involved in undergraduate and

graduate degree programs related

to teacher training at the Univer-

The University of San Diego

was founded by the Sisters of

rollment of 6,600 with graduate

programs in education, business,

Sacred Heart and now has an en-

sity of San Diego.

an example of how both the private sector and school institutions can benefit from the mentioned Ayuyu however noted that

PSS officials said the move is

while learning institutions stand to benefit from P.L. 10-73, the law itself deprives government of badly-needed revenues.

He nonetheless, called on Chamber members to utilize the

lowing the drought to restore the natural storage to the pre-drought volume. In any case, WERI stressed that water conservation is always a good practice whether in

#### Ex-Hillblom. Continued from page 3

the time of the settlement, the lawyer said, DHLI was already discussing reissue of the shares to a "strategic

"The BoS and its counsel know, or should have known, that the reissue price was materially increased by a calculation necessary to take into account that the buyer of the reissued stock would, upon purchase of a 22

 $\operatorname{Health}\dots$ 

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Eason said. On the other hand, Eason argued that the case is removable because the action presents a federal question over which the US District Court has juris-

percent interest in DHLI, succeed to

22 percent of the purchase price (re-

flecting new equity in the company),'

The simple reason that the case is removable, she said, is that plaintiff (BoS) previously released the defendants of the subject claims in separate

#### DHL settlements. 4 students ...

Furthermore, the Chamber's board

of directors has approved the following actions: Appointment of Board Director

ferrold C. Johnson to chair the Chamber's 1998 Nominating Committee for the annual board election; • Approval of a \$50 per vote volun-

tary special assessment to defray the costs of the Chamber's Annual Christmas Festival event at Skinner Plaza;

 Membership termination for Agana Photo Center, Cybertec Corporation, Guam Importers, Pacific Orient Company, Pacific Universal Brewery, Workforce Group, and Esther Glenn/BHI Realty for nonpayment of dues.

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Responding police officers tested the substance and found out it to be

The boy was then arrested and brought to the juvenile office. Local and federal drug enforce

ment agents recently arrested four persons for alleged possession of over 30 marijuana plants with a street value of at least \$10,000.

Acting on a "tip," local and federa drug enforcement officers raided the Dandan residence and arrested Douglas Rankin, his wife and son and a amily friend.

They have been charged with illegal possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

**OCTOBER 10, 1998** 

World Mental Health Day was created to raise awareness of human rights and mental health. This commemoration is meant to highlight the importance of respecting the dignity of individuals with mental and emotional disorders, underscore their need for human treatment, and draw attention to violations of their basic human rights.

World Mental Health Day is sponsored by the World Federation for Mental Health and co-sponsored by the World Health Organization. Rosalyn Carter is serving as its Honorary Chair.

In honor of World Mental Health Day, the Protection & Advocacy (P&A) System is restating the Principles adopted on the issue by the General Assembly of the United Nations, December 1991. The following proclamation outlines the rights associated with people with mental illness.

All persons have the right to the best available mental health care, which shall be part of the health and social care system.

All persons with mental illness, or who are being treated as such persons, have the right to protection from economic, sexual and other forms of exploitation, physical or other abuse and degrading treatment.

Every person with mental illness shall have the right to live and work, as far as possible, in the community.

A determination of mental illness shall never be made on the basis of political, economic or social status or membership of a cultural, racial or religious group, or any other reason not directly relevant to mental health status.

Every patient shall have the right to be treated and cared for, as far as possible, in the community in which he or she lives.

Every patient shall be protected from harm, including unjustified medication, abuse by other patients, staff or others, or other acts causing mental distress or physical discomfort.

For information on protecting the rights of persons with mental illness, contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) at telephone numbers 235-7273 (voice) 235-7278 (TDD).

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

 $\mathcal{W}_{as}$  called to her eternal rest on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1998 at the age of 40.

Parents: Juan Manibusan Castro & Soledad Tenorio Castro

Jesse John, Vincent John, Paul Jacob, and daughter Connie

Additionally survived by numerous nephews, nieces, grand nephews &

Last respects will be held on Monday, Oct. 12, 1998 at 9:00 AM, Bithen

de Fatima Chapel CK #3. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on the

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The health secretary, however, said despite the pursuit of a lot more equipment and specialists, the CHC still cannot attend to all the medical needs of the patients in the CNMI. He said medical referral will always be part of CHC's activities.

