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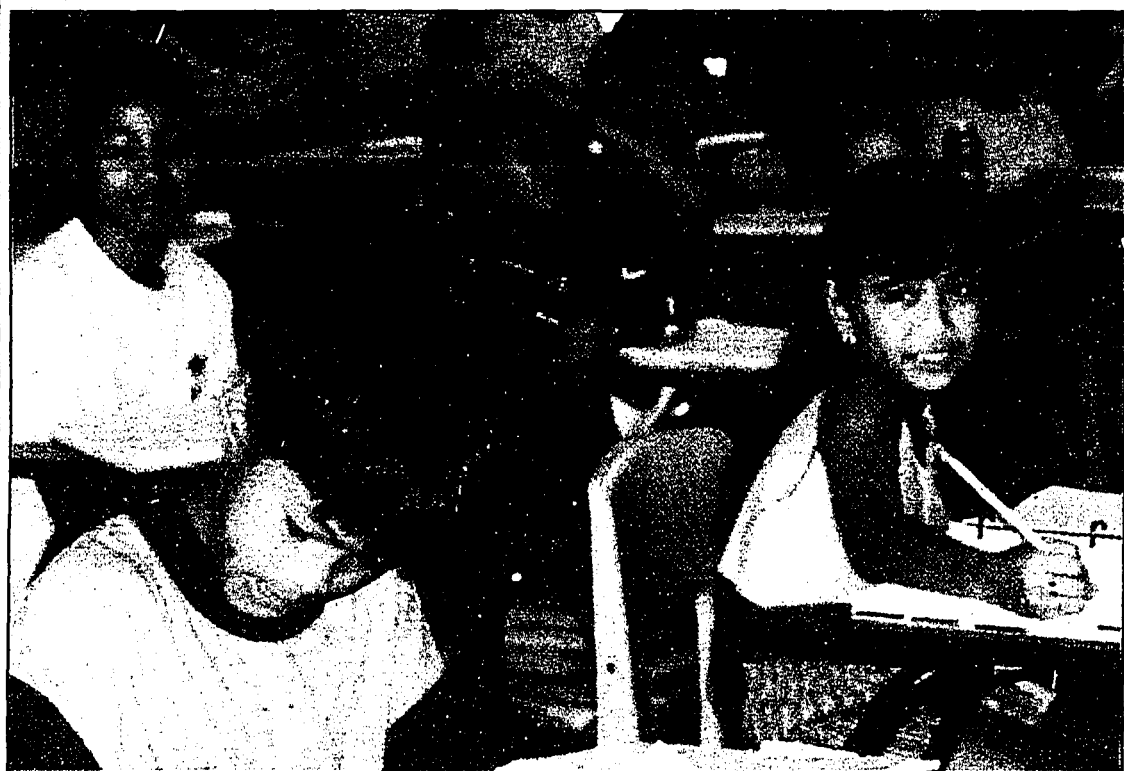
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Kids take the heat



Young and the Restless. Uneasiness is etched on the faces of these WSR students whose class is one of several at William S. Reyes School that have yet to experience the comforts of an air-conditioned classroom. School officials are asking for help to remedy the situation.

Photo by Laila C. Younis

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

WHILE many enjoy Saipan's warm sunny weather, students at William S. Reyes Elementary School are getting the "brutal" side of the heat.

Inside the stifling classrooms, students are "struggling to concentrate" on their lessons, but many can't get through the day's end without getting "restless or distracted," according to WSR Principal Maria Pangelinan.

"We have a total of 32 classrooms and only nine have air-conditioning. We have been appealing to the Legislature and to the Board of Education to assist us," said Pangelinan in an interview yesterday.

She said it does get very hot in the classrooms, and that the sweltering heat is "just not the environment conducive to learning."

Pangelinan noted that "as much as they try to, the students after a while can't sit still as they just

begin to sweat heavily inside the classrooms.

"We are appealing to parents to help us lobby for some funds to get air-cons," she added.

A second-grade teacher interviewed by the Variety yesterday said she would rather stay in the little 'Book Resource' room with air-conditioning than move back to the big classroom without air-conditioning.

"At the big classroom when we open the windows, it is a daily struggle to keep papers from blowing everywhere. It is a choice between closing the windows and not breathing, or opening them up only to chase papers around," said the teacher who requested anonymity.

"Is a 90+ degree classroom, with a few working fans an area where one could work?"

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Tenorio suspends bond

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday announced the suspension of the ongoing \$140 million bond deal negotiations until after the Nov. 1 elections.

Citing the long-term impact of the deal, Tenorio said the candidate who will win the gubernatorial race should be the one to

decide whether or not to pursue the bond negotiations.

But with Tinian's casino hotel set to open in January, Tenorio said the improvement of the island's airport and seaport and the bond deal which would finance the construction is now more urgent.

He said he will call for a meet-

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EMO director rebuts Torres

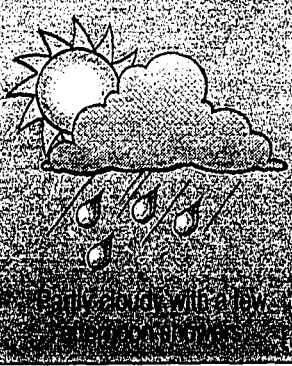
By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

EMERGENCY Management Office Director Robert A. Guerrero yesterday insisted timely warnings were issued to the public during super typhoon Joan's approach last weekend, contrary to the allegations of Rep. Stanley T. Torres.

In an interview, Guerrero insisted that it usually takes the National

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WEATHER Outlook



Tourist nabbed with 'ice' at Saipan airport

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

CUSTOMS agents arrested yesterday an incoming Japanese male tourist allegedly found in possession of crystal methamphetamine at the Saipan International Airport.

Koji Yasuda was promptly charged with importation and illegal possession of a controlled substance ("ice") before the Su-

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Chinese workers march

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

SOME 55 male Chinese nationals, protesting alleged inhuman living conditions, yesterday marched from Koblerville down Beach Road to the U.S. labor department in Garapan to seek assistance on their plight.

The workers, speaking through an interpreter, said 35 of them were being made to share three bedrooms and a bathroom with only one toilet, in quarters provided by their alleged employer, J&J International, a Korean construction firm.

The rest of them, it was gathered, also live in a similar housing facility.

The interpreter, a female Chinese national staying on the island, said a representative from the firm "once in a while delivers rice and salt for the workers."

"They (workers) have very little food and no job," said the interpreter, insisting anonymity.

The workers arrived in batches on Sept. 20 and 25 and have since been kept in their Koblerville barracks.

They came from Liao Ning and He Bet, a northern and central province in mainland China, respectively.

The workers, who reportedly paid a recruiter \$7,000 for their placement, said they can not return to China as loansharks from

whom they got the money "will kill us if we can not pay back."

The interpreter claimed sev-

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Worker march. Chinese nationals rest at the entrance of the Horiguchi Building after they marched from Koblerville to seek redress for their "labor" grievances. The group carried a banner that reads, "We need to live, we need work."

Photo by Raffy Arroyo



Leah Rabin carries a candle as former Israeli PM Shimon Peres, left, and former US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, center, light theirs at the Rabin Memorial in Tel Aviv during a ceremony for the opening of the Peres Center for Peace Monday. AP

Japan to strengthen laws vs corporate racketeers

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's Cabinet decided Tuesday to strengthen penalties against corporate racketeers and company executives who bow to threats by paying the extortionists off.

The move follows payoff scandals at some of the nation's top financial companies and coincided with the arrest on Monday of a company executive accused of do-

ing business with extortionists.

The bill approved by the Cabinet would revise the government's Commercial Code to make it illegal to demand pay offs from a company. Those who did would be subject to a fine of as much as 3 million yen (\$25,000) and a prison sentence.

Penalties for company executives caught approving

such payoffs would be increased to a maximum 10-year prison sentence and a 10 million yen (\$83,000) fine. Currently, the stiffest punishment is seven years in prison and a fine of 3 million yen (25,000).

The bill will likely be approved by parliament within a month, a Justice Ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

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Legislators trade blows, throw chairs in India

LUCKNOW, India (AP) - Legislators exchanged blows and threw chairs and microphones at each other in the assembly of India's largest state Tuesday, delaying a vote of confidence, news agencies reported Tuesday.

Press Trust of India said the scuffles made it impossible to hold the vote of confidence. PTI and United News of India said several legislators were injured.

The vote was called after the Bahujan Samaj Party, which champions low-caste Indians, withdrew support from its partner in the governing coalition, the Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP must now prove it still has the support of the majority of the 425-member house.

The Bahujan Samaj Party, which protested the discrimination inherent in the Hindu

caste system, and the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party were strange bedfellows. To end political deadlock in Uttar Pradesh, the two agreed earlier this year to divide ministerial posts and have rotating state chief ministers with six-month terms - the first such experiment in India.

The BJP won the most votes in an indecisive state elections last September but could not win enough support from other parties to form a government. This led to direct federal rule over Uttar Pradesh for more than six months.

The BJP, India's main opposition party, is often accused of fanning religious tension with its Hindu nationalist rhetoric.

Political turmoil also hit the government of the western state of Gujarat this week.

Mrs. Clinton says domestic abuse is a 'global problem'

By JENNIFER ROTHACKER WASHINGTON (AP) - As U.S. first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton has talked with women throughout the world about many issues - including the "shared problem" of domestic violence.

"I have looked out over 50 downtown streets or pastoral rural villages and seen women going about their business energetically and competently every day," Mrs. Clinton told a conference on domestic abuse Monday.

"But I know too well that in every country I have visited, in fact in every country on Earth, there are hidden scenes that none of us can see," she continued. "They live with fear. Not fear of an invading army or a natural disaster or even a stranger in some dark alley. They fear ... the family members they are supposed to depend upon for help and comfort."

Speaking before a conference on domestic violence in Latin America and

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CDA member raps Chair

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A MEMBER of the Commonwealth Development Authority board questioned the other day CDA board chair Juan S. Tenorio's claim that CDA had imposed the \$1.2 million annual payment from Tinian in connection with the proposed \$140-million bond proposed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Jose M. Dela Cruz, who hails from

Tinian, wrote Tenorio, to point out that Tenorio was speaking for himself and not for the board.

Dela Cruz said that as a board member coming from Tinian, he should have participated in any discussion on the bond as it pertains to the \$1.2-million commitment of the island.

In his letter, Dela Cruz recalled that when the board discussed the bond issue, he cast his vote not on Tenorio's

"assumption" that part of the payment would come from the Tinian casino revenue but on the pledge of the CPA to offer its assets as collateral.

The bulk of the money generated from the proposed bond issues would go to the improvement and expansion of the Tinian airport and seaport. The amount would come from the casino operations revenue.

In an interview with the Variety, Tenorio said he would insist on Tinian helping in the payment of the debt to enhance the rating of the bond.

Dela Cruz pointed out that Tinian was not represented in the delegation that went to New York to negotiate on the bond.

Upon the delegation's return, he said, a public hearing was held on Tinian during which people were informed about the success of the bond negotiation.

"They (delegation) mentioned the



Juan S. Tenorio

importance of Tinian's commitment thru participation by way of contribution from their casino-anticipated local revenue regarding this bond issue," Dela Cruz also recalled.

"On top of that," he added, "they informed our local residents that the New York underwriter will not agree without a firm commitment from Tinian. CPA then prepared a municipal ordinance for the Tinian Municipality Council to sign."

The entire municipal council later signed the resolution, with Sen. Henry San Nicolas and Rep. Joaquin G. Adriano concurring.

Sens. David M. Cing and Esteven M. King, however, did not concur with the resolution.

Without Tinian's full commitment, the CPA board shelved the bond float project, later announcing that it would proceed to float an \$80-million bond without any part of it going to Tinian projects.

CPA Executive Director Carlos Shoda, two weeks later, said the CPA would proceed with the \$140-million bond flotation and explore ways whereby Tinian would no longer have to share in the debt payment burden.

Cing has taken the position that since the ports projects are CPA's, it is its sole responsibility to pay the debt.

Teno vows to repeal all of Froilan's E.O.s



Republican gubernatorial candidate Pedro P. Tenorio shares his views with Saipan Rotary members in a meeting yesterday.

Photo by Laila C. Younis

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

REPUBLICAN Party gubernatorial candidate Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday promised that his administration would repeal all of Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's executive orders, particularly those that reorganized the government.

The Republican Tenorio, in his remarks to Saipan's Rotary Club, said he would rather go through the legislative process than issue executive orders.

"We would have everything in statutes, not EOs," he said.

The CNMI's only two-time governor, Tenorio also claimed that his 1982-1990 administration worked closely with the federal government, wiped out the budget deficit and chalked up surpluses.

He said if voters would give him a third term, his administration would immediately address current concerns on the Puerto Rico dump, education, crime, drug abuse and the deteriorating relations with the federal government.

Once in office, Tenorio said he would immediately close the Puerto Rico dump and ask the garment industry to buy its own incinerator for its garbage.

In addition, he said he would call for a Covenant 902 talks with the federal government to work out immigration and minimum wage issues.

He said he is committed to retaining local control of immigration and wage policies, but added that he is also in favor of putting back restrictions on the number of garment factories and garment workers.

Tenorio said his administration

would see to it that the private sector is more involved in setting economic priorities for the CNMI.

"You tell us what (you and the economy) need and we will listen," he said.

Tenorio, at the same time, vowed to "maintain and nurture" the tourism industry, give the Marianas Visitors Bureau (MVB) the autonomy it lost under the current administration, and change the CNMI's complicated tax system.

There would be no "sole-sourced" contracts under his administration, the former governor said.

And while he respects the Tinian people's decision to allow casino gambling on their island, Tenorio said he is opposed to legalizing it on Saipan.

Asked what made him to decide to return to politics, Tenorio said his own family was opposed to his running again for governor.

"The governor has a lonely office, everyone is looking at you, you have to make unpopular decisions and you can't please anyone," he said.

But, he added, a lot of people urged him to come out of retirement.

The first chair of MVB, Tenorio also served as a Senate president before winning the 1981 gubernatorial election which is, like this year's election, a three-way race.

In 1985, Tenorio won reelection, the only CNMI governor to have done so.

He is currently running against his nephew, incumbent Governor Tenorio, who is the Democratic bet, and Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, the Independent candidate.

Borja OK'd contract for Camacho

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

GUBERNATORIAL bet, Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja signed, while acting governor in March 1995, a \$640,000 construction consultancy contract for a firm owned by one of his top campaign contributors, documents revealed.

The documents, an agreement for construction management services, showed that the contract was given to Efrain F. Camacho Engineers and Architects for the multi-million dollar Judicial Courts Complex project.

Logged as contract number CS0226-01 at the Office of the Governor, the document stated that \$100,000 from the finance department account number 5720-6428 was given to the consultancy firm "for the services rendered under the pre-construction and (a) portion of the construction phase."



Jesus Borja



Efrain F. Camacho

Gov. Froilan Tenorio, one of Borja's two opponents in the Nov. 1 race, has called the contract "overpriced."

Borja was on an official function in Rota yesterday and cannot be reached for his comments on the matter.

Camacho, for his part, denied allegations Borja had a hand in the awarding of the contract to his firm.

Admitting that he is "one of Borja's supporters," Camacho said he is among "many, many people" who have contributed to the candidate's campaign fund.

Camacho insisted though that this had nothing to do with the contract as its awarding "went through a rigid procedure."

"I went through the selection committee which came out with three names. It (committee) narrowed it (selection) down to our company as we were the most qualified," said Camacho.

"(Borja) had absolutely no hand in it."

Camacho said his firm "almost lost" the project because "somebody didn't want us to get it."

Camacho's firm, tasked to supervise the construction, "was the eyes and ears" of government on the project, he said.

Tenorio has said he wanted the contract further reviewed because it was allegedly "overpriced."

He went abroad on official business and said he was "surprised" to find out upon his return that the contract has been signed by Borja.

Tenorio: Borja started 'mudslinging'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

IF LIEUTENANT Governor Jesus C. Borja can't stand the political heat, he better get out of the race, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said yesterday.

Tenorio said it was Borja who started "mudslinging" and should therefore not complain when attacked in political ads. "He has been saying (since last year) that I am mean, that I am incompetent, that I hurt a lot of people, that I favor the 'select few' and now he's complaining of mudslinging?" Tenorio said.

A veteran of seven previous campaigns, Tenorio said he is aware that negative attacks are usual during elections.

"I accept that because, of course, my opponents will not say I'm doing a good job," he said.

"Now (Borja) is running for governor and he can't stand the



Froilan C. Tenorio

(attacks)?"

He added, "I never said anything bad about him, but now I'm going to hit him in ethical issues. If anyone's unethical it's (Borja)."

Tenorio said he will "reveal a lot" regarding his 1993 running mate when he faces him in the gubernatorial forum on Rota, which was scheduled for last night.

For starters, he said, Borja's running mate, former Lands and

Natural Resources secretary Benigno M. Sablan, is being accused of abusing alien workers.

Borja is also alleged to have appointed a cousin at the Labor and Immigration Department who was found guilty of harassing a female employee.

Tenorio claimed that Borja even advised his cousin on how to avoid getting fired.

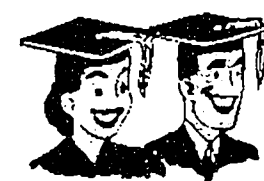
Likewise, Borja, as acting governor, awarded an "overpriced" contract to Efrain Camacho, who is now reportedly financing Borja's campaign, the governor said. (See related story in this issue.)

He added that he wanted the contract reviewed but found out that Borja already signed it upon his (Tenorio) return from an off-island trip.

"He says I serve the 'select few,' well he serves the 'select one,'" Tenorio said.

