

## CDA moves bond plan

By Rick Alberto  
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COMMONWEALTH Development Authority will proceed with the hiring of an underwriter to help prepare the flotation of a \$250-million revenue bond, even without the much-awaited approval of an authorization bill by Legislature.

"Regardless of whether we get the approval from the legislature on the bond, we want to go ahead and start getting an underwriter," CDA board chair Juan S. Tenorio said in an interview yesterday.

The proposed \$250-million bond flotation is almost double the \$140-million bond floated by CDA in 1986. The issue earned \$28 million in interest, which the government has used to match federal infrastructure funds.

Tenorio said the underwriter

### Underwriter sought with or without legislative OK



Juan S. Tenorio

would look into how much the Commonwealth is worth or whether "we can sell the Commonwealth in the open market."

"So whatever the case, whether

the legislature would approve or not, we just want to go ahead," Tenorio told the Variety.

Tenorio explained that the hiring of an underwriter would enable the CNMI to prepare this early, saying there is no more room for more delay.

Earlier this month, Tenorio called on the Senate to authorize the preparation for the flotation on the bond, saying that without it the CDA could not get the needed underwriter, or bond seller.

The Senate approval had been pending for about eight months,

Tenorio said in an earlier interview this month.

The House had given its approval ahead of the Senate. It could be recalled that a previous law had already authorized the bond issue but there were legal questions about the manner it was enacted.

Tenorio said they could not afford more delay since "as days go, the interest rate goes up."

"The timing is ripe now to start looking into underwriting a bond... We want to be prepared in the event that the legislature (gives its approval) because we cannot

wait any longer," he said.

Once more Tenorio echoed what he had earlier said this month, "I'm encouraging the Senate to please pass the authorization so CDA can look into the future of the Commonwealth."

He said he was certain the Senate would approve the authorization. "It's just a matter of technicality."

Tenorio had earlier said the Senate was ironing out the mechanics of getting funding for projects from the bond.

The bond, according to Tenorio, would enable the CNMI to start undertaking priority infrastructure projects sooner than it could.

### 3 companies prequalify for desalination plant contract

By Rick Alberto  
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THE Governor's Water Emergency Task Force yesterday announced the names of three bidders which pre-qualified to undertake the construction of a desalination plant under a build-operate-transfer (BOT) scheme.

Task Force chair Timothy P. Villagomez identified the firms as Earth Tech, Estrellas Saipan, Inc., and Aqua Design.

The shortlisting of the eight firms which submitted their bids took place in a closed-door meeting of the task force yesterday.

The final winning bidder will design, construct, finance, operate and eventually transfer to government a desalination

facility that is capable of producing 3 million gallons of potable water daily.

The facility will serve households and business establishments in the central part of Saipan that includes Garapan, Chinatown, and parts of Gualo Rai.

The three pre-qualified firms were told to submit a written response by Feb. 4 at 2 p.m., confirming and detailing listed criteria.

One of these is that the firm should agree to provide total financing of the facility.

The firm should also agree to produce potable, desalinated water which meets all US Environmental Protection Agency and other federal and

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### Aquaquest paid \$1,500 not \$200,000 for video



Mark Broadhurst

By Zaldy Dandan  
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THE OFFICE of the Governor paid Aquaquest Video Productions \$1,500 for the 30-minutes of video footage used for the CNN "sights and sounds" of the Northern Mariana Islands spots, according to the company's executive producer Pete Peterson.

"Our rates are really very reasonable," Peterson said in a statement faxed to the Variety yesterday.

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Vice President Tommy Remengesau (from left), wife Debbie Remengesau, First Lady Elong Nakamura and President Kuniwo Nakamura form a reception line to receive well-wishers after the inaugural ceremonies held Saturday at Koror's Asahi Ballfield.

Photo by M.C. Munar

### Babauta: Abolition of House insular affairs panel 'could work both ways'



Juan N. Babauta

By Zaldy Dandan  
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THE REPUBLICAN majority in the newly-sworn in 105th U.S. House of Representatives has voted to abolish the Subcommit-

tee on Native American and Insular Affairs, a "development," which Resident Rep. Juan N. Babauta said may either be good or bad for the CNMI.

"In many ways it's an advantage, in other ways it's not," Babauta in an interview yesterday said.

He said in the past, even if the subcommittee voted against a particular bill the CNMI supports, the standing committee can still overturn the vote.

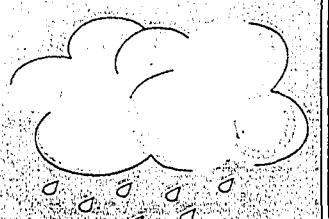
"We have the opportunity to appeal in the Resources Committee," Babauta said, "but now without the subcommittee, any bill affecting the CNMI goes straight from the standing committee to the House floor."

The Resources Committee is

chaired by Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), while Rep. Elton

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### WEATHER Outlook



Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers

# Shots ring out in Peru

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA  
LIMA, Peru (AP) - Armed police commandos marched in force Monday outside the Japanese diplomatic residence where leftist rebels hold 72 captives, provoking gunfire from inside the compound.

The show of force came just hours after Japan urged Peru to show restraint in maneuvers outside the compound, where Japanese diplomats and business leaders are among the rebels' leading hostages.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto appealed to the Peruvian government "not to go too far. Not thinking of the hostages' mental state may have an adverse effect."

Despite Japan's warnings, four armored personnel carriers rumbled past the compound later Monday, their machine guns trained on the elegant residence seized by the rebels on Dec.

## Police commandos taunt rebels; Hashimoto worried

A police helicopter circled overhead as the black-bereted commandos marched to the strains of martial music blasting from speakers. Moments later, the commandos returned and walked at a snail's pace as they aimed their rifles at the residence.

At least two shots rang out from inside the compound, sending the commandos ducking for cover.

It wasn't immediately clear if the shots had been aimed at police, or whether anyone was hurt. A 10-foot (3-meter) concrete wall surrounds the compound and would make it difficult for police and rebels to see each other.

A window on one personnel carrier had what appeared to a bullet mark, and police officers at the scene said the vehicle had been hit.

There were no reports of any injuries. After several moments, the commandos and personnel carriers slowly withdrew from in front of the Japanese ambassador's residence.

A half-hour later they returned for another march past the residence - their fifth of the afternoon.

On at least five previous occasions, the rebels have fired shots to warn police commandos to keep their distance from the compound.

Hostages inside include Japanese Ambassador Morihisa Aoki, Japanese executives, Peru's foreign and agriculture ministers, police officials and Fujimori's younger brother, Pedro.

Under international law, Japan must give permission for any military action to free the hostages because the compound is Japanese property.

Japan's vice foreign minister, Sadayuki Hayashi, said Monday that Peru had reaffirmed its goal of ensuring the hostages' safety.

About 20 Tupac Amaru guerrillas seized more than 500 hostages when they stormed a diplomatic reception inside the compound. The rebels have

freed all but 72 hostages and are demanding the release of at least 300 guerrillas from Peruvian jails.

President Alberto Fujimori insists the rebels drop that demand before negotiations begin. A mediation panel has been formed but has yet to begin work.

Moments before Monday's maneuvers, police set up loudspeakers on three metal platforms and connected them by cable to a central sound system. The speakers fell just short of the compound's walls.

Police commandos marched to the strains of battle songs commemorating Peruvian battles against neighboring Ecuador and Chile. The music continued after the commandos left the area.

The speakers appeared to be another tactic designed to wear down the guerrillas. The same tactic was used by U.S. soldiers who blasted rock music to drive out Gen. Manuel Noriega from his refuge in the Vatican Embassy in Panama City following the December 1989 U.S. invasion.

Police in the jungle town of Satipo, 265 miles (430 kilometers) northeast of Lima, said Monday they had captured two Tupac Amaru leaders who were about to board a bus bound for the capital.

Mauricio Gutierrez and Grima Mendoza are leaders of the rebels' central jungle front, which operates from the Tupac Amaru's last remaining bastion in the Chanchamayo Valley, police said. The men were headed to Lima to link up with rebels in the capital, police said, without giving details of what the two planned to do there.



Cambodian Second Prime Minister Hun Sen examines an anti-tank rocket launcher captured from underground Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Tbong Khmum, 80 kilometers (50 miles) northeast of Phnom Penh. Hun Sen visited the northern Cambodian district to attend a defection ceremony for 275 alleged underground Khmer Rouge terrorists.

AP Photo

## China-US textile talks on

BEIJING (AP) - U.S. and Chinese trade negotiators on Tuesday opened a final round of talks on renewing a textile trade agreement and heading off sanctions.

The talks are scheduled to run through Thursday if necessary. The deadline is Friday, and there will be no more extensions, said Rita Hayes, who is leading the U.S. Trade Representative delegation.

This will be the fourth round of talks on textile quotas and transshipment.

Under a 1994 agreement, the United States set strict limits on imports from Chinese textile makers. Washington has accused China of circumventing the quotas by transshipping its exports,

or shipping them first to a third country.

The United States has threatened \$19 million in quota penalties for breaking the agreement.

China has rejected the U.S. charges, saying they lack concrete evidence, and threatened retaliatory sanctions on a range of U.S. imports.

U.S. negotiators also want the new agreement to give U.S. textile products wider access to the Chinese market.

"China is a very important trade partner, and we hope the consultations will continue the mood of the previous consultations. Both sides are trying to get an agreement," Ms. Hayes said before Tuesday's meeting.

# CUC warns contractors

By Rick Alberto  
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THE Water Emergency Task Force yesterday warned contractors it would terminate their contracts if projects continue to suffer from long delays.

The warning came in the heels of the termination of the contract of Solid Builders which was doing the Songsong waterline project on Rota.

## After six years: Bank will 'release' dead man's money



Bruce Jorgensen

By Zaldy Dandan  
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MORE THAN six years after the murder of one of its depositors, the Bank of Guam's Rota branch has agreed to release the deposited funds—plus interest—to the widowed wife, the bank's general counsel Joaquin C. Arriola said yesterday.

Bruce Jorgensen, the lawyer representing the widow, Philippine resident Teresita Ramos-Suniga, said the funds are estimated to be around \$2,000.

Arriola, however, said he can not disclose the full amount, but added that it is under \$5,000.

Jorgensen on Monday told the Variety that he has been asked by Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona to assist Teresita in getting the deposited funds.

Jorgensen, in a letter Monday to Rota branch manager Liz Mendiola, said that after the murder of Santos C. Suniga Jr. in 1990, the widow requested the branch office to close her husband's account and to disburse the funds to her.

However, Jorgensen said Teresita was told by bank personnel that CNMI laws prohibit the bank from paying out the funds to her, unless a court order says so.

Mendiola, Jorgensen added, also refused to disclose the amount of funds in Suniga's account.

According to Arriola, however, Mendiola told Teresita in 1990 to show an affidavit stating that she—Teresita—is Suniga's surviving spouse.

Teresita never showed up

## Prolonged project delays 'will be dealt with'

The task force's chairman, Timothy P. Villagomez, said the waterline project was only half completed.

It was supposed to be finished in March last year.

But based on the latest extension, the project should have been completed about three months ago.

Villagomez said the project, from the beginning, had suffered delays.

The task force has informed Century Insurance, the bonding company that gave financial backing to Solid Builders, to find another contractor and complete the project.

Solid Builder owner, Ben T. Fejeran, appealed the contract termination during the task force's meeting yesterday, but he was informed that a decision had already been reached after proceedings were conducted.

"We've informed the bonding company that we're terminating this contract," Villagomez told reporters during an interview.

Villagomez also told Century

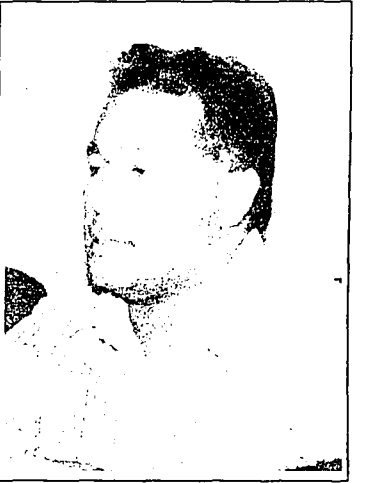
Insurance to investigate why the delay had occurred.

Villagomez said they could accept certain delays but that they felt the Songsong waterline project delay was unacceptable.

"This task force is taking a positive approach in insuring that this contractor, any contractors (for that matter), completes projects in a timely basis," Villagomez said.

"We are very understanding when it comes to some delays in regards to material delivery and so forth; however, a 25 percent delay is something that we take seriously," Villagomez added.

The task force gave the bonding company 10 days to submit results

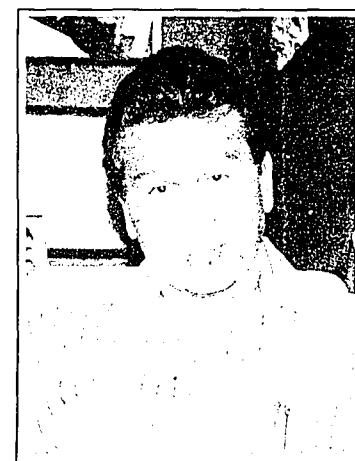


Timothy P. Villagomez

of its investigation.