"We want to equate having more equipment and specialists to lesser medical referral but it does not apply sometimes when the case is really

In her death she now joins her:

She was survived by her children

Rosa Castro Enriquez

Mamis

of Chalan Kanoa

Sister: Marian Tenorio Castro

Juan T & Ana S. Castro

Joaquin T. & Maria Castro

Theresita & Rodrigo San Pedro

Margarita C. & Sebastian Matagolai

Luis T & Margarita Dlg-Castro

Rudolfo T. & Lydia F. Castro

Ramon T. & Rita M. Castro

same day at 4PM at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Jose T. Castro

She was also survived by her brothers, sister, & spouses

Robert Tenorio & Ignacia Tenorio (deceased)

complicated and the patient needs to be seen by a lot of specialists," he said. Villagomez, however, assured that

those patients who need immediate medical attention are sent right away to off-island medical centers if the services or equipment they need are unavailable at the CHC. Public Health used to send a

monthly average of four emergency medical referral patients to either Guam, Hawaii and at times, the Phil-

He added that the Medical Referral Office conducts a weekly meeting to

determine whether the referral cases are emergency, can be treated in the hospital or not. Aside from the Straub Clinic and

Hospital, Inc., three other Hawaiibased firms have expressed their support to help the CNMI Department of Public Health/CHC in every patient referred for medical services. These are the Queen's Medical Center, Tripler Army Medical Center and St.

Francis Hospital. The three clinics agreed to provide medical services to patients who will not be attended to immediately by Straub Clinic because of heavy loads of patients, or due to the unavailability of medical equipment.

### Rota... Continued from page 1

rio, Bwibwis and CM Serenaders from Saipan. Rota has Jeds Band to represent the island.

Prizes for the Battle of the Bands include \$2,000 for the first prize, \$1,500 for the second prize and \$1,000 for the third prize.

A special mass will be held on Sunday at the San Francisco De Borja Catholic Church in Songsong at 10 am. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tomas Camacho.

Wrapping up the 1998 San Francisco De Borja fiesta is the luncheon feast at the Rota Round-

The Rota Mayor's Office said they are expecting Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to grace the occasion. Other confirmed guests include Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, Rep. Manuel Tenorio and Rep. Frank

counseling and services to drug victims and the establishment of a flight training school in Guam similar to the newly established Aircraft Maintenance School.

Several ideas were incorporated from the HITA campaign, including the creation of an elected prosecutor, an Internet-based Community Information Network and the promotion of mixed-income neighborhoods to promote social

The plans include expanding grams, which Gutierrez said have been highly successful for infrastructure projects such as deepwell drilling and others.

#### CNMI's ... Continued from page 1

However, despite the increase in the user fee collections, the government's total revenue collections went down by as much as 11 percent as of July. Sablan said the government does not fare well in other collections like excise taxes.

"Our year to date total collections ending in July is 11 percent below last year's collections. The situation has worsened and there's no question about it," said Sablan. In June, the finance department

in customs collections. The new administration's total revenue projection for fiscal year 1998 is pegged at \$240 million.

reported a \$1.8 million shortfall

today, but he declined to give hints on the outcome. He said he is not part of the investigating

"The investigation is almost completed. We should have a resolution by tomorrow (today)," the DOLI secretary said.

He said Buchholz and O'Roarty have been interviewed during the course of the investigation.

Earlier, Kara said Buchholz' demotion is permanent and that he will not be given his previous post as chief of the Criminal Divi-

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio earlier said regardless of whether an individual accused of wrongdoing is a government official or plain employee, the law will apply to

# San Francisco de Borja



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Your presence will be deeply appreciated.

#### Gutierrez... Continued from page 1

public-private partnership pro-

Many of the plans are BOTs build, operate, transfer - that allow the government to own a project

> Although the actual collections report for the said fiscal year has not been finished, Sablan said there are indications of a possible

after a certain length of time.

Governor 'addresses allega-

Gutierrez has also responded to

allegations by Sens. Angel Santos

and Mark Charfauros about gov-

ernment corruption and recorded

telephone conversations they say

senator," Gutierrez said, finish-

ing the statement from memory.

"You cannot break the law to en-

force it, regardless of the circum-

stance. There's nothing

substansive on those tapes that

Responding to allegations of

government corruption, Gutierrez

said it was an attempt to distract

the people away from the real

primary, and they will judge us

again in the general election,"

"The public judged us in the

we're worried about."

Gutierrez said.

"You know, I took the oath of

are proof of such corruption.

"The estimated actual collections would be lower than what was projected. There are indications showing that we will be short," he said, but declined to give estimates.

But Sablan pointed out the administration's austerity measures since January was able to save \$12 million in would-be expenditures.

"The governor will be issuing additional austerity guidelines to further cut down expenses. He's a cost-conscious manager and he has asked us to come up with more stringent measures," said the special finance advisor.

#### DOLI's ... Continued from page 1

fective this coming December. Buchholz and O' Roarty are currently under investigation for alleged violation of CNMI labor and immigration laws.

Zachares stressed he is "committed" to his post and is not eyeing Kara's post.

"I have a job to do down at the Laborand Immigration. I'm committed to it, and with this governor," he said, adding that in more than three years time, he has more work to do at DOLI than at the Attorney General's Office.

Zachares also said the result of the investigation on the two government lawyers will be known

penditures being incurred by other

The MRC is composed solely by

doctors under the chairmanship of

Dr. Emais Robert, and is therefore

expected to come up with decisions

which are "purely medical and free

High . . .

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neighboring island nations.

#### The MRC, according to the senator, could serve as a model for other neighboring Pacific Island nations, considering that Palau's medical re-

ferrals are covered by insurance. The insurance is instrumental in putting in check what doctors are exactly being paid for, without shouldering additional financial burden to cover add-ons on specific medical referrals.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN

In the matter of the Estate of Lydia A. Taisacan, Civil Action No. 98-994

> **NOTICE OF HEARING** AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS

TO: ALL PERSONS AND CREDITORS having any interest or claims against the Estate of Lydia A. Taisacan

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that LEON TAISACAN, of Saipan, has filed a petition in the Superior Court seeking to be appointed the Administrator of the estate of LYDIA A. TAISACAN, deceased. Petitioner's attorney of record is Antonio M. Atalig, Attorney at Law, AAA 122, Caller Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on said petition for letters of administration has been set for October 20, 1998, at 1:30 P.M. All interested parties should appear at the hear-

Persons having any claims the estate of said decedent are hereby notified that any and all claims against the estate must be filed with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim will be barred.

/s/DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

N THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS In the Matter of the Adoption of: Austin Jay Manglona Sablan,

Mary Ann Santos Dela Cruz, FCD-AD C.A.#98-0358

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

o: TOMMY MILLER

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a petition for adoption of the minor child, Austir Jay Mangloña Sablan, born October 7, 1998 t Frances Mangloña Sablan, has been filed b MaryAnn Santos Dela Cruz. The petition claim that your consent is not required due to your abandonment of the minor child for more that the past six months.

You have the right to contest the allegations A hearing is set for the 29th day of October 1998 at 9:00 am o'clock at the Commonwealth Superior Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. If you fail to appear or plead, the adoption may be granted in your

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF

Joseph Rufo Roberto, aka Joseph Rufu Roberto,

Deceased. **CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-983D** 

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that Petitioner's petition for letters of administration shall be heard on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1998 at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m., in the aboveentitled court.

DATED this 9th day of September, 1998.

JOVITA C. FLORES Clerk of Court

by: /s/ Deputy Clerk

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the Matter of the tate of lanuel Manibusan Aldan,

Civil Action No. 98-0978D

NOTICE OF HEARING/ NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the dministratrix, Maria A. Aldan, has filed a etition for letters of administration in the ove-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to ule 15, Com. R. Pro. A hearing on the petition will be con

icted by the Court on October 20, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom \_\_\_\_, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby no ified to appear at the hearing and show cause fany, why the order should not be made. Pursuant to Rule 11, Com. R. Pro., no

ce is hereby given to all creditors of the De edent or his Estate that they must file thei aims with Clerk of Court within sixty (60 ays of the publication of this Notice. A cop of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Jesus C. Borja, Attorney at Law, Garapan 309, P.O. Box 10011, Saipan, MP 96950 Reference is hereby made to the petiti or further particulars.

