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## Land exchange inequities

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE TRANSITION subcommittee that conducted a review on the operations and functions of Marianas Public Land Corporation has found inequities in the agency's current public land exchange program.

In its report submitted to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, the fourmember subcommittee recommended that the present organizational structure of MPLC be maintained but that a more effective policy needs to be implemented to protect the remaining public land inventory in the islands.

"If the present practices and land exchange policies are tolerated, valuable public land resources would soon be depleted," the findings section of the report said.

"Management should implement a more aggressive policy to safeguard the scarce and remaining public land for the future generations," it added.

Specifically, the subcommittee noticed some disparity between the size and value of private land being acquired vis-a-vis the public land being exchanged in some land swap transactions entered into by the agency.

"The lack of adequate land exchange policy may have contributed largely to the inequities. Furthermore, the 'value to value' land exchange pursuant to Public Law 5-33 may be a contributing factor which MPLC and the Legislature should address and explore viable alternatives of," said the sub-

committee.

Public Law 5-33 created the land exchange program administered by MPLC. The program involves mainly acquisition of private land for "public purpose" which include roadways, unsettled land claims and land needed to be acquired by government for the benefit of the public such as acquisition of "wetlands."

The concept of land exchange is governed by the "eminent domain" provision of the Constitu-

tion, which allows government to acquire private lands for public purpose and after just compensation.

Another observation raised by the subcommittee is that MPLC's agriculture homestead program such as the Agriculture Homestead Waiver Act appears to have outlived its original purpose and intent and is "getting out of control."

"Public Law 8-9 would further open doors for more abuses and

encourage unauthorized uses of public land," the subcommittee further said.

According to a recent inventory made by MPLC since 1990, some 105 hectares have been disposed of for land exchanges since the time MPLC was established, while another 681 hectares were given up under the Agricultural Waiver Act, out of a total of 7,116 hectares of public land on Saipan.

Saipan is said to have a total continued on page 8

## Court convicts worker on prostitution charge

By Rafael I. Santos

A DANCER at a karaoke club in Middle Road was found guilty yesterday of violating the antiprostitution law.

Alma Liarta of Double Shot club in Gualo Rai, may get a 90-day jail term, the maximum prison sentence to a person convicted of soliciting prostitution.

She may also be fined \$1,000 aside from the possible 3-month prison sentence.

She is the first person to be convicted Pubic Law 8-14 violation since prostitution was outlawed early last year.

Liarta will be sentenced on April 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel S. Demapan issued a decision on the prostitution case yesterday morning following a whole-day trial Tuesday. Assistant Attorney General Alan Gordon told the Variety that the Liarta may also be deported by the Immigration and Naturalization Office. Liarta is from the Philippines.

Under the law, immigration officers have the authority to repatriate non-resident workers whose offenses are considered "crimes of moral turpitude," he said.

Gordon hailed the outcome of the trial and said he was happy the judge made the ruling in favor of the government.

"I'm pleased the court has determined that the law is enforceable," the government prosecutor said.

"I am pleased with the verdict."
Demapan's ruling could send a strong signal that the court will continue to enforce Public Law 8-14, some provisions of which have

been declared unconstitutional by another judge.

Judge Marty Taylor recently determined that at least one section and three subsection of the statute must be stricken.

In trying to have her client cleared of prostitution charge, Guam-based lawyer Anita Arriola has previously asked the court in a motion to declare the anti-prostitution law void because it is "confusing" and "vague."

Taylor refused to void the statute but recommended that some provisions be stricken.

Public Law 8-14 was approved by former Governor Lorenzo Guerrero early last year. Department of Public Safety agents with the Attorney General's Office, carried out a crackdown operation on entertainment houses believed to have been used as front

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By Ferdie de la Torre

DR. ISAMU J. Abraham, acting director of the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services, is looking forward to the creation of the National Health Care Plan, to be organized as a public corporation designed to help finance CNMI's health services.

In his speech before the 16th Saipan Chamber of Commerce's General Membership Meeting at Aqua Resort Club's Raraina Dining room

DR. ISAMU J. Abraham

yesterday, Abraham said he is entertaining the idea of setting up a CNMI Insurance Committee which would work on the NHCP.

Abraham explained that NHCP should call for premiums to be paid by all wage earning employees with a matching amount to be contributed by both government and private business sectors.

Subsistence and non-employed sectors would contribute to the Plan with a one-time annual payment, he said.

The DPHES Acting Director pointed out that premiums should be established based on family income and number of dependents. Health care providers, he said, would bill the Plan on a fee-for-

service basis. But in return for payment of premiums, CNMI citizens would be entitled to on-island and off-island medical care.

Abraham said NHCP will be organized as a public corporation

with its own board and CNMI citizen-centered administration.

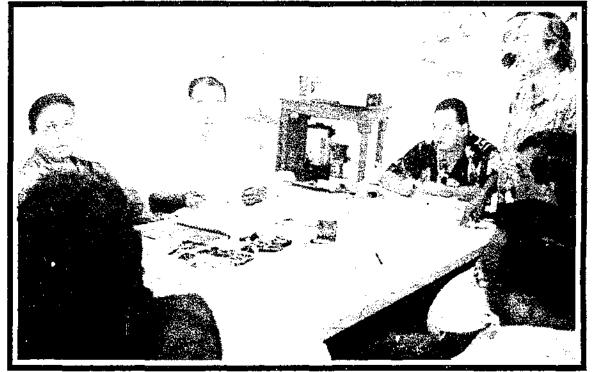
In the initial stages of the plan, he said, they anticipate that a third party administrator would be needed until such time that the CNMI

Government is ready to independently administer it.

"We cannot continue to isolate our health system from the rest of our society," Abraham said. "We need to have your involvement as business leaders in the lively planning exercise that will include the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Branches to discuss issues and find solutions to resolve them."

He also discussed the current three major issues at the Commonwealth Health Center such as the termination of medical referral system, collection of fees, and the reported pull out plans of three key U.S. Public Health Service Staff from the hospital.

Concerning the medical referrals issue, Abraham said, he totally believe that they can streamline the operations of the medical continued on page 7



House members comprising the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication discuss issues currently before the committee. From left (clockwise) are Representatives Herman T. Palacios, Jesus P. Malnas, Benjamin A. Sablan, Pete P. Reyes, Oscar M. Babauta, Manny A.. Tenorio and Committee Chairperson Malua T. Peter (foreground, back to the camera).

## US requires more than cosmetics changes in China

By DAVID BRISCOE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of State Warren Christopher promised Congress Tuesday that he will let Chinese officials know next week that it will take more than release of a few political prisoners to ensure normal trading relations.

Christopher, describing recent Chinese human rights performance as "mixed," said he would try in his Asian trip to convince China's communist regime it has to make "significant, overall progress in human rights" if "most favored nation" trade status is to be extended.

Under an agreement with Con-

or early June.

Christopher noted that Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck was allowed to meet this week with the country's bestknown dissident, Wei Jingsheng, who advised a tougher U.S. stance on China's human rights record.

The secretary said it was "desirable and attractive" that China permitted Shattuck, who oversees human rights issues, to pursue such issues and to meet with Wei.

Responding to congressional concern that Clinton administration officials might be duped by a few cosmetic changes, Christopher said he would consider the

gress, the administration is to renumber of dissidents released, view China's trade status in May their relative importance, Red Cross access to Chinese prisons and whether there is humanitar-

> ian progress in Tibet. Rep. John Edward Porter urged Christopher to carry a strong message so the Chinese won't think "somehow they can release a few people who should have been released anyway and that kind of cosmetic attention to our concerns will convince the president" to continue most favorable

Christopher indicated that he

He said China's dealings with Hong Kong, which it is to take over in 1997, also are viewed as

an important human rights mat-

Christopher said he told China's foreign minister, Qian Qichen, a month ago in Paris that the United States is troubled by the direction the Chinese seem to be taking in hindering democratic institutions in the British Colony.

Christopher said he would raise problems concerning the transition of Hong Kong and Chinese refusal to negotiate with the Dali Lama over the future of Tibet, where hundreds of people have been arrested in suppression of an independence movement.

"If they took some step in that direction (meeting with the Dali Lama,) it could constitute part of

the significant overall progress that we need to find," Christopher said.

The agreement last year between Congress and the White House includes some specific criteria for extending normal trade status to China, but President Clinton will make the decision, based on advice from Christopher.

Meanwhile, in Beijing, a senior Foreign Ministry official said that if Washington rescinds the trade privileges, which allow lower tariffs on many Chinese products, China would respond by revoking its trade privileges for the United

Last year, China had a nearly dlrs 23 billion trade surplus with the

## Muslims, Croats near accord on federation in Bosnia

By TOM RAUM

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bosnian Muslims and Croats agreed Tuesday on the framework for establishment of a federation that could move Bosnia a significant step closer to peace, the State Department said.

Brokered by the United States, the agreement would bring together two of the three parties in a bloody two-year ethnic conflict that has cost the lives of more than 200,000

Missing from the equation are the Bosnian Serbs who have gained military control of 70 percent of the former Yugoslav republic.

The agreement was reached after four days of intensive negotiations in Washington by Muslim and Croatian leaders.

Croatian Foreign Minister Mate Granic signaled progress earlier in the day when he said the talks were in their final stages.

The parties planned to sign the agreement at the State Department in a ceremony presided over by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, a spokesman for Christopher

The details were not immedi-

The United States proposed that the Muslims and Croats form one entity combining the territory they control in Bosnia. The next step would be to try and induce the Bosnian Serbs, who have captured much of the territory in the former Yugoslav republic, to agree to a two-republic federation.

Under the U.S. plan the Muslim-Croat federation would seek economic ties with Croatia.

While Granic and Gore were meeting. President Clinton and British Prime Minister John Major said at the White House that they planned to work together "for a resolution of the crisis" in Bosnia. The prime minister spent the night

at the White House. Major announced plans to senda

"joint civil planning mission" to Sarajevo, presumably to help put the city back together now that "the cease fire there is holding."

White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said the details of the plan have not been worked out, but American and British civilians are expected to study ways to improve utility services, and improve roads and bridges in the battered town.

She did not know when the civilians would be sent to Sarajevo, but it would not be immediately.

In another promising step in the search for peace in Bosnia, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic announced in Moscow an agreement to open the airfield at Tuzla and said the first relief plane to the city would be

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## Malaysia bars contract to British firms

KUALALUMPUR Malaysia (AP) -Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said Tuesday that Malaysia will no longer award contracts to British firms because of allegations in the British media about bribe-taking by Malay-

sian leaders. Mahathir said he was disappointed by the British government's refusal to comment on British media reports that he and other Malaysian officials had accepted bribes to award con-

tracts to British firms. "Wehavenoquarrel with the British government and also have no quarrel with any company. ... We are only angry with the British press and we have no way of taking action against the Britishpress,"he said late Tuesday after breaking his fast at a meeting with youth leaders of his United Malays

Ramadan when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk every day. "Weakohavenoquanel with (British Prime Minister) John Major but with press freedom in that country,"he

National Organization (UMNO).

This is the Muslim holy month of

British news reports had stated that the British government had given 234 million pounds (\$343 million) in aid in order to get a contract for the Pergau Hydro-electric dam in Kelantan and

But Mahathir said that the 234 million pounds was not aid, but a lowinterest loan at the minimum rate of 0.08 percent.

He said the loan did not go to any government official but was used to pay the British company, Balfour Beatty, involved in the project.

He said the British government's aid was actually aimed at helping British companies secure contracts and not intended for the Malaysian government. He said most British companies submittedhigherbidsthanotherforeign competitors and needed such government assistance to obtain contracts.

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## CUC Board asked to quit

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has officially asked four Board members of Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to resign and give the administration a chance to improve the firm's performance and accountability.

In separate letters to Board Chairman Jose M. Taitano and Members Angelica S. Iba, Jeffrey M. Hofschneider and Laura I. Manglona, Tenorio stressed the need for the corporation to start fresh with new faces and strong demands "that everyone participate to the fullest with complete public exposure of all board ac-

Earlier, the governor accepted the resignations of two board members, Pete A. Tenorio and Gabriel Boyer. Another boardmember, Juan T. Sablan, is set to bow out when his term expires next month.

"It is my desire and intention to improve the performance and image of the corporation. The best way to do this is to start from scratch with a board that will give the required time and attention to the task," said the governor is his letter to the board members.

"I would like to put behind us the serious shortcomings of non-com-

By Ferdie de la Torre

A MAN was arrested for shoplift-

ing two combs while a woman

was picked up for stealing sham-

poo, vitamins and hair curlers both

at Payless Shopping Center in

In yesterday's press briefing,

the Department of Public Safety

said arrested for theft through

shoplifting were Francisco

It was reported Tuesday at 8:29

p.m. that Domingo was caught

trying to sneak out two combs

which were placed in one pack-

The two combs worth only .99

Domingo,53, and Sha Zhu, 35.

Chalan Kanoa.

age from Payless.



pliance with legislative and administrative requirements, the improper expenditures, lack of proper documentation, non-supervision of inappropriate actions by top management and other questionable acts that have drawn the attention of the auditors," he added.

He pointed out that their resignation will not be taken as a surrender of responsibility but as an act of cooperation that will allow the government to improve the firm's corporate performance and account-

Previous audits and reports from the Public Auditor and the House Committee on Public Utilities. Transportation and Communication indicate a low rating for the present CUC Board.

Shoplifters arrested at

Also at the same establishment,

Zhu was seen putting inside her

purse one bottle of shampoo worth

\$3.99, two bottles of vitamins at

The incident was relayed to

A number of shoplifting cases

had been reported at Payless in

Chalan Kanoa in the past few

broke inside a residence of a 41-

year-old man located behind the

Lucky Super Market, and ran-

sacked his room of undetermined

amount of jewelry Tuesday night.

At Marianas High School in

Meanwhile, in Tanapag thief

\$3.49 and a set of curlers.

police Tuesday at 4:50 p.m.

Payless supermarket



Jose M. Taitano

A report submitted by the Transition Subcommittee on Public Utilities urged the governor to request the board to resign for "failing to live up to its responsibility and fiduciary duty to the people of the Commonwealth."

It recommended the governor to unilaterally remove the board if such a request is left unheeded.

According to the governor, the conduct reported in the audits and reports may rise to the level of criminality as certain matters are investigated in more depth.