"The task force will either concur with the findings or seek some other remedies," Villagomez said.

## Jones denies 'harassing' Calonge



Dino M. Jones



Gene Calonge

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

HOUSE Minority Leader Dino M. Jones yesterday denied that he "harassed" outgoing Philippine Consul Gene Calonge.

Jones said his letter to Calonge was a request, not an order, for information.

"I do not see how a polite request can be called 'harassment,'" the Saipan Democrat said in a media release.

Calonge, whose "tour of duty" on Saipan ended yesterday, declined to make a comment.

Jones said he has tried to give the

consul "the respect and dignity due to his office," and that he can not understand why the consul reacted "so negatively."

It is the Consulate's decision, he added, whether to provide him or not with the information he requested.

"It is not a crime to request," Jones said.

The information he asked for pertains to matters affecting CNMI employers and businesses, he said, and "as an elected representative of the CNMI, my duty is to support and defend the (Commonwealth's) Constitution and laws."

Calonge said such documents and fees required from employers can be acquired "on a personal basis and not in a manner which seem to be demanding."



Rev. Fr. Isaac Ayuyub blesses the remains of Bennett Baza Mendiola during funeral rites held at the Mt Carmel Cathedral. Mendiola, a mother of four, was stabbed dead in her Kobleville home last week. She was laid to rest yesterday. Photo by Jojo Dass

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## It's Broadway...on an island

It's Broadway Boulevard! The balmy day was pleasantly bright as cattles at the Bar-K Ranch nibble on tiny blades of grass spread across hundreds of acres of fenced land. My mind danced in and out of the tune "New York New York". I was especially attracted by the lyrics "...if you can make it here, you'll make it anywhere...."

But this is Tinian, an island three miles southwest of Saipan. The lyrics offer a challenge of sort (aspiring actors and actresses), only this time it is about investors crowding the small island taking great risks by funneling millions of dollars to transform it into the Gambling Mecca of the northwest-pacific. Against all odds, perhaps these investors have taken a glimpse on something we haven't seen ourselves.

As I cruised toward town, I grinned at the notion of street naming during World War II by American soldiers clad in their khakis and T-shirts needing each other as they prepared the pit to load the A-bomb unto the Enola Gay. Perhaps our veterans wanted to hear rings of familiar places back home. And so there's Broadway, a street that takes any comer right into the main town of San Jose.

As I mentally toyed with what lies ahead, I had mixed-feelings of the historical metamorphosis or change that the island had gone through since the days of Ancient Chamorros to Modern Day Marianas. Legend has it that Tinian is Taga's Island where he lived and roamed most of his adult life. He carved and hauled huge pieces of latte stone either from the reef or at a rock quarry on Rota. He brought them to Tinian where he built the traditional Chamorro house perched on these stones. That was legend.

I have been interested in this legendary Chamorro and his enormous physical prowess. Often, I would dwell on how he would fare in the annual Japanese Sumo Wrestling. He would have pulped every giant who enters the ring and I'm sure too that he wouldn't need to sprinkle salt to rid the circle of bad spirits. He brings raw hafa adai spirit. But his legendary power turned suspect when I heard rumors that he was killed at Laulau Beach, a traditional indigenous village on the windward side of the island (Saipan). It raises the question how he was killed or was there someone else much more powerful than him.

I've seen pictures of the bomb pit where American soldiers loaded the deadliest weapon known to man that brought imperial Japan to her knees. This tiny runway strip is world famous in history. Two years ago, it was trumpeted all over major dailies across the country commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the bloody war in the Pacific theater. A taxi driver handed this scribe a copy of the L.A. Times highlighting victory in the Pacific. Said he: "You guys are famous today all over the country". I wasn't sure how to react given that thousands of young men lost their lives to permanently deny Japan political rule of these islands. I nodded in mild approval just so that we didn't have to dwell into pain, death and suffering in Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

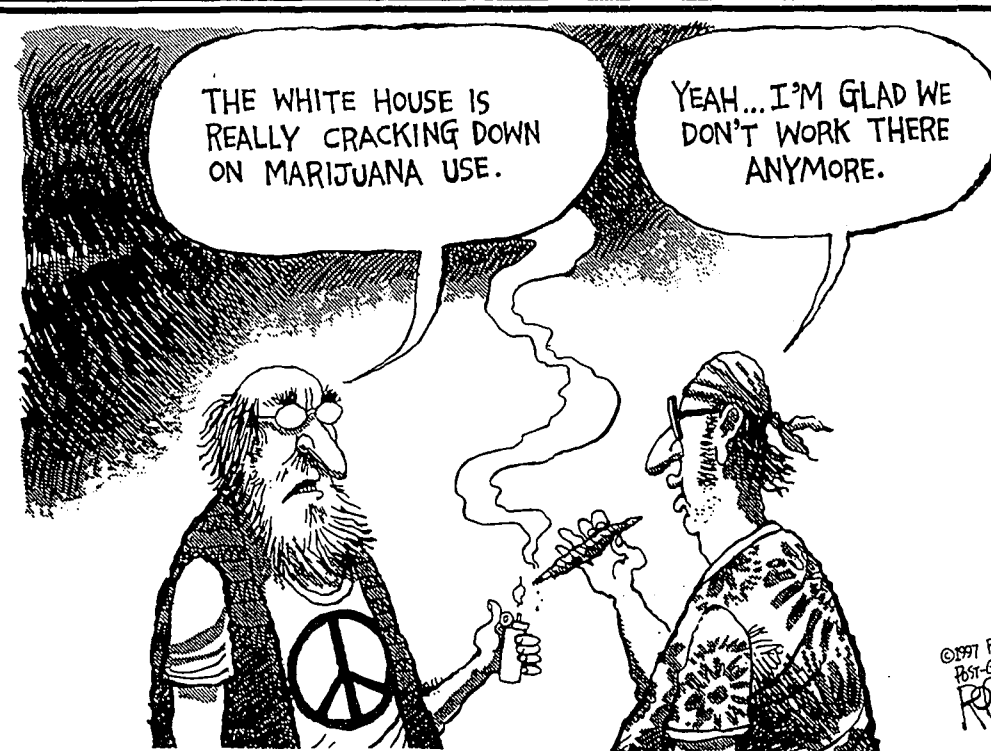
Today, the quiet and sleepy island is marching proudly to becoming the Gambling Mecca of the Mariana Islands. It would radiate in the glitz and glamour of big time casino gambling and big time entertainment. I hope that the impending economic boom doesn't go unbridled and detonate to the detriment of the indigenous people of Tinian resembling the blinding lightning that flashed across the skies of the two Japanese cities some 51 years ago.

Be that as it may, I remain guardedly optimistic that the casino industry would make it as a profitable venture. May I also make it abundantly clear that my sentiment is inconsequential in that I also want to give opportunity a chance. Yes, Tinian is marching tall and ever confident into the 21st Century. As I ventured back into Broadway Boulevard, I kept hearing the tune "New York New York" meandering through the boundless opportunities that lie ahead.

I also had the opportunity to tinker with the minds of the island's economic architectural plan. There apparently looms in their mind an important query used in any planning exercise: "What if...." Yes, indeed, what if the industries' combined employees (all US Citizens) from the mainland out-number the local voting population. There obviously would be an immediate shift in the political structure. By the time virtual reality turns into real reality, we'd be revisiting an old melody so popular in Hawaii in the thirties: Beyond the Reef. It is a worrisome aspect that calls for some deliberative discussions among our brothers and sisters.

Commercial farming has expanded and it was a pleasant shift in physical and mental venue as I paced the long rows of tomatoes, string beans, cabbage, egg plants, taro, tapioca, solo papaya and an entire field of water melon. Those who still engage in subsistence farming mix it up with occasional visit to the lagoon and beyond. As I returned to the car, I yearned for that humble lifestyle of yester-years. By this time, the colorful sunset across the San Jose pier begins to give way to the night. I was ready for a water hole, any hole, a habit or vice journalists are famous for.

If I may confess: I never took this trip to the gambling mecca of these islands. I was only able to romanticize what opportunities abound. And even if I did, friends, "...if you can make it here, you'll make it anywhere...." Until another fine day, it's a pleasure cruising through Broadway even on an island through the figment of my imagination. Yes, "...if you can make it here, you'll make it anywhere...." for you have made something for yourself on this lovely island.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Army, Marines may add umbrellas to arsenal

WASHINGTON—In its never-ending quest to be all that it can be, the U.S. Army is now considering becoming drier. And they may also be joined by their Marine compatriots.

Unlike the Navy and Air Force, the Army and Marines do not allow male service members to carry umbrellas with their dress uniforms. It's been considered foppish—not soldierly. Unmanly. At least by those who make the policies.

In Washington, the world's most important swamp, summer storms appear and unload barra-es with the speed of a thunder-clap, making common the sight of a soldier or Marine in dress uniform dripping his way onto a Pentagon-bound subway.

The umbrella policy poses few problems for top Army brass, however. Big shots like Gen. John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, travel to and from official Army functions in chauffeur-driven cars that are parked in the Pentagon's underground garages.

But in what may be the boldest proposed change in military attire since the English changed the standard color of their fatigues from red, the Army and Marines are ready to buck tradition by reversing an umbrella ban that many of the rank-and-file think is all wet.

Sgt. Major Johnnie Walters, who works on uniform policy for the Army, told us that a proposal to allow men in dress uniform to carry black bumbershoots is being bounced up the chain of command. The proposal came about after Army officials asked soldiers how they feel about the current policy.

They (the soldiers) agreed the Army should be allowed to carry umbrellas," Walters said. "The leadership and the soldiers thought the policy should be changed."

Judy Petsch who works in a similar job for the Marines, said that suggestions from the field are also prompting the Corps to reconsider its policy. "Possibly because it was

such a wet summer," she told us. "Part of it is just practical."

Walters thinks a change might be a morale booster for several reasons. Obviously, servicemen could stay drier and maybe save a little on dry cleaning bills. Also men and women would be playing by the same rules.

Currently, women in the Army and Marines are allowed to carry umbrellas with their dress uniforms. This strikes us as problematic. Obviously there are going to be some differences between dress requirements for men and women. But as the name suggests, uniforms ought to be as uniform as possible.

Walters told us that the proposed change, "passes the common sense test as well, because soldiers are soldiers. I believe the (current) policy is biased; it's sexist. In the time of gender equity, it would improve morale for all soldiers."

This is not the first time the issue has been raised. It appears from time to time like a rainbow after a rainstorm. "It's not sudden" Petsch said. "It seems to cycle around every time we get a new commandant."

The issue does not extend to fatigues, when umbrellas are always forbidden for everyone, or civilian clothes, when carrying an umbrella is OK.

Predictably, savvy servicemen have figured out ways to make the most of the current policy. Men in the Army and Marines, for example, have become adept at striking up quick friendships with umbrella-equipped sailors or airmen when a storm breaks out.

Is that kosher? The policy is you can't carry ... one," Walters said. Would he ever do something like that? "Well," he said, "I have ... ducked under one."

We're confident that tasteful umbrellas will not endanger the masculinity or morale of America's fighting soldiers. Being all they can be means packing parasols. It's time for uniforms that are uniform.

# Regional bank eyes full operation

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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KOROR, Palau—Policy makers for the Pacific Island Development Bank, after having received a commitment of financial support from Japan's Exim Bank, have seen hopes for the full operation of the bank, according to CNMI House Speaker Diego Benavente.

Benavente, a member of the PIDB's board of governors, said the bank has been existing for 10 years but its operations have been stagnant due to lack of funds.

The bank, he said, has yet to generate the \$10 million seed money that was set when the organization was created.

PIDB was created by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. Bank officials met here Friday to review the status of the bank. PIDB, like the World Bank, was designed to extend loan to



CNMI Speaker Diego T. Benavente sits with other directors of the Pacific Islands Development Bank during Monday's Board meeting.

Micronesian states and islands.

Member islands were supposed to contribute \$1 million each to produce the starting fund, but so far, Benavente said, only Palau, and FSM have fulfilled at commitment.

The CNMI has contributed \$350,000. Commonwealth Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio vetoed the \$175,000 appropriated by the Legislature as part of the CNMI's contribution to the bank for this year.

Benavente said some of the member islands and states are having difficulties in fulfilling their contribution commitments due to the financial conditions of their respective governments.

Some of the states that have contributed to the bank started receiving their benefits, Benavente said.

"Right now, what we have been doing is to try to make sure we recover some of the money we've lost

already," Benavente said.

"Instead of collecting interest in contributions made to the bank, we started issuing and buying loans in different entities," he added.

Exim Bank Benavente said, has set certain conditions which PIDB has to meet before it get the assistance money pledged by the Japanese bank.

"That (condition) is understandable. Of course, (Exim Bank) wants to see full commitment from members to pay their \$1 million contribution," Benavente.

One of the conditions is for PIDB to start operating independently as full-fledged bank.