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O THE ABOVE-NAMED

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of this Court at the Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan, MI 96950. It may be prepared by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Sur In you and to the above in a secondaric with this Suni-mons, Judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief in the Complaint.

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RFP NO. RFP99-0003

FOR: 1998 SINGLE AUDIT OPENING DATE: NOV. 09, 1998

TIME: 4:00 P.M. GOVERNOR PEDRO P. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS R. SABLAN, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE 1998 SINGLE AUDIT.

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

ITB NO. : ITB99-0004 FOR: PROCUREMENT OF A VEHICLE OPENING DATE : Nov. 06, 1998

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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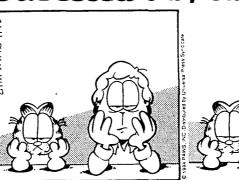
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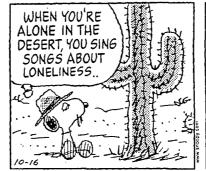


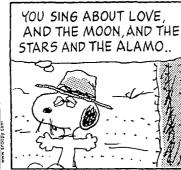
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- This is a good day to get together

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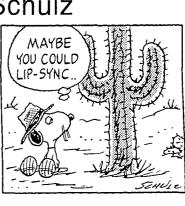
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Make room in your day for a little

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Get together with a friend to concoct

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STELLA WILDER

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# NBA bargaining to resume

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing the possibility of the first shortened sea-

son in National Basketball Association history, owners and players resume labor talks Thursday with few expectations of progress.

"We're ready to sit there and talk all day and all night and maybe someone will come up with something," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "Oftenthat's how it happens, but I have no reason to

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky

(AP)—Muhammad Ali brought

the torch he used to light the

Olympic flame at the Atlanta

Games, and offered it Wednes-

day to be exhibited at a museum

From schoolchildren to politi-

cians, people flocked around the

proposed to honor him.

The bargaining session will be only the second between the sides since the lockout was imposed July

The owners and players have only a couple of days to come up with a deal that will save an 82game season, and such a breakthrough seems unlikely with the sides far apart on the main economic issues.

"I hope it's going to be substan-

Ali promotes plan for center

pion whose life journey would be

on display at the Muhammad Ali

Ali's wife, Lonnie, said their

goal for the center is to inspire

people, especially children, to reach

their potential and to show toler-

ance and respect for others, no

matter their skin color or beliefs.

"This center will not be about

tive," players union director Billy Huntersaid. "I'm going to tell David (Stern, the commissioner) what we don't like about their last proposal, and then suggest that we really talk about something that's going to create some movement on both

The last time owners and players were together in the same room was Aug. 6, when the players made their most recent proposal, and the owners responded by walking out

want that. It is about values rather

Ali, afflicted with Parkinson's

syndrome, made no formal com-

ments during the news confer-

ence near the downtown site for

The Ali Center would include a

museum, a research center, an

auditorium and a garden. It would

than fame," his wife said.

the proposed building.

begin Nov. 3. "We feel that the NBA is making a lot of money. Everybody, for the most part, is doing financially OK," Ewing said. "So we don't see why they had to lock us out. If you asked David Stern, I don't think he would

Two hour-long informal sessions

have been held in the last two weeks,

with only Stern, Granik, Hunter

and union president Patrick Ewing

Both sides now expect the work

stoppage to force the cancellation

of games. The entire exhibition

schedule has already been canceled,

and the regular season is due to

attending.

say that the league as a whole is doing bad.'

But Stern and the owners claim as many as half of them are losing money and the league as a whole is much less profitable than it was just a few years ago.

The owners are seeking a system with cost certainty, looking to gradually roll back the amount of revenue devoted to player salaries from 57 percent to 48 percent.

The players have offered some concessions, but are unwilling to accept a "hard" salary cap or give up the "Larry Bird exception" that allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

#### Indians... Continued from page 52

championship series at one game

"It was so blatant. I don't know what to say. It was a terrible call," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "There was no line ever touched."

