

Everyone wants bigger slice

House delays OK of budget

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PRESSURES from the education and health sectors prompted the House of Representatives to adjourn yesterday's session without passing the proposed Fiscal Year 1999 budget which reflects trimmed down appropriations for the Public School System and the Department of Public Health.

Despite the apparent delay, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio expressed optimism that the budget will be passed by the Legislature before FY-1999 starts, stressing the importance of passing the proposed appropriations to push through with the government's programs.

"I am very optimistic that the



Karl T. Reyes

budget will be passed. I think the Legislature is very anxious to pass it," Tenorio said yesterday.

House ways and means com-

mittee chair Rep. Karl T. Reyes admitted that lobbying efforts by education officials played a significant role in the lower chamber's move to convene with the Senate leadership before action on the proposed 1999 fiscal year budget is taken.

"To respect the needs of all the most important government agencies, we all have agreed to work with the Senate on this before we come back on the regular session," Reyes told reporters yesterday.

He said the Legislature may resort to slashing appropriations for some of other government programs to be able to accommodate

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Navy on FDM exercises: 'No significant impact'



Martyn E. Janczak

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DENYING allegations that marine resources in Farallon de Medinilla have been damaged due to military exercises, Rear Admiral Martyn E. Janczak, Commander of the US Naval Forces Marianas, yesterday said there has been a lot of "misconceptions" and "misinformation" about the US Navy's operations in the said island.

"There's considerable misconception on that," he told reporters, as he pertained to recent concerns on damages to marine life around the island.

Janczak yesterday met with local officials, including Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, members of the legislature and agency heads, for a briefing on US military operations in the CNMI.

The briefing came after Edward B. Cohen, the US special representative to the 902 negotiations, said that if the CNMI has comments on environmental issues surrounding the Farallon de Medinilla island, then it should be brought to the attention of Rear Admiral Janczak.

"Our purpose for today is to brief the governor on what we're doing at the island, the agreements that have been enforced since 1971, and I think we have certainly accomplished that," he

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Faisao hits discriminatory policies vs garment sector



Melvin O. Faisao

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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THE EMBATTLED garment industry in the CNMI yesterday found an ally in Rep.

Melvin O. Faisao who scored the alleged discriminatory policies targeting the second largest revenue-generating sector in the Northern Marianas.

During yesterday's session, Faisao lambasted a resolution filed by Rep. Frank Cepeda which seeks to restrict garment manufacturers from engaging in activities other than clothing production.

"This resolution wants the Department of Commerce implement regulations to restrict the issuing of multiple business permits only to the

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Students of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam spend their lunch time yesterday wrapping up freshmen with bathroom tissue as part of their initiation.
Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

Marshalls president demands resignation of entire Cabinet

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO — Saying that the Marshall Islands government "needs a new direction," President Imata Kabua on Tuesday gave all Cabinet ministers two days to turn in their resignations so that he can reorganize his Cabinet.

A Cabinet shuffle, the first since Kabua won the Presidency in January 1997, will now happen, after many months of speculation and rumor that one was imminent.

In an August 18 letter to each Cabinet minister, Kabua said that if the 10 Cabinet ministers didn't resign by Thursday as requested, he would remove them as ministers.

In his letter, Kabua recognized the ministers and said they could be proud of their record of service to the Marshall Islands.

But, he said, "I am convinced that the economic and other problems facing the Marshall Islands are such that the government needs a new direction. New energy and new initiatives are required in or-

der to meet the challenges confronting the government."

As a result, Kabua said he was "compelled to change the nature of complexion of the Cabinet."

The Marshalls is mid-way through an Asian Development Bank-backed reform program that has laid off or retired close to 25 percent of the government workforce, slashed subsidies to government agencies, and otherwise cutback government services.

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Solar eclipse said to be visible tomorrow

By Maxine Hillary
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HAGATNA—When University of Guam Planetarium Director, Pam Eastlick released notices last week that an eclipse was going to be visible in the region, local media ran stories, hyping the event and providing information for the public.

According to Eastlick, publicity such as last week's has helped raise community awareness of the planetarium and stimulated the public's interest in the stars.

An eclipse is a situation where

the moon passes directly between the earth and the sun creating a shadow.

Guam will be one of a few areas in the world where the total eclipse due to appear in the year 2002 can be seen and Eastlick is expecting astronomers from all over the world to come to the island to have a look.

Press came too soon for this month's eclipse—there is a risk that people will indeed look up because they have forgotten the danger involved. Says Eastlick,

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King taps new PM as Jordan Cabinet quits

By JAMAL HALABY

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's Cabinet resigned Wednesday amid a growing scandal over polluted drinking water in one of Amman's wealthy suburbs. King Hussein immediately appointed a close confidant to form a new government.

Hussein, from his hospital bed in the United States, appointed Faysal Tarawneh to form the new administration.

The move is expected to have no major impact on Jordan's foreign policy, which is usually handled by Hussein.

The change is widely seen as related to popular discontent over the policies of Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali's 24-member Cabinet, which has been accused of negligence in providing polluted drinking water to Amman and of mismanaging the economy.

In an urgent dispatch, the state-run Petra news agency said Hussein accepted Majali's resignation late in the evening and Tarawneh began forming his



King Hussein

Cabinet.

Royal Palace officials said the new government is expected to be announced within days.

Tarawneh, like Majali, is an ardent supporter of King Hussein's policy of peace with Israel. A former ambassador to the United States, Tarawneh negotiated the 1994 treaty with Israel.

A main complaint against the government has been the poor drinking water in Amman's

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Clinton may be in for more trouble

DNA sample to be cross-checked with stain on dress

By PETE YOST

WASHINGTON (AP) — In developments that could mean more trouble for President Bill Clinton, prosecutors gathered a sample of his DNA and turned to Monica Lewinsky for additional testimony about the presidential affair and alleged cover-up.

Friends and associates of Ms. Lewinsky said she was hurt by Clinton's characterization of their relationship, that Ms. Lewinsky felt that she and the president had a deeper bond with emotional ties.

One friend said that when Ms. Lewinsky filed a sworn affidavit in January denying a sexual relationship, it was in an effort to protect the president.

When the president said in a televised address Monday night that he had an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, he "didn't really speak to the pain everyone else has experi-



Bill Clinton



Monica Lewinsky

enced in this," one of the former intern's friends said.

Several sources said Wednesday that the DNA sample from Clinton went to prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigators so it could be used in an FBI analysis of a dress Ms. Lewinsky said was stained from a sexual en-

counter with the president.

Ms. Lewinsky, 25, turned the dress over to Starr's office three weeks ago after she agreed to testify in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

Asked about the DNA sample, White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said, "We are going to respect" Clinton's stated desire to "reclaim" his private life.

It was not known when the prosecutors got the sample or whether the sample was from Clinton directly or from Bethesda Naval Hospital where Clinton undergoes periodic physical examinations. It also wasn't known what sample the prosecutors obtained. Blood and saliva are two commonly used materials used in DNA testing.

The developments came amid conflicting versions of Clinton's grand jury testimony Monday. A knowledgeable legal source told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the president acknowledged in his secret testimony that Ms. Lewinsky performed oral sex on him several times at the White House.

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Discussion on CNMI, Guam economies on Tinian

Marianas conference today

By Brandon Ashcraft
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HAGATNA — Political Leaders from Guam and the CNMI will attend the Marianas Economic Conference entitled "Perspectives on the Economics of the Marianas: Where we are and Where we are going," today on Tinian.

Guam Gov. Carl Gutierrez along with Guam Delegate to US Congress Robert A. Underwood will attend as will CNMI Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, and CNMI Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta to discuss their views on the future of their economies.

Island business leaders from both islands will also attend the conference.



Pedro P. Tenorio

President of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Joe Ayuyu, Eloise Baza, President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, David Tydingco, President of



Carl Gutierrez

the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association and Philip Mendiolala-Long, President of the Tinian Chamber of Commerce are expected to be in attendance



Juan N. Babauta

at the conference. Media leaders including Pacific Daily News publisher Lee Webber and Marianas Variety owner Abed Younis will also be on hand along

with Steve Nygard, publisher of Glimpse Publications.

Master of Ceremonies will be Jon Anderson of Guam's radio station NewsTalk K-57.

The conference will begin with panelists offering a five-minute presentation on the present and future of the Marianas, and will finish with a roundtable discussion.

Closing remarks will be given by Michael Kwan, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hong Kong Entertainment Overseas, Inc.

The conference is scheduled to take place at the Tinian Dynasty and Casino and will air live on NewsTalk K-57 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Underwood: No military movement



Robert A. Underwood

By Brandon N. Ashcraft
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HAGATNA — Congressman Robert A. Underwood said yesterday there is no impending transfer of military troops from Japan to Guam.

Speaking at the Guam Rotary Club meeting in Tamuning, Underwood said "We will see increased military activity in Guam, but not like the kind we experienced after World War II."

He also added that the kind of activity may be things such as "more visits by Naval Vessels, more exercises including joint exercises with the foreign military."

His statement came in the wake of the Department of Defense's proposal for the movement of Marines from Okinawa, Japan to Guam.

According to the department, there is a plan for Japanese F-15 fighter planes to visit Guam. This would be the "first to occur outside of Japanese Air Space since 1945."

"Guam is never going to meet the expensive military need for things such as ground training exercises," Underwood said, adding that if the Marines were to be moved to Guam, they would have no place to shoot off their weapons or their mortars.

Underwood also spoke about the role of the military, calling Guam a "logistical thru-way, an nexus, a power switch box through which men and

material can be moved from North America into the Pacific theater."

The congressman also mentioned that as a good neighbor Guam should be able to work with the military and "we must not become vulnerable to the notion that the military will punish us for being impudent," such as some cases from World War II.

"I assure you that our disagreements with the military over land, DOD schools and other issues will not bring about a change in the major plan for military movements on Guam," said Underwood. He added that "the military is here to stay and when they decide they no longer need to be here, they will go."

Underwood will be asking Admiral Janczak to make briefings available for elected officials and community members.

The briefings are encouraged as it may help the people of Guam learn more about their military neighbors. "They can be our partners and we should treat them as such."

Power outages on Saipan

THERE will be power outages tomorrow in most parts of the island, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) announced.

CUC information officer Pamela Mathis, in a faxed release, said power will be out from 6:30 am to 7:30 am in areas being served by the utilities agency's feeder IV.

These are Capitol Hill, Denny, As Teo and Kagman I, II and III.

Power will likewise be out from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Sadog Tasi and from 6:30 am to 9:30 am in Garapan on both Beach Road and Middle Road, Navy Hill, Gualo Rai, Chalan Laulau, San Jose, Susupe, and a portion of Chalan Kanoa.

Mathis said the power outages are meant to "tie-in" or complete the majority of the feeder IV sys-

tem."

Mathis said another power outage will be "necessary" in the Capitol Hill area between next week and the end of this month "to complete the entire feeder IV system upgrade."

The project cost government some \$3.6 million.

The outages, said Mathis, will be done in conjunction with the construction of the Chalan Kiya substation.

"As CUC (have) announced, the substation requires a series of outages to terminate underground electrical systems and reconnect new high voltage wires to the new system," said Mathis.

She said the Chalan Kiya project will boost electricity to customers on the southern end of the island.

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Aquino: Ver should tell the truth on slay of her husband

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Former Philippine President Corazon Aquino said Thursday a former military chief of staff under late dictator Ferdinand Marcos should now tell the truth about her husband's assassination 15 years ago.

On Wednesday, President Joseph Estrada said he will allow former Gen. Fabian Ver to return to the Philippines after fleeing the country with Marcos at the height of the 1986 "people power" revolt that toppled the strongman.

Estrada said Ver has to face charges in the Aug. 21, 1983 assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino Jr., who was shot moments after he stepped off the plane on his return from exile in the United States.

The assassination triggered massive anti-Marcos protests that culminated in the revolt that swept Aquino's widow to the presidency.

"What is more important is for (Ver) to tell us the truth, and I

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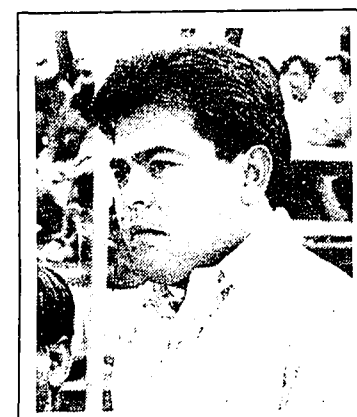
Cuts in DPH, PSS budget irks Heinz

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REDUCTION in the Fiscal Year 1999 allocations for health and education has apparently irked Rep. Heinz Hofschneider who yesterday claimed there have been misappropriations in the proposed budget.

Hofschneider was questioning the more than \$1.7 million reduction in appropriations for the Department of Public Health, and the slashed \$1.3 million off the Public School System budget for the next fiscal year.

"I strongly object to the distribution of revenues in these two specific agencies of the government. I am not going to support the budget and I am urging the members of the House ways and means committee not to support the passage of the budget until I am satisfied," he told reporters moments after he walked out during yesterday's session.



Heinz Hofschneider

In the proposed budget, appropriations for medical supplies have been trimmed down to \$900,000 from the usual \$4 million to \$5 million during the last five years, according to the House health and education committee chairman.

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Maxima died upon impact

By Zaldy Dandan
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THE WOMAN who was hit by a truck on airport road last week died of injuries caused by the impact, according to police.

There has been speculation that the victim, Maxima T. Manglona, 58, was having a heart attack prior to the accident.

But Police Capt. Delbert Sablan yesterday said the autopsy report revealed that Manglona "died of broken spine and ruptured heart."

"Her rib cage caved in upon impact, rupturing the heart, lacerating her lungs and breaking her spine," said Sablan, the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) traffic commander. Manglona, who resided at Kobleville and worked for Rota's liaison office, was "fast walking" on the left side of the road when she got hit by the vehicle.

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US Deputy Secretary of Defense to visit Guam

By Brandon N. Ashcraft
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HAGATNA — Congressman Robert A. Underwood announced yesterday that United States Deputy Secretary of Defense, John Hamre, has planned a visit to Guam early next month.

The trip is scheduled to be a one-day stop for Dr. Hamre.

According to Defense officials in Washington, the trip will be Dr. Hamre's first official tour of U.S. military bases in Hawaii, Guam, Japan, and Korea.

Dr. Hamre is in charge of the everyday operations for Department of Defense, and is making

the tour to "to gain a better understanding of the personnel, their mission and the regional environment, in which U.S. Forces live and work."

On his stop in Guam Dr. Hamre will visit men and women of Andersen Air Force Base and Commander Naval Forces Marianas (COMNAVFOR).

He will also meet with Congressman Underwood to discuss issues such as odds schools, and the on going A-76 study along with the Fen Lake watershed.

Governor Carl Gutierrez has been asked by Underwood to participate in the discussion.

Faisao wants entry of Chinese put on 902 list

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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STRESSING the need to get the nod of the federal state department on proposals to conduct exploratory talks with the People's Republic of China on allowing its nationals to visit the Common-

wealth, a lawmaker yesterday said the issue will be best addressed in the Covenant Section 902 negotiations.

House committee on federal and foreign relations chair Rep. Melvin O. Faisao said there are

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People need to know story behind increases in prices

PERHAPS it was only a matter of time before such a thing happened, but this week's news about Mobil Oil Micronesia increasing prices of its gasoline products CNMI-wide came more of a shock to some people here in the CNMI.

Announced increases in fuel prices are unusual, as most of the time they go up unnoticed.

But then the biggest jolt was in knowing that the adjustments are on prices that are relatively high already.

It was only recently that the issue of gas prices hugged headlines due to the alleged big disparity of prices between Saipan and Guam's.

There was even a time when then congressman Stanley Torres tried to initiate an Attorney General investigation into possible gasoline price fixing, apparently to bring things out in the open and in effect push the prices downwards.

The issue however died a natural death.

But gasoline remains so much of an essential commodity for people not to be concerned about.

Mobil in deciding it will now raise its diesel fuel by 5 cents per gallon (cpg) and regular and premium unleaded fuel by 3 cpg has gotten some people baffled as to what economic theories and formulas came into play.

Since Mobil indicated the increase was due to the 5-cent increase in the liquid fuel tax rate, there were those who presumed this has something to do with the recently-enacted, so-called Fiscal Integrity Act which eliminated the sunset provision in the tax law which would have lowered excise tax rates on fuel and cigarettes.

Questions inevitably arose.

Wasn't the new law only about maintaining the excise tax rates and keeping it at the level dealers have factored into their prices for the last three years?

Or was there any other considerations, aside from the fuel tax rates, like additional costs in production, freight, processing, etc.?

Why only Mobil raised its prices and not Shell only adds on to the mystery but whatever other reasons Mobil may have had, the bottomline is residents may have to bear with it—it's a fact of life—there's just no other way for prices but up.

Mobil, Shell or any other fuel company has all the right to raise its prices as it deems necessary, as profit is what motivates any business.

After all, that is the very essence of a laissez-faire economy—the market will be allowed to dictate the prices.

If Mobil wants to adjust its prices, then it just had to contend with the consequences of its decision, including the prospect of seeing most of its buyers shifting to Shell, or vice versa. That's the beauty of having a competitive market, of not having a monopoly. People can go for the one with the best pricing, best value for their money.

One must bear in mind, however, that the shift to the other brand could be much quicker and more justified when the increase in price is not adequately backed with reason.

This is where a little explanation on the part of Mobil won't hurt.

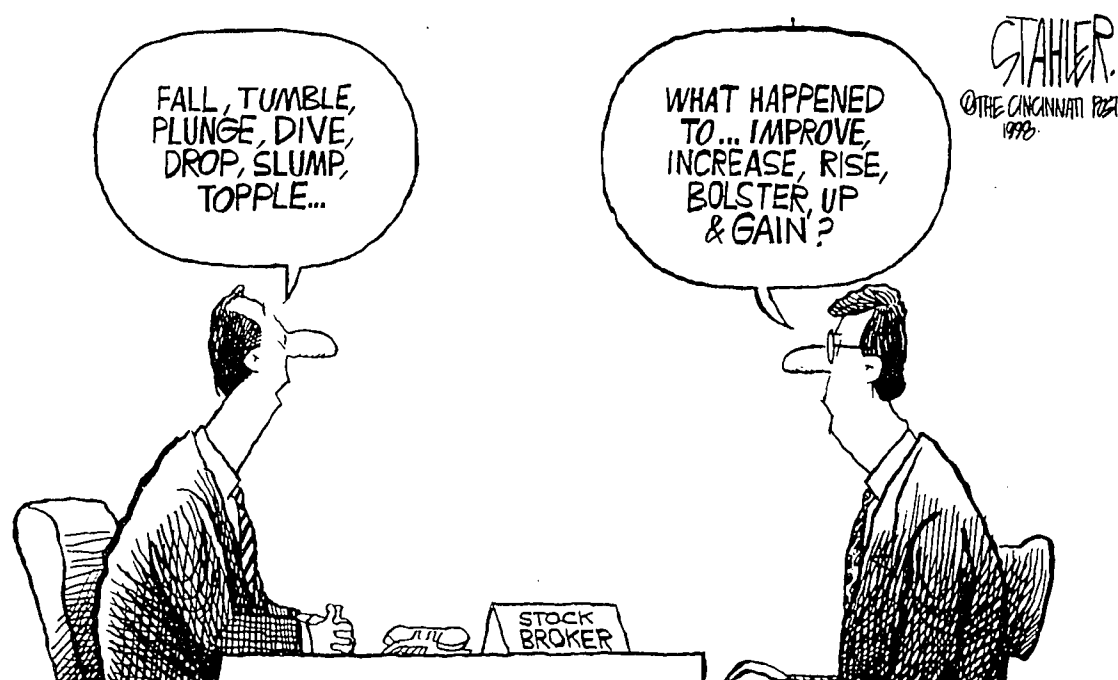
Even if Mobil is by all means not required to disclose the circumstances behind the increase, the company owes it to the consumers to at least give a bit more justification on its latest pricing decision.

Evidently, the people need to live with the increase. All they ask is that they see what they are paying extra for.

It is all but a matter of them knowing what hit them especially during these hard times.

At least, for as long as they are kept abreast of the situation, people can rest assured prices are not increased just for the heck of it.

And Mobil being a company that have remained responsive to the community it does business in over the years, surely would not want consumers to remain in the dark and have the wrong notion.



Forgiven

"HE AIN'T done nothing against me," an Oakland resident told CNN shortly after President Clinton finally admitted that Monica Lewinsky was not bragging about those presidential knee-pads in her phone conversations with that scary woman, Linda Tripp, who, in fairness to her, has yet to be seen flying aboard a broom.

For his part, an Atlanta resident told Washington Post that though Mr. Clinton cheated on his wife, "he didn't cheat the country. He's not the first president this happened to, he's just the first person to have Ken Starr as his enemy."

Polls conducted by CNN reveal that most Americans share these citizens' views. After all, the President merely acknowledged what everyone had known since 1992, indeed, what his political opponents have tirelessly and constantly reminded us: Bubba likes chicks. ("There is," writes Gore Vidal two years ago, "a famous picture of him [around the age of 16] shaking President Kennedy's hand. The boy Clinton is radiant. 'How,' one can imagine him thinking, if not daring to ask, 'do you get 1—d around here?'" In a candid mood the 35th president could have had a lot of tips for the 42nd.")

To be sure, there are those among US Republicans who will continue to insist that the belief in the separation between a leader's private and public lives is not only illusory, but also fatal to the nation's moral fabric. And that, therefore, the President should not just suffer the wrath of the First Lady, but of Congress, as well. The GOP, of course, still can not accept the fact that though their ideas are currently in vogue, they still can't beat a Democratic politician who has been involved in more scandals than a supermarket tabloid could publish in a single issue. Greater men, the President's critics would say, have been felled by lesser misdeeds.

However, as French actor Catherine Deneuve remarked recently, it is puzzling that the president of a country where most of the world's pornography is produced is now in trouble for having an affair. ("Yet another affair," would have been more accurate.) Which is her way of saying that the so-called moral fabric is tattered to begin with.

Still, the more thoughtful American conservative commentators are right in noting that the President is already getting what he deserved to get. Considering the sheer humiliation this proud man will have to endure, is enduring, the President is already being punished for his indiscretion. He has truly carved a historical niche for himself, but it is now

likely that it will not be the one beside FDR's or TR's—his supposed model for the rest of his second term—or those of the other great presidents.

At the same time, Mr. Clinton is expected to, again, survive this scandal. Indeed, this administration has made damage control/crisis management an art form. His strategists and advisers and Mr. Clinton himself did nothing before or after the Aug. 17th confession that was not carefully considered, weighed and calculated to minimize the expected backlash. So far, the public reaction to the confession is running its expected course. They still want him to remain in office. Meanwhile, some US Republicans are feigning to be frothing in the mouth regarding supposed legal issues involved, as in perjury and subornation. (One even said that he is "ashamed for the United States.") To quote my mother whenever she smells b.s., "Oh really."

Compare that to what the President said on TV: "I answered questions truthfully, including questions about my private life, questions no American citizen would ever want to answer." Guess what any citizen would likely remember—a word like subornation or a plea for privacy.

As the recent polls once again show, the American people no longer demand that their leader should be spotlessly moral regarding acts preferably done in the privacy of one's bedroom. He is expected to be discreet, and if caught, to say he's sorry. Further, and more important, he should competently perform his official duties.

Not surprisingly, this sentiment is shared by a sizable number of people elsewhere in the world. Most, like Ms Deneuve, are wondering what the fuss is all about. Some say the President shouldn't even apologize.

But as this opinion column has noted during those early days of the scandal, a leader who can not control basic urges will command less respect, often to the point that his ability to lead is, itself, rendered problematic. However, men who aspire for leadership are usually those with unruly hormones. And they attract women, which is a sexist thing to say if not for the fact that I'm merely citing biological studies.

Which leaves us, the led, where? We are now more forgiving, but only because we know that we, too, want to be excused, if ever, for giving in to temptations. We, too, prefer not to be publicly judged for private acts.

Last Aug. 17th, the American people looked into the eyes of their President...and saw themselves.

JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Yeltsin in bind over burying Lenin

WASHINGTON — You might call it Russia's own Curse of the Mummy — the way President Boris Yeltsin is too politically frightened to bury the body of Vladimir Lenin.

Since 1924, when the Soviet people asked for a prolonged open entombment of Lenin so that they could all pay their respects, his embalmed Bolshevik body has lain in an open, glass-encased coffin in Moscow's Red Square. For decades, Joseph Stalin used the giant mausoleum to help build a cult of deification around his predecessor's remains.