"This means that we have to hire our own people, and we have to start issuing loans directly to customers. The board of governors have voted to allow the board of directors to start issuing loans directly to customers in the region," Benavente said.

He said the bank, right now, cannot afford to give the amount of loans needed by member states and islands for the development of their infrastructure.

The policy makers have agreed to make available to customers, including those in the private sector, the money belonging to members that have given their contributions.

"The decision we've made is not to continue the purchase of loans but to issue loans directly to the customers," Benavente said.

**Your Health**  
By Dr. Stephen Sullivan

(A public service project by the staff of the Commonwealth Health Center)

## It hurts here, Doc!

THE movies and the media would have us believe that diagnosis in modern medicine is all about tests and high technology.

A bit like Bones in Star Trek with his magic diagnostic wand. In spite of what you read in the newspapers, hear on the radio or see on the television diagnosis has always been and still is about describing your pain to your doctor.

Even in ancient times it was not about smelling stool, tasting urine, gazing at the stars or consulting the entrails of a sacrificial calf. Before your doctor can decide which tests (if any) are needed to make a diagnosis he or she will or should take a detailed history of your pain.

If you have a pain and are planning on seeing your doctor about it make sure that you go prepared with answers to the following questions.

- 1) Where is the pain? Show me with your hand.
- 2) Where does the pain go? Show me with your hand.
- 3) What does the pain feel like? Sharp, dull, burning, throbbing, cramping, squeezing, aching, stinging. We have as many words to describe pain as Eskimos have to describe snow.
- 4) How bad is the pain? Mild, moderate, severe, excruciating. On a scale of 1 to 10, what number?
- 5) What makes the pain come? How did it start? Nothing, it just happens. Eating, exercise, exertion, emotion?
- 6) What makes the pain go? Rest, eating, medicines, using the toilet?
- 7) What makes the pain better? What have you tried? Eating, resting, using the toilet, medicine?
- 8) What makes the pain worse? Eating, moving, coughing, sneezing? Nothing.
- 9) How quickly does the pain come? Quickly, slowly, in seconds, in minutes, over hours or days?
- 10) How quickly does the pain go? Suddenly, slowly, gradually? Gone when I wake up.
- 11) How long does the pain last? Seconds, minutes, hours, days?
- 12) How often does the pain come? Every day, once a month, a few times a year? This is the first time.
- 13) What happens along with the pain? Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, sweating, shortness of breath, nothing?

Sometimes it can be difficult to find the answers to these questions. If you are not sure then say so.

Above all don't exaggerate in hopes of convincing your doctor about the seriousness of your problem.

A pain that is truly all of the time, worse than anything possible and not helped by anything at all usually lies between the ears and not in the body.

Over the next few weeks we will explore the characteristics of some of the pains you may experience and which may take you to your doctor.

Perhaps you will even be able to diagnose your own pain. Even not, you and your doctor will be better able to sort out the problem.

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# RP consul looks into Sako incident

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE PHILIPPINE Consulate yesterday vowed to investigate allegations that some 200 Filipino non-resident workers employed in a local garment firm are being subjected to discrimination.

"We are now coordinating with Philippine Labor officials on this. We have to get to the bottom of these things," said Consul Julie Heidemann in an interview yesterday, her first day on the job.

Heidemann replaced erstwhile Consul Generoso Calonge who has been recalled by the Manila government after finishing his tour of duty on Saipan.

"The Consulate is investigating these allegations," she added.

For his part, Labor and Immigration Secretary Thomas O. Sablan said his office's Compliance and Monitoring Section is now "on top of the situation."

He also vowed support to the work-



New RP Consul Julie Heidemann (left) is welcomed by her predecessor, Gene Calonge, upon her arrival at the airport Monday.

ers, including the latter's Thai counterparts.

"We are monitoring the situation. We are looking into it as a whole," Sablan said.

He added that management of the Sako Garments Co. and the workers should try to resolve the issue among themselves.

"We are trying to establish whether there are grounds to hold the management liable for violations of the workers' contract," Sablan stressed.

Some 200 Filipino workers staged a one-hour sitdown strike on Monday at the firm's premises, protesting alleged discrimination by company officials.

Gilbert Manalili, the workers' spokesperson, said the women workers are being left out to go home on their own at 2:00 am from the factory which is in San Antonio to their barracks in San Vicente and Chalan Piao.

Management too, he said, has resorted to threatening workers on the



Thomas O. Sablan

non-renewal of their contract should they continue sympathizing with the union now being organized by fellow workers.

## CRM issues permits for completion of 4 buildings

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE Coastal Resources Management Office has approved the permit application of Saipan Development Corp. to complete four unfinished buildings which will be used as barracks and an office building.

According to CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan, the permit was in effect after-the-fact since the unfinished structures were built years ago without getting the proper permits.

The structures are located in Kalan Kiya behind YCO Hardware.

Sablan said the structures stand on a private wetland property that had been filled with hard soil.

"Somebody did fill that area, so they have to have a permit from us and permit from the US Corps of Engineers, and DEQ for the water quality," Sablan said.

Sablan said the firm, which was leasing the property, was told to submit an application.

"I believe they are in compliance already with the Corps," he said, adding that the firm has to do some mitigation measures.

The CRM and the Corps of Engineers have a joint jurisdiction over the disposal and development activities on wetlands.

Sablan said the concrete walls were already in place "a long time ago," but that his office one day spotted workers putting tin roofing and stopped them.

The person in charge went to the CRM office and professed no knowledge of the necessity for a permit and what procedure to follow.

Sablan acknowledged his honesty. "We advised him to go through the procedure, and that's what he did."

Three of the building will be used as staff barracks and the fourth as office space.

# Bennett Mendiola laid to rest

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

BERNADITA Baza Mendiola, the 35-year old Treasury Department cashier who was stabbed to death by a close family friend last week, was finally laid to rest yesterday.

Hundreds of relatives and friends trooped to the Mt. Carmel Cathedral as Mendiola's remains, in a white coffin, was carried by immediate relatives from the church to the nearby Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Mourners jam-packed the cathedral as Chalan Kanoa parish priest

Isaac Ayuyu officiated a Mass as a tribute to Mendiola shortly before the burial.

Mendiola was killed while three of her four children suffered stab wounds after a man, later arrested and identified as Antonio Villanueva, a retired lawyer, allegedly went into a stabbing spree.

Villanueva was positively identified by the victim's children who claimed he locked up Mendiola's youngest daughter shortly before the rampage began.

Villanueva, court documents

showed, allegedly broke into the Mendiola's Koblerville residence at 1:00 am last Jan. 20; bound, sexually molested and locked-up a 13-year old girl by the house's storeroom; stabbed Mendiola dead and injured the victim's children.

Villanueva is scheduled to appear before the court tomorrow to face charges of first degree murder, sexual abuse of a minor, burglary, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

## 33 complete UOG TV workshop

THE second of two special television workshops concluded Sunday night at the University of Guam (UOG) with certificates being awarded to 33 participants during ceremonies in the College of Arts and Sciences new lecture hall.

Television Systems Troubleshooting and Maintenance drew participants from throughout Micronesia. The nine-day workshop offered essential technical training for people involved in UOG's distance learning system.

Earlier in the month, 53 Micronesians completed a television production workshop.

Participants in the troubleshooting workshop learned to repair and calibrate television cameras, videotape recorders, monitors and audio equipment.

They used diagnostic equipment such as test signal generators, waveform monitors and vector scopes to troubleshoot common problems and set up television systems.

Most of those who attended the workshop are technicians, operators or facili-

tators working for UOG, the College of Micronesia, Palau Community College, Guam Community College and the College of the Northern Marianas.

The two workshops were sponsored through a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. They are the first in a series that will identify and address training for distance learning. The grant was part of OIA's continuing technical assistance program that helps to further higher education in the insular areas.

In addition to providing the training,

the grant also paid for a new digital editing system, a digital still camera and a professional video camera plus a package of new maintenance tools. All of the equipment will remain at the university for future use.

The graduation ceremony was key-noted by Dr. Remington Rose-Crossley, Academic Vice President at UOG. Certificates were presented by Dr. Carmen Fernandez, Director of the Center for Continuing Education and Outreach Programs, and Bruce Best, workshop coordinator and Peacesat station manager at UOG.

# Heidemann guests at Jon Anderson Live

THE end of January brings with it a changing of the guard at the Saipan Philippine Consulate. Consul Generoso Calonge is passing the torch to Ms. Julie Heidemann, who takes over as the Saipan Consul after a 3 year stint in Seoul,

South Korea and Manila.

Both Heidemann and Calonge will be taking about the state of affairs on Saipan over the past year and what's in store for the future on tonight's edition of Jon Anderson Live.

# SAES PTA meeting

SAN Antonio Elementary School will be having its next regular PTA meeting to be held on January 29, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The school also announced that

its second quarter Octopus Day will take place on January 31, with its awards ceremony at 8:45 a.m. Report card distribution will be done in the afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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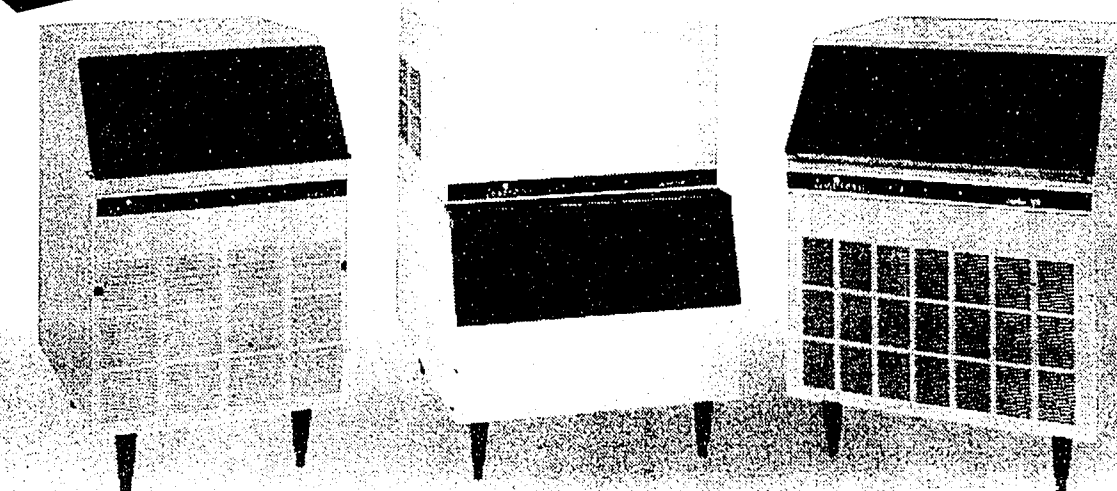
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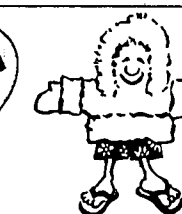
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MOBIL Oil recently announced the appointment of Abi O. Adigun as the company's new Sales Manager. Adigun will have responsibility for all Mobil's marketing activities in Guam and Micronesia.

Adigun joined Mobil in 1989 in the International Treasury Division based in Fairfax, Virginia. He progressed through various accounting and finance positions within Mobil affiliates in Ghana, Nigeria and Zambia.

Prior to his Guam appointment, he was Marketing Services Manager, Mobil Oil Singapore.

Adigun holds a Masters degree in Civil Engineering from the University of London as well as a Masters degree in Business Administration from Yale University.

Adigun replaces Alex T. Wee who will become General Manager of Mobil Vietnam.



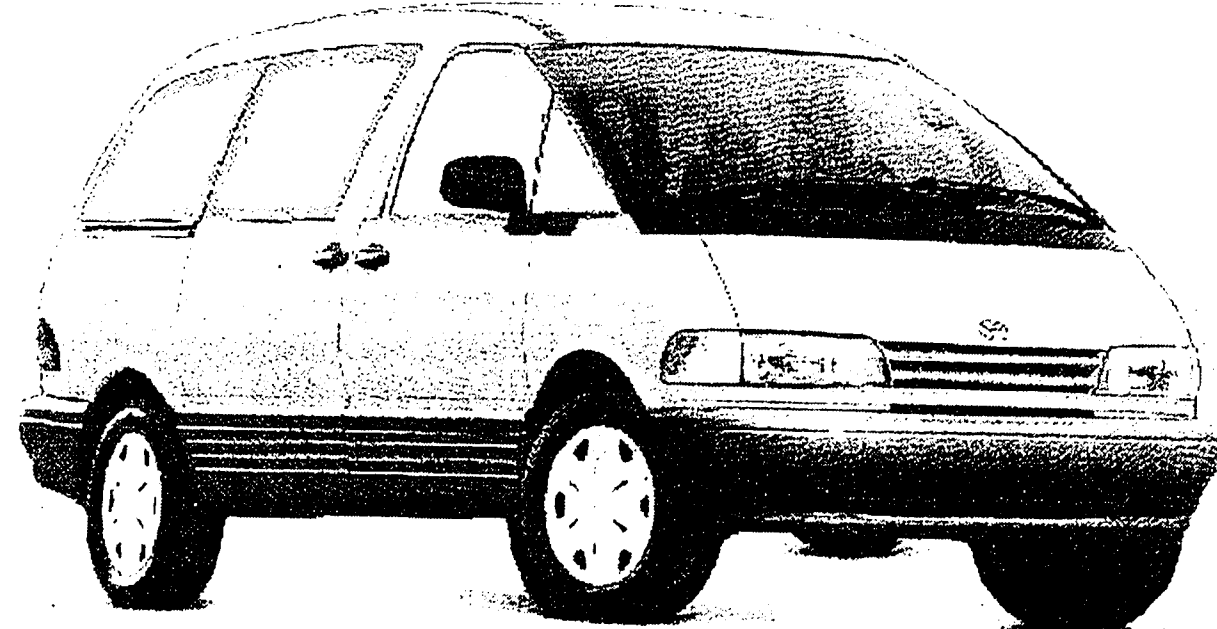
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## Pacific News Round-Up

### Prison chief closes 2 cemeteries

SUVA (Pacnews)—Fiji's commissioner of prisons, Aisea Taoka, has closed Vatuwaqa and Old Suva cemeteries amidst allegations and public outcry that graves were being dug up and human remains disposed off.