Forget about domination, and put revenge on hold \_ plays like this can turn a series around.

Jim Thome singled off Jeff Nelson leading off the 12th, Cleveland's first runner since Omar Vizquel tripled with one out in the eighth. Wilson ran for Thome, and Fryman sent a bunt up the first-base line to Martinez.

Martinez threw to Knoblauch, the second baseman who was covering the first-base bag, and the ball hit Fryman, who was clearly running in fair territory, in the back.

Baseball rules require that a runner be on the foul side of the line for the final 45 feet (13.5 meters) to first base, but it is up to the umpire's judgment whether a runner interferes with the

"The play occurred right at the

retired him, and how close is he to the

base?" Evans said. "He has the right to be in fair territory that close to the

While Wilson rounded second, Knoblauch was pointing at the base, trying to get first-base umpire John Shulock or plate umpire Ted Hendry to reverse the call.

While Wilson rounded third, Knoblauch still was pointing.

Finally, he picked it up, but it was too late. Wilson, who nearly tripped himself up as he headed home, sprawled into the plate with the go-

"Ithoughtwe'dhavetogetawheelbarrow out there for a while," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. Torre argued to no avail.

"Ithoughtthey made the right call," Hargrove said. "If I were on the other

side, I might have a different opin-

Torre also was angry at Hendry's calls behind the plate.

"The ball-strike stuff stunk tonight, but it stunk for both sides," he said.

In blowing out Jaret Wright in the first inning of Game 1 Tuesday and cruising to a 7-2 victory, the Yankees looked invincible, just like they did during the regular season. But maybe avenging last year's loss to Cleveland in the first round won't be so easy for the Yankees, who lost for the first time in five postseason games this

#### Sports... Continued from page 52

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Flyers vs. STS (Sunday games are played at the

#### Jordan . . . Continued from page 52

have for basketball, for the challenge of it, is still there for me."

His comments are in contrast to what the Bulls star said in July when Jordan told a news conference he was retired, but wouldn't make it official until the lockout ended.

Jordan also said he isn't opposed to playing for Tim Floyd or for an organization still run by general manager Jerry Krause.

"I played with Jerry there the last five or six seasons, and we've been successful," Jordan said. "Idon't like it. But that's not going to be my final deciding factor."

Bulls hired Floyd as coach-in-wait-Jordansaidhethinks Jackson might

return to coach him. But he acknowledged that the odds of Jackson coaching the Bulls this season are "probably a million to one."

Jordan had nothing critical to say about Floyd, the former Iowa State coach he and Jackson referred to last season as "Pink" Floyd.

Krause for driving Jackson away,"

NL championship series

# Padres edge Braves, 3-2

ATLANTA (AP) --- Ken Caminiti hit a solo home run in the 10th inning and the Padres overcame a rare lapse by baseball's premier closer Trevor Hoffman to beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2 Wednesday night in a rain-delayed Game 1 of the National League championship series.

On an evening when daring running sent the game into extra innings, Caminiti trotted around the bases after connecting with one out in the 10th off Kerry Ligtenberg.

It was the fourth postseason homer of Caminiti's career, and helped him atone for failing to come up with a key throw that let the Braves tie it.

Ruben Rivera's double and dash home on Jim Leyritz's dribbler gave the Padres a 2-1 lead in the eighth. But in the ninth, Hoffman, who converted 53 of 54 save chances this season, could not protect the edge and gave up Andruw Jones' tying sacrifice fly.

In fact, Hoffman could not even close out the game. With two outs in the 10th, he walked pitcher Tom Glavine — pinch-hitting because the Braves ran out of position players — and Donne Wall relieved.

Wall, who had only one save this season, walked Chipper Jones before retiring Andres Galarraga on a long fly to center field.

Ryan Klesko walked with one out in the Atlanta ninth and surprisingly tried to take third on Javy Lopez's single to left.

Rivera's throw beat him, but Caminiti did not catch the throw and Klesko — his nose bloodied from colliding with Caminiti's shoulder --- was safe.

Andruw Jones, whose home run

Russian Anna Kournikova hits the ball on Wednesday at the tennis

tournament in Filderstadt. She lost her match against Martina Hingis

and the second s

from Switzerland 6-1, 2-6, 2-6.

center, and Rivera tagged up and swung away on a 3-0 pitch and hit tested Andruw Jones' strong arm.

scrambled back to safety.

Hoffman pitched two innings and wound up with the win. The game ended at 1:43 a.m., pushed back by a two hour, one minute rain delay at the start.

a sacrifice fly.

The win was a good omen for the underdog Padres. The last five teams to win the opener of the NLCS have gone on to the World

San Diego sustained a loss, however, when 50-homer man Greg Vaughn limped off in the fifth inning because of a strained left quadriceps. His status was day-to-day, and Rivera replaced him.

Game 2 will be Thursday night, with Braves nemesis Kevin Brown pitching against Glavine. Last fall, Brown beat Atlanta twice at Turner Field in the NLCS for Florida.

Steady rain, lightning and thunder threatened to cause the first rainout in the two-year history of Turner Field. After a delay of 2 hours, 1 minute, the field was ready and the game began, though it started raining lightly in the last two innings.

The bad weather might have helped hold the crowd down to 42,117 about 9,000 short of a sellout and the smallest in Atlanta postseason history. But even before the storm came, the game was not expected to be sold

Padres starter Andy Ashby and Atlantaace John Smoltz dueled evenly into the seventh with the game tied at

Rivera, usually Tony Gwynn's late replacement, opened the eighth with a double off Smoltz. Caminiti followed with a fly to medium rightRivera's head-first slide barely

beat the throw, though his momentum carried him a couple of feet off the bag. But third baseman Chipper Jones was busy raising his glove to show the umpire that he'd made the tag, and Rivera

That brought up pinch-hitter Leyritz, whose six postseason home runs included three in the

first-round win over Houston. Leyritz tapped a ball to the right of Dennis Martinez, and the re-

liever ran to field it. Martinez looked at Rivera, but elected to throw to first baseman Galarraga.

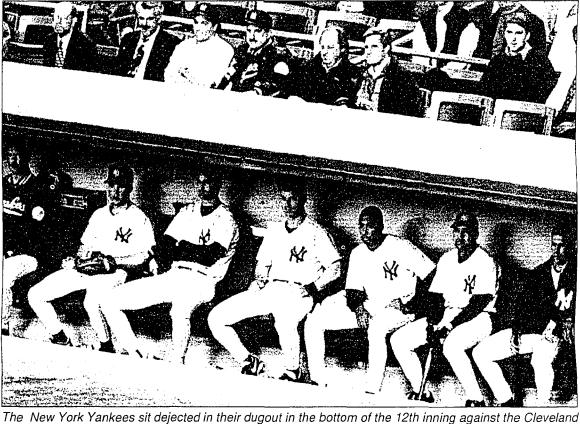
Rivera immediately broke home and again slid in headfirst, beating Galarraga's wide throw. Galarraga was charged with a double error, for leaving the bag early and his bad

Gwynn picked on a familiar victim for an RBI single that made it 1all in the fifth. A leadoff single by Carlos Hernandez, a sacrifice by Ashby and a costly two-out walk to Quilvio Veras brought up Gwynn, and the eight-time NL batting champion lined the first pitch to lef

For Gwynn, it was his second hit of the night and he's now 30-for-65 (.455) lifetime against Smoltz.

Atlanta averted even bigger trouble, though, when right fielder Michael Tucker followed by making the defensive play of the game, a backhanded, leaping catch as he ran into the fence on Vaughn's

Atlanta went ahead in the third when Andruw Jones led off with his fourth career home run in



Indians during Game 2 of the AL Championship Series Wednesday at Yankee Stadium in New York. The

### McNamee builds on twin towers

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)— Australian Open promoter Paul McNamee looked at the New York skyline last month and saw an alternative set of twin towers - Patrick Rafter and Mark Philippoussis.

"I guess being in New York and looking at the World Trade Center I had an idea that the two Aussie boys, Rafter and Philippoussis are the twin towers of Aussie tennis," McNamee said at Thursday's launch of the 1999 Australian

McNamee believes the U.S. Open finalists will give his event a strong foundation to follow from last year's record-breaking turnout sparked by Rafter's first of his two titles at Flushing Meadows.

While Australian fans consider Rafter to be a classically built and fine

upstanding young player, there are also many who consider Philippoussis' career is on shaky psychological ground.

Philippoussis is in dispute with Australia's tennis hierarchy after a public spat with Davis Cup captain John Newcombe.

Philippoussis was also upset when Davis Cup coach Tony Roche was in Rafter's corner for last month's U.S. Open final, won in four by Rafter.

Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard and McNamee both indicated they would like the brawling to end before the Jan. 18-31 Australian Open — the first Grand Slam of 1999.

But there is little doubt having a good guy-bad guy situation with Rafter and Philippoussis will help boost the event.

home town but Rafter's well-publicized charity donations have won him more respect than Philippoussis' better-publicized love of fast and expensive cars. "Melbourne should be proud of

Melbourne is Philippoussis

Mark and give him a chance," said McNamee. "I hope he gets a fantastic response. Some people put that bad boy spin on him but I hope not by a Melbourne crowd."

Pollard said Rafter and Philippoussis would lead a twin publicity drive for next year's open, which will feature the world's top 20 men and 18 of the top 20 women, barring injuries.

The organizers have boosted prizemoney by 17.5 percent to offset the Asian currency crisis, but in real terms for players the prize pool has hardly improved.

#### Henry hopes to close Marlins purchase

MIAMI (AP) — Negotiations to sell the Florida Marlins are progressing and the deal may be completed early next week, prospective buyer John Henry said Wednesday.

Henry, a millionaire commodities trader from Boca Raton, Florida, said he's still shooting for major-league baseball approval of

the \$150 million sale by Oct. 31. With decisions about offseason marketing and personnel moves pend-

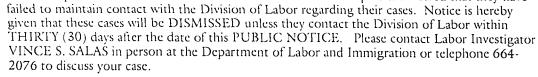
ing, a swift completion of the deal would benefit the Marlins, who are coming off the worst season in the National League since 1969.

Uncertainty about the future of the troubled franchise contributed

to manager Jim Leyland's decision to resign last week. Vice president of player devel-

opment John Boles was hired Friday to replace Leyland. Henry declined further comment

Wednesday, and Huizenga spokesman Stan Smith would not comment on the negotiations.



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Muhammad Ali poses with third-graders from Cooleridge-Taylor

Elementary School who gave him a replica of the Olympic torch

Wednesday in Louisville, Ky., following a news conference called to

announce the development of The Muhammad Ali Center.

Dated this 28th day of September, 1998.

/s/ GIL M. SAN NICOLAS Director of Labor

#### be built downtown near the Ohio his fame. Muhammad does not three-time heavyweight cham-

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

River, where Ali is reputed to have thrown his 1960 Olympic gold medal to protest racial injus-Organizers want to raise \$ 80 million for the long-anticipated project \$ 60 million to design and build the center, plus dlrs 20

> million for an endowment to pay for its operation. Organizers hope to open the center on Jan. 17, 2001, Ali's 59th birthday. The Alis plan to move back to Louisville from Berrien Springs,

> ment and operation of the center, Lonnie Ali said. "It's not just Ali's victories in the ring that will be captured at this center," mayor Jerry

Mich., to help oversee develop-

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Evans said there are two keys.

has the right to be in that position." "Is it a throw that would have

"The fact that he was literally on the base or half a step from the base, he

base," crew chief Jim Evans said.

InterCommercial Basketball League Saturday Oct. 10

R.B. Electrical

4 p.m.Kent Enterprises vs. FAS

8:30 p.m. Civic Center)

> Jordan had indicated last season he wouldn't play for any coach but Phil Jackson, who led the Bulls to six NBA titles in the last eight years. Jackson left this summer and the

"I don't fault him. I fault Jerry

Jordan said.

# SPORTS

Rotary Youth Basketball

# Phenoms defeat San Vicente Heat, 63-35

By Tony Celis

Variety News Staff

THE PHENOMS overran the San Vicente Heat, 63-35 in Wednesday night's Rotary Club Youth Basketball League (ICBL), played at Gilbert Ada, gym.

The Heat were taken by surprise from the early minutes of the basketball game when Phenom guard Fred Peliseman and pointguard, Jerry Babauta took full control of the game.

Starting with a three-point shot, Peliseman was soon scoring at will. Babauta's rebounding, both offensively and defensively compounded Heat's low scoring woes. The Heat rarely got a chance for a second shot on any missed ball.

By the end of the first half the Phenoms led 40-7, with 21 points coming from Peliseman.

In the second half of the game the Phenoms' secondary players got a chance to test their skills and did well.

Playing against the Phenoms, the Heat managed to get within 20 points, but the gap quickly widened again as the Phenoms' starting five were sent back into the basketball game.

Fred Peliseman finished the game with 37 points, while Jerry Babauta added ten points, for the Phenoms victory.

For the San Vicente, Heat, Mell Tagubual scored 11 points, while Jesse Fasi had six points.

#### PANTHERS 49, SAINTS 29

The Panthers defeated the St Jude Saints in the second game Wednesday night.

Law Enforcement goodwill

softball tourney on Tinian

THE "1998 Law Enforcement Goodwill Softball Tourna-

ment" will be played over the weekend in San Jose Park,

Tinian, according to Tinian Assistant Chief of Police Tony

The Guam Police Department and the Guam Customs Divi-

sion is sending both a mens' and womens' team to the tourna-

Likewise, the Saipan Department of Public Safety, Police

Tinian Police, Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Divi-

The double elimination round will begin tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The "Goodwill Tournament" Champions will be deter-

and Customs Divisions will also be competing this weekend.

sions will also be in for the competition.

mined in Sunday's championship game.

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and continue until 6 p.m.

It started out like a typical pick-

up game and ended the same way. The Saints players were clearly

not prepared for the Panthers' more physical contact game.

For the Panthers squad, it was every man to himself, except that occasionally a player would pass the ball to another, only to the surprise of his teammate who ended up losing the ball in most instances.

"They need to practice team-work. They also need a leader on the court," said a basketball fan watching the

At halftime, the Panthers were ahead 29-16.

In the second half, the Saints managed only six and a-half baskets for thirteen points.

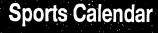
The Panthers fared better, they averaged a basket every two minutes for 20 points.

### Saipan Youth

Saturday Oct. 10

Northern Cyclones (bantam) 1 p.m.Central Vikings vs. Western Hurricanes (bantam)

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### Football League

11 a.m. Eastern Eagles vs.

1 p.m.Central Vikings vs. Western Hurricanes (midget (All games are played at the Airport Football field)

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American golfer Tiger Woods (right) with movie star Samuel L. Jackson on the first tee at St. Andrew's golf course in Scotland, Wednesday during a practice session for the Dunhill Cup International golf tournament which starts Thursday.

Aarianas Variety





Enrique Wilson of the Cleveland Indians slides safely into homeplate to score the game-winning run as Brian Giles (rear) cheers him on in the 12th inning of Game 2 of the American League Championship Series at Yankee Stadium in New York, Wednesday. Wilson scored on a bunt

AL championship series

# Indians prevail over Yankees in 12 innings

By RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK (AP) — The umpires botched the call, Chuck Knoblauch blew his cool and the Cleveland Indians escaped Yankee Stadium with a split.

After 11 innings of excruciatingly intense baseball, Game 2 of the American League championship series turned on a bizarre bunt play in the 12th inning Wednesday.

Umpires failed to call Travis

Fryman out for interfering with Tino Martinez's throw as he ran inside the line on his bunt attempt, and Enrique Wilson broke a 1-all tie by scoring all the way from first base as Knoblauch stood at the bag pointing and arguing, instead of picking up the ball.

Kenny Lofton followed with a two-run single, and the Indians beat New York 4-1, evening the AL

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#### Jordan leaves options open for return to Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan says he is not ruling out returning to the Chicago Bulls, the Chicago Tribune reported.

"What's most important right now is for me to see where the league is going, then look deep inside myself to make a clear-cut decision. So for now I'm keeping my options open," Jordan said in an interview published in the Tribune's Thursday editions and on the newspaper's Internet site.

Jordan said his final decision must await the conclusion of the NBA lockout that has canceled the preseason schedule and threatens



Michael Jordan

at least part of the regular season. Jordan, 35, said he is "completely healthy, and the love I

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