In addition, Borja, in a letter

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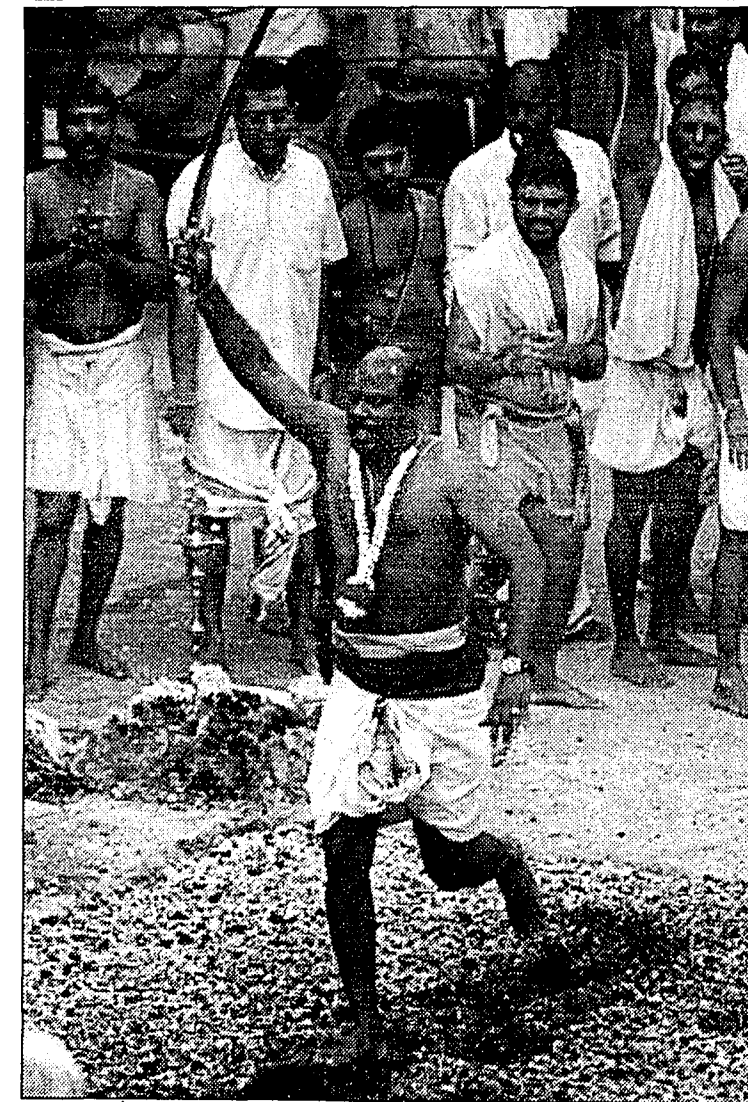
The Marianas High School Class of 1974 is planning a Special Class Reunion

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A devotee to the Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple runs across hot burning coals in Singapore Monday. The annual event attracted more than 2,000 male devotees who made the walk over the coals. AP

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According to Ways and Means chair: PSS budget to pass by end of the week

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff
THE DRAFT bill for the Public School System's \$46 million "piecemeal" budget will be passed by the House of Representatives before the week ends, the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee said yesterday.

Rep. Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Saipan), in an interview, said the piecemeal budget may include appropriation for the School Community-Based Education program (SCBE), which the Public School System (PSS) has been requesting for.

SCBE will cost each public school \$15,000.

PSS is also asking that the budget be given to them in lump sum, but Teregeyo said the committee does not see any "problem" with the usual quarterly allotments.

She added that if the need for it

arises, PSS could always ask for more than what their quarterly allotments allow them to have.

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) has vowed quick action on the piecemeal budget following a written request from Education Commissioner William S. Torres.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, for his part, earlier said that he has always favored a piecemeal budget for PSS.

He noted, however, that Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, as acting governor, already allowed PSS to a 25 percent reprogramming authority on their previous fiscal year budget of \$42 million.

He said departments and agencies without the same authority may have more urgent needs, adding that the Departments of Public Health Services (DPHS) and Public Safety (DPS) may also need their own piecemeal budgets.

The new fiscal year started Oct. 1 with the budget bill still in the House of Representatives.

The proposed \$262.4 million budget is expected to be passed by the Legislature by the end of November or early December.

Tenorio has blamed the Legislature for sitting on the budget, but legislative leaders have said that there was nothing "unusual" with the delay.

They said the Ways and Means Committee needed more time to thoroughly review the funding allotments for each government branch, department, division, agency and office.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, meanwhile, has scheduled its own budget hearings.

Without a new budget, the CNMI government is operating based on FY 1997's \$247 million budget.

Car rental rates on Rota to rise

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff
CAR rental rates on Rota are expected to increase following the rise in the rental of concessionaires' booths maintained by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

At present the CPA charges \$150 monthly as rent for a booth at the Rota airport, but according to Benita A. Manglona, vice president of the rent-a-car firm Paseo Drive, Inc., the monthly rent could go up to as high as \$4,000.

The CPA bid the car-rental concession the other day. Paseo Drive offered the highest bid, at \$48,000 a year, followed by Islander, at \$43,000, and Coral Rent a Car, \$38,000.

The CPA has cut down the number of concessionaires from the present four to three. The CPA, however, has yet to award the concessions to the winning bidders.

Manglona said they had no choice but to bid "that high" because "that appeared to be the going rate." In

Tinian, she said, the lowest bid was \$39,000.

Manglona said that once the CPA implements the new booth rates, the concessionaires would have to increase, too, their car rentals.

The current rental rates range from \$29 per day for a car to \$150 per day for a deluxe van.

Paseo and Coral Rent a Car, both owned by Rota locals, had requested the CPA to defer the bidding until after the concessionaires' concerns are heard, but according to Manglona they didn't even get a reply.

One of the concessionaires' concerns is the sorry state of the booths.

The CPA plans to bid the renovation of the booths, which are accordingly substandard.

"During heavy rain the facility cannot be used because it gets wet. The staff has to wait until the rain stops to wipe off the water. If the rain continues, business has to be conducted away from the booth inconveniencing both customers and our staff," Manglona said in

her letter to CPA board chair Victor B. Hocog last Oct. 1.

Manglona also said her firm tried to automate their car rental operation but that the computers could only stand for so long the high humidity, dust and heat, since the booths are not air conditioned.

Another concern is the dwindling number of tourists who, according to Manglona, had decreased by 50 percent since the Pacific Island Aviation cut down by 60 percent the number of its flights to the island from Guam and Saipan.

Manglona explained that their business relies on tourists.

Manglona, in her letter, told Hocog that with the bid structure, "Rota is increasingly pricing itself out of the visitor industry market."

"With the ever increasing airfare and the potential drastic increase in car rental rates, Rota will become one of the most expensive tourist destinations in the region," Manglona added.

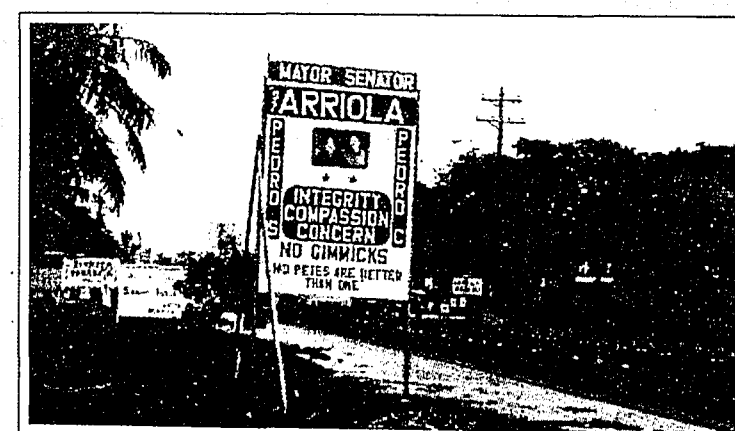
'Two Petes' offer signs to Joan's victims

MAYORAL and Senatorial candidates Pete and Pete Arriola have come up with a unique way of helping residents affected by Super Typhoon "Joan".

The duo, whose campaign signs and billboards have been catching the attention of Saipan's car riders with their popular, "Two Petes Are Better Than One," slogan, are now giving them away.

A news release from the Arriolas said all victims of last weekend's typhoon are invited to help themselves with any of the sign boards—even those who weren't knocked down by the storm may be taken down by those who need them.

"Even though my home was spared by Super Typhoon Joan I noticed in the paper that thirty-seven homes were either destroyed or partly damaged," one of the Petes



Billboards, anyone? The 'Two Petes' are offering victims of last weekend's typhoon to make use of their billboards (like this one in photo) for their wood and building needs.

said, "Our signs were built with good wood, so if any of the victims can benefit from using them—please take them."

Both Petes are concerned that those in real need might not get a chance to

take the wood and have asked that unless people really need them, they "should leave it for those that do... Ideally, we would like those who really need them to give them a chance."

Manpower ban stays, for now

Sablan says policy will be up to Governor to decide

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff
DESPITE protests from affected sectors, Labor and Immigration Secretary Thomas O. Sablan yesterday said his policy disallowing manpower agencies from further bringing in non-resident workers will remain in effect unless otherwise directed by Gov. Froilan Tenorio.

"I am being directed by the governor to find a solution to these (labor) problems and this ban is among them."

"The policy will stand until such time when the governor directs me to lift it," said Sablan in an interview.

He reiterated that DOLI is currently reviewing the policy which took effect, Monday "to find a better way to accommodate" legitimate concerns.

Sablan's move came following a proposal offered by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce asking government to continue allowing manpower agencies to operate provided strict regulations are

imposed ensuring that the workers brought in are those already requested by employers.

"The problem is," Sablan said, "we don't know these employers... we are never assured these workers already have employers upon their arrival."

A group of manpower agency operators have also vowed to seek Tenorio's reconsideration of the DOLI policy.

The policy to ban recruitment activities by manpower agencies of foreign workers is seen to cause the "unjust" repatriation of those whose current employment contracts are set to expire as they will no longer be allowed to renew it.

It is also feared to cause disruptions in the business sector which reportedly relies heavily on these placement firms for their manpower needs.

ADOLI notice stated that the policy was out into effect "due to the numerous problems" with the failure of manpower agencies "to provide adequate employment or contractually obligated wages" to the recruits.



CUC crewmen work to replace a broken power pole at the height of Super Typhoon Joan last Saturday. Clearing of typhoon debris on Saipan roads have since continued.

Post-'Joan' road clearing resumes

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.

Variety News Staff
THE CLEARING of roads and other major streets in Saipan continues after super typhoon "Joan" slammed the island Saturday, Saipan Mayor Jesus S. DeLeon Guerrero yesterday said.

In an interview, Guerrero said that since the typhoon left, the workers he dispatched were still clearing the heavily-affected areas.

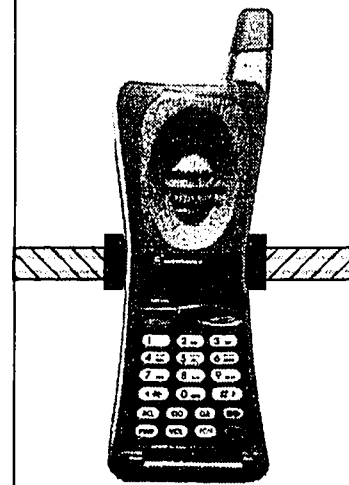
"The Emergency Management Office is the one contacting us, and particularly pointing out the locations so that appropriate and immediate actions will be taken," said Guerrero.

He said most of the tree trunks scattered can be found at Beach Road even as Kagman area sustained the most damages wrought by the super typhoon's gusty winds.

Guerrero said he has not received yet the final assessment report on the typhoon.

He also said he will be visiting the villages today with his staff to extend any possible help.

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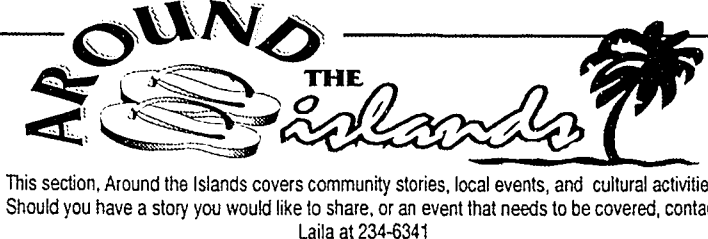
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San Vicente Elementary starts science enrichment program

THERE COULD be "future scientists in the making" as San Vicente Elementary School Science Enrichment Program opens its doors to its students.

According to SEP Advisor Albert Ada, the program is "enriching the lives of young, talented SVES students by giving them a chance to explore their scientific inquiries."

"On Saturdays, we meet at the school and go to different beaches around the island and study marine life," said Ada.

"Sofar, we studied about tide pools, tested oil spill clean up, and observe ocean currents," he said.

Ada said the students are currently studying corals in connection with Coastal Resources Management.

"It is a great program because there's a lot of connections we can make between our students and our environment," he added.

"Our goal is for students to get familiarized with scientific equipment such as microscopes, scales, compass, and dissecting equipment," said SEP Advisor Richard Gramlich.

"The students will be able to observe, record, analyze, and identify relationships between animals, plants and ecosystems," he said.

According to a press release, SEP meets every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Students at SVES are encouraged to join SVES-SEP and for more information contact SVES Office at 234-6219. (LCY)



SVES students gather to enjoy a puppet skit presented by the Family Violence Task Force yesterday.
Photo by Laila C. Younis

PSS works on drug policy

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC School System "has not dropped the ball" on drug testing, stressed Board of Education Chair Don Farrell.

Farrell was responding to a letter recently written by Rep. Stanley Torres asking why there

was a "lack of initiative by PSS in implementing a drug testing policy".

"It is good to see that some autonomous agencies have taken the lead in implementing drug-testing policies for their employees," said Torres.

"However, I am extremely cu-

rious why the largest of all our government agencies, the Public School System, has dropped the ball on this important matter," he said.

Farrell in a news release, stated that BOE published proposed drug testing regulations in April 1997 "that are the mirror image" of the Executive Branch's proposed drug testing regulations.

"We are still waiting for the Civil Service Commission to adopt a final version. It is our understanding that the Commission will adopt a final version this month," said Farrell.

"Once the Commission adopts a final version, the Board will adopt ours in the next month's register," he said.

Farrell said that the "primary reason" for the Board adopting the same version as the Commission is "to save money in hiring specialists for training employees, running the test program, and creating regulations".

"Another reason for following the lead of the Commission is to save on litigation expenses. I am convinced that substantial litigation may result after the drug testing regulations are adopted," said Farrell.

"I believe that legal expenses can be saved by having identical regulations which will thus be affected identically by judicial rulings," he said.

Farrell also noted that PSS has been testing its bus drivers due to federal requirements and none have tested positive.

Because drug testing will cost money, Farrell questioned, however, the action of the Legislature cutting PSS request from the budget "to help pay for drug testing of employees".

"How is the PSS supposed to make progress in the drug testing arena without receiving the necessary money to fund the program?", said Farrell.

"We are committed to drug testing at PSS. Without adequate funding our drug testing program will merely be a facade," he said.

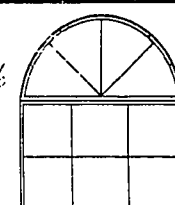
"We are, however, way ahead of the curve in the CNMI and take our responsibility for our students' safety and well-being seriously," he added.

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DOLI staff clean up

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

A "STRETCH" from their normal routine, Department of Labor and Immigration officials volunteered to clean Saipan's street sides, according to DOLI Deputy Secretary William Jones.

Collecting debris left by Super Typhoon, DOLI members cleaned along the roadsides of San Antonio, Koberville and Middle Road, Jones noted.

"We are assisting the community with cleaning up the roads to lessen the danger of having lying debris on the roads," he said.

"We have done regular

clean-ups, but this is the first time we went out right after the typhoon," he added.

Jones also said other agencies are participating in the clean-ups and under DOLI, staff members from Processing, Employment and Enforcement Divisions participated.

About 20 DOLI officials stood along Middle Road yesterday morning picking up trash and sweeping along the road side. Jones also joined in and helped collect debris and set up traffic cones.

"We volunteered as a community service and we are happy to help out," said DOLI Officer Nick Reyes.



Employees from the Department of Labor & Immigration pick up trash along Middle Road during a volunteer clean-up drive yesterday.

Funding is made available for NMI farmers on Animal Waste Program

THE ENVIRONMENTAL Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) has monies available to qualified farmers who need to improve their methods for handling animal waste.

The Program offers 5 to 10 year contracts that provide incentive payments and cost sharing for needed conservation practices, a news release from the EQUIP said.

Cost sharing may pay up to 75 percent of the costs of certain practices such as grassed waterways, filter strips, manure management facilities, irrigation systems and composting facilities.

Incentive payments may be made to encourage a farmer to perform land management practices such as

nutrient management, manure management and irrigation water management.

Total cost-share and incentive payments are limited to \$10,000.00 per person per year and \$50,000.00 over the length of the contract, a news release from the program said.

Applications for funds are available at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office located in the Horizon Building on the Middle Road.

The NRCS phone number on Saipan is 233-3415. Applications can also be obtained on Tinian and Rota by calling 433-9293 on Tinian and 532-9491 on Rota.

Applications are being accepted now through January 15th.

Planning visits will be made

with each applicant prior to that date to determine exact needs and estimate a cost.

Priorities for funding will be made between January 15 and January 30 to determine who will be funded. Funds are limited to \$50,000.00 on an annual basis so all requests have to be evaluated.

The evaluation process addresses solving the more critical problems first.

Those applicants receiving approvals will then enter into a contract with NRCS for installing the needed conservation practices. NRCS will provide the technical assistance in designing practices needed and oversee the installation of practices to insure proper installation.

RP Consulate will hold its 4th workshop

THE PHILIPPINE Consulate will hold its Fourth Workshop/Seminar for Filipinos in the CNMI on November 2nd, Sunday at the Ground Floor, OWWA Center, Nauru Building from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

On the workshop's agenda is "Marriages in CNMI: Between Filipinos and Inter-racial".

Guest speakers for the workshop will talk on the governing laws, rules and regulations on marriage under Philippine law; documentary requirements for certificate of legal capacity to marry; role of the church as a solemnizing authority in inter-racial marriages; and brief orientation on AIDS/HIV prevention program in CNMI.

Since only about 50 participants could be accommodated due to limited space, interested parties are advised to register early.

Applicants for a certificate of legal capacity to marry are encouraged to attend the workshop.

Thelma R. Castillo of the Philippines Consulate (telephone no. 234-1848) or Fred Biolena of OWWA (telephone no. 235-3411) will accept applications by phone of personal appearance.

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School sues over project delay

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Ever heard the saying, "where's the beef?" Well, it usually implies something is missing.... like substance. In the CNMI, "where's the budget" might be more appropriate because it's missing. It's missing because the Legislature didn't do its job. But it's kind of hard for the Senate to do its job when it is in session only 32 times in 2 years. Sure, there's committee work throughout the year too, but sessions are what count when it comes to the bottom line, right?

Senate President Jesus "Pepero" Sablan says they crammed a whole heck of a lot of good things in those 32 days. Senate President Pepero can tell you that they're working hard, but if they really are, where's the budget? Or maybe the real question we should be asking is, where's the leadership in the Senate?

Well, if Senate President Pepero is serious about being Lt. Governor some day, someone better tell him **it's a full time job!**

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No Federal Takeover!

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By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SAIPAN International School has sued a private company for the alleged delay of construction of two classroom project.

Saipan School, through counsel Joshua Berger, sued Quantum International, Inc. for alleged breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Saipan School asked the Superior Court to order Quantum to return the \$16,250 which were allegedly paid to the company as advance payment for the project.

According to the complaint filed last week, on May 28, 1997 plaintiff entered into a construction contract with Island Home Developers and with Quantum for the additional classrooms.

Under the contract, Berger said Quantum was to provide the building panels for the construction of classrooms.

Shortly after the execution of contract, Quantum was directly given \$16,250 as advance payment in order to procure the building panels.

Berger said the construction was to be completed by early August 1997, but work had not been started by that date, nor had any of the panels been delivered.

The lawyer said the school had to hire a separate contractor and material provider in order to continue the project.