Taoka will conduct an investigation into the matter, which was first highlighted in the Sunday Post at the weekend, the Daily Post reported.

Taoka made the announcement following recent claims by a former inmate that human remains were being exhumed and disposed off so authorities could create new grave sites.

And the former prisoner who disclosed the information to the Daily Post revealed that he wants to meet Taoka, but in a neutral area.

In a statement, Taoka reassured the public that the remains of their

loved ones would be accorded appropriate respect in accordance with the provisions of law and protocol.

He has issued instructions to stop block bookings or block allocations to the public and private graves in Suva and Vatuwaqa cemeteries.

Taoka has also stopped any burials to be conducted at the two sites pending the outcome of his investigations.

### Caledonia parties call for talks

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)—One of New Caledonia's pro-independence political parties has called for restarting discussions on the future of the French Pacific territory.

AFP says a statement from the Kanak Liberation Party, one of pro-independence groups allied in the

Kanak Nationalist Socialist Liberation Front, states it has become urgent to create the necessary conditions for restarting discussions on the future of policies and institutions in the country, RNZI reported.

The FLNKS halted talks among France, the pro-French Rally for

Caledonia in the Republic and itself in April, saying it should negotiate alone with Paris.

The government, the ROCR and the FLNKS signed an accord in 1988 that calls for a referendum in 1998 on independence for the French territory.

### PNG gov't warns of nuclear voyage

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—The Papua New Guinea government has urged major powers to take the South Pacific Forum countries seriously about shipping nuclear waste through the region.

Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Kilroy Genia issued a caution to Japan, France and the United Kingdom after Japan began shipment of such waste material through the South Pacific to Japan, Post-Courier reported.

Japan was busy Monday assuring PNG reporters of the safety of the shipping arrangement, but did not dis-

close the exact route of the Pacific Trail which set off from the French port of Cherbourg on January 13. It is believed the Pacific Trail will sail near Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

The vessel is carrying two 110-tonne casks which contain 40 canisters of vitrified waste, nuclear waste mixed with glass.

The PNG government's stance comes despite an extensive attempt by a team of experts from Japan, France and Britain to explain that all precautions necessary had been taken for the shipment.

### 2 American Samoans stand trial in possession of drugs

PAGOPAGO (Pacnews)—Two American Samoan men accused of importing crystal methamphetamine or "ice" into the territory, are into the third day of testimony into their case today.

Alfred Faumuina and Ricky Anthony Pua'a face charges of possession of controlled substances in connection with an April 13, 1996 incident in which a bag containing 700 grams of "ice" was seized by customs officers at Pagopago International Airport.

The drugs had an estimated

street value of \$350,000. There are allegations that the accused are part of a network which has been smuggling hard drugs into the territory for some time.

Government investigators suspect that some prominent residents are involved in the operation.

However, under the territory's law, possession of a controlled substance carries a maximum sentence of no less than 5 years imprisonment, or a \$5,000 fine, or both.

### Cooks PM urged to seek help from New Zealand

WELLINGTON (Pacnews)—Cook Island's opposition leader Norman George says the country's economic plight is so desperate that the prime minister Sir Geoffrey Henry ought to go to New Zealand to ask for help. George says he can't believe that Sir Geoffrey hasn't already gone to Wellington, RNZI reported.

George says the time for pride and nationalism is gone.

He says the Cook Islands is so desperately in trouble that the people should swallow their pride and go to Wellington.

George says the economy is gone, Rarotonga is facing a drought right now, there's no water, no money, and people are leaving.

He says if there's a country in the world that's desperate for assistance right now, it's the Cook Islands.

### Poll: Fijians nix migration scheme

SUVA (Pacnews)—The majority of people in Fiji surveyed in a special poll feel that the proposal for the migration of a large number of Hong Kong Chinese to Fiji should be scrapped.

A Tebuti-Times poll showed almost 73 percent were of this opinion, the Fiji Times reported. 24 percent thought it should be given the go-ahead

and four percent were not sure. Those more likely to be opposed to the scheme were Fijians (78 percent), females (76 percent), 45-years and over (77 percent) and those from the Western part of the country (76 percent).

The results of the survey revealed, interestingly, that although 73 percent of the respondents were against the

Hong Kong scheme, the majority appeared to agree in principle with the concept of business migration schemes.

Interestingly too, Fijians were more likely to claim that there was too much immigration (53 percent) while Indians, on the other hand, were more likely to claim that there was not enough immigration (22 percent).

### \$4.7M to boost Fiji education

SUVA (Pacnews)—The Fiji Great Council of Chiefs was told Monday that the government has set aside 4.7 million Fijian dollars (US \$3.3-million) on scholarships for Fijian students.

Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka told the chiefs that 1343 Fijian students were currently being assisted by the government through the schol-

arship scheme, the Fiji Times reported.

There were 139 attending institutions overseas and 1204 in Fiji. Rabuka also called on the concerted effort of everyone to combat the fall in academic achievements among Fijian students.

He said teachers, parents and guardians, relatives, provincial councils and traditional

leaders must look into the problem and come up with solutions.

Rabuka said the Malaysian government was willing to help Fijians in education too, by accommodating for Fijians students at the Institute of Technology Mara to study business, mathematics, science, accounting, engineering and tourism.

### Filipino women 'suffer' from effects of poverty

By ROBERT H. REID

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Despite significant advances in the status of women, social conditions in the Philippines continue to impede their progress and force thousands to seek work abroad, the Philippine government said in a report Monday.

Imelda Nicolas, head of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, said in a report to the U.N. Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women that Filipino females suffer disproportionately from the effects of poverty.

The country's burgeoning population—now more than 70 million—has placed even greater strains on the domestic job market as hundreds of thousands of young Filipinos enter the labor force annually.

That makes it harder for young women to find jobs in the country, the report said.

### Philippines targets \$14B in int'l reserves

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine Central Bank said Tuesday it is targeting international reserves of \$14 billion in 1997 after a record \$11.7 billion last year.

Central bank chief economist Diwa Guinigundo said the target is achievable because of a higher 1997 balance of payments surplus.

Higher export earnings and strong inflows of dollar loans and foreign investments are expected to further increase the country's balance of payments surplus, he said.

The country is expected to post a BOP surplus of \$4.2 billion in 1996. No official target has been announced for 1997.

Guinigundo said the central bank will purchase dollars from the foreign exchange market if the balance of payments surplus is not enough to meet its international reserves target.

Guinigundo said the central bank also has entered into repurchase agreements with seven central banks in the region to provide extra liquidity. The seven central banks are those of Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan and China.

He said the agreements provide the central bank with stand-by funds that can be tapped if the Philippine peso comes under speculative attack.

The central bank is considering entering into a similar agreement with other central banks.

### Bus falls into ravine, kills 19

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least 19 people were killed and 35 others were injured when a passenger bus fell into a ravine as it tried to overtake another vehicle in a province south-east of Manila, police said Tuesday.

The accident occurred late Monday night in the town of Labo in Camarines Norte province, about 210 kilometers (131 kilometers) south-east of Manila, as the bus was negotiating a zig-zag.

One passenger interviewed by a local radio station said the bus swerved to the opposite lane and plunged down a 40 meter (132-foot) ravine.

Among those killed was the bus driver, police said.

For example, the report found that in 1994, the year for which the most recent records were available, 60 percent of Filipinos working abroad were women. This is because many women, especially from rural areas, cannot find work in the country.

Only 46.8 percent of Filipino women are employed, the report said, compared with 86.7 percent of males. The report said that despite government successes in improving the economy, natural disasters had worsened poverty in several areas, including those near Mount Pinatubo and regions affected by a record number of typhoons in 1995.

Nevertheless, the report said that Filipino women were now living longer and marrying later.

The report said that despite the unemployment figures, women were probably contributing more to the national economy than they receive credit for because many of them are engaged in the "informal sector," the report said.

That term refers to jobs in the "underground economy," such as vendors, small-scale sewing and manufacturing

which are often conducted without proper government permits and therefore are not counted in national statistics.

The report said social conditions often impeded the progress of women.

"Despite the virtual standstill of the family planning program because of strong resistance of the Catholic Church, the use of contraception rose to 40 percent in 1993," the report said.

Regarding violence against women, the report said the government lacked sufficient data on the phenomenon. Legislation providing penalties for spousal abuse and other acts of violence were tied up in Congress.

"The traditional attitude of a submissive role for women in the family has contributed to a culture of silence on domestic violence," the report said.

The report was submitted as part of a review by the committee of the status of women in numerous countries. The information is to be used to formulate recommendations to the U.N. General Assembly and member states on ways to improve the status of women worldwide.

### Rebel assassination squad leader caught

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

- A leader of a Manila-based communist rebel assassination squad allegedly responsible for the killing of a transport leader and senior police officers has been captured, police said Tuesday.

Wilfredo Batongbacal, 29, was arrested Sunday by members of the police intelligence group and the Presidential Task Force on Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

National police spokesman Superintendent Enrique Galang said Batongbacal headed the north partisan platoon of the Alex Boncayao Brigade.

Galang said Batongbacal allegedly led the June 1996 ambush on former intelligence officer Rolando Abadilla, whom the rebels claimed was punished for numerous human rights abuses under the late strongman

Ferdinand Marcos.

Batongbacal, presented to reporters Tuesday, denied any participation in the Abadilla killing. He added that he has been inactive for more than a year now.

Galang said Batongbacal admitted participation in at least 11 assassinations from 1989 to 1996, including the killing of a police officer acquitted of kidnapping charges and transport leader Oscar Lazaro.

The brigade was under the Manila branch of the Communist Party of the Philippines that broke off from the mainstream party, charging their leaders of being Stalinist and Maoist dictators.

The party in turn condemned the brigade's activities, saying it undermined the revolutionary movement as a whole.

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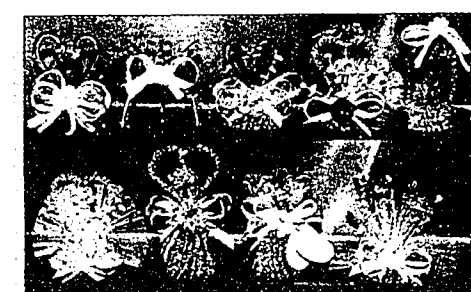
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## Japan's economic future may be at stake in reform effort

By PETER LANDERS  
TOKYO (AP) - When Japan's top four business leaders meet the press each January to mark the new year, it's usually the perfect occasion for optimistic platitudes.

But this year, Japan's corporate titans offered nary a hint of cheer. Jiro Ushio, head of a group of individual executives that makes policy recommendations, summed up the sentiment when he said Japanese stocks and the yen have plunged because investors "lost hope" in the economy.

And Jiro Nemoto, chairman of the Japan Federation of Employers' Associations, complained that Japan was 10 years behind America and Britain in reducing economic regulation.

Just about everyone, it seems, has come to the same conclusion: Japan Inc. needs an overhaul, or else the nation's economic future is

in danger.

And Japan now has a leader, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who has staked his government on reform.

Hashimoto wants to revive Tokyo's financial markets by 2001 with a Japanese version of the "big bang" - the reforms that blew open Britain's clubby financial system to vigorous competition in 1986. He says that would be the start of broad changes in the economy that would affect everything from airlines to rice paddies.

"This time Japan is dead serious," says Koichi Minaguchi, who heads a panel advising the prime minister on economic reform.

But outside analysts remain skeptical. With politics plagued by corruption and little public tolerance for radical upheaval, many feel the latest reform effort

will fizzle just as previous attempts have.

At stake is the future of the world's second largest economy, one that has long restricted full-blooded competition and reined in business through a web of government regulations.

"The bottom line is they've got to allow the forces of competition to work," says Walter Mondale, who retired in December as U.S. ambassador to Japan. "They've got to make their companies stand up to the discipline of world market competition."

Hashimoto's proposed "big bang" would free up finance on a broad scale. Banks would be allowed to invade the turf of securities firms to offer higher-interest, money-market accounts. Stockbrokers could set their own commissions. Already, Japan agreed in December under heavy U.S. pressure to throw open its insurance market to competition. Instead of fixed auto coverage rates for everyone, insurers will now be able to offer whatever prices they like.

## Problems at America Online bad news for many businesses

By DAVID E. KALISH  
NEW YORK - For some America Online users, the constant busy signals are more than an annoyance. They're disrupting business.

"When e-mail goes down, it's like severing an artery," said John Goodman, a public relations executive based in Scarsdale, New York.

He uses America Online to communicate with customers, and last week he couldn't send or receive e-mail for two hours due to a "brownout."

For businesses whose e-mail address ends in "aol.com," the company's recent woes are a convenient symbol of frustration with the broader Internet, the worldwide network that people can tap into with the proper equipment.

America's largest online service, which provides access to the Internet, has been swamped in recent months with more users than it can accommodate due to an aggressive marketing campaign.

It not only has signed up hundreds of thousands of new subscribers, but offers unlimited connection time for dlr\$ 19.95 a month.

The result is annoying busy signals for many subscribers attempting to connect during periods of heavy usage. The company also has been plagued with a rash of technical glitches such as e-mail "brownouts" as the company attempts to upgrade its network to accommodate the new users.

America Online said Monday it is selectively offering refunds to customers on a "case by case" basis. The refunds may take the form of free service, said company spokeswoman Wendy Goldberg. Refunds to dissatisfied customers had "always been our policy," she said.

The American Online situation illuminates the growing dependence on online and Internet services. Use from work surpassed use from home this past year, with 15.6 million people logging on from work or school compared with 10.3 million from home in September, according to Inteco Corp., a market research firm based in Norwalk, Connecticut. "If I were to depend on America Online, as I had for nine months of the year in 1996, I would be a dead duck now," said Bob Djurdjevic, owner of Annex Research, a Phoenix-based high-tech market research and consulting firm. Djurdjevic says that busy signals at America Online spurred him to switch to another online service, but that he has experienced other problems sending and receiving e-mail messages with his new provider.

The problems have hurt America Online as well. Several states have threatened to sue and the company's stock tumbled 6.8 percent Monday, or \$2.50 a share, to \$34.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

America Online insists it was a victim of its own popularity. "We had no idea of the incredible surge in demand we would see. It did exceed our wildest expectations," Goldberg said.

America Online, based in Dulles, Virginia, says it is spending \$350 million to upgrade its network and add more customer support representatives.

But state officials want changes now. On Monday, Florida threatened to sue unless AOL stops advertising unlimited online time it cannot provide. Assistant Florida Attorney General Jack Norris also accused AOL of making it more difficult for unsatisfied customers to cancel the service.

## Nuclear waste shipment to North Korea assailed

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - South Korean environmentalists said Monday they will stage a weeklong hunger strike to protest state-run Taiwan Power Company's plans to ship nuclear waste to North Korea.

"We want Taiwan Power and the North Korean government to cancel this arrangement," said Nam Sang-min, international coordinator for anti-nuclear group Green Korea.

Protesters will begin the hunger strike and sit-in outside Taipower's downtown office building on Wednesday, Nam said.

Nam has met with Taiwanese environmentalists and South Korea's unofficial ambassador to discuss protests against Taiwan's plans to ship up to 200,000 barrels of low-level nuclear waste to North Korea, he said.

Four more Green Korea protesters arrive Tuesday, and Taiwanese anti-nuclear groups may also join the protest, Nam said.

Seoul has asked the United States, China and Japan, as well as the nuclear watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency, to pressure Taiwan to call off the shipments.

The deal announced Jan. 20 permits initial shipment of 60,000 barrels within two years, with an option to ship another 140,000.

Activists said Taiwan promised North Korea up to U.S. \$227.6 mil-

lion for storing the nuclear waste. With its economy in a shambles, North Korea badly needs hard currency to import food and other basics.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry said the deal fully complies with the laws of both countries and IAEA regulations.

"We expect South Korea will be able to view this matter calmly, and not complicate it or create difficulties that would affect bilateral relations," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Peter Cheng. "South Korea shouldn't interfere with our and North Korea's bilateral affairs."

About eight members of a far-right patriotic group burned an effigy of South Korean President Kim Young-sam outside the Korean Mission in Taiwan in response to a similar anti-Taiwan protest in Seoul on Saturday.

The mission handles unofficial relations in the absence of diplomatic ties.

South Korean officials say assurances that North Korea is complying with international nuclear regulations are worthless given Pyongyang's record of defying such standards.

But state-owned Taiwan Television quoted "authoritative sources" saying North Korean engineers have already visited Taiwan to survey port facilities and draft plans for making the shipments.

## Snowstorms kill 39 in China, losses hit \$24M

BEIJING (AP) - The worst snowstorms to rage through China's extreme northwest in 30 years have killed 39 people and caused losses of more than 200 million yuan (\$24 million), an official report said Monday.

Repeated blizzards have buffeted the northwestern tip of Xinjiang, in China's far west, since late December, dumping drifts up to 2 meters (6 1/2 feet) high and leaving remote villages and livestock stranded

without enough food.

So far, army rescuers have provided supplies and other help to some 320,000 people affected by the storms, the newspaper China Business Times reported. Some are still snowbound, it said.

It said that 87 people were seriously injured and 109,400 head of livestock killed by the snowstorms.

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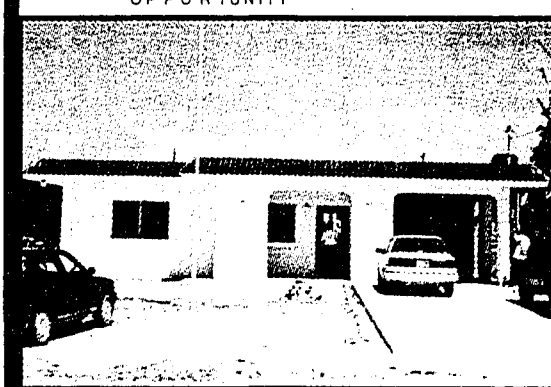
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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby serve notice to eligible veterans of the existing U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Native American Direct Loan Program (NADLP).

The NADLP, which was enacted by the United States Congress as a pilot housing loan program for areas with land restrictions, will be expiring in October of this year. Under the program, eligible veterans may obtain a residential housing loan to purchase, construct or improve one's home. Since the inception of the program, native veterans from the Pacific area have been the most active participants.

The loan limit for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is \$120,000.00 with an interest rate of 7.75%, fixed for thirty (30) years. Several loan applications for CNMI native veterans have been approved for Saipan and Rota. Three projects have been completed on Saipan, while two are pending. There is currently one on-going project on Rota and two have been completed. At least two more applications from the CNMI have been pre-qualified and commitment letters will eventually be issued after the applicants provide additional documentation and information to the VA Office in Honolulu.

Interested CNMI-descent veterans are encouraged to take advantage of this particular program, as it is the only VA housing loan program that has been implemented in the CNMI. The VA Loan Guaranty Program has yet to be implemented locally, due to unresolved concerns the U.S. VA Office has with respect to Article XII issue. Meanwhile, funds for the NADLP are being concentrated in the Pacific region. With increasing demand for the program, it is hoped that the U.S. Congress will continue to extend the NADLP beyond 1997. For additional information, contact Loan Specialist, Melvin B. Sablan or Diana P. Crisostomo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) at telephone numbers, 234-7689/7670/6866/9447, or Joseph M. Palacios, Veterans Affairs Administrator, CNMI Veterans Affairs Office at 233-3475 on Saipan. On Tinian and Rota, contact NMHC's Field Representatives, Frances H. Diaz at 433-9213 and Charles Mangiona at 532-9410, respectively.

## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION Procurement & Supply

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC RFP97-0008

January 15, 1997

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is requesting proposals from experienced contractors to perform repair and replacement work of fan guards and catwalks at CUC Power Plants I and II in Lower Base, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The work performed will involve welding, machining, fabrication, and other metal works. Site inspection is scheduled for January 29, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. and will be conducted by the Power Plant Staff at the Lower Base, Saipan.

Interested parties may pick up statement of work at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office in Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) before deadline.

Offerors shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company has in the past, and is currently, in compliance with all applicable CNMI and federal labor laws. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such labor laws and any remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire proposal.

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

Proposals will be evaluated and selections made based on cost (40 max., points), approach to project (20 max., points), experience on similar projects (20 max., points), and time for completion (20 max., points).

One (1) original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC RFP 97-0008, to Mr. Frank T. Flores, Special Advisor for Material Management Division, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, February 21, 1997.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposal submitted by competing offerors.

The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the necessary funding and/or required approval to enter into legally binding arrangements to complete the entire project.

CUC reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ  
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## US unconcerned about French-German talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. State Department said Monday it is not disturbed by secret French-German talks on military cooperation because any agreement will be taken within the context of the two countries' NATO responsibilities.

Asked about the discussions, spokesman Nicholas Burns said, "We don't have any fundamental concerns here."

He said the United States is aware that France and Germany have had many discussions about a European defense identity within NATO. "We support it," he said. "The fact is that the reconciliation between France and Germany is one of the funda-

mental pillars of NATO, one of the strengths that NATO has now."

He said the United States fully encourages both governments to establish closer ties not only on defense but in the European Union context.

The proposed French-German alliance was spelled out in a 10-page document signed by the two countries on Dec. 9 and reported in Saturday's edition of the French newspaper Le Monde.

Under the proposal, France is considering sharing its nuclear umbrella with Germany, thus breaking with its longstanding policy of restricting its nuclear arsenal to deterring attacks against French national territory.

## Ambassador resigns amid new Nazi gold controversy

By BALZ BRUPPACHER  
BERN, Switzerland (AP) - Switzerland's ambassador to the United States has resigned after out-raging Jewish groups and their supporters by likening his country's Nazi gold crisis to a war that had to be won.

Carlo Jagmetti described allegations from Jewish groups and U.S. politicians that Swiss banks profited from World War II as a "war" Switzerland must "fight and win on two fronts: foreign and domestic."

In a confidential report, he also spoke of "opponents" who "cannot be trusted."

The report, sent to Switzerland in December, was leaked Sunday by a Swiss newspaper that said the "opponents" referred to Jewish organizations and U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Jagmetti's remarks prompted protests inside and outside Switzerland. Israel's Jewish Agency called for an immediate apology from Switzerland. D'Amato had said he was shocked by the ambassador's choice of words and Swiss-based Jewish groups demanded Jagmetti's immediate suspension.

D'Amato welcomed Jagmetti's resignation Monday, saying "We have heard this language and sentiment all too often in the not too distant past. It is frightening."

Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti said the 65-year-old ambassador's decision to resign was his own, and had not been forced by the government.

Cotti condemned the leaking of a confidential report and said he would ask the Cabinet to authorize a criminal investigation.

While distancing the government from the ambassador's language, he said he regretted that "a truly successful and conscientious diplomatic career should end in such a way only a few months before planned retirement."

Jagmetti was due to retire in July after 35 years of service. A lawyer, he has served in important Swiss embassies, including Rome, London and Brussels. Before arriving in Washington in 1993, he was ambassador to France. Jewish groups have accused Switzerland of holding up to \$7 billion of gold and valuables belonging to Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Switzerland says the real figure is a tiny fraction of that.

They also claim that Swiss banks profited from the war by acting as Hitler's banker, laundering gold looted from the central banks of occupied countries.

The international row, brewing over the last few months, has rocked the

tiny Alpine nation, which prided itself on its neutrality.

Avraham Burg, chairman of the Jewish Agency, welcomed Jagmetti's resignation as "appropriate."

"By resigning, the Swiss ambassador saved the honor of Swiss diplomacy," he said. "Anyone who fights the Jewish people today will find himself facing the Jewish organizations and leaders who will respond in kind."

"Verbal violence leads to incitement, racism and murder. We will excise it from its roots."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the U.S. government would have hoped the quotes attributed to Jagmetti were inaccurate.

It was the second time the career diplomat has found himself in trouble over the issue.

Last year, Greta Beer, an American Jew, appealed to Congress for information about her late father's Swiss bank account. Jagmetti claimed the account had been found and that Beer's uncles already had cleaned it out.

Beer was irate that he would make a public announcement before she had been advised. The ambassador was unable to back up his claim, and the Foreign Ministry said it regretted his remark.

## Simpson defense asks jury:

# 'Give him his life back'

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
SANTA MONICA, California (AP) - In a powerful finale, O.J. Simpson's lawyer urged jurors to embrace the former American football star as an innocent man and "give him his life back."

"O.J. Simpson is simply innocent," attorney Robert Baker said Monday in his final remarks of the wrongful death trial. "He didn't do it."

Speaking in a near whisper during a two-hour speech, Baker said there was neither motive nor time for Simpson to slash ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman to death on June 12, 1994.