That cult is still strong, and it appears to our best Russian intelligence sources that the only man brave enough to remove the mummy is not Yeltsin, but a mere mayor — the popular chief executive of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov.

Yeltsin has made it clear that he wants to bury the body, and last fall he called for a national referendum to decide the issue. But he quickly backed off after harsh criticism from Communist Party officials. Although capitalism is taking root in Russia, Communists are still in control of the national legislature, the Duma, and still command wide public support. Party leaders are aghast at the prospect that the founder of the Soviet state should be deposited six feet underground.

Lenin's only surviving relative, niece Olga Ulyanova, also wants to keep Uncle Vladimir in his oversized sarcophagus. So Yeltsin, fearing political and social upheaval, backed off his referendum.

Lenin himself wanted to be cremated and buried next to his mother in a St. Petersburg cemetery, but Stalin would have none of it. He needed the cult-like worship of the more popular Lenin to help build his own support.

The decision to display may have also have two other unusual roots: One was the discovery of King Tut about a year before Lenin died. More significant may be a Russian Orthodox belief that decaying remains were a sign of sainthood, suggesting a Stalinist manipulation of religionists to elevate the incorruptible body of Lenin to demigod status.

So Stalin formed the "Immortalization Commission" with all the urgency of the Manhattan Project. Egyptians had their mummies, but no race in modern times had tried to preserve a body for permanent display. Until recently, the method used was a closely guarded state secret, the key component being a 60-day-long chemical bath every 18 months.

Another key is the constant temperature inside the glass of 59 degrees and 70 percent humidity. Lenin's flesh-type hue is accomplished by a special light filter in his tomb, and twice a week Lenin's face and hands get chemical touch-ups. (His brain was shipped to the Institute of the Brain where it was sliced into 31,000 pieces for close inspection. No telltale signs of extraordinary intelligence were discovered, Russian officials confided to us.)

Until the fall of communism, lines would snake all through Red Square as Soviet citizens waited for hours for a glimpse of the body. But in the last several years, the crowds have shrunk to a relative trickle, mostly foreign tourists.

But President Yeltsin has balked at actually ordering the removal since Communists and nationalists had such a strong showing in the December 1993 parliamentary elections. He apparently fears the public removal would create more public outcry than he can afford — whereas now the body, bereft of its honor guard and the masses, is relatively ignored.

A similar fate has befallen other embalmed former dictators. Mao Zedong's tomb has also seen dwindling visitors in the years since Deng Xiaoping slowly demoted the despotic leader of China's Cultural revolution. Like Lenin, Mao also requested cremation, but was ignored after his death in 1976.

The same also goes for Ho Chi Minh, founder of the Vietnamese Communist Party who died in 1969 and wanted to be cremated. Vietnamese officials ignored his wishes and instead gave him the full Lenin treatment, with Soviet officials called in as experts on the embalming. In fact, Ho's body still makes regular pilgrimages to Moscow for its special chemical bath.

If there's a certain sign that times are changing, however, it can be found in the death of Kim Il Sung, the late dictator of North Korea. Again, the Russian experts were tapped for their secret embalming techniques, as the North Koreans wanted desperately to preserve the man who ruled that hermit kingdom for 46 years. Kim's, Kim Jong Il, is particularly anxious to display dad's remains so junior can remain in power.

Yet what was once a closely guarded state secret that Soviet officials only shared with "friendly" regimes is now available to anyone — for a price. Our sources say the cash-strapped North Koreans paid \$300,000 for the embalming techniques, showing that cash is now king, even when it comes to preserving the decaying symbols of a failed ideology.

Letters to the Editor

Retiree law reneges on deal

Dear Editor:

Last August 6, an article appeared in the Variety entitled, "Fund Will Not Pay Pension for 3-Year Government Employees."

I would like to add some further information so that this article and the actions of the NMI Retirement Fund can be put into a complete context by readers of the Variety and by concerned citizens.

As the article said, PL 11-9 was enacted in April 1998, increasing the

time period necessary to be vested in the CNMI Government Retirement System from three to ten years. (To be vested in the retirement system means that a member is eligible to collect a lifetime pension when he or she reaches a certain age.)

This move makes very good sense and is essential to the long-term well-being of the retirement fund.

The article did not make clear though, that the reason that PL 11-9 has been and will continue to be challenged, in the courts if necessary, is that PL 11-9

(as it has been interpreted), disregarded the agreement already in place between the CNMI Retirement Fund and those employees who were hired by various agencies of the CNMI before April 1998 and have been working and contributing to the Retirement Fund as per the terms of their agreement, but have not yet reached the three-year term.

In other words, this one section of PL 11-9 means that the CNMI is simply backing out of a deal it had already agreed to when each of the affected

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All about reading signs in English

Dear Editor:

Last night on the TV news, I heard about the new law requiring signs to be in English (PL-29). Last April, I read about this bill in the newspaper. I did not understand the law and think others might be confused by it as well.

Anyone who lives or visits Saipan can see that there are many signs in Korean, Japanese, and Chinese.

In fact, before my daughter could even read or write fluently in English, she was able to discriminate between several Asian language writing systems and identify them correctly.

It was a game we would play while driving on Beach Road or walking around Garapan.

What language is that? I am pleased that she has been exposed to various non-romanized writing systems, but concerned that there might be some not-so-positive influences as well.

As a former teacher, still concerned with literacy issues and preservation of indigenous languages, I wonder

how this multitude of neon signs in non-official languages affect early literacy development of children.

I have also noticed how few signs there are in Chamorro and Carolinian.

My impression is that Guam has more signs in Chamorro than we do.

I cannot help but wonder how enriched my daughter's life would be had she been constantly exposed to signs in the official languages of the CNMI.

The news coverage of this law led me to believe that it is encouraging or even mandating English signs.

However, after reading a copy of the law, I see this is not the case.

It clearly states "All businesses...shall advertise this name in romanized lettering in addition to any other lettering."

I hope that if other community members got the wrong impression that signs must be in English, as I did, you will be pleased that signs can be in any language, even the three official languages of the CNMI. In fact,

the word "English" does not even appear in the PL-29!

Romanized means the using the Roman alphabet and many languages do use it (Chamorro & Refaluwasch, as well as Tagalog, Palauan, Vietnamese etc.).

The Asian languages common in the CNMI use characters and/or other symbols, but have an existing system to convert to lettering if necessary.

Wouldn't tourists enjoy seeing the local languages, even if they can't understand them?

Wouldn't the residents of the CNMI be proud to see them on public and private signs?

Wouldn't the children benefit also? So the law is NOT English only signs and NOT English plus other languages.

The law says "romanized lettering".

I hope this might encourage the use of our indigenous languages on signs.

DOMINIQUE BUCKLEY

Green cards for qualified guest workers?

Dear Editor:

In view of the federalization effort by the U.S. government to take over labor and immigration the CNMI, I think, being a contract worker here since 1990, one of the solutions to these critical issues is to screen out qualified alien workers for issuance of green cards.

This speculation is too pre-mature to be considered, but this is one of the solutions that has been addressed by Mr. Allen Stayman.

The labor forces within will increase in numbers. This will mini-

mize the shortage of local labor, some can fill up the vacancies in garment factory, hotel, stores and other general service companies.

And by giving green cards to qualified contract workers, the indigenous people will be more encouraged to be extra aggressive in applying jobs.

It will not only decrease their dependency from food stamp benefits but also, it will create a challenging atmosphere of self-reliance as well as family preparedness program.

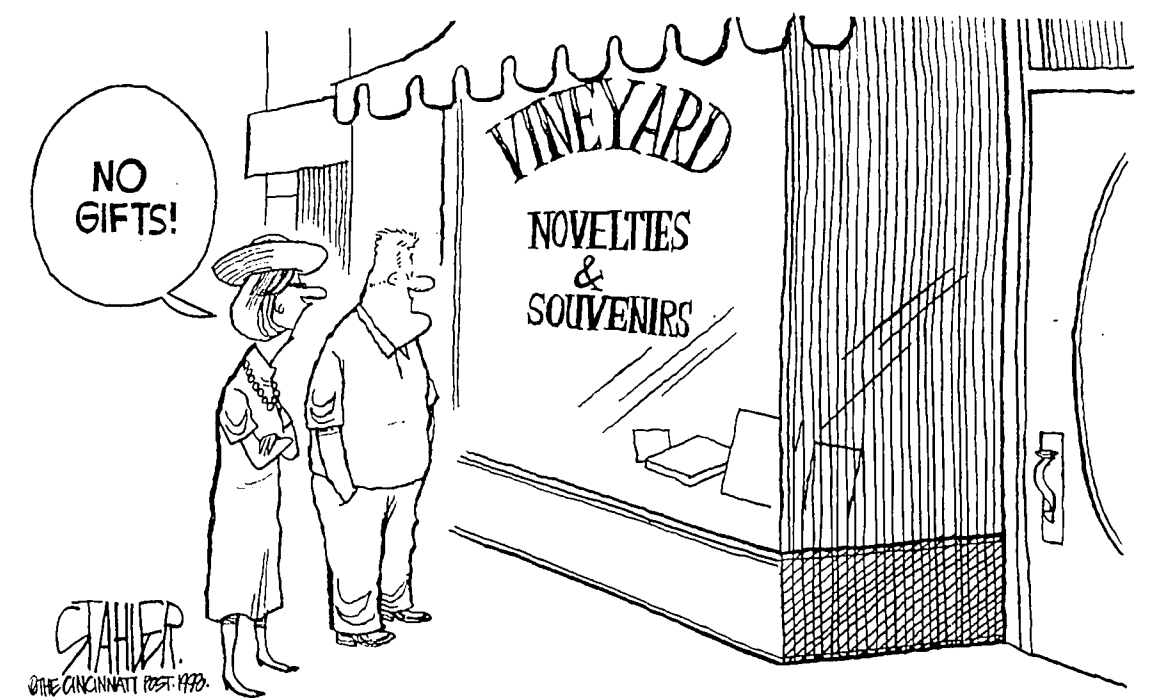
A possibility also is general amnesty for overstaying alien. CNMI Congress is now being compelled by

Governor Tenorio to make modification on those particular issues. By doing so, the possibility of federal takeover can be prevented.

I think whether or not Labor & Immigration will be taken by the U.S. the issue of granting green cards to qualified alien workers is still a positive way to satisfy the demand of U.S. government in terms of vital reforms.

I hope Mr. Editor, you can consider my letter for publication.

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US Navy Admiral Janczak:

'More computers for NMI schools'

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

AFTER donating 10 computers to the Hopwood Junior High School yesterday, the US Naval Forces Marianas has also assured CNMI public schools of more computers to arrive "soon."

Rear Admiral Martyn E. Janczak said the US Navy, as well as other federal agencies, is authorized to donate excess computers to educational institutions.

He added that computers will be a big asset to the educational programs of the CNMI.

"There will be more computers as we are able to re-work these computers. We'll continue to provide this support for the Northern Marianas, as well as to other islands in the Micronesia. They will arrive pretty soon," Janczak told reporters during the turnover ceremonies of 10 computers to Hopwood held at the Pacific Islands Club.

The Navy official also assured

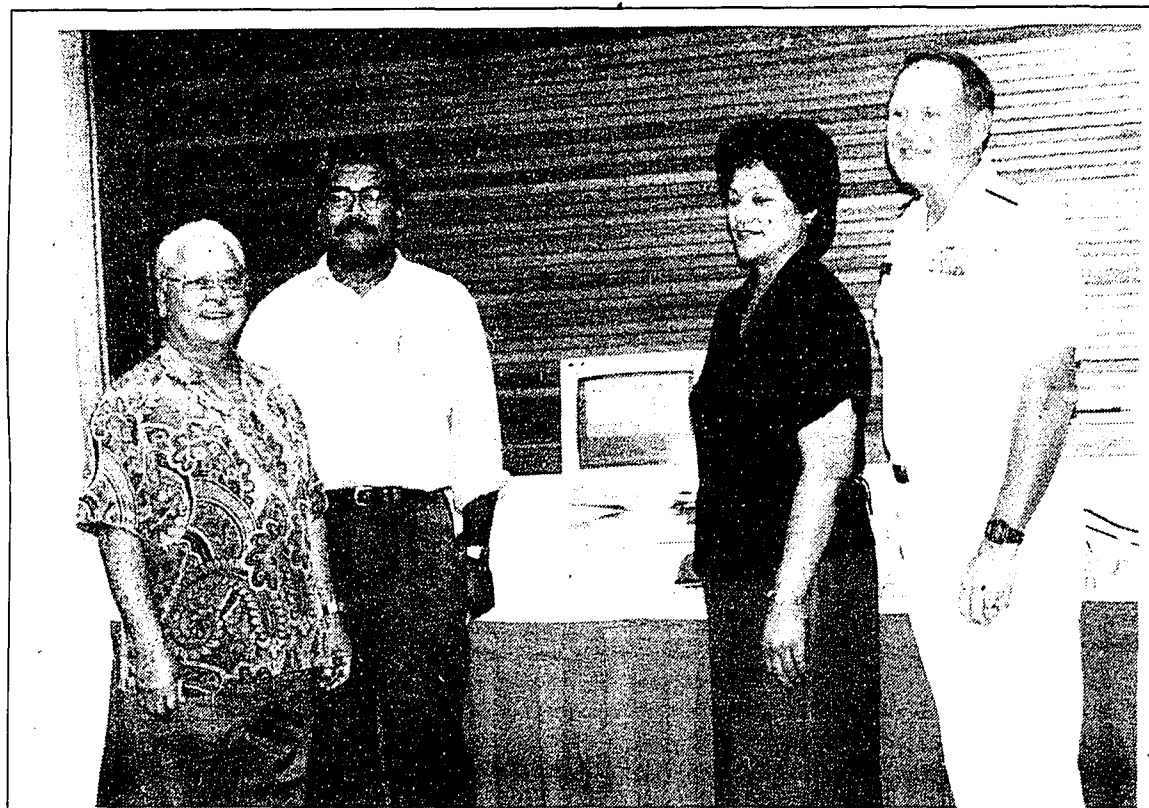
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Hopwood Principal Lourdes Mendiola and members of the media that the newly-donated computers are still in good condition and they will be able to efficiently serve the students.

"Computer technicians have completely overhauled these computers to ensure that they're in good condition. We have brought up our first installment of 10 computers, and they are fully operational machines with software," he said.

This is the first time that the US Navy donated computers to CNMI since it started this program last year. Guam schools were the first recipients of 25 computers from the said federal agency.

Meanwhile, Hopwood's Mendiola said the newly-arrived computers will be used by 7th and 8th graders to supplement the school's lone existing computer laboratory which only has 25 computers.

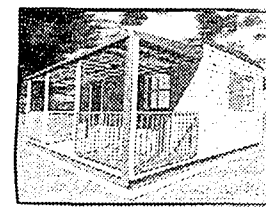
"They will be assigned to language arts classes in the eighth



Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, Deputy PSS Commissioner Patrick Tellei, Hopwood Jr High School Principal Lourdes Mendiola and US Rear Admiral Martyn E. Janczak pose for photo during yesterday's turnover ceremony of 10 computers from the US Naval Forces Marianas to Hopwood.

Photo by Haidee V. Eugenio

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and seventh graders for their word processing, for creative writing," Mendiola told the Variety.

The principal added that seventh graders are required to take up computer classes to earn 0.5 credit, which is one of the requirements for graduation.

"It's important that we prepare them before they go to high school. Computer skills is a must. We're introducing a lot of vocational courses at Hopwood, and this is

just one of those," she said.

Mendiola also said the 10 computers will be connected to the internet as soon as possible.

"We do have a federal grant that will connect all our computers to the internet, and that is one of our plans for this year. Hopefully, we should have them connected before December," said Mendiola, as she thanked the US Navy and education officials for the computers.

Andersen Air Force Base has new commander

By Brandon N. Ashcraft
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA—Major General Thomas C. Waskow took command of the 13th Air Force at Andersen Air Force Base yesterday after a change-of-command ceremony.

Previous commander Major General John Dallagher is heading off to serve as assistant chief of staff, Operations and Logistics Division, at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, NATO Belgium.

Prior to taking command in Guam Gen. Waskow served in Naples Italy, as chief of staff for the Allied Air Forces Southern Europe.

The Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) commander general Patrick K. Gamble, from Hickam AFB in Hawaii preside over the ceremony yesterday morning.

Child struck by vehicle

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
Variety News Staff

Yigo, Guam—A five-year-old girl, was struck by an automobile early yesterday morning, in Yigo.

According to PIO, Gerard Terlaje, of the Guam Fire Department, the accident occurred near Simon Sanchez High School. Terlaje said that the little girl did not sustain any visible injuries, but reported that she felt pain in her head and left leg.

She was transported to Guam Memorial Hospital.

Hospital Administrator, Tyrone Taitano, reported that at 11:30 a.m. the girl was treated in the Emergency Room, and that she was in stable condition.

PIO, Ron Taitano, of the Guam Police Department, said that the girl was crossing Juan Jacinto Road, to go to the bus stop when she was struck by a 1989 green Nissan sentra.

Taitano stated that the case is still under investigation, preliminary findings attribute wet roads as a factor in the accident.

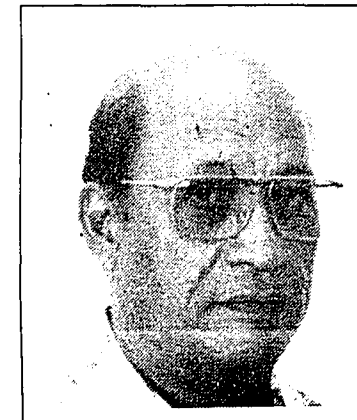
Occasional tie-ups of MVA, GVB eyed

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE MARIANAS Visitors Authority and the Guam Visitors Bureau's planned "promotional tie-up" will only be on a case to case basis, according to the MVA. MVA Board Chairman David M. Sablan said although it is important to promote CNMI and Guam as a single destination, there is a certain area that the two must uniquely compete against other places.

"In the eyes of the traveling public there is a definite need where the entire Micronesia as a geography must come together to promote this as a single destination," Sablan said in an interview.

Sablan said if MVA and GVB representatives go to Japan for certain promotion activities, they probably would like to share the



David M. Sablan

reception expenses.

The MVA has underscored the need for the agency to participate and prepare for big promotional events on Japan—the Osaka tour seminar in mid-October and the World Travel Fair in Tokyo in November.

In a recent MVA board meeting, the directors agreed to look into possible joint efforts with the GVB in the Tokyo World Travel Fair event.

Sablan said CNMI will maintain a healthy and friendly competition with Guam regarding tourism industry.

"We've got to do that because when you're talking to a wholesaler he's at least focused to the general area. Some people don't know where Guam is and some people don't know where Saipan is," said Sablan, referring to a cooperation between the two islands.

"You put an effort together then you will say Micronesia—Guam and Saipan—they're next to one another. It becomes less expensive area to visit," the chairman pointed out.

Bellas' ex-mother-in-law withdraws suit against him

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas's former mother-in-law has withdrawn her civil lawsuit against him over an alleged non-payment of debt amounting to \$176,000, the Variety learned.

This was confirmed yesterday by Victorina C. Sablan's lawyer, Ted Mitchell.

"It's a voluntary dismissal," Mitchell said.

"The purpose of that loan was for (Bellas and Sablan's daughter) to build a house on Navy Hill," he said.

"My client doesn't want repayment of the loan by either (Bellas or her daughter), but who ends up with the house will be decided by the court," Mitchell said.

Bellas, for his part, was unavailable for comment.



Timothy H. Bellas

Mitchell is also representing Sablan's daughter, Frances, in the ongoing divorce case.

A hearing for this case has been set on Aug. 27 with Special Judge Albert C. Lamorena III of Guam presiding, Mitchell said.

In the civil complaint filed in May, Sablan asked the court to

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Anti-drug official: 'War on Ice' begins within family

By Maxine Hillary
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA—As a soldier during the Desert Storm campaign, Capt. David Francisco, 30, committed himself to finishing the job he was assigned to do without turning back.

Now he approaches the battle to keep kids off drugs in much the same way.

As the Drug Demand Reduction Administrator for the National Guard, his Parent to Parent Program is one of the ways he battles ice.

It aims to assist parents talk with their children about drugs, sex, crime and a variety of other important issues.

This week's "War on Ice" seminar at the Hyatt Regency proved a perfect forum for Francisco to stage yet another attack against drug abuse.

"Drugs aren't the issue," he told the audience during a "working" lunch session.

"Lack of self esteem, lack of confidence and a good self image are the real problems," he says.

"The family unit is where it starts. If it's not squared away at home, none of what we're doing here will help."

Francisco, a parent himself, says that children develop their self-esteem between the ages of one and four.

Attitudes, perceptions, behaviors and the like are also developed during those crucial years.

"TV has become an electronic baby-sitter," he told the audience. "With it we can do the things we need to do as adults and they'll sit and watch Barney. While there's nothing wrong with Barney per se, what we're teaching our kids when we plop them in front of him is that we don't have to communicate."

When parents don't take time to interact with their children they shouldn't be surprised when the child goes elsewhere with their problems.

Francisco adds that parents these days allow their children to get away with too much.

He says parents tend to do things for their children, often because allowing them to do it takes up too much time.

He says parents shouldn't deprive their children of the opportunity to accept challenges and to excel.

But parents should set an example, he says.

Francisco notes, for example, that while those who attended the workshop spend all day talking about drug abuse, the first thing

they do after the workshop is go looking for a place to drink.

Alcohol, too, contributes to the drug problem on Guam, he says.

Parents at any rate should not be afraid to place boundaries on their children's behaviors, he says.

"Letting them know there's a negative consequence to certain behaviors is the first step."

Francisco calls drug abuse a disease with symptoms reaching far inside the family and environment.

Parents should be on a lookout for these symptoms, which include a drop of interest in group activities.

"If they tell you they don't want to do some activity they've always been involved with, say,

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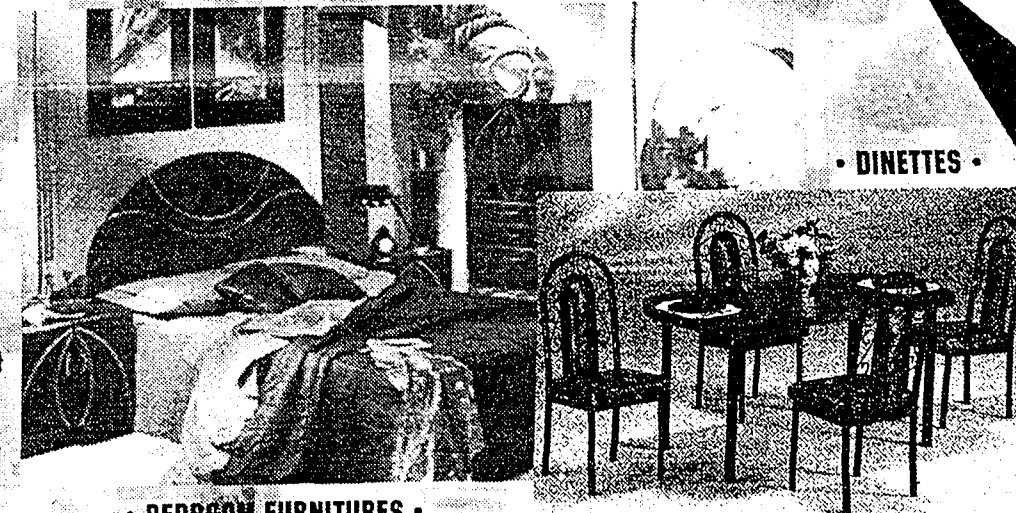
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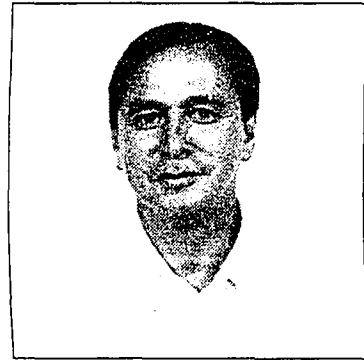
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'Pledge of allegiance' writing tilt

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

IT TOOK 20 years since the inception of the CNMI government before the possibility of having a Pledge of Allegiance to the Commonwealth is realized, after the House of Representatives yesterday passed House Resolution 11-80.

The said resolution, authored by Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, requests the Public School System's Board of Education to sponsor a



Rosiky F. Camacho

"Pledge of Allegiance to the Commonwealth" composition contest.

The competition, said the resolution, is open to all CNMI students from grades 6 to 12.

"For 20 years... there is no sound, recognizable and honorable basis that the students and people of the Commonwealth could give proper recognition to the establishment of the CNMI in political union with the United States of America," said the resolution.