Berger pointed out that Quantum had an express contract with Island Home Developers in which defendant was to provide paneling to IHD for the classrooms.

"During numerous direct communications between defendant and plaintiff, Quantum admitted to having received the \$16,250 advance and promised to return this money, acknowledging that defendant had failed to provide the materials as promised," Berger said, adding that Quantum has refused to return the money.

CNMI Family Violence Task Force slates candlelit vigil

THE CNMI Family Violence Task Force is inviting the General Public to participate in its Annual Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month this Friday, October 24, at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater at 6:00 p.m. T-shirts, bumper-stickers and refreshments will be available.

For more information, please call Michelle Sablan at 322-7459, Jennifer Mafnas at 664-4550 or Blumel Ramon at 664-2368.



By: Congressman
ROSIKY F. CAMACHO

Year In Review 10th CNMI Legislature Precinct #1

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1996 -MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS
Camacho bill gears up for education in 21st century

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A BILL prefiled Monday by Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Saipan) for the 21st Century Education Act is scheduled to be heard by the Education Committee on Tuesday, June 28, 1996.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1996 -MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS AND VIEWS
Bill against child exploitation filed

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
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MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1997 -MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS AND VIEWS
BIDI lease

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6-MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS AND VIEWS-MONDAY, MAY 20, 1996
Bill seeks protection for Forbidden, Bird Isles

Camacho files weapons bill, license plate tag measure

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff
REPRESENTATIVE Rosiky F. Camacho has filed a bill that would penalize gun owners found to have allowed access to the fire-

Camacho pleads help for local farmers

Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Saipan) is asking for help from the Northern Marianas' principal farming island. Among its major crops are taro, sweet potato, cucumber, cabbage, beans, melons and fruit.

Saipan clan holds reunion

Camacho comes up with own semi-annual report



VILLAGE WELCOME. Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho watches as workers erect a welcome sign in San Antonio Village, a project his office coordinated and funded by businesses in the area. Similar projects will follow in other villages, Camacho said.

Smuggle of 1.7 tons of marijuana foiled

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Police have arrested five people suspected of attempting to smuggle 1.7 tons of marijuana to the Netherlands concealed in drums of coconut oil, officials said Monday.

Police said the suspects, arrested Friday in Angeles City, north of Manila, were Ramon Louca, a naturalized American of Filipino background, and four Philippine citizens.

Police senior superintendent Reynaldo Acop said the five were accused of being members of a group that attempted to smuggle the mari-

juana into Rotterdam in June.

Acop said the marijuana was put in heavy plastic containers that were placed in 36 out of 80 drums filled with coconut oil. The drums were shipped to Rotterdam from Manila aboard a Panamanian-registered cargo vessel.

Dutch authorities discovered the marijuana and arrested four Dutch men and a Briton in the Netherlands. Information obtained from the suspects led to the identification of their Philippine accomplices, Acop said.

France says it's regaining support in South Pacific

By ALAN THORNHILL
CANNBERRA, Australia (AP) - France said Tuesday it is regaining the confidence of South Pacific nations that were outraged by nuclear tests in Polynesia and worried about long-simmering nationalist feelings in New Caledonia.

The French secretary of state for Overseas Departments and Territories, Jean-Jack Queyranne, said after meeting Pacific regional leaders in Canberra that progress is being made on both fronts.

He admitted, for example, that relations with the tiny island state of Nauru had been "interrupted" by the 1995-96 series of final nuclear tests in the Pacific at Mururoa and Fangatufa atolls.

But those relations are now being restored, he said.

"It is a question of simply formalizing the relationship," he said through an interpreter.

He said the Solomon Islands government is also rebuilding its relations with France and is very interested in assistance the French government can offer on the structure of its fishing industry.

Queyranne is in Australia for a meeting of the South Pacific Commission, a regional aid organization that has just renamed itself The Pacific Community, to reflect that fact that is now has several members north of the Equator.

Queyranne also said he is now "very optimistic" about the future of New Caledonia, where indigenous Kanaks fought a sometimes bloody campaign for self-determination against French security forces in the

1980s.

Now the Kanaks and the descendants of French settlers are staking out positions as the island prepares for a 1998 vote on whether to break ties with France. The referendum proposal was agreed under the Matignon Accords of 1988.

Economic dependence on Paris and parlous state of neighboring independent islands makes a break unlikely.

The referendum is to be held some time next year after March, and Queyranne said the situation could become clearer after the Kanak nationalist front meets later this month to consider its policies.

Neither the precise questions to be put at the referendum or its timing has yet been decided.



Indian musician Ravi Shankar, left, is greeted by Emperor Akihito, accompanied by Empress Michiko, during a courtesy call to the Imperial Palace in Tokyo by recipients of this year's Prince Takamatsu Memorial World Culture award Tuesday. AP

Muslim rebels, gov't meet in southern RP

COTABATO, Philippines (AP) - Muslim secessionists and government peace negotiators met for emergency talks Tuesday to defuse tensions over an alleged military build up around the main rebel camp in the southern Philippines.

The meeting was called by Ghazali Jaafar, chief peace negotiator for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, after the rebels expressed "displeasure" over the reported troop build up.

Military commanders said the deployments around Camp Abubakar were part of a routine reshuffle of troops, but the rebels said the size of the government forces was unusually large and the troops were suspiciously close to the camp.

In a letter to the chief government peace negotiator, Orlando Soriano, Jaafar said the build up was "contrary to the letter and spirit" of a cease-fire agreement signed in July.

Al Haj Murad, the MILF vice chairman for military affairs, said an estimated 2,500 people have left their homes in towns surrounding the camp out of fear of being caught in cross-fire in case of a military assault on the camp.

The camp is a 15,000-hectare (37,050-acre) complex of rebel outposts, farms and seven civilian districts in a mountainous area along the borders of three provinces on the southern island of Mindanao, 850 kilometers (530 miles) south of Manila.

It is home to more than 10,000 people, many of them Muslim settlers from other southern provinces who have been attracted by the promise of rising from poverty under strict Islamic laws practiced by the rebels.

Murad said an attack on the camp would trigger a "jihad" or holy war by the rebels and jeopardize the peace talks.

The military overran a smaller MILF camp earlier this year, claiming that it was used as sanctuary by MILF guerrillas and bandits engaged in ransom kidnappings. The accusation was denied by the rebels.

The military maneuvers around Camp Abubakar followed a "suicide attack" last week by two alleged Arab extremists on one of the military's biggest camps near Cotabato City.

The attackers, said to be from Saudi Arabia and Egypt, and three soldiers were killed.

International Maritime Bureau report:

Global piracy declines

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA (AP) - Pirates were more violent in the first nine months of this year, though the number of attacks globally decreased compared to last year, the International Maritime Bureau's Regional Piracy Center said Tuesday.

Forty-five sailors had been killed by pirates between January and September of this year compared to 26 in the same period last year, said a report by the IMB released by the regional

center here.

Other indications of the increase in violence included 228 crew members being taken hostage this year compared to 170 last year, said the IMB, an organization funded by private ship owners and shipping companies.

Also, pirates assaulted 21 seamen this year compared to 6 last year and 28 were injured compared to just seven last year.

There was no indication why the severity of the attacks had increased.

The total number of piracy cases, though, fell to 142 during the period compared to 169 for the same period last year.

Indonesian waters continued to top the list of areas where the most piracy cases took place, although the number of cases reported dropped to 34 compared to 39 for the same period last year.

Waters surrounding the Philippines again had the second highest number of piracy cases with 13 this year. But that was a drastic drop from the 31 cases reported last year.

Brazil reported the third highest number of cases with 11. That was down from 16 last year.

Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Venezuela, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Portugal, Netherlands and Malta, where no piracy cases were

reported since 1991, reported one case each this year. Albania, which had reported no piracy since 1991 had two cases this year.

The report described a case off of Sri Lanka as one of the most severe attacks the year.

On Sept. 9 the 34,000-ton Chinese ship MV Cordiality was loading its cargo off Pulmoddai when it was attacked by a number of boats controlled by the Tamil Tiger rebels.

Vessels collide on haze-covered river

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Four people were killed and 21 went missing when a passenger vessel collided with a tugboat on a river shrouded in thick smoke haze on the island of Borneo, the official Antara news agency reported Monday.

Antara said the accident, the latest in a series of ship and boat accidents attributed to poor visibility from the haze, happened Sunday on the Barito River, about 900 kilometers (560 miles) northeast of Jakarta.

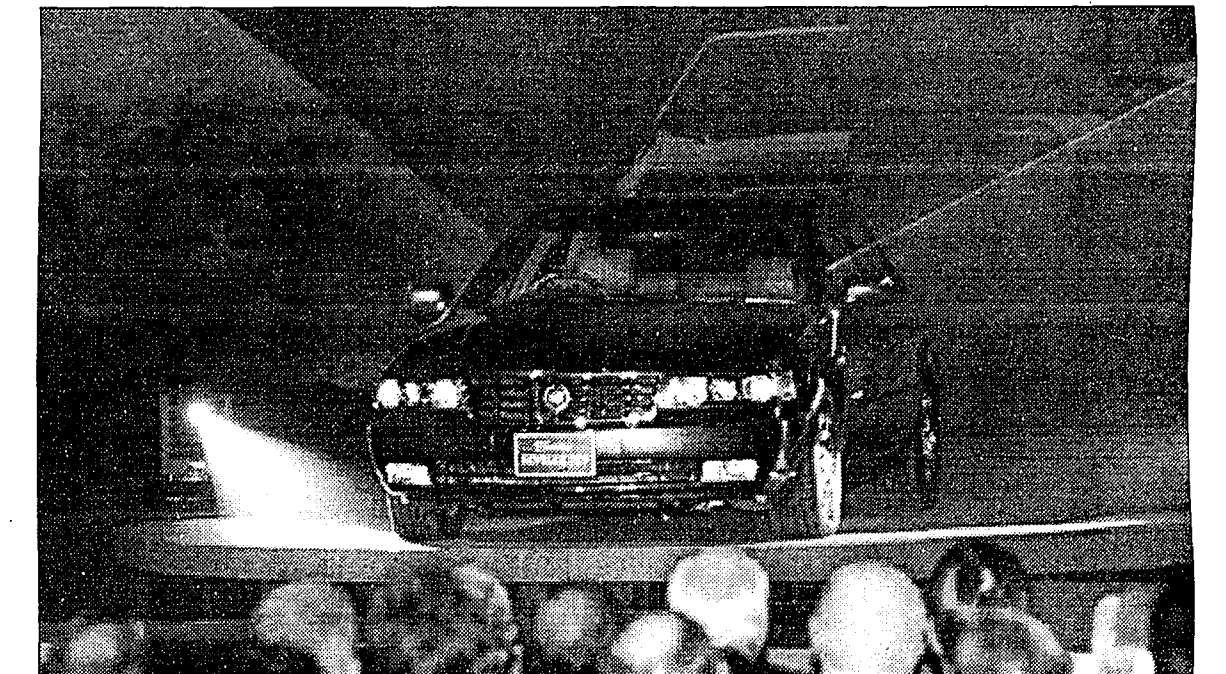
Two of the four confirmed dead victims were children, a local transportation official, identified only as Muskeri, told Antara.

Searchers had failed to find any of the missing people by Monday.

Muskeri said 62 people, mostly settler farmers and their families, were aboard the passenger vessel. They had been on their way to a local market.

He said visibility on the river had been down to between three and five meters due to dozens of forest fires that continue to rage on Borneo and other islands.

In another report, Antara said, thick smoke again covered the town of Pekanbaru since Saturday, forcing cancellation of most of flights to the Simpang Tiga airport in the Riau capital.



General Motors' luxury car Cadillac Seville glows in laserbeams as it is unveiled in Japan at a Tokyo hotel Tuesday. GM hopes Seville, launched with right-hand drive for Japanese market, will increase market shares where luxury cars are expected to grow. AP

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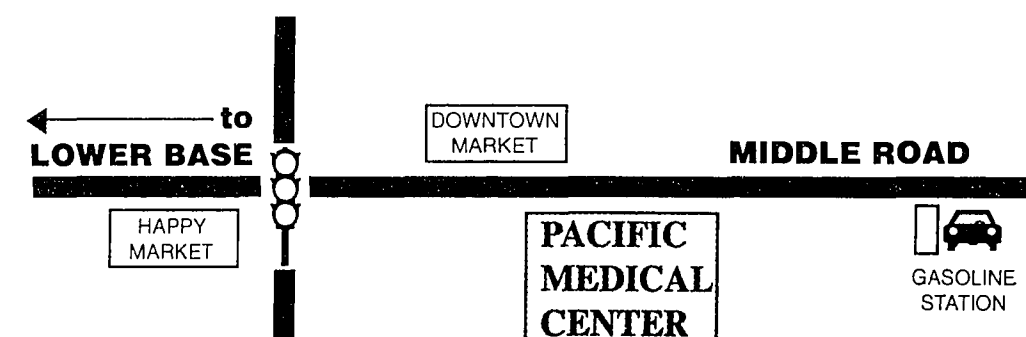
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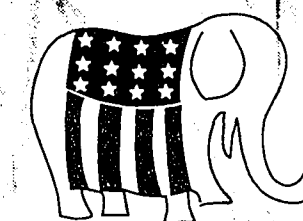
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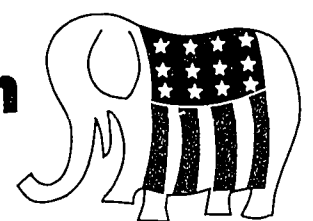
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Jiang's aim: Woo America

By CHARLES HUTZLER

BEIJING (AP) - Deng Xiaoping donned a cowboy hat and charmed an America getting to know a newly opened China. Eighteen years later, his successor will try to woo a United States too familiar with the brutal side of Chinese rule.

President Jiang Zemin has polished his English and consulted aides and U.S. diplomats on how to handle hostile demonstrations. The Communist Party chief is even thinking of ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange.

As Jiang prepares to be the first Chinese leader to receive red-carpet honors in Washington since 1985, he knows success on the road is crucial to his ambitions at home.

A smooth performance during his eight-day tour, which begins Sunday, will give him the luster of an international statesman and quiet detractors in his party. It will send a strong signal to international business that Washington supports China's rise and help steady the flow of foreign investment Beijing

relies on.

He even hopes to dispel the rancor that has colored American views since 1989, when the Chinese military opened fire on hundreds of unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators occupying Tiananmen Square.

Jiang's trip aims to rekindle the traditional friendly feeling between the Chinese and American people, Chinese officials say. That kind of goodwill abounded when Deng barnstormed the United States in 1979 after Beijing and Washington opened full, formal ties.

The Chinese leader can expect a hand from his summit partner. President Bill Clinton's much attacked policy of "engagement" with China - an attempt to discuss human rights abuses, trade, Taiwan, nuclear proliferation and other problems without letting disagreements derail relations - is also at stake.

With critics in both capitals wary of closer relations, "quite a lot depends on the personal characteris-



President Clinton welcomes Chinese President Jiang Zemin during an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Seattle in this Nov. 20, 1993 file photo. As the first Chinese leader to receive red-carpet honors in Washington since 1985, Jiang will try to woo a United States too familiar with the brutal side of Chinese rule.

tics" of the two presidents, said Yan Xuetong, a U.S. affairs expert at the China Institute for Contemporary International Relations, a study center with ties to the government's spy agency.

The two have had rough moments in previous meetings. The first time, Clinton, who pledged not to coddle Beijing's dictators in his first election campaign, gave Jiang a frosty reception in Seattle in 1993.

Clinton, a saxophone-playing moderate, should see some familiar traits in Jiang. Although his resume is pure apparatchik, the 71-year-old former soap factory manager has governed as a centrist, co-opting the agendas of party conservatives and liberals, and he displays a common touch.

Jiang cried delivering the eulogy for his mentor Deng in February. He gave an impromptu piano recital to workers at a state exhibition. He has been seen on state television comforting the poor and unemployed.

By the standards of China's often provincial leaders, Jiang's tastes run to the cosmopolitan. He speaks Russian and has boned up on his broken English. He likes American movies and show tunes of the '40s, reads Mark Twain and can recite the Gettysburg Address.

Putting trust in his own political instincts, Jiang has arranged his itinerary to put his interests on display. He plans to tour Williamsburg, Virginia, the restored colonial capital, and visit the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

A state dinner, 21-gun salute and other summit pomp in Washington will also give way to substance. The two presidents are expected to oversee agreements on environmental cooperation, customs procedures and rules for warships when the navies are operating near each other.

Clinton would like to start a 10-year-old, never implemented accord to allow U.S. firms to aid China's nuclear power industry if he can get Jiang to agree to halt all nuclear-related dealings with Iran, the U.S. Embassy official said.

The Jiang road show is likely to be bumpy. He is expected to hear harsh words from Congress on human rights and trade and be shadowed by protests, some of them by actor Richard Gere and other high-profile critics of China's oppressive rule in Tibet.

Jiang has faced demonstrators in Europe and has been told what to expect in the United States. "I don't think anyone in the delegation will show anger with the protests," said Yan, the U.S. affairs expert.

But Yan and other Chinese academics think Jiang is unlikely to generate the good will Deng did. China and the United States have no Soviet Union to rally against. And then there's Tiananmen.

"I don't think the U.S. side will forget that," Yan said. "But at least ... they can sit at the table peacefully and calmly and negotiate the differences and difficulties among them, including the human rights issue."

Japan PM: Deficit cut is key

TOKYO (AP) - Ignoring calls for a tax cut, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said Monday that the key to restoring economic health is reducing Japan's budget deficit.

Hashimoto said Japan's government deficit is one of the worst among industrialized nations because of an increase in spending on public construction projects in the last several years and a rapidly aging population.

"If we fail to act on reform, we cannot avoid a scenario of (economic) collapse," Hashimoto said.

The prime minister called for early passage of a fiscal reform bill being drafted in a House of Representatives committee meeting. Hashimoto's Liberal Demo-

cratic Party will formally unveil its proposal for the bill as early as Tuesday.

The prime minister has said the bill should require Japan to reduce its ballooning deficit by curbing spending and decreasing government bond issuance.

But opposition politicians, who believe the economy desperately needs a boost, have called for tax breaks and an increase in public spending.

So far, there has been no sign the LDP will yield to opposition demands.

A top LDP politician said in a speech to party members Sunday that cutting taxes would be short-sighted, the Nihon Keizai newspaper reported.

"If we increase public works



Ryutaro Hashimoto

spending and cut income taxes as we have done in the past we'll just be back where we started," Koichi Kato, secretary general of the LDP, was quoted as saying.

Since the period of rapid economic growth known as the "bubble" economy ended in the

late 1980s, the government has enacted half-a-dozen special economic stimulus packages.

The plans have included increases in spending on such things as dams and roads, as well as income tax rebates.

Hashimoto has vowed to curtail deficit spending, in part, to

prepare for the burden on social programs of caring for an increasing number of old people.