Baker urged jurors to reject appeals of sympathy for the victims' families and consider instead the plight of Simpson, who is being sued for potentially millions of dollars though he was acquitted of murder.

"He has been vilified and ridiculed," Baker said. "You can give him his life back and render a verdict like this was done before and give Justin and Sydney their dad back."

Baker's closing was followed by rebuttal arguments from attorneys Daniel Petrocelli and Tom Lambert, and the jury wasn't likely to get the



O.J. Simpson

case until Tuesday. At least nine of the 12 jurors must agree to find Simpson responsible for the deaths and award damages to the victims' families.

Petrocelli asked jurors what a guilty man does when faced with overwhelming evidence.

"What does he do? What does this guy do? He hires an army of lawyers, experts, investigators, consultants ... They sit down and they figure out what to say about all this evidence," he said.

"What you have heard in this courtroom, ladies and gentlemen, for the

last four months, is what a guilty man has to say in response to all this evidence: 'It's all planted. It's all contaminated. All the photos are fake. ... Every witness is lying or mistaken. There is a conspiracy the likes of which never before has been witnessed - all to get me.' ... That's what a guilty man does," Petrocelli said.

Mindful of recent polls showing growing doubts about Simpson's acquittal, Baker asked the unsequestered panel to disregard the idea the public wants Simpson to be held responsible for the murders.

He hammered home an argument of evidence contamination, planting and tampering by devious detectives.

He spoke of bloody gloves and socks showing up where they didn't belong and said, "We have blood at the most amazing places."

"Ladies and gentlemen, the evidence in this case simply is not trustworthy," said Baker. "It's not worthy of your belief."

Jurors listened intently, and a few who had put away their note pads opened them again and began jotting notes.

"Think about the gloves for a minute," Baker told them at one point.

## Spokane suspects probed on Olympic bombing

SPOKANE, Washington (AP) - Three men accused of bombing a bank, an abortion clinic and a newspaper office in the Pacific Northwest are being investigated for possible links to the Olympic park bombing in Atlanta, a newspaper reported.

Anonymous Justice Department and FBI officials told The Spokesman-Review Sunday that the suspects were being investigated in the Atlanta case, but cautioned that they have other leads and no solid suspects. "At this point, they are our strongest lead in the Olympics bombing," a Justice Department official told paper. "But

there's a lot more work to do, and it's really early on in the investigation."

The men are being held without bail on charges of bombing a suburban office of The Spokesman-Review and a nearby U.S. Bank branch, which also was robbed.

They are also charged with bombing a Planned Parenthood clinic in Spokane and robbing the same bank branch two weeks before the Olympics bombing.

Telephone records show that calls were made from the Atlanta area to suspect Charles Barbee's Sandpoint, Idaho, home at about the time of the

Olympic bombing, the newspaper reported.

The two other Spokane suspects, Robert S. Berry, 42, and Verne Jay Merrell, 51, are also from Sandpoint. The three men are scheduled to stand trial Feb. 10.

Barbee, 42, worked for AT-and-T in Georgia, Florida and Idaho. In a 1995 interview with The Spokesman-Review, he called AT-and-T an immoral corporation that mistreated Christian white men. The Atlanta bomb exploded in the AT-and-T Global Village, part of the Centennial Olympic Park.

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## NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

CUC RFP 97-0012

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is notifying all potential proposers to CUC RFP 97-0012 that CUC is cancelling the solicitation for an indefinite period of time. CUC will readvertise the solicitation for manpower services recruiting agency if CUC requires the services in the future.

**TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ**  
Executive Director

 **NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 8, 1997

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has been allocated \$911,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$30,000 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and \$322,000 in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, for Program Year 1997 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The grant funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of Community Development activities principally benefitting low and moderate income persons. Information concerning eligible uses of the grant funds may be obtained upon requests at the offices of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation located on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The CDBG Program requires a grant recipient to certify the minimal displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI Government does not plan on undertaking any activities which will cause displacement of persons.

In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG Funded Activity, the CNMI Government Acquisition Act of 1970 will be applicable.

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, which administers the CDBG and HOME Program and the Division of Youth Affairs, which administers the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, will be jointly conducting public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs, as identified on the five year (1995-1999) Consolidated Plan, and to provide information on the status of approved and ongoing projects for these programs. The Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. On Tinian, February 5, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tinian Multi Purpose Gym.
2. On Rota, February 6, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rota Public Library.
3. On Saipan, February 7, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the NMHC Central Garapan Office.

Additional inquiries concerning the CDBG and HOME Program may be directed in writing to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950, or by calling telephone numbers 234-6866/9447. Inquiries with respect to the ESG Program may be directed in writing to the Administrator, Division of Youth Services, P.O. Box 1000 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, or by calling telephone number 664-2250

/s/Mary Lou Ada Sirok  
Corporate Director


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# American Express to lay off 3,300

By FARRELL KRAMER  
NEW YORK (AP) - American Express Co. plans to lay off 3,300 workers this year, or about 5 percent of its employees, in an effort to improve the performance of its travel services unit.

The announcement Monday came as the charge-card company reported profits for the fourth quarter rose 55 percent from a year earlier.

About two-thirds of the jobs to be eliminated are based overseas and most come from administrative and support positions in the company's travel related operations, which include its credit and charge cards, said Michael O'Neill, a company spokesman. Some American Express facilities will be closed in the restructuring, including a number of overseas travel offices.

The New York-based company

employs about 70,000 workers.

The company said earnings were reduced by \$138 million in accounting for the final three months of last year to pay for the restructuring, about \$70 million of that going for worker severance payments.

Despite the charge, the company said it earned \$595 million, or \$1.23 a share in the fourth quarter of 1996, up from \$384 million, or 77 cents a share, in the same period a year earlier. The 1996 quarter also includes a \$300 million gain on the sale of its interest in First Data Corp.

The company generated revenue of \$4.26 billion in the period, up from \$4.05 billion.

Wall Street sent American Express shares down 3 percent on the news. The company's shares fell \$1.625 to close at \$59.50 each on the New York Stock Ex-

change.

American Express disclosed the layoffs in its Travel Related Services segment as it released its profit report. The effort is a continuation of efforts to "re-engineer" the card and travel segment.

Costs of the restructuring are expected to be recovered within two years, O'Neill said. "The intent is to get our cost structure to the point where it is best-in-class," he added.

Excluding the extraordinary items, American Express' operating income rose 13 percent in

the fourth quarter to \$433 million.

Travel Related Services reported operating income increased 12 percent in the final three months of the year. Higher revenue from business billed on American Express Cards and growth in cardmember loans were partially offset during the year by a decrease in cardmember fees.

American Express Financial Advisors reported profits grew 17 percent. Profit and revenue growth during 1996 benefited from an increase in managed as-

sets and growth in fees from the sale of mutual funds.

American Express Bank saw earnings fall 19 percent in the quarter. Lower revenue and higher provisions for loan losses hurt earnings during the year, but they were partly offset by reduced costs.

For the full year, American Express reported total profits of \$1.90 billion, or \$3.90 a share, compared with \$1.56 billion, or \$3.11 a share, in 1995. Revenue rose to \$16.24 billion from \$15.84 billion.

## Honda Accord thieves' favorite in '96

By BRIAN S. AKRE

DETROIT (AP) - It may be the second best-selling car in the United States, but among thieves it's first by far.

CCC Information Services Inc., which keeps track of car theft for the insurance and body repair industries, said the Honda Accord took 11 of the top 25 spots on its annual most-stolen list.

The 1994 Honda Accord EX was No. 1, the '88 Accord LX was second and the '92 Accord LX was third. Other Accords ranked seventh, eighth, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 24th and 25th.

The Accord has ranked among the best-selling cars in the United States for years; it was No. 2 last year, behind the Ford Taurus. Honda maintains that in sales to individuals, as opposed to rental companies and other fleet owners, the popular family sedan and coupe ranked No. 1 last year.

The Accord's new dubious

distinction marks the first time since the early 1980s that a foreign automaker ranked that high in thefts, said Bill Geen, CCC's senior vice president.

Honda spokesman Art Garner said the list is misleading because it ranks cars based on raw theft totals rather than theft rates, such as the number of thefts per 1,000 cars.

"It's only natural that there would be more Accords stolen than most," Garner said. "There's more of them out there, so there are more stolen."

Theft rate studies have shown the Accord is about average compared with other cars, Garner said, and its insurance rates are average or slightly better than those for other cars in its class.

In taking the top spot, the Accord ousted the mid-80s Oldsmobile Cutlass Supremes, which had held the most-stolen crown for the past four years and the top three spots in 1995.

The '84-'87 Cutlass Supremes

are still on the list, but have fallen to the fourth, sixth, 14th and 18th places. "Now you're looking at a 12- or 13-year-old car," said Bill Geen, CCC's senior vice president. "At that point, they start disappearing from use."

The same features that made the Oldsmobiles popular with thieves "helped" the Accord win its dubious distinction. There are a lot of them on the road, so demand for their parts grows stronger as they start to age. Many parts are interchangeable from year to year and with other models.

"The market for stolen cars evolves to meet demand," Geen said. "Thieves don't steal vehicles based upon how simple or hard it is to take them; rather, they determine how easy it may be to sell them on the black market." But strong sales don't guarantee a spot on the most-stolen list.

# Cosby admits to 'affair'

By VERENA DOBNIK

NEW YORK (AP) - Entertainer Bill Cosby acknowledged in a television interview that he had an affair with the mother of a 22-year-old who claims to be his illegitimate daughter.

Cosby denied to Dan Rather on "The CBS Evening News" Monday news that he is the father of the young woman, Autumn Jackson. But in a portion airing Sunday on "60 Minutes," Rather asked if there was a possibility he could be.

"There is a possibility," Cosby said in a transcript. "If you said, 'Did you make love to the

woman?' the answer is yes. 'Are you the father?' No."

"On the birth certificate, it's not my name," Cosby explained in part of the interview aired Monday night. "I had not spoken to the mother during her pregnancy nor her delivery nor some 14 months until we finally spoke."

"Never - she never called me and then one day when I called her for a second rendezvous, she came and she made the announcement."

Cosby, who has been married to his wife Camille for 33 years, went back to work Monday on

his CBS show "Cosby" for the first time since the Jan. 16 slaying of his 27-year-old son Ennis. No arrests have been made in the case.

Federal prosecutors charge that on the day Ennis Cosby was shot to death changing a flat tire in Los Angeles, Ms. Jackson and Jose Medina, 51, sent a fax to Cosby's representative demanding money. She and Medina were arrested in Cosby's lawyer's office after allegedly trying to negotiate a \$24 million payoff.

In the past, Cosby representatives have denied that he

was Ms. Jackson's father and described her as merely one of several young people who have received tuition aid from Cosby.

Late Monday, Ms. Jackson was awaiting her freedom from jail after two people, identified as Californians Richard Jespersion and Lois Mayfield, guaranteed her \$250,000 bond.

In his first interview since Ennis Cosby was slain, Cosby told Rather his life must return to normal.

"I think it's time for me to tell the people that we have to laugh - we've got to laugh," Cosby said. "But I just want the people to know - those who watch me, those who are with me - it's over for looking at me to do anything but go back to that which I am."

Cosby, who got his start as a comedian by humorously describing his life as a child, continued to gather material for his stand-up stories from his wife, son and four daughters.

## Man accused of trying to rob bank says he was just joking

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - A man who said he jokingly asked a bank teller for all her money was arraigned Monday on a robbery charge.

Michael W. Johnson, a 33-year-old freshman at the University of Akron, said the trouble began at the campus branch of the FirstMerit First National Bank on Friday.

"When the teller asked if she could help me, I said, 'Yeah, give me all of your money,' and I laughed," he said. "Then I handed her my MAC card and said, 'I need to take \$10 out of my account.' I got my money. She gave me a receipt. And I went on my way."

But university spokesman Paul Herold said the police report says

Johnson demanded all the teller's money in small bills before asking for his \$10. "She told police that she was sure it was a stickup," Herold said.

Johnson faces up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

Johnson's appearance might have something to do with his arrest, said his sister, Deborah Loudin.

"His right side is paralyzed. He walks with a limp and he carries his arm in front of him, upright and bent," she said. "He has a big shaggy beard and sometimes looks unkempt. I guess you could think he is a weirdo, if you don't know him."

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby provides notice that a public hearing shall be held on Thursday, January 30, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the CPA Seaport Office Conference Room, located at Charlie Dock on Saipan. All taxicab operators and other interested persons are invited to attend and to provide comments on the proposed amendment to the CPA Airport Rules and Regulations Governing Taxicab Operators to be published in the January 15, 1997 Commonwealth Register. Any questions or comments regarding the proposed amendment governing taxicab operators at the airport should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the CPA no later than February 18, 1997.

/s/ CARLOS S. SHODA

Executive Director

January 7, 1997

Date

## Public School System Invitation For Bid IFB97-001

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of a vehicle for the HeadStart Program with the following specifications:

1 Unit 1996/4 Door Sedan or Wagon  
4 Cylinder Engine, 1.5 Liter Minimum  
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The Sedan or Wagon shall be C/F Saipan. The vehicle must have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement, must be rustproof/undercoated and safety inspected prior to delivery at Public School System with registration fee payable to CNMI Treasurer.