"I am not presently aware of any specific conduct on your part that gives rise to the kind of wrongdoing that may directly involve you in legal proceedings, but it does appear that the Board has lost its

arrested Tuesday morning after

they reportedly figured in a riot

In Garapan, police learned yes-

terday at 1:47 a.m. that Atsushi

Tarada, 21, suffered a neck pain

after his vehicle reportedly over-

His vehicle was extensively

damaged in the front top portion,

The DPS received only 35

complaints in the past two

days mostly minor burglary/

theft, assault/battery and ve-

turned on the Beach Road.

the report said.

hicular accidents.

Tarada was held for DUI.

No injuries were reported.

inside the campus.

ity," said Governor Tenorio in his letter to Chairman Taitano.

"I recognize that the atmosphere at CUC may not have been helpful for you to learn the duties of a director and to apply your judgment and authority to act. Nonetheless, the law does require board members to discharge their responsibilities after they accept appointment," the chief executive added.

He said that the resignations will place the responsibility of improving CUC on himself as governor and on the people he will install in such critical positions.

Meanwhile, Tenorio has accepted the resignation of Commonwealth Utility Corporation Board member Gabriel Boyer, effective Wednesday, March 2.

Boyer offered his resignation verbally during a meeting with Governor Tenorio. "We are espe-

exercising its lawful responsibil- a voluntary resignation," the Governor said in his letter of accep-

"Clearly, as with a few other Board members, you accepted the post and the attending challenges in the hope that operations and management at the Corporation would be improved,"the Governor said. "We appreciated your willingness to accept this public ser-

"We also appreciate your willingness to resign in order to permit us to advance our new policies and programs,"Governor Tenorio concluded,

Governor Tenorio on Monday accepted the resignation of CUC Board Member Pete A. Tenorio, who cited, "incredible delinquent and outstanding debts on the power plant and fuel supplies," of CUC as the major concerns of the agency.



## Man admits sexual abuse of a child

By Rafael I. Santos

THE Superior Court yesterday sentenced a man to five years in jail after pleading guilty to a charge of sexual abuse of a child.

Ricky Kosam however will only spend three years in prison as two years of the jail term were suspended by the court as part of a plea agreement between him and the government.

The plea agreement was reached only yesterday, according to Assistant Attorney General Alan Gordon. He will begin his sentence on March 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Associate Judge Marty Taylor sentenced Kosam at around 1:30 in

After serving three years in the Department of Corrections, Kosam vill be on probation and must follow certain conditions

The plea agreement signed by him, his lawyer David Juares of the Public Defender's Office and Gordon, stated that he should obey CNMI laws while on probation for two years.

He should not reside in a household where any child below 18 years of age resides.

Kosam is also prohibited from being alone with children below 18 ears old and is ordered not to harass or annoy the victim.

Kosam would have been given a jail term without suspension if proven guilty of sexual abuse of a child in a trial. He would have been also fined \$2,000 as provided for by the constitution.

According to Gordon, no other penalties were imposed aside from he five-year jail sentence.

Kosam was accused of sexually molesting a minor last December by the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office, about three months after the crime was committed.

"On or about September or October 1993,... Kosam did unlawfully ngage in sexual contact with a child under sixteen years of age who s not his wife," the information filed with the court stated. According to the government, Kosam abused a girl who is a

relative of his common-law wife. No other details about the defendant were available.

Man who attacked police tried May 2

By Rafael I. Santos

A JURY trial has been set for a man who allegedly attacked a police officer with hallow blocks and dinner plates to avoid arrest last month.

The Superior Court on Monday set the trial of Don Flech Ramangmou for May 2 at 9:00

Ramangmou appeared in court room C with Chief Public Defender Dan DeRienzo the other

The defendant would go on trial for both the traffic and criminal charges brought against him by the government last month.

The accused was first charged

with traffic violations and later an amended complaint was filed with the court that included criminal offenses.

Ramangmou is currently enjoying freedom on a \$90,000 unsecured bond. However he has to observe a 7:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. curfew and is prohibited from consuming alcohol and driving a ve-

Jurors will determine whether Ramangmou was guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon and of criminal mischief.

The other criminal charge will be left to the court for judgment. On the night of February 7, Ramangmou threatened and attempted to cause bodily injury to

a police officer who tried to arrest him for traffic violation, the information filed with the court

According to Assistant Attorney General Charles Rotbart, the defendant who was arrested at 6:20 tow days later, assaulted Officer Flor Estabillo with hollow blocks, rocks, and dinner plates outside the former's house.

He also attacked a police car, causing damage worth between \$1,500 to \$2,500, Rotbart added.

Ramangmou is also charged with resisting arrest. The information stated that he "did willfully, resist, delay, and obstruct a lawenforcement officer" who was trying to arrest him.

Hans Mickelson, general Manager of KCNM and KZMI explains how the

CD equipment inside the studio works.

## KCNM denies bid to buy Hot 98 FM

went on air, he said.

By Rafael I. Santos

INTER-ISLAND Communications, owner of KCNM-AM and KZMI-FM yesterday denied that it had offered to purchase Hot

A representative of the Guambased company which also operates KSTO-FM in the U.S. territory, said it was the owners of Hot 98 FM that offered to sell the

"The owners of KRSI Hot 98 "They had paid too much to set approached us to purchase their up (their) operation. Our offer to station as far back as September the owners was in the dollar 1992," Hans Mickelson, General amount of what it would have Manager for 1053 KCNM-AM cost us to build an FM station. and 103.9 KZMI-FM, said yes-They rejected it," Mickelson said yesterday afternoon.

The offer from KRSI was made Mickelson made the statements two months after the station. in reaction to a press release published by Saipan newspapers last

PRESENTS

SAGAN NATIBU

at Sugar Dock, Susupe

A copy of the press statement was also sent to the Variety was printed Tuesday last week.

Radio Saipan International said in the release that it had rejected what it called an unsolicited offer from Inter-Island Communications to purchase KRSI.

Patrick Williams, KRSI General Manager, was quoted in the ress statement as saying that his station was "not for sale."

He was also quoted as saying that Hot 98 was "neither seeking nor accepting any offers."

Williams went on to state the 'success" of the station, which has been on air for 18 months

Mickelson dismissed Williams prepared statements as "a funny way to respond" to the amount

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which caters mostly to teenagers, ing a negotiation.

According to Mickelson, it was not only once that Inter-Island was approached by KRSI. Last year, the Guam-based company was again approached by an owner to purchase the station.

He said negotiations took place and Inter-Island decided to increase its original offer "\$50,000 more than what would have taken us to operate an FM station."

However, until now they have not heard any word from KRSI. Mickelson said he and the whole of Inter-Island were surprised with the release sent by Williams to the media that "gave the reader the impression that it had been written by one of your reporters."

KRSI twisted "the entire situation," Mickelson added.

Mickelson claimed that Hot 98 owners wanted to sell the station after another FM station joined the competition.

Hot 98 FM's competitor in the listening audience is Power 99. Both stations cater mostly to teen-

The core of KZMI's audience is 25 to 40, Mickelson said, adding that its style of programming has been "very successful." 