The fiscal reform bill will be the first part of a broad package of economic and administrative reforms that Hashimoto has promised as the centerpiece of his administration.

Sihanouk eyes 'quiet departure'

PHNOMPENH, Cambodia (AP) - Fed up with Cambodia's political woes, King Norodom Sihanouk asked the country's leaders Monday to stay away from his imminent departure for China.

The ailing monarch, who spends months at a time in China for medical treatment, said in a letter that he wanted to leave quietly and without ceremonial pomp.

Sihanouk returned to Cambodia in late August but has failed to dent the political dominance of Hun Sen, who controls Cambodia since

smashing loyalists of his co-premier and the king's son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, in factional fighting in July.

The request for a quiet departure amounts to a barb at Hun Sen and Ung Huot, installed as the new co-premier. Sihanouk has acknowledged their de facto authority but says he still recognizes Ranariddh as a legal co-premier.

The 74-year-old king has in recent years suffered cancer, now in remission, a stroke, hardening of the arteries and cataracts. He is depressed

over the new outbreak of civil conflict and recently said he would commit suicide if he was not a Buddhist.

Sihanouk said he planned to leave Cambodia in the next few days, possibly before his 75th birthday Oct. 31. His last medical trip to China lasted six months.

In recent weeks, the king said his birthday should be celebrated with a minimum of pomp and celebration due to lack of money in the treasury and the mood of national mourning he feels.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Juan S. Tenorio, Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), and in consultation with Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and the Housing Task Force, is pleased to inform the Public that it is making funds available for eligible rehabilitation and repair activities of residential dwelling units owned and occupied by very low income families as a result of destruction caused by Super Typhoon Joan.

Eligible rehabilitation and repair activities include, but are not limited to the rehabilitation and repair activities necessary to preserve and maintain the dwelling unit in a safe, decent and sanitary condition.

NMHC will make financial assistance available to eligible homeowners primarily through low interest fixed rate of six percent (6%) of up to \$10,000 with a maximum repayment term of ten (10) years. Deferred loans will be available, but only in situations where the applicant proves a critical need for financial assistance and proven lack of financial resources for repayment of the amount requested.

The time for acceptance of applications for "Home Repair Super Typhoon Joan" will begin Wednesday, October 22, 1997 at 8:00 a.m., and run for a period of time until NMHC determines that they exhaust the committed funds. NMHC will accept applications on a "First Come, First Served" basis, provided applicants meet qualifying criteria.

Homeowners interested in obtaining a Home Repair Loan Application or need more information may call or visit the NMHC Central Office in Saipan or its Field Offices in Rota and Tinian. Saipan residents may contact 234-6866/9447/7689/7670; call 433-9213 for Tinian residents; and for Rota residents, call 532-9410.

It is NMHC's policy and commitment that interested "Minority and Women-Owned Businesses" (MBE/WBE) are given equal opportunity to compete for contracts for rehabilitation and repair work on properties to be assisted with these funds.

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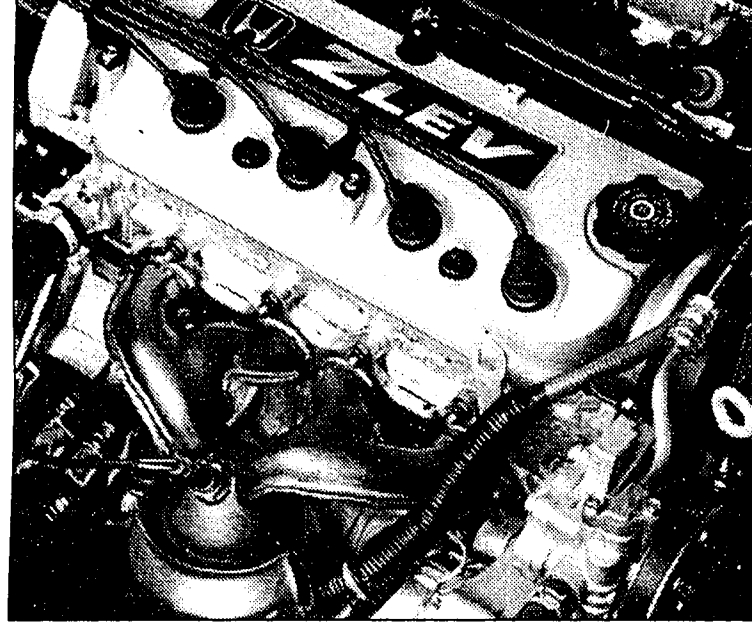
The invention could "drive a stake through the heart of the electric vehicle," said George Peterson, president of AutoPacific, Inc. in Santa Ana, California.

The engine cuts emissions with two catalytic converters - one positioned near the exhaust manifold and another located under the floor, Honda said.

The devices trap more pollutants in all three steps of engine operation, from cold start through warm-up to normal operation, the company said.

Honda is calling the technology a Zero-Level Emission Vehicle, although it is actually not zero-emission like electric cars.

"I think this shows what can be contributed toward clean air and does



Honda Motor Co. unveiled its newly developed ultraclean gasoline engine that could become a strong rival to an electric engine in Tokyo Monday as the annual Tokyo Motor Show is set to begin this week. The company said the Zero-Level Emissions Vehicle engine reduces emissions of hydrocarbons and other pollutants to near zero. AP

Test results were achieved using 100,000-mile (160,000-kilometer) aged catalyst and low sulfur reformulated gasoline currently available only in California, Honda said. The automakers said it still needs to reduce the cost of manufacturing the engine and confirm the long-term durability of the system.

The prototype engine is based on the current 2.3-liter, 4-cylinder engine found in the 1998 Honda Accord.

Still, because the engine is not totally pollution-free, it will not override the need for electric vehicles - which emit no pollution, an analyst said.

"Even though it looks like it might have a potential impact in the short term, in the long term, until you have an engine which is not a combustion engine, you will never have zero emissions," said Amy Bricker, an analyst with Washington D.C.-based International Center for Technology Assessment.

"Although initially trapping pollution, even as cars get older, those pollutants will escape. There still will be some, even if they are lower. It will never be zero," she said.

Japanese man charged in WWII art theft pleads guilty

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
NEW YORK (AP) - A Japanese man has pleaded guilty to trying to sell \$ 10 million worth of Old Masters and other drawings that were stolen from Germany at the end of World War II, a prosecutor said.

Masatsugu Koga, 61, entered the plea on Sept. 18 but the transcript of the proceeding was sealed, said Alexander Shapiro, an assistant U.S. attorney on the case.

Koga, who suffers from serious kidney disease, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and the possession, concealment and attempted sale of stolen artwork. He faces up to 15 years in prison. He entered the plea Monday with a Russian interpreter at his side before U.S. District Judge Robert P. Patterson Jr.

Koga told the judge he knew that the drawings had been stolen from Germany before they surfaced in the Soviet Union, only to be stolen again in 1993.

The lost drawings included Albrecht Durer's "Women Bathing," worth an estimated \$ 6 million, and "Sitting Mary with Child," worth about \$ 2 million as well as Rembrandt's "Standing Woman with Raised Hands," valued at \$ 2 million.

As part of a plea agreement, Koga agreed to relinquish any rights to the artwork. Sentencing was set for Jan. 21 and Koga remained free on \$ 250,000 bail.



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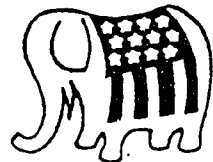
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Tanapag Elementary Classroom Renovations	\$ 122,480
William S. Reyes Headstart Classroom	\$ 135,915
Water Tanks, Public Schools	\$ 400,000
60 Classrooms	\$1,649,808
Electric Power Transmission Substations	\$1,348,625
Upgrade of Electrical Feeder 4	\$ 671,315
Traffic Lights	\$ 321,446
As Matuis Road Paving/Drainage	\$1,240,000
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Kagman III Homestead Waterline	\$1,225,270
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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED

HB10-077	Prohibit Releasing Names of Minor Victims of Crimes	PL-10-7
HB10-078	Authorize Appropriation of \$50,000 for Study of Traditional Medicine	Adopted
HB 10-079	Authorize Appropriation of \$295,000 for Construction of Sidewalks for San Antonio Elementary School	Adopted
HB 10-080	Authorize Appropriation of \$430,000 for San Vicente Elementary School Classrooms, Drainage and Handicap Ramps	Adopted
HB 10-081	Authorize Appropriations of \$50,000 for Purchase of Minibuses for the Manamiko	Adopted
HB 10-082	Regulate Reconnection Fees of CUC and Cable and Telephone Companies	Adopted
HB 10-171	Agricultural Permit Extension Act	Adopted
HB 10-172	Restrict Use of Public Agricultural Land & Wetlands	Adopted
HB 10-191	Commonwealth Good Samaritan Act	PL-10-52
HB 10-190	Business Licensing Reform Act of 1996	Adopted
HB 10-192	Prohibit Jaywalking	Adopted
HB 10-239	Require Life Imprisonment for All Persons convicted of Importing and Manufacturing Commercial Quantities of Illegal Narcotic Substances	Adopted
HB 10-240	Insure Amnesty for Drug Users to Submit Themselves for Rehab.; Authorize Appropriation of \$300,000 for Drug Rehab. Program	Adopted
HB 10-253	Prohibit Launching of Boats/Watercrafts from Beaches	Adopted
HB 10-259	Authorize Appropriation of \$90,000 for Dandan Baseball Field Lighting System	Adopted
HB 10-291	To Make Illegal the Practice of Charging for Periods of Non-Service by Public Utilities, Telephone Companies and Cable TV Companies	Adopted
HB 10-292	Authorize Appropriation of \$7,664 Million from 1995 CIP Funds for Construction of Dandan Sewer System	Adopted
HB 10-293	Authorize Appropriation of \$3.2 Million from 1995 CIP Funds for Construction of Erosion Proof Drainage and Pavement at Nan Ocha in San Vicente	Adopted
HB 10-294	Authorize Appropriation of \$3.5 Million from 1995 CIP funds for Construction of Drainage System and Road Pavement in Kannat Tabla from Black Micro to San Pedro Road	Adopted
HB 10-295	Restrict Licensing of Certain Recreational Business on Public Land to U.S. Citizens and Nationals	Adopted
HB 10-298	Provide Limited Immunity for Illegal Aliens	Adopted
HB 10-313	Authorize Appropriation of \$250,000 for Road Paving of Nan Ocha & Kanat Tabla Roads ('97 Gen. Fund)	Adopted
HB 10-314	Authorize Appropriation of \$350,000 for A&E of a Drainage System at Nan Ocha & Kanat Tabla Roads ('97 Gen. Fund)	Adopted

HB 10-315	Authorize Appropriation of \$700,000 for NMC Multi Purpose Gym ('97 Gen. Fund)	Adopted
HB 10-316	Authorize Appropriation of \$500,000 for Secondary Roads on Precinct #1 ('96 Gen. Fund)	Adopted
HB 10-317	Authorize Appropriation of \$1.2 Million for Drainage System of Kannat Tabla Road ('96 Gen. Fund)	Adopted
HB 10-318	Authorize Appropriation of \$1.2 million for Drainage System on Nan Ocha Road ('96 Gen. Fund)	Adopted
HB 10-336	Repeal P.L. 8-19 which Allows for Consumption of Certain Endangered Species	Adopted
HB 10-348	To Create a Statutory Bar Introduction of Evidence in a Criminal Prosecution of Statement made in or in Relation to Drug Rehabilitation	Adopted
HB 10-352	Authorize Appropriation of \$100,000 for Carbon Dating/Radiometric Dating of Artifacts Found; Record Keeping; Preservation of	Adopted
HB 10-353	Authorize Appropriation of \$2 Million for Development and Construction of Kagman III Electric Power Distribution System	Adopted
HB 10-356	Prohibit Recreational and Commercial Use of Motorized Water Crafts Inside Saipan/S Reef	Adopted
HB 10-369	Authorize Appropriation of \$792,000 for Construction of Waste Water Transmission Lines Along As Perdido Road	Adopted
HB 10-370	Authorize Appropriation of \$825,000 for Construction of Waste Water Transmission Lines Along as Tun Doi Road	Adopted
HB 10-404	1994 CIP Dandan Sewer Collection & Transmission Lines Re-Appropriation Act	Adopted
HB 10-423	Appropriate \$1,250,000 from P.L. 10-20 for Kagman III Homestead Power Distribution System	Adopted
HB 10-425	Authorize Appropriation of \$100,000 from P.L. 10-29 for Purchasing Propagative Materials for Northern Islands Agricultural Rehabilitation	Adopted
HB 10-430	Amend P.L. 10-57 with Respect to Senatorial District Advisory Boards (Review of grazing, homestead, agricultural permits, deeds, 60-day non-renewable permits)	Adopted
HB 10-431	Firearm Control Act of 1997 (6CMC, #2205)	Adopted
HB 10-432	Amend 4 CMC #9242(b); Increase Penalties for Employer's Agent for Criminal Violations Against Employees	Adopted
HB 10-441	To Shorten Tourist Entry Permits	Adopted
HB 10-455	The Heinous Crime Act (Increase Penalties for Heinous Criminal Acts Committed)	Adopted
HB 10-461	To Establish Continuity and Security for Agricultural Land Permit Holders and to Identify Cultivable Agriculture Land for Planting and Grazing (Agricultural Permit Extension Act of 1997-Substitute for HB 10-17)	Adopted

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Malaysian Airlines withdraws \$24M suit

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) - Malaysia Airlines has withdrawn an 80.0 million ringgit (\$24.02 million) defamation suit lodged against Human Resources Deputy Minister Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, the national news agency reported Monday.

Bernama quoted Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim as saying the airline's chief executive, Tajudin Ramli telephoned him from London saying he is withdrawing the suit against Kadir, adding that he considered the problem between the two parties over.

Malaysia Airlines filed the suit against Kadir last week after the latter made an allegedly defamatory statement in which he charge that the airline's standard of service has declined.

Anwar also considered as part the spat between Transport Minister Ling Leong Sik and Malaysia Airlines following the former's criticism about the airline's handling of flight delays and cancellations during the height of the haze problem, when visibility in much of the region was extremely poor.

The noxious haze has emanated from Indonesian forest fires.



Matsuzakaya Department Store President Akira Ito, left, faces photographers during a press conference in Nagoya, central Japan, on Tuesday. The press conference was hurriedly arranged following the arrest Monday of a Matsuzakaya executive on charges of alleged payoffs to a corporate racketeer. AP

Japan orders warning after report of cancer drug death

By CHESTER DAWSON

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese health officials ordered a British pharmaceutical maker to send doctors notices warning that 30 patients taking an anti-cancer drug may have died from side effects, officials said Tuesday.

The order, issued Monday, came after the Japanese unit of London-based Pharmacia and Upjohn Ltd. reported the deaths to Japan's Health and Welfare Ministry.

The patients account for about 4.2 percent of a 700-person group being monitored by the company while receiving the drug, which is sold under the brand name

Idamycin.

"We've known the death rate is high for this kind of drug, but we want to make sure doctors and patients are also fully aware of the risks involved from possible side effects," said Hiroshi Yamamoto, of the ministry's Pharmaceutical and Medical Bureau.

In clinical trials before approval, 20 of 156 people treated with the drug died, Yamamoto said. That would be a 12.8 percent death rate. It was not clear if the patients died of cancer or if their deaths were somehow linked to the drug.

At least 94 deaths were linked earlier this summer to another drug used against cancer in Japan.

About 5,000 Japanese stricken with acute myelocytic leukemia have taken Idamycin since it was approved for sale in Japan two years ago, said Pharmacia and Upjohn spokeswoman Kyoko Sawada.

The medicine is based on a cancer-fighting drug called idarubicin hydrochloride, which was developed in Italy and first marketed in the United Kingdom in 1989.

Japan's health authorities will continue to closely monitor reports from the company about the drug, but is unlikely to ban sales of it anytime soon, said Yamamoto.

"Without any treatment, many of the patients would die in a matter of weeks," he said.

The ministry said in July that at least 39, or 0.72 percent, of 5,430 cancer patients treated with a drug called irinotecan hydrochloride died from its side effects. In clinical testing, 4.4 percent of 1,245 patients given the drug died from side effects.

Sales of Idamycin made up less than one percent of Pharmacia and Upjohn's 56.4 billion yen (\$470 million) in total Japanese sales last year, according to the company.



North Korean officials remove a large portraits of their new leader Kim Jong Il from an altar during a ceremony to celebrate the recent nomination of the younger Kim to the new leader of North Korea's ruling party, in Tokyo Saturday. AP

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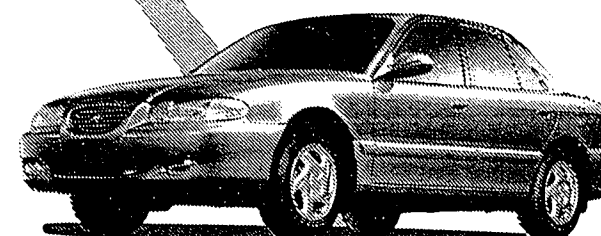
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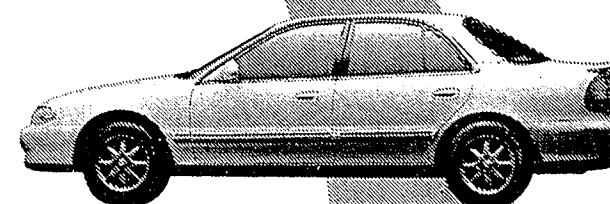
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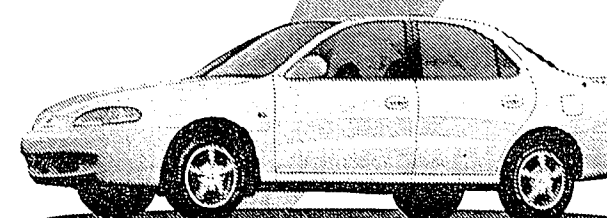
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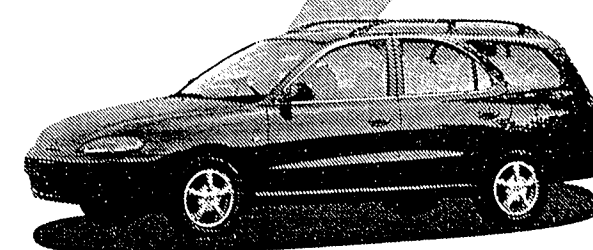
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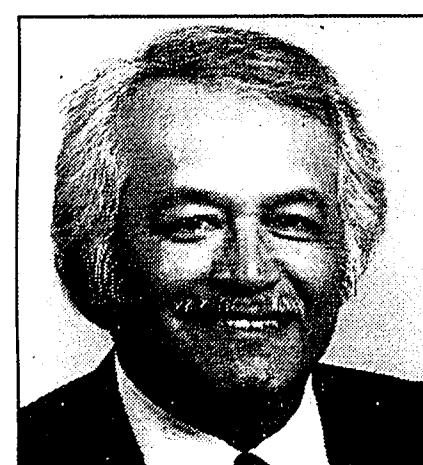
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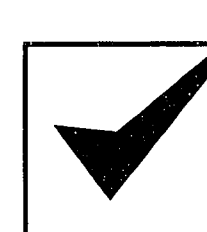


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Asians on doing business--badly

By SANG-HUN CHOE

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - In decidedly undiplomatic language, a government trade agency is giving South Korean businessmen tips on doing business in Asia.

Some of its suggestions:
In China, don't trust promises made over drinks after working hours; get the deal on paper. In

India, don't expect local businessmen to take responsibility when a deal goes sour.

The Korea Trade and Investment Promotion Agency surveyed dozens of businessmen who have worked in other parts of Asia and published their case histories and comments in investment guides for individual countries.

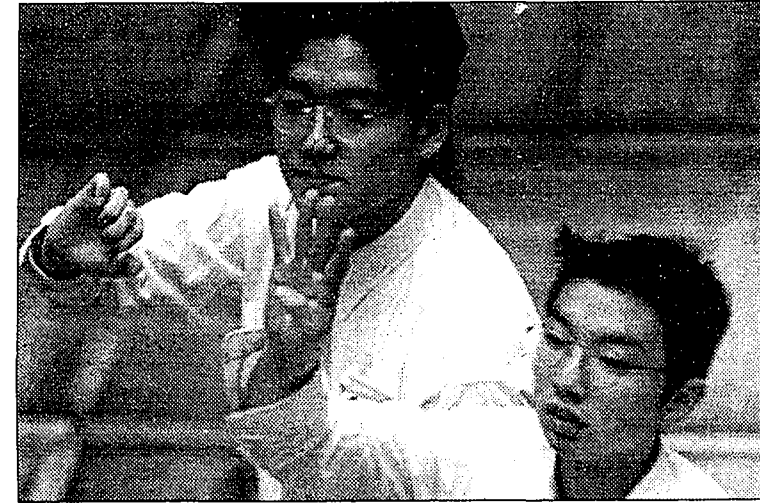
In its guide to China, businessmen are told to keep extensive notes on negotiations and double-check every document. Promises made

by Chinese businessmen over drinks after work often don't jibe with the subsequent written contract, the agency says.

"They (Chinese) snare you and pull down your pants at the same time," the advisory warns.

In India, the group says, potential investors likely will get all kinds of conflicting statistics, few of which will actually help in that melting pot of multiple races, languages and religions.

"Responsibility is a virtue rarely found among Indian bosses," the group says. When a deal goes sour, it adds, some companies tend to avoid responsibility by saying that lower-level officials acted independently of management. Better to deal with



Floor traders on the Tokyo Stock Exchange flash hand signals during Monday's morning session. The share prices fell over the growing likelihood that the ruling Liberal Democratic Party won't include an income-tax cut in a stimulus package to be announced Tuesday. AP

CEOs from the start.

"Our aim is to help businessmen to avoid the same mistakes we have committed," the agency's Kim, Sung-chul said. "You can avoid a lot of those mistakes once you understand cultural differences."

So far, the group has provided guides for China, India and Vietnam, distributing them only to businessmen attending orientation sessions for foreign investors.

The foreign countries involved "will not be happy to read our reports, but we don't intend to insult anybody," said Lee

June-yong, another agency official. "We simply try to warn our businessmen of what actually has happened - in clear and emphatic language."

Dinter Thullar, an official at the Indian Embassy in Seoul, said he suspected the guide to his country "is based on isolated, individual cases" and does not reflect "a general problem."

And a commercial attache in the Chinese Embassy said warnings about not relying on verbal promises and getting all contract terms and conditions in writing could apply anywhere in the world.

"That's basic in international trading," the attache said on cus-

tomary condition of anonymity.

In its guide to doing business in Vietnam, the Korean agency says workers more than ever are heeding the Marxist exhortation: Workers of the world unite! The lesson is: Never slap local workers, unless you want a labor strike.

Physical abuse and attempts to change lax work ethic have earned Korean bosses a harsh reputation and triggered labor strikes in Vietnam, Pakistan and other places.

The Korean manager of a Korean-owned shoe factory in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City received a suspended prison sentence in 1996 for lining up and beating employees with an unfinished shoe.

The trade agency advises that rather than ordering local workers around, Korean factory managers set an example by reporting to work first, picking up cigarette butts and cleaning the factory premises.

Another key business tip from the group, one that might find resonance among Washington lobbyists and fund raisers: Establish well-oiled connections with government and party leaders.

Korean companies take that advice seriously. Korean investors go to great lengths to earn an audience with foreign political leaders and make sure they pose for photographs.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority, on Thursday, October 23, 1997, will hold a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with respect to a proposed issuance by the Commonwealth Ports Authority of Revenue Bonds; 1997 Series A and B Airport and Series A and B Seaport Bonds in an amount in total not to exceed \$140,000,000.00 for the purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital improvements, including runways, terminal, docks, wharfs, dredging and other renovations, improvements and expansions of the airports and seaports owned and operated by the Commonwealth Ports Authority including those located at West Tinian Airport, Saipan Airport, Rota Airport, San Jose Harbor on Tinian, Saipan Harbor and Rota Harbor.

This meeting will commence at one o'clock (1:00) p.m., and will be held in the Conference Room of the Tinian Municipal Council on Tinian Island. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of such bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities being financed will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to Carlos A. Shoda, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Saipan International Airport, or via mail to P.O. Box 1055 CK, Saipan, MP 96950.

Dated this 7th day of October, 1997.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG
Chairman, Board of Directors
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DPW98-RFP-002

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting proposals for three (3) Baseball Field Lighting Projects on the island of Saipan and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The existing baseball fields at Dandan, Susupe and Tinian will be improved with appropriate lighting for night time activity. The successful proposer will be responsible for supplying all necessary materials, as required in the Scope of Work.

The Department of Public Works has prepared a Scope of Work to be used in evaluating proposals and comparing costs. The detailed Scope of Work is available at the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan.

The Susupe and Dandan projects are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) at 60 percent of the cost, with 40 percent matching funds provided by the CNMI Government. Award of a contract for these projects are contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA. The Tinian project is funded by the Northern Mariana Housing Corporation (NMHC), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of a contract for this project is contingent upon approval from NMHC-CDBG, for using HUD funds.

Proposals will be evaluated by a DPW Evaluation Committee and a selection will be made based on the following criteria:

1. Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Time frame (25%)
3. Price (50%) supply of materials.

Proposals must be marked "DPW98-RFP-002". One (1) original and three (3) copies of proposals must be submitted to the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan MP 96950 no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, Friday, October 31, 1997.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

The proposer is required to submit with his/her proposal, 1) a copy of CNMI-issued, current Business License; 2) updated Financial Statement; 3) listing of existing and past projects including completion dates; 4) Certification of Tax Compliance from the Department of Revenue and Taxation; 5) written confirmation from a reputable bonding firm as to the company's capability to obtain Bond Insurance and Performance and Payment Bond; 6) copy of Builder's Risk and Workers' Compensation coverage; 7) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued Work Permits; and 8) listing of equipment(s).

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Attention is further called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI, Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in the said proposals if, in its sole opinion to do so, would be in the government's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ JUAN S. TENORIO
Chairman of the Board
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

October 10, 1997
Date

/s/ STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX
Acting Secretary of Public Works

October 10, 1997
Date

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director of Procurement & Supply

October 10, 1997
Date

US fires laser at satellite

By JOHN DIAMOND
WASHINGTON (AP) - Just after dusk in the New Mexican desert, a high-powered U.S. Army laser trained its invisible beam on a U.S. satellite as it emerged from over the horizon to the north.

With a burst of flame and smoke, the hulking device gener-

ated a beam that shot up through the atmosphere at the small satellite 260 miles (420 kilometers) above the earth. The test, conducted Friday at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico and announced Monday at the Pentagon, went off successfully, pointing to a possible new direction in warfare.

Weeks after an initial failure, the Pentagon announced, the Army successfully fired its "Miracle" laser, an acronym for the 1980s-vintage Mid-Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser, at an aging Air Force satellite.

Neither the satellite nor its tar-

get point - an infrared camera - was damaged or disabled in the several test firings lasting less than five seconds each. But the Pentagon views the test as concrete proof of a long-held concern: that its own satellites, as well as intelligence, civilian or commercial satellites, are vulnerable to laser weapons.

Air Force Lt. Col. Bob Potter, a Pentagon spokesman, said the laser hit the target camera, which recorded data now being evaluated at White Sands. Had the laser been turned up to full power or trained on its target longer, it could have destroyed the satellite. But the point of the test was to show that lower-intensity lasers may be able to disable the information-gathering equipment, such as infrared sensors, mounted on U.S. military satellites.

As many as 30 nations may already be able to use low-power lasers to blind the sensors on satellites used by the U.S. military to

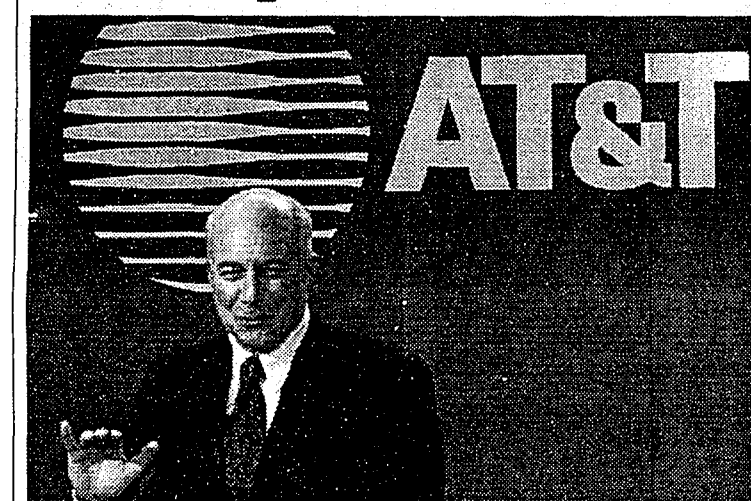
monitor potentially hostile countries.

The test marks the first time the United States has fired a high-powered laser at a satellite in orbit. The Russian government, which was informed of the test, had previously expressed concerns about the testing as a potential threat to Russian satellites.

Built by TRW, the laser is an offshoot of the Reagan administration's Strategic Defense Initiative. It has been fired into space many times, but never at a satellite, Potter said. The laser, built on a swiveling platform, generates its energy from chemicals. The beam is invisible to the naked eye, but the laser device sends off a plume of flame and smoke, much like a missile launching.

In 1985 Congress explicitly prohibited the laser test, but the Republican-controlled Congress allowed the ban to expire two years ago and enthusiastically supported the laser testing.

AT&T picks new chief



New AT&T Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board C. Michael Armstrong gestures during a news conference announcing his new post at the company's New York headquarters Monday. AP

By DAVID E. KALISH
NEW YORK (AP) - AT and T Corp., its leadership fading and image tarnished, finally picked a chief who is given decent odds at reviving the company: Turnaround specialist C. Michael Armstrong.

Armstrong, who eliminated thousands of jobs while head of Hughes Electronics Corp., replaces AT and T chief executive and chairman Robert E. Allen, starting Nov. 1.

After transforming Hughes from a stodgy defense company into a fast-growing satellite business, Armstrong now must attack AT and T's problems with similar zeal. His challenge is to protect AT and T's core long-distance markets and slash billions in expenses to help pay for expansions into local, overseas and other markets.

Armstrong said fresh investments are key.

"When you're in the midst of a growth industry, you've got to invest or walk," he told reporters on Monday. But he declined to say acquisitions are part of that strategy.

In a possible suggestion of fresh cost cuts, Armstrong said the largest company in any industry should also have the lowest proportionate expenses. Judging by Wall Street's reaction, Armstrong, who is 59, may be up to the task. AT and T's stock,

America's most widely held, soared more than 5 percent, adding to a nearly 4 percent gain on Friday triggered by reports of Armstrong's pending leadership. AT and T rose \$2.3125 to close at \$47.50 a share on the New York Stock Exchange.

The response contrasted sharply with a year ago, when the stock lost about that much over two days after AT and T chose Yellow Page publishing executive John Walter as its future leader. Walter, who has since quit, was viewed as too inexperienced in telecommunications.

Armstrong's appointment ends an intense three-month search for a replacement to Allen, 62, who is resigning after a stormy nine-year tenure. Allen has been criticized for a disastrous foray into the computer business, which lost billions of dollars, and a decision to let go of the company's valuable research arm as part of a breakup of AT and T.

Armstrong, the first outside leader at AT and T in nearly eight decades, is viewed as passionate enough to upset the status quo at AT and T. The technological veteran played major roles in IBM's computer and telecommunications business, and slashed 20,000 jobs at Hughes to help shift its business.

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WHAT HAS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND IMMIGRATION DONE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE?

The Department of Labor and Immigration is implementing key reforms:

- Expansion of processing area at point of entry, Saipan International Airport, and introduction of 24-hour operation, with significant reduction in the time it takes to process inbound passengers.
- The Labor and Immigration Identification Documentation System (LIIDS), which will track all guest workers. Automation will be installed at all ports of entry in the CNMI by the end of 1997. LIIDS will be entirely operative in 1998.
- Emphasis on stopping unwanted visitors at port of entry, facilitated by opening of 34-person Alien Detention Center near airport.

	1996	1997 (as of October 21)
Refused entry to CNMI	341	262

- Immigration investigators given ability to execute civil arrest warrants, thereby facilitating the apprehension of illegal aliens.
- Increase in deportations:

	1993	1996	1997 (as of Sept. 30)
Deportations	54	203	177

- Encouragement of voluntary departures:

	1993	1996	1997 (as of June 30)
Voluntary depart.	156	2,962	547

- The CNMI initiated close collaboration with the FBI on criminal and fraud cases, such as the Ubongen manpower agency involving 191 Bangladeshi workers. That case broke in January, 1997. As of August 31, all the involved workers had either been repatriated or found new employers.
- Training of personnel
 - Revival of Immigration Academy, held once in 1985, with two four-week long, intensive Enhancement Training workshops in May, 1997 and August/September, 1997, with special emphasis on port of entry training, investigation, and deportation (27 employees in each workshop).
 - Intensive training of 16 persons by U.S. INS personnel in California in September, 1997.
 - Improved collaboration with INS for future training.
- Plans for three Assistant Attorney Generals, one to handle Labor and Immigration Policy and Procedures, one to handle Civil Labor and Immigration matters, and one to handle Criminal Civil Labor and Immigration matters.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, the Housing Task Force and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby serve notice to the general public of the implementation of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation MPLT-Funded Family Home Loan Program.

Construction and/or permanent financing for prospective first-time homeowners will be first priority. Second priority will be financing of home improvements. Third priority will be refinancing of an existing home loan. Fourth priority will be construction and/or permanent financing for a second home which will serve as a principal residence. Assistance will be extended to all first priority applicants before second priority applicants may be assisted and so on, to the fourth priority category.

Interest rate will range between six and eight percent, depending on applicant's income category. Maximum loan term will be thirty (30) years and the interest rate will be fixed.

Starting October 1st, NMHC will begin accepting applications only in the morning, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on a first-come, first-served basis. Afternoons (12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) will be reserved for processing purposes. Interested applicants are requested to observe this schedule to help speed the application process.

Contractors interested in undertaking projects financed by this loan program, must have a valid CNMI contractor's license and must have also constructed a minimum of six (6) residential houses within the last ten (10) years, one of which was at the cost of at least \$80,000.00. Contractors must also have a liability insurance in effect and be able to secure payment and performance bonds. Interested contractors are required to submit a list of projects completed, including a short client list. Contractors for these projects must have experience in construction business on Saipan for at least three (3) years, Tinian and Rota for at least (1) year.

Those interested in this program are encouraged to contact the NMHC offices on Saipan at 234-7689/7670/6866/9447, or Tinian at 433-9213 and on Rota at 532-9410.

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Levy: Limit construction

By KARIN LAUB
JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel will limit construction in Jewish settlements to a "necessary minimum," its foreign minister said Monday amid reports that the government is ready to freeze new building projects on disputed land for sev-

eral months.
Israel's offer came as U.S. Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross shuttled between the Israeli and Palestinian leaders to try to ensure progress in renewed peace negotiations.
Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu is expected to meet with Ross on Monday morning.
The United States had demanded a "timeout" in settlement construction.
The Haaretz daily said Netanyahu would tell Ross that Israel will not start new building



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

INVITATION TO BID

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby soliciting sealed bids for the NMHC Maintenance Office/Shop Building Extension in Saipan. Bids, in duplicate, must be marked "NMHC MAINTENANCE OFFICE/SHOP BUILDING EXTENSION" and submitted to the office of the NMHC Corporate Director in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 10, 1997. All bids received will be publicly opened and announced. Bids received after this deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond made payable to NMHC. The bidder is required to submit the following documents with the proposal; 1) a copy of valid CNMI business license; 2) updated financial statement; 3) a listing of existing and past projects, including date of completion; 4) a listing of manpower with copies of employees' CNMI-issued work permits; and, 5) a complete listing of equipments.

Plans and Specifications of the project are available at the NMHC's Office on Saipan, on or after October 9, 1997. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set of the Plans and Specifications. Check should be made payable to "NMHC". The project's Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Friday, October 17, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of NMHC.

/s/ MARYLOU S. ADA

Message of Appreciation

Hafa Adai! On behalf of the 1997 DPS Softball Committee and team members, we would like to express our sincerest and most profound gratitude to the following private firms, local leaders and individuals for your generous contribution toward the success of our softball games in Guam last October 10th thru the 13th.

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Once again on behalf of the team members and colleagues at DPS, Thank You Yan Si Yuus Maase for making our trip very enjoyable and a memorable one.

Respectfully,

/s/LINO S. TENORIO
Chairman, 1997 Softball Committee

/s/MAX CONCEPCION
Team Manager



Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, left, reaches over a table to shake hands with Mahmoud Abbas, Palestinian peace talks negotiator, during a meeting at a Jerusalem hotel Monday. U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, who was also present at the meeting, arrived in Israel on Sunday for another round of meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in an effort to push the peace process forward. AP

projects in settlements for several months, but that construction already under way would be completed.

The offer was unlikely to satisfy the Palestinians who have demanded a complete halt of building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where they hope to establish a future state.
Israel's foreign minister, David Levy, also suggested Monday that Israel was softening its position.

Asked about a possible construction curb, Levy told Israel radio:

"We want to move forward and not create a situation that would make all our efforts to advance the process irrelevant. Therefore, there are efforts to continue with (only) the necessary minimum" of construction.

Jewish settler leaders also said Monday that they had learned

Netanyahu was ready for compromise.

"We heard there is an intention to carry out a freeze," Aharon Domb, spokesman of the council representing the 144 settlements in

However, Zvi Hendel and Hanan Porath, two legislators who represent the settlers, told Israel radio that Netanyahu assured them there would be no "timeout" in construction.

Jerusalem's mayor, Ehud Olmert, said there would be no slowdown in construction in east Jerusalem, where Israel is building a large Jewish neighborhood. The eastern sector is claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital, and the start of construction in March triggered the breakdown of peace talks.

US teen is not an Israeli citizen, faces extradition

By DAFNA LINZER
JERUSALEM (AP) - A 17-year-old charged with murdering and dismembering another teen-ager in Maryland is not an Israeli citizen and so can be extradited to the United States, a prosecutor said Monday.

Explaining for the first time the decision to allow extradition, assistant state prosecutor Nava Ben-Or said authorities decided that Samuel Sheinbein is not an Israeli citizen even though his father is. Under Israeli law, citizens cannot be extradited.

Ben-Or said extradition proceedings against Sheinbein can begin once Israel receives a formal request from the United States.

Sheinbein, wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans, his wrists and ankles chained, appeared Monday at a closed hearing in Jerusalem's Magistrates Court, where his detention was extended for 15 days. He did not speak to reporters on his way in or out of the courtroom.

Sheinbein has never lived in Israel, but normally the children of Israeli citizens are automatically considered citizens themselves.

"We are not going to challenge or debate the father's citizenship,

but we contend the citizenship does not automatically pass to the son," Ben-Or said.

She refused to elaborate, saying only that the decision was made "because of the unique circumstances of the family."

Sheinbein's lawyer, former Justice Minister David Libai, said he would fight any extradition attempt. Libai said the decision that Sheinbein is not a citizen is based on "technicalities," such as his failure ever to obtain an Israeli passport.

"As far as I'm concerned, I was delighted to hear that the state admits that the father of this boy is an Israeli citizen," he said.

Israel's refusal to extradite Sheinbein had threatened to jeopardize the close ties between Israel and the United States. Congress held back on releasing \$75 million of \$3 billion in U.S. aid destined for Israel, in part because of lawmakers' anger over the Sheinbein affair.

Sheinbein is accused of killing Alfredo Enrique Tello, 19, whose burned and mutilated body was found in a Washington suburb on Sept. 18, a few days before Sheinbein fled to Israel.

US anti-Iraq drive on

By ROBERT H. REID
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has personally intervened to try to persuade Russia and France to agree to more sanctions to punish Iraq allegedly hiding information on banned weapons programs and inhibiting U.N. inspections.

But it remains uncertain whether the personal diplomacy of the former U.N. ambassador will be enough to persuade the two governments to agree to slapping a travel ban on top of crippling economic sanctions imposed in 1990 after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

The diplomatic battle has developed following a report by chief weapons inspector Richard Butler, who told the council that Baghdad was still refusing to comply with U.N. orders to disclose information about long-range missile, chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Those orders were issued in 1991 after a U.S.-led coalition drove Iraqi forces from Kuwait. The council has refused to lift sanctions until the inspectors certify Iraqi compliance.

After the latest report, the United States and Britain recommended the council impose a foreign travel ban on Iraqi military and intelligence officers. Iraq has threatened to ban the inspectors altogether if

Albright persuades Russia, France on sanctions



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday attends celebrations held to mark the second anniversary of the referendum in Baghdad on Wednesday in which Saddam Hussein was returned as president of Iraq. This is the first appearance by Uday in a public ceremony since the attempt on his life in December last year. AP

France prepares to phase out franc to make way for euro

PARIS (AP) - The French mint will start striking more than 7 billion new coins for the single European currency as it phases out the production of francs, a mint spokesman said Monday.

The euro, as the continent's new single currency is called, is to take effect Jan. 1, 1999, and participating countries are supposed to give up their currency entirely three years later.

"We're preparing to start striking the euro next spring," said Anne Ducrohet, a spokesman for the French Mint in Paris. "It's a huge job."

However, the final decision of exactly when to introduce the euro is political, and Ducrohet said no final date for the start of production of the euro had been fixed.

France will need to produce an estimated 7.5 billion new yellow-gray and copper-colored euros over a period of three to four years to replace the francs in circulation, Ducrohet said.

The production of francs will continue, at least for a while.

Hundreds of millions of French coins, and especially the smaller denomination centimes, are taken home by the more than 60 million tourists who visit France every year, and there currently is a shortage of coins.

But as a result of the introduction of the euro, France, like other European countries that join the single currency, will phase out the franc, which has been used since 1360.

Under Napoleon, the first franc piece was struck in 1795, the same year the country adopted the decimal system for its currency.

The French mint is one place where workers don't have to worry about layoffs in a country with 12.5 percent unemployment.

The mint has already hired 22 new

workers at the 400-person factory near the southwestern city of Bordeaux to help produce the euro. It is the only place in France that makes coins.

In addition to making francs, the Hotel de la Monnaie, as the factory is called, recently also has made coins for the Dominican Republic and Syria.

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST MPLT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section 11 of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust hereby serves notice that it will hold a special board meeting on Monday, October 27, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tinian Municipal Council conference room.

The following items are on the agenda for this meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes
- II. GENERAL REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- III. ALTAMIRA CAPITAL CORP. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REPORT
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with P. L. 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body.

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/Juan S. Torres
Chairman, Board of Trustees
October 20, 1997

the travel ban go into effect automatically in April, unless Iraq complies.

State Department spokesman James Rubin told reporters Albright telephoned French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine on Monday and sent a message to Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov to urge their support.

But diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that as of Monday evening, French and Russian U.N. diplomats were still opposed to the additional sanctions - either now or in six months.

Last June, the council approved a resolution expressing its "firm intention" to impose additional measures Iraqi unless Baghdad complied fully with U.N. directives by this month.

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CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors, hereby give notice that the regular meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Friday, October 24, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the CPA Conference Room, Rota International Airport on Rota.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes (9/4&12/97)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEES REPORT
 1. Finance Committee
 - a. Adoption of Financial Statements
 2. Seaport Facilities Committee
 3. Airport Facilities Committee
 4. Personnel Committee
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. CPA Ports Revenue Bond
 - Public Hearing (10/23/97)
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Supplemental Budget Request No. 98-01
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/VICTOR B. HOCOG
Chairman, Board of Directors

October 10, 1997
Date

Political crisis in Haiti



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright clasps hands with Haitian President Rene Preval before signing a bilateral counter-narcotics accord at the National Palace in Port-au-Prince Friday. Albright arrived in Haiti urging compromise in a power struggle threatening the democracy that U.S. troops restored three years ago. AP

By MICHAEL NORTON
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Rosny Smarth, who resigned as Haiti's premier more than four months ago, quit running the lame-duck government Monday, deepening Haiti's political crisis.

Smarth advised his 14 Cabinet ministers to follow his example and stay home since his successor hadn't been found.

If not, "you risk giving legitimacy to a profoundly irregular situation," he told them in a letter.

"Today, I have decided to stop handling the day-to-day business of government," Smarth wrote, complaining "negotiations (to find his successor) have not borne fruit." The open letter, sent to newsrooms, was addressed to "fellow citizens."

President Rene Preval and Cabinet ministers, mostly technocrats, could not be reached for comment

Monday night.

Haiti has been without an effective government since June 9, when Smarth resigned to protest allegedly rigged elections.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in desperately needed foreign aid is on hold, awaiting a budget that cannot be ratified until a new premier is appointed.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited Haiti on Friday in an effort to break the power struggle. She urged Preval and fractious legislators to compromise and agree on a new premier.

Legislators have been divided since former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide formed a new party in January that fractured the ruling Lavalas coalition. Aristide's party, which is hostile to Smarth's internationally backed economic

recovery plan, won most seats in the disputed partial elections held in April.

Other parties charge the Provisional Electoral Council rigged the count to favor Aristide partisans.

Parliament must ultimately ratify Preval's choice of premier. But Smarth's party dominates the 17-member Senate and 83-member Chamber of Deputies and continues to insist on a revision of the election results.

Preval claims the contested electoral council is independent and has refused to dismiss it. The United Nations halted technical assistance to the council in August, saying it was neither independent nor credible.

The United States gave the elections its stamp of approval. U.S. officials say that a flawed but peaceful election in Haiti - bankrupted by nearly two centuries of military dictators and civilian despots - is better than no election.

U.S. President Bill Clinton sent 20,000 troops to Haiti in 1994 to end three years of brutal military rule, restore democracy through the return of Aristide and halt an exodus of Haitian refugees to Florida.

UK's Robertson on Bosnia land mine mission

LONDON (AP) - Defense Secretary George Robertson left Monday on a two-day visit to Bosnia, saying he will announce a new British program to help clear land mines.

Robertson scheduled visits on Monday to British troops who are deployed around the city of Banja Luka as part of the NATO-led peace force, and a meeting with President Biljana Plavsic, who has the backing of NATO as leader of Bosnia Serb territory.

On Tuesday, he will announce new land mine clearance help during a visit to Mostar, located in one of the world's worst areas for unmarked land mines laid during the civil war, the Defense Ministry said.

He is also due to meet Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim chairman of Bosnia's joint presidency.

Before leaving, Robertson said he will also "stress that the media throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina should be allowed to meet modern standards and should be free from political control."

Earlier this month, NATO-led troops took control of transmitters that were broadcasting reports by TV and radio loyal to war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic.

International officials accused the broadcast media of whipping up emotions against the peace force with slanted reports.

Britain's Labor Party government has recently stepped up pressure on other countries, including the United States, to sign an international treaty banning land mines.

The issue received renewed publicity after the Aug. 31 death of Princess Diana who had championed the cause.

CNMI DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Edward Masga Deleon Guerrero
for Mayor of Saipan



David Castro Sablan
for Washington Representative



Governor Froilan Cruz Tenorio & Mayor Jesus Sablan Deleon Guerrero
for Governor for Lieutenant Governor



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for Senate 3rd Senatorial Dist.



Luis ("Jun") Palacios Crisostomo
for Senate 3rd Senatorial Dist.

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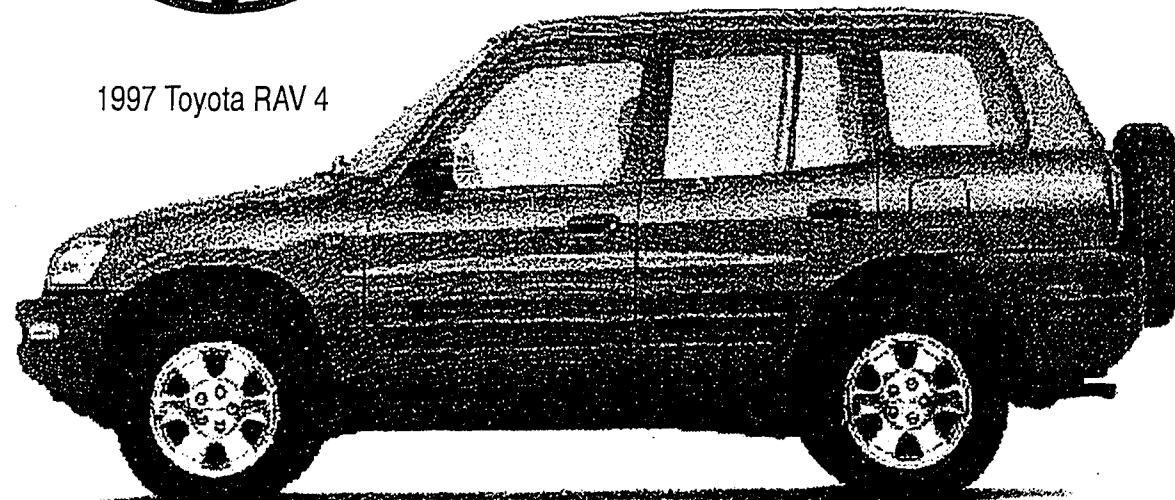
- **Equalize retirement benefits for government employees by providing the same early retirement benefit to Class I employees that Class II employees currently enjoy after 20 years of service. All government employees will be made eligible for this early retirement after 20 years of service regardless of their age and will receive a retirement bonus of 30% of their annual salary.**
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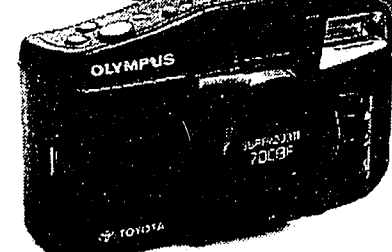
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Milosevic foe victorious

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC
PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP) - A pro-Western foe of Slobodan Milosevic won the presidential elections Monday in Montenegro, delivering a serious blow to the powerful Yugoslav president.

Milo Djukanovic edged Milosevic's proxy candidate

Momir Bulatovic by about 7,000 votes in a closely contested runoff, according to near-final official results. Djukanovic seeks greater independence for the small republic, which together with Serbia forms what remains of Yugoslavia.

The official electoral commission said 98 percent of the vote

was counted. The official turnout figure for Sunday's elections was about 70 percent.

"It's a victory for the dignity of Montenegro, for its freedom," said Djukanovic, 35, as he celebrated in his headquarters in Podgorica. "There is a lot of work for us to do, but we'll succeed for the benefit of Montenegro and Yugoslavia."

Djukanovic's supporters celebrated the victory in the early hours of Monday, chanting "This is not Serbia" and unleashing a barrage of fire from automatic rifles and other weapons. Fireworks lighted the sky over Montenegro's capital about 4 a.m.

Djukanovic's win represents a serious blow to the autocratic Milosevic, whose post of Yugoslav president could now be in jeopardy.

Celebrations continued overnight and into the morning hours, with Djukanovic's supporters honking their car horns and waving huge white flags painted with bold blue "Milo" inscriptions.

In restaurants, people sang Montenegro national songs and chanted, "Milo, Milo."

"It's like this huge weight has been lifted off our shoulders, it's like we can freely breathe again," said Vukasin Micunovic, a Djukanovic supporter, as he sang "Free Montenegro" in downtown Podgorica's Crna Gora hotel.

Montenegro's population is 600,000, a fraction of Serbia's 9.4 million. Still, Montenegro controls half of the upper house of the Yugoslav parliament, which has the power to choose or dismiss the Yugoslav president.



Newly elected Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic addresses media in his first public appearance Monday in Podgorica. Djukanovic won in runoff presidential elections in Montenegro delivering a powerful blow to his foe Yugoslavia's President Slobodan Milosevic. AP

In recent months, Djukanovic had several disputes with Milosevic and his pro-communist wife Mirjana Markovic over the Yugoslav president's hard-line policies and his apparent failure to introduce Western-style economic and political reforms.

"Our candidate scored a victory. The citizens of Montenegro chose him for their future, democracy and a better life," said Milica Pejvanovic-Djurisic, Djukanovic's spokeswoman.

During the vote, which passed with only minor incidents, Milosevic's side claimed irregularities with 8,000 new names added to the lists from the first round. Bulatovic, the current president, won the first round on Oct. 5 by a slight margin. He failed to muster a majority, triggering the runoff.

While seeking greater independence for his small republic, Djukanovic may not decide to break Montenegro away from Yugoslavia. But he might try to enlist Milosevic critics among Serbia's representatives in the upper house to help get him fired.

Acrimony between the two presidential candidates—formerly close friends and political allies—flared throughout the campaign laced with mudslinging.

In a TV duel, Bulatovic charged that Djukanovic, currently Montenegro's premier, is backed by "anti-Yugoslav forces," including ethnic Albanians and Muslims. Djukanovic replied by saying "Bulatovic is supported by fascists and communists."

TENTH ANNIVERSARY MASS



In Loving Memory of the late

Joaquin McGinnis Seman
"Joaquin Nellie"

We the family would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us as we remember our Dad, Joaquin in our prayers on his Tenth Anniversary Mass.

Holy Mass will be offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at the Kristo Rai Church beginning on Saturday, October 18, 1997 and will end on Sunday, October 26, 1997.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Cecilia Cabrera

also known as "Chilang" of San Vicente was called to her eternal rest at the age of 48 on October 9, 1997.



She is predeceased by her
GRANDPARENTS: Ramon Taisague & Concepcion Camacho Cabrera

Survived by her
MOTHER: Lucia Camacho Cabrera
REARED FATHER: Dr. Calisto C. Cabrera
SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW: Bernadita C. & Miguel Aldan (Michelle, Benjamin Guerrero (Audrey), Lori Ann and Michael)

REARED BROTHERS & SISTER-IN-LAWS: James & Jesusa Cabrera (Jadine, Jermae, Jodie & Jasmine), Edward Cabrera (Catherine, Junior, Eric, Dorsha, Taisha & Maybelline), Donald & Priscilla Cabrera (Chad, Lionel & Amber).

She is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

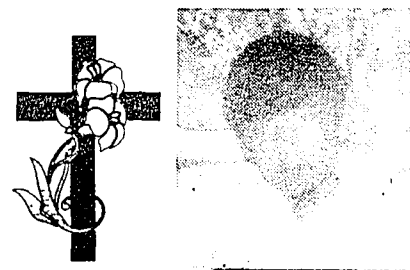
Rosary is being said at Dr. Calisto C. Cabrera's residence in Susupe at 8:00 p.m. Last respect will be on Wednesday, October 22, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian burial will be at 3:00 pm. Burial will follow at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia

Joint Anniversary Rosary



Nicolas Torres Sablan
1st Anniversary
Died: October 27, 1996



Edward Castro Sablan
22nd Anniversary
Died: October 26, 1975

We, the family would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us in Prayers as we commemorate the JOINT ANNIVERSARY of our beloved ones.

Daily mass is being offered at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, beginning on Sunday, October 19, 1997 at 6:00 a.m.

On the final day, Monday, October 27, 1997, Breakfast will follow right after Mass of Intention.

THE FAMILY

A Moment in our History

The 80's

July 15, 1983

CNMI Senate is bankrupt

November 15, 1985

Five heads roll as purge begins

The CNMI Senate is bankrupt, the Variety has learned, and if no new money is appropriated or reprogrammed from other sources, the Legislature's Upper House may have to close its doors and lay off staff within two weeks, according to government sources.

The Variety was told that if the Senate continues its current spending habits, the nine-member Republican-controlled body will have a \$400,000 deficit by September 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

Despite the money crunch, six Senate staffers just left on a three-week trip to Syracuse, New York to learn how to "draft legislation" at a cost of

\$25,000 in plane tickets, per diem, land transportation and training costs, a reliable source said.

The latest Senate staff trip comes on the heels of another expensive trip made by Senator Ponciano Rasa and his three staff members: his brother Oscar Rasa, Francisco C. Ada, and Daniel Aquino. The four men reportedly attended a conference at Harvard University.

Both trips were financed through Covenant Training funds administered by Personnel Officer Jesus P. Mafnas.

The Senate's budget this year is \$1.4 million, an increase of 91% over the 1983 budget of \$734,816.

Five board members of the Retirement Fund and the Board of Education were dismissed by Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Tuesday at the start of the government-wide revamp.

The first casualties in the post-election reorganization were: Manuel Q. Sablan, Vicente SN. Babauta and Dimas Hocog, all members of the board of the Retirement Fund; and Esteven M. King and Joaquin M. Aguon, both

Board of Education members. The five were sent identical termination papers on Tuesday.