PSS Commissioner Rita H. Inos expressed her appreciation for the passage of the resolution, saying



Rita H. Inos
it is an opportunity for the students to look back into their his-

tory and at the same time, it will help them plan their future.

"This is one way that we educators will know what they are thinking; their thoughts on their origin and future," Inos told the Variety.

The resolution stated that the composition should be written in either English, Chamorro or Carolinian, and should reflect the flag and anthem of the CNMI.

It also gives \$300 cash prize for the student who will bag the first place in the composition contest; \$200 for the second place; and \$100 for the third place.

Local managers attend workshop



Local business managers recently participated in a process improvement workshop presented by Kerry McKinney of Asia-Pacific Management & Information Systems. From left, back row, are James Lizama and George Cabrera, IT&E; Ellen Bermudes, National Office Supply; Mark Sasaki, F&B Manager, ELM's Inc. (front row, left to right) Leah Alfred, IT&E; Marissa Flores, marketing director, J & ELM Corp., and Melvin Tenorio, administrative assistant, IT&E.

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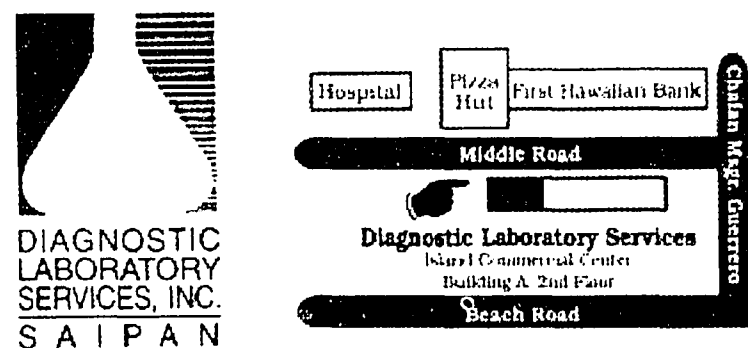
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Sanchez in 'Who's Who' list

PENSACOLA, Florida — RUFO Imperial Sanchez of Saipan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Sanchez of Chalan Kiya earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

The commencement ceremony was held at Pensacola Christian College last May 7.

Rufo was one of 700 to whom degrees were granted.

He was also selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders. His name will appear in the 1998-99 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Pensacola Christian College is a liberal arts college enrolling



Rufo Imperial Sanchez

students from every state in the U.S. and over sixty foreign countries.

SVES Yellow Track will begin session Monday

THIS IS to inform parents and guardians of students attending San Vicente Elementary School that the Yellow Track will begin its session on Monday, August 24.

If children will eat breakfast at school, they need to be there by 7 a.m.

For more information, please call the school at 235-9485.

BUCKLE UP SAIPAN!



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Search for next Miss CNMI on

THE SEARCH for the next woman to represent the CNMI in the prestigious and internationally-renowned 1999 Miss Universe Pageant has begun.

The Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant Association has started accepting applicants for those who wish to compete in the 1999 Miss CNMI Universe Pageant in February of next year.

All eligible women on Saipan, Rota, Tinian and the Northern Islands are invited to step up to par and proudly participate in this exciting and rewarding experience.

Next year's pageant will mark the 25th anniversary of the beauty pageant, which promises to be one of the most spectacular local events in the 20th Century.

Last March, Helene Lizama was crowned Miss 1998 NMI Universe and Sonya Pangelinan was named 1998 Ms. CNMI International.

Both women have proudly represented the CNMI in various international event, including the Miss Universe Pageant in Hawaii, Cheju World Island Festival in Korea and the Buffaloes Festival in Japan.

The other contestants of last year's pageant also graced number of charitable events locally by their attendance.

Prerequisites for contestant eligibility include (but not limited to):

- Contestant must be between the ages of 18 and 27;
- Contestant must have lived in the CNMI for two consecutive years within the last eight years;
- Contestant must be a US citizen AND

- a) be of CNMI descent or
- b) be a permanent resident of the CNMI.

The pageant competition will

include a pre-pageant interview, a costume competition, a swimsuit competition and a question and answer session.

All interested women can pickup an application with an in-

formational packet at Marianas Variety, Liberty Plaza or Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA).

Deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. on October 16, 1998.

Those needing more informa-

tion regarding the pageant are advised to call Laila Younis, NMBPA president at 234-6341 or 234-9797.

Questions may also be e-mailed to nmbpa@hotmail.com.

House of Manhoben activities

By Loule C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

AFTER hosting the summer youth programs last month, the House of Manhoben has come up with a new schedule of activities for the center this August.

The daily activities for the center began yesterday include the table tennis, pool and basketball tutoring program. The programs are scheduled every Mondays of the month.

Every Friday, the Pool program starts at 10 am to 12 pm while table tennis begins from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. GED classes starts from 5 to 7 in the evening and volleyball from 5 to 8 in the evening.

Bead making classes is from 10 in the morning up to 12 noon on Saturdays. Computer training begins from 12 to 4 in the afternoon and tutoring from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon.

The Camping activities for the House of Manhoben is scheduled

from August 21st to 23rd.

The center is also open for other community or educational related-activities of the week and may be used by any other interested individuals or groups whose proposed programs and aims are consistent with the established goals of the center.

However, requests for the use of the center's facilities must be received and approved by Karidat's executive director at least two weeks in advance.

Guam calendar

Commission to hold meetings

The Commission on Decolonization's Free Association Task Force will hold a meeting today at 1:00 p.m. in the Cabinet Conference Room at the Governor's Complex at Adelup. For more information call 475-9222.

The Commission on Decolonization's Independence Task Force will hold a meeting on August 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cabinet Conference Room at the Governor's Complex at Adelup. For more information call 475-9222.

Debate tickets go on sale

Tickets for the first round of Great Debates at the University of Guam will go on sale today from noon until 2:00 p.m. at a drive-through tent in front of the Administration Building. Due to a shortage of seating, purchases will be limited to two to a person.

The Great Debates Part I are slated for September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the UOG Fine Arts Theater. This round of debates will feature the three Democratic gubernatorial candidates, Ada, Gutierrez and Santos.

Part II takes place October 30th at 7:00 p.m. Candidates from both parties will participate. Ticket sales for Part II will be announced later. Tickets are priced at \$10.00.

Polluted water warning on Guam

The following beaches have been deemed unsafe for swimming, fishing and wading: East Hagatna Bay and Padre Palomo Park.

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Alleged pimp's assets may be seized

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas has granted lawyer David A. Wiseman's motion to withdraw as counsel to Linda Wang, who is accused of promoting prostitution and illegally withholding documents.

Wiseman no longer has direct communication with Wang, who is believed to be still in China.

The court has forfeited her \$10,000 cash bail, and the Attorney General's Office will

now go after her \$40,000 unsecured bail, the Variety learned. Bellas has said that if Wang would no longer return to the CNMI, her assets and properties here will be seized by the government.

The court allowed Wang to visit her ailing father in China due to her having substantial investments on Saipan.

She left on July 12 and has yet to return.

"I guess she's throwing everything," a Variety source said.

Bellas has issued a bench warrant for her arrest, with bail set

at \$50,000.

Wang is facing a maximum penalty of 60 years in jail.

She was charged with six counts of promoting prostitution, including five first degree counts, which involved threatening persons to commit prostitution.

Wang owned the Linda House Karaoke & Gift Shop in Garapan.

Besides the 60 year jail term, the maximum penalty for Wang's alleged offenses includes over \$110,000 in fines.

Victims' rights group helps out on Guam

By Maxine Hillary
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — As the War on Ice Seminar goes into its last day, emphasis is placed on ice, what it does to the user, what can happen if one is found with it and a variety of other information.

On a small table in the area just outside the break-away rooms, brochures and flyers entice passers by to pay attention to the victims of crimes perpetrated by ice users and others.

Lt. Josephine Fernandez of the Guam Police Department heads up the Victims Assistance Unit, recently re-named the "Erica and Christina Victim's Assistance Unit."

Says Fernandez, "Erica (Crisostomo) and Christina (San Nicolas) were both victims of crimes perpetrated on them by family members."

Erica's father killed Erica and her mother before turning the gun on himself and Christina's father was charged with drowning her when he thought he might have made her pregnant."

Both of the highly publicized crimes spurred the Governor to re-name the unit after the two girls.

Fernandez' unit acts as a liaison between crime victims and those who can help them out. "Our mission is to assist victims and family members by providing information. We're a liaison between the police and other service providers." She cites the example of a man who has lost a car to theft.

"When he calls to find out what's going on with his case, we put him in touch with the unit investigating the crime. But we are short of manpower so sometimes it takes a long time for the victim to get the information needed, so we assist in following up."

Fernandez unit works closely with VARO or Victim Advocates

Reaching Out. VARO's mission statement reads, "...to not only respond to all victims of violent crime and trauma but also to elevate the stature of women and children on our island, those most often victimized by physical and sexual abuse."

The part about victimization via physical and sexual abuse stands as paramount in the services VARO offers. VARO workers are dispatched through a crisis intervention line where callers can call in 24 hours a day.

VARO can connect a battered woman with a shelter, medical, legal, psychological and financial help and other resources she may need to disconnect with her abusive partner. VARO goes as far as to assert to women in their information just exactly what domestic violence is.

"Are you Abused?" reads the headline on the beige colored page. "Does the person you love criticize you for little things? Humiliate you in front of others? Threaten or use a weapon against you?"

The list goes on to include tracking an individual's time, discouraging relationships with friends and family, accusing the woman of being unfaithful. Other flyers talk about how to get away from an abusive relationship — what steps to take and how to help friends and relatives who may be experiencing violence at home.

Fernandez says that her unit works often with VARO especially in concealing the identities and whereabouts of people who fear reprisals.

The increase in drug use on island has kept both her unit and the victim's agency busy.

"We've worked with over 216 cases since March," Fernandez' unit and VARO also work with victims of sexual violence, elder abuse and other crimes on the island.

DOLI warns against 'illegal wage policy'

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE DEPARTMENT of Labor Immigration has warned a private firm for allegedly practicing illegal wage payment policy to its employees.

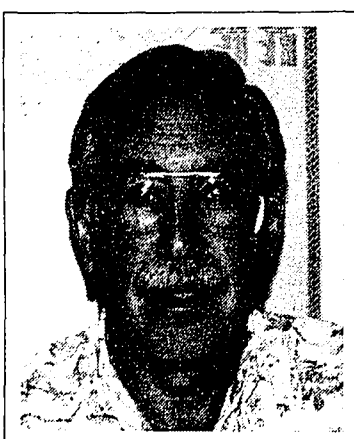
Labor Hearing Officer Herbert D. Soll ordered Mai Thai Inc. to immediately correct such payment policy in connection with a labor complaint filed by Sunisa Boonprakob.

Soll, however, did not impose sanction against MTI, but asked the company to remain in compliance or risk an accelerated penalty if future violations are found.

Soll in an administrative order dismissed Boonprakob's complaint against MTI, citing that the claim has been satisfied.

The hearing was set last Aug. 13 at DOLI's office. The formal proceeding did not begin because the complainant accepted the wage offer that was earlier tendered at the time of mediation.

Soll said MTI admitted the investigator's determination about improper method of payment.



Herbert D. Soll

The hearing officer said MTI demonstrated that the firm is now in compliance with the legally required method of paying wages.

Boonprakob was declared eligible for transfer and was given 30 days to come forward with an employer.

"Failure to transfer shall cause the complainant to depart within three days with the repatriation ticket now in the possession of the case investigator," Soll said.

Olopai: Keep off Aghurubw site

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NMHC intensifies collection efforts



Marylou Ada

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
THE NORTHERN Marianas Housing Corporation has intensified its collection efforts against delinquent housing tenants, according to NMHC director Marylou Ada.

Ada said the NMHC staff are more active now in collecting rents and engaging in meetings with tenants to stress the need in complying with the lease agreement.

NMHC staff have reminded the tenants to be good tenants by paying their rent regularly, said Ada in an interview.

"It's another way of teaching them that when you go out into the real world and you rent a house or get a loan one of the responsibilities is that you have

to pay," she said.

The housing agency has no problem in its collection efforts because the tenants have been very cooperative, said Ada, citing that NMHC has only an estimated \$16,000 in unpaid rents from out of 177 tenants at the Section 8 housing project.

NMHC's accounting division has been sending the billings to collect back rents from tenants who have moved out from the Section 8 program.

"They (some tenants) are still owing NMHC money for their share of their rentals. So we are suing them to collect those uncollected or unpaid outstanding obligations from the tenants who moved out," she said.

Most of the delinquency now, Ada said, is attributed to tenants who moved out and have unsettled accounts with NMHC. "Our housing specialists are very much active in trying to collect. And we are sending out a message that if you do not maintain your rental payment then we will try to instigate legal actions," said the corporate director.

One of the objectives of living in a public housing, Ada said, is you have to be a good tenant by abiding to the terms and conditions of the lease agreement.



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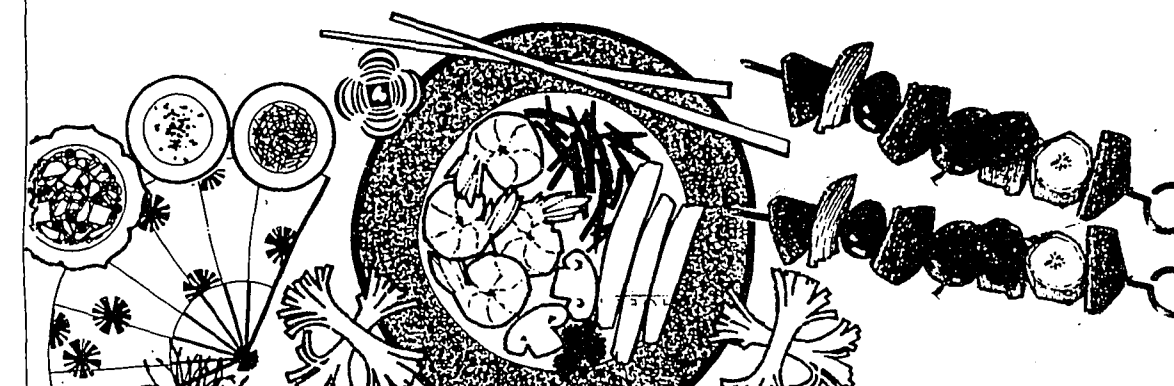
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1. That participants understand their professional role in child maltreatment (abuse and neglect) and adult sexual abuse in relationship to other disciplines;
2. That participants understand the multi-disciplinary investigation team model (MDIT);
3. That participants understand the sexual abuse response team (SART) model;
4. That participants and community leaders can explore the application of the multi-disciplinary model to their community.

The conference will train our caregivers, law enforcement officers, and other support agencies in how to effectively and appropriately deal with victims of child abuse and sexual abuse when it does happen through the following topics:

1. Medical Examinations and related topics;
2. Forensic Interviewing;
3. Child Protective Services (and related victim services); and
4. Law Enforcement and Prosecution.

The CNMI is involved in an on-going process of strengthening our community, connecting our families and protecting our children. Therefore, the conference will also serve to inform the public of the realities of child abuse and sexual assault. It is expected that CNMI leaders whom will lead the CNMI in the struggle to prevent sexual abuse and to ultimately eradicate it in our islands will be speaking at this conference. We are encouraging all members of families and communities which have been touched by sexual abuse or who are concerned about it to hear our leaders speak on Tuesday, September 01, 1998 at 8:00 am. at the Saipan Diamond Hotel.

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Decommissioning the USS Guam

By Kelly Fitzpatrick
Variety News Staff

NORFOLK, VA.—On August 25th of this year, the Norfolk Naval Yard will be the site of the decommissioning of the amphibious assault ship, USS Guam.

The decommissioning will prove a bittersweet event for her crew and for the more than 500 Navy and Marine veterans who comprise The USS Guam Association.

During thirty-three years of service, the USS Guam has been their home and their missions as diverse as recovering a Gemini space capsule to supporting Operation Desert Storm.

First commissioned January 16 of 1965, the Guam was named in honor of the island and people of Guam who fought alongside U.S. service personnel in Guam's liberation from Japanese Imperial forces in 1944.

The last of seven Iwo-Jima class ships named for the great amphibious assaults of the Pacific Campaign, the ship was the latest of three distinguished warships to carry her

proud name.

In the early 1920s, a gunboat deployed on Chinas' Yangtze River was christened the USS Guam. On December 7, 1941, this ship fell into enemy hands as Japanese forces overran the port city of Shanghai.

The absence of the island's name from the naval rolls was short-lived.

Four years later anew USS Guam steamed into history.

This time, rather than a small gunboat, she was the second largest battle cruiser in the U.S. Fleet when it entered the war in the South Pacific.

She served with distinction as the Allied Forces completed their sweeps through the region.

Today rumors persist that secreted away somewhere aboard the current USS Guam is a "time capsule" filled with information on the history of her predecessors and the hopes for her future.

The only man who would have known for sure was Captain Norman E. Thurman, a naval aviator who served as a dive bomber pilot in the Liberation

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Deadline today:

'No registration extension for Youth Congress vote'

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

DESPITE low participation of youths aged 14 to 21, there will be no extension for the Youth Congress registrations which ends today, according to Rep. Ana Sablan Teregeyo. She added that all proceedings will push through as planned.

The three-month voters' registration started on May 21. Out of the 2,500 expected registrants in the CNMI, preliminary voters' list shows only approximately 300 participants from the precinct and school levels.

"The end of the registration period would be 30 days before the election so the deadline for the registration will be on the 21st. We will not extend the registration," Teregeyo told the Variety.

Petitions for candidacy will be on September 14, while the elec-



Ana S. Teregeyo

tions will be held on September 21.

"There are only 30 days between Aug. 21 and Sep. 21, and so we need to move on. We need time to prepare ourselves for the elections," she said.

Rosemond Santos, Youth Congress' acting programs coordina-

tor, also said the voters' list will definitely increase on the last day of registrations today.

She added that Mt. Carmel School, the only school which submitted a preliminary list to the Youth Congress Office, has close to a hundred registrants. The registrations at the Northern Marianas College is also a bit slow, with a little over 100 participants so far.

Teregeyo said the final list of registrants will be known next week as soon as all the precincts and schools submit their list, including the Rota and Tinian precincts.

The legislator is also optimistic that last minute registrations in the school level will boost the list of registrants.

"The schools will be coming in with all their registrations next week. Some of the schools opened up by middle of August so we're giving them time to prepare all the registrations and submit them next week," said Teregeyo.

Teregeyo is also calling on all the youths to register today.

The CNMI Youth Congress was created to give young ones the opportunity to voice and act on their concerns which affect them directly.

Elected officers will be called senators, and will be allowed to pass legislations. They will be supervised by the Legislature's legislative bureau.

The government has also appropriated \$100,000 for the Youth Congress activities. Each youth senator will be compensated \$25 for each regular session they attend.



A young campaigner flashes a poster of his candidate for Youth Congress during a campaign sortie at the Microl Intersection earlier this week.
Photo by Haidee V. Eugenio

Villagomez to CPA, DEQ, DPW on dump:

'Get your acts together'

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

TIMOTHY Villagomez, official of the Administration's task force on solid waste management, is asking the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA),

the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to get their acts together on the Puerto Rico dump problem.

"I still insist," said Villagomez in an interview,

"that CPA, DEQ, and DPW should get together and see how to resolve some of the imminent dangers right now that is facing Puerto Rico."

CPA has reportedly issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on



Timothy Villagomez

CPA to dump the remaining 30,000 cubic yards at Puerto Rico.

"I am glad that CPA is realizing that there is no room for dredged materials there (Puerto Rico)," said Villagomez.

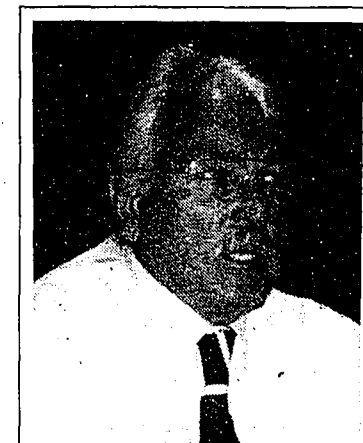
"It is creating a nightmare for DPW," he added.

DEQ has however said there are still no immediate plans for moving what have already been dumped over the Puerto Rico to the Marpi site.

Concerns are mounting that, with the onset of the typhoon season, the dredged materials that have piled up at Puerto Rico could cause mud slides.

The CPA, according to DEQ, is taking measures to stabilize the dump's slope in the hope that such could hold off a mud slide.

These include placing boulders by the dump's feet, cutting a shelf, and planting vegetation.



Alex R. Munson

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE US District Court has set for Oct. 23 this year the hearing on the taxpayer's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the CNMI Senate apportionment.

Judge Alex R. Munson, in an order issued Wednesday, said that pursuant to an agreement by the parties in the case, the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and all other pending motions will be heard.

Because of the importance of the case, a three-judge court will preside over the matter.

The Variety gathered that 9th Circuit Judge J. Clifford Wallace and Guam Judge John Unpingco will join Judge Munson in deciding the case.

Lawyer Jeanne Rayphand and former congressman Stanley Torres, sued the Board of Elections, asking the fed-

Nutrition week at Oleai School

OLEAI Elementary School will be having its Nutrition Week program slated on August 31.

The opening ceremonies for the 1st Annual Nutrition Week will start at 8 in the morning. Some dignitaries are expected to grace the event.

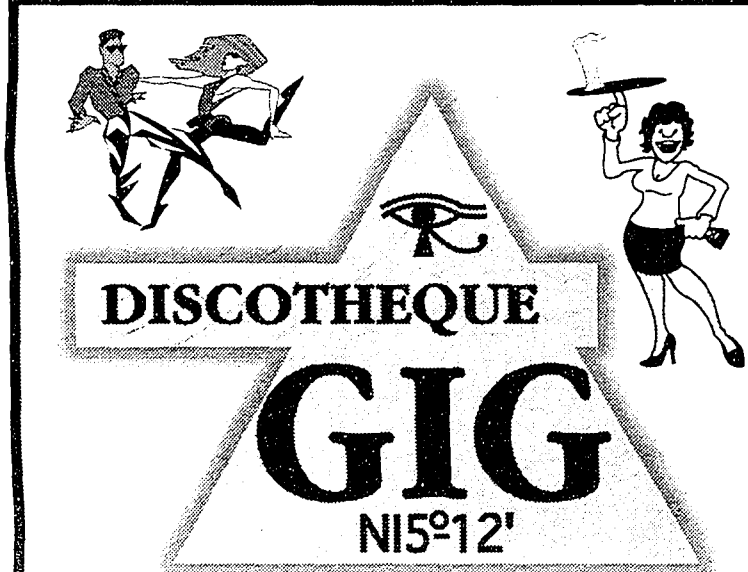
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Stiffer fines for breaking lifeguard law

By Haidee V. Eugenio
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AFTER signing into law the "Lifeguard Act of 1998," Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has also sought a higher penalty for each violation.

"The current penalty is \$100 for each violation, which has not been increased since it became law during the Mariana Islands District Legislature," said Tenorio in his letter to House Speaker Diego T.

Benavente and Senate Pres. Paul A. Mangiona.

The newly-enacted Public Law 11-26 amends certain provisions of the constitution, particularly the sections on "Lifeguards on Beachfront and at Pools" which was enacted during the Trust Territory Administration.

It added that the old statute is already outdated and no longer meets the needs of the CNMI's dynamic, growing

tourism sector.

"An update on these old provisions is needed to ensure that all lifeguards are certified with newer requirements and guidelines in their field of work..." it said.

PL 11-26 also defines "qualified lifeguard" as a person who holds a certificate from organizations or agencies approved by the CNMI government to administer a lifeguard training program, to guarantee that he or she is qualified to save lives of persons who are in the water and need help.

These agencies include either the Public School System or the Northern Marianas Col-

lege, as well as the American Red Cross, YMCA, US Lifesavers Association, Hawaii State Life Guard Association, Ellis & Associates, Canadian Lifeguard Society and Australia Lifeguard Association.

The said law also mandates all hotels using swimming pools for commercial and recreational purposes to employ a qualified lifeguard.

It, however, said that a lifeguard need not be on duty during any period of the day so long as warning signs are prominently placed, notifying potential users of the hours that the pool is either open or closed for swimmers, and that no lifeguard is on duty.



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Manibusan vows to expedite cases

White moves to eject media from meeting, fails



Michael White

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan yesterday assured members of the local bar association that the court will be more efficient in the handling of cases and appeals, and in issuing decisions.

Manibusan, who was the guest speaker in the bar association's membership meeting, said there won't be "a lot of changes" in the Superior Court, but added

that there are "a lot of plans for the future."

Among them, a dress code policy for attorneys during court hearings, the hiring of a law librarian, and the Superior Court's moving into Guma Hustisia, possibly in November, Manibusan said.

He said the planned relocation will be a "long and tedious process" but the court "will do everything" to expedite it.

At the same time, he added, lawyers should "bear with the court" for the next two weeks during which the calendar of cases will be "set straight."

During the meeting, it was announced that Rex Kosack, Kevin Lynch and former lieutenant governor Jesus C. Borja were elected to serve as the new members of the disciplinary committee.

The media, however, would not have been allowed to cover

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Study on pollution causes on

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is embarking on a series of studies meant to determine pollution sources at the island's beaches.

These, according to Susan Burr, DEQ marine biologist, include at least two projects involving the area around the Mt. Tapuchao watershed which runs from Tanapag to the Quartermaster Road in Garapan.

"We are looking at that sec-

tion of the land and we are going to do a couple of different projects to try and solve the pollution problem," said Burr.

Another study, she said, involves the construction of a wetland by the stream that runs through the American Memorial Park and empties out into Micro Beach.

"We are going to treat the run off water before it gets to the ocean by letting it settle and then let the plants absorb some of the (pollution causing organ-

isms)," explained Burr.

Burr said DEQ will likewise conduct a separate study in the area by the drainage next to the Dai Ichi Hotel "to figure out... the sources of pollution and the contributors."

Burr said they will specifically look into the Garapan "lift station" to determine how often it fails to pump water and overflows.

The station is supposed to send drainage water into a treatment facility in Sadog Tasi.

The drainage by the Dai Ichi Hotel, according to DEQ, has failed to pass routine water quality tests more than ten times in 1997 and this year.

Burr said DEQ may have to station a staff there at night "to see if anyone is dumping anything."

With concerns being raised

on the cleanliness of the island's beaches, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) have earlier announced plans to seek audience with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and ask him to declare a state of emergency.

DEQ: Overhaul of Garapan's drainage system being eyed

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

SPECIALISTS are eyeing the possibility of having Garapan's drainage system overhauled to prevent waste water from spilling into the beaches, according to the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Such approach, DEQ Laboratory Supervisor Kathy Yuknavage however stressed, may only be applied if it is eventually established that pollution source of the drainage ditches can not be determined accurately.

"If we find... that there will

always be a non-point source pollution going to these drainage ditches, then we are going to have to design the drainage ditches in a different manner so that it don't shoot water right out to the marine environment," said Yuknavage.

She said such may include a catchment basin through engineering control.

Yuknavage however said the measure is costly.

"When you put an engineering control, that's very expensive," said Yuknavage.

"The Department of Public Work will have to get money to

solve the problem... it will cost money," she added. "Solutions are always pretty expensive."

Officials concede that there will always be the threat of pollution at Garapan's beaches considering the area's high population density.

Yuknavage has said Garapan is "notorious" for sewage overflows.

Concerns are now being raised by members of the tourism industry on the state of Saipan's beaches.

Last week, David M. Sablan, Board Chair of the Marianas

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Audit faults Marshalls spending

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

Majuro — The Marshall Islands government issued checks totalling more than \$500,000 last year without proper documentation or authorization, according to an independent audit by Deloitte and Touche.

In addition, for the fifth year in a row, the audit warned the government that it did not have adequate control over petty cash funds at its embassies totalling more than \$280,000.

The annual audit of the Marshall Islands government, submitted earlier this week to the Nitijela (parliament), said that during fiscal year 1997:

- checks totalling more than \$242,000 (including one check for \$21,047) did not have valid purchase requisitions, purchase orders or supporting invoices;
- there was no supporting documentation for four checks totalling

more than \$27,000;

- \$134,109 was spent on government work related to the Marshall Islands effort to gain increased compensation from the US for nuclear test damages, but there were no authorized purchase orders for the expenditures, only vendor statements or copies of invoices;
- a special bank account was established for funeral expenses of the late President Amata Kabua. A disbursement of \$75,000 was made, pursuant to a cabinet minute, but no supporting documentation was made available to justify the transactions in this account;
- a separate bank account was set up through the Ministry of Resources and Development for a Biodiversity Project grant from the United Nations Development Program, from which a payment of \$34,500 was made.

No documentation was available explaining transactions in this account.

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The embassy petty cash funds totalled \$283,314 in FY1997 (with the largest in the Japan Embassy of

\$100,000), but "no petty cash or bank reconciliations were made available with respect to any of these accounts," the audit reported.

The audit recommended that Finance together with Ministry of Foreign Affairs direct all embassies to submit reconciliations on a monthly basis.

Deloitte and Touche said that this same problem of lack of petty cash

and bank reconciliations for petty cash funds at Marshall Islands embassies and consulates has been reported in audits every year since 1993.

The current audit identified 44 problem areas with recommendations, all but one of which the Ministry of Finance agreed with and said that action was underway to make the required changes in procedure.

Of 45 internal control and audit compliance problems identified in last year's audit, the Ministry of Finance corrected only six, Deloitte and Touche said in the current audit.

2 shot in Agat

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
Variety News Staff

Agat, Guam — Two people were shot in the Pagachao subdivision in Agat Wednesday afternoon.

Darlene Augon, 22 and Rolando Cabial, 24, both from Agat, drove to a neighbors house to call the Guam Police Department, after sustaining gunshot wounds.

According to PIO Larry Flores, of GPD, Augon received a gunshot wound to her left shoulder.

She was transported to Naval Hospital, then later was taken to Guam Memorial Hospital, where she is listed in stable condition.

Cabial was shot in the chest. He was taken to Naval Hospital, where he underwent surgery. He is listed in serious condition.

A 22-year-old Agat man was arrested near the scene of the crime which occurred on Mike Cruz St.

Police later discovered that the man they arrested a, Nemesio Mallo Franciliso, got into a verbal argument with Cabial, where he ended up shooting the pair.

Franciliso has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, possession of a firearm without an identification card, possession of a unregistered firearm, unlawful discharge of a firearm, family violence, and the use of a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

The case is still under investigation, he was booked and confined.

RP's peso stronger, stocks rally

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine shares finished higher Thursday as investors continued buying stocks on the back of an advancing peso and other regional currencies, traders said.

Preliminary figures showed the Philippine Stock Exchange index of 30 selected stocks increased 26.34 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,390.93 after gaining 41.42 points Wednesday.

The broader All Shares Index gained 10.79 points to 446.39 after advancing 6.12 points the previous day. Gainers beat losers 69 to 24, while 30 issues were unchanged.

The Philippine peso advanced against the dollar in moderate trading, buoyed by the continued strength of the Japanese yen, traders said.

Sufficient supply of dollars on the spot market is also boosting the peso, with most banks willing to sell dollars in anticipation of a further rise in the local currency.

FSM's Nena next SPF head

PALIKIR (Pacnews) — The President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Jacob Nena was Wednesday briefed on Forum activities by the Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat, Noel Levi during a meeting in the FSM national capital, Palikir.

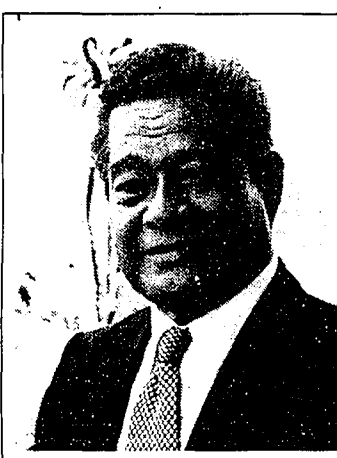
President Nena is the incoming Chair of the South Pacific Forum which will hold its 29th annual Forum Leaders summit in Palikir next week.

Levi arrived in the FSM Wednesday for the latest in a series of visits to member states since taking up his appointment earlier this year, and will stay on for the Forum and associated meetings.

During their discussions, Levi outlined Forum activities over recent years and briefed President Nena on a number of regional issues that are of interest to the 16 Forum member states, in areas such as economic development, structural reforms, trade and investment and political and international affairs.

Levi says such issues will be the focus of Forum Leaders next week who will help to guide both the Secretariat's 1999 Work Programme as well as the region's response to social, economic and environmental challenges facing our part of the world.

The current Chair of the Fo-



Jacob Nena

rum is Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Sir Geoffrey Henry, who will hand over the Chairmanship during the Official Opening ceremonies for the 29th Forum meeting on Monday 24 August.

Forum-related discussions began on Thursday and Friday this week when the Forum Officials Committee, comprising senior representatives from the member states, meet to discuss issues on the formal agenda.

The Committee will report to the Forum Leaders who will meet next Monday and Tuesday to agree on a 1998 Forum Communiqué.

Following the Leaders Summit, the Post Forum Dialogues will be held at ministerial-level with the nine Dialogue Partners - Canada,

European Union, Peoples Republic of China, France, Republic of Korea, Japan, Malaysia, United Kingdom

and the United States.

The Post Forum Dialogues, set for Thursday and Friday next week are

the main consultative vehicle for multi-lateral assistance between the Forum and the nine Partners.

1998 Maga'lahi Art Awards

Extension on Nominations

The Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency has extended its deadline for submission of the nominations for the 1998 Maga'lahi Art Awards. The Public is invited to submit their nominations by August 31, 1998 for the categories for the overall excellence in the arts:

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IFB98-011

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bid from interested firms for the procurement of Food and Non Food Items for SY 1998-99 for the Food Services Program on the Island of Tinian. All items to be procured must be delivered CIF Tinian Public School System Kitchen Facility, San Jose Village, Tinian, MP. Specification are now available and can be obtained at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, during regular working hours, Monday through Friday except Holidays.

All bid submission must be submitted in duplicate and sealed in an envelope and facemarked "IFB98-011" and submitted to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., August 31, 1998, at which time, date, and place, all bids will be opened and read aloud. Late submission of bids will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject any or all awards if to do so is to the best interest of the Public School System. All inquiries to this bid announcement may contact Jess Sanchez or Mrs. Tina Pham-Goodwin at the Food Services Program at telephone number 664-3706/9/18 or by fax at fax# 664-3717.

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

/s/Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

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INVITATION FOR BID

BID #ITB98-0071

The CNMI Public School System through the CNMI Procurement & Supply is soliciting for competitive sealed bidding for the renovation of Oloai Elementary School classroom. Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the CNMI Procurement & Supply Office situated at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., September 04, 1998 at which time, date, and place, all bids will be opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or other forms acceptable by the Public School System made payable to the PPS Treasurer, CNMI Public School System, 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his/her business license in compliance to the contractor's registration and licensing law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bid documents are now available at the Public School System Procurement Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$50.00 is required for each set. A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 19, 1998, in front of the Oloai Elementary School Administration Office, San Jose Village, Saipan, MP. All prospective bidders are requested to submit all questions pertaining to the specifications two days prior to the pre-bid conference and submitted directly to Katherine Ladouls, Public School System Facility Specialist, 4th floor Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan or fax to 664-3737 Attn: Katherine Ladouls and may be contacted at telephone number 664-3788.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards provisions for wage rate determination of the CNMI Classification and Structure Plans and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth. The documents received shall be the sole property of the CNMI Public School System. Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specification "Instruction to Bidders" Page 1-2, paragraph No. 5, Bid Guarantee.

The Public School System through the CNMI Procurement & Supply reserves the right to reject any or all bid if to do so is to the best interest of the Public School System.

/s/Heiman S. Sablan
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Elsewhere in the Pacific

American Samoan governor told: 'Quit or be impeached'

PAGO PAGO (Pacnews)—There's been a call for American Samoa's governor Tauese Sunia to resign from office or face impeachment.

The call comes from Ma'uputasi Representative Muavaafaatasi Ae Ae Jr. who says there's enough evidence gathered by the House Investigative Com-

mittee to show that the governor misappropriated government funds and abused his authority as chief executive.

Muavaafaatasi pointed to the \$US10,000 that Mr Sunia collected from fuel tax revenues last year to pay his personal credit card.

He also noted the almost

\$US150,000 that was paid to the governor and his wife between January 1997 and July of this year, is evidence that the governor misappropriated funds and is using the office of the governor for his personal gain.

The \$10,000 which the governor used to pay his credit card has since been paid back by him to Treasury.

Solomons asks war wreck clean-up

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands has requested a world conference that the clean up of World War Two wreckage be included in its final declaration.

The Declaration calls for promoting humanitarian activities aimed at banning land mines and increasing awareness among children and youth in countries

affected by anti-personnel land mines.

The request was made by the Minister of State, Alfred Sasako at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth held recently in Portugal.

Sasako said the declaration is too narrow and does not take into account the threat to the environment from relics of other wars.

He said the declaration should be expanded to recognize countries such as Solomon Islands where war relics are threatening to pollute its environment and marine resources.

The World Conference ended without adopting what was to have been known as the Lisbon Declaration after objections by Germany and the United States.

New UNDP regional rep visits

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—The United Nations Development Programme's new regional representative, Romulo Garcia says UNDP's pleased to be spearheading the governance programme in Vanuatu.

Garcia who presented his letter

of introduction to prime minister Donald Kalpokas today says that together with the International Labour Organisation, UNDP is engaged in certain alternative employment training programmes in different countries.

Kalpokas told Mr Garcia that Vanuatu is very grateful to UNDP and other UN agencies, both for their assistance regionally and to Vanuatu.

Garcia who's based in Suva, replaces former UN regional representative Somsey Norindri.

Faleomavaega is up for reelection again

PAGO PAGO (Pacnews)—American Samoa's Congressman, Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin has officially declared his intention to run for re-election to the United States House of Representatives in the November general elections.

The congressman announced his intention in a radio announcement yesterday.

He says he would like to continue to serve the people of American Samoa and represent their interests in the nation's capital.

Faleomavaega, who is serving his fifth term, as American Samoa's non voting delegate to the United States Congress, is the



Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin

first candidate to announce his candidacy for the congressional seat.

Vanuatu to host annual ombudsman conference

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—Vanuatu will host the 17th annual Australasian and Pacific ombudsman region conference to begin in Port Vila from August 23-26.

Hosted and chaired by Vanuatu's ombudsman, the conference will focus on the theme "The Role of the Ombudsman in Furthering the Principles of Good Governance and Curbing Mal-administration and Corruption."

The conference will also discuss some human rights issues within the region.

Delegates are arriving from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Macau and Japan.

Delegates from Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu will attend as observers.

The conference funding is being assisted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Human Rights Project Fund through the British High Commission in Port Vila.

The observer delegates will be partly funded by the Papua New Guinea office of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

Economic officials:

Little chance of deflation in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Two Japanese economic officials on Wednesday downplayed fears that the recession-bound country was headed towards a devastating round of deflation.

The head of Japan's Economic Planning Agency, Taichi Sakaiya, said prices may drop, but the trend was not out of control.

"I can't say there is no risk at all of deflation, but the economy isn't in a deflationary spiral now," he told Parliament.

Some economists fear that stagnant consumption in Japan could lead to price slashing. That in turn could reduce production, bring layoffs and further depress con-

sumption in a dangerous cycle.

Also speaking in Parliament, Bank of Japan Governor Masaru Hayami also said that the Japanese economy will likely avoid falling into a deflationary spiral.

"As the impact of the government economic package begins to be felt, ... the risk of a deflationary spiral will likely be avoided," Hayami said, referring to proposed tax-cuts and spending measures aimed at spurring consumption.

Sakaiya also said the government should not prop up stock and land prices.

"It's undesirable, considering the working of the free market economy, to intentionally and as stock prices to rise," he said, a matter of policy cause land and

11 kids fall sick after eating at McDonald's in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP)—Eleven children came down with food poisoning after eating at a McDonald's restaurant in Singapore, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

About 130 students of Singapore's Khen Cheng Primary School on Tuesday had lunch at a McDonald's, after a trip to Singapore's East Coast Park, The Straits Times said.

An hour after a meal of french fries and burgers, seven girls and four boys complained of stomach pain and vomiting. They were taken to a hospital, and released to home care several hours later.

McDonald's director of operations, Davy Wee, said the company is investigating this "isolated incident," The Straits Times said.

Troubled firm has its ships stranded in Asia

SINGAPORE (AP)—Five ships of a financially troubled Singapore company have been stranded in ports in Japan, India and Indonesia, unable to pay salaries or port duties, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The vessels belonging to Thon Soon Shipping have been detained, some since June, over disputes over cargo, unpaid crew salaries and repair and port bills, The Straits Times said.

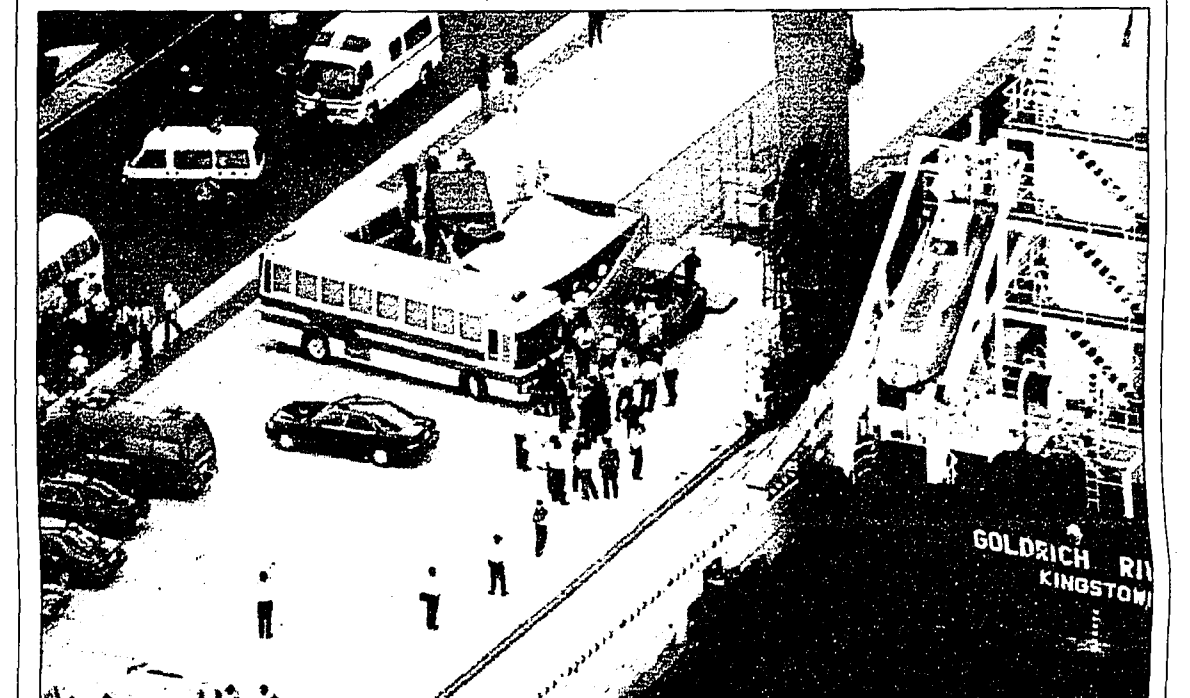
The troubles for the Singapore shipping firm started last May when its parent company, Thong Soon Holding, was reported to have debts exceeding 55 million Singapore dollars (\$32 million), while its net assets were estimated at less than 30 million Singapore dollars (\$17 million).

The company's appeal last May for protection from creditors was rejected, leaving the fate of five of its ships uncertain.

The number of crew members on board and their nationalities are unknown, the Straits Times said.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has been involved in negotiations among the ship owner, local port authorities, cargo owners and crew.

Botched illegal entry to Japan



Police and Maritime Safety Agency officers crowd around a blue sheet-covered container in which eight Chinese were found dead of dehydration and other eight hiding at Tokyo's Oi Pier Monday. Sixteen stowaways were in the container aboard the 2,900-ton Goldrich River, a freighter which left Chinese port of Dalian Thursday. AP

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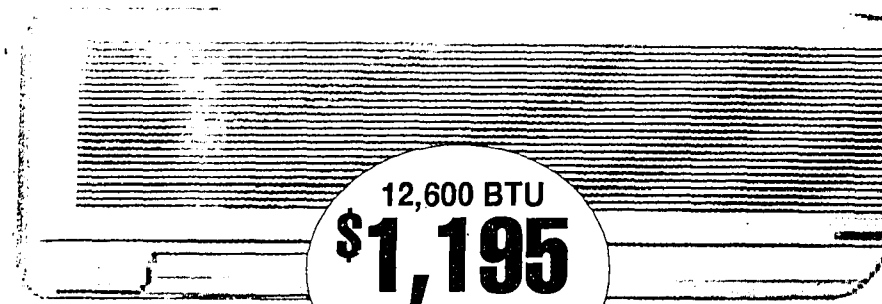
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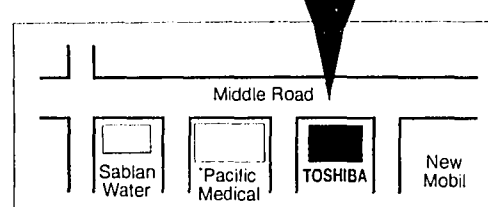
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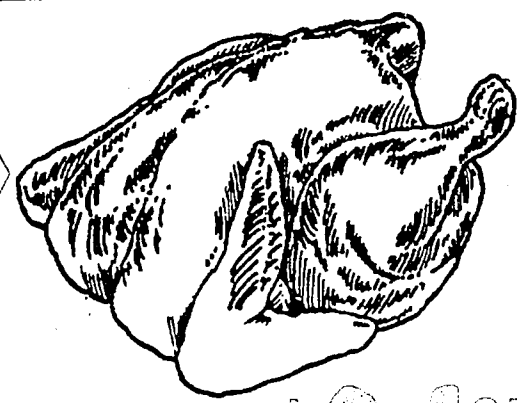
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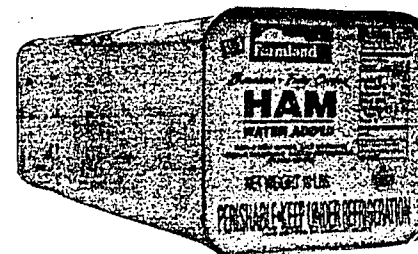
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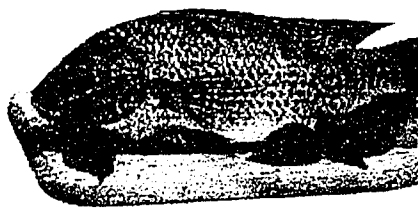
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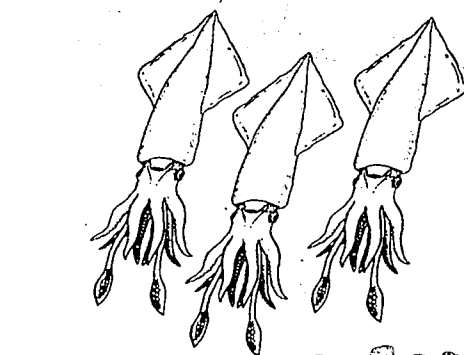
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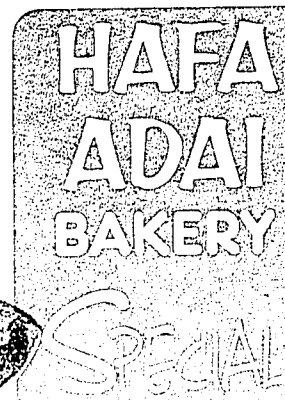
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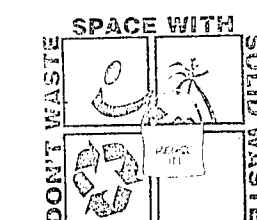
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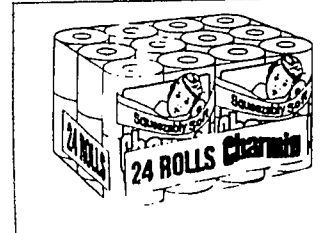
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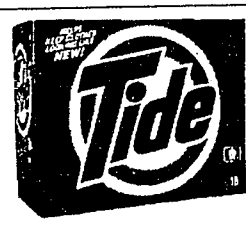
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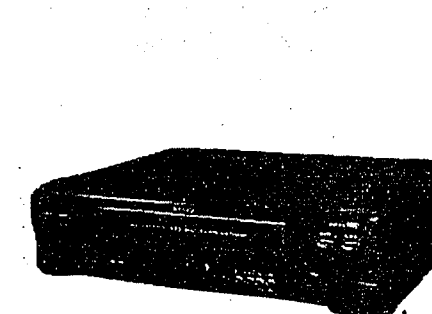
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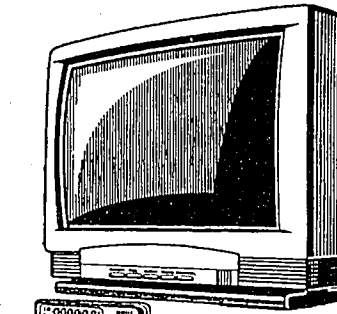
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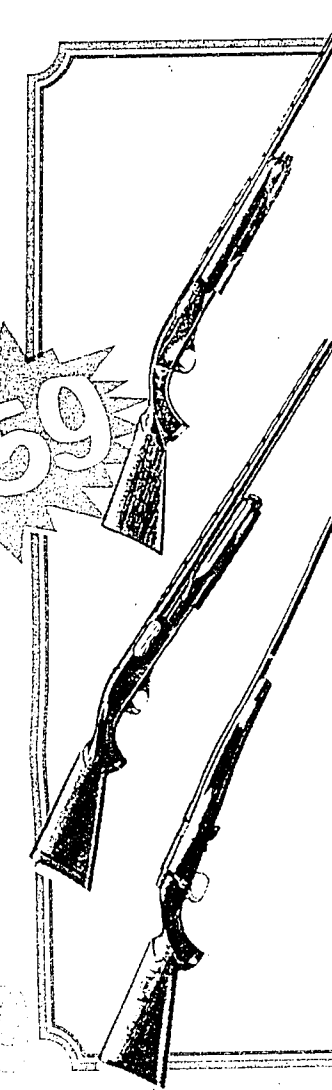


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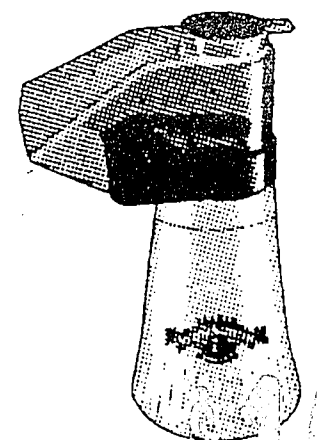
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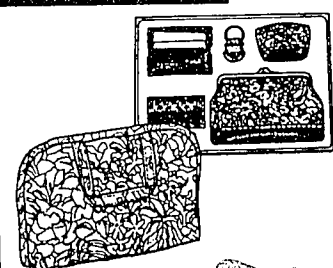
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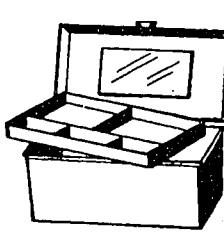
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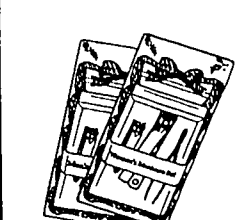
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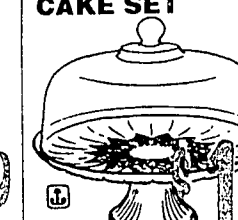
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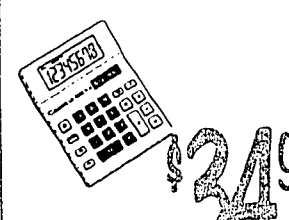
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Japan opposition vow flexibility on reform

TOKYO (AP) — A top official of Japan's largest opposition party offered Wednesday to be flexible on crucial financial reform legislation — but only if the ruling party makes concessions first.