KZMI, Saipan's first FM radio station, has a compact disc library of over 3,000 titles, the general manager told the Variety. Mickelson said Inter-Island

made a good offer to KRSI after the former was "approached." A down payment was also offered,

According to Mickelson, Inter-Island became interested to either continue the operation of KRSI or absorb it and operate it with a new "name" after the offer was made. Inter-Island never offered to

purchase the station, he stressed. Williams, when asked to comment regarding Mickelson's remarks, insisted that Inter-Island made an offer.

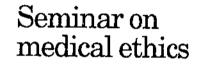
According to Williams, he received a letter from Mickelson dated December 15, 1993, offering to buy KRSI.

"It appears to me that the offer was unsolicited," he said.

Mickelson earlier said that as early as 1992, owners of KRSI offered to sell their station.

Williams said he could not comment regarding the 1992 offer because he only became general manager for Hot 98 since March 1993.

KRSI owners Clayton Duvoll and Larry Walters could not be reached for comments. Williams said Duvoll and Walters will be available today for comments.



THE COMMONWEALTH Council for the Humanities along with the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and Commonwealth Health Center will conduct a two-day seminar on medical ethics.

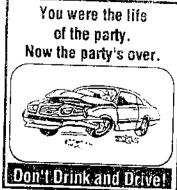
The visiting speaker will be Dr. Barbara Koenig, executive director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Stanford University and an adjunct professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of the University of California-San Francisco.

Topics to be discussed in the seminar to be held on March 24 and 25, include health care funding, prioritizing medical care, medical referral and preventive

Criteria on the seminar will be based on ethical as well as techni-

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa was awarded a grant from the Commonwealth Council for the Humanities to conduct several workshops in the field of ethics.

In July 1993, Fr. Gerald Coleman conducted a day long workshop on the role and development of conscience in ethical behavior.



## Solons foresee no crisis over '94 budget

By Rafael H. Arroyo

LEADERS of the Ninth CNMI Legislature yesterday expressed hope that the Commonwealth government budget for fiscal year 1994 would not encounter the familiar inter-island bickering that kept previous fiscal year budgets from being passed early or being passed at all.

Speaker of the House of Representatives Diego T. Benavente and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan have both aired optimism that legislative action on Governor Froilan C. Tenorio's FY 1994 budget package will be done without much delay owing to the "improved relationship" between the two houses.



Diego T. Benavente



Jesus R. Sablan

TOMORROW, CNMI will fi-

nally have the first woman

A total of 18 members of the

4th Fire Cycle Cadets led by the

34-year-old woman Asunta Celis

will be graduating at Diamond

The cadets had already com-

pleted rigid training since last

August 23, 1993. Among the

trainings, the cadets had were the

three-week field training fire op-

Under the course, the cadets

were taught how to operate vari-

Hotel's Hibiscus Room.

erations II course.

firefighter!

"As far as the House is concerned, the budget will be a priority and I as speaker will be pushing for its early passage," said Benavente in an interview yesterday.

"More importantly, I do not foresee a repeat of previous experiences we had with regards to the budget in that the House leadership sees a great deal of cooperation and good working relationship with the Senate now than before," he added.

According to Benavente, proof of the current harmonious relationship between the two houses was the manner the 1993 CIP appropriations bill was deliberated and passed by both houses.

That measure, House Bill 9-92 (now Public Law 9-1), basically reflected how the House wanted some \$34 million in capital improvement project funds appropriated among various infrastructure projects. It passed the Senate without a hitch and without amendments, speeding up its enactment into law.

In a separate interview, Sablan said he also sees a greater spirit of cooperation between the two houses of legislature and a resolve among them not to repeat the crisis that have characterized previous fiscal years' budget

"I am hopeful we would not have the same experience we had in the past. We should roll up our sleeves and work together, digest the mechanics of the budget as soon as possible and avoid any communication breakdowns," said the Senate president.

"I would visit them occasionally so the communication lines remain open," said the president.

Normally, appropriation measures such as the budget gets tossed back and forth between the two houses in search of a mutually acceptable version.

The experience in previous fiscal years had government agencies reeling from payless pay-

first CNMI firefighter

ous type of equipments as well as

different ways to extinguish fire

The cadets, originally number-

ing 20, also learned rappelling

course at the Ladder Beach cliff

and emergency vehicle operations

They also finished training on

emergency medical technician

internship before they were intro-

duced to criminal investigation

Celis, a mother of three from

Susupe, told Marianas Variety in

an earlier interview that she joined

the course just to make a career

after watching several movies

Mother makes it as

in Capitol Hill.

days and severely cut operational programs owing to the neverending House-Senate debate on which agencies get how much.

The budget appropriations measure for fiscal year 1993 was never passed after conference committee negotiations for a compromise version collapsed, sending all agencies in a crisis for having to work under continuing resolution.

The fiscal year 1992 budget, on the other hand, was passed but not before Senate President Joseph S. Inos was ousted in the famed August 12, 1992 Senate uprising caused by disagreements over the budget measure.

The Tenorio Administration s \$151 million budget for FY 1994 was transmitted by the governor to Benavente and Sablan Friday. House Committee on Ways & Means Chairman Pete P. Reyes and Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairman Henry DLG, San Nicolas were also given their separate copies of the voluminous package that same day.

Reyes, in a previous telephone conversation, said he is immediately calling for a hearing to verify on the available resources identified by the administration for budgeting.

Budget meetings will also be scheduled soon, said Reyes.

According to Benavente, the leadership has agreed to welcome members of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee to sit in those meetings so that consensus between the two houses on the budget could be expedited.

A previous proposal made by Senator Juan S. Demapan through a joint resolution sought the formation of a House-Senate budget committee to jointly deliberate on the FY 1994 budget at once and eliminate the need for separate and time-consuming discus-

"I doubt if the rules will allow for a joint committee. But nevertheless, we are allowing the Senate to come to our meetings and put their input," said Benavente.

depicting the lives of firefighters.

"It's very challenging espe-

cially to the woman," Celis said.

"You've got to be aggressive and

Department of Public Safety

Acting Director Jose M. Castro

said the 17 other graduates are:

Anthony Babauta; Harlord

Belyeu; Ernest Cruz; Allen El-

der; Claude Humphries; Anthony

Kapileo; Juan Laniyo; Lucas

Laniyo; Sylvan Laniyo; Stephen

Limes; Francis Manglona; Tho-

mas Manglona; Juan Mettao;

Stanley Santos; Michael Takai;

Jeffrey Taitano, and Henry Wil-



Senate Fiscal Affairs Chairman Henry San Nicolas holds up a volume of the FY '94 budget.

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## Tenorio, Babbitt sign park accord

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio announced today that final agreement has been reached between the Commonwealth government and the U.S. Department of the Interior to release funds for the completion of the American Memorial Park.

On Monday, February 28, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt signed, "The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Government of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Department of the Interior for Development and Management for the American Memorial Park, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands," eliminating the final obstacle for project comple-

Governor Tenorio said the agreement should get the project back on track, saying, "in receiving this financing, I am hopeful that no further delays will prevent the completion of the American Memorial Park in time for the 50th anniversary celebration."

The Governor also said the \$3 million appropriation would provide a much needed stimulus to an industry that has already been paralyzed by the downturn in construction projects in the Commonwealth.

As agreed to, the development plan calls for "a new memorial complex located on the Beach Road axis and other appropriate site which shall feature a memorial "court of honor," an American Flag and the four U.S. Military service flags to be lighted and flown at night as well as daytime,..andamemorial wall,... The MOA further stipulates that "If funding permits, additional construction may include completion or demotion of the amphitheater seating, a visitor's center and a War-era museum,"

Before funding becomes immediately available, the Department of Interior must first approve the construction drawings for the park. After DOI approval, the Office of Territorial and International Affairs will release \$3 million, "less up to 10% for design and other related costs to be reimbursed to the National Park Service, to the Government of the CNMI to contract for construction" of the American Memorial Park. The Governor and members of his staff are scheduled to meet with architectural representatives to review drawings that will be submitted to the DOI.

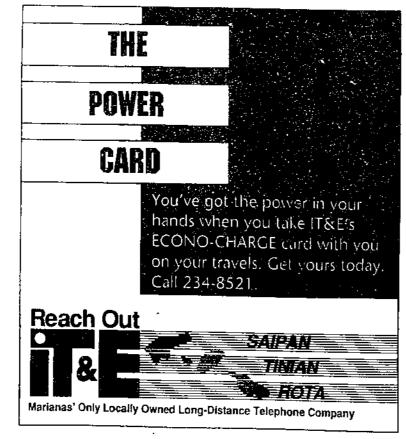
The Agreement further stipulates the park to be used for "civic events, educational programs, and for the recreational enjoyment of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands," Park administration will fall under the Interior Department's National Park Ser-

### PSS asks parents to protect kids from rain

PUBLIC School Commissioner William S. Torres yesterday has asked parents to assist the public school principals and teachers to take steps to keep their children dry and warm as they travel to and from school during the wet season. During this rainy season, the PSS is requesting that parents should provide an umbrella and

raincoat so that our children do not catch cold from exposure in this inclement weather. The PSS also asks that parents provide book bags to protect the books issued to children from damaged by rain. The Commissioner noted that "with a little extra effort on our part, our students will arrive at school warm, dry and ready to learn."

## Read The Daily Variety



## RP wants PLO-Israeli talks resumed

PHILIPPINE President Fidel V. Ramos has stated that he supports calls for continued dialogue between Israel and the PLO as he expressed condemnation and outrage for the killing of over forty Muslim worshipers by a lone gunman at a mosque in the occupied territories last week, a press statement from the Philippine Consulate said Tuesday.

Ramos said that much progress has been made towards achieving a lasting peace in the Middle East as he expressed the hope that this tragedy will not derail on-going

peace process. The Philippines has consistently supported the current peace process and was one with the world ion welcoming the historic PLO-Israel agreement signed in Washington in September last year which ushered in a new era in the search for peace.

In denouncing extremism from all sides, Ramos expressed confi-

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-112

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GREGORY ANTHONY WILSON,

**HOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO** CREDITORS

TO: ALL PERSONS AND CREDITORS having any interest or claims against the Estate of GREGORY ANTHONY WILSON.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Suzanne Lizama, of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court seeking to be appointed the administratrix of the estate of Gregory Anthony Wilson, deceased, Petitioner's attorney of record is G. Anthony Long, Attorney at Law, AAA 1797, Caller Box 10001, Second Floor Lim's Bldg., Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950 The hearing on said petition for letters of at 1:30 p.m.

All interested parties should appear at the hearing. Persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified that any and all claims against the estate must be filed with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim will be

/s/ CHARLENE TEREGEYO

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-120** 

N THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

AHTONIA F. CASTRO.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO

TO: ALL PERSONS AND CREDITORS having

any interest or claims against the Estate of AHTONIA F. CASTRO. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Jovita Fitipol

of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court seeking to be appointed the administratrix of the estate of Antonia F. Castro deceased. Petitioner's attorney of record is G Anthony Long, Attorney at Law, AAA 1797 Caller Box 10001, Second Floor Lim's Bldg., Oleal, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on said petition for letters of administration has bee set for March 15, 1994, at 1:30 p.m. All interested parties should appear at the

hearing. Persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified that any and all claims against the estate must be filed with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60 days of this publication, or the claim will be

/s/ JOWTA C. FLORES

dence that the parties concerned will not allow the senseless and brutal acts of extremists to dominate efforts towards achieving

CHC...

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referral program by developing

policies and procedures for a more

equitable and cost effective refer-

referral system with Sharp Hospi-

tal in San Diego some CNMI lead-

ers expressed concern that I was

compromising quality health care,"

Abraham said. "Even the people

from Sharp were here lobbying with

the Legislature and Governor

against my action."

"When I terminated the medical

With a view towards continuing support the peace peace process, the President also directed

He said the main reason why the

CHC entered into a contractual

agreement with Sharp Hospital over

hospitals and providers in Hawaii

was that Sharp offered a cheaper

"Sharp convinced the (former)

CHC administration that the medi-

cal referral budget could be signifi-

cantly reduced if we went with their

services," Abrahamsaid. "We have

He stressed that they found out

that the service costs have proven

to be more expensive so they de-

cided to terminate the contract in

favor of returning to Hawaii-based

"The bottom line is that Hawaii

rate on medical services.

found this not so."

physicians and hospital

his foreign affairs secretary to coordinate with the Palestinian and Israeli ambassadors in the face of calls for the incident to be

has proven to be less expensive

mising the quality of health

care...we are however, saving

money that we didn't have to spend

for referrals in the first place,"

Regarding the CHC's \$18.4 mil-

lion worth of uncollected bills for

Public Health, CHC and Dental

Divisions, Abraham reiterated his

earlier recommendation for the

privatization of the collection of

Abraham said.

the receivables.

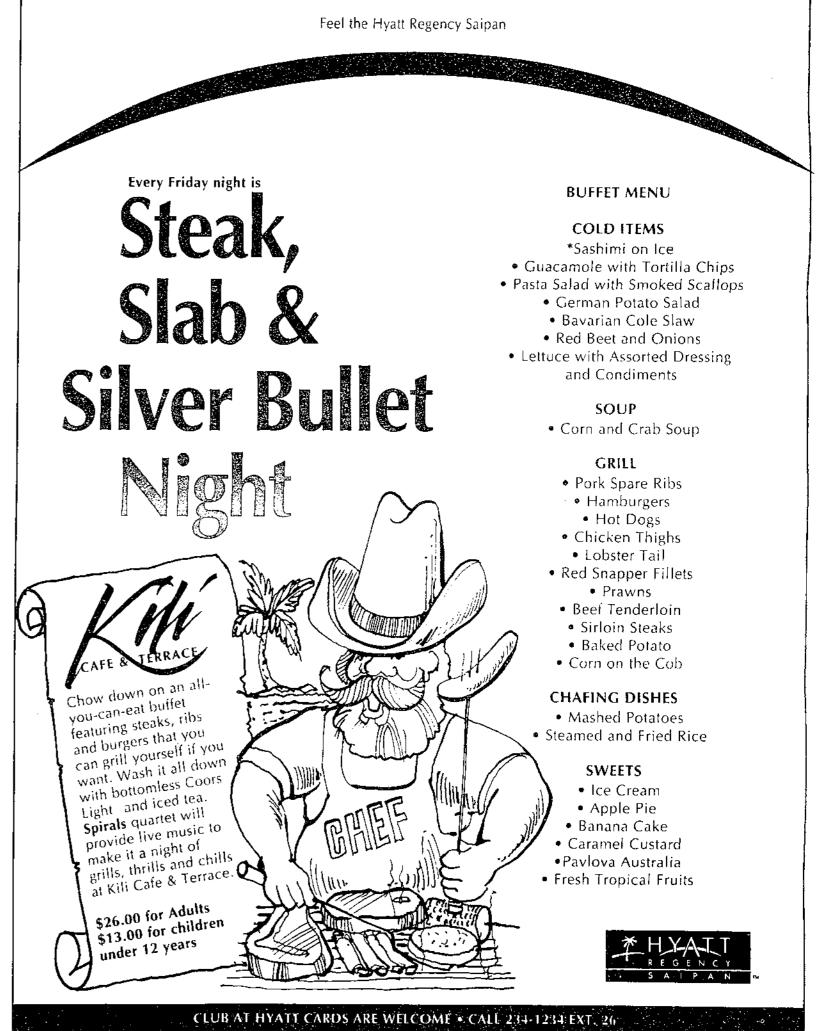
United Nations Security Council. The Philippines is one of the few countries which currently host He added that they have hired