Tenorio earlier said that appointive officials who campaigned for former Gov. Carlos S. Camacho would be dismissed, but not before Christmas.

Yesterday, he explained in an interview that termination of members of boards or commissions had to be done before the ratification of proposed

amendments to the Constitution. Proposed amendment No. 20, if approved, would prevent Tenorio from removing board or commission members except for cause.

At present, these officials could be removed by the governor with or without cause.

In a related development, Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio on Wednesday formed a 16-member Government Re-organization Committee to help

March 2, 1984

House of Reps closes, fires 82 employees

SAIPAN — The Northern Marianas House of Representatives will remain closed until October 1 (the beginning of the next fiscal year) or until more funds are made available, according to Rep. Benigno Sablan.

The House was sched-

uled to convene for a special meeting Wednesday to act on a budget request for \$1.9 million, but this was postponed because its version of the budget was not ready on time.

The new House budget of \$1.9 million does not appropriate any money for

the Senate which has funds to last until the end of April.

Rep. Sablan and Rep. Nakatsukasa said it was impossible to agree on a combined budget of \$4 million for both houses.

The House of Representatives will continue to

be closed until the beginning of the next fiscal year, or until such time as more funds are made available, whichever comes first, the congressmen said.

Meanwhile, the House has fired all of its 82 employees. The termination letter was given by

House Speaker Vincent M. Sablan and Administrative Director Vincent T. Attao.

The 15 members of the House will however continue to receive their \$8,000 salaries and \$13,000 in official representation allowances.

Was this a great time?

Paid for by the Committee to Re-Elect Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Mayor Jesus DLGuerrero.

Tourist...

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perior Court.

Assistant Attorney General James Norcross in the complaint he filed said Yasuda "did knowingly enter Commonwealth with intent to import the illegal substance."

Norcross added that the defendant "did knowingly and intentionally possess 'ice.'"

The Variety gathered that

Yasuda arrived from Guam on a Continental flight when Customs agents discovered "ice" with a gross weight of 1.16 grams concealed inside his bag.

It was not the first time Yasuda came to Saipan, it was learned. During a hearing, Associate Judge Timothy Bellas set a \$25,000 cash bail for Yasuda's temporary release.

Meanwhile, Chief Public Defender Daniel J. DeRienzo filed a

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Chinese...

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eral more Chinese nationals have allegedly been gyped by the recruiter in the past.

"Some of them (workers) went back while others managed to find jobs," she said.

It took the workers three hours to march from their Koblerville quarters to the federal government offices at the Horiguchi Building only to be referred by officials to the CNMI Department of Labor and Immigration in San Antonio where they were advised to file their complaints.

DOLI Secretary Thomas O. Sablan said he will "get to the bottom" of the

complaints.

He however insisted that J&J International has been cleared by his office as a legitimate business entity.

The firm, he said, submitted all requirements and has a project on the island.

"That's why we approved their application," he said.

The most recent workers' mass action was held several months back when disgruntled Bangladeshi workers trooped to DOLI to file complaints against an alleged illegal recruiter.

This was preceded by a sitdown strike held by some 300 workers of a garment factory protesting racial discrimination and unfair labor practices at their worksite in San Antonio.

Japan...

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In the next few days, the Cabinet also is expected to approve a bill to strengthen its Securities and Exchange Laws by introducing a maximum one-year prison sentence for executives who lie or withhold information about such cases, Japanese news reports said.

The move to stiffen penalties comes as police step up their attack against racketeer-

ing.

On Monday, police in Aichi prefecture, or district, arrested an executive of Matsuzakaya Co., a large department store operator, on allegations that he paid off a racketeer before a meeting of the company's shareholders in 1996. Ryuga Haga, a suspected racketeer, also was arrested on suspicion he demanded the payments from Matsuzakaya in exchange for preventing anyone from asking embarrassing questions at the meeting.

A favorite ploy of Japan's

ing one for too many people in our hemisphere."

According to the Inter-American Development Bank, 25 percent to 50 percent of the women in Latin American and the Caribbean have reported physical abuse at the hands of a spouse.

The first lady said that no matter what a country's mores, domestic abuse cannot be excused.

"Let us say as loudly and clearly as we possibly can, so that every abuser can hear us, we do not believe that vio-

lence against women is simply cultural. We believe it is simply criminal," she said to the cheers of the mostly female audience.

And she added that it's in a country's best interest to fight domestic abuse, because it's not "just an assault against a citizen ... but it does undermine democracy itself and ... hurts economic development."

"For as long as women are held back from full participation in the lives of their countries ... democracy and economic prosperity will remain incomplete," she said.

Mrs. Clinton praised several Latin American countries for toughening and enforcing domestic-abuse laws. "The entire region has taken the lead in fighting the violence against women," she said.

And she said Clinton deserves credit for standing "tall to confront the violence and protect American women" and for making it a foreign policy issue.

Tenorio...

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written on his official stationery, asked a judge to be lenient in sentencing an Immigration official convicted of raping an alien worker, Tenorio said.

"(Borja's) talking about having good relations with the federal government when that rape case was mentioned in the (highly-critical report on the CNMI issued by the Clinton administration)," Tenorio said.

"He is a former Supreme Court associate justice, but that was how low he will stoop down to get votes."

When told that this own running mate, Saipan Mayor Jesus S. DL Guerrero, also interceded on behalf of the Immigration officer, Tenorio said the mayor did not write his letter on official stationery.

"He made his request as a person not as mayor."

The Variety tried to get a comment from Borja, but was told that he already left for Rota.

Tenorio, at the same time, said he is standing pat on his decision to resign immediately if he loses to Borja in Nov. 1, even if the Independent candidate will not make the same commitment if he (Borja) loses to the governor.

The two are running against former governor Pedro P. Tenorio, the Republican Party standard bearer.

PUBLIC NOTICE**SUMMER JOB**

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT THE **GOVERNOR'S JTPA OFFICE** IS SOLICITING ONE HUNDRED (100) APPLICANTS FOR THE YOUTH VACATION EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM.

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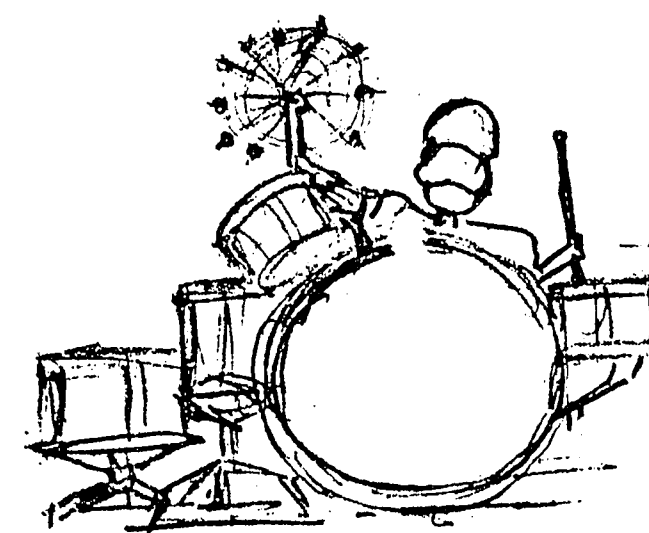
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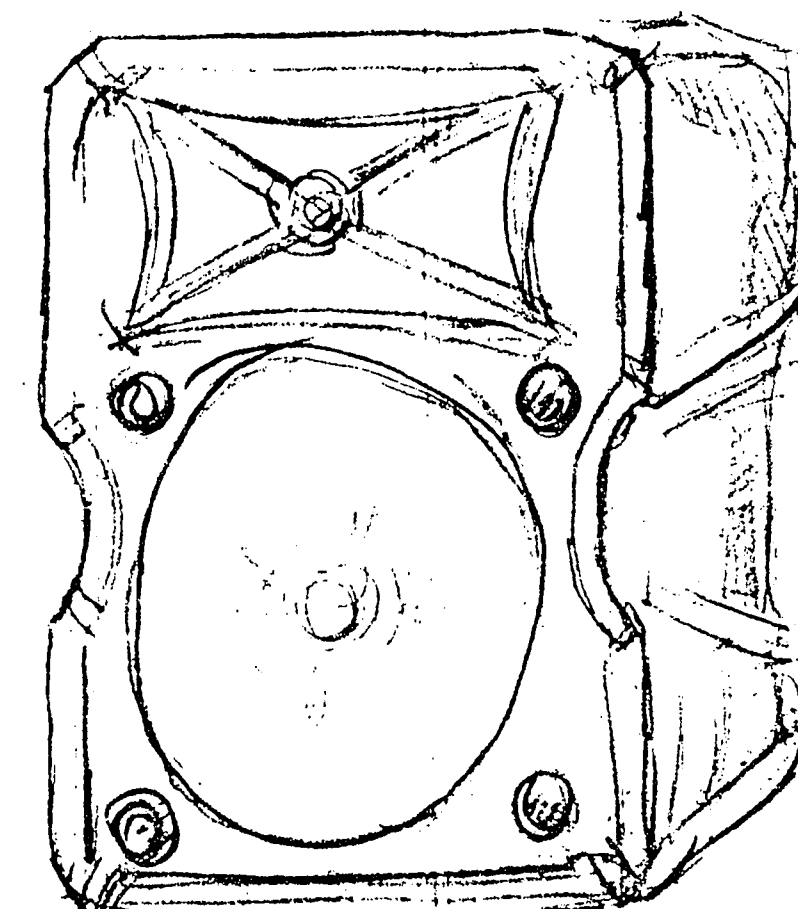
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Kids...

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Let alone a Kindergartner or 6th grader? Many people would consider this torture," wrote a WSR teacher in a letter to the *Variety* yesterday.

"Those who work inside are blessed with an atmosphere that allows you to be constructive and work all day with comfort. Our students are regularly sick or try to find reasons not to come to school because of the situation," the teacher continued.

Another teacher noted that the "class will actually be happy if their ceiling fans worked".

Two WSR students, whose "Letters to Editor" were published in last Friday's *Variety*, drew a grim picture of student life at WSR without air-conditioning.

"Sometimes my classmates get stomach aches. It is hot and it's hard to study when it is hot and noisy outside because of the cars,"

said Ike Ada Jr., 4th grader.

"When cars start their motors, they create smells that make us feel sick," he said.

Michelle Ramos, also in the 4th grade, said that when it rains, there is "a lot noise," and that they can't have a computer in their classroom because there is no air-conditioning.

"How would you feel if your best friend went to another school with air-conditioning? My best friend went to another school that has air-conditioning," she added.

Pangelinan also said that WSR will be doing some fundraising to purchase air-cons "one classroom at a time," if they do not receive the funds to purchase air-cons.

The first event will be a "Dinner Show" on November 22nd sponsored by WSR Parent Teacher Student Association.

"Tickets will be on sale soon and we are asking the community for support," said Pangelinan.

EMO...

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Weather Service in Guam three hours to relay updates on weather disturbances to the CNMI.

The CNMI receives weather forecast reports from NWS alone, he stressed.

"It is always that way...the information we receive from NWS is three hours late," he said.

"We have the files to prove it." Guerrero likewise lashed at Torres for criticizing the EMO's handling of the typhoon emergency, saying much of the Saipan

lawmaker's information were just plain false.

Torres in an interview with the *Variety* Monday said Guerrero "should be asked to resign for not doing his job right," specifically for EMO's alleged failure to issue timely storm bulletins on Joan.

He claimed that EMO's first bulletin on the weather disturbance was three hours late from the time a local radio station, citing NWS reports, broadcast reports that Joan has intensified into a super typhoon.

"I don't know where he (Torres) is getting his info. He said our

Tenorio...

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ing among all the parties concerned to at least "clear up" the controversies involved in the deal before the negotiations are resumed after Nov. 1.

The governor added, however, that he will not support a deal requiring Tinian to help pay the bonds.

"The people of Tinian should not pay for something that would benefit (the entire CNMI)," he said.

Tenorio, at the same time, defended the bond deal proposal from Yu Corp. which the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) rejected recently.

He said Yu has guaranteed to buy the bonds regardless of its rating, and will turn over \$132 million within two weeks after signing the documents, with the \$8 million going to the various fees involved.

Yu's underwriter is Paine Webber which, under the deal, will get a 1.7 percent fee.

Upon receiving the \$132 million, CNMI can then start construction on Tinian's airport and seaport, Tenorio said, adding that the island's casino investors are already "worrying" that Tinian may not be able to accommodate the expected increase in the number of tourists who will visit the island.

Tenorio also dismissed CPA's concern that the deal is "expensive," saying that Yu's proposal is less costly than CPA's earlier \$18 million bond deal.

Further, Paine Webber is a "big, well-known firm" compared to Altura Nelson, which underwrote CPA's earlier \$18 million bond, Tenorio said.

Noting that it took CPA some two years in order to get the \$18 million, Tenorio said it may take CPA "forever" to finalize a \$140 bond deal.

"And even if Yu's proposal is costlier, we can't wait for another two years (when the Tinian casino) is already set to open," Tenorio said.

He said the casino industry

will be an ideal replacement for the local garment industry, which is expected to be phased-out once the United States stopped levying tariffs on garment imports.

As to businessman Masaru Horie's claim that he is a long-time friend of the governor, Tenorio said he only met Horie four years ago.

Horie is on Saipan to "vouchsafe the integrity" of Yu Corp.

Tenorio said he remembers Horie promising to contribute to his 1993 election campaign, but not giving anything.

The businessman is also not a contributor to his ongoing reelection efforts, Tenorio said.

"I did not get anything from him, nor am I getting anything from him now," he said.

However, Tenorio said it was Horie who introduced him to Yu's president, C. Kang C. Yu, a professor at the University of Massachusetts.

He said he met Yu in Washington, D.C., but only because the professor resides in nearby Boston and learned about Tenorio's visiting the nation's capital.

Tourist...

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motion yesterday to have his client Remedio Palacios undergo a psychiatric examination.

Palacios' continuation of trial for drug charges was set next month.

DeRienzo in the motion said he has a good faith doubt as to Palacios' competence to stand trial.

DeRienzo stated his office contacted a doctor with reference to the acts of the defendant and, based upon the doctor's statements, believe defendant may be suffering from a type of psychosis.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Change of Name of Margarita Camacho-Adriano
FCD-CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-0114

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Margarita Camacho-Adriano has filed a Petition, asking for a change of name to Margarita Flores Camacho; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on the 13th day of Nov., 1997, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. of the said day. All persons objecting to the Petition shall file such objections with the Court prior to the date and time fixed for hearing, and shall serve copies of said objections upon Stephen J. Nutting, White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950.

DATED this 9 day of October, 1997.

/s/ for: CLERK OF COURTS
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of Adoption of Nelson A. Aguilar, Leonardo A. Aguilar, Rosemarie A. Aguilar, and Rosalie Aguilar,
Minor Children.
FCD-AD Civil Action No. 97-0112


NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: November 13, 1997
Time: 9:00 AM
Judge: Virginia Sablan-Onerheim
TO: CNMI Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Mark Zachares, Assistant Attorney General and Thomas O. Sablan, Director of Immigration
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on the 13th day of Nov., 1997, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at the Superior Court, on Saipan, Petitioner Roberto Aguilar will move this Honorable Court to conduct a hearing concerning his Petition for Adoption of the following minor children of his wife, Emelita Alben identified herein as: Nelson A. Aguilar, Leonardo A. Aguilar, Rosemarie A. Aguilar, and Rosalie A. Aguilar.
Petitioner's motion is based upon the record in the files herein and on matters that will be adduced at the hearing:
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/s/ JENNIFER GRIFFIN SKINNER
Attorney for the Petitioner

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Evelyn Farrell Taylor

BORN: September 24, 1909
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DIED: October 15, 1997
at the Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan

Holy Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of her son and daughter-in-law Chief Justice Marty W.K. and Celina Diaz Taylor in San Antonio.

Last respects may be paid on Thursday, October 23rd, 1997 starting at 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Chief Justice and Mrs. Taylor's residence in San Antonio. Mass for Christian Burial will be at 3:00 p.m., San Antonio Church followed with interment services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa.

Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

THE FAMILY

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In death, she now joins her:

Husband: Edgar Carl Taylor
Father: Richard Joseph Farrell
Mother: Therese Marie Woodcutter Farrell
Sisters: Frances F. Hocken, Dorothy F. Beck, and Margarite F. Littler
Brother: Joseph Richard Farrell
Grand daughter: Shannon Farrell Taylor
Great Grandson: Marty Daniel Taylor

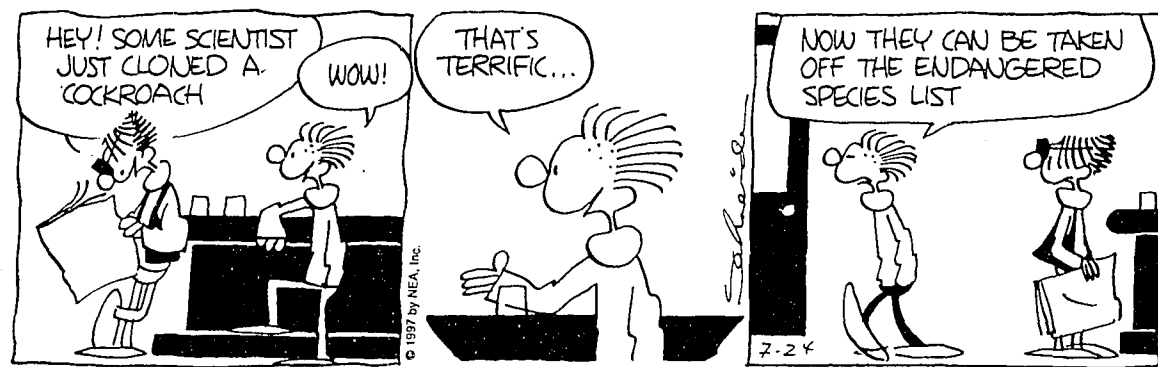
Loving memories of Evelyn will be remembered by her:

Sons and Daughters-in-law:
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Alan F. and Linda Taylor, Hayward, California

Grand children:
Anthony, Theresa, Evelyn, and Carla Taylor, Saipan
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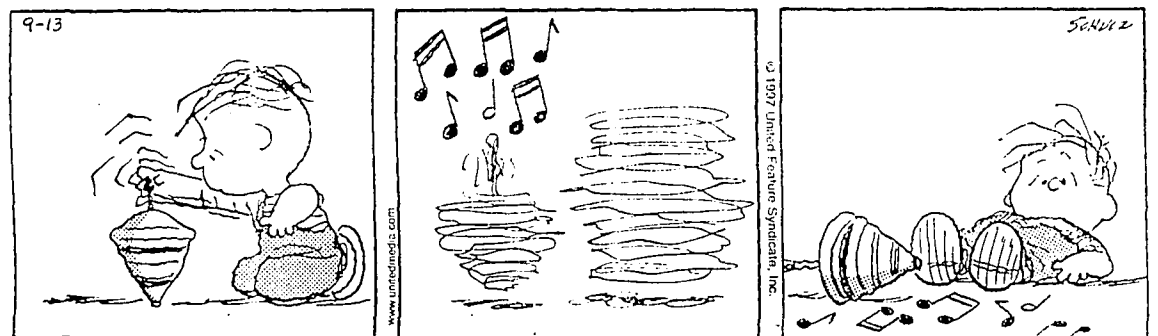
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By Stella Wilder

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You have a good sense of humor, but this only proves that you are a Libra native, as all natives of your sign are born with the gift of laughter. What you laugh at makes you unique; you're not the kind to find normal humor funny; you prefer to laugh at things others find confusing or mysterious.