Yukio Hatoyama, deputy secretary general of the Democratic Party of Japan, urged the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to be more aggressive on financial system restructuring.

In a luncheon speech, Hatoyama called for deeper disclosure of bank finances and penalizing managers of failed financial institutions for missteps.

"When and if the government shows flexibility in adopting all of the above in principle, I believe the DPJ will adopt a flexible response," Hatoyama said.

Parliament is now considering a package of bills proposed

by Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi's government aimed at cleaning up Japan's massive bad loan problem.

The opposition, however, has threatened to block the measures unless they are strengthened.

Hatoyama said that the government did not seem to be headed for stronger measures to clear up the banking mess, pointing to comments by Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa that he would not allow any of Japan's top 19 banks to fail.

"It is clear that the LDP, the Finance Ministry and banks continue to maintain their secretive system," Hatoyama said.

Debate on the six financial bills being discussed in parliament has been rancorous in recent days, as the opposition party has stuck by its stance that the bills don't go far

enough.

At the center of the government's banking plan is a "bridge bank" proposal to allow the government to use public funds to take over failed banks and keep them lending to healthy corporate customers for up to five years while buyers for the institutions were sought.

The opposition's plan is similar, but the Democratic Party says it would be faster and more aggressive in closing insolvent banks.

Hatoyama offered the DPJ's plan of temporarily nationalizing failed banks as a more stable alternative to the government's proposal.

Thai Central Bank to settle debts by this month

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)

— The Bank of Thailand will settle by the end of August the last \$1 billion of offshore debt it accumulated during last year's failed defense of the country's currency, the central bank governor said Wednesday.

The previous central bank administration squandered nearly all of the country's foreign reserves defending the currency, the baht, from repeated attacks by speculators.

That forced the government to unmoor the baht from its fixed exchange rate and let it float, a de facto devaluation.

The move touched off a regional economic crisis and forced Thailand to accept a \$17.2 billion rescue package from the International Monetary Fund.

As of Aug. 7, the central bank still had \$11.3 billion in forward obligations, most in onshore markets, out of more than \$23 billion built up in the failed defense of the baht.

The baht has dropped 37.8 percent against the dollar since the central bank abandoned a basket-pegged exchange mechanism on July 2 last year.

The news helped the baht rise on Wednesday. Other factors that pushed the baht higher were the Japanese yen's rise against the dollar, and a statement by Standard and Poor's credit rating agency.

Standard and Poor's voiced support for the government's financial sector restructuring plan, and affirmed ratings on five state-owned or state-related institutions affected by the plan, dealers said.

At 11:58 a.m. (0358 GMT), the baht was trading at 41.59 to the dollar, up from 41.72 to the dollar at the close of Asian trading Tuesday.

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An East Timorese student wearing cloths with the words "referendum" wrapped around his head and face protests in front of the United Nations office in Jakarta Friday. AP

10 political prisoners freed in East Timor

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — The Indonesian government on Wednesday freed ten East Timorese political prisoners as part of an annual clemency to mark the country's independence day.

The ten were democracy activists who had been jailed for seeking independence for East Timor, a former Portuguese colony that was annexed by Indonesia in 1976.

Five of the prisoners — David Dias Ximenes, Salvador Da Silva, Gaspar Da Silva, Bobby Xaview Luis Pereira — had been held in Becora peni-

entiary in East Timor's capital of Dili.

They were released in a ceremony attended by the city's military chief Lt. Col. Endar Priyanto and chief prosecutor Musalolo Hendrik.

Pedro Da Luis, Moises Freitas Moreira and Marcelino Fragan were released from a prison in the coastal town of Baucau, east of Dili, Hendrik said.

Two other inmates — Manuel Da Silva and Aleixo S. Cortieral — were released from the Ermera prison, he said.

Wednesday's clemency left 89 political prisoners remaining in jails in East Timor, Hendrik said.

On Independence Day on Monday the government released 17 East Timorese prisoners and reduced the terms of 220 others.

The 1976 annexation of East Timor occurred a year after Indonesian troops intervened in a civil war that broke out during the last days of Portuguese colonial rule.

The United Nations, however, still consider Portugal the governing power of the territory.

Australia backs release of Gusmao

By ALAN THORNHILL
CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia backs the release by Indonesia of jailed East Timor independence leader Xanana Gusmao and a negoti-

ated settlement to end conflict in the disputed territory, Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Wednesday.

"We would favor the release of Xanana Gusmao in the con-

text of a process of reconciliation and settlement in East Timor," Downer said in an address to a human rights conference.

"Australia recognizes that Xanana Gusmao has a central role in the resolution of the East Timor issue."

Gusmao was arrested in 1992 for fighting against Indonesian control of East Timor. Under former President Suharto, Indonesia invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975 and annexed it a year later.

Australia is the only country to recognize Indonesian sovereignty over East Timor. The United Nation does not.

Downer said Australia supported a process of dialogue and reconciliation between the people of East Timor and the Indonesian government and "any process that would provide the East Timorese people with significantly greater say in the running of their own affairs."

He said Australia would accept any settlement to which both parties agreed.

Australia's ambassador to Indonesia John McCarthy had recently visited East Timor, and had spoken with Gusmao in the Jakarta jail in which he is being held to seek his views on the island's future, he said.

Gusmao remains in jail despite the recent release of hundreds of prisoners as part of Indonesia's independence day celebrations.

In an annual tradition, Indonesia freed dozens of prisoners nationwide and granted sentence reductions to others to mark independence day Monday. In East Timor, authorities freed 17 prisoners and cut the terms of 220 others, all of them criminals.

Gusmao was granted only a four-month reduction in his 20-year sentence.

UN report on Cambodia:

Polls marred by threats

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Scores of opposition members have been threatened or attacked by Cambodian strongman Hun Sen's forces since last month's elections, but there have been no confirmed political killings, a U.N. report said Wednesday.

The U.N.'s special representative for human rights in Cambodia said in the seven-page report that victims allied with the opposition have been threatened at gunpoint, had shots fired over their heads and been beaten.

But the report stated that the U.N. Human Rights Center "has not received a single report of killing showing possible political motives since the election" and most acts of intimidation appear to have been initiated at a local level.

In contrast, the office recorded at least 30 deaths alleged to be political killings in the weeks that led up to the parliamentary elections July 26. There was only enough evidence to support claims for about six to be considered political.



Hun Sen

Post-election intimidation "appears to have been ... the reassertion by local authorities of their authority and power after days of pre-election uncertainty, as well as a warning to their rivals in the community that they are now more vulnerable than ever."

Hun Sen's appeal Aug. 2 for his supporters to refrain from retribution was followed by a large drop in threats and other acts of intimidation, the report said.

Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party won a slight majority in National Assembly seats in the elec-

tion, but lacks the two-thirds majority required to form a government and is seeking allies among the opposition.

The main opposition parties, led by Prince Norodom

Ranariddh and Sam Rainsy, have refused to join a new government until their claims that Hun Sen won by massive fraud are investigated.

The elections came a year

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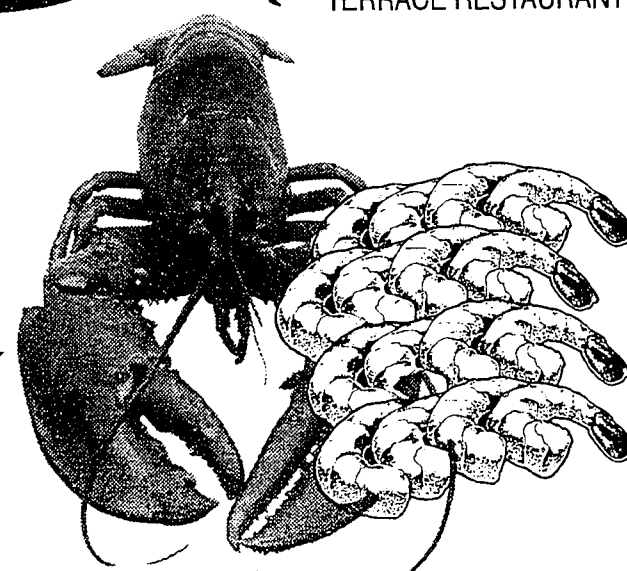


Cambodian anti-drug police pile up pieces of marijuana before a burning up at the Phnom Penh city dump Tuesday. Anti-drug police burned 3.6 tons of marijuana and called for the speedy trial of two Americans and four Thais arrested for their alleged involvement in trafficking the drugs. AP

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China Songhua River floods city

HARBIN, China (AP) — Soldiers bailed floodwater Wednesday that seeped through dikes protecting an industrial city, while oil workers in life jackets tried to keep partly submerged wells pumping in China's largest oil field.

The raging Songhua River punched through two 100-foot-long dikes in Harbin, forcing people protecting the dikes to flee and cutting traffic on a highway bridge in the northeast provincial capital of 9 million people, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

Unusually heavy seasonal rain has prompted the worst flooding in 44 years on central China's Yangtze River and potentially the worst in 50 years in the northeast.

More than 2,000 people have died nationwide, and economic losses total at least \$24.1 billion.

Flooding in the northeast also poses one of the severest economic risks. The Nen River threatens to overwhelm the Daqing oil field, which accounts for at least a third of the country's production.

More than 270,000 soldiers, oil workers and civilians have worked round-the-clock to keep the Nen back. Local officials interviewed by China Central Television said wells were continuing to pump oil. CCTV footage showed oil workers in blaze-orange life vests using boats to

repair and check wells.

A 9-mile-long dike, the last defense protecting Daqing city's 2.3 million people, was completed Tuesday.

In Harbin, soldiers guarded a 5-foot-high restraining wall of metal rods and wood planks built atop a 15-mile-long levee protecting the city. State television showed soldiers using shovels and wash basins to bail water leaking through the sandbag dikes.

More than 2 million soldiers, paramilitary police and reservists have been sent to reinforce levees and rescue civilians. Gen. Zhang Wannian called it "the largest military deployment" along the Yangtze since the 1945-49 civil war that brought the communists to power, Xinhua reported.

Military commanders sent 13,500 troops to help 30,000 soldiers shore up weakened dikes around three cities in the hard-hit Dongting Lake area, Xinhua said.

Although the sixth flood crest since early July passed through the region with no reported problems, the river has receded slowly and was likely to rise again. Xinhua said as much as 4 inches of rain hit cities upstream in Sichuan province on Wednesday.

Flooding also was severe in neighboring Jilin province, where floods drove nearly half of the 2 million people of

Baicheng city out of their homes this summer, and nearly half of Zhenlai County's 17 townships are under water, Xinhua reported.

The central government issued an urgent order Tuesday demanding that local governments stabilize prices of necessities and calling for punishment for hoarding. It said provincial governments could impose price ceilings

on food and materials for flood control and rebuilding.

Also Wednesday, Taiwan's pro-independence opposition party warned about possible price adjustments of agricultural products and other economic effects from China's flooding.

The party also called for financial assistance to Taiwanese businesses damaged in the flooding and expressed opposi-

tion to flood taxes levied by China's local governments on Taiwanese investments. Taiwanese investors have sunk \$30 billion into China.

Taiwan is the seat of the Nationalist government driven from the mainland by Communist forces in 1949. China considers Taiwan a renegade province, and the two governments do not recognize each other.



Chinese soldiers pile sandbags to fortify a dike near Tongling, central China, Tuesday. Chinese soldiers bailed flood waters that seeped through dikes protecting the industrial city Harbin on Wednesday. AP

US Congressional delegation:

2M died in N. Korea famine



Kim Uen Bok, 11, lies on a bed in unknown city in North Korea Saturday. Kim has lost a lot of weight eating "alternative foods" and now weighs just 15 kilograms (33 pounds). The photo was released in Beijing Wednesday from the International Relations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. AP

By John Leicester

BEIJING (AP) — Three years of famine in North Korea has killed up to 2 million people, U.S. congressional aides said Wednesday, describing children with stick-thin bodies and people making noodles from weeds, grasses and cornstalks.

The deaths most likely were from famine-related illnesses, such as pneumonia, tuberculosis and diarrhea, rather than starvation itself, said Mark Kirk, one of the bipartisan delegation's four members.

The group brought back video footage from the secretive communist country that showed sickly, emaciated children.

One young child too weak to sit up had to be propped up in the corner in an orphanage. Older children filmed during the delegation's weeklong visit appeared severely stunted by malnutrition.

To survive, North Koreans have been eating weeds, grasses and corn stalks that are mashed into powder and sometimes mixed with flour to

make noodles or cakes.

"The food shortage continues," Kirk said. "They are out of food. That's clear."

During the past three years, the famine has killed an estimated 300,000 to 800,000 people annually, with the number of deaths peaking in 1997, Kirk said. He said the figures came from U.S. government sources, refugees and North Korean exiles.

"Two million would be the highest possible estimate," Kirk said.

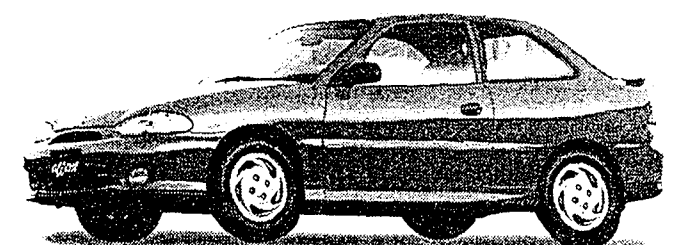
Last September, the Christian relief group World Vision also said that 1 to 2 million North Koreans may have died in "a full-scale famine."

The food shortages were precipitated by two years of flooding followed by a drought last year that pushed the country's inefficient collective farming system to the brink of collapse. The famine has left North Korea's 23 million people largely dependent on foreign aid. Foreign food aid is clearly sav-



Villagers search through debris to find their belongings outside the flood-collapsed house after returning their homes in Uijongbu, north of Seoul. AP

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Embassy security bill mulled

By Tom Raum
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is assembling a multibillion-dollar package of legislation to pay for rebuilding the two shattered U.S. embassies in Africa and to improve security at other outposts, administration and congressional officials said Wednesday.

The bill will become a top issue when Congress gets back

from its summer break. But already maneuvering is under way over its size and scope — and how it should be handled once it arrives in Congress.

No one is planning to play politics with the issue, Republicans say.

Congressional Democrats are wary, however, fearing that Republicans will try to take advantage of a politically weakened President Clinton to

try to couple the legislation with items from the GOP fall agenda.

Under one strategy, it could become linked with a GOP-sponsored provision imposing restrictions on how the 2000 census is conducted.

Administration officials initially put the price tag at \$1 billion. But congressional Democratic aides said the final figure could rise to as much



Standing in front of a crumbling wall of the bombed-out U.S. Embassy in Tanzania Tuesday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and U.S. State Department security attaché Pat Gallant hold up a poster declaring a reward of up to two-million dollars for information leading to the capture of any guilty parties involved in the August 6 bombings. AP

as \$5 billion or \$6 billion if extensive renovations at other U.S. embassies are included as well as reparations for African families.

There's a worldwide review of U.S. embassies to determine which ones are vulnerable and where renovations are needed, said one State Department official.

One installation being carefully looked at: a new embassy planned for Berlin. It would not meet the State Department's criteria for safety, including a 100-foot setback from the nearest street, if construction proceeds according to plans.

State Department spokesman Lee McClenny told reporters Wednesday he had no comment on the security review except to say

He said the review encompasses plans for the new embassy in Berlin. He acknowledged that it would be difficult — given the planned location of the embassy — for it to meet security standards adopted in 1986. He indicated that no decision has been made on how that problem will be resolved.

The \$140 million facility, to be built on a major thoroughfare near the Brandenburg Gate, is to be opened in 2000 after the seat of the German government moves from Bonn to Berlin.

During her visit to Africa on Tuesday, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the emergency legislation also would compensate families that "suffered irreparable harm."

Those remarks generated some surprise among congressional staffers dealing with the matter.

State Department officials said it was not known whether the initial package would also include such payments — or whether they would be part of a separate request.

Of the 257 people were killed Aug. 7 in bombings at

U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, just 12 were American — all killed in the more deadly Nairobi blast.

Many Africans have suggested U.S. indifference toward non-American victims.

The embassy legislation could either be a freestanding bill or attached to legislation already moving through Congress.

Aides to both House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Wednesday no decision has been made.

A possible vehicle: fiscal 1999 Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bills now before a House-Senate conference committee. But that legislation includes a House-passed Republican-sought provision that would restrict the ability of the Census Bureau to use statistical sampling procedures — like those used in polling — to account for people otherwise missed by census takers.

Clinton has repeatedly threatened to veto such restrictions, but that hasn't stopped Republicans from attaching them to measures he otherwise supports.

Disputes are also expected over whether more could have been done to prevent the blasts.

Spending for foreign affairs has been gradually declining in recent years — a decrease dramatized by the revelation that the State Department had turned down requests for the embassy in Kenya to be moved to a safer location, citing a shortage of money.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on terrorism, and Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., chairman of the Republican Task Force on Terrorism, along with other lawmakers, have suggested the bombings might have been prevented had Congress upgraded its intelligence operations.

BUCKLE-UP SAIPAN!

Delay: Clinton should resign

By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Newt Gingrich and fellow House Republican leaders talked by phone about GOP Whip Tom DeLay's call for President Clinton to resign, and no objections were raised, officials said Wednesday.

These officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said virtually all of a 15-minute conversation on Tuesday dealt with Clinton and fallout from his nationally televised address the night before.

While DeLay had asked for the



Tom DeLay

For Clinton, a quiet birthday with family

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ

EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts (AP) — President Clinton tallied the years — 52 this time — in a contemplative and muted birthday that held at least one stark reminder of the controversy back in Washington.

It was Vernon Jordan — golfing partner, political fix-it man and witness before the grand jury dissecting Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky. Jordan and his wife were having Clinton, the first lady and Chelsea to their Martha's Vineyard home for dinner and birthday presents.

With the investigation continuing, White House spokesman Mike McCurry dismissed any raised eyebrows about Wednesday's convergence of Clinton's legal problems and social life.

"He's spending his birthday evening with his friend. That's all I would read into that," McCurry said.

Another longtime Clinton friend, Carolyn Staley, guessed that the president was counting his blessings Wednesday — his family's and Jordan's enduring loyalty among them.

Clinton "treats birthdays like New Year's Day. They're a time to kind of do an accounting," Staley said in an interview.

The president slept late and took "Happy Birthday" calls from a few close relatives, McCurry said. The lone piece of business was his daily foreign-policy briefing via telephone call from National Security Council Adviser Sandy Berger.

By McCurry's account, the Clintons were nesting — hurting, maybe, but together. They shared a late breakfast, lunch and walks in the secluded tall grasses around Oyster Pond, where they are staying.

Staley and other friends dating back to Clinton's Arkansas boyhood speculated this birthday would be particularly sober, coming two days after he publicly apologized to his family for an inappropriate relationship with the young White House intern.

"It will be painful as he looks back over this year and tries to see how he could put it right," said Staley, who visited with the Clintons before his televised confession.

"He does believe in second, third and fourth chances. He wants to give himself today a fresh start."



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conference call before issuing his statement, the conversation actually took place a few minutes after aides had distributed it. Even so, none of the participants on the line raised complaints, according to several sources.

While most House Republicans have avoided making controver-

sial statements about Clinton in recent days, DeLay said Tuesday the president "should resign for the good of the country."

"Clearly, the president has done irreparable damage to the office of the presidency. More troubling, the president has lied to his family, his friends, his Cabinet, the Congress

and the American people," said DeLay.

He continued his campaign on Wednesday, at one point challenging a reporter's stated assumption that it was out of the question that Clinton would resign. "I think the mood of the nation is moving in that direction," he said.



A tight-lipped first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Clinton walk to their car after arriving in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Tuesday for their vacation. AP

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Written proposals must be submitted, unsealed, to the Division's Office located in the JTV Commercial Building, Ground Floor, As-Lito, Saipan, before the closed of business (4:30 P.M.) on or before August 31, 1998. The Division shall not accept any proposals after August 31, 1998.

This solicitation of written, open proposals for tourist related commercial operation on Managaha Island by the Division shall not be construed as a form of bid or request for proposal (sealed or opened). The Division shall accept any and all proposals in any format. Any and all submissions shall be accepted by the Division Solely for the purpose of evaluating the future use of Managaha Island with respect to operating or conducting a tourist related commercial business on Managaha Island.

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67M watched Clinton on TV

By David Bauder
NEW YORK (AP)—At least 67.6 million people in the United States tuned in to watch President Clinton's televised admission that he had a relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Sixty-nine percent of the nation's televisions in use at 10 p.m. on Monday were tuned into Clinton's speech, Nielsen Media Research said Wednesday.

Nielsen's estimate combines ratings from eight networks that aired the four-minute address. It does not include CNBC because Nielsen could not pinpoint that network's viewership during the speech itself.

Monday night's audience topped the 53.1 million viewers who watched



Bill Clinton

Clinton's State of the Union address in January during the week the Lewinsky scandal broke. But it was dwarfed by the 133 million TV viewers on the first night of the Gulf War



Monica Lewinsky

and the 95 million who watched O.J. Simpson's slow-speed car chase.

More households were tuned in to Clinton than were watching President Nixon deliver his resignation speech in 1974, although there are more television sets in the country now than 24 years ago.

NBC drew the highest ratings during Clinton's speech, with an estimated 21.7 million viewers watching. CBS had 18.8 million viewers, ABC had 13.4 million, CNN had 8.3

million, Fox had 3.4 million, MSNBC had 1.3 million, Fox News Channel had 643,000 and CNN Headline News had 463,000, according to Nielsen.

ABC's ratings suffered because it showed an exhibition football game until just before Clinton spoke. Both NBC and CBS ran news specials for at least 30 minutes prior to the speech.

But for the 20 minutes after the speech, when networks aired reaction and analysis, ABC's audience increased to 16 million. NBC remained first with 18.6 million and CBS had 13.7 million.

"We were happy with the fact that we gained audience, that people actually tuned to us and found us for analysis," ABC News spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said.

News networks also reached some historic highs: Fox News Channel had the most viewers since going on the air in October 1996, and CNN drew its highest ratings since the 1995 verdict in Simpson's criminal murder trial.

Meanwhile, a media watchdog group said the NBC, ABC and CBS evening news programs have aired a total of 703 stories on the Lewinsky scandal this year through Monday night.

That's more than double the number given to the year's second most-reported issue, the 338 stories devoted to the weapons inspection standoff in Iraq, said the Center for Media and Public Affairs in Washington.

All three networks have devoted more than six hours of evening news coverage to the story, with NBC narrowly logging the most time, the center said.

The Lewinsky scandal exceeded the networks' combined coverage this year of the Asian economic crisis, the United Auto Workers strike, nuclear testing by India and Pakistan, Northern Ireland peace talks, Clinton's trip to China, the pope's visit to Cuba, the Winter Olympics and Viagra, the center said.

Starr scores victory in court for Meineke

By Larry O'dell
RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Kenneth Starr won a \$390 million victory for a muffler chain Wednesday, two days after the independent counsel wrangled a confession from President Clinton that he had an inappropriate relationship with a White House intern.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals threw out a jury's verdict against Starr's client, Meineke Discount Muffler Shops, in a class-action suit filed by the company's franchise dealers.

The lawsuit was returned to a federal judge to give the dealers a chance to pursue a smaller award.

The appeals court agreed with Starr's argument that the case arose from a simple contract dispute and snowballed into a huge lawsuit alleging fraud and unfair trade practices.

Franchise dealers accused Meineke, a subsidiary of the British conglomerate GKN, of illegally skimming as much as \$32 million they contributed to headquarters for advertising.

In 1986, the Charlotte, N.C.-based company set up its own ad

agency, which negotiated discounts and kept the savings as its commission.

The appeals court said the franchisees' case should not have been certified as a class action because many dealers did not want to participate.

The lawsuit is one of a few private cases Starr has taken while serving as the special counsel investigating the Whitewater land deal and Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton for months denied having sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky. On Monday, he testified about their relationship before a grand jury, admitted on national television to a relationship that he said was "not appropriate" and called for Starr to end his inquiry.

The administration has criticized Starr for taking outside cases like the Meineke lawsuit while serving as independent counsel, although the moonlighting is allowed by law.

In addition to Meineke, Starr has represented the tobacco industry, the National Football League Players Association and Chiquita Brands International.



House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., gestures while addressing the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday in Duluth, Ga. Gingrich told the business leaders that no one, including President Clinton, is above the law. AP

Gingrich awaits Starr report

By Amy Frazier
DULUTH, Ga. (AP)—America should move past the titillating talk about President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky and let the legal process do its job, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Wednesday.

"The core of this civilization is the rule of law," Gingrich told the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce. "We have an absolute obligation to ensure the rule of law. I have no interest in personal scandals."

"No one is above the law," he

added.

The Georgia Republican said he will continue to wait for the report that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is expected to submit to Congress. And he said Congress—led by the Judiciary Committee and its chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.—will review the report in a "dispassionate manner."

"I don't think we should go an inch beyond our constitutional duties, and I don't think we should go an inch less than our constitutional duties," the speaker said.

Congress has "lots to do without all of us being totally mesmerized," he said, adding that advice applies to the media as well.

Chastising reporters for their relentless coverage of the case, he suggested they devote 15 minutes of every half hour to "Monica-less time."

"It would make us a much healthier country if the news media took a pretty big break and just said, 'Let's focus on other things for a while and let Judge Starr continue his job,'" Gingrich said.

Judge censured for lying about past

By BOB EGELKO

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal court council reprimanded a judge who claimed to be the brother of a racial murder victim in Alabama and then withdrew his appeals court nomination when the lie was exposed.

U.S. District Judge James Ware violated legal standards for judges by "knowingly misrepresenting his relationship to the tragic events

in Birmingham" and by "public exploitation of (the) very private grief" suffered by the real victim's family, said the Judicial Council of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

However, the council said Ware did not deserve more severe disciplinary action—having his caseload reduced or eliminated—because his misconduct occurred off the bench

and did not affect his judicial work. The council also declined to recommend impeachment by Congress.

The nine-member council, the rule-making and disciplinary agency for a circuit that covers federal courts in nine Western states, made its unanimous order public Tuesday.

Ware had no comment, his office said.

FCC's rate plan OK'd

By Jeannine Aversa
WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal appeals court upheld a government plan that overhauls telephone fees in an attempt to lower long-distance rates.

Wednesday's decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit is a rare victory for the Federal Communications Commission, which in the last year has lost several high-profile telecommunications cases.

"We are very pleased," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard.

Local and long-distance companies had waged for different reasons a broad legal assault on the plan, which the FCC adopted in May 1997. They didn't say whether they will appeal.

The court, based in St. Louis, affirmed the FCC on all counts. That means the status quo prevails, and customers will experience no change in phone bills because of the court's ruling.

At the heart of the FCC's plan to overhaul telephone fees was its decision to cut "access" fees by \$1.7 billion. These are fees that long-distance companies pay local phone companies to connect calls.

The fees, passed along to long-distance customers, comprise a large

part of the average customer's \$22.50 a month long-distance bill.

The FCC is looking into whether AT&T, MCI, Sprint and other long-distance companies passed along the reduction to customers as they say they have. The FCC had estimated at the time of its order that the average savings to a customer in 1997 would have been about \$2 a month.

In an important side issue in the case, the court backed the FCC's decision not to require America Online, Erol's and other Internet service providers to pay access fees to local phone companies for use of their networks.

If the court had ruled in favor of the BellSouth and other local phone companies on this issue, it might have raised Internet prices for consumers.

"We agree that the FCC's decision to exempt ISPs (Internet Service Providers) from interstate access charges while continuing to investigate potential future changes in this area is a reasonable exercise of the agency's discretion" under a 1996 telecommunications law, the three-judge panel wrote.

Local phone companies, including BellSouth, Bell Atlantic, US West and GTE, challenged how the FCC cut and overhauled phone fees. They

also argued that the commission wrongly cut access charges without first revamping subsidies they get to make phone service affordable for the poor and people living in rural and other high-cost areas.

The court disagreed. It said those FCC actions were reasonable and consistent with the 1996 law, which deregulated the telecommunications industries.

In rejecting local phone companies' claims, the court also upheld an FCC decision that modestly increased the federally ordered "subscriber line charge" for businesses and residences with multiple telephone lines.

This charge, which appears on phone bills, is used to pay for the cost of the line from the customer's home or business to the local phone company's switch.

The court also upheld an FCC decision that increased another charge for both multiple-line homes and businesses. That charge came from a commission replacing with flat monthly rates some access fees based on minutes of long-distance use. The FCC said it did this to reflect costs better and spread fees more evenly among customers.

MCI Communications Corp. and other long-distance companies, on

the other hand, took the FCC's plan to court, arguing that the commission should have made deeper cuts in access fees.

The court disagreed on grounds the commission adequately explained its cut and had not acted arbitrarily or capriciously.



A Virginia Military Institute upperclassman instructs female rat, T.J. Richards, on the proper form for a pushup as the rats began their rat line initiation at the school in Lexington, Va., Wednesday. AP

Paraguay minister resigns

By Pedro Servin
ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)—Paraguay's minister of industry and business, who is also the president's brother, resigned Wednesday—one day after the new head of state freed a former presidential candidate.

Raul Cubas' first official act after taking office Saturday was to release former army Gen. Lino Oviedo, who some in the ruling Colorado Party feared would seek revenge against those who put him in jail.

"Cubas said the country needed to live in peace," said legislator Juan Carlos Galaverna. "But yesterday, he freed the man that could begin a diabolical plan to persecute everyone who he thinks is not with him."

Top officials of the Colorado Party, which has been in power since 1947, voted to withdraw their support for Cubas.

"I present my resignation because

I do not agree with the process of how my brother freed General Oviedo," Carlos Cubas told reporters Wednesday.

"Oviedo's freedom could run the risk of being illegal."

Bader Rachid, a top party official, said some members were considering ways to impeach the president.

Oviedo, who took part in bringing Paraguay's 34-year military dictatorship to an end, was the Colorado Party's original presidential nominee.

Cubas assumed the candidacy after a military tribunal sentenced Oviedo to 10 years in prison for refusing then-President Juan Carlos Wasmosy's order to resign as commander of the army in 1996.

Raul Cubas has been quick to acknowledge his close relationship with Oviedo, who is extremely popular in Paraguay's countryside, where key voters helped keep the Colo-

rado Party in power.

Raul Cubas defended his decision to release Oviedo, saying Wednesday he campaigned on two pledges: to improve Paraguay's serious financial crisis and fight for Oviedo's release.

He also said he consulted with national and international judicial organizations who confirmed the legality of his decision.

"I've used the constitutional power given to presidents to fulfill a campaign promise," he said. "What I legally decreed yesterday does not differ from my campaign promise."

The 54-year-old Oviedo claimed before the May presidential elections that he was "victim of persecution" and said his jailing was Wasmosy's way of keeping him from governing.

Raul Cubas has said he friend of the government. "expects Oviedo to serve as a



The Chilean afternoon daily La Hora is offered with a front page featuring a manipulated photograph of President Bill Clinton with a long nose, referring to the character Pinocchio whose nose grew as he told lies. AP

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney Brian W. McMahon, Receiver
J.T.S. Insurance Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1267, Saipan, MP 96950

Date: August 19, 1998
To: All Bondholders, Policyholders, Claimants and Creditors of J.T.S. Insurance Company, Inc.

From: Attorney Brian W. McMahon
Receiver for J.T.S. Insurance Company, Inc.

Subject: Claim Filing Deadline

On June 13, 1998, an Order of Liquidation was issued by the Superior Court. This order terminated all existing bonds and insurance policies issued by JTS on July 10, 1998.

All Claimants and Creditors of JTS are hereby notified that any and all claims you may have against JTS must be filed with the Receiver's office on or before August 31, 1998. Claims not submitted by that date will not be honored. Claims must be submitted to the above address.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at telephone number 234-9315.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The family of the late
JESUS ARRIOLA SONODA
"SIBO"

cordially invites our friends and relatives to join us in prayers as we commemorate the "First Anniversary" into her eternal home with God.

Nightly rosary will be held at the family's residence in Garapan, beginning on Saturday, August 15, 1998 until Sunday, August 23, 1998.

Masses for the repose of his soul will be offered daily at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m. except on Sunday, August 16 and August 23, when the Mass is offered at 9:00 a.m.

On Saturday, August 22, Mass will be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow at the family's residence after the Mass. Kindly join us. Dangkulo Na si Yu'us Ma'ase.

GINEN I FAMILIA

Islamic militants warn Americans of new attacks

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A coalition of Islamic militant groups warned in an Arabic newspaper Wednesday that "strikes will continue from everywhere" against the United States.

The statement from the World Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders, formed by exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden in February, was printed Wednesday in the London-based daily Al-Hayat.

"The coming days will guarantee, God willing, that America will face a black fate," the statement said. "Strikes will continue from everywhere, and Islamic groups will appear one after

the other to fight American interests."

The Jihad front is believed to be a coalition of six fundamentalist groups from Egypt, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Its statement was sent Tuesday to Al-Hayat's bureau in Cairo.

Al-Hayat said it came with three other statements from the Islamic Army for the Liberation of Holy Shrines, which claimed responsibility for the two deadly bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya on Aug. 7.

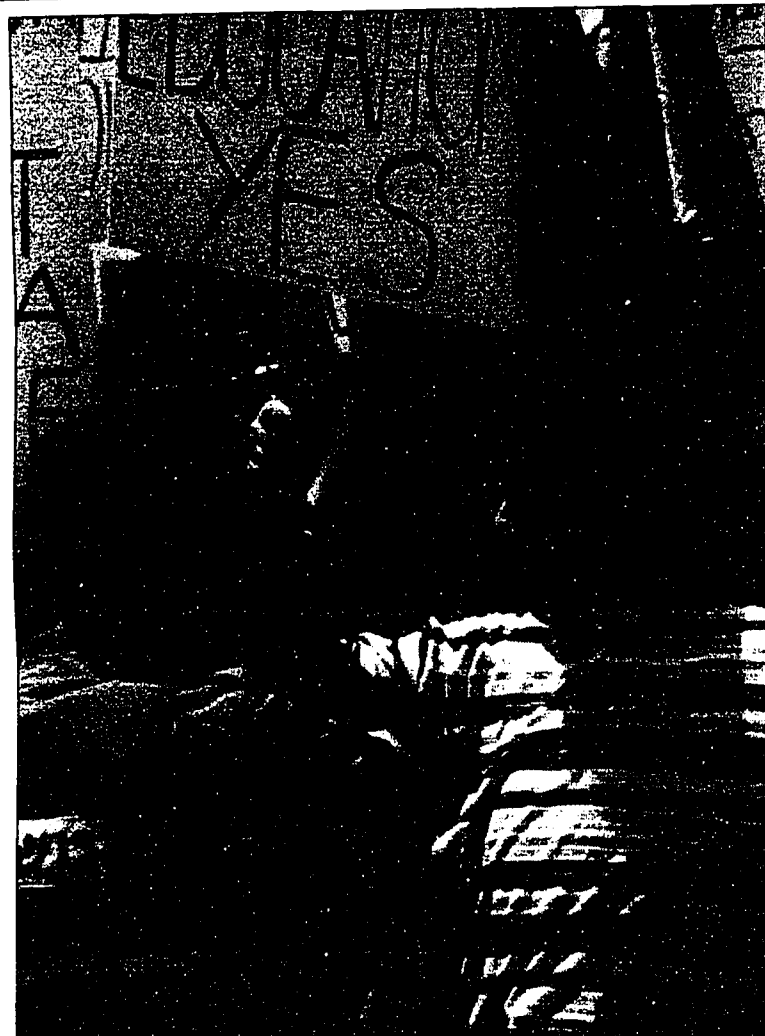
In one statement, the Holy Shrines group said it would "continue shipping more American dead bodies to their

unjust government... until we humiliate America's arrogance and roll its dignity in the mud of defeat."

The group had not been heard of before the explosions in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, which left 257 people dead and more than 5,500 injured. Among the dead were 12 Americans.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Lee McClenney said the administration was unable to say whether the threats were credible.

"Naturally, we'll be watching closely and taking prudent security measures," he said.



An Israeli police officer grips the arm of a Palestinian student during a march to the Al Ram checkpoint north of Jerusalem Monday. The students are demanding that Israel issue permits to allow Gaza students to travel freely between the West Bank and Gaza. AP

Israel wants WWII bones returned

By Laurie Copans
HOLON, Israel (AP) — While the bodies of dozens of his relatives, all victims of the Nazi Holocaust, lie in unmarked mass graves in Poland, Zvi Kamionka says he cannot rest.

Kamionka, like dozens of other Polish Israelis, wants to bring the bones of his relatives to Israel for burial — a task suddenly made possible when Polish pathologists agreed to help their Israeli colleagues identify the victims' remains.

"My greatest fear is that nothing will be remembered of my relatives," Kamionka said Wednesday, speaking in his apartment in Holon, a Tel Aviv suburb. "My mission is not finished as long as ... all the bones are not brought back here to be buried."

That is a formidable challenge. Kamionka's 70 relatives are buried in a green field dotted with daisies in the Polish town of Kalushin — along with 2,000 other Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Dr. Yehuda Hiss, head of Israel's Institute of Forensic Medicine, said families have brought remains home to Israel in the past, only to be disappointed when tests showed they were not those of their relatives.

That is likely to change now that the head of the Forensic Medicine Institute in Warsaw, Dr. Aleksander Dobrzynski, has agreed to carry out tests on the remains.

Hiss called the development "a major turning point and a humanitarian act on the part of the Poles." It has prompted a flood of phone calls to the Israeli Institute of Forensic Medicine from the rela-

tives of Holocaust victims. Kamionka, 66, escaped to Russia from Kalushin in 1940, just months before thousands of the town's Jewish residents — including 70 of his relatives — were shot to death.

He knows that even with the help of Polish pathologists, finding his relatives' remains among the 2,000 buried in that desolate field in Kalushin may be an impossible task.

"It's a good idea ... but it's not very realistic," the retired electronics technician said Wednesday.

"Hundreds of thousands of Jews were buried all over Poland and to do DNA tests on them all is an impossible task."

Kamionka hopes all the bones from the mass graves — whether they can be identified or not — will be brought to Israel, for a dignified and permanent burial.

Still, for the relatives of most Holocaust victims, there are no remains to bury. Most of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust — the majority of them in Poland — were gassed and cremated, and their ashes dumped. "The remains represent a very small number of those who died in the Holocaust," said Jonathan Lemberger, the head of AMCHA, an organization that helps Israeli Holocaust survivors.

Lemberger also expressed concern the scientists' efforts might only raise tragic memories for those survivors who have no remains of loved ones to bury.

"This is a reminder that they have no grave and that they had no proper mourning process," he said. "That is going to be very difficult for most survivors."

UN-Iraq not at crisis point

By Walei Faleh
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.N. envoy left Baghdad today saying Iraq-U.N. relations had not reached a crisis point despite his failure to persuade the government to allow resumption of weapons inspections.

"I still think that a lot of discussion, negotiations and bilateral talks can take place," Prakash Shah, the envoy to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said before leaving for New York.

Shah's departure came a day after he announced he had failed to persuade Iraqi officials to back down from the decision earlier this month to cut off relations with the inspectors charged with finding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq said it refused cooperation because the inspectors were not re-

ally working toward lifting U.N. sanctions on Iraq that prevent the free export of oil, its most valuable commodity.

Under U.N. resolutions, the inspectors must declare Iraq has eliminated its lethal weapons before the sanctions, imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, can be canceled.

Shah was to arrive Thursday in New York and would later brief Annan on his talks with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz.

Before leaving today, Shah said he still hoped a solution could be found to allow resumption of inspections.

"I will not say it is a crisis," he said. "I think and I hope that the Security Council and Iraq would be able to

work this out."

Shah described his talks with Aziz as "friendly and cordial" and said he was ready to return for further negotiations with the Iraqis.

"If the council wishes further discussions, I will be prepared," he said. Shah arrived last Thursday with a message from Annan to Aziz about the latest standoff.

Annan, meanwhile, has spoken to Iraqi authorities about the impasse and has met with the Security Council to discuss the problem, a spokesman said today.

Fred Eckhardt didn't give details about Annan's phone calls with Baghdad, but word of his involvement comes as some members of the council have asked for the U.N. chief's personal intervention in the standoff.

leave me no alternative but to remove you as minister."

He added that he hoped that they "will not force me to do so."

There has been speculation that Minister of Finance Ruben Zackhras, who has been a key player in the ADB-supported government reform program, will be replaced as will Justice Minister Lomes McKay.

President Kabua is reported to have discussed Cabinet positions with former Marshalls ambassador to the U.S. Wilfred Kendall, as well as former foreign minister Tony deBrum, both of whom are now senators representing Majuro Atoll.

she said.

The region will see between 50 and 75 percent of the sun eclipsed. Palau can expect the eclipse to be visible by 9:35 a.m. and Kosrae will see it at 2:10 p.m.

Eastlick recommends using a "pinhole projector" to view the eclipse. The device can easily be constructed using household items. Cover one end of a mailing tube with aluminum foil and secure with a rubber band or tape.

Poke a tiny hole in the aluminum foil with the needle or pin. Cut a toilet paper tube down one side and tape the resulting "C" shaped cardboard around the other end of the mailing tube so that the toilet paper tube extends past the end of the mailing tube.

Tape a circle of white paper to the end of the toilet paper tube. The white paper is your viewing screen, and the opening in the toilet paper tube is the viewing area.

Marshalls . . .

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Severe economic decline in the past two years has wiped out all the financial gains made by the Marshalls during the first 10 years, since 1986, of a Compact of Free Association with the U.S., according to a recent report by the Bank of Hawaii.

Kabua's move comes as the Cabinet is in the final stages of completing the fiscal year 1999 national budget for submission to the Nitijela (parliament) and on the eve of his departure to Pohnpei for the South Pacific Forum meeting.

Solar . . .

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"This kind of partial solar eclipse is more dangerous. Eye damage occurs inside of 50 seconds. In normal sunlight, you can't look at the sun that long, but during this kind of partial eclipse, you can and the damage can happen."

The partial solar eclipse will be visible from Guam between 10:00 a.m. and 11:38 a.m. tomorrow.

Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

WCC CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR
(LOCATION: SAIPAN)

The successful candidate shall assist the Manager, Workers' Compensation Commission, in the compliance and enforcement of the workers' compensation law and the rules and regulations, and with the proceedings in administrative hearings. Investigative assignments require written reports and extensive contact with the public.

QUALIFICATIONS: A minimum of a Bachelors degree plus at least 2 years of progressively responsible experience in claims investigations, preferably in the field of workers' compensation; or a combination of a high school diploma plus at least six (6) years of claims investigations, preferably in the field of workers' compensation or related program.

SALARY: Beginning salary ranges from Pay Level 27/01, or \$19,511.460, to Pay Level 27/05, or \$23,706.210, depending on qualifications and experience. Regular employee benefits apply pursuant to established employment rules and regulations in effect.

Interested persons may visit the NMI Retirement Fund office in the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, for an application and position description. Applications must be submitted no later than the end of the day of **Thursday, September 3, 1998**, to Mr. Edward H. Mangiona, Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 1247, Saipan, MP 96950.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW98-IFB-021

July 24, 1998

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Construction of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Off-Site Drainage on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

An original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, Monday, September 21, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids submitted after the specified time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 15% of the total bid amount. Bid security may be a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check, made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1471."

Plans, specifications, and Bid documents are available on or after Monday, August 10, 1998 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of two hundred dollars (US\$200.00) for each set; payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer. A receipt of payment should be obtained from the CNMI Treasurer before applying for the project package.

A Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at the DPW Conference Room, Office of the Secretary, Gualo Rai, Saipan. All inquiries regarding this project must be submitted in writing to Mr. Andrew W. Smith, P.E., Director of Technical Services Division, Lower Base no later than 4:30 p.m. local time, Friday, September 11, 1998.

The Department of Public Works hereby notifies all bidders that Small Business Concerns, Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, and Women-Owned Small Business Concerns will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex in consideration of contract award.

A contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder, as determined by the Government, submitting the lowest responsive bid. The bidder awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds equal to 100% of the contract amount executed by a surety holding a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Circular 570). Performance time for completion of the project is three hundred (300) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at eight hundred dollars (US\$800.00) per calendar day of delay beyond the established time.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid security which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section titled "Instructions to Bidders".

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Juan B. Cepeda
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) THAT THE CUC MERIT HIRING SYSTEM SHALL BE APPLIED AND ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS AND NATIONALS AS DEFINED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, SEX, RELIGION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION OR BELIEF, MARITAL STATUS, HANDICAP, OR PLACE OF ORIGIN.

TRADES HELPER (POWER PLANT OPERATOR)

Job Vacancy Announcement No.: 98-037
Opening Date: 08/12/98
Closing Date: 08/26/98

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LOCATION: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, TINIAN

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STARTING SALARY: \$9,616.20 - \$11,681.76 PER ANNUM
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Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, and the CUC Rota and Tinian offices.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT
IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Civil Service Commission hereby gives notice that the Board will meet on Thursday, August 27, 1998, and Friday, August 28, 1998, if necessary. The Board will convene at 9:00 a.m., on both days, at the Civil Service Commission's Office in Saipan. Additional information concerning this hearing is available at the Commission's Office, Building No. 1211, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The Commission may also be reached at phone numbers 322-4363 and 322-6954 or fax number 322-3327.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. HEARING ON APPEAL OF ADVERSE ACTION OF EMERENCIANA PETER-PALICAN
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENT
- V. ADJOURNMENT

/s/VICENTE M. SABLAN
Acting Chairman
Civil Service Commission

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How to list your event with Community Calendar

- Listings must pertain to events such as weddings, christenings, anniversaries, special observations or occasions, achievements of local residents and activities of non-political local organizations and groups.
- Information must be accompanied by all information concerning the event. I.e., names, dates, places, event title, etc. Also include phone numbers and contacts for additional information. Be as complete as possible.
- Photos must be accompanied by appropriate captions and identification of subjects in photos.

Listings for CNMI can be faxed to (670) 234-9271 or mailed to: Marianas Variety, Community Calendar; P. O. Box 231 Saipan, MP 96950

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the more pressing needs of other agencies.

"If worse comes to worst, we just have to slash from some of the other programs but we can not exceed what we have now as presented by the governor in his proposed budget," he stressed. At the same time, Reyes explained that the reason behind the close to \$1.7 million reduction in the budget of the health department is that some of the funds were given directly to the health center director in Tinian and Rota.

"So the head of that agency will do some direct funding himself either for Tinian and Rota health centers. Those funds are with the administration of the hospitals," he pointed out.

He was also surprised that the PSS failed to work with the Office of Management and Budget with regards to the funding they need, adding that PSS officials are claiming that they just received

the proposal from the governor Wednesday.

"That's surprising because if they have their own budget personnel, he should be on top of it. It is apparent that nobody was assigned to actually work with the OMB on their budget," Reyes said.

He mentioned the possibility of tapping and reprogramming excess monies from local Capital Improvement Projects to the PSS. "We have to adjust and clearly identify where our needs

are and work from that direction." "If something has to be sacrificed, then be it. But we are not exceeding from the projected revenues. It has to be with those figures. Maybe the figures from one department to another will change," he added.

The government is anticipating some \$2.5 million increase in projected revenue collections for the Fiscal Year 1999, which prompted Tenorio to inflate next year's budget proposal to \$242.5 million.

In his revised budget proposal to the Legislature, Tenorio said a meager net increase in resources was identified in the revised projections over the May 1 submitted estimates, although the total is still lower than that of last year.

He said an increase of \$5 million over and above the administration's first estimate on

revenue collection from wages and salary for the next fiscal year is expected. "The offsetting effects of the repeal of the Earned Income Credit can bolster our collection on the NMTIT."

The governor also mentioned anticipated net positive gains amounting to \$6.1 million from the increase in user's fee rate from 3.5 percent to 3.7 percent under Public Law 11-23, and the value of garments exported.

Amusement machine license fee, which was proposed to be raised to \$8,000 per machine and the removal of the limit in the number of poker and pachinko machines in Saipan, is also raising hopes for an additional \$3.9 million in total revenues.

In addition, some \$1.9 million more from operational reimbursement may also pad government revenues in 1999.

Navy . . .

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said.

The CNMI government entered a 50-year lease agreement with the US military in 1970s. Sections 802 and 803 of the Covenant guarantees that the US defense department will be responsible for whatever will happen to the island and review what will have to be done to restore and rehabilitate it.

"We provided what we have — the Navy evidence and Navy purposes on what we're doing in the island — to the governor and his staff," he said.

The top Navy official added that the governor had earlier requested him to conduct the said briefing, and that he is "pleased to honor" the governor's request.

Meanwhile, Gov. Tenorio said he and members of his administration were assured that the Farallon de Medinilla is "safe for our fishermen" and that they were assured the military operations in the area have no "environmental impact."

"The assurance that we received is that they're doing their best to save the environment and meet all the requirements. We have a commitment in our Covenant," Tenorio told reporters.

He also pointed out that the US military "always informs our Emergency Management Office over here (that) the exercises would take place in a certain day." He added that the announcements come out on radio and television.

"That have been done in the past and they're continuing to do that," said the governor.

He added that moves to reclaim the said island had not been brought up during the briefings.

In another development, Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho is proposing that Farallon de Medinilla be designated as a bird sanctuary. House Bill 11-269, now pending before the Lower Chamber of the Legislature, also seeks to impose seasonal bird hunting and fishing in the island, as well as requiring those who would want to visit the island to secure written permission from the Northern Islands' mayor's office.

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garment industry. We cannot do that because there is no law that supports this," Faisao stressed.

Cepeda's resolution wants to prevent garment manufacturers from hiring nonresident workers in farming, fishing and construction sectors to protect local and small scale businesses engaged in these industries.

Faisao said this is not fair. "Although Public Law 10-44 provides for the protection of local businesses in farming and fishing, it addresses all businesses and not the garment industry in particular as the resolution requests."

He also said that the resolution is a redundancy of Public Laws 10-9 and 11-6 as far as the importation of guest workers is concerned, adding that these policies have made it impossible for the garment industry to hire more foreign labor.

"The importation of nonresident workers to work in areas not pertinent to the manufacturing of garments cannot be restricted if all proper work permits and business licensing is done," he said.

He explained that what is illegal is when companies or employers engage their workers in jobs or fields other than what is stated in their work permits. "Those caught in violation are dealt with accordingly by the commerce department already."

At the same time, Faisao raised concerns that the local garment industry is already hurting because the financial crisis and currency devaluation experienced by Pakistan, Thailand and Indonesia have resulted in increase export of their textile and apparel products to the US markets.

"There must be confidence in the continuity of CNMI policies, laws and taxes in order for our local garment manufacturing companies to sustain the image and reliability of the industry," he added.

LET US KEEP CNMI LITTER FREE.

UN Council backs Kosovo effort

By NICOLE WINFIELD

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Concerned that violence in Kosovo between Serbs and separatist Albanians could destabilize the area and create a humanitarian disaster, the Security Council worked Wednesday to back diplomatic efforts to bring the two sides together for talks.

Council members were considering a draft statement that welcomed

the creation of an ethnic Albanian negotiating team that "should lead to the early commencement of a substantial dialogue with the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia."

Consultations on the draft were expected to continue Thursday. Hundreds have been killed since a Serb crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists was launched in late February.

cause of the Asian crisis. If that will help generate more revenues for the government, we have to work towards that direction," Faisao said.

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio is keeping an open door to proposals that will aggressively help the government sell the Northern Mariana Islands in other tourism markets, including China and Hong Kong.

But Tenorio said there has to be a closer review of tourism promotional suggestions that may be carried out by the Marianas Visitors Authority, especially when it involves tapping the huge market from the mainland China.

He added that he is willing to sit down with MVA officials to explore the possibilities of meeting with Chinese officials to include the Commonwealth in the list of places that its citizens can visit.

Tenorio said his administration has been seriously considering tapping various tourism markets, other than Japan and Korea which are CNMI's biggest markets. "We want to be able to tap everybody who may want to visit us over here."

Restrictive immigration protocol is hurting the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, paving the way for cost-trimming measures including mass retrenchment, according to a senior company official.

Kui Fah Liew, general manager of Hong Kong Entertainment which operates the Tinian Dynasty, identified several factors behind the company's "painful" decision to either cut down the number of employees or manpower hours by almost 50 percent.

Clinton . . .

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officials did not respond to requests for comment on the source's account.

The New York Times, however, quoted a Clinton adviser as saying the president did not make such an acknowledgment. This adviser said the president declared more vaguely in response to questions that "I've already said that it was improper." The Times' source said Clinton contended that the type of sex he had with Ms. Lewinsky did not fit the definition of sex used in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

According to the legal source, Clinton first read a prepared statement admitting that he took part in what he called inappropriate, intimate physical contact with the intern. Advisers say Clinton had hoped to limit his testimony about intimate matters to the statement.

But prosecutors pressed, and he acknowledged specific sexual en-

The United Nations now estimates that the fighting has created more than 231,000 refugees.

The Security Council has taken relatively little action on Kosovo, preferring to let U.S. envoys, NATO and the Contact Group—made up of the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Germany and Italy—take the lead in resolving the conflict.

A council statement was intended to support their efforts, diplomats said.

The ethnic Albanian negotiating team is headed by politician Ibrahim Rugova, who favors paci-

fist tactics for resolving the crisis. The team doesn't include representatives of the Kosovo Liberation Army, which has been fighting for independence of the Serbian province where Albanians account for 90 percent of the population of 2 million.

On Tuesday, the ethnic Albanian delegation spurned an offer by the Serbs to begin talks immediately, saying Serb attacks must first cease and tens of thousands of Albanian civilians must be allowed to return to their homes.

In its draft statement, the council

cannot be forced to identify the mastermind of the assassination.

"We are in a democracy," he said. "It is his right if he wants to speak or not. If he does not want to testify, we cannot force him."

Ver and 25 other soldiers were acquitted of Aquino's murder three months before Marcos was ousted.

After Corazon Aquino took office, the Supreme Court ordered a new trial, which lasted three years. Sixteen soldiers were convicted of killing her husband and Galman. But the trial failed to determine whether Marcos or his associates ordered the assassinations.

other party to the deal.

In casual talk, there are very unpleasant names for an individual who backs out of an agreement after making it.

Sometimes there are unpleasant consequences as well. I believe though, that this one particular result of PL 11-9 must be an unintended oversight on the part of the lawmakers and trust that when every legislator is made aware of what must be a mistake in the writing of the law, he or she will immediately realize the basic unfairness of this part of the law, the possible negative implications to the CNMI's reputation, and the necessity for honoring all agreements that one is a party to.

Representative Heinz Hofschneider introduced a bill, HB 11-219 on June 17, 1998 that would correct this one section of PL 11-9 so that this small group of affected employees would again be eligible, by the laws of the CNMI, to receive the pension benefits that the government agreed to grant them when each employee signed on for employment in the CNMI.

I urge each representative and senator to take a few minutes to familiarize him/herself with this matter so that Rep. Hofschneider's bill can be voted upon expeditiously and carefully when it comes up.

SANDRA WILSON

Aquino . . .

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hope he won't add to the lies in the past," Aquino said in a radio interview.

Aquino believes Marcos, who died in Hawaii in 1989, masterminded her husband's assassination.

Marcos denied any role in the murder and said Aquino was killed by a communist-hired assassin, Rolando Galman, who was shot dead by soldiers moments after Aquino was gunned down on the Manila airport tarmac.

Estrada, however, said that Ver

Retiree . . .

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employees were hired.

This is not acceptable in any law-abiding place.

As I said previously, PL 11-9 makes good sense in every way otherwise and provides a much-needed change in the operation and overall health of the Retirement Fund, but a deal is a deal and remains a deal until both parties agree to change it.

In this case, the CNMI, on its own, simply said it was changing the deal halfway through with no regard for the

First Death Anniversary

We, the family of the late

Maria Cabrera Seman

(MARIA JOAQUIN NELLIE)

Invites all our relatives and friends to join us for the
**First Anniversary Rosary of our beloved Mother, Grandmother,
Great grandmother.**

Nightly rosary will be held at the residence of her son, **Vicente (Ben) and Remy L. Seman** in DanDan beginning **Tuesday, August 25, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.** Daily Mass will be offered at 6:00 a.m. at **Kristo Rai Church.**

On the final day **Wednesday, September 2, 1998, Rosary will be said at 5:00 p.m., at San Vicente Church.**
First Anniversary Mass is offered at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner will follow at the residence of **Ben and Remy Seman.**

Kindly Join Us
Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase
THE FAMILY

Death & Funeral Announcement

MYRNA MALAGAMBA AMIREZ

Born January 12, 1955, Died in the grace of our lord on August 17, 1998 at the age of 43.

Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 p.m. at their residence in As Matuis.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1998, 7:30 a.m. the remains will leave CHC to Tanapag Church for viewing from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Funeral mass will be at 4:00 p.m. Burial will follow at the Tanapag Cemetery in Lower Base.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Sylvio M. Amirez, Children & Family

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Mariana Rasiang Sablan

Date of Birth: April 16, 1932
Died: August 17, 1998
at the age of 66

In her passing, she now joins her:

Parents: Mariano and Adela Rasiang
Brothers/Sisters: Sylvestre and Jesus Rasiang
Elena R. Taitano
Daughter: Eugenia Geneva R. Sablan
Grand Daughter: Eugenia O. Sablan

She is survive by her loving:

Husband: Mariano M. Sablan
Children & Spouses: Benusto & Honora S. Tagabuel (Diana (John Camacho), Benjamin, Felix (Mona Taisacan), Nadia, Mariana) Luis & Esther S. Tilipao (Elsie, Jelani, Jonathan & Jasmin), Mariano Jr. & Gregoria Sablan, (Mario (Genevieve DL. Guerrero), Myron (Patsy Ytemar) Molly, Leeroy, Eugene, Shawana, Shaqueta), Vicente and Leonilia S. Kaipat (Sylvia, Carmelita, Jerome, Vanessa & Keoni)

Great Grand Daughters: Nicole DLG. Sablan, Mikasia Ytemar, Leilavilyn Camacho, Lakisha Tagabuel

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses: Juan R. Rasiang, Antonio & Cindy Rasiang, Benedicto & Margarita R. Limes
Also survived by numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces & nephews. Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 p.m. at her son's (Mariano R. Sablan, Jr.) residence in As Lito.

Monday, August 24, 1998:

3:00 p.m. - Body leave CHC Morgue
7:30 p.m. - Rosary
8:00 p.m. - Responso

Tuesday, August 25, 1998:

3:30 p.m. - Body leave residence
4:00 p.m. - Funeral Mass at Mt. Carmel Cathedral
5:00 p.m. - Burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery

Thank you for your prayers from
THE FAMILY

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Visitors' Authority (MVA), said they may have to ask Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to declare a state of

Polluted...

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Dungca's Beach in Tamuning, Talofofo Bay and Namo Beach in Agat.

Activities in this water could result in bacterial infections, encephalitis, meningitis and other illnesses. Children, elderly people and those with compromised immune systems are warned to be especially careful.

For more information call 475-1623 or visit the EPA web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ostwater/beaches/local/sum2.html>.

Hong Kong Bank to host golf tournament

The 1998 Hong Kong Bank/American Cancer Society Championship begins today at the Talofofo Golf Resort. Four winning golfers will be selected to compete in the National Championships at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

The competition begins at 1:00 today and continues throughout tomorrow.

Open to men and women, the

emergency on the beaches.

Overhauling Garapan's drainage system, while being stressed by Yuknavage as a "solution," is believed to be an enormous undertaking that can consume much needed government resources.

entry fee is \$125.00 per person, \$500.00 per team, mulligans (free shots) are available for \$100.00. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

This is the fifth year Hong Kong Bank has sponsored this event. Last year's contribution to ACS amounted to \$10,000.00. Tickets can be purchased at Hong Kong Bank, Talofofo Golf Resort and the American Cancer Society in Hagatna.

For more information call Catherine Denight at 647-8593, Christie Alexander at 477-9451 or Bob Shaw at 646-9579.

Grant Workshop to be held at UOG

A two-day Grant Cluster Training Workshop will be held on August 25th and 26th in the Training Room of the Civil Defense Headquarters in Hagatna Heights.

The workshop will prepare attending organizations serving Native Americans and natives of Guam, American Samoa, Palau or CNMI in applying for grants sponsored by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

For more information call Elaine Cepeda at 735-2050.

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of Guam.

Thurman, who recently passed away from natural causes, capped his naval career when he was assigned as the first Commanding Officer of the gleaming new helicopter carrier.

Perhaps Captain Thurman's time capsule contains some reference to missing years in the history of the famous "Guam Bell."

When the people of Guam learned of the commissioning of the first USS Guam, they immediately launched a fundraising effort to honor her with a ceremonial plaque and ship's bells.

Manibusan...

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the meeting if former bar association president Michael White had his way.

Bellus...

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order Bellus to pay the alleged debt and interest.

The complaint stated that the debt was incurred in Aug. 1991.

Anti-drug...

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because it's boring, ask them 'Boring compared to what?' If they don't want you to meet a new

In December of 1928 they presented them as gifts to her then Commanding Officer, Lt. Commander R.K. Autry.

No one seems to know what happened to the bells after the gunboat was captured at Shanghai.

Years later, in 1954, they resurfaced at Guam's Marine Barracks, but the circumstances surrounding their arrival remain shrouded in mystery.

In early May they were presented to Rear Admiral M.E. Murphy, Commander, Naval Forces Marianas.

The presenter was Captain Peter C. Siguenza, USMCR, a young man who had as a child "contributed pennies to the fund" which created them.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order, White expressed displeasure at the presence of reporters, who, he said, should be asked to leave.

Bar association president

Bellas and Frances Sablan-Bellas, then husband and wife, allegedly "made and delivered" to Sablan a promissory note in which Bellas promised to pay the sum of \$200,000 on May 5, 1992, with an annual 7 percent interest. A payment of \$24,000 has been

group of friends, find out why." Francisco points out that all people have basic needs—like love and recognition—that should be met.

Otherwise, they will be sought in destructive ways, such as

when they can forego the increase," he pointed out, citing the \$10,000 increase given to the head of the Northern Marianas College, which, he said, is untimely.

"Maybe we can use that \$10,000 for medical supplies until the economy improves so that we can all award equally the same public employees," he added.

He also said that funds for the scholarship program has been severely "depleted." In the direct appropriations for scholarship, there should be \$3 million, with an additional \$500,000 from the excess funds.

Maxima...

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She was on the road right behind the generator of the airport's power plant, near the former Marianas Visitors' Bureau (MVB) office, he said.

Post impact
He added that speed calculations based on the skid marks showed that the vehicle was running 23 miles an hour after hitting Manglona.

"That's post-impact, and we still haven't come up with pre-impact figures," Sablan said.

Still, he added, the police "will not jump into conclusions."

"At 35 miles an hour, if you're 200 feet away, I got 7 seconds to see you and react accordingly," he said.

"But even if you were driving 10 miles an hour, hitting a person could still be fatal," he said.

Police have so far determined that alcohol is not a factor in the incident.

Murphy, in return, presented the artifacts to then Governor of Guam Ford Q. Elvidge.

They were installed in a place of honor in The Guam Museum at the old Plaza de Espana until 1985, when Governor Ricardo Bordallo returned them for display on the quarterdeck of the USS Guam.

The bells and plaque are about to be returned to Guam after the decommissioning ceremony.

The people of Guam will be proud to have them back for display and safekeeping.

But in the fullness of time, given the great traditions of this island and the United States Navy, no one should be surprised if they once again sail aboard a vessel bearing the name "USS Guam."

Ramon G. Villagomez, for his part, noted that the reporters were given permission to cover the meeting.

White's motion to eject the reporters was narrowly defeated, 12-14.

made on the note, according to the complaint.

Bellas allegedly still owe Sablan \$176,000 plus interest.

The alleged transaction happened before Bellas was appointed by then governor Froilan C. Tenorio as judge, which was in 1995.

drugs.

"There's hope for every one of us as parents," he says.

"We can win this fight (and it's a good one) if we're willing to challenge ourselves to change. Go on and make a difference."

of the Office of the Public Auditor, in excess of their actual administrative cost.

"NMC merits \$2 million out of the scholarship funding for those students going to NMC," Hofschneider said. \$3.5 million, inclusive of the \$500,000 from OPA, is not enough since actual cost today was pegged at \$3.9 million, excluding the \$2 million NMC normally gets.

"That in essence tells me that there's a minimum of \$6 million that should be funded for the scholarship program. There are needless appropriations going elsewhere," he said.

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) will determine whether to pursue a vehicular homicide case against Sablan Jr.

Another auto-ped

In another auto-pedestrian accident, a garment worker suffered laceration to the head, bruises on the forehead and a swollen mouth after being hit Wednesday night by a southbound vehicle on the road behind Nauru Bldg.

DPS spokesperson Rose T. Ada identified the victim as 27 year old Hong Yun Liu.

The driver is Won Lee, 38, an As Lito resident.

Won told the police that Hong "darted in front of his vehicle."

He said he stepped on the brakes, but Hong was hit nonetheless.

Ada said Won wasn't arrested pending further investigation.

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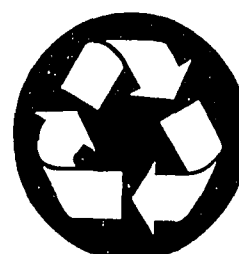


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In re the matter of the estate of:
JULIAN NORITA,
Deceased.
Civil Action No. 97-1053

Notice of Hearing on Motion
To: The General Public, Any Heirs, Claimants, or Creditors
of the late Julian Norita (Deceased) or of his estate.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 15th, 1998, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon as Counsel may be heard thereafter, CLAUDIO K. NORITA, Movant herein, by and through his Counsel, Brian Sers Nicholas, Attorney at Law, will bring on for a hearing a Motion (1) to Re-Open the above-captioned probate; (2) to Admit the Last Will and Testament of JULIAN NORITA, Deceased, for probate; and (3) to appoint an Executor and issue of Letters Testamentary. The hearing will be held before the Honorable John A. Manglona, Associate Judge of the above-entitled Honorable Court. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

A copy of said motion is available for your interview at the Office of the Clerk of Court for the above-entitled Honorable Court. If you have any objection to said Motion, you are requested to notify the Clerk of Court and the Law Office of Brian Sers Nicholas, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated. You may also appear at the time and date set for the hearing of said Motion and present your objection to the above-entitled Honorable Court.

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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.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A late start today is more hazardous than you think, and you must strive to get past a formidable obstacle as soon as you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be considering a dramatic life-change today which has you concerned about the future — and others concerned about your emotional state.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may have trouble accepting something handed down as official policy today. You can put up a fight, but you must be patient.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Men and women may be at odds today oversomething they don't fully understand. It's up to you to play mediator.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be slow to come around today, but a friend is willing to wait for you to see the light. It's a good day to forgive and forget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll have plenty of time today to figure out what to wear, how to act, and what to say — and you can change your mind at the last minute, if need be.

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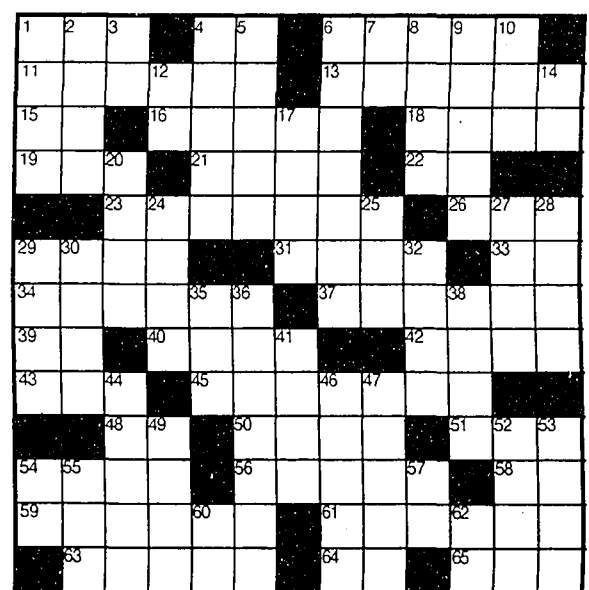
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McGwire hits two out as Cardinals top Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — After going more than a week without a home run, Mark McGwire hit Nos. 48 and 49 back-to-back Wednesday to give the Cardinals an 8-6 victory over the Cubs in 10 innings.

Sosa hit his 48th homer in the fifth inning. It was the 49th multi-homer game of McGwire's career, and his sixth this season.

After tying the game at 6 in the eighth, McGwire homered to center field in the 10th. Ray Lankford, batting after McGwire, hit a solo home run to make it 8-6.

The Cubs blew a chance to win it in the bottom of the inning.

With two outs, Mark Grace singled, then moved to third on Henry Rodriguez's double. Juan Acevedo intentionally walked Jose Hernandez to load the bases, but Manny Alexander popped up to McGwire to end the game.

Acevedo (6-2) gave up two hits and one intentional walk in two innings.

Terry Mulholland (3-4) gave up three hits and two runs — both homers — in 2 1/3 innings. He walked one and struck out three.

Reds 8, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Pete Harnisch allowed five hits in 7 2/3 innings and Sean Casey had a homer and an RBI double as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Brewers.

Harnisch (9-6) took a shutout into the eighth before allowing a two-run homer to Fernando Vina. He struck out five and walked four.

Casey staked Cincinnati to a 1-0 lead in the first with his third home run, a 425-shot over the Brewers' bullpen in right field off Steve Woodard (9-8).

The Reds added six runs in the fourth on seven hits to knock out Woodard and take a 7-0 lead. Barry Larkin opened the inning with a single.

One out later, Jeffrey Hammonds, Eddie Taubensee, Bret Boone and Chris Stynes followed with successive singles to make it 5-0.

Reggie Sanders two-out RBI single made it 6-0, chasing Woodard. Casey greeted reliever Bronswell Patrick with an RBI double.

Expos 8, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Dustin Hermanson,

who already had a two-hitter against Arizona this year, gave up three hits in seven innings as Felipe Alou broke the record for most wins by a Montreal manager with 521, one more than Buck Rodgers.

Vladimir Guerrero had three RBIs, two of them with his 30th home run of the season. Chris Widger drove in three with a bases-loaded double.

Bernard Gilkey and Matt Williams hit solo homers for Arizona and the only other hit given up by Hermanson (11-9) was Karim Garcia's two-out single in the fifth.

Amaury Telemaco (4-8) allowed four runs, three earned, on six hits in the loss.

Marlins 6, Padres 0

In Miami, Brian Meadows pitched seven shutout innings as Florida snapped its five-game losing streak.

With Tony Gwynn and Ken Caminiti out with injuries, the Padres could only manage nine singles off Meadows (10-9) and two more against Vic Darensbourg and Brian Edmondson.

Meadows, who was 0-3 with an 11.68 ERA in his last three starts, walked none and struck out two.

Hitchcock allowed nine hits, one walk and struck out four.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 5

In Pittsburgh, Manny Martinez homered and drove in three runs and the Pittsburgh Pirates rallied to beat Los Angeles, the Dodgers' 10th loss in 14 games.

The Pirates, long since banished from the NL Central race, have won three straight and seven of nine. They won only six of their last 16 from the Dodgers before sweeping the two-game series, their first series victory over Los Angeles since June 1996.

Mike Williams (3-1) got the win with two scoreless relief innings before Jason Christiansen, who signed a \$1.725 million contract extension Tuesday, pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save.

Brian Bohanon (6-8) took the loss — only his second in his last six starts — even though only three of the Pirates' six runs against him were earned.

Astros 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Derek Bell's two-run single with two outs in the ninth

rallied Houston to a victory.

The Phillies led 3-2 heading into the ninth, but with one out, pinch-hitters Dave Clark and Richard Hidalgo singled off reliever Mark Leiter to put runners on first and third. Craig Biggio flied out to right and Clark held up on Bobby Abreu's throw home, which was up the third-base line.

Leiter (6-4) hit Bill Spiers on the left elbow to load the bases and Bell then lined a fastball to center for the game-winner.

Shane Reynolds (15-8) gave up five hits, struck out nine and walked one in eight innings for the win.

Mets 2, Rockies 1

In New York, Masato Yoshii allowed one run in 7 2/3 innings to earn his first win since May 27 and Mike Piazza had a clutch hit for the second straight game.

New York swept the three-game series and won for 10th time in its last 13 contests. The victory gave the Mets a one-game lead in the National League wild-card race over the Chicago Cubs, who earlier lost to St. Louis.

The Rockies lost for the fourth straight time and are 1-5 in their last six games.

Yoshii (5-6) was winless in his last 14 starts, with a record of 0-5 during that period. He allowed only a leadoff homer to Darryl Hamilton, nine hits overall, and struck out six. The right-hander also drew a walk and scored New York's first run on Piazza's RBI single in the third.

Bobby Jones (5-7) gave up both runs on five hits and walked four in six innings.

Giants 6, Braves 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Charles Hayes' two-run single highlighted a four-run third inning and backed six solid innings by Mark Gardner as San Francisco defeated Tom Glavine and Atlanta.

Glavine (16-6) failed to become the first NL pitcher with 17 wins and his scoreless streak of 23 innings was snapped in the first.

The Atlanta left-hander gave up five runs on eight hits and four walks in five innings.

Gardner (10-5) allowed seven hits and walked two without recording a strikeout.

Athletics roll at home

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Rookie Blake Stein threw a two-hitter for his first major league shutout and the Athletics continued their home run barrage as Oakland defeated the Chicago White Sox 6-0 Wednesday.

Stein, obtained in last summer's deal that sent Mark McGwire to St. Louis, allowed only a bunt single by Mike Caruso in the first and a bloop triple by Magglio Ordonez in the second.

The triple fell between second baseman Scott Spiezio and right fielder Jason McDonald, who accidentally was kneed in the face by Spiezio as both tumbled.

McDonald, who spent more than two months on the disabled list earlier this season with a concussion after an outfield collision with teammate Rickey Henderson, momentarily appeared stunned but stayed in the game.

Stein (5-7) struck out three and walked five in his 18th major league start.

Orioles 6, Devil Rays 4

In Baltimore, Mike Bordick hit a three-run homer and Mike Mussina struck out 10 in seven gritty innings.

The Orioles' sixth win in seven games improved their record to 30-8 since the All-Star break. Cal Ripken went 3-for-4 with an RBI to move within one hit of tying Brooks Robinson's franchise record of 2,848 career hits.

Mussina (12-6) threw 120 pitches, allowing two runs on nine hits and a walk. The right-hander struck out Randy Winn and Kevin Stocker three times each in recording at least 10 strikeouts for the fifth time this season.

Rookie Rolando Arrojo (11-10) gave up four runs and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings and fell to 0-4 in six starts since July 16.

Red Sox 11, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, Mike Stanley homered twice and drove in six runs and Tim Wakefield pitched his second complete game of the season in the victory.

Stanley, acquired from Toronto on July 30, hit a two-run homer in the Boston's four-run first inning and added a two-run single in the four-run second.

Wakefield (15-5) pitched a five-hitter, with five walks and no strikeouts. His previous career best was a three-hitter, against Oakland on June 9, 1995.

Brian Barber (0-1), one day after being called up from Triple-A Omaha, lasted just 1 2/3 innings in his Royals debut. The right-hander, who was 2-1 with St. Louis in 1995, gave up seven hits and eight runs, walked three and struck out none.

Twins 5, Yankees 3

In Minneapolis, the Minnesota Twins made it 3-for-3 against Andy Pettitte this season, getting outstanding relief performances from Dan Serafini and Mike Trombley.

Five different players drove in runs for the Twins, who won for just the third time in August and handed the Yankees their second loss in 14 games.

The Twins, whose three wins against the Yankees equal the most by any team this season, prevented New York from the best record this century through 123 games.

The Yankees are 92-31, matching the 1906 Chicago Cubs' 123-game mark.

Pettitte (14-7) gave up all five runs on nine hits in eight innings for his fifth complete game of the season. He is 0-3 against Minnesota this season with an 8.27 ERA.

Serafini (6-4) lost his spot in the starting rotation Wednesday when Mike Morgan returned from the disabled list, but allowed three hits and one run over 3 2/3 innings in relief of Morgan.

Rangers 3, Indians 1

In Arlington, Texas, Charles Nagy gave up the lead with two straight bases-loaded walks during the Rangers' three-run sixth inning as Texas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Nagy (10-9) walked Todd Zeile and Mike Simms for the second and third runs of the inning after Ivan Rodriguez's infield single tied it at 1. Aaron Sele (14-10) allowed one run and five hits in eight innings for only his second victory since July 4. Sele, who struck out three and walked one, won only one of his previous seven starts. The 14 wins is a career-high for Sele who won 13 games in 1997 for Boston.

Angels 2, Tigers 0

In Anaheim, California, Jack McDowell, back after missing 2 1/2 months with a sore elbow, pitched seven innings to win for only the second time since May 7, 1997.

McDowell (2-2) threw 80 pitches, 59 for strikes, struck out two, allowed five hits and walked none.

McDowell, on the DL twice this year because of his ailing elbow, rejoined the active roster last Saturday but had to finally serve a four-day suspension for participating in the Angels-Royals brawl in Kansas City on June 2.

Darin Erstad, also just off the disabled list, put Anaheim ahead to stay with an RBI single in the third inning. Reggie Williams made it 2-0 in the fifth with an RBI single.

McDowell outdueled the Tigers' Justin Thompson, who gave up two runs on nine hits. Thompson (10-10) struck out five and walked two.

Final leg of active chess tourney set for Sunday

THE CNMI Chess Association will stage the seventh and last leg of its active chess tournament on Sunday, Aug. 23.

In a CCA "active" tournament, each player is given only 15 minutes to finish a game.

CNMI Chess Association (CCA) vice president Junnel Lomantas said

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3 in 48 minutes.

"I never thought it would be so easy," he said.

Kafelnikov, the fifth-seeded Russian, advances to play Gustavo Kuerten, seeded 11th. Kuerten, of Brazil, beat Alex O'Brien 6-3, 6-2.

Davide Sanguinetti of Italy upset 12th-seeded Fabrice Santoro of France 6-1, 6-7 (7-2), 7-5.

Tim Henman of Britain, seeded sixth, advanced 6-2, 6-3 over Vincenzo Santopadre of Italy. Henman will face Sanguinetti.

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meeting with Italy's Silvia Farina, who upset Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States 7-5, 6-3.

Sanchez Vicario next plays France's Nathalie Tauziat, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Kimberly Po, while Kournikova advanced to a meeting on the field during the early 1980s, with sixth-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain.

Sunday's tournament will be followed by a "birthday bash" in honor of CCA board members Almer Santos and Terry Huber.

Barbecue and refreshments will be served, Lomantas said, adding that all players, particularly those interested in joining the 998 Allied International Insurance Services Cup (AIIS)/Individual Chess Championship Tournament, are invited.

Sponsored by AIIS and CCA, the round-robin tournament will begin on the following Sunday, Aug. 30, which is also the last day for registration, according to Lomantas.

The round-robin tournament's opening day will be held at the Pacific

Island Club.

Pacific Gardenia is the other tournament venue.

There is an entry fee of \$25 for each player, and two categories for the tournament—bracket A, for veteran players, and bracket B for new players.

Each player will be given one hour per game.

Cash prizes and medals will be given out to the winners.

Participating players will also get a CCA ID card, CCA rating and t-shirts courtesy of Marpac Distributors, Inc. and its promo manager Jobbie Macabalo.

Marpac is also donating banners for the tournament.

Oilers Krieg nears 40, but still ready to play

By Teresa M. Walker

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dave Krieg must feel like he's been placed behind glass. Not as a museum example of an aging NFL quarterback but as in "Break in case of emergency."

The 19-year veteran has become the perfect backup for the Tennessee Oilers.

Ready to play at any moment, never complaining, but mostly acting as an extra coach to starter Steve McNair. Even his coach, who beat him twice on the field during the early 1980s, jokes about Krieg's age.

"He helps to color the huddle be-

cause he adds gray to our offensive huddle," said Jeff Fisher, who's a few months older than Krieg.

Krieg, who will be 40 in October, used to be No. 1. Undrafted out of now closed Milton College, he became the Seattle Seahawks' starter midway through the 1983 season and won seven of his 11 starts. Of the 208 NFL games he has played, 175 were as a starter.

He enters this season ranked seventh in the NFL in career attempts (5,288), completions (3,092) and touchdown passes (261), and eighth in yards (37,946).

Currently, he's tied with Hall of Famer Bob Griese with an 81.5 passer rating.

But backing up McNair, who was born while Krieg was in high school, means he will have few chances now.

He attempted only two passes in 1997 and his only work in five games came as a holder for kicker Al Del Greco.

"You just have to keep mentally on top of it as best you can," Krieg said after finishing a practice during which McNair took most of the snaps.

"It's so hard to sit back there and watch somebody. You have to do it and make your own mistakes to learn. You're not afforded that opportunity, but that's the way it is."

Krieg is happiest when he's playing rather than watching. He showed last weekend that he can still move, blocking a Washington defender during a preseason game and taking out another to clear receiver Willie Davis' path to the end zone.

"I wanted them to put one of the young kids in for that play, but I had to go show them something else," Krieg said.

Krieg, who reverted to backup in 1993 behind Joe Montana with the Kansas City Chiefs, never complains and is happy to still be in the NFL.

"I still enjoy the game, and that's the bottom line," he said.

His attitude has helped the Oilers avoid the kind of quarterback controversy that erupted when they drafted McNair as their top choice in 1995.

McNair didn't get much help from then-starter Chris Chandler, and the Oilers traded Chandler to Atlanta before the 1997 season.

Krieg hasn't gotten much work at training camp. He played only one series in the exhibition opener at Atlanta and two against Washington.

COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTES

THE SAIPAN MAJOR League Baseball Association has set the tie-breaker game between the UMDA Aces and Kautz Glass Glaziers for tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. Both teams finished the regular season with 7-5 records. The game will determine the pennant runner-up as well as the final standings for the playoffs, set to start the following Saturday, August 29. If tomorrow's game is rained out, it will be rescheduled for Sunday. For more information call Rose Igitol at (670) 234-5498.

GUAM'S TALOFOFO GOLF Resort is hosting the 1998 Hongkong Bank/American Cancer Society Championship beginning tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. The tournament concludes Sunday.

Aboriginal to launch Aussie torch relay

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Aboriginal Nova Peris-Kneebone will be the first Australian to carry the Olympic torch when it arrives in June 2000 for the Sydney Olympics.

Peris-Kneebone, 27, is Australia's only Aboriginal gold medal winner at an Olympics, having played in the women's field hockey victory in Atlanta. She quit the sport after the games and began a track and field career as a sprinter.

"I'm thrilled. It's an honor

which is going to be unbelievable for me," said Peris-Kneebone, who hopes to qualify for the Olympics as a competitor.

Olympics Minister and president of the Sydney Organizing Committee, Michael Knight, said the SOCOG board was intent on choosing a female, Aboriginal Olympian to launch the torch relay.

The Olympic torch will be carried through Australia for 100 days before the lighting of the flame in the Olympic Stadium on Sept. 15, 2000.

US teacher completes English Channel swim

BOSTON (AP) — A Boston teacher completed swimming the English Channel for the sixth time Wednesday, just two weeks after he called off a crossing 10 hours into the swim.

"I guess God was on my side," said Peter Jurzynski, 47. "I was a little burnt out because of the earlier swim."

It took Jurzynski 16 hours and 16 minutes to complete the crossing, more than four hours longer than his best time of 12 hours and seven minutes. He made that time in his first outing in 1987, when he was 36.

He also successfully swam the channel in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 1997. He tried several times unsuccessfully including 1993 and 1994, and two weeks ago, when he swam several hours and then turned back.

"It's tough when you're actually doing this. Every time I finish I say this is the last time," he said. But after a couple hours of rest, Jurzynski said there will definitely be another time.

"I'm not a fast swimmer, but I just plug in there and do it," he said. "I really do it for the fitness."

Jurzynski took up swimming

when his political career came to an end. He is a former Springfield City Councilor who unsuccessfully ran for mayor there in 1985.

He trains in Boston Harbor, and in his hometown of Naugatuck, Conn., where he still spends part of his summer.

Swimmers need to hire a boat and a crew to accompany them on the 21-mile (34-kilometer) crossing from Folkestone in southeast England to Cap Gris-Nez, France. Jurzynski said he hopes eventually to beat the American record for the most successful swims across the channel.

The British-based Channel Swimming Association, which keeps official records, verified Jurzynski's latest successful swim.

Alison Taylor, its assistant secretary, said she could not immediately provide the record for most successful swims by an American.

But Marcia Cleveland, a long-distance swimmer who is writing a book about channel swimming, said the American record is eight held by Tom Hetzel, of Corpus Christi, Texas. Briton Alison Streeter, who has made the swim 37 times, holds the international record.

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Philadelphia	61	64	.492	21 1/2
Montreal	51	76	.397	33 1/2
Florida	45	81	.352	39
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Houston	78	49	.611	—
Chicago	69	57	.548	8
St. Louis	60	64	.484	16
Milwaukee	60	66	.476	17
Pittsburgh	58	68	.456	19 1/2
Cincinnati	57	69	.452	20
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	81	45	.648	—
San Francisco	67	59	.528	15
Los Angeles	62	64	.496	19
Colorado	57	70	.452	24 1/2
Arizona	47	79	.376	34

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	92	31	.754	—
Boston	74	50	.593	19 1/2
Baltimore	68	58	.536	26 1/2
Toronto	63	62	.504	30 1/2
Tampa Bay	48	76	.390	44 1/2
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Cleveland	69	56	.556	—
Chicago	56	68	.455	12 1/2
Kansas City	55	71	.440	14 1/2
Minnesota	55	70	.435	15
Detroit	49	75	.398	19 1/2
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Anaheim	68	58	.536	—
Texas	66	59	.524	1 1/2
Seattle	56	67	.455	10
Oakland	56	70	.440	12

SPORTS



Anna Kournikova of Russia backhands a return to Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania at the du Maurier Open in Montreal. Kournikova beat Dragomir 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 to move on to the next round. AP

Sampras settles down, advances

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP)—Pete Sampras, still haunted by a 3-day-old controversial call, allowed Lleyton Hewitt to break him twice and force a tiebreaker before dismissing the young Australian 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) to advance to the third round of the Pilot Pen International Wednesday.

Sampras, the No. 1 seed, dropped the first game of the match, serving, and later said he was having trouble acclimating himself to his first appearance in New Haven.

"My tennis will get better. I certainly hope it will get better," he said, after the 1 hour, 12 minute duel.

Sampras also said he was dwelling on Sunday's loss to Patrick Rafter in the finals of the ATP Championship in Cincinnati, which placed in jeopardy his goal to end the year at No. 1 in the world.

The match ended on a serve by

Rafter that was first called out, then ruled an ace by the umpire.

"I don't like losing matches. I don't like losing, period, especially that way," he said, adding that he most wants to play Rafter this week.

Rafter, seeded second, was slated to play Jeff Tarango in a night match. Rafter, ranked No. 3 in the world, and Sampras would meet in the tournament finals.

Hewitt, whom Sampras called an up-and-coming player in need of a big weapon, said he was overwhelmed by the Wimbledon champion's serve. Sampras rocketed 12 aces, consistently serving faster than 120 mph.

Hewitt had beaten Andre Agassi earlier in the year to win the Australian Hardcourt Championships.

He had said his goal in playing Sampras was to stay relaxed. But after falling behind 4-1 in the first set

and in the middle of dropping one of four service games, the 17-year-old struck his racket on the court, breaking it.

"I was a set down before I knew it," Hewitt said. "At the time you really don't know what to do."

Also Wednesday, third-seeded Petr Korda defeated Andrei Medvedev 6-3, 2-6, 6-1. Korda, ranked No. 4 in the world, will face fellow Czech Bohdan Ulihrach, seeded 13th.

Korda, the Australian Open champ, acknowledged he is the favorite of the two.

"I think he has nothing to lose. What I'm really looking for is to play as well as I can before the U.S. Open," he said.

Defending Pilot Pen champ Yevgeny Kafelnikov demolished Australian Todd Woodbridge 6-0, 6-

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Kournikova, Sanchez-Vicario advance at du Maurier Open

MONTREAL (AP)—Old favorite Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and the spicy teen-ager Anna Kournikova both survived tough second-round matches Wednesday at the \$1.3 million du Maurier Canadian Open tennis tournament.

Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic, riding a three-tournament winning streak, downed Russia's Elena Likhovtseva 7-5, 6-2 to run her consecutive match victory streak to 17.

Top-seeded Martina Hingis of Switzerland was scheduled to play Austria's Silvia Plischke later Wednesday.

Sanchez, 26, of Spain, struggled with her serve on a windy center court in a 0-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Karina Habsudova of Slovakia.

Kournikova, 17, of Russia, emerged a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 winner over Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir.

"For the first 20 or 25 minutes, I didn't see the ball. I just saw her winners," the third-seeded Sanchez said of Habsudova, who is ranked 61st in the world. "I just tried to stay in the match, keep the ball in the court and try to move her around. Obviously, it worked."

The three-time French Open champion caught a break when, leading 6-5 in the second set, a missed line call on set point helped her avoid a tiebreaker.

Video replays showed Habsudova's shot landed squarely on the line, but it was ruled to be out.

Sanchez won the du Maurier in 1992 and 1994 in Montreal and reached the final the last time the women were at Jarry Stadium in 1996, losing to Monica Seles.

Autograph seekers lined up 10 deep to catch the attractive Kournikova, the 15th seed, on her way to and from the court for what turned out to be a spirited first meeting with the 38th-ranked Dragomir.

"I knew she was a good, whole-court player," said Kournikova, who shot frequent glances at her "good friend" Sergei Fedorov, the Detroit Red Wings center who watched from courtside. "It was windy and it was difficult to adjust. I think she handled the wind well."

Novotna, 29, who had a first-round bye, advanced to a third-round

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Palau League Slowpitch Softball

Final Standings

Division "A"	Win	Loss	Division "B"	Win	Loss
Pepsi SPEC	15	2	Koror Tigers	13	4
Warriors	14	3	Red Torch	12	5
JET Turtles	13	4	Ngeaur Comets	12	5
G. Force	11	6	LA Bombers	11	6
Tanapag Braves	7	10	Enforcer	11	6
Team Chelus	5	12	Tarzans	8	9
I Luv You Man	3	14	Airai Aces	5	12
Team Peleliu	3	14	7-Up Kabekel	3	14
Senyevins	1	16	Hustlers	3	14

"A" Pennant: Martha's/Pepsi SPEC

Runner-Up Pennant: Warriors

"B" Pennant: Koror Tigers

Runner-Up Pennant: Need Tie-Breaker

Game Schedule

Sunday August 23, 1998

Game 1	10 a.m.	Red Torch vs. Ngeaur Comets (Tie-Breaker for "B" Runner-Up Pennant)
Game 2	11 a.m.	Enforcer vs. Koror Bombers (4th spot in "B" Playoff)
Game 3	12 p.m.	Pepsi SPEC vs. G. Force 1st
Game 4	1 p.m.	Warriors vs. JET Turtles 1st
Game 5	2 p.m.	Koror Tigers vs. Winner of Enforcers vs. Bombers
Game 6	3 p.m.	Red Torch vs. Ngeaur Comets

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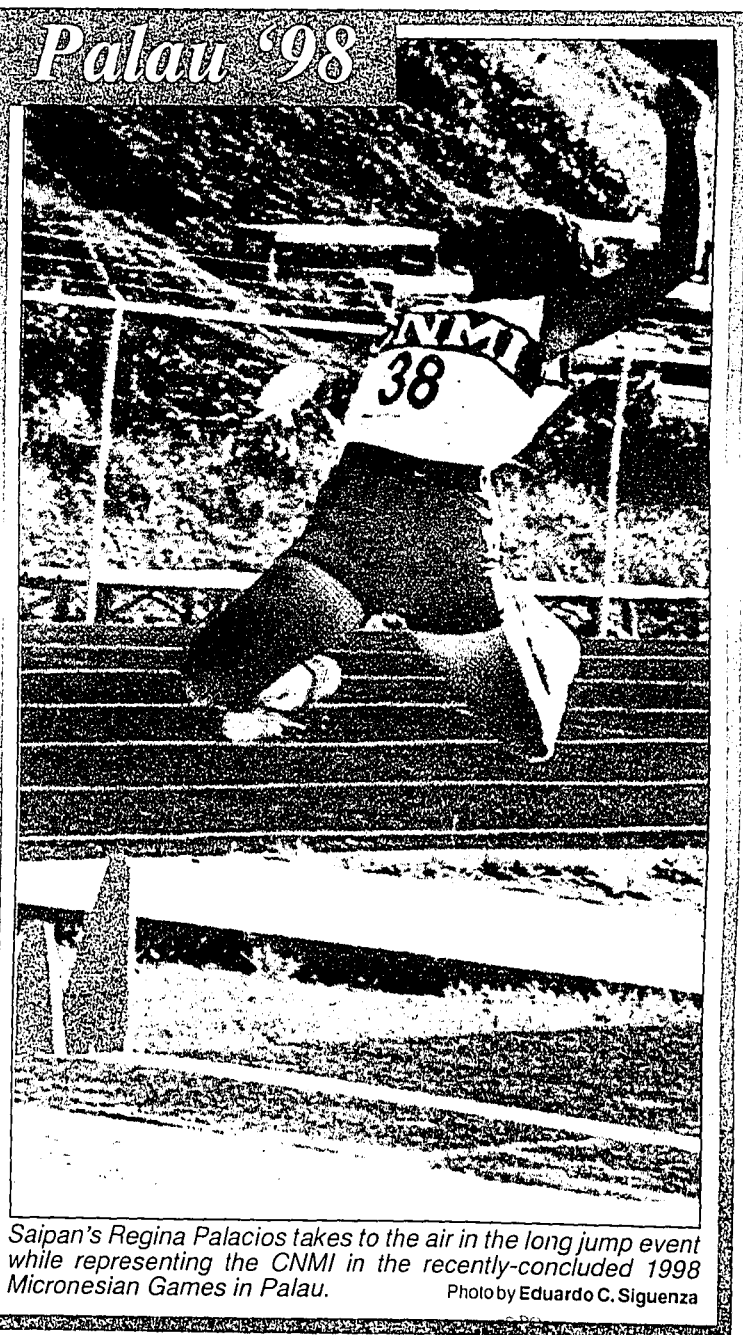
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Saipan's Regina Palacios takes to the air in the long jump event while representing the CNMI in the recently-concluded 1998 Micronesian Games in Palau.

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Allow me to demonstrate how the **GARDSMAN 5000 ALARM SECURITY SYSTEM** can protect you. **There is no obligation. Please call me at 233-9298/9299 or fax me at 233-9297 for an appointment. PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND BUSINESS NOW.**

Call Larry Musngi for appointment

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