brought to the attention of the

while equally competent and exthree key staff members to this who cellent in medical services," he said. are getting the cooperation needed CHC is aggressively recruiting to collect from the commercial inexcellent physician providers to surance companies. come to Saipan to work. "We are by now means compro-

In the reported pull out plans of three U.S. Public Health Service assignees from the CHC, Abraham said he is now talking with Region IX, the Interior Department and other U.S. agencies to continue to make these vital Public Health Service slots available to CHC in order to have experienced replacements.

The three personnel referred to are Dr. John Crowley, Nursing Director, Robert Staley, Pharmacy Consultant, and Jeri Thomburg Quality Assurance Coordinator.



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### Reorganization unveiled Mar. 15

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio will deliver his message on reorganization of the Executive Branch of the CNMI Government during a public address Tuesday, March 15th, a news release a.m. from the administration said.

eredfrom the Governor's Office at the Hill, has been tentatively set for 11

Meanwhile, the Legislature will

reportedly set March 22nd as the date for the Governor's State of the Commonwealth address, as well as the annual address by Resident Representative to Washington Juan Nekai

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while another 681 hectares were the possibility of centralizing all given up under the Agricultural land records particularly those Waiver Act, out of a total of 7,116 presently in the possession of hectares of public land on Saipan. Lands & Surveys, MPLC and the Land Commission;

Saipan is said to have a total land area of 12,197 hectares, 58.35% of which is public land. The remaining 41.35% is comprised of private land.

Accounting for the biggest use of public land on Saipan is conservation and wildlife areas, followed by agriculture and grazing, hotels and golf courses, village homesteads, and other commu-

Among the recommendations made by the Transition subcommittee are:

·management must conduct and assessment on the impact of numerous land exchanges and land transfers executed by the corporation particularly those land conveyances made pursuant to law such as the Public Land Authorization Act, Agriculture Homestead Waiver Act, and the Village Homesteading Act;

•the executive branch should seriously consider exercising its eminent domain powers;

•management should explore

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for prostitution.

More than 10 women, including Liarta, were arrested during the operation.

Although Liarta was excused from the court Tuesday following a motion from Arriola, three government witnesses were able to identify the defendant.

Claudio Norita, Chief of DPS Criminal Investigation Division, positively identified Liarta through her passport which was admitted as an evidence during the trial.

Special agents Paul Ogumoro and Arnold Seman told the court that the picture that appears on the passport was the same woman seen talking to Norita during the surveillance operation on July 14 and 17, 1993 inside the karaoke club.

But other descriptions of the defendant were conflicting. One officersaid Lianta was five feet and five inches tall while another one testified that he thought Liarta was five feet and nine inches tall.

During his testimony, Norita said he was offered sexual services by Liarta who introduced herself as Bernadene.

He said the defendant told him that they could "sleep together" and "make love" but that he had to pay \$250 to the club.

The defense refuted the meaning of the two phrases and said it did not indicate that Liarta solicited pros-

> Keep CNMI Litter Free

The speech, which will be deliv-Administration Building on Capitol

•the present organizational

structure of MPLC must be main-

tained and a serious attempt of

deciding its fate and functions

should be undertaken. While most

of MPLC's ongoing programs are

required and needed by the people,

sound planning, management and

disposition of public land is best

accomplished when the organi-

zational structure is properly laid

out and its legal existence is clari-

•the Tenorio/Borja Administration should appoint a woman to the MPLC Board of Directors after erstwhile Boardmember Maria Pangelinan recently re-

•a management audit of the corporation by an independent agency should be seriously considered in order to restore public confidence and integrity of MPLC.

signed; and

The subcommittee is composed of former Tinian senator and MPLC boardmember Ray Dela Cruz as chairman, Fred F. Carnacho, Antonio R. Sablan and Jose Rios.

### DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### ANDRES ARCEO SAN NICOLAS "TUN ANDRES DAGO"

BORN: April 25, 1914 DIED: February 26, 1994

Pre-Deceased by his wife: ADELA REYES SAN NICOLAS

Survived by his Children and their spouses: Emiling Tenorio and Antonio Castro Lizama, Juana Tenorio and Mariano M. Indalecio, Jesus Reyes and Josephine Pangelinan Tenorio, Joseph Reyes and Dotores Celis San

Survived by his Brothers & Sisters:

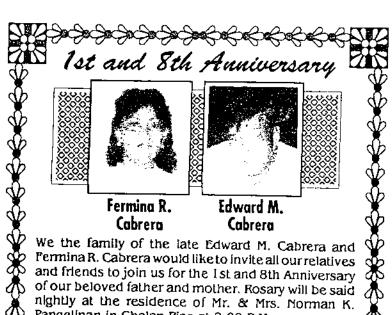
follow immediately at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetary.

Juan A. San Nicolas(deceased), Maria S.N. Ada (deceased), Felicita A. San Nicolas (deceased) Survived by his Brothers-In-Law and Sisters-In-Law:

Jose C. & Rita M. Reyes (both deceased), Alfonso C. & Victorina T. Reyes, Jose G. (deceased) & Angelica R. Bermudes, Alfonso (deceased) & Maria R. Dela Cruz, Jose (deceased) & Anna R. Ayuyu and Antonio & Rosa R. Duenas (deceased), Maria R. & Jose Pangelinan (both deceased)

Survive by his numerous Nieces and Nephews, also survive by numerous Grand & Great Grand Children. Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the family resident in Chalan Kanoa, Dist. #3 across from W.S. Reyes Elementary School. Last respect may be paid at the family residence on Saturday (3/6/94) beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the same day, Mass

of Christian burial will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. at the Mt Carmel Cathedral, Burial will



Pangelinan in Chalan Piao at 8:00 P.M.

On the final day March 12, 1994, Rosary will be offered at 12:00 Noon.

Mass of Intention will be offered at 5:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church. Dinner will be served after Mass at the family's residence in Chalan Plao.