Also born on this date are: Franz Liszt, composer; Brian Boitano, figure skating champion; Catherine Deneuve, actress; Annette Funicello, actress and singer; Jeff Goldblum and Derek Jacobi, actors; Dr. Timothy Leary, psychologist.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You are sure to be easily distracted today, but what you finally decide to focus on will very likely prove profitable in time to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You are going to want to stay in touch with those who are expecting results from you today. You don't want them wondering what you're doing!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You will want to take time out today for a personal issue that isn't going away. Tend to it now, and you can resolve it for good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Put your best foot forward today. You can't afford to be misjudged; you want everyone to know, at this time, what your business really is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You can't afford to be secretive today. Let others know what you are doing and thinking, and be sure to speak openly and honestly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Just when you thought you were ready to move on, you realize that there is one last-minute piece of business that remains to be addressed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You don't want to be thought of as inconsequential today, so you must adopt a more aggressive stance that assures that you'll be noticed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You are going to have to stick to your schedule very carefully at this time. You can't have things backing up on you. Get work done!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — How you address your elders, and others who are in charge, will make all the difference today. You certainly want to give the right impression.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a good day for making phone calls, writing letters and giving others the information they require to work more efficiently with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You don't want to leave anything undone today. Focus on getting even the most minute details completed before moving on to anything else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You can prove to others that your use of time is efficient and effective today by following your instincts and doing what you think is right.

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CLOSERS

The state tree of Maine is the white pine.

When Isaac Newton was a mathematics lecturer at Cambridge University, he was thought to be a rather poor teacher.

The sale of ice-cream sodas was banned on Sundays in many Midwestern towns in the 1880s.

Otto Kahn, the main benefactor of New York's Metropolitan Opera House in the early 1900s, was not allowed to own a box there because he was Jewish.

Inhabitants of the high Andes Mountains have about 20 percent more blood than people living at lower elevations.

A newborn panda is smaller than a mouse, and weighs about 4 ounces.

The basic monetary unit of Ecuador is the sucre, and its chief fractional unit is the centavo.

The first two presidents of the United States were members of the Federalist Party.

The state bird of Utah is the sea gull.

The state flower of California is the golden poppy.

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ACROSS

1 "The — is always greener"

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31 Mr. Parseghian

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35 Name uttered by Brando in "Streetcar ..."

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50 "Under the — Tree"

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16 Health resort

19 Puzzles

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33 Planet

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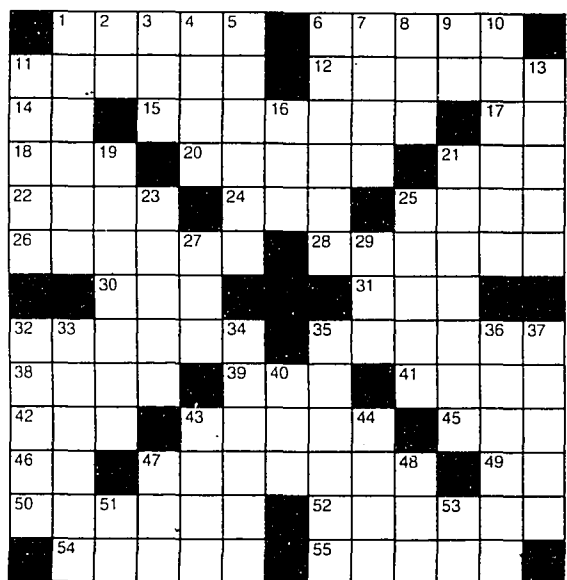
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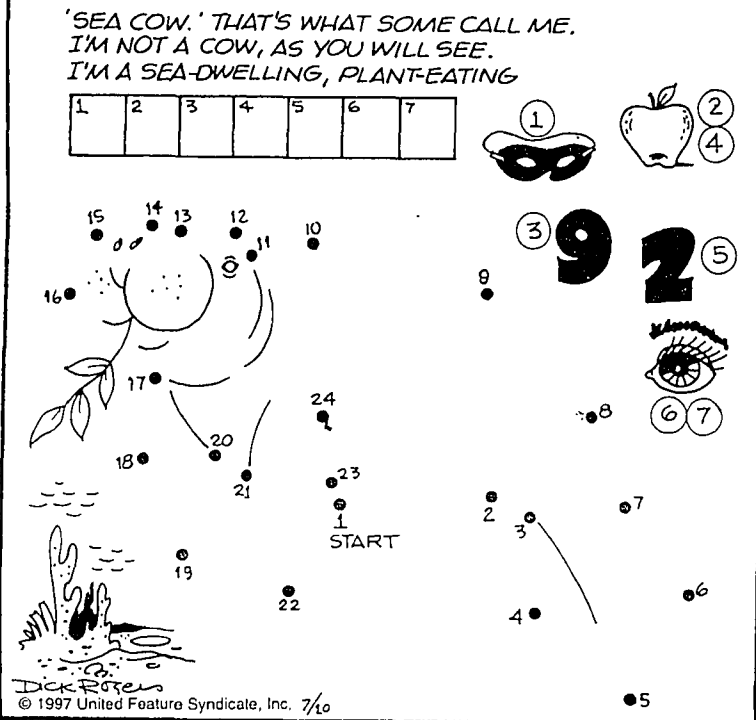
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Irwin ties senior record

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Hale Irwin tied a Senior PGA Tour record on Sunday and made golf history at the same time.

Irwin won his ninth tournament of the year, capturing the Kaanapali Classic by three shots, to tie Peter Thomson's senior record set in 1985.

The first prize of \$127,500 gave him earnings this year of \$2,131,364, the most money any player has earned on any tour in one year.

"Would it be greedy to ask for one more?" Irwin asked with a smile. "This has been such a special year. It's really hard to put

into words how significantly I've played — all the shots I've needed to hit, all the putts I've made at the right time. It's come together so very nicely."

Irwin shot a 1-under-par 70 in the final round for a 54-hole total of 13-under 200.

Bruce Summerhays, who led

after the first and second rounds, couldn't recover from a triple-bogey on No. 6. Irwin birdied the hole to take a four-shot lead that never shrunk below two the rest of the round.

"That was a quick turn of events," Irwin said. "At that point it was mine to lose, or win."

Summerhays birdied two of the last three holes for a final-round 74 at the windy Kaanapali North course.

Mike Hill birdied the final hole for a 70 and tied Summerhays for second at 10-under 203. Rocky Thompson shot a 71 and was alone in fourth at 204.

Two-time defending champion Bob Charles, who has won this tournament three times, pulled within two shots of Irwin with three holes to play. But Charles hit his tee shot into the water on the par-3 17th and took a double-bogey. Charles' round of 72 broke his streak of 10 straight rounds in the 60's at Kaanapali. He finished at 8-under 205.

In his first tournament back since cancer surgery in June, Jim Colbert finished with a 54-hole total of 1-over 214. He shot a 76 Sunday.

Irwin has 16 top-10 finishes in 21 events this year and the win was his second this year in Hawaii.

A year ago, Colbert's final putt of the season gave him the edge over Irwin for Player of the Year honors. This year, Irwin is dominating nearly every aspect of the senior tour. He's first in scoring, greens in regulation, putting, birdies and total driving.

Irwin said he will take next week off and decide by Friday if he will play in the Ralphs Senior Classic, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. He will close the year at the Senior Tour Championship, Nov. 6-9.

Bob Duval shot the day's best round, a 5-under 66. Earlier Sunday his son David won the regular PGA Tour event in Florida in a playoff.

Rodman. . .

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Krause wouldn't talk to reporters. "Somehow or other, it's going to be resolved. He's either going to be here practicing or he's not," said Jackson, whose two-time defending champions open the season Oct. 31 at Boston.

Krause and Manley said Oct. 10 that Rodman agreed to terms on a one-year contract. But Rodman had bronchitis and slight pneumonia and wasn't able to complete his physical examination, so it was announced that he would sign when the team returned from playing two exhibition games in France.

Upon returning, however, the Bulls learned that Rodman was unhappy

with several incentive clauses in the deal, which reportedly includes a base salary of about \$4.5 million.

"It's very unfair, and before I sign anything I'll make sure those things are out of the contract," Rodman told the Chicago Tribune on Sunday. "I don't have a contract, and the contract they're trying to give me — I don't like it."

Rodman was especially upset with incentives tied to team performance. He claimed he was misled about the condition of Scottie Pippen, who is expected to be out until at least January after undergoing foot surgery.

"Now I hear Toni could be out for the season," Rodman said, referring

to Toni Kukoc. "How many games are we going to win without Scottie and Toni?"

Jackson said reports that Kukoc would need foot surgery were erroneous and said the forward has been struggling this preseason only because he is out of shape. Kukoc has said his foot is at least 90 percent healthy.

But there are concerns about Kukoc's ability to last the season. Ron Harper and Luc Longley have chronic knee problems. And even Michael Jordan, an ironman most of his career, will miss the team's final three exhibition games after having some ingrown toenails removed Sunday.

Registration. . .

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ing date for the 1997 SSA Men's Slowpitch Night League which will be Tuesday, November 4, 1997 and the last day for adding and dropping of players has been extended to November 21, 1997 and the uniform deadline is extended to be on November 24, 1997.

The association have scheduled a meeting for Thursday, October 30, 1997, 5:30 p.m. at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym conference room. The topics of discussion will include roster problems, ground rules, team picks and the passing out of playing schedules. The attendance and compliance to all rules and deadlines is appreciated by the SSA.

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All participants are advised sign the waiver form before the triathlon starts.

Registration forms are available at the MVB and the Saipan Triathlon Committee.

More information can be had by contacting the MVB at tel. 664-3200 or the triathlon committee at 235-2060.

Saipan. . .

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Dec. 6.

Another Rota runner, police officer Edward Barcinas, ran his first-ever half marathon race after losing 80 lbs.

Barcinas' determination gained him first place in his age category.

A number of team entries enjoyed themselves in the mixed race just for fun.

Rota's volunteers stood out in the driving rain for hours to help the runners.

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Message Of Appreciation

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For those firms that are interested in "getting involve" on such worthy endeavor, contact Mr. Ray Cruz or Mr. Richard Santos at 664-1702. Once again, Si Yu'us Ma'ase', Ghillisow, and Thank You for your continued support and good luck in your business endeavor.

/s/ MARTIN C. PANGELINAN
Acting JTPA Executive Director

SPORTS

Saipan runners rule Rota half marathon

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff

OVER 30 runners braved typhoon Joan when they participated in the Rota Green Half Marathon last Saturday.

As early as 5 a.m., the 30 athletes and another 30 volunteers and officials were up to prepare for the 13.1-mile race.

The race was originally planned to enable the participants to enjoy the sunshine and surroundings of the eastern side of the island.

But as it turned out, they instead met 50 mph winds, heavy rain, ankle-deep water, and flying debris.

In the end, Diosdado Garcia

from Saipan emerged as the top male runner, clocking one hour and 42 minutes.

Amalia Balcita, also from Saipan, was the top female runner, finishing in two hours and three minutes.

The top Rota runner was Rai Manglona, who completed the race in one hour and 50 minutes.

Other winners were, the open category (aged 19-29 years), Edward Barcinas; in the submaster category (31-40 years), Antonio Florence; master (41-50), Nanette Alexander and Tom Szabo; and, senior (51 and above), Greg Brindley.

The top team was composed of

Elena Manglona, Mary Agulta, Kumiko Furakawa, and Frances Castro.

Ferrin Atalig was the first person in the CNMI who had a heart triple bypass operation to participate in a half marathon race of 13.1 miles.

Atalig, known in the community to run as much as 50 miles in one week, decided two years ago to walk as exercise.

This gradually developed into a lot of walking, then running a little and then a lot of running.

According to Rota Road Runners, Atalig intends to participate in the full marathon on Rota by

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First Saipan Triathlon

By Priscilla T. Castro
For the Variety

THE JAPANESE Triathlon Association is co-sponsoring with the Marianas Visitor's Bureau the 1st Saipan Cup Triathlon scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The triathlon will start from the Diamond Hotel and end at the Fire Station.

About 100 foreign participants, from Japan, are expected to join the event.

Participants will have to swim two kilometers from the beach

side of the Diamond Hotel to the bouy and back.

Then they will have to bike 90 kilometers, or about 7 between Diamond Hotel and the Fire Station; run 21.1 kilometers, or twice back and forth between the two marks.

The entrance fees for participants are, for individual category, \$50 and, for team, \$35.

Registration is Saturday, Oct. 25, at Diamond Hotel from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3:30 a.m. to 4 a.m.

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Ada Gym still closed

GILBERT C. Ada Gymnasium playing area will remain closed until Thursday, October 23.

The painters still have to apply the finishing touches on the painting job which was not finished due to Typhoon Joan.

The Sports and Recreation staff will be announcing when they will have the gym ready for all the schedule games.

For further information, please contact Bill Sakovich at 234-1001 or 234-1002.

Registration for men's slowpitch

By Priscilla T. Castro
For the Variety

SAIPAN Softball Association has set a date for the new final registration deadlines which is Tuesday,

October 28, 1997 at 5:00 p.m.

Original waiver/roster forms may be picked up at Torres Refrigeration and must be properly

filled, signed and submitted to the association no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 28.

They have scheduled the open-

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Toronto Raptors Damon Stoudamire (20) makes a play from the floor against Vancouver Grizzlies Blue Edwards, right, and Lee Mayberry, left, during NBA exhibition action in Halifax, Canada, on Monday. The Toronto Raptors won 107-98. AP

Mauleg tangles with Seabees 4 tonight

By Priscilla T. Castro
For the Variety

DEFENDING champion Saipan Stevedore Mauleg hopes to retain its crown tonight as it defends its title against Pacsports Seabees 4 at the Susupe Softball Complex at 6:30.

Saipan Stevedore Mauleg has only to win this game to be declared the 1997 SSA Fastpitch Champion.

The Stevedores won their first game last week in the best of

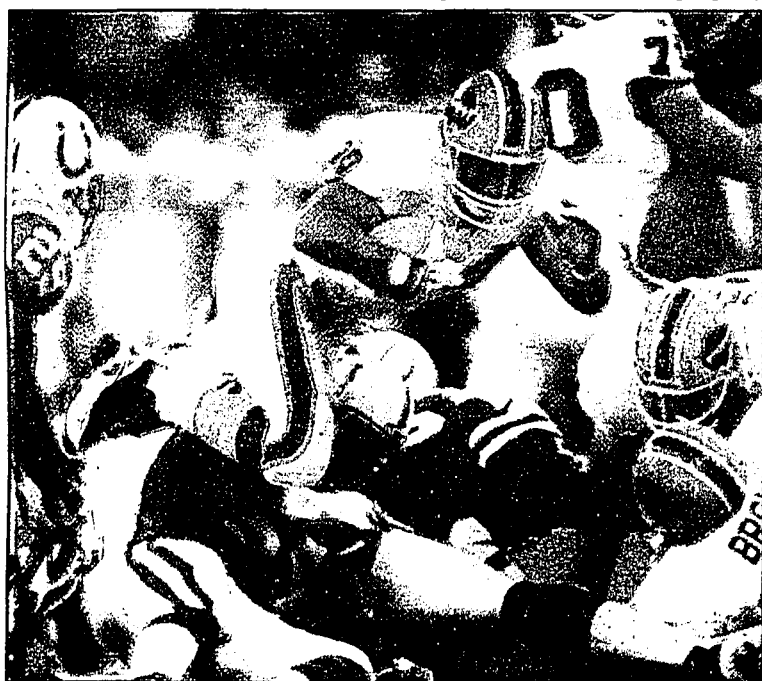
three championship.

If the Pacsports Seabees 4 wins this game, however, a title play-off will be scheduled on Friday.

If the Stevedores win, they will become champions for the second time in a row.

This season saw the Saipan Stevedore Mauleg earning 22 wins and 1 loss and the Pacsports Seabees 4, 18 wins and 5 losses.

The Fastpitch Night League started the season with 12 teams comprising about 150 players.



Buffalo Bills' runningback Antowain Smith, top center, dives over Indianapolis Colts' Quentin Coryatt, bottom center, for a short gain in the second quarter in Indianapolis Monday. AP

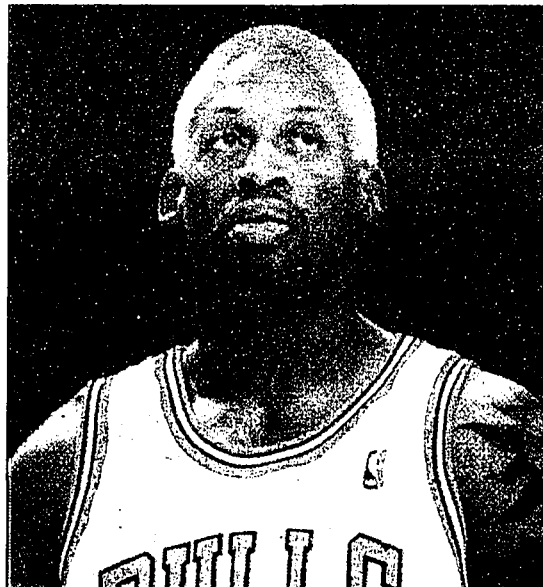
Rodman: No deal for now

By MIKE NADEL

DEERFIELD, Illinois (AP) - Dennis Rodman remains in limbo, refusing to sign the contract agreement he reached 11 days ago, and the rest of the Chicago Bulls calmly await the return of the rainbow-headed rebounder.

"We'd like to have him out on the floor, but it doesn't frustrate us," coach Phil Jackson said Monday. "We just have to be patient. In due time, we'll all get it together on the floor."

Said backup center Bill Wennington: "We feel that Dennis will be



Dennis Rodman unhappy with contract agreement: 'Still isn't officially a member of the Chicago Bulls.' AP

back here. We feel comfortable with that. We want him back."

Rodman, the NBA's rebounding leader each of the last six seasons, is threatening to sit out the start of the regular season if certain incentive clauses aren't rewritten or eliminated from his contract.

Rodman and his agent, Dwight Manley, had separate meetings with Bulls general manager Jerry Krause on Monday, but there was no word that the situation had been settled. Rodman wasn't available for comment. Manley and

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