A non refundable fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, cashier's check or other forms acceptable by the Public School System and made payable to the Public School System Treasurer. The bidder is required to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit.

All bids must be sealed and marked IFB97-001 and submitted in duplicate to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., February 18, 1997 at which time and date all bids will be opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be considered under any circumstances. The Public School System reserves the right to award or reject any or all bidders in the best interest of the Public School System.

/s/ WILLIAM S. TORRES  
Commissioner of Education

/s/ LOUISE CONCEPCION  
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Rosary will be said nightly at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (Ana) S. Celis in Koblerville commencing Tuesday, January 28, 1997 until Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 8:00 p.m.  
Daily masses will be offered 6:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral beginning January 28 to February 5, 1997.

On the final day, Wednesday, February 5, 1997, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon followed by a Mass of Intention at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. Dinner will be served at Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (Ana) Celis residence in Koblerville.

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated. Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

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## Death and Funeral Announcement

### HERMAN DELOS REYES DELEON GUERRERO "Tun Herman Pan"

Herman Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero, lovingly known to his families and friends as "Tun Herman Pan", was called to his eternal rest on Friday, January 24, 1997 at the age of 80 years.

**In his death, Tun Herman now joins**

**His wife,** Maria Camacho Tenorio Guerrero;

**Daughters,** Francisca, Francisca Antonia and Bernadita B. Mendiola;

**Parents,** Gregorio Chabraham Deleon Guerrero and Josepha Cruz Delos Reyes;

**Parents-in-law,** Juan Pangelinan Tenorio and Francisca Taimanao Camacho;

**Brothers and Sisters,** Maria Deleon Guerrero and Pedro Pangelinan Tenorio, Elena Deleon Guerrero Tudela, Juan Delos Reyes and Nicolasa Quitugua Deleon Guerrero, Pedro Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero, Jose Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero, Antonio Delos Reyes

Deleon Guerrero, Jesus Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero and Juan Agon and Concepcion Deleon Guerrero Sanchez;

**In-Laws,** Ana Camacho Tenorio, Luis Camacho and Rita Sablan Tenorio, Albert Camacho Tenorio, Jose Camacho Tenorio (Joeten), Santiago Camacho Tenorio and Froilan Camacho Tenorio.

**His Peaceful Spirit and Memories Will Live In The Hearts of His:**

**Children/Spouses and Grandchildren:** Jesus T. and Rosalia S. Guerrero (Carol and Jesus), Agnes G. and Wayne Archibald (Marie, Suzanne and Jennifer - grandson John Wayne); Herman T. Guerrero; Juan T. and Roberta J. Guerrero (Vincent, Tracy, Jolene, John and Michael); Florencio T. and Luise S. Guerrero (Robert, Caryn, Florence, Noel, Lani, Rodney, Sheena, Derek and Daryl); Margarita G. and Manuel C. Sablan (Phillip Herman III, Claudia - grandson Xavier, Jennifer, Monique, Frances Marie and Manuel Lee); Ana G. and Rick Hayes (Amanda Christel and Kristina Melissa); Rudolfo T. Guerrero (Pia - granddaughter Rebecca, Manuela, Rudy, Sergio and Herman); Joseph T. Guerrero (Christina, Ana Marie and Amanda); Leonora G. Villagomez (Megan, Derek, Niki and Herman Joseph) and Children of Bernadita B. Mendiola (Martha Luise, Elena Marie, Donald Jr., and Esteven).

**In-Laws:** Augustin Sablan Tudela, Maria Villagomez Deleon Guerrero, Cecilia Tenorio Sablan, Antonio Camacho and Janet Sakihara Tenorio, Rita Cruz Tenorio, Soledad Takai Tenorio, and Maria Sablan Tenorio.

He is additionally survived by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Nephews, Nieces and Godchildren.

Rosaries are being said at 12:00 Noon and nightly at the family's residence Tun Herman Pan (Airport) Road, at 7:00 P.M.

Last respects may be paid on Saturday, February 1, 1997 from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the family's residence. Funeral mass will be offered at 4:00 P.M. at Mount Carmel Cathedral on the same day. Burial will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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ITB NO.: ITB97-0059  
FOR: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 1997 TIME: 2:30 P.M.

GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR PURCHASE OF VEHICLES. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

/S/ EDWARD B. PALACOS  
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

## PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB97-0058  
FOR: LEASE OF VEHICLES

OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 1997 TIME: 3:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE LEASE OF VEHICLES. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

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local health permitting requirements at a price of less than or equal to \$4.11 per 1,000 gallons. It is also assumed that fuel is bought from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The criteria also include:  
• Agreement to operate the fa-

cility for a fixed number of years without additional contractual costs or change orders. At the end of the contract period, the facility shall be transferred to the CNMI government at no additional cost; and

• Agreement to build the facil-

## Aquaquest... Continued from page 1

The Variety on Monday quoted the governor's public information officer Mark Broadhurst as saying that Aquaquest got \$200,150 for the video footage.

Broadhurst yesterday claimed that the figure he gave on Monday was \$2,150.

CNN, Broadhurst said Monday, charged \$200,000 for the 30-second and 60-second spots aired twice a day for one year.

The airing of the "sights and sounds" spots started Thursday. Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, in a media conference last week, said the advertisement "will definitely help" attract tourists to the CNMI.

CNN account executive Jennifer Fletcher claimed that the spots

will reach 104 million households in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America and Europe.

Tenorio said the advertising spots will have "an impact" and a "lot of difference."

"You got to spend money to make more money," he said after being asked how much the spots are costing the CNMI.

As required by the Open Government Act, the Variety last week requested the Office of the Governor to disclose the total amount paid by the administration to CNN and Aquaquest Video Productions.

However, the Variety has yet to be furnished documents containing the information we requested for.

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ITB NO.: ITB97-0057  
FOR: LEASE OF VEHICLES W/OPTION TO PURCHASE

OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 1997 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE LEASE OF VEHICLES W/OPTION TO PURCHASE. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

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## PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP97-0056  
FOR: HYDROGRAPHIC AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS

OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 1997 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, IS SOLICITING COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR HYDROGRAPHIC AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP PROPOSAL FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

/S/ EDWARD B. PALACOS  
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## PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB97-0049  
FOR: PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE  
OPENING DATE: FEBRUARY 05, 1997  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, IS SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

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ity within the CUC compound specifically at the Lower Base or Sadog Tasi.

It is expected that with the operation of the desalination plant, together with the water wells servicing the northern and southern parts of the island, Saipan will have a 24-hour, uninterrupted water service.

## Babauta... Continued from page 1

Gallegly (R-California) heads the now-defunct subcommittee.

Babauta said the subcommittee was abolished as part of the Republican Party's efforts to "downsize" congressional committees.

Meanwhile, in a media release, Babauta said he will ask Congress to give more federal drug enforcement funds to the CNMI.

Last year at Babauta's request, Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced an amendment to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, which would bring more federal drug funds to the CNMI.

The bill made it to the Senate floor, "but time ran out in the 104th Congress before a vote could be taken."

Babauta said he has again requested Murkowski "to take action."

He said he informed the Alaska senator that the drug problem in the CNMI has worsened over the last year.

Under Babauta's proposed amendment, the CNMI would get the same treatment as Guam and Puerto Rico.

Currently, the CNMI, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands are treated as one unit when federal money is paid out.

"All I'm asking is equal treatment for the CNMI," Babauta said.

Headed that the will work with the American Samoa and Virgin Islands delegates on his proposed amendment.

"My proposal benefits us all. And because delegates have real power in Congress, having their support improves our chance of success."

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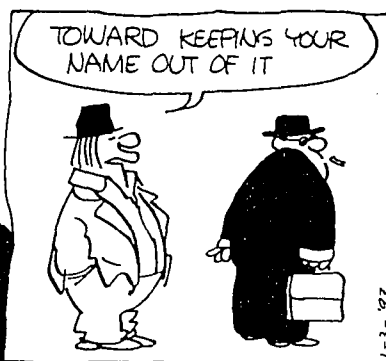
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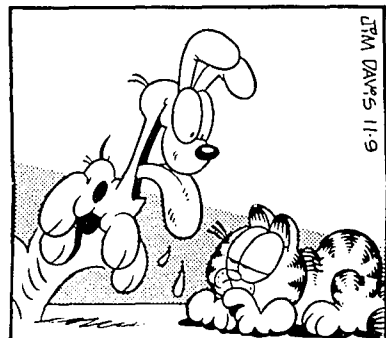
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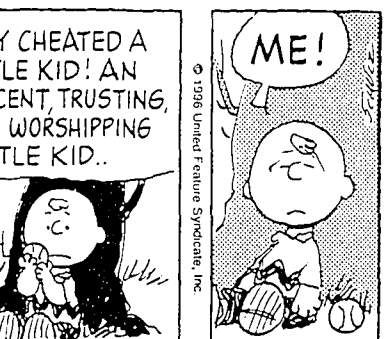
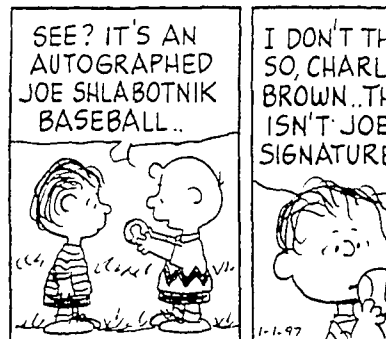
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a stylish and accomplished individual, and you will not be victimized by the kind of eccentricity and instability that tends to plague others who enter the kind of work you will choose for yourself. The fact of the matter is that you never confuse your professional image and your genuine personality. You understand that these two are related, but very different aspects of your personality. One is only valuable on a limited basis, and the other must give you enough strength to last a lifetime. Therefore, you know which one really counts.

You will attract a great deal of attention throughout your life, not just through your endeavors, but also because you have an attractive personality.

Also born on this date are: John Forsythe and Tom Selleck, actors; Greg Louganis, Olympic diver; Ann Jillian, actress.

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You may find yourself far from home today, but plans to get back to where you belong can be put into motion before the day is over.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — While looking for one thing around the home or at work, you'll discover something else which will prove to be even more valuable to you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — The sooner you come to the aid of a friend or loved one, the sooner you can focus on a pressing personal issue.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You will have to be specific and informative today if you want to work well on a team. Working together demands discipline.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You will have to reduce the amount of surprises today if you want to enjoy any real confidence or stability. Avoid taking risks.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — What seems to be an emergency or a crisis situation is actually just a routine development. You are used to things being dramatic.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Your first look at a new opportunity may reveal only a small portion of what

could lie ahead if you change paths at this juncture. Take more time before you decide.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It is not up to you to overrule the directives of an authority figure. Today, you will have to play by the rules if you want to get results.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Do not be tempted to change your story today; stick to the truth and make things as clear and specific as you can. You will be commended.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may think that you have taken care of everything, but in fact, you may have left one loose end. Tend to it as soon as possible.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Your reaction to news received through the grapevine can make things better or worse, depending on how this news affects others.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You must keep an open mind today. The odds may be against you at the beginning of the day, but you can turn things around.

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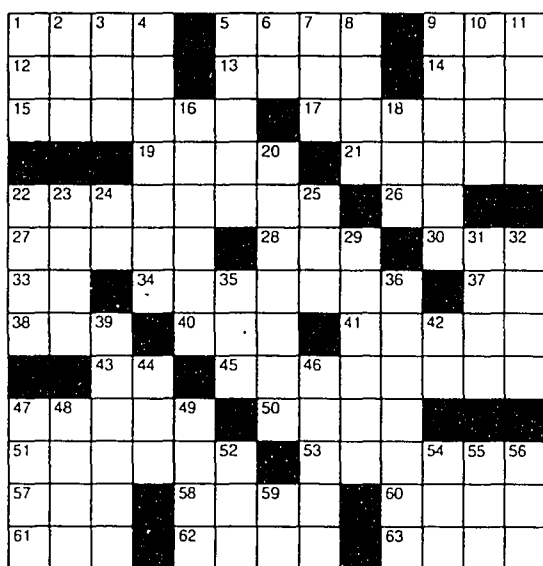
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## Despite freezing weather

## Warm welcome greets Packers

By ROBERT IMRIE  
**GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)** — As 60,000 Green Bay Packers fans stood in frigid Lambeau Field to cheer the new world champions, tightend Mark Chmura looked up to a darkened, snow-filled sky and remembered a legend.

"Vince, I know you're listening. Your trophy is safe once again," Chmura shouted, triggering a huge roar from a crowd savoring the same kind of success that former coach Vince Lombardi once enjoyed.

The fans had waited three hours — almost the time it takes to win a Super Bowl — to listen to 30 minutes of speeches from their heroes who, in turn, praised them as the "greatest fans in the world."

With the rock tune "We Are The Champions" blaring across a football field covered with a foot of snow, the Packers returned the Lombardi trophy to Green Bay for the first time since 1968, thanks to Sunday's 35-21 win over New England in New Orleans.

On a makeshift stage about where

a goal post would normally stand, coach Mike Holmgren and general manager Ron Wolf hoisted the prize over their heads and thousands of cameras flashed around the stadium to capture the memory.

"That trophy is yours," Holmgren said. "I told the team I was proud of them. I loved them. And I want to say the same thing to you guys. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for everything this season."

Lombardi, who died in 1970, coached the Packers to five world titles, including the first two Super Bowls.

Sue Lutz of Franklin, puffed on a cigar after the homecoming that kicked off a new era of glory years. She also asked someone to scoop some dirt into a cup from a muddy spot on the field.

"This was total bliss," she said. "I can say that I was close to them. Maybe they felt the vibes that I was very proud of them."

Schools closed early, workers declared a holiday, fans teetered on

green-tinted snowbanks and lined city streets a dozen-deep for the "Return to Titletown" celebration Monday.

The Packers — minus quarterback Brett Favre and safety LeRoy Butler, who were headed for Hawaii and Sunday's Pro Bowl — rode a motorcade of open-windowed buses through the city, and adoring fans turned what was to be a one-hour parade into a three-hour lovefest.

The buses crept along in 17-degree cold with 10-below wind chills because people crammed the streets to glimpse the players.

Snow, mixed with confetti, showed down on the players as they waved, grinned, flashed peace signs,

shook hands and traded high-fives with the ecstatic crowd.

Gary Falck got a high-five from Holmgren as the bus rolled by.

"Thanks, Mike!" said Falck, his neck draped with green-and-gold Mardi Gras beads. He wore a Packers jacket and a Packers hat.

Asked to describe the ride, wide receiver Desmond Howard, the Super Bowl's most valuable player, said: "Cold as hell."

Holmgren admitted the ride was very cold, but "seeing all those people and the outpouring of affection was overwhelming. ... People were all over. There were little bitty kids all the way up to grandmas and grand-

pas. It was something very special."

The slowly moving motorcade finally reached Lambeau Field after dark. Team members, led by Holmgren and general manager Ron Wolf, entered the field to rousing cheers and greeted fans on the way to the warmth of the dressing room.

Only those on the program returned to the stage.

Defensive end Reggie White received the loudest ovation as he waved to the cheering fans.

"This is really a great day for all of us as players, and again I want to give God all the glory and praise," said White, a minister.

## Burr...

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Run and placed sixth overall. Her feats gave her two Athlete of the Month Awards (March and September) that made her as one of the favorites to win the 1996 Female Athlete of the Year.

Recently, Burr placed second in the overall standings in the Women's Division of the Half Marathon in the just concluded Marianas Visitors Bureau's Annual Buffaloes Fun Runs. Burr will be accompanied by Northern Mariana Island Track and Field Federation secretary general Ray Tebuteb.

The Sendai Half Marathon is expected to draw the participation of top runners from Russia, Guam, China, Korea, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

## CCA...

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Gonzales, Ray Villamor and Manuel Domingo were also voted as assistant secretary general, treasurer and assistant treasurer respectively.

Vic Brana, Boy Ching, outgoing president Ed Benavente and John Villamin were appointed as Board Directors.

## Pangelinan...

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individual medley gave her the third slot.

A total of 23 swimmers from SSC competed in the Agana Swim Meet which drew entries from the Andersen Air Force Base, Tarakitos Swim Club, Manhoben Swim Club and the Manukai Athletic Club.

Despite a sudden change in the schedules due to poor weather which forced the SSC tankers to compete in four to five events in five hours, the participants fared well by lowering their personal bests. The team dominated the 400 M freestyle event with 10 swimmers improving their best marks. Elizabeth Furey improved her time by 18 seconds, Macey Flood by 50 and Sho Saso by seven.

Saipan's entries in the 10 and under

The association will have a general membership meeting and registration of new members this coming Saturday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. at Pinoy Special formerly known as Ramin's Restaurant at San Jose along Beach Road as its initial activity for the year.

The meeting will deal on the CCA's calendar of activities and other important matters. Membership fee is pegged at \$10 for

one year.

In a related development, the CCA will be implementing a new policy regarding tournament participation. Starting this year, only association members will be allowed to compete in any CCA-sponsored tournament.

For more information, call Vic Brana or Marlon Yucampo at 234-6010.

events also performed well despite the fact that most of them were competing in their first-off island meet.

Audra Winkfield, Alexis Kosack, David Palacios, Josh Taitano and Justin Pierce bagged at least one event each in the Women's and Men's Open.

Winkfield won four events and came in second in another. She won the 400 M freestyle, 200 M freestyle, 50 M freestyle and 800 M freestyle by submitting clockings of 5:08:20; 2:28:15; 3:20:20 seconds and 11:43:51. She placed second in the 200 M individual medley by swimming the distance in 2:53:67.

Kosack swam the 100 M freestyle in 1:08:55 to win the event. She also finished second in the 400 M freestyle, 200 M individual medley and the 200 M freestyle.

In the Men's section, Palacios scored

four victories out of five events he competed. Palacios clocked 4:35:98; 5:05:32; 1:02:67 and 1:07:54 to bag first place in the 400 M freestyle, 400 M individual medley, 100 M butterfly and 100 M backstroke. He placed third in the 50 M freestyle.

Justin Taitano copped three wins by clocking 1:14:70; 26 seconds and 58:69 seconds in the 100 M breaststroke, 50 M and 100 M freestyle.

Justin, on the other hand, won the 200 M breaststroke in 2:44:84.

Absinthe Algaier, Reyna Tebuteb, Reytor Tebuteb, Dean Palacios and Debra Asper made significant changes in their personal bests.

The rest of the team include Jer-

## CLOSERS

Anyone who's ever wondered why some recipes taste the same no matter where they're cooked should know that many institutions — colleges, hospitals and so forth — use the armed forces recipe cards. The cards provide formulas for calculating large batches and result in the bland quality associated with food that must meet the taste needs of many people.

The male narwhal has a tusk-like tooth that grows through its lip to a length of nearly 10 feet.

In the United States, animal shelters outnumber battered women's shelters by more than two to one — about 3,800 to 1,500.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military award that can be given to any United States citizen. Since World War I, fewer than 1,000 have been awarded, with World War II producing about half of that total.

There are more than 300 patents on devices said to lessen snoring.

An idealistic Shakespearean lecturer named Jane Wirgman is attempt-

ing to sanitize the language of inmates at England's Norwich prison by teaching them epithets from the Bard. Prisoners there have reportedly begun calling one another "thou crusty botch of nature" and "thou odiferous stench."

William Friedkin's 1971 police corruption film, "The French Connection," contained footage of an actual car wreck. A truck somehow made it onto the roped-off set, where a car chase was being filmed. The ensuing accident looked so realistic on film that the driver was paid for the damage — and for his motion picture debut.

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Happy 1st Birthday  
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Tito Jess, Tita Julie



Happy Happy  
**Beer Day**  
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Greetings from: Aloha Boyz



# SPORTS

## 2nd ABC Invitational Swim Meet

# Pangelinan, Pierce set new NMI records

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

1996 FEMALE Athlete of the Year Xenavee Pangelinan set two new Northern Mariana Islands' records in the 100 M backstroke and 400 M Individual Medley in her age bracket in leading the Saipan Swim Club to a rousing participation in the recently concluded 2nd ABC Invitational Swim Meet in Agana, Guam.

Jennifer Pierce also produced a record breaking swim by lowering the standard in the 100 M breaststroke. Pierce swam the event in 1:24:89 to break the old mark set by Vanessa Kosack in 1995 by almost two seconds.

Pangelinan, one of the team's most prolific tankers, clocked 5:49:95 in the 400 individual medley to finish first in the 13-14 years old bracket and in the process lowering the old mark held by Jessica Jordan by five seconds. Pangelinan likewise broke the existing Guam Swim League record in the 100 M backstroke by submitting a time of 1:14:58 to erase the old mark set by Annie Dierking in 1985. She also came



Upcoming tankers—Xenavee Pangelinan (3rd from left) is being flanked by fellow SSC members Tracy Feger, Tamiko Winkfield, Keoni Ichihara and Macey Flood during the 1996 Athlete of the Year awards banquet held recently. With the swimmers are Bill and Jean Sakovich, president and coaches of the Saipan Swim Club.

Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat

in ahead of the rest of the pack in the 200 M individual medley and 100 M butterfly to cap her scintillating performance in the Agana

meet. Pangelinan clocked 2:42:99 and 1:13:47 in the the two events.

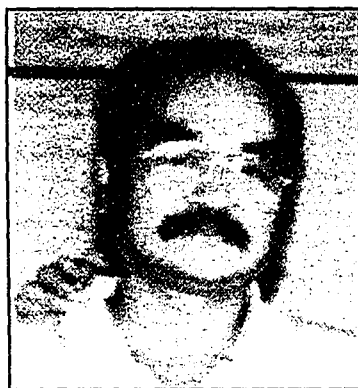
Aside from the 100 M breaststroke, Pierce had a two run-

ner-ups placings in two other events in the Open Division while finishing 3rd in her fourth race. Pierce clocked 32:42 seconds and

1:27:77 to place second in the 50 M freestyle and 100 M butterfly. Her 2:55:48 time in the 200 M

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## CCA elects Buenaventura as president



Ely G. Buenaventura, Jr.

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH of the Northern Mariana Islands Chess

Association elected last Sunday Ely G. Buenaventura, Jr. as the association's president for 1997-1998.

Buenaventura, who placed second in the association's individual chess championships last December, has been with the association for the past three years.

The new president looks forward to a bright year for the association. As his immediate concern Buenaventura wants to generate more interest about chess in the island. "I would really push for more awareness about chess. And in order to do this, we would like to recruit more members and have more sponsors to enable us

to hold more tournaments."

He is also eyeing the possibility of holding chess clinics for new members and other interested individuals in the sport within his term.

"If we have the means, we will definitely go for it. It is a good way to develop chess in the grassroots level, meaning having kids getting interested to learn more about the game," Buenaventura added.

Also elected along with Buenaventura were Junnel Lomantas as the association's vice president and Nick Cayetano as secretary general. Othello

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## Canseco Brothers reunited

By ROB GLOSTER  
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The Bash Brothers are together again.

Jose Canseco returned to the Oakland Athletics in a trade from Boston on Monday and will be reunited with Mark McGwire, with whom he formed one of the most explosive combos in baseball in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

With Canseco and McGwire combining for 200 homers in 1988-90, the A's won three straight AL pennants. Canseco had five seasons of more than 30 homers for Oakland, including 44 in 1991 and 42 in 1988.

"If McGwire and myself can stay healthy the whole year, I think definitely we're going to win our division," Canseco said in a conference call from his home in Miami. "Potentially we can lead the league in home runs."

Canseco was sent back to Oakland for right-handed pitcher John Wasdin, who was 8-7 with a 5.96 ERA last season in 25 games, 21 of them starts. The Athletics also got cash, apparently to pay part of Canseco's \$4.5 million base salary this season.

A's assistant general manager Billy Beane said Boston was paying the Athletics more than \$500,000, but would not be more specific about the

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## MHS I trips MHS II

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

THE MARIANAS High School I needed to go through the full route last Monday night before subduing stubborn and sister team MHS II, 15-6; 5-15 and 15-1 in the lone action in the Boys' Division of the 1997 Youth Volleyball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym.

The two battled to an early 5-5 tie in the first set before Katchsam served for the game's next three winners giving MHS I a three point lead. Several sideouts punctuated the next plays before Reagon, Tofuna and Wayne Pua scored the needed points as MHS I pulled away. Pua rattled three service winners as his team scored seven points to win the set. MHS II only managed to score a point the rest of the opening set.

In the second set, MHS II ensured that the game will go through a deciding third set after Fritz, Sam, Thomaso and Jarles made the crucial hits to give their team a 15-5 win.

In the final set, it was all MHS I show as Katchsam, Pua and Asty Suda carried the brunt for the team. Thomaso made the lone point for MHS II.

No game was scheduled last Monday.

## 1997 Sendai Half Marathon

# Burr to represent Saipan

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
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FOR THE second consecutive year, Susan Burr will represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Sendai Half Marathon in Sendai City, Japan this coming March.

Burr earned the right to represent the island for the second time due to her performance last year. Burr covered the 13.1 kilometer running event

with a clocking of one hour and 30 minutes flat to place 43rd out of 60 participants in her first try.

Her submitted time gave her an automatic slot in this year's edition after race organizers placed the cut-off time in the women's division at one hour and 35 minutes.

Race officials likewise set the men's qualifying time at one hour and 25 minutes. As of the presstime, no male runner from Saipan has beaten the cutoff mark.

This would be the third year that Saipan will be sending a representative to the Sendai Event. In the previous two years, Steve Pixley and Jeff Mezzochi saw action in the international running event.

Burr is one of the island's top triathletes. In March last year, she won the Triathlon, Run and Ocean Swim. She also won the Women's Division of the annual Tinian Fun

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