Kindly join us. The Families The Families

#### SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

Elphidia I. Kosam and Moning K. Kosam, on or about May 9, 1984, gave and delivered to the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, acting on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, United States of America, a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 11, 1984, under under File No. 84-738 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the said Trustor to the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, acting on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, United States of America.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 005 I 524, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 748 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN THE DIVI-SION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 ON MAY 14, 1982 THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default the Mariana Islands Housing Authority issued its Notice of Default on March 4, 1992.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mariana Islands Housing Authority will, onMarch 4,1994, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, Garapan, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public action to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$76,000.00, total amount due to FmHA loan and MIHA's expenses.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveved or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Mariana Islands Housing Authority is the lawful holder of such deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check of cashier's check and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale or partially financed by or through MIHA depending on the successful bidder's repayment ability. Minimum down payment shall be twentyfive percent (25%) of the highest bid amount. Maximum financing term for the balance shall be ten (10) years.

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 24th day of January, 1994.

By: /s/Juan M. Sablan Executive Director Mariana Islands Housing Authority

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN) MARIANA ISLANDS

On this 24th day of January, 1994, before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, personally appeared Juan M. Sablan, duly authorized representative for the Mariana Islands, Housing Authority. known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing SIXTHAMENDED NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same on behalf of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first written above.

/s/JOSEPH MUNA-MENDIOLA Notary Public

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands My Commission Expires on the 2nd day of September, 1995.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

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Also born on this date are: Alexander Graham Bell, inventor; Jean Harlow, film star.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may want to raise the stakes today where a personal relationship is concerned. Is it time

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Your home is your castle, but today it may be overrun by those who aren't about to make feat today -- or at least acknowl- life easy. Stand your ground.

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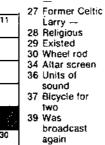
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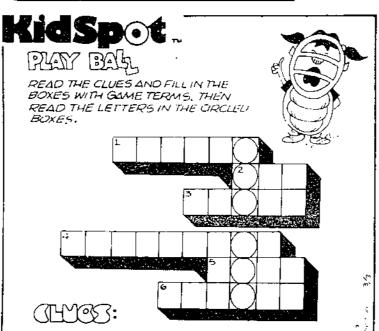
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## White Sox pitcher sidelined with injury

DeLeon will be sidelined three to six weeks with a knee injury.

He hurt himself during fielding drills Monday, sustaining a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament of his left knee.

The 33-year-old right-hander pitched only 10 innings with the White Sox last year. He spent the bulk of the season with Philadelphia, going 3-0 with a 3.26 ERA.

To bolster their staff the White Sox to signed right-hander Scott Sanderson to a minor league contract. He split time last last season between California and San Fran-

White Sox reliever Roberto Hernandez, who saved 38 games last season, was one of 17 players to agree to one-year contracts. Hernandez said his contract has a base salary of \$275,000. He made \$195,000 last season.

Boston Red Sox manager Butch Hobson was hit in the head by a Fort Myers, Florida, and was treated with smelling salts after experiencing dizziness.

Hobson was being interviewed near the dugout when a one-hop grounder by Ruben Rodriguez struck him above his left ear. "It hit me in the head, I'm all right," joked Hobson, who then continued the

But he began feeling dizzy and was treated in the clubhouse. Hobson said after the team's workout he was feeling better, but still appeared wobbly.

Boston's executive vice president of baseball operations, said the team is at an impasse in contract talks with pitcher Aaron Sele. Gorman also said there has been little progress in the discussions concerning first baseman Mo Vaughn.

CHICAGO White Sox pitcher Jose foul ball during batting practice at their unsigned players.

ity, union chief Donald Fehr said.

Meanwhile, Lou Gorman,

Red Sox officials say that if deals are not agreed upon by Thursday, they will renew the contracts of

Negotiations on a labor agreement with baseball owners apparently will be difficult and a strike later in the season is a real possibil-

Fehr began his 28-team tour of spring training camps, meeting for nearly two hours with the Montreal Expos in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The two sides haven't met formally since Jan. 25, 1993. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday in Tampa, but Fehr does not expect

a proposal at that time. He said a possible strike is several months Michael Jordan, admitting the

daily press briefings on his progress are starting to wear on him, won't find any solitude Thursday. But he is looking forward to an intrasquad game at Sarasota, Florida, where he might face Chicago White Sox teammate Jack McDowell, the American League's Cy Young Award winner.

"I think I'm well equipped with

fundamentals they have been teaching me," Jordan said. "I'm ready to see if I can excel at it or do we

Il at it or do some of that in live action."

American League home run king Juan Gonzalez, met the reporting deadline by showing up to the Texas Rangers' training camp in Port Charlotte, Florida. Gonzalez, bolstered by a dlrs 30.7 million, five-year contract, said he hopes he has recovered from his back problems.

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Sixers, who hadn't lost 10 straight since they dropped 13 in a row in

The Bullets trailed 54-47 at halftime, but outscored the Sixers 34-21 in the third period, connecting on 16 of 23 shots. Tom Gugliotta led the rally with 10 of his 19 points.

A three-point play by Orlando Woolridge brought the Sixers to 99-97 with 2:44 left, but Adams and Ellison converted six of eight free throws in the last minute as Washington pulled away.

In Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon scored 26 points and Sam Cassell had all of his 16 points in the second half as Houston held off Orlando, snapping the Magic's seven-game winning streak.

Cassell didn't score his first basket until 1:19 remained in the third quarter before equaling his season high as the Rockets ended a two-game losing skid.

Anfernee Hardaway and Dennis Scott each scored 21 points for Orlando, which remained winless

in The Summit at 0-7. Olajuwon also helped hold NBA leading scorer Shaquille O'Neal to 19 points on 8-for-19 shooting and was aided underneath by Otis Thorpe's 19 rebounds.

The Rockets quickly took the lead and led 50-37 at the half, aided by the Magic's cold-shoot-

Orlando hit 50 percent in the third period, but did little to cut into Houston's lead. The Rockets led by at least nine points throughout the fourth quarter.

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win a tournament, but if I look in the past at what I've won, that's not good."

Graf was in danger of losing her first set of the year when she trailed Werdel 1-4 in the second

"Yes, I was aware of that," Graf said, "Today, I'm thinking when I was down for a while that I

might lose a set here." When asked if she was playing

the best tennis of her career, the German star said: "I think I'm approaching that level. I'm on the right track. I still see some space, things I can develop in my game. That's why I'm still around."

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where he has so many things going through his mind.

"OK, where is your weight, on the ball of your feet? Where's your hands? Where's your head? Are you striding in too much? You can't hit if you're thinking about all those things," Brett added. "He has a lot of things he has to learn about the game of baseball before he can become a

Brett said it's unfair to compare Jordan's situation with that of his former Royals teammate Bo Jackson, who also played in the NFL with the Los Angeles Raiders.

"I played with a guy by the name of Bo Jackson who was a Heisman Trophy winner, who said he was going to go play baseball and everybody laughed at Bo. Well, we all know what Bo did in his baseball career. "Michael Jordan is definitely a

world-class athlete like a Bo Jack-

son," Brett said. "But the one thing I think that Bo has on Michael is that Bo played college baseball and Michael just played high

school baseball. I think there is a big gap between that."

One of Jordan's big tests comes Thursday in an intra-squad game at the Chicago White Sox camp in Sarasota, Florida.

"It's going to be a lot harder than he thinks it's going to be," Brett said.

"If you get three hits out of every 10 times up, you fail seven times. If you hit .300 you are a superstar. If you are a basketball player and you shoot 30 percent you don't have a job."



1. Review of minutes (9/15/94). Delinquency Prevention, Dept of Justice. 3. Review/approval of CNMI's FY94 Grant

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2. Review/approval of subgrant applications for

## SPORTS

## Manning keys Atlanta win

RIK SMITS had 24 points and 13 rebounds, his fifth straight game with double figures in both, as the Indiana Pacers ended the Portland Trail Blazers' six-game winning streak Tuesday night, 106-94 in Indianapolis.

Reggie Miller scored 20 points for the Pacers, who have won three straight games, eight in a row at home and 13 of 15 overall.

Indiana took control in a wild third quarter when the Blazers were called for two technical fouls and had their radio analyst, Mike Rice, ejected from press row by referee Steve Javie.

The Pacers wiped out Portland's last lead, 51-50, with a 10-0 run that included a technical on Cliff Robinson, who led the Blazers with 17 points. Robinson objected when a foul call on Dale Davis

was changed to a blocked shot, and Rice was ejected after complaining to Javie.

The Pacers put together an 8-0 run late in the period, which ended with Indiana ahead 81-70. During that run, Portland coach Rick Adelman was called for another technical.

#### Hawks 102, Timberwolves 99

In Atlanta, Danny Manning, in his home debut for Atlanta, hit a 12-foot jumper with eight seconds left, salvaging a victory over comeback-minded Minnesota.

The Hawks, who led by 28 points in the third period, still had a 94-69 advantage going into the final quarter, but Chuck Person's 3-pointer with 28 seconds left closed the Timberwolves to 100-99. The Hawks then worked the

ball to Manning for the gamesaving shot.

Manning scored 21 points on 8for-13 shooting and Stacey Augmon also had 21 points on 9for-12 shooting for the Hawks. Christian Laettner scored 21 points for Minnesota, which has lost 11 straight road games.

Mookie Blaylock set a franchise-record for steals in a quarter with six in the first period. He finished with a season-high eight to go with 14 points and 10 assists.

#### Nets 108, Pistons 98

In East Rutherford, N.J., Chris Morris continued his tear from 3point range by hitting a teamrecord six as New Jersey overcame a slow start against Detroit. Morris finished with 23 points

and Derrick Coleman 25 points

and 15 rebounds as the Nets won their 16th game in 22 starts. Isiah Thomas had 16 points and 14 assists and Joe Dumars 19 points as the Pistons lost their fourth straight and their 36th in the last 45.

Dumars had 11 points and Thomas six points and eight assists while New Jersey missed 11 of its first 15 shots in the first period, which ended with Detroit ahead 28-20.

In the Nets' 37-point second quarter, Coleman hit three straight baskets to get the team going and Morris made three 3-pointers,

helping New Jersey pull ahead to stay.

Morris was 6-for-8 from 3-point range. He came into the contest 10 of 15 in his last three games and is now 16 of 23 in his last four.

#### Bullets 109, 76ers 103

In Philadelphia, Pervis Ellison had season highs of 25 points and 12 rebounds as Washington beat Philadelphia, ending the Bullets' six-game losing streak and extending the 76ers' loss skid to 10.

Clarence Weatherspoon had 26 points and 14 rebounds for the

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## Sabatini, Graf advance in Virginia Slims tourney

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Gabriela Sabatini and Steffi Graf won in straight sets on a windy day to advance Tuesday to the third round of the Virginia Slims of Florida.

Sabatini, the third seed, hasn't won a tournament in 21 months. She overcame a critical overrule at 5-3, 40-30 before completing a 6-4,6-2 victory over Italian qualifier Elena Savoldi.

"I usually play better in the wind because of my heavy topspin ball," said Sabatini, a three-time winner in this event. "Sometimes it goes anywhere and it's hard to return those shots."

Graf, the world's No. 1 player and two-time defending champion, won her 18th consecutive match of the year without dropping a set - a 6-0, 7-5 decision

over Marianne Werdel. It was the first time Graf has dropped more than four games in any set this

"Coming from Indian Wells where there's no wind to here is very different," said Graf, who has won all three tournaments she's entered this year and 11 of her last 12. "The last three tournaments I'm playing very good, very solid."

No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario will play her first match Wednesday against Lisa Raymond. Raymond rallied from 1-5 to defeat Laura Golarsa 7-5, 6-1.

The only seeded player to lose was No. 11 Yayuk Basuki, beaten 6-3, 6-1 by Elena Likhovtseva, Likhovtseva will next play Graf, Sabatini is ranked fifth in the

world. She reached three finals in 1993 but her last tournament victory came in the 1992 Italian Open.

"I'm not concerned that I haven't won a tournament because I'm feeling good and that's the most important thing," the Argentine said. "Of course, I want to

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### Hipp wins NABF title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) - Heavyweight Joe Hipp won the North American Boxing Federation title Tuesday night with a 12-round unanimous decision over defending champion Alex Garcia at Caesar's Hotel Casino.

Hipp, weighing 228 pounds (104 kilos), improved to 27-3 with 17 knockouts. He drilled Garcia with several 3- and 4-punch combinations early in the bout. Hipp's southpaw style and quick hands on the inside stopped Garcia throughout much of the fight.

Garcia nearly went down from Hipp's big left crosses in the fifth and sixth rounds and appeared totally out of the fight before rallying briefly in the ninth.

Hipp won the final two rounds handily and dominated the scorecards. Garcia, weighing 221 pounds (100 kilos), fell to 34-4-1 with 26 knockouts.

Hipp triumphed 118-110, according to Judge Shafeeq Rashada; 120-108 on Paul Artiste's card and 119-109 by Judge Tom Kaczmarek. The Associated Press scored it 117-111 for Hipp.

## Players resent Jordan's entry to pro Baseball

By DAVID DROSCHAK

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - Michael Jordan's crack at the majorleagues apparently isn't too

ers.

"I know a lot of baseball players don't want to see him make it because it will be a slap in the face to them," said former Kansas City

Royals third baseman George

popular with some baseball play-

"The guys that I've talked to that have been around the White Sox camp say it's a joke. You have all these guys that had great years and all they are is a side show for Michael," Brett said Tuesday in an interview after promoting a new golf league for cur-

rent and former athletes.

Brett's comments come a day after Seattle pitcher Randy Johnson promised to give Jordan some tight pitches should they ever meet. The 6-foot-10 (2.09-meter) Johnson also said he was going to ask the NBA SuperSonics for a tryout, adding that he could probably block a 235-pounder (106-kilogramer) on the basketball court better than Jordan can hit a

Brett talked about Jordan at the Governor's Club golf course, which is less than 10 miles (17 kilometers) from where Jordan played basketball for the University of North Carolina.

Brett, a future Hall of Famer with more than 3,000 hits, is considered one of baseball's best students of hitting. He changed his batting stroke when he broke into the major leagues, cutting down his swing and going more to the opposite field - a method that produced a dozen .300 seasons.

Brett said he hasn't seen Jordan hit in person, but believes the former Chicago Bulls All-Star must be going through some growing pains.

"It gets to a point where when you are swinging the bat good you don't have negative thoughts going through your mind. You don't worry about your fundamentals," Brett said. "Michael is going through a point right now

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