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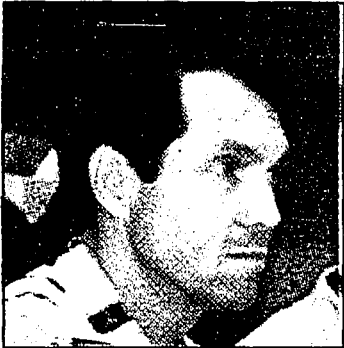
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## Mansur arrives



Manase Mansur

By Jojo Dass  
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**CONGRESSMAN** Don Young's chief of staff arrived on island Saturday for an "observation mission" in the commonwealth ahead of next month's Congressional hearings on federal takeover legis-

lation, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio disclosed.

In an interview with reporters yesterday, the governor said he will be meeting with Manase Mansur who will be in the commonwealth until Thursday holding meetings with officials from the government and private sectors.

"We met with Mr. Mansur and I'll be meeting with him again," said Tenorio. He said Mansur is here basically to try to get more information and settle the issues.

"He will meet with members of the Legislature and our office."

"The hearing is forthcoming, basically we need to know the issues to be discussed on that

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## Second drawdown for heirs, Trust

# Release of Hillblom millions is sought

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

LARRY Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan has been planning to hold another distribution of millions of dollars to Hillblom's four children and the Charitable Trust, according to court documents.

BOS Trust Officer Russell K. Snow Jr. said notwithstanding the unknown and unquantified potential estate liability and risk to the executor created by the Peter J. Donnici lawsuit, the executor intends to propose for hearing on

Sept. 16 a second preliminary distribution of cash.

Snow in the executor's activity report said such division of money is pursuant to the April 28 Superior Court's order in which 70% shall be allocated to the Trust and 30% to the four Hillblom children.

The money to be divided, Snow said, shall be in an amount that will allow total distributions to the Trust after the second drawdown to equal 40% of the total distributions (including payment of allocated taxes) to all

distributees (Trust and kids).

Superior Court Judge Pro Tem Alexandro C. Castro approved last April a petition filed by the executor telling in detail how to distribute the \$50 million to Hillblom Trust and children.

Of the \$50 million, \$30 million were divided equally between the children—Junior Larry Hillbloom, Jellian Cuartero, Mercedita Feliciano, and Nguyen Be Lory.

Snow said the executor intends to file a supplement to the petition

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## \$26M rebates all out by Oct, assures Gov't

By Jojo Dass  
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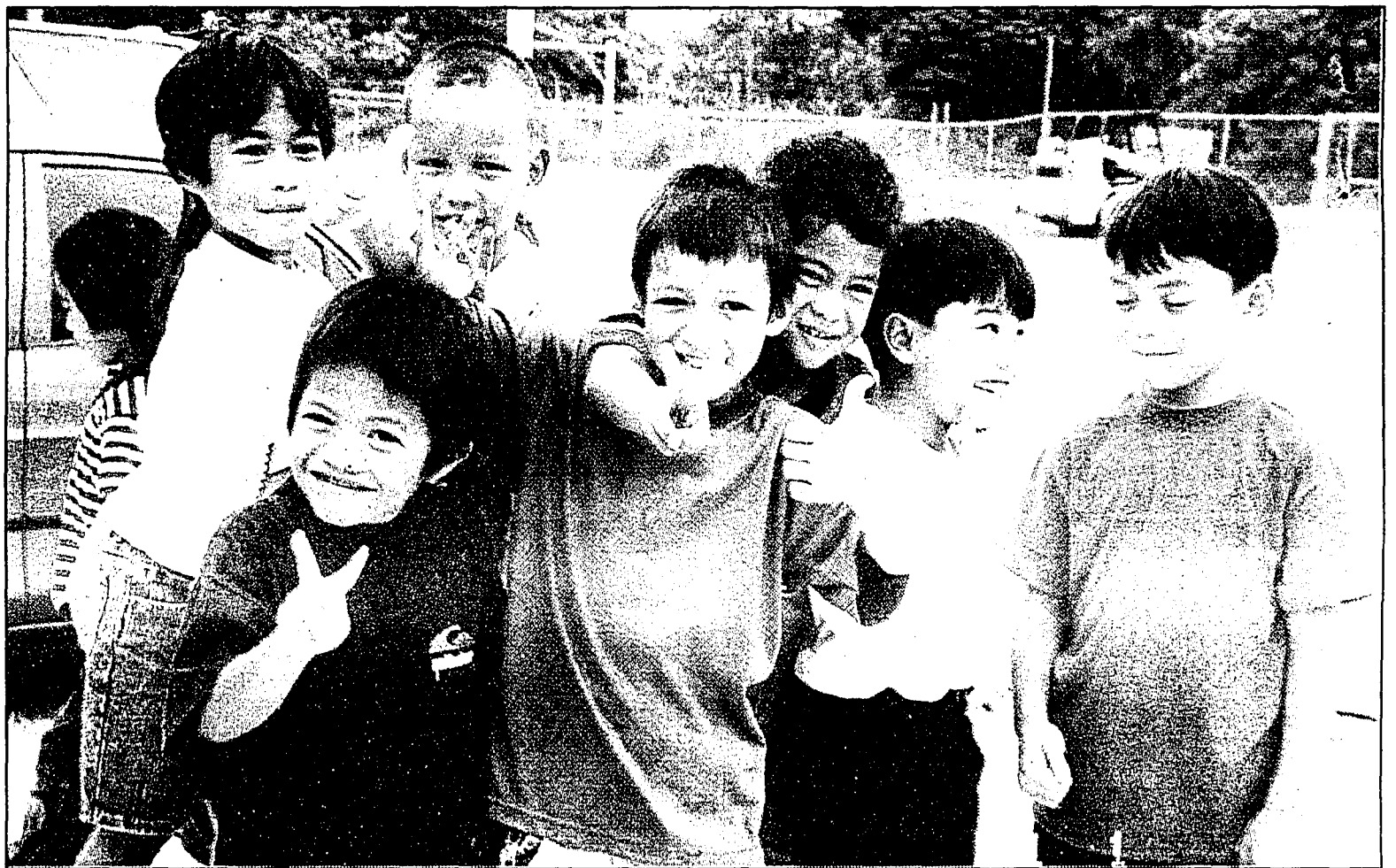
**THE GOVERNMENT** yesterday assured some \$26 million in rebate money will start coming out next month, even as it stressed it is aiming at disbursing all the checks before the October 15 deadline.

In an interview with reporters, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's Special Advisor for Finance and Budget, Michael S. Sablan said authorities are currently in the last phase of preparing the rebate checks, which is verifying the returns to make sure that the right amount goes back to the right person.

"Our plan as of today is to release rebates on a first-filed-first-out basis. Our goal is to release all checks by the deadline, if not by the deadline, then before the deadline," said Sablan.

"There is a process that needs to be done before the release,

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Students from Oleai Elementary School play around while their photo is being taken on campus during their morning break. Photo by Louie C. Alonso

## Sablan's contract extended

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

**GOVERNOR** Pedro P. Tenorio has extended finance and budget special advisor Michael S. Sablan's \$96,000 contract for two more months, it was learned yesterday.

Tenorio's move was in line with the government's efforts to put forward a good case before US Congress when oversight hearings start next month. Sablan, whose contract was sup-



Michael S. Sablan

posed to expire in July, is tasked to prepare a comprehensive report on the commonwealth's finances.

The report also covers expenditure and collection analysis as well as federal funding CNMI is receiving compared to other US insular areas.

Sablan will receive an additional \$16,000 for the two month employment extension, records showed.

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## Navy official apologizes but Bordallo is 'defiant'

By Eric F. Say  
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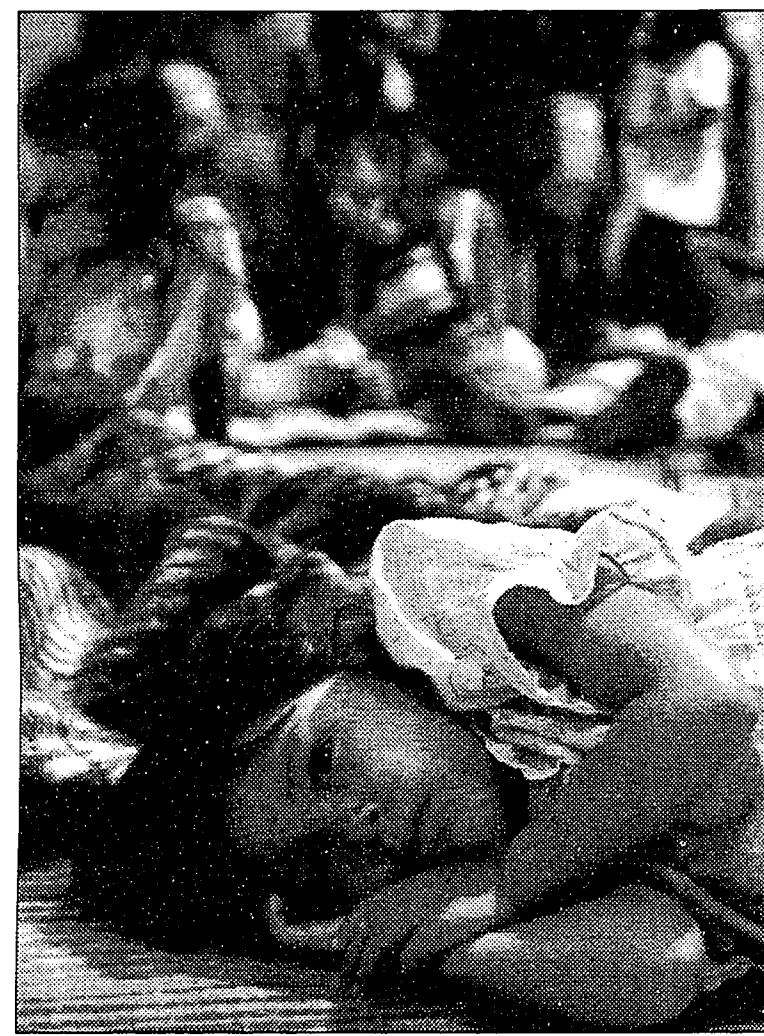
**HAGATNA**--The US Navy official accused of making "racist and derogatory" remarks against Guam has apologized, but Lt. Gov. Madeleine Z. Bordallo still wants him out of any future Guam-Navy discussions.

Bordallo's chief of staff, Kin Perez, said the lieutenant governor still maintains "that the atmosphere of the Bases Realignment and Closure (BRAC) negotiations have been changed due to Michael Killian's irresponsible remarks."

Moreover, "further discussions cannot be continued unless the participants are changed as well as the venue."

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Clara Mendez tries to get some rest at the Nuevo Mundo shelter in Matamoros, Mexico Sunday, as Hurricane Bret approaches land. More than 1,500 people flocked to the shelter. AP

## Japan considers law to compensate S. Koreans

TOKYO (AP) — The government is considering creating a special law to compensate South Koreans who served as soldiers or laborers for Japan's military during World War II, an official said Monday.

Masakatsu Okabe of the Prime Minister's Office said officials were looking into the issue, including the amount of compensation.

Also Monday, the Japanese and South Korean foreign ministers agreed that there were signs North Korea may be ready for dialogue.

Both Tokyo and Seoul are worried about a missile threat from

the North.

Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura and Hong Soon-young, his South Korean counterpart, agreed in Tokyo that both nations would continue to closely watch the situation, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Hong, who arrived Sunday, will meet with Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi before departing Tuesday.

Although international concern remains high about North Korea's reported plan to test launch a ballistic missile, North Korea has recently indicated in its official

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## Imelda Marcos:

# '\$13.4B in Swiss bank may be ours'

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A secret Swiss bank account said to contain \$13.4 billion may belong to the late Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos, his wife said Monday.

"I wouldn't be surprised," former first lady Imelda Marcos said. "I know we used to have money."

A Philippine Senate committee is currently conducting hearings into claims by a former chief government prosecutor, Frank Chavez, that the Union Bank of Switzerland is holding \$13.4 billion in an account in the name of Marcos' youngest daughter.

Each government since Marcos was ousted in a popular revolt in 1986 has accused him of illegally amassing billions of dollars during his 20 years in power.

Nowhere near that amount has been found, with the largest chunk being \$590 million in earlier-identified Swiss bank accounts.

That money has been transferred to an escrow account in the Philippines until legal cases against the Marcoses are resolved.

Mrs. Marcos said she expects a final settlement very soon of an agreement to provide some of that money to nearly 10,000 Filipinos who won a class lawsuit in a U.S. court for compensation for human rights violations during Marcos' administration.

"This will be very soon, in the next few days," she said.

The plaintiffs were awarded \$2



Former Philippine First Lady Imelda Marcos speaks at the weekly forum "Kapihan sa Manila" at Manila Hotel Monday. The government is currently investigating an alleged \$13.4 billion Swiss bank account of the Marcoses. AP

billion by the Hawaiian court, but subsequent negotiations ended with court approval of a \$150 million settlement. Last month, however, a Philippine anti-graft court refused to transfer the money to Hawaii for disbursement, saying there was no evidence the Marcoses did not have funds to satisfy the original \$2 billion award.

Mrs. Marcos told reporters Monday that it "could be possible" that the \$13.4 billion belongs to her family, but she was uncertain because many financial records were taken from them when they fled the Philippines for Hawaii in 1986.

Last week, a German journalist, Peter Muller of Stern TV, told the

Senate committee that he uncovered an "I. Areneta" account in UBS that Chavez says belongs to Marcos' youngest daughter, Irene Marcos-Araneta.

Chavez claimed UBS has been keeping the account secret despite orders by Swiss authorities in 1986 for all Swiss banks to disclose any Marcos accounts they are holding. The Swiss order was part of efforts to help the Philippines recover Marcos' alleged ill-gotten wealth.

UBS spokeswoman Gertrud Erismann-Peyer called Chavez's claims "absurd."

Zurich District Attorney Dieter Jann said Swiss authorities have located the "I. Areneta" account, but it has no connection to the Marcos family. He said investigations have found no such large sums in the bank, and that it would be impossible for such an amount to remain undiscovered.

Chavez has filed a complaint in Switzerland accusing Jann and others of suppressing evidence.

Mrs. Marcos insists her husband amassed his fortune through shrewd gold dealing, not from government coffers.

Last December, she told a Philippine newspaper that Marcos held as much as 1 trillion pesos (\$25.3 billion) in equity in more than 100 top Philippine corporations.

"We practically own everything in the Philippines," the Philippine Daily Inquirer quoted her as saying.

## South Korea steps up diplomatic bid to stop North's missile launch

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— South Korea is stepping up diplomatic efforts to stop North Korea from launching a new ballistic missile by holding high-level talks with the United States, China and Japan.

South Korean Foreign Minister Hong Soon-young met his Japanese counterpart, Masahiko Komura, in Tokyo on Monday. In Beijing, the defense chiefs of China and South Korea also opened talks.

South Korea's Unification Minister Lim Dong-won left Seoul Monday for a week-long visit to the United States, which includes talks with William Perry, Washington's point man on North Korea.

The three-pronged South Korean efforts have the same agenda: what carrot it and the other two allies can offer if North Korea decides not to launch a missile which experts say could reach Hawaii and Alaska.

North Korea has reportedly completed preparations to test-fire a long-range missile, but has expressed willingness to negotiate in response to in-

ternational appeals and warnings to scrap the launch.

"We are always ready for negotiation if the hostile nations honestly ask for it out of an intention to alleviate our concern," a spokesman of the North's Foreign Ministry said last week.

The unidentified spokesman said his country developed missiles because the United States wants to invade the North and has deployed a large number of weapons and troops in South Korea.

Analysts believe the North wants economic and political benefits in return for holding off on a test, which many fear would unsettle security in the region.

South Korean officials attached special significance to a meeting between their defense minister, Cho Sung-tae, and his Chinese counterpart, Chi Haotian. It was the first ever meeting between the defense chiefs of the two former Korean War adversaries.

The two countries have shed much of their Cold War enmity through economic links. They are now each other's third-largest trading partners, with a trade

volume of \$23.7 billion.

China remains North Korea's last remaining major communist ally. But their relations have cooled since Beijing opened formal relations with Seoul in 1992.

South Korea believes Beijing is in the best position among major powers to persuade Pyongyang to forgo the reported missile launch.

In Tokyo, Hong was expected to ask Japan to offer economic aid if North Korea does not launch a missile.

Japan has openly threatened economic penalties if the launch takes place, possibly including a ban on hundreds of millions of dollars sent by pro-North Korea Korean residents of Japan to their impoverished homeland each year.

In San Francisco, the South Korean unification minister, Lim, was scheduled to meet Perry later this week.

The meeting comes amid reports that the United States has offered North Korea wide-ranging economic and political benefits if Pyongyang holds off on a missile test.

# Cabrera becomes eligible for parole

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff

ISIDRO T. Cabrera, the former Immigration captain who was convicted for raping a Chinese woman while in custody in 1996, is now eligible for parole, the Variety learned yesterday.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Marvin Williams in a telephone interview confirmed that Cabrera has qualified for parole since last month.

Williams said the Board of Parole set a hearing for Cabrera last Saturday morning, but that was postponed after BOP's counsel failed to show up.

Williams said the hearing was rescheduled this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Sources said several people, including two congressmen and a top Department of Public Safety official who all expressed intention to support Cabrera's release, showed up Saturday.

Under the law, a prisoner is eligible for parole after he or she had already served in jail one third of the sentence.



Isidro T. Cabrera

The application of an inmate who has been denied parole or who is applying for parole shall be considered no sooner than 12 months from the date of denial if the prisoner is serving a sentence of one year or more.

A jury rendered a verdict in July 1997 declaring Cabrera guilty of two counts of rape and two counts of oral copulation. Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas convicted him of misconduct in public office, but dropped five counts of assault and battery.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of 40 years and six

months' imprisonment.

Bellas sentenced Cabrera in Sept. 1997 to 30 years, all suspended except 10 years for two counts of rape and two counts of criminal oral copulation.

Cabrera, however, was required to serve only five years behind bars because the court ordered that all four counts shall be served concurrently. For misconduct, the court sentenced Cabrera to one year imprisonment.

In short, Cabrera was ordered to spend six years in jail.

In Dec. 1997, the Attorney General's Office exposed an alleged illegal practice by the DPS Division of Corrections of allowing inmates, including Cabrera, to go on furlough (leave).

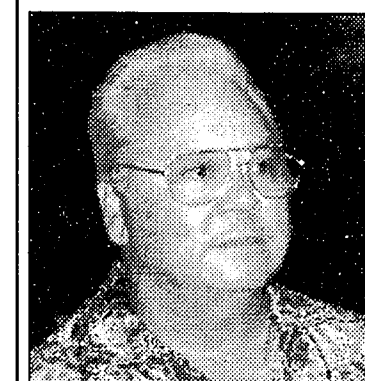
The supposed home furlough was Cabrera's reward for performing 80 hours of community work service during a typhoon cleanup.

Such release, the AGO said, violates the court's order and the rules governing DOC's leave and work release policy.



Guam Adventist Academy students take to the shade offered by a concrete pipe while others watched from outside at the school's playground. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

## NMI leaders to ask for more money during hearing called by Young panel



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

THE CNMI government will be asking Congress for more money when representatives go to Washington D.C. to attend a House hearing on the commonwealth's financial state of affairs.

"We've been asking for some federal assistance and some of the finances that is made available," Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio told reporters, in an

interview yesterday.

In line with the scheduled Sept. 16 hearing, Tenorio is meeting with top government officials, including Congressman Don Young's (R-Alaska) chief of staff Manase Mansur; Resident Rep. Juan N. Babauta and leaders of the Legislature to draw up a "battle plan" for the hearing.

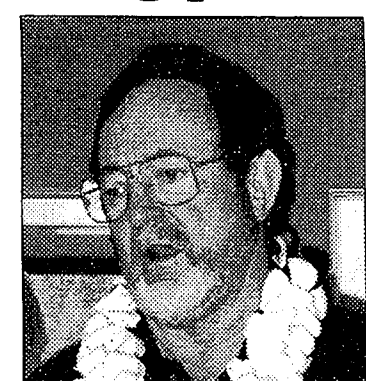
Tenorio explained that the House hearing will "basically" discuss "financial assistance" for the CNMI from the federal government.

The governor said the CNMI government is currently compiling "a lot" of financial reports to bolster its request for more federal funding.

The reports are being prepared by the governor's special advisor for finance and budget.

The commonwealth is receiving the least amount of federal money compared to the rest of four US insular areas.

Official records showed that



Don Young

in 1996, the commonwealth, which has a population of around 60,000, received \$30.6 million federal money.

Guam which has a population of about 141,000 got \$134 million.

The American Samoa, which has a population of around 50,000 got more than twice the amount CNMI got — \$71.4 million.

The US Virgin Islands received \$373 million.

## 9th Circuit orders class plaintiffs to drop appeal

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff

THE US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has issued an order asking the plaintiffs in the class action against 22 garment factories in Saipan to move for voluntary dismissal of their appeal within 14 days.

In an alternative, the plaintiffs shall show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, said the order filed last Aug. 18 and signed by Ninth Circuit motions attorney Monica Fernandez.

"If applicants elect to show cause, appellees (defendants garment firms) may file a response within 10 days after service of appellant's memorandum," Fernandez said.

Fernandez said a review of the district court docket reflects that the federal court's order challenged in this appeal did not dispose of the action as to all claims

and all parties.

Lawyer Timothy H. Skinner on behalf of 23 plaintiffs filed the class action against the firms alleging that the companies involved have violated the Fair Labor Standards Act and the CNMI Minimum Wage and Hour Act, among other things.

US District Court for the NMI Judge Alex R. Munson dismissed without prejudice the complaint and allowed plaintiffs' counsel 90 days to amend their complaint to substitute by their actual names the 23 Does.

Skinner's Office appealed the decision to the Ninth Circuit.

Five garment corporations filed an opposition to appellants' motion for expedited treatment of the appeal.

The garment firms, through their respective lawyers, stated that the appeal is premature because the district court's decision was not a final order or judgment.

## Gov't 'almost exactly' on target with revenue projections

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

THE GOVERNMENT is "almost exactly" on target with its \$210-million projected revenue collections, according to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's special advisor for finance and budget.

In an interview yesterday, Michael S. Sablan said government's spending is within the projected collections, saving it from the head-

ache of having to face deficits when expenses overshoot revenues.

He said though that retiring the cumulative deficit estimated to be around \$67 million will be "difficult."

"Our projection on revenue collections for this fiscal year was \$210 million. We are... at almost exactly (on that level). Our expenditures today are within revenue collections...

whereas in previous years, as the revenues increased, the expenditures increased faster," said Sablan.

The increased spending, Sablan said, contributed to the cumulative deficit.

"In 1997," he noted, "revenues increased by \$20 million over 1996, but expenditures increased by \$40 million."

Sablan said government is

not expecting deficit this time as it is living within its means.

"The current new expenditures are within the resources. We don't anticipate any deficit spending. But the cumulative deficit needs to be retired and it is very difficult (to do)," said Sablan.

Sablan explained austerity measures being implemented by the Tenorio administration are playing a key role in keep-

ing expenditures down.

He said government was actually able to realize \$55 million in savings due to these measures.

Sablan stressed though that government workers' belt-tightening days are far from over.

"Our austerity measures have succeeded but I think austerity measures will need to be maintained until the economy bounces back," said Sablan.

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## BOE: Camacho stays on board

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

BOARD of Elections Executive Director Gregorio Sablan yesterday said the board will not take any action regarding the alleged "questionable" appointment of one of its Board members.

Sablan said BOE member Connie Seman Camacho remains a board member up to the present and that no reprimand letter against Camacho has been sent.

"All board members are appointed by the governor. The Board of Elections doesn't have any stand regarding these allegations," Sablan said in an interview yesterday.

Sources told the Variety that there could be political motivations behind the move to put Camacho's appointment in question.

Camacho was appointed by then Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

The Senate Executive Appointment and Governmental Investigations Committee chaired by Sen. David Cing (D-Tinian) had earlier asked Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's legal counsel to look into the appointment and render an opinion as to its legality.

Cing had criticized the Attorney General's Office for not cooperating in the Senate's earlier efforts to scrutinize the Camacho's appointment.

Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez earlier said the Senate would want Camacho to be ousted from the board.

Aside from Camacho's case, the committee is also looking into other appointments, including that of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Board member Laura Manglona.

According to CIP official:

## 'Rota library plan violates agreement'

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety Associate Editor

THE ADMINISTRATOR of the CNMI's capital improvement projects said the proposal to rename Rota's Public School Library to Tatchog Public Library and increase the funding for it violates the Public School Systems' bond agreement.

Virginia Villagomez, in a memorandum, said the use of the bond proceeds is specifically provided for public school projects within public school property.

This was made clear, she added, at a meeting between

the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare and PSS officials last July regarding House Bill 11-455, which aims to amend the appropriation law for PSS' bond-funded CIPs.

It was Rep. Alejo M. Mendiola Jr. (R-Rota) who proposed an amendment to the bill that would allow the construction of a \$1 million public library in Tatchog on Rota.

Rota lawmakers said the amendment is "okay" as long as the library project is under PSS.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said PSS "sees no problems" with the pro-

posed amendment.

"We are going to move forward with it," he told the Variety. "We are going to make sure that the library is built in Tatchog."

H.B. 11-455 is currently with the Senate, which is expected to act on the bill next week.

But like Villagomez, Commonwealth Development Authority Chair Juan S. Tenorio is opposed to the proposed amendment.

He said it was not included in the original statement presented to the buyers of PSS' bonds.

## Woman in accident still in ICU

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

IT MAY take long before she walks again.

But at least the Chinese woman who was struck by a pickup truck while crossing Middle Road in Gualo Rai Sunday afternoon is now out of danger.

According to Department of Public Safety Public Information Officer Rose Ada, the victim who is identified as Fang Chen Yum, 31, is still confined at the Intensive Care Unit of the Commonwealth Health Center due to massive injuries in the leg, head and body.

Ada said Yum suffered a broken knee cap, scalp laceration, and major abrasions in the various parts of her body.

Meantime, the suspect also a Chinese national has been identified. He was Chen Guifo, 39.

Chen, according to Ada, was driving a white Toyota pickup truck when the incident happened. She said the auto pedestrian accident was reported to the police at about 2:19 p.m.

According to the information officer, the woman who is employed as a sewing machine operator with Mirage Garment factory, was almost through cross-

ing the pedestrian crosswalk near the Highway Market when she was hit by Guifo who was traveling south-bound.

Chen, she said, was west-bound crossing the highway when she was caught on the outer lane.

The DPS has been constantly calling on Chinese workers to exercise caution whenever crossing Middle Road since the highway is considered dangerous for crossing pedestrians.

The DPS has also called on drivers to be extra careful whenever using the highway and watch out for pedestrians.



Police and EMT vehicles arrive at the scene of an accident along Middle Road in Gualo Rai, where a garment worker was hit by a pickup while crossing the highway Sunday.  
Photo by Zaldy Dandan

## 'Drug middleman' sentenced in Guam court

By Eric F. Say  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — A Barrigada man who served as a "middleman" in a major drug purchase last September got off with a light sentence yesterday in the Federal Court.

Jesse Leon Guerrero, who was convicted of possession of crys-

tal methamphetamine or "ice" on the basis of his participation in an attempted sale of the drug, was sentenced to six months in a federal prison.

Federal District Court Judge John S. Unpingco recommended that Guerrero spend half of his sentence in home confinement while wearing an electronic an-

klet monitoring device.

Guerrero claimed that he was merely a middleman who negotiated the sale and transaction.

The prosecutor, Assistant US Attorney Marivic David, disagreed saying that the defendant played an "integral role" and was aware of the nature and scope of the drug transaction.

## Film on Refaluwasch culture enters Japanese film festival

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

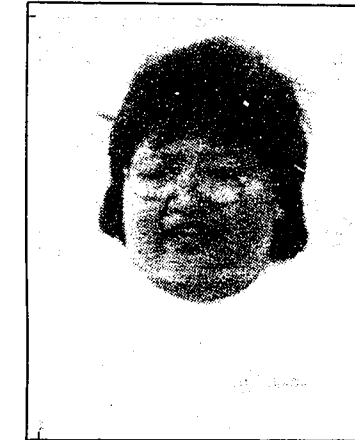
A LOCAL documentary film about the Carolinian people has been accepted as an entry to the prestigious Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival '99 slated for October 19 to 25th in Japan.

Liewela, which means 'listen to our story,' is the first film about the culture and history of the Refaluwasch people.

The Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival is one of the premiere documentary festivals in the world, according to film producers Cinta Kaipat and Dr. Beret Strong.

The festival is held every two years.

The international film event will be held in Yamagata, the northern part



Cinta Kaipat

of Japan.

There will be six programs at the festival which include the International Competition (14 works), World Special Program (21 works, non competition), New Asian Currents (49 works), Japanese Film Panorama (6 works, non competition), Yoris Ivens Retro-

spective (about 30 works, non-competition), and Special Invitation (2 works, non-competition).

The festival will show the films and videos in 7 different places.

Liewela will be entered under the World Special Program, which means it join other films from all over the world.

The 57-minute documentary seeks to educate the audience on the history and culture of the Refaluwasch people living in the Northern Mariana Islands.

According to film producers, Liewela is a story of the "gradual erosion of a once strong culture."

The film starts in the 19th century where the Refaluwasch people were forced by typhoon and earthquake to leave their homes in the Caroline Islands and seek

a new home in the NMI.

The documentary video is narrated by Kaipat. It is a first person account of a descendant from the early NMI settlers.

The film is also a story of a culture fighting for survival because of rapid development and massive demographic change.

The story journeys through four colonial regimes of Spain, Germany, Japan, and the United States before exploring the complex of cultural landscape at present.

Liewela is a film that poses a question of how to preserve "Tipiyeew," or the value of living together in the spirit of one heart, one voice, and one mind.

Its producers are currently trying to acquire funds to attend the festival in October.

## Man flees accident scene, crashes into wall

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

A KOREAN national is now in hospital after he ran into an accident while trying to flee from the scene of an earlier accident, police said.

According to the police, Won Dong Chong joined Atarino Phylon, 29, whom his vehicle struck earlier, at the Commonwealth Health Cen-

ter, after he himself got involved in a smashup.

The 44-year old Korean who is reportedly the president of the Unicorn Corporation, struck a CUC safety retaining wall, located Southeast of the Tako Store in Dandan.

As result, he sustained a 4-inch laceration in his scalp that stretched from the middle of his forehead all the way down

to the back of his head along with an injury in the chest.

Rose Ada, the public information officer of the public safety, said Chong hit Phylon while the latter was walking on the bike lane in front of the Pacific Islands Club, Saturday night.

Ada said said Phylon, a Chuukese national, suffered massive injuries that included

head injuries, scalp laceration, and brain hemorrhage.

She said the Korean national, who was driving a white 1994 model Toyota pickup truck, and was traveling South-bound did not stop.

The incident was reported to the police at about 9:17 p.m.

Ada said that 30 minutes later, Chong was involved in the accident in Dandan.

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## Woman in 'hot water' attack is convicted

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan yesterday convicted a woman accused of beating and pouring hot water into a co-worker.

Following a plea agreement, Manibusan sentenced the 34-year-old Ai Ying Wang to one year imprisonment, all suspended except for 45 days.

Manibusan gave Wang credit for time already served in jail, meaning the defendant shall be released from detention on Thursday morning.

Wang, a Chinese garment employee, was required to pay restitution to the victim and perform 100 hours of community work service.

The judge also asked the defendant to pay \$100 fine and write a letter of apology to victim Rong Bi, who is also a Chinese garment worker.

Wang was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, and assault and battery.

Wang and counsel Assistant Public Defender Wesley Bogdan signed a plea agreement with the government represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Nicole Forelli.

Wang pleaded guilty to assault and battery. In return, the government recommended the dismissal of the remaining charges.

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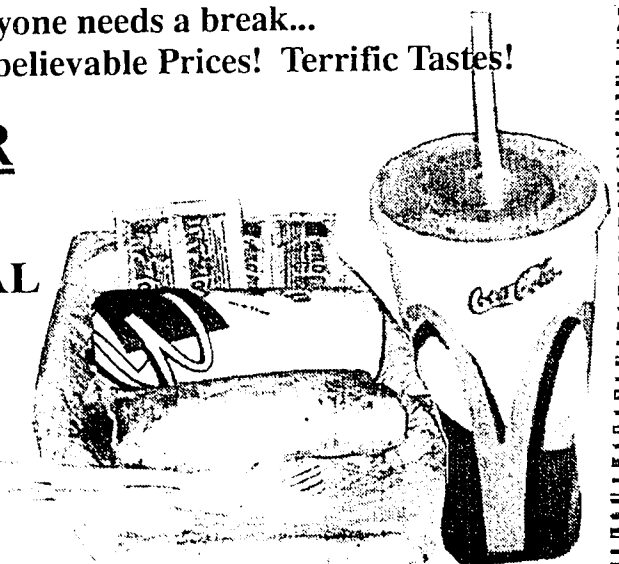
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By Jojo Dass

### Money

MAKES one wonder why the commonwealth is getting the smallest amount in federal money compared to the rest of the US insular areas.

According to available CNMI government records, the commonwealth last year received \$44 million in federal grants and non-grant spending. Neighboring Guam received \$827 million.

The U.S. Virgin Islands received \$563 million, and American Samoa got \$108 million.

What's even more surprising perhaps is the fact that the American Samoa received an amount more than twice what the commonwealth received despite having a population size only about 10,000 or so, smaller than the CNMI's.

Poured into the economy, the federal money plays a significant part in growth of the insular areas.

A Capitol Hill friend lamented what she coined as "Uncle Sam's hypocrisy" in trying to extend federal labor and immigration laws in the commonwealth under the "pretext" of human rights issues, blah-blah-blah when CNMI's "unique" labor and immigration laws have enabled it to, through the years, develop an economy that can assure earned income benefits to low-income families, tax rebates and refunds without putting the tab on the US.

Come to think of it, she said, the federal government is spending less to maintain a defense asset in the Pacific because it allowed the CNMI, by virtue of the 1976 Covenant of integration into the US political family, to implement its brand of labor and immigration laws.

Now, Congress is moving to strip it away.

On Sept. 16, CNMI officials, led by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, will be attending a hearing before the US House of Representatives to ask for more money.

The need however to pour in more money into the commonwealth is being overshadowed by the very attempt to take over CNMI's labor and immigration laws.

Or perhaps not.

On the contrary, the commonwealth may stand to get more if its officials stop lobbying against federal take over measures, keep their mouth shut and let their Uncle Sam do his thing.

Blackmail?

Not necessarily though.

The US should realize that it will have to provide more federal funding to the CNMI if it is to gradually pull out the estimated 35,000 guest workers and change them with resident ones while implementing federal wage standards.

More money will be required, at least in the transition period, to cover the cost of providing health care, education and other services to citizens of the Freely Associated States (FAS); to keep the economy going despite the absence of a garment industry — the crux of all these takeover discussions — which has long been keeping the CNMI buoyed to some measure of financial stability; and to package CNMI as an attractive place for investors, among other tasks.

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I HAD the best beach treat I could probably have in my over three years of stay on Saipan last Saturday.

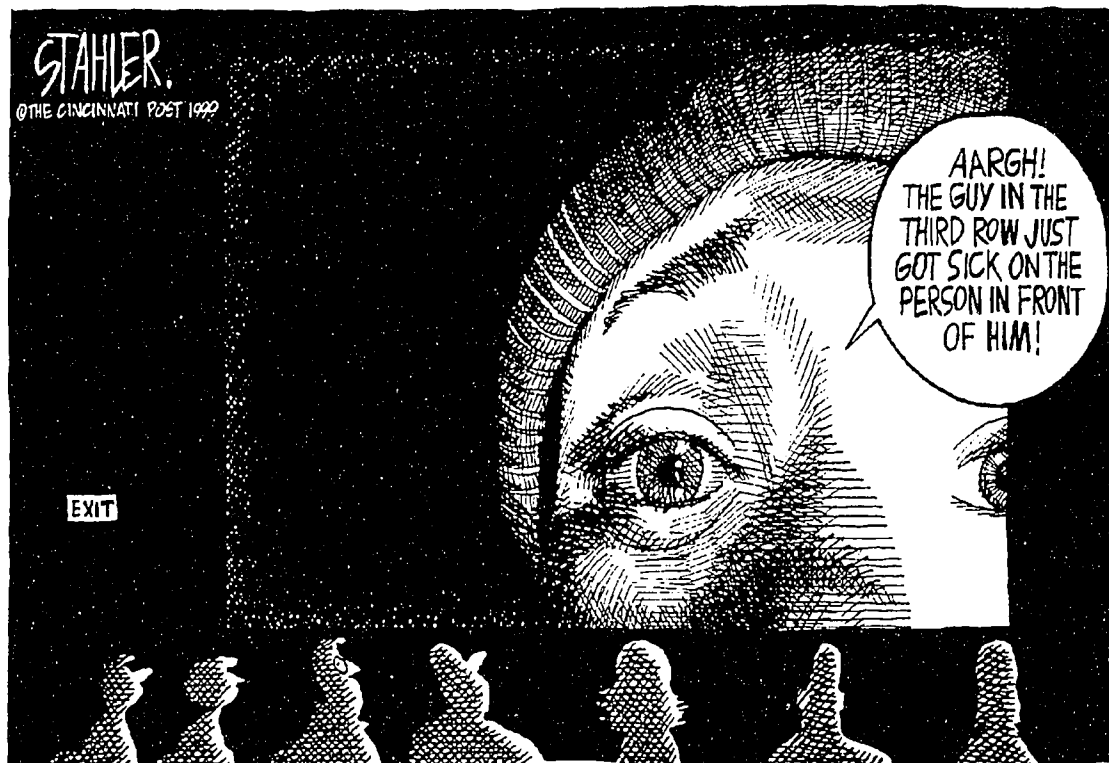
Down Wing Beach, the boys went fishing — or harvesting as I would prefer to call it — and brought back around eight octopuses that we turned into something going well with shots of gin.

There were also more than half a dozen different fish species that ended up in the *paksi* pot.

Rene, McCoy, Paul, Ariel, Arsen, Edward, Sally (Bong), Rey (Fink the Ufong) and Gani were all there.

Going fishing beats boredom, a therapy actually, that makes you see things you normally wouldn't. Realizations dawn on you out there in the water. Fishing keeps the mind from breaking down to pressure caused by strange feelings of loneliness, weariness and isolation. I would love to catch some fish, myself. But in the water, I am often overwhelmed by the joy of just watching what's inside this huge aquarium that is the lagoon. A different life form, at peace.

So who said weekends are for the dogs?



### OPINION

## Woodpecker effect

By Bob Greene

THE WOODPECKER Effect — which has already, without widespread public comment, taken over much of American life — is about to get even more ubiquitous.

The Woodpecker Effect is something you see every day. People sit at their desks, or stand in front of pay telephones, or squint at their miniaturized cellular phones, and peck away. Woodpeckers peck with their beaks; humans peck with their fingers. If someone had commanded men and women to do this, they would have resisted; if the government had ordered it, there would be revolution in the streets.

But it has happened voluntarily. Person-to-person contact — for centuries the glue of human interaction — is being replaced by the Woodpecker Effect. Not only do people not protest against this — they peck ever faster, as if addicted.

They tap in their personal code numbers; they tap in their electronic mailbox numbers. They tap in whether they want to inquire about their account balance (tap key No. 1), find out when they made their last payment (tap key 2), or shift money from one account to another (tap 3). They tap in their orders for merchandise; they tap in their choice of the city to which they'd like to make reservations.

They tap in the last four digits of their Social Security numbers "for security reasons" or — a favorite — "for your protection." They tap in their phone numbers so a machine may call them back when the machine is not otherwise occupied.

There are reasons for this, ranging from lowering costs for companies by letting microchips do the jobs of human beings, to automating responses to questions businesses are asked by their customers thousands of times a day. Some reasons are valid, many others are just a way for companies to avoid paying living people. But in the long run, the greatest societal impact of this may be the Woodpecker Effect. Tap, tap, tap, tap. . . this is what we have allowed our lives to evolve into.

You see people standing at pay phones now, using the phones for 15 or 20 minutes at a time, and not a word is ever spoken. Tap, tap, tap. Checking messages, forwarding mes-

sages, providing sales data to some machine on the other end . . . the people get up in the morning, get dressed, go out into the world. . .

...And tap. This is what they have studied hard in college for, this is what they have been bright-eyed and ambitious and diligent in their work for: to be woodpeckers.

Forget "save the whales" and "save the rain forests"; the coming conservation drive is to save the newest endangered species: numbers.

Seriously. A consumer group has asked the Federal Communications Commission to institute new policies on how phone numbers are doled out, in an effort to hold off the day when there are no more area codes available in the U.S. There are still wide open spaces in America, still huge spans of virgin forest, still miles of lakes and pastures where few people ever venture. Land, we've got plenty of. It's the numbers that are running out. The old woodpeckers haven't done away with all the trees — but the new woodpeckers, the ones in business suits, are eating up all the numbers.

And it's going to get worse. General Motors this month said it is about to test-market Internet access inside of cars. These "Web cars" are expected to be offered nationally by the end of next year; the idea, according to a GM spokesman, is to allow people to link up to the Internet while they are driving.

So as the human woodpeckers with their car phones tap in their access numbers, retrieve their messages, then tap the codes that will transfer them to the next set of numerical options, they apparently will be able to simultaneously activate the digit-driven world of the worldwide computer network. They'll be nodding and tapping, tapping and nodding, speeding down the highway, connected to the entire universe beyond.

As to whatever happened to "keep your eyes on the road," that is yet to be seen. A General Motors executive said: "We want to change GM from being an automotive company that moves on an automotive time frame, to an automotive company that moves on an Internet time frame."

Oh. Well, at least the in-car computers are going to be voice-activated. That in itself may be enough to make them a success. They may provide one of the few times all day for the new woodpeckers to actually get the opportunity to speak. (Chicago Tribune)

### OPINION

## Tactics of thugs

By Peter J. Ferrara

American for Tax Reform

THE INTERIOR Department's vendetta against the US-owned Northern Marianas Islands has now crossed over into illegality.

But instead of sanctioning the lawbreakers, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has begun granting them awards.

The Northern Marianas are located in the far western Pacific near Guam. They are a commonwealth of the US which means they are official U.S. territory, with a democratically elected local government.

Notoriously protectionist US garment manufacturers and unions back in the states are carrying a vicious smear campaign against the islands to shut down competition for them.

As a result, we hear fantastic tales of prison labor camps and indentured servants slaving away on the islands for virtually no pay.

While the islands have been rightly granted local control, federal laws in general, including all constitutional rights, apply there. Indeed, the Labor Department, FBI, Justice Department, and other federal agencies all have jurisdiction and agents on the island.

If the law is being broken by outrageous human rights abuses, why doesn't the Clinton administration enforce the law?

Instead, Interior, which handles federal administration of the island, has joined the smear campaign and sought legislation to shut down the islands.

It proposes to apply on the islands the same minimum wage as in the states, even though imposing such a requirement in a lower wage, lower cost structure environment is the economic equivalent of carpet bombing.

Interior also proposes that the highly ineffective Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) take over local administration of immigration.

The aim here is to shut down the extensive temporary guest worker program that provides the necessary labor supply for the booming garment and tourism industries, and the rest of the islands' highly prosperous free market economy.

The fact that the Clinton administration is offering this protectionism legislation rather than a law enforcement response shows that its motivation is protectionism rather than a legitimate concern over rights abuses.

To their great credit, the Republican Congress has refused to go along with this charade. So the thugs at Interior went postal.

David North, until just recently policy director for Interior's Office of Insular Affairs actually wrote to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in 1997 offering assistance to Democratic candidates running against key Republicans who had opposed Interior's Northern Marianas legislation.

He then followed up in 1998 with a shockingly blatant campaign against the targeted Republicans, on government time and using government office resources.

He wrote press release for the Democratic candidates attacking the Republicans, and sample letters to the editor for local newspapers. He cooked up dirt and smears for the campaigns as well.

Mr. North's documents show that his boss, Allen Stayman, then director of the Office of Insular Affairs, was informed of these illegal activities, which he apparently supported. Indeed, Mr. Stayman has personally pursued this vendetta as well.

Mr. Stayman actually used taxpayer funds to hire a private investigator and "human rights activist" to cook up charges of forced abortions, religious persecution, and forced prostitution on Saipan.

He openly bragged to the media that this was a tragedy to split Republican opposition by developing "hot button" issue to appeal to them.

Mr. Stayman used a US Senate hearing to orchestrate major news media coverage concerning his cooked-up charges.

But a couple of glitches developed.

First, it turns out abortion is unconstitutional on the island, which has a predominantly Catholic indigenous population. Ouch.

Secondly, Christian ministers from the Northern Marianas showed up outside the congressional hearing denying Mr. Stayman's charges, and sporting petitions from Christians activist on the islands.

Sen. Rod Grams, Minnesota Republican, rightly asked why Interior was spending taxpayer money to hire investigators "when we have plenty of government investigators to enforce our laws?"

The answer is that professional federal law enforcement agents wouldn't cook up the phony charges Mr. Stayman wanted.

Mr. Stayman response was to threaten Grams publicly outside the hearing, saying Interior would go after him.

Mr. Stayman's conduct also violates numerous laws banning political lobbying by federal officials as well as threat against US senators.

But the response of Secretary Babbitt, who was recently fined \$625,000 for disobeying court orders, was to announce before a congressional committee that Mr. Stayman "is an extraordinary, outstanding public servant" who Babbitt was recommending for a departmental commendation.

As Mr. Grams rightly concluded, "We now have an agency that is misusing taxpayer funds, rewarding its officials for breaking the laws, threatening elected officials, and holding itself above the oversight capacity of Congress."

House Resources Committee Chairman Don Young is now investigating the illegal activities of the Interior Department, and rightfully so.

The Congress must put a stop to the department's illegal activities. In fact, congressional appropriators should take the funds for Mr. Babbitt's fine as well as the funds misused by Mr. Stayman right out of the Interior budget.

(Washington Times)

### OPINION

## Doing the Texas Sidestep

By Mike Downey

BILL CLINTON says he smoked, but didn't inhale. (I do exactly the same thing, but with cigars.)

George W. Bush says that if anybody wants to know whether he has used illegal drugs "within the last seven years," the answer is no. (George W. cannot tell a lie. He just has a roundabout way of getting to the truth.)

Al Gore says he used marijuana a few times in college, in the Army and in graduate school. (Good to see he at least waited until after his high school prom.)

Elizabeth Hanford Dole just says no. (Although her husband has been known to use a popular, legal, uh, recreational drug.)

Bill Bradley says he tried marijuana several times in the early 1970s. (Thereby making Bradley the first and last basketball player ever to do so.) (Well, maybe not.)

Pat Buchanan says no. (I bet Buchanan doesn't even take aspirin. Buchanan causes other people to take aspirin.)

Orrin Hatch says no. (Thus resisting the popular taste: "Down the Hatch.")

John McCain says no. (He must not have run into Oliver Stone during the war.)

Dan Quayle says no. (I can't picture Quayle taking drugs.)

Flinstone vitamins, yes, but that's it.)

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Substance use is a substantial issue in the 2000 campaign for the presidency, in no small part due to Bush, the memory-impaired governor of Texas.

After a victory in the Iowa straw poll, Bush has been busy fielding questions about everything except whether he ever actually smoked Iowa straw.

First he was asked about drug use. We like to ask people who want to be president of the United

States about their drug use. We're funny that way.

Bush didn't say yes and he didn't say no.

What he did say was what erstwhile Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee once referred to as "a non-denial denial" and what a Mel Brooks movie once referred to as "authentic frontier gibberish."

Dancing a little sidestep, the gabby governor's verbatim response was: "Somebody floats a rumor and it causes you to ask a question, and that's the game in American politics, and I refuse to play it. That is a game. You just fell for the trap. I refuse to play. They're ridiculous and they're absurd, and the people of America are sick and tired of this kind of politics. And I'm not participating."

Boy, when that consciousness begins to stream, it really streams, doesn't it?

A day later, Bush was asked: If he became president—like father, like son—wouldn't a customary FBI background check inquire about all of Bush's appointees' past drug use?

Bush didn't exactly hem, although he did haw a little.

"As I understand it," he said, "the current [FBI] form asks the question, did somebody use drugs within the last seven years, and I will be glad to answer that question, and the answer is no."

Well, swell. That at least got us back to August 1992.

You remember 1992, when conservatives and comedians all across America had a laugh-and-a-half over Democratic presidential candidate Clinton's admission that he had once puffed on something other than a saxophone.

Clinton nonetheless was able to defeat and unseat Bush's dad. Then came seven years of "inhale" jokes, which have dragged

on right up to the first paragraph of this column.

George Bush the Younger continues to come clean, a little at a time. A day after his "seven years" avowal, Bush proceeded to say that he could have passed a background check "when my dad was president of the United States."

Good. That got us back to January 1989.

Furthermore, with calendar pages falling like cherries off a tree, George W. indicated that he also could have cleared such a check dating back 15 years from George H.W.'s term as commander in chief.

Kind of a semi-mea culpa.

"I'm going to tell people I made mistakes and that I have learned from my mistakes," said Bush, who has learned mainly, like most presidential candidates, not to tell us what those mistakes were unless somebody makes him tell.

Oh, and a word for all you moms and dads out there:

"I don't want to send a signal to children that whatever I may have done is OK," Bush says.

Whatever you may have done. I guess we have to guess, George.

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After being reelected, Clinton made a promise to help us "build a bridge to the 21st century."

Bush, fudging the truth just as Clinton has, could be the guy who finishes building Bill's bridge, which seems to be made of Scotch tape.

Just speak plain, George. You get a staggering amount of money donated to you. Voters like to know about a candidate before they vote, rather than after. They're funny that way.

You're from Texas. Be a big man. Stand up and talk straight. You shouldn't expect us to forget everything from your past except the Alamo. (Los Angeles Times)

### ANALYSIS

## India eyes an ambitious nuclear arsenal

By Sanjeev Miglani

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — India's security planners are eyeing an ambitious and complex nuclear arsenal that could stretch beyond the demands of a minimum nuclear deterrent, analysts said on Sunday.

India's nuclear weapons will be based on aircraft, ships and mobile-based missiles to quickly retaliate against an atomic attack, a draft nuclear doctrine unveiled this week said.

Control and command of the nuclear weapons will rest with civilian authorities, with the button in the hands of the prime minister, the doctrine released by the government-appointed National Security Advisory Board said.

A document outlining the country's first ever nuclear doctrine left the shape, size and strength of the Indian nuclear deterrent open-ended and dependent on external factors, saying it was a "dynamic concept."

"Quite frankly, I am taken aback," said Kanti Bajpai, a pro-

fessor of security studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. "The scope seems to be much larger and ambitious than a lot of us thought," he said.

Soon after its stunning series of nuclear explosions in the Rajasthan desert last year, India said it would build a credible nuclear deterrent and promised not to be the first to launch such weapons or use them against countries without nuclear arms.

Eighteen months on, the nuclear doctrine points the way to full-blooded nuclear weaponisation while retaining the commitment on no-first-use of such weapons.

Within India, the doctrine has evoked different views ranging from support for making public such a sensitive document, to concern over the dangers and costs involved and also a touch of disbelief over whether the country actually has the technology to make good such an ambitious dream.

"The general impression created since May 1998 was it would be a minimalised and relaxed approach.

But this doctrine spells out the classical deterrent posture with a triad structure and emphasis on rapid retaliation," said Bajpai.

"Triad structure" refers to deployment on planes, missiles, and at sea in ships and submarines.

The elaborate nuclear weaponisation plans could take India down a costly road and trigger the most debilitating arms race South Asia has ever known, another expert said.

"If the draft doctrine becomes a reality, then not only will nuclear weaponisation impose a crippling financial burden on the economy, we will also be contributing to make South Asia one of the most dangerous places to live in," columnist C. Rammanohar Reddy wrote in the Hindu newspaper.

Reddy argued in the article entitled "Mindless Militarisation" that the costs of nuclearisation as visualised by the National Security Advisory Board could be anything between 500 to 600 billion rupees (\$12-\$14 billion) over the next decade.

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# 'Guam hardfill poses no danger'

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Southern Regional Community Health Center has reported no imminent danger to life and health at present for residents living near

the Malojoj hardfill.

According to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), air monitoring data concurred with this medical evaluation.

GEPA has been monitoring the air around the Malojoj

hardfill using special instruments placed within the hardfill site and inside the homes of several residents.

Based on patient visits to its southern clinic, DPHSS said there are only a relatively small number of health prob-

lems reported by residents connected with the Malojoj fire.

A total of 28 patients visited the southern clinic for fire-related complaints from Aug. 11 through Aug. 18, DPHSS reported.

The clinic also remained open Saturday and Sunday to respond to any fire-related emergencies.

Because there is currently no immediate danger to residents' health, DPHSS said relocation of residents will not be required at this time.

## PSS-NMC asked to re-focus curricula

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC School System and the Northern Marianas College should change their curricula and focus more on career preparedness rather than a "liberal arts" format to instill greater private sector orientation among young people.

This according to an economic study submitted to the Governor's Office by the Northern Marianas College's Business Development Center.

The study said that regardless of the ultimate level of educational attainment or career placement, basic skills development initiatives would simultaneously prepare a greater proportion of students for trade occupations.

The study also recommended that the relatively rapid rate of turnover in the teaching staff in the public education system be reduced.

"It is recommended that a number of job enrichment programs be instituted to improve the retention of qualified teaching staff. These programs should include continuing education for the teachers themselves, but should also consist of an improved compensation structure," the study said.

If the PSS is adequately funded, the study said, it would be able to support the purchase of fundamental supplies and materials, as well as the construction and proper maintenance of school plant and

equipment.

The study also recommended that qualitative improvement in the structure of education be instituted at all levels to focus on basic employment skills and attitudes.

It was noted that because of the inherent natural limitations on the size of the resident labor force in the Northern Marianas, it is critical that the productivity of labor be increased as much as possible.

"If the people of the CNMI can collectively restructure their labor resources in a way that accommodates the structure of the world economy, there are numerous opportunities for the Commonwealth to excel in the future by providing a superior standard of living for its people," the economic study said.

The study also stressed on the need for the CNMI workforce to overcome the prevailing preference for public sector employment among the resident population.

Aside from instituting a prerequisite of private sector experience for eligibility for government employment, there are number of other approaches to encourage young people to pursue careers in the private sector.

"This is an essential element in preparing the labor force of the future, since it is unlikely that the economy will be able to continue to support the resident population in public employment in perpetuity," the study noted.

## Westpac tackles problem on smoke-treating of fish

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

THE US Food and Drugs Administration has been asked by the fishery industry in the Western Pacific to come up with regulations to address concerns on the smoke treatment of fish products to make them look fresher.

According to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's official newsletter, Pacific Islands Fishery News, the drive to address the concern gets ground with the initiation of a letter-campaign that was started last April.

The PIFN said that because treatment can give old fish the color of fresh fish, "it poses unacceptable food safety risks to the public and threatens to harm consumer confidence."

Treated fish products have

been introduced in the US market but were banned in other countries like Japan, Canada, European nations, and other countries.

The FDA has considered carbon monoxide treatment as unlawful because it adulterates fish by making them appear of higher quality than they are.

Fish manufacturers are, however arguing that since the FDA has classified smoke as a product Generally Accepted as Safe (GRAS), carbon monoxide which has been derived as a byproduct of smoke is also a GRAS.

The industry said that currently, there are no analytical procedures that can be used to distinguish fish products treated with carbon monoxide or "Tasteless Smoke."

# BEH promotes food safety

By Marian A. Maraya  
Variety News Staff

FOOD that's safe for consumption highly depends on the way it's cooked, Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) officials revealed yesterday.

Preparing food and cooking it properly is a concern that every family in the CNMI must be reminded of every now and then, BEH said.

Meat (beef, poultry, pork), for instance, should be left to cook for about a 165 degrees before they can be considered safe for consumption.

"This is to ensure that bacteria in meat are dead. Meat has natural bacteria in them. In such cases, it's better to overcook meat than undercook it. When overcooked, at least it's safer," suggested BEH Health Supervisor Edward DLC. Camacho.

Vegetables, however, do not need to be cooked, according to Camacho.

"Vegetables can be eaten raw

as long as it's properly washed. Although one ought to be careful because cross contamination from raw food is very common," he added.

To address more issues on food safety, the BEH is initiating the first ever Food Safety Week in the CNMI scheduled on the 20th to the 25th this September.

"This is the first ever here in the CNMI," stated Ken Concepcion, Chairman of the Committee on the Food Safety Week Celebration.

In the United States, Food Safety has been celebrated for one whole month for five years now, according to Concepcion.

"Since this is the first time, we decided on starting with a week's celebration for this year. And maybe next year, we will expand to a month," said Concepcion.

During the week, BEH will go out to the community and educate children and consumers about food safety.

"We will be presenting in the

private and public schools, from 1st to 3rd grade. We will also be distributing brochures and pamphlets at retail outlets in the islands," stated Camacho.

The theme for this year is "Cook it safely, it's a matter of

degrees."

"We use degrees to measure the heat whether the food is properly cooked. It's called temperature control," Camacho said.

BEH will celebrate Food Safety Week in collaboration

with the Food and Nutrition Council (FNC), Northern Marianas College (NMC), Public School System (PSS), and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI).



From left, Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz, USDA-FSIS Circuit Supervisor Dr. Richard Lawton, Meat Inspector George Moses, Inspector Frank Tenorio, and FSIS Staff Officer Lynuel Johnson at the HACCP workshop at DLNP yesterday.

Photo by Marian A. Maraya

## DEQ fines MGM-Diorva factory for 'infractions'

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality issued an administrative order against a garment factory last week due to a number of infractions which the company allegedly failed to correct.

The order against Micronesian Garment Manufacturers, or Diorva Saipan Ltd., was issued following its reported failure to take up corrective measures on problems the DEQ earlier notified the company about.

The Variety contacted the firm's As Lito facility yesterday afternoon for comment but its local manager was not available.

The garment firm was meted a \$1,000 fine, while at the same time told to follow DEQ's recommendations.

In a media statement, the DEQ said that the company's faulty wastewater lift station has been responsible for a number of sewage overflows within the village of As Lito, where the factory is located. Complaints from residents in the area, reportedly even dates back as early as 1997.

According to DEQ, wastewater overflow again occurred last May at its lift station and it was caused by a faulty pump.

The DEQ which inspected the site two months later, had found out that the pump still had not been repaired yet.

In addition, the DEQ also discovered that the company had no spare pump which it can use in times of emergency. Also, it learned that Diorva was operating two generators for about a year now without the needed permits.

The generators were reportedly not secured in a noise-reduction housing.

The environmental office has demanded that the factory purchase a spare pump and install an alarm system which will alert personnel if the station does not work properly.

It also directed the garment firm to connect to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's power lines and secure a permit to operate its generators.

## Business conference in D.C.

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Congressman Robert A. Underwood (D-Guam) has announced the availability of information and registration packets for the National Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference scheduled for Sept. 19 to 22 in Washington, D.C.

The conference, sponsored by the US Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency and the US Small Business Administration's

Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development, is the largest federal advocacy and education event designed for minority business enterprises.

Information on this conference is available at the SBA office and has also been provided to the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the University of Guam Small Business Development Center.

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LSG Luthansa Service Saipan, Inc. ("LSG") is soliciting proposals from interested firms to operate a food and beverage concession, as a sub-concessionaire, at the Saipan International Airport (public side of terminal). Interested firms are encouraged to specify in their proposal the types of food products and services they intend to offer to the meeters and greeters and travelers and how to best use the space available. The area of the space available is 446 square feet with an outdoor seating area of 972 square feet, and is located next to the screening ramp at the main terminal. This space is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Proposal packages may be obtained at the LSG Flight Kitchen on Airport Road. Mailing address is P.O. Box 270 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 for a fee of \$50.00 per package. The successful bidder is required to utilize the plans and to build the food and beverage concession in accordance with said approved plans.

The pre-proposal conference will be held on September 1, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the airport conference room in the Saipan International Airport.

Deadline: LSG shall receive proposals no later than 4:00 p.m., September 23, 1999 in order to be considered for the award. The bidders shall in their Proposals provide information on the following areas:

1. Revenue Forecast;
2. Management Team;
3. Capital Investment (minimum US \$190,000);
4. Design Rendering;
5. Services or Food Merchandising Mix;
6. Customer Services;
7. Pricing;

This bid is subject to the terms and conditions of the Sub-concession Agreement made between LSG, Commonwealth Ports Authority and DFS Saipan Ltd. LSG is not bound to accept any bid and it reserves the right to select or reject any proposal without giving reasons or justifications for its decision.

The successful and unsuccessful proposers will be notified within thirty (30) days after September 30, 1999.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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# Education summit slated

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

SAIPAN'S first public education summit will be held on Sept. 8 at the Diamond Hotel in Susupe.

According to Associate Commissioner Rita Sablan of the Public School System, the purpose of

the summit is to promote awareness on the state of CNMI's public education system.

It will seek to provide the public as well as leaders of government an insight into the real needs and problems of the education sector.

Sablan noted that in February of this year, a survey was conducted on the true state of public education.

According to Sablan, the Legislature wants to see the report card of PSS, how the agency is doing and why it needs more

money.

In the survey conducted by PSS on Saipan, the local community was most interested in knowing the type of services that PSS is providing for at-risk students, as well as if the agency is effectively using its financial resources.

The theme of the conference is "Connecting with parents and the community for better schools."

Franklin Perez, the Special Education Coordinator of PSS, said the theme stresses on partnership among parents, agencies, and businesses.

Perez said the Saipan meeting will be no different from the earlier public education conferences held on Tinian and Rota.

"There are themes and flavors to the summit but the purpose is the same—communication with parents. This is to showcase the

school and community participation," he explained.

Sablan added that it is always the priority of PSS to strictly involve the parents in the educational program of students even after high school.

"One thing that we want to emphasize, we want to see as much as possible, every single parent to attend. It may be difficult but we are hoping to get support from our governor to allow many of the parents working in the government agencies to attend this important meeting. We are also asking the private agencies to allow their employees because they are the stakeholders," she said.

The associate commissioner noted that public education summit in the three principal islands of the NMI will be held annually beginning this year.



Saturday Artists Group spend time each week in Hagatna sketching on models like Linh Troung, 16, of Tamuning. Some 20 or so local artists will have their exhibit at the KAHN gallery on September 3.

Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) THAT THE CUC MERIT HIRING SYSTEM SHALL BE APPLIED AND ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS AND NATIONALS AS DEFINED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, SEX, RELIGION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION OR BELIEF, MARITAL STATUS, HANDICAP OR PLACE OF ORIGIN.

Job Vacancy No. 99-026

Opening Date: 08/17/99

Closing Date: 08/31/99

### WAREHOUSEMAN I

DUTIES: Prepares and expedites requisitions for procurement of materials and supplies; tallies and completes shipping and/or receiving documents; prepares and packs materials and/or supplies for shipment; receives, unpacks and stores materials and supplies to designated storage areas; verifies quantity and quality of merchandise received against shipping documents; other related duties as assigned. **SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.**

LOCATION: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, SAIPAN

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination equivalent to a high school diploma. **APPLICANTS WILL BE TESTED.**

STARTING SALARY: \$11,126.15 - \$13,519.16 (plus on-call premium) per annum.

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

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

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**

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Job Vacancy No. 99-027

Opening Date: 08/24/99

Closing Date: 09/07/99

### ENGINE TECHNICIAN

DUTIES: CUC is seeking an Engine Technician to work with its 4 stroke diesel main 18V40/54A and 18V52/55B engine systems in its Main Power Plant. The position is responsible for, but not limited to:

Advising and consulting management on engine and auxiliary units (water, fuel and oil) performance, maintenance, overhaul and other technical matters; Developing a maintenance and overhaul program schedule, adhering to manufacturer's specifications; Determining new and refurbished parts needs for engines and auxiliary units; Establishing an efficient and effective inventory control system, minimizing cost but maintaining effective levels of inventory; Establishing and maintaining record keeping procedures; and Establishing a training program for improving technical skills of plant maintenance staff.

LOCATION: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION, SAIPAN

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Successful candidate will have 10-15 years experience in the actual maintenance of four (4) stroke engines, with specific experience in 18V40/54A and 18V52/55B engine systems plus. Two (2) to three (3) years of supervisory/managerial experience preferably in this technical field. Ability to supervise overhauls. Effective people skills required. Experienced establishing training programs highly desired. Training presentation skills a plus. International experience a plus.

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

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

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## Street market panel is in quandary over tuba sales

By Marian A. Maraya

Variety News Staff

GARAPAN Street Market Committee officials are currently debating on whether "tuba", a locally fermented beverage, should be an item for sale, despite the committee's unanimous call to promote an alcohol-and-drug-free street market.

Keeping in mind its cultural significance to the locals community, some committee members are for the inclusion of the beverage among items for sale at the proposed market.

Others, however, remain skeptical since tuba is also considered an alcoholic drink which could affect an individual's way

of thinking, when consumed in great quantities.

"We are, after all, aiming to create a wholesome family venue," aired one committee member.

As of press time, the committee has yet to decide on this issue's finality.

Last week, the Street Market Committee met to discuss a page long draft of market regulations.

Item K of the proposed street market regulations states that the sale of unauthorized items include alcohol, tobacco, and any illegal drugs.

Violation of this item will be subject to termination of vendor permit, the regulation said.

## NMC waives late registration fee

THE NORTHERN Marianas has decided to waive the \$50 registration fee for late enrollment, even as it disclosed it will be administering the final placement test on math and english tomorrow from 1:00 up to 3:00 p.m. at room A-6 and from 3:30 up to 8:30 p.m. at room A-5 and Y-2.

The college said the waiver for the late registration fee will cover those who have registered yesterday and today, and this was due to the changes in the

Educational Assistance Program which has been changed in its status from a loan to a grant "thus encouraging more students to register at NMC this semester.

For students with special testing needs, they can contact Romana Wong at 234-3690 extension 1341. For the placement test, they can contact the English Department at 2343690 ext. 2000, and the Math Department (Loly Kingzio) at 2343690 ext. 1212.



Philippine Senator Loren Legarda (center) pose for a photo with Krystele Anne Chavez (left) and Elmer Chavez of Saipan when their paths crossed in General Santos City earlier this month.

Photo by Bing E. Chavez

# 'Noni' craze on in Marshalls

By Giff Johnson

For the Variety

**MAJURO** — The holding of a "nin juice" workshop in Majuro has sparked local entrepreneurs to establish a Marshall Islands Nin Growers and Producers Association in an effort to cash in on the growing demand for juice from this island fruit.

Marshall Islanders who participated in last week's United Nations

Development Program-spon-

## Pacific gets ready for climate change workshop

**SUVA (Pacnews)** — Representatives of 13 Pacific island countries join international scientific and economic experts in Auckland this week to plan how to cope with climate change and sea level rise.

At a workshop jointly organized by Waikato University's International Global Change Institute (IGCI) and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Pacific island representatives who have spent the past two years learning how to scientifically assess how climate change and sea-level rise might affect their countries will discuss their findings and future options.

These assessments of vulnerability and adaptation have been carried out under SPREP's Pacific Islands Climate Change Assistance Programme (PICCAP), which is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and executed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The World Bank and the Asia-Pacific Network provided the funds for the Auckland workshop.

During the week-long workshop, scientific and technical experts will detail the extra research that is needed in a range of sectors to allow Pacific island countries to accurately predict and plan for their vulnerability to climate change.

Sectors to be considered include water resources, coastal systems, agriculture, human health and fisheries.

Four World Bank representatives will work with participants on Thursday and Friday to help refine the data they need to predict the economic impacts of climate change and sea-level rise on individual Pacific island countries.

**Diabetics, to prevent foot amputation, join the foot clinic.**

sored workshop expressed a great deal of optimism about the potential for developing the industry in the Marshall Islands — something that Fiji and many other South Pacific islands have already done, earning millions of dollars from exports of this health juice to America, Australia and New Zealand.

Known as 'noni' in most of the Pacific — 'nin' in the Marshalls — this fruit has been used for generations by islanders to cure all manner of ailments, but it's only since the mid-1990s that westerners have discovered the healing properties of nin.

Fiji businessman David Kahn led the Majuro workshop. Kahn said he has built his business from \$40,000 to \$7 million in just three years, and "if I can do

it so can you."

He observed that "the Marshall Islands has plenty of nin" to supply a nin juice operation.

To produce a 55 gallon drum of juice takes 400 pounds of nin fruits — but the return is high, as westerners are paying \$30 and more per liter.

"The people in this workshop collected 400 pounds in one day just from our backyards," local businessman Francis Reimers said Thursday.

"There's enough supply on island to start producing juice," Reimers is one of the founding members of the new Nin Growers and Producers Association.

Processing the nin fruit into juice that is exportable is a very low-tech operation, and can eas-

ily be done in Majuro as well as on remote outer islands, he said.

The most important aspect is quality of the nin fruits that are selected, Reimers said. "Good juice depends on good fruits," he said.

"Getting knowledge is one thing, but we have to practice it," said UNDP's Haruna Gassama, who is based at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Majuro to assist with developing small business initiatives.

"A goal of this project was for small businesses to start so people in the community can sell their nin fruits and improve their quality of life (by increasing their income)."

The nin fruit has a multitude of health benefits, ranging from helping to lower blood pressure and reducing type II diabetes to

sickness and infection prevention.

"It's perfect for the outer islands," said participant Irene Taafaki, who heads the local University of the South Pacific extension center in Majuro. "No electricity is required to produce it. And people can earn 35 cents a pound for their nin fruits compared to 15 cents for copra."

While copra is hard, labor intensive work, collecting nin fruits off trees is easy, she said.

A budget prepared during the workshop showed that it cost about \$299 to produce a 55 gallon drum of nin juice which could then be sold for \$830.

At a wholesale level it sells for about \$6 a liter, although the retail price is closer to \$30 a liter, according to Gassama.

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## Samoan PM says former ministers plotted overthrow

APIA (Pacnews) — Samoa's Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi says he has written evidence to show that former Cabinet ministers Leafa Vitale, Toi Aukuso, now charged with the assassination of Luagala Levauala Kama discussed bringing down the Government with the Opposition leader, Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi.

Tuilaepa told Parliament on Friday (Aug 20) that he heard about the plot in December last year that it was to be carried out in May or June this year.

"Some of my members sat in on meetings between Tuiatua, Leafa and Toi," the Prime Minister said.

As a result of the charges laid on the two former Cabinet ministers, their party, the Human Rights Protection Party (HRRP) sacked Leafa on July 16. Leafa's son has pleaded guilty to the murder of the former works minister.

### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following vacancy for Saipan.

#### FOUR (4) PORTS POLICE TRAINEES

The minimum qualification is any combination equivalent to graduation from high school or G.E.D. Experience is not necessary, however, employee will be on probationary status until employee satisfactorily complete and pass all academic and hands-on training minimum requirements. Applicants must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age and not over the age of thirty-five (35) in accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1990; in accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1990; and must also be in accordance with recognized medical and physical fitness requirements.

Job description and application forms are available at the Ports Police Office on the first floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport, or at the Administration Office located on the second floor at the same building. Application form must be accompanied with an updated police clearance with five years background check. The deadline for submission of applications is no later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 1999. For more information, please call telephone number (670) 664-3535 or 664-3500.

s/CARLOS H. SALAS  
Executive Director

## Project aims to reduce rubbish in the Pacific

SUVA (Pacnews) — A \$US110,000 project which aims to help eight Pacific island countries dramatically reduce piles of rubbish in landfills and on coastlines, is being launched in Fiji yesterday at the Lautoka City Council Chambers.

The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is organising the European Union-funded Pacific Regional Waste Awareness and Education Programme (WASTE).

It has collaborated with the Environment Department in Fiji for the launch, inviting the main players concerned with the creation

and disposal of rubbish - Government, City Council officials, business sector representatives, non-governmental organisations and community groups.

WASTE Co-ordinator, Dr Suresh Raj, said the project activities would focus first on identifying exactly what type of rubbish is produced in Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

"In the Pacific, solid waste is a real problem because countries' land areas are generally small and there is little room for rubbish dumps or landfills," Dr

Raj said. "Throughout the Pacific, piles of solid waste are creating health hazards, threatening nearby environment because of the poisons that leach from the dumped material. And they create visual pollution because of uncontrolled dumping of rubbish in rivers, forests and lagoons."

Dr Raj said national and local governments recognise the problem, but cannot plan to reduce certain types of rubbish like organic material, or unnecessary packaging, unless they know how much and what sort of rubbish is produced each year.

## Water rates go down in Fiji

SUVA (Pacnews) — Water rates in Fiji will be reduced by 10 per cent next month.

This was decided at a Cabinet meeting yesterday and confirmed by the Public Works Minister, Shiu Sharan Sharma.

However, the reduction in water rates was not publicly announced in a Government release about the major restructuring of the Public Works Department (PWD).

It is understood that Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry was going to announce the reduction in Parliament next week.

The Government has decided to separate the PWD into three autonomous entities - Water and Sewerage Department, Department of Public Roads, and the

Department of Public Buildings.

"The main objective of separating PWD into three separate departments is to enable greater focus by each entity on its core functions. Greater focus and efficiencies in their individual operations will mean improved output in the delivery of public services provided by them," a Government statement said.

## Cook Islands consider plans to open diplomatic missions

RAROTONGA (Pacnews) — Cook Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration has been given the task of considering and evaluating a proposal to increase Cook Islands representation overseas.

This is one of a range of proposals proposed by the new Coalition Government of Prime Minister, Dr Joe Williams, with a view to promote sustainable development in the new millennium, particularly with a view to encourage and facilitate economic growth, trade and investment.

However, a statement from the Ministry said the decision on whether to establish and maintain overseas missions would be based on a wide range of factors. "It needs to be determined whether the overall benefits of setting up a mission outweigh the costs," the Ministry statement said.

According to the Ministry, whether the establishment of a particular overseas mission would enhance the Cook Islands ability to access aid for its development efforts would also depend on a number of considerations.

### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM INVITATION FOR BID IFB No. 99-008

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed Bid, from interested individual or firm for the Removal and Disposal of Leftover food (pig slob) from the Central Kitchen Facilities and School Cafeterias participating in the School Meal Program for SY 1999-2000, on the island of Tinian.

Bid specification may be obtained at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan or at Tinian PSS Administrative Services Office during normal working hours. All inquiries shall be directed to the Food Services Administrator, Mr. Jess Sanchez, at telephone numbers 664-3706 or 3718; or Mr. Henry Hofschneider at tel #433-0570/9277 (Tinian).

All Bid submission shall be in duplicate in a sealed envelope facemarked, "IFB99-008" addressed to Mrs. Louise Concepcion, PSS Procurement and Supply Officer, Saipan, MP 96950. Bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. September 17, 1999 at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the third floor of the Nauru Bldg., Susupe, Saipan. Bids will be open and read aloud. Late submission will not be considered under any circumstances.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to reject any and all bids or award on a single or multiple award, if it is to the interest of the Public School System.

/s/ Rita H. Inos, Ed. D.  
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Ms. Louise Concepcion  
Procurement & Supply Officer



Members of El Shaddai, a Catholic charismatic group, pray Friday during the 60th birthday celebration of leader Mike Velarde. The gathering also was held to support Philippine President Joseph Estrada's campaign to amend the constitution. REUTERS

## Deadly RP explosion 'accidental'

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A deadly explosion at the Philippines' main criminal investigation agency was caused by the accidental ignition of explosives held as evidence, an official said Sunday.

Officials initially said the pre-dawn blast that demolished and razed the special investigation di-

vision of the National Bureau of Investigation on Aug. 13 might have been an attack by criminals or terrorists.

An investigation, however, showed the blast was probably triggered accidentally by agents smoking cigarette near a bucketful of dynamite powder seized as evidence, bureau director Federico

Opinion said.

Opinion said they were considering bringing criminal negligence charges against Ruel Lasala, the chief of the special investigation division, who failed to turn over the seized explosives to a bureau custodian for safekeeping.

Several grenades also seized in previous arrests also went off in

the two-hour fire, which killed 7 people and injured 13 more, Opinion said.

The blast gouged out a one-meter (4-foot) crater and shattered windows up to the third floor of the five-story main NBI building.

The NBI is similar in function to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## RP on alert for haze-causing forest fires

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine officials have alerted about 6,000 forest rangers nationwide to be on alert for haze-causing fires, environmental officials said Sunday.

The rangers have been ordered to monitor vulnerable forest lands around the clock to prevent a repeat of blazes that destroyed large tracts of forest last year and in 1997, Environment Secretary Antonio Cerilles said.

Cerilles said many people still use fire to clear land for planting, a practice that has been blamed for most past fires.



Forest fires in Indonesia have left Malaysia and Singapore covered with haze in recent weeks.

The fires and haze were at their worst in 1997, when El Nino, the global weather phenomenon that triggered prolonged drought, aggravated the situation.

Experts said this year is unlikely to be a repetition of the 1997 catastrophe, which affected the health of millions and devastated the tourist industry in the region.

Environment ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are to meet later this week in Singapore to discuss the forest fires in Indonesia and ways to reduce pollution in the region.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Myanmar, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.


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### PUBLIC NOTICE

August 20, 1999

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lieutenant Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice that the regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, August 26, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the CDA Conference Room in Gualo Rai, Saipan. The agenda follows, and the public is welcome to attend. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special assistance or accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Call to Order /Roll
  - B. Adoption of Agenda
  - C. Adoption of Minutes: June 24, 1999; June 30, 1999 and July 29, 1999
- II. COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTANT'S REPORTS
- III. MANAGER'S & DIVISION REPORTS
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Report of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects
    1. Domestic Violence Shelter for Families
    2. Community-Based Residential Treatment Facility/Transitional Living Center
    3. Tinian Community Center
    4. Rehabilitation of Tinian Gym
    5. Pinatang Park Swimming Pool
    6. Rehabilitation of Rota Gym
  - B. Kohlerville Expansion Project
    1. Notice to Proceed-Construction Commences August 23, 1999
    2. Affordable Housing Program's Required Deed Restrictions
  - C. Disposition of Sugar King Subdivision
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Board Resolution No. 29
  - B. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation (2)
  - C. RFQ - Statement of Qualifications - Evaluation of Proposals
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VII. OTHER MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Note: PL 8-41 allows Executive Sessions to discuss item(s) noted in the above agenda.

/s/JUAN S. TENORIO  
Chairman of the Board

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Place	: 13 Fisherman Pavillion, Beach Road
Lunch Pick-up	: 10:30 am - 3:00 pm
Happy Hour	: 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm "Band" (Maggie Napati)
Menu	: <b>Assorted</b> # 1) Rice, Salad, Bisteak, Fried Chicken  # 2) Rice, Salad, Kalua Pig & Cabbage  Side Dish : Fritada, Tatiyas
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# Jet crash-lands in HK

HONG KONG (AP) — Two people died when a China Airlines jet crash-landed in a tropical storm, flipping onto its back as it burst into flames, and six more were in critical condition early Monday as authorities investigated the accident.

Passengers say the Taiwan carrier's Flight CI642 from Bangkok dipped sharply before its right wing struck the runway — and suddenly they were dangling upside down in the burning wreckage Sunday evening.

"I saw the explosion, the fire, coming all the way from the front of the plane to the rear," said one of the survivors, Joemy Tam. Eyewitnesses described a fireball on the runway after the MD-11 jetliner crashed.

Tam said he freed himself then helped the person next to him get loose. Stunned passengers, some of them burned, were screaming as they made their way out onto a runway drenched with jet fuel, with tropical winds whipping the flames.

Authorities on Monday were investigating what Hong Kong's secretary of security, Regina Ip, called "one of the most serious air accidents in Hong Kong's history," but others said the number of survivors seemed miraculous.

Officials praised the speedy response of rescue crews who had to perform their job in heavy winds and rain. They noted that out of 313 people who survived, 102 had walked away uninjured and another 150 already had been discharged from hospitals after suffering just minor injuries.

"Upside down plane? Remark-

## Two die, 300 survive after China Airlines plane flips over



A China Airlines MD-11 lies upside down after it crash-landed at Hong Kong's Chek Lap Kok airport on Sunday while landing at the airport in a storm. Two people were killed on the plane which arrived from Bangkok.

able, very lucky," said John Findlay, general secretary of the pilots union at Cathay Pacific Airways, Hong Kong's biggest airline.

Of 61 people still hospitalized Monday, six were in critical condition and 10 were in serious condition. Distraught relatives gathered outside a burn unit at Princess Margaret Hospital in Hong Kong but declined comment to reporters.

The accident raised questions about why an airplane would fly into Hong Kong during a typhoon that had shut down ferries, many buses and hundreds of other businesses.

Hong Kong aviation officials said they were following accepted

international procedures when they left Chek Lap Kok airport open during Tropical Storm Sam, adding that it is always up to airlines to decide whether or not to attempt a landing.

But Billy Lam, the chief executive of the territory's Airport Authority, said early Monday: "We will certainly try to review the situation in light of the experience gained."

A Saudi oilman, Hassan Al-Husseini, said he experienced severe turbulence on a flight from Shanghai that veered sharply from left to right as it came in, but that officials had shown a "lack of concern" about the weather up until the crash, which he witnessed from inside the airport while wait-

ing on a flight to Dubai.

"Shouldn't they have canceled our flight or turned us back?" Al-Husseini asked Monday. "It seems like it's a little bit of a cowboy situation. The pilot must decide whether to take a risk on taking off or landing."

China Airlines, which has been struggling to improve its safety record after several crashes in recent years, said its airplane was hit by a sudden, strong gust of wind as it neared the runway.

The MD-11's right wing slammed into the ground, breaking off and sparking a fire as the airplane flipped over and came to rest on its back, with landing gear pointing to the sky.

The crew of Flight CI642 had considered canceling their scheduled stop in Hong Kong and flying straight through from Bangkok to Taipei because of the weather.

But the winds appeared to have calmed as the jet neared Hong Kong, so the pilot brought the airplane down after all, Taiwanese officials said.

China Airlines executives appeared devastated, after carrying out a massive shakeup in pilot training and other aspects of their operations in an effort to become safer, only to see a jet crash in a big gust of wind.

The China Airlines chairman, Chiang Hung-yi, apologized at a Monday news conference in Taipei for the accident that "has caused uneasiness and hurt our country and society." Chiang said it would be up to Hong Kong authorities to determine the cause of the crash.

The victims were a Portuguese woman and a Taiwanese man, China Airlines said. The carrier said 183 of the passengers were from Hong Kong, while there was a tour group of 80 Portuguese aboard as well as four Americans.

Chek Lap Kok was reopened early Monday, although passengers were experiencing delays as airlines worked to clear out a backlog of traffic that developed while the airport was shut Sunday night.

The tropical storm winds had lessened by Monday, but heavy rains were pelting Hong Kong and authorities warned people to stay home because of the risks of flooding and landslides. Banks and many other institutions were closed.



A child wrapped in a blanket is helped by a woman into a Hong Kong hospital for treatment Sunday, after he was hurt when in the China Airlines jet crash-landing incident at Hong Kong airport during a tropical storm.

## Taiwan politician calls for nuke arms arsenal

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A tiny party that advocates Taiwan's formal independence from China on Sunday urged development of nuclear weapons as a deterrent against the mainland.

Taiwan should develop a nuclear arsenal to give China pause before taking military action against the island it considers a breakaway province, said Cheng Chen-pang, the Taiwan Independence Party's chairman and presidential candidate.

"Taiwan must develop nuclear weapons to check China," Cheng said.

Taiwan has pledged not to

develop nuclear weapons, and Cheng's call appeared more an assertion of the party's hard-line stance on independence than an attempt to seriously inject discussion of nuclear armament into the campaign.

Cheng said his first act as president would be to change Taiwan's official name and apply for entry to the United Nations as the Republic of Taiwan, rather than as the Republic of China, Taiwan's official name.

Cheng, an associate university professor of literature, is the second fringe candidate to join the presidential race,

which is dominated by the nominees from the ruling Nationalist Party and the main opposition Democratic Progressive Party, along with Nationalist renegade James Soong.

China has renewed its threat to attack Taiwan since Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui strongly asserted the island's statehood on July 9. Lee came just short of declaring independence, something Chinese says will lead to war.

Taiwan has been ruled by China for just four of the last 100 years, and the sides split amid civil war in 1949.

## Cars in Japan get hit by GPS glitch

TOKYO (AP) — Hundreds of people complained Sunday to a Japanese car-navigator manufacturer about breakdowns caused by the resetting of time mechanisms in Global Positioning System satellites.

Screens went blank and bizarre symbols turned up on the electronic navigators, which are essential for millions of drivers in a country where urban streets are a chaotic jumble.

Pioneer Corp., a major manufacturer of car navigation systems, set up a hotline and received about 600 calls, said company spokesman Hidehiko Shimizu.

Shimizu said callers were directed to the nearest repair shop, where their systems were fixed

for free. The GPS glitch was caused when the satellites' timing system — set to run 1,024 weeks starting on Jan. 5, 1980 — rolled over and started a new sequence Sunday morning.

The navigators, which are even in common use by Tokyo taxi drivers, chart routes on an electronic map, and a triangle shows the car's location.

Fears that ships could lose their bearings when the GPS rolled over have so far proved unfounded, New Zealand Maritime Safety Authority director Russell Kilvington said Sunday.

"So far, so good. That's all we should be saying at the moment. We're still monitoring the situation."

## Bank mergers hit

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The main opposition coalition in Malaysia called on Sunday for impending bank mergers to be abandoned in favor of a multi-tiered banking system.

"The forced nature, tight schedule and insensitivity of the merger proposal does not inspire confidence," the four opposition groups said in a statement faxed to The Associated Press.

The coalition suggested that banks of different sizes be allowed to co-exist and complement each other as this could serve the economy more effectively than larger, more impersonal banks.

The coalition comprises the National Justice Party, the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party, the National Peoples Party, and the Democratic Action Party.

## Australia sees redundancy scheme by year end

CANBERRA, (Reuters) — Australia's conservative government hopes to have a national redundancy benefits scheme in place by the end of the year, Workplace Relations Minister Peter Reith said.

The government would link the scheme, aimed at ensuring employees receive redundancy entitlements after corporate collapses, to its second wave of labour market reforms, he said.

The Australian Democrats party, which holds the bal-

ance of power in the Senate, had agreed to include the redundancy scheme in a parliamentary "I've also said to them (the Democrats) on employee entitlements that the legislation that we will need for that, we should have in this piece of (industrial relations) legislation," Reith told Channel Seven television on Sunday.

"Hopefully we'll get the matter settled up before the end of the year."

National redundancy fund plans were announced last

week after the cabinet agreed to give the sacked Oakdale coal miners access to an industry long service leave fund, previously reserved for early retirements.

The fund will cover AS\$6.3 million in entitlements owed to the miners after the Oakdale Colliery, in Sydney's southwest, closed in May.

Reith will release an options paper for the proposed scheme later this week. He said corporate collapses had left be-

tween 17,000 and 21,000 people without their full entitlements.

He said he believed the scheme would be employer-based but would include some government contributions and possibly some taxpayer funds as well.

The industrial relations reform legislation in parliament includes moves to make secret ballots compulsory in an effort to stem industrial action by the unions.

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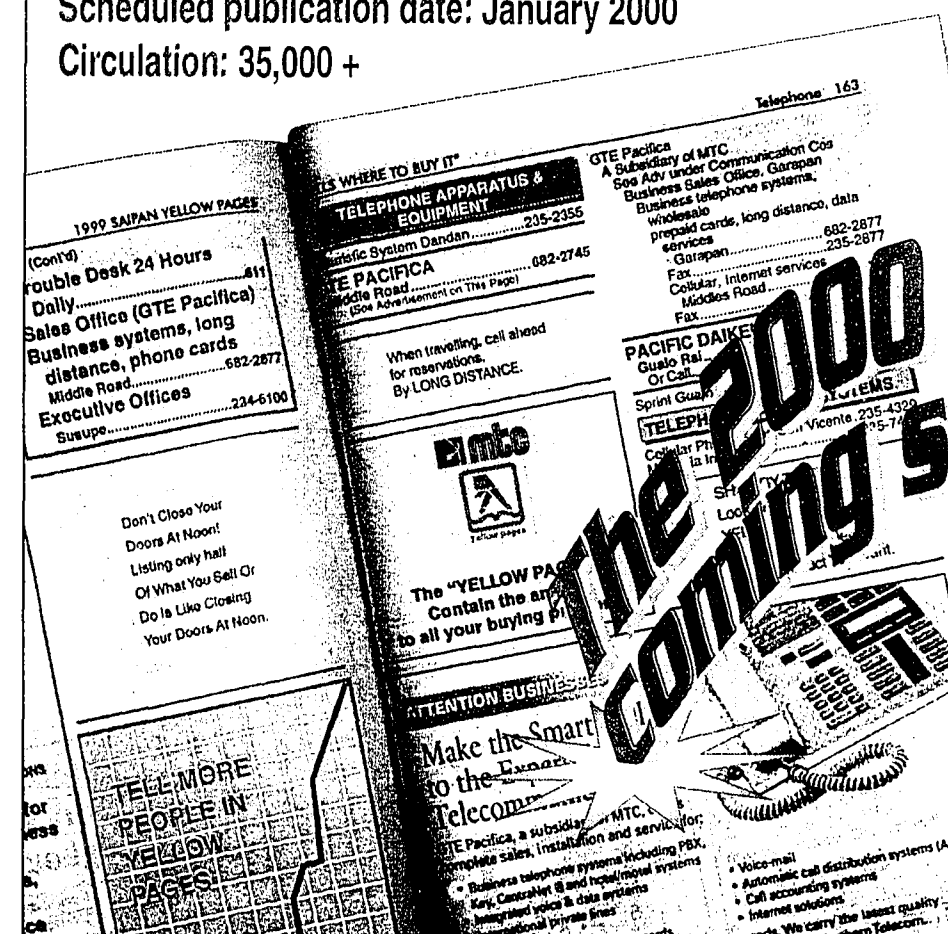
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# China calls Taiwan's Lee a 'rat'

BEIJING, (Reuters) — China's state media heaped insults on Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui on Sunday in a bitter row over the island's political future, with one newspaper calling him a "rat" hated by everybody.

"Lee Teng-hui, a rat running across the street with everybody shouting 'Smack it!'," the Liberation Army Daily said in a commentary.

Beijing and Taipei have been locked in a war of words and military posturing since Lee declared last month that bilateral ties should be on a "special state-

to-state" basis to try to break Taiwan out of diplomatic isolation.

China, which has threatened to invade if Taiwan declares independence, saw Lee's declaration as a lurch towards statehood.

The mouthpiece of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) said Lee was now "known to every household in China, but his name stank."

It called Lee a "fake president" and a "traitor" and warned him not to play with fire.

Beijing regards Taiwan as a renegade province and has

sought to isolate it diplomatically since the communists won a civil war in 1949 and drove the Nationalists into exile on the island.

On Friday, the Liberation Army Daily called Lee "the number one scum of the nation."

Last week, the official Xinhua news agency said Lee was a "deformed test tube baby cultivated in the political laboratory of hostile anti-China forces."

Western defence analysts doubt if the 2.5 million-strong



Lee Teng-hui

PLA - the world's largest army but a backward fighting machine - could successfully invade Tai-

wan, which is armed with billions of dollars worth of U.S. and French military hardware.

But China has repeatedly warned the West and Taiwan not to underestimate its resolve to prevent the island from declaring independence.

The United States, which in 1996 sent two aircraft carrier battlegroups to back Taiwan when China conducted intimidating war games and missile tests near the island, could be dragged in again in a showdown between China and Taiwan, analysts said.

## India's Sonia Gandhi woos minority vote for Congress

VILLUPURAM, India, (Reuters) — Congress party leader Sonia Gandhi, on the campaign trail in south India, said on Sunday that only a Congress-led government can enable people of all faiths to live in peace.

"We have come together to fight those who spread religious hatred and oppose the minorities," Gandhi told an audience of 25,000 farmers in Tamil Nadu state.

Woos minority voters, the Italian-born widow of slain prime minister Rajiv Gandhi accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of "divisive politics."

Gandhi had been slated to share the stage with one of India's most enigmatic and powerful women politicians, Jayaram Jayalalitha, the leader of the regional All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) party which deserted the ruling coalition in April.

Jayalalitha's decision to withdraw support after a meeting with Gandhi led to the crucial parliamentary trust vote on April 17 which the BJP-led coalition lost by just one vote.

The ensuing failure of Congress and other opposition parties to form an alternative government led to snap general elections, to be held in phases between September 5 and October 3.

Jayalalitha's failure to show up at the afternoon rally, robbed the event of much of its political significance.

But participants at the rally said they were thrilled that they had an opportunity to see



Sonia Gandhi

Gandhi.

"Our alliance will sweep the polls, we have always been allies traditionally and I am glad that I had an opportunity to see and hear Sonia in flesh and blood," Kathiresan, a visibly elated farm worker and AIADMK supporter said.

Kannammal, a 65-year-old widow who had walked about 10 km in the scorching sun to see the Gandhi widow.

"To see the brave wife of Rajiv Gandhi who gave his life for our unity, I will not mind any hardship and we will back the Congress," she said in a voice choked with emotion.

Since 1996, India has had three elections with none of the coalition governments able to survive its term in office.

Congress ruled India for 45 of the 52 years since independence from Britain in 1947, but has been out of power since 1996.

Early opinion polls suggest that Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's BJP-led coalition, including a clutch of regional and socialist parties, could return to power.

## 9 killed in Sri Lanka fighting

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lankan troops killed nine guerillas in several recent clashes in the north and east of this island nation, the Defense Ministry said Sunday.

Four rebels were killed and two soldiers wounded during fighting Saturday in Jaffna, 300 kilometers (185 miles) north of the capital, Colombo, said a ministry statement. In nearby Paranthan, troops

attacked guerillas Friday, killing four others rebels, it said.

Also Saturday, a guerilla was killed during an artillery duel in the northern Wannijungles, 210 kilometers (130 miles) from the capital, and a civilian was wounded by crossfire between an army patrol and rebels in Batticaloa, 300 kilometers (185 miles) east of the capital, the statement said.

# Bush hit on drug issue

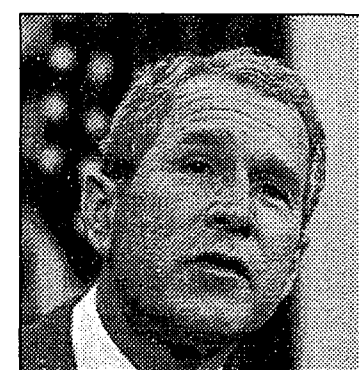
WASHINGTON, (Reuters) — Republican challengers to U.S. presidential front-runner George W. Bush said on Sunday he should answer questions about rumours he used illegal drugs in the past, while his supporters attacked the media for pursuing the issue.

"I think anything that involves a felony, I don't see how you're going to be able to get away from it," said conservative Republican candidate Gary Bauer, appearing on Fox-TV's "Fox News Sunday" programme.

"These are important questions. It does go to law enforcement. I don't think we can say to our kids, 'Look, this is important and we're serious about it' and then be sort of coy when it comes to a question about it," Bauer said.

Bush, governor of Texas and son of former President George Bush, has faced a barrage of questions about whether he used drugs, including cocaine, when he was younger.

Bush holds a wide lead over Democratic Vice President Al Gore in opinion polls for the 2000 presidential election, in



George W. Bush

which President Bill Clinton cannot seek re-election.

The governor has refused to deny using illegal drugs, saying mistakes he may have made in his youth are not anyone's business. Last week he altered his stance somewhat by saying he had not used illegal drugs for at least 25 years.

Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch, who entered the presidential race last month, also made the argument that the drug question had important implications for U.S. children.

"We're making some headway in the battle against drugs. We've passed a number of Hatch

bills that are literally starting to make a dent in it, but if we don't have the top leaders living right and doing right and setting an example, then the kids say 'Well they did it, why shouldn't we?'" Hatch said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" programme.

Texas Representative Tom DeLay, the majority whip, focused his criticisms on the media, saying they were dealing with rumours that were "not substantiated."

"To be fishing and running around asking questions and creating this whole aura that there's something sinister in someone's background, I just don't think it's responsible or legitimate," DeLay said on Fox.

Ralph Reed, former head of the Christian Coalition and now a GOP strategist working for Bush, said the Texas governor had not been hurt by his responses on the drug issue last week.

"The sharks are circling but there's no blood in the water. He's not only not going to falter, he's stronger today than he was before this happened," said Reed.

Reed said opinion polls showed Bush had boosted his support in recent days, while Forbes had declined following the Iowa straw poll in which Bush finished first and Forbes finished a strong second, followed by Elizabeth Dole and Bauer.

## Dole vows crusade against drug use

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Days after George W. Bush's campaign crisis over questions about possible illegal drug use, GOP rival Elizabeth Dole promised Sunday to "lead a crusade" against illegal drugs if elected president.

Dole told the National Foundation for Women Legislators' annual convention that as president she would push a campaign "that's comprehensive and fully funded where drugs are concerned."

"With leadership and the use of that bully pulpit, I think we can have a crusade across this country to remove and rid America of illegal drugs that are poisoning our children today," she said.

Dole later denied the an-



Elizabeth Dole

nouncement was related to Bush's crisis this past week over whether he ever had used illegal drugs. She said she has pushed the issue since leaving her post as head of the American Red Cross.

## McCain glad he skipped Iowa poll

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate John McCain said Sunday that skipping Iowa's straw poll would not hurt his campaign.

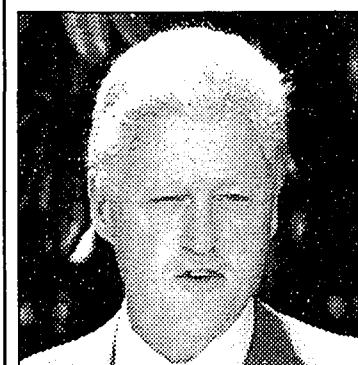
"I think it was the wisest non-investment of time and energy that I've ever made in my political career," McCain said during a campaign stop here.

The Arizona senator skipped Iowa's Aug. 14 straw poll, which was won handily by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP frontrunner.

McCain and others have criticized the event as an example of vote-buying because candidates paid the \$25-a-head cost for people to cast ballots.

Instead, he said he decided to focus his time and money on campaigning in New Hampshire, another important presidential primary state.

## Clinton plays sax to raise funds for Hillary



Bill Clinton

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton played a jazzy tune on the saxophone on Sunday to help his wife Hillary raise about \$250,000 for her expected Senate campaign.

The private event was the second of six scheduled fundraisers for the first lady during the Clinton's summer vacation here on the island of Martha's Vineyard and later in New York state.

A high school jazz band called Resonance was playing for a crowd of about 250 when they persuaded the president to join them for a jazzy version of "My Funny Valentine" for a couple celebrating their 35th anniversary.

"The president was really in a groove," said one participant.

People who attended the event at the cedar-shingled home of Viacom entertainment executive Frank Biondi said Clinton otherwise played a secondary role to his wife, letting her lead the way through

the handshaking. She delivered a speech about issues important to New York and about keeping the country on the right economic path.

"This is her event," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "He's just here to attend and see some friends."

Guests included some Martha's Vineyard regulars like Washington lawyer Vernon Jordan, syndicated columnist Art Buchwald, a former press secretary to Mrs. Clinton, Lisa Caputo, USA Today columnist Walter Shapiro, lawyer Alan Dershowitz and Maurice Tempelsman, who was companion to the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Details from the event were provided by Lockhart. Reporters were not allowed in because, the White House said, Clinton was not speaking. A reporter was let into a fundraiser on Nantucket island on Friday night to hear Clinton give a long, loving testimonial to his wife and how they met.

The money will go to the exploratory committee that Mrs. Clinton has set up to organise her possible race to replace retiring Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan as a U.S. senator from the state of New York.

The first couple, joined by daughter Chelsea, also attended a 32nd birthday party for Mrs. Clinton's long-time aide, Kelly Craighead, in the Oak Bluffs section of the island.

## Mobs attack, burn market place

AMBON, Indonesia (AP) — Police fired warning shots Sunday when mobs attacked and burned a marketplace near a church in Indonesia's Maluku province, where conflict between Muslims and Christians has left hundreds dead this year.

Witnesses said hundreds of Muslims took part in Sunday's

attack, with some throwing bombs at the market, which is near a church where Christians were praying.

There was no immediate report on casualties.

It was the second day of attack by Muslim mobs in the Ambon neighborhood of Mardika, where the conflict broke out in January.

A day earlier, three Muslims were killed and seven others, including a policeman, were injured. All the civilians were shot by police.

More than 130 people have been killed in the latest wave of the Muslim-Christian conflict that began late in July in Ambon and spread to Seram island.

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# Bret bears down on Texas



An unidentified man runs back to his car after standing in high winds from Hurricane Bret, on the waterfront in Corpus Christi, Texas Sunday. AP

**BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP)** — Coastal residents braced overnight for Hurricane Bret, packing winds of 140 mph (225 kph) and expected to hit somewhere along the Texas coast Sunday afternoon or night.

The National Weather Service posted a hurricane warning for a 220-mile (354-kilometer) stretch of the Gulf Coast from La Pesca, Mexico, to Port O' Connor, Texas, between Corpus Christi and Houston.

Residents and tourists at popular South Padre Island were ordered to evacuate by 8 a.m. Sunday, though most had already fled for the mainland Saturday night.

"You're not going to live if you stay on the island and the hurricane hits," said Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. "You're going to drown."

As forecasters upgraded Hurricane Bret to the second-strongest designation of Class 4 on Saturday, people who live

along the coast stocked up on gasoline and groceries. Building supply stores were overrun with those seeking plywood, nails, flashlights and generators.

At 5 a.m. EDT (0900 GMT) Sunday, the year's first Atlantic hurricane was located about 110 miles (177 kilometers) east of Brownsville, Texas, moving northwest at about 10 mph (16 kph). But the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said that pace could slacken as Bret turns northwest over the next six to 12 hours.

In addition to powerful winds, Bret was expected to spin off destructive tornadoes, drench the region with up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain and hit the coast with 10-foot (3-meter) waves, forecasters said.

"The latest forecast has the center of the storm making landfall somewhere near Corpus Christi, (Texas)," said Colin McArdie, a Hurricane Center meteorologist.

Texas hasn't been hit by a hurricane since Hurricane Jerry killed three people in

October 1989.

While Hurricane Bret still presented a threat of heavy rains on Mexico's northernmost Gulf coast, forecasters said the danger to Mexico had lessened.

In Mexico, hurricane warnings were still in effect for a 160-mile (257-kilometer) stretch of Mexico's northern Gulf coast from Matamoros south to La Pesca. A hurricane watch extended another 100 miles (161 kilometers) south to Tampico.

Residents of Matamoros, a city of 360,000 across the border from Brownsville, rushed on Saturday to tape windows and pile sandbags, and stores were packed with residents buying food and water.

Matamoros Mayor Homero Zamora Ayala declared a state of alert and said as many as 7,000 people would be evacuated from low-lying coastal areas. An improvised shelter was established at an area convention center, where an estimated 500 people were expected.

"If the storm takes our house, we will lose every-

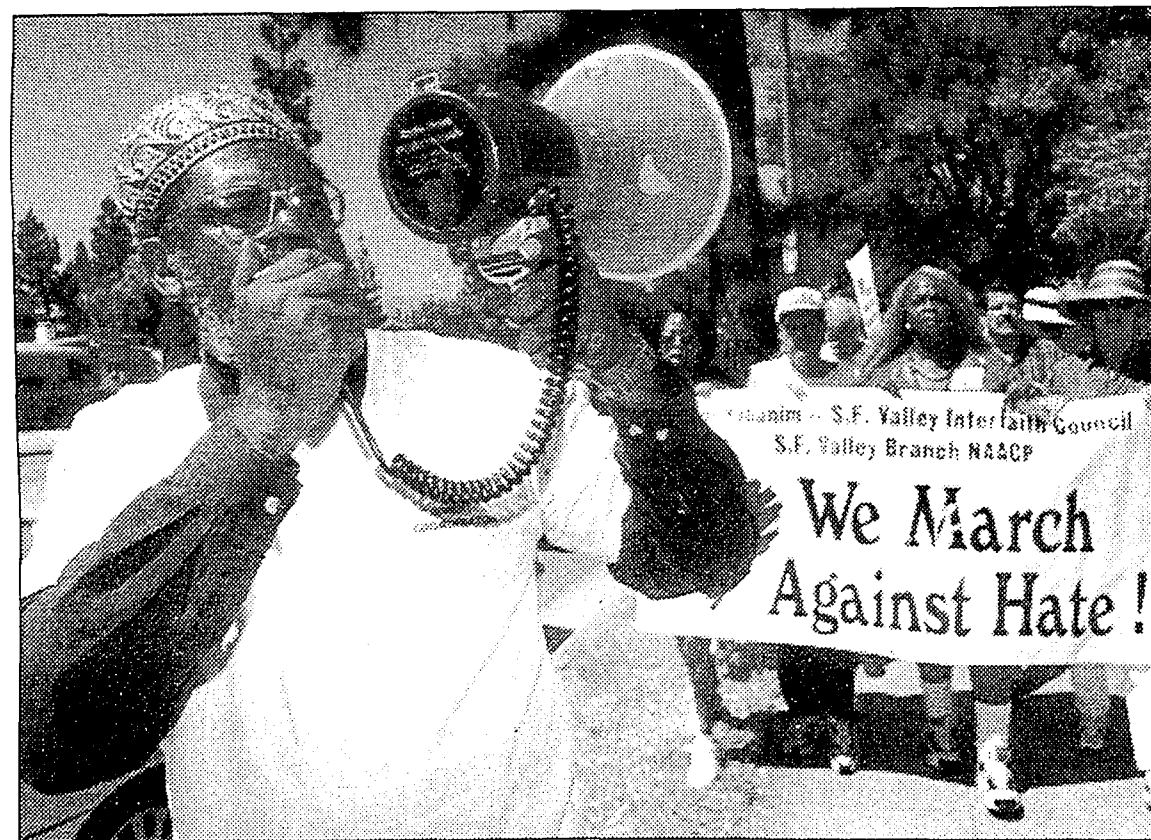
thing," fisherman Ernesto Martinez Rodriguez said of the wood and tarpaper shack he left behind in the fishing village of Mezquital, near Matamoros.

The hurricane could cause storm surges and coastal flooding 10 to 15 feet (3 to 4 1/2 meters) above normal tides.

Previous hurricane warnings for the Mexican Gulf coast further south in the coastal state of Tamaulipas were downgraded to hurricane watches, but the threat of heavy rains remained along much of Mexico's coast. Tamaulipas residents were told to expect as much as eight to ten inches of rain.

Late Saturday, Bret became one of two hurricanes in the Atlantic.

As of 6 a.m. Sunday (1000 GMT), Hurricane Cindy was moving west at about 9 mph (14 kph) and was located about 590 miles (950 kilometers) west of the Cape Verde Islands. It had maximum sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph), with higher gusts, the hurricane center reported.



Rev. Zedar E. Broadous, president of the San Fernando Valley Branch of the NAACP, leads a March Against Hate down Fallbrook Blvd. in the West Hills section of Los Angeles, Calif., Sunday. AP

## Hundreds march vs hate in L.A.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Hundreds of people of different nationalities, ethnicities and faiths participated Sunday in a March Against Hate following the recent shooting rampage at a Jewish community center.

"We want to build unity across perceived groups — race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion and disability — so that we all respond to every hate crime no matter who that hate crime is perpetrated against," said Jean Morrison, spokeswoman for

the march.

In the wake of the North Valley Jewish Community Center shooting that left an adult woman, a teen-age camp counselor and three children injured, the March Against Hate drew about 500 people who united to help eliminate hate-based violence.

Burford O. Furrow Jr. has been charged with murder and attempted murder in the Aug. 10 center shooting, where five people were injured, including three children. Shortly after the shooting, the 37-year-

old white supremacist allegedly killed Filipino-American postal worker Joseph Ito. He remains jailed awaiting on federal and state charges.

As the crowd marched, some chanted, "No more hate. We march for peace."

The mile-long march ended at a Shadow Ranch Park where Rabbi Dov Fischer of the West Valley Hebrew Academy led a prayer.

"When good people do not stand up to be part of the solution, then indeed we are part of the problem," Fischer said.

# Fed likely to hike rates

**WASHINGTON, (Reuters)** — The Federal Reserve is almost certain to nudge up U.S. interest rates to curb inflation risks when it meets on Tuesday, but analysts said it was unclear whether the central bank would pause there.

The expectation of a further

quarter-percentage point rise in U.S. interest rates has effectively been built into financial market considerations, several commentators said, and markets might be shocked if it didn't happen.

"We are forecasting higher rates but we're not betting the

ranch on it. If I had to say one way or the other, I'd say yes, they'll raise rates," said Cynthia Latta, an economist with DRI/McGraw Hill Inc. in Lexington, Massachusetts.

With the economy showing at least some signs of slowing and still displaying little or no overt price pressures, extra attention is being focused on any statement the Fed might make about its intentions for the rest of 1999.

The central bank's Federal Open Market Committee is scheduled to hold its fifth policy-setting session of the year on Tuesday and to reveal its decision at about 2:15 p.m. (1815 GMT).

Fully 29 of 30 primary dealers in U.S. securities, surveyed by Reuters late last week, forecast a quarter-percentage point rise in the Fed's key federal funds rate to 5.25 percent. That would build on a quarter-percentage point increase an-

nounced on June 30, at the conclusion of the last meeting.

About a third of the dealers foresee a matching rise in the less-important discount rate the Fed charges commercial banks for overnight loans, raising it to 4.75 percent.

Some economic data since the June move has permitted a degree of ambiguity in interpretation, Tannenbaum and others noted, leaving the Fed room not to act on Tuesday.

On the one hand, the July Consumer Price Index was up by only 2.1 percent on the year and the Fed reported in its latest Beige Book summary of the national economy that there was "no evidence of any broad-based acceleration in prices of finished goods and services."

But the economy churned out a surprisingly strong 310,000 new jobs in July, reinforcing worries that the tight labor market could cause price rises

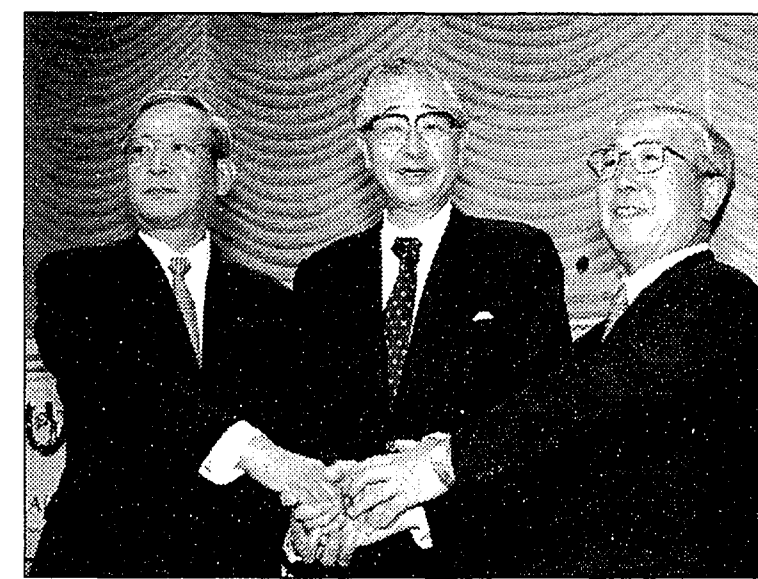
to accelerate in the future.

Also, the red-hot U.S. housing market has shown few signs of slowing down, manufacturing is on the mend and frenzied consumer buying has bloated the trade deficit to yet another record high.

Analysts said the odds favored a rate rise, especially in light of Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's remarks to Congress that the Fed "will have to act promptly and forcefully" to tamp down any signs of cost or price pressures.

Latta said she thought the Fed would raise rates on Tuesday and then go on hold for the rest of this year as the steam gradually goes out of the economy.

"The economy is still operating at a very high level that they probably would like to ease down, since there's very little capacity left out there," Latta said, though there were signs of moderation ahead.



Presidents and CEOs, Katsuyuki Sugita of Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. (left), Masao Nishimura of the Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. (center) and Yoshiro Yamamoto of Fuji Bank Ltd. join their hands to announce the three major Japanese banks' broad alliance plan Friday at a Tokyo hotel. The alliance would create the world's largest banking group, with assets of well over \$1 trillion. AP

## GM going ahead with auto plant in Thailand

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** — When U.S. auto giant General Motors unveiled plans to build its Southeast Asian production center in Thailand less than three years ago, the sky seemed the limit for the regional car industry.

Asian economies were booming and the demand for swanky sedans was growing. Nothing looked like it could get in the way for another prize foreign investment deal for tigerish Thailand.

Then came the financial crisis in 1997.

GM's plans to produce 100,000 vehicles a year at a \$640 million new plant on Thailand's eastern seaboard were dashed, as the regional motor market plunged even faster than Asian currencies.

But with the Thai economy showing some signs of recovery, GM is pressing ahead, albeit on a vastly smaller scale than first envisioned. The first vehicles are set to roll off the production line in May 2000, 16 months behind schedule.

"At first the capacity was going to be 100,000 units per year, but due to the economic crisis, we scaled that down to 40,000 per year," Kantantit said, vice-president for corporate affairs at GM (Thailand), told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

And fittingly enough, instead of churning out grand four-door sedans as everyone expected, the Thai plant will become GM's second factory for the more humble mini multipurpose vehicle, the Zafira.

Following its European launch in April, the middle-priced minivan has proved popular, with GM's plant in Germany unable to fill orders that have so far totaled over 40,000 units, Kantantit said.

The seven-seater model is set to retail at between \$16,200 and \$21,600, which GM hopes will undercut imported competition. But only 15 percent of production from the Thai plant will be for the local market, with the rest destined for export to various parts of the world.

GM will be pushing very hard to sell the Zafira in Asia to expand its meager share of the Japanese-dominated market from less than 1 percent at the moment to some 10 percent within three years, Kantantit said.

He is hopeful that if the vehicle proves a success in the region, GM would expand its production in Thailand, to reach an annual capacity of 100,000 vehicles, as originally intended. While the economic jury is still out on Thailand's prospects of sustained recovery, the U.S. firm, which has already invested \$500 million on the plant at Rayong, insists it is upbeat about the country's prospects.

"That's why we are here and will be here for the long-term," Kantantit said. "We believe that the Thai economy will start to really take off next year and that will coincide with our start of commercial operations midyear 2000."

The plant is set for completion by 1999.

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# Study: 6% are web 'addicts'

BOSTON (AP) — Almost 6 percent of Internet users suffer from some form of addiction to it, according to the largest study ever of such people.

"Marriages are being disrupted, kids are getting into trouble, people are committing illegal acts,

people are spending too much money. As someone who treats patients, I see it," said David Greenfield, the therapist and researcher who did the study.

The findings, which were released Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Psychologi-

cal Association, appear likely to bolster the expanding acceptance of compulsive Internet use as a real psychological disorder.

Kimberly Young, a pioneer in the new field of research, said the latest study is so broad that it "adds a layer of legitimacy to the

concern that Internet addiction is real."

However, the 6 percent figure is lower than some estimates of 10 percent or more stemming largely from research on college students.

Greenfield, who is a psychologist in West Hartford, Conn., carried out the study jointly with ABC News. He collected 17,251 responses to an Internet use questionnaire distributed and returned through the Web site ABCNEWS.com.

He adapted his questions from a widely used set of criteria for gambling addiction. For example, the questionnaires asked if participants had used the Internet to escape from their problems, tried unsuccessfully to cut back, or found themselves preoccupied with the Internet when they were no longer at the computer.

If participants answered "yes" to at least five of 10 such criteria, they are viewed as addicted. A total of 990 participants, or 5.7 percent, did answer "yes" to five or more questions. With an estimated 200 million Internet users worldwide, that would mean that 11.4 million are addicts.

The question about using the Internet as an escape yielded more "yes" answers than any other: 30

percent.

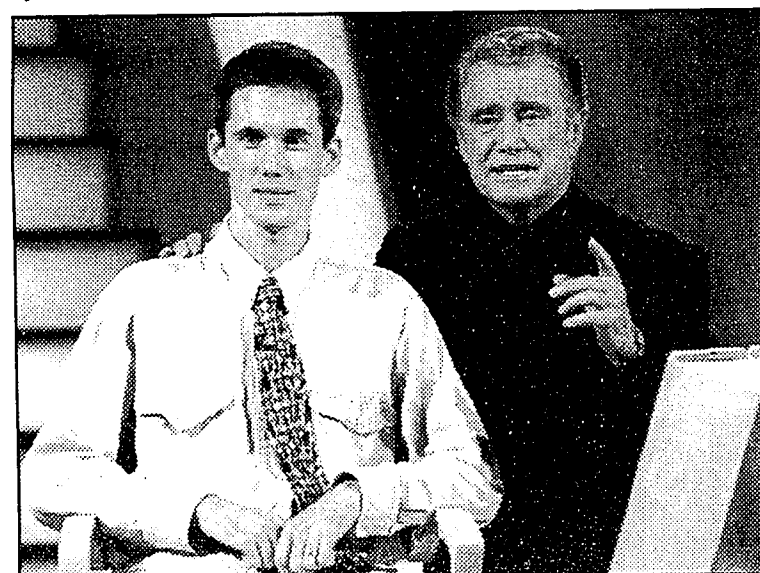
Greenfield's analysis of the data suggests that Internet users' feelings of intimacy, timelessness and lack of inhibition all contribute to the addictive force of the Internet.

"There's a power here that's different than anything we've dealt with before," said Greenfield.

Researchers did caution that, while one of the best estimates yet, the 6 percent figure is based on a group of people who use only one Web site, however broadly aimed. The questionnaire also followed ABC news coverage on Internet addiction, so relatively more compulsive users might have been drawn to the survey.

Researchers said Internet addiction will ultimately be broken down into several categories, perhaps revolving around sex and relations, consumerism, gambling, stock trading, and obsessive Internet surfing for its own sake.

Therapists at the psychology meeting said they have successfully treated some Internet addicts, often with a mix of talking sessions and programs aimed more narrowly at reducing a sharply defined set of behaviors.



David Honea (left) sits with quiz show host Regis Philbin on the set of the show Wednesday in New York. Honea had won \$32,000 on the new show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Honea then answered the \$64,000 question right, but the game show called it wrong. Now ABC's new quiz show is making up for its prime-time goof by giving Honea another shot at becoming a millionaire. AP

## Gates Foundation richest in US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft founder Bill Gates now has the country's richest charitable foundation, the Chronicle of Philanthropy reported.

Gates and his wife, Melinda, have consolidated their two charitable foundations and donated an additional \$6 billion to the new Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing its total worth to \$17.1 billion.

The couple decided to merge the William H. Gates Foundation and the Gates Learning Foundation so they could broaden their focus on learning and global health, foundation co-chairwoman Patty Stoner said Sunday.

The Chronicle reports in its Aug. 26 issue that, with the \$6 billion donation, the Seattle-based foundation is significantly

wealthier than others in the United States.

The report names the David and Lucile Packard Foundation as the second wealthiest, with assets of \$13 billion. The Ford Foundation, with \$11.4 billion, is third.

The Gates Foundation isn't the biggest in the world. That title currently belongs to the London-based Wellcome Trust, which has assets of \$19.2 billion.

But the Chronicle reports that the Gates Foundation could climb to the top of the list if the charity's namesake keeps on giving.

"Bill and Melinda have made a gift of about \$5 billion every quarter," said Stoner. While she would not say whether the couple plans to make another gift of similar size before year's end, she said she expects that the general pattern of giving "will continue."

## Colombia violence flares

# Death squads kill 29



A family member of a man killed by paramilitary forces looks at a body in the village of Campo Dos, Colombia Sunday. Paramilitary gunmen killed 29 unarmed people in two attacks over the weekend. AP

BOGOTA, (Reuters) — Right-wing gunmen killed at least 29 people over the weekend, most of them in an area where paramilitary violence has sparked an exodus of terrified Colombians into neighboring Venezuela, authorities said on Sunday.

The worst bloodletting occurred on Saturday night in La Gabarra, a small town nestled into the jungle along Colombia's northeast border with Venezuela, according to a statement issued by army headquarters in the capital.

After a brief skirmish with soldiers manning an army base on the outskirts of La Gabarra, paramilitary gang members marched into the town's centre and shot and killed 19 men and women, the statement said.

It said eight other residents, including a 9-year-old, were injured in the attack, which was thought to be the bloodiest since paramilitaries launched an offensive in May against Marxist rebels

and their suspected sympathisers in La Gabarra and the nearby oil town of Tibu.

More than 4,000 peasants from the region have sought refuge in Venezuela since the offensive began, but most have been returned to Colombia, according to local and international human rights groups.

Monsignor Jose de Jesus Quintero, Tibu's Roman Catholic bishop, was kidnapped on Aug. 15, underscoring the seemingly uncontrolled level of violence in the border region.

The bishop had condemned the recent wave of paramilitary killings and death threats in Tibu and La Gabarra. Authorities initially blamed the abduction on rebels, but there has been no claim of responsibility for the crime.

More than 1 million people have fled their homes during the past decade to escape Colombia's long-running civil conflict, which pits leftist guerrillas against the

army and ultra-right-wing death squads.

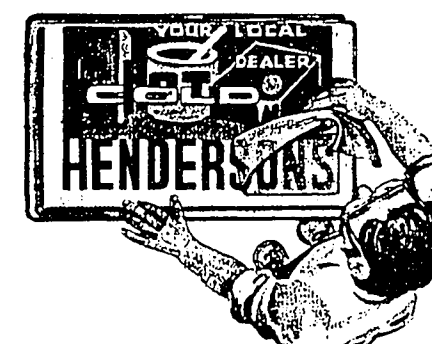
The recent exodus into Venezuela is thought to mark the first time refugees from Colombia's

endemic violence have moved across its borders on such a large scale.

In other violence blamed on paramilitaries, police and mili-

tary spokesmen said 10 people died in two separate attacks late on Saturday in northern Cesar province and Huila in Colombia's southeast.

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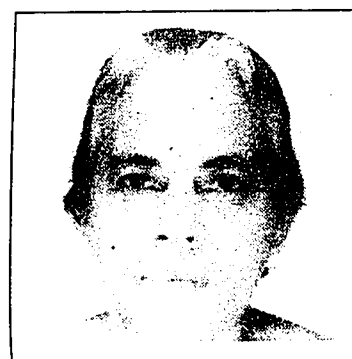
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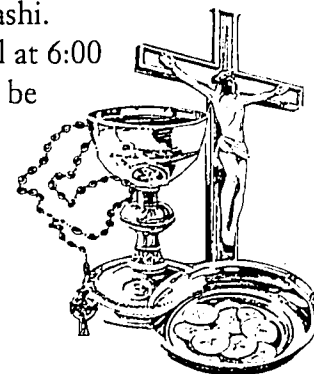
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# Palestinian officials in D.C.

**JERUSALEM, (Reuters)** - Palestinian peace negotiators travel to Washington on Monday for talks with U.S. officials before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to the Middle East next week.

Palestinian officials said on Sunday that Mahmoud Abbas and Saeb Erekat had been invited by Albright to confer with her before her trip to Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Morocco, Egypt, Jordan and Syria starting on September 1.

"The meetings in Washing-

ton will focus on the peace process, and on the ongoing talks with Israel over implementation of the Wye River deal," one senior Palestinian official said, referring to a deadlocked peace accord signed with Israel 10 months ago.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who ousted former right-wing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in May, has promised to carry out the remaining stages of the U.S.-brokered land-for-security deal after some hesitation.



Madeleine Albright

reach agreement before her ar-

But differences persist with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat over the terms and timing.

A Western diplomat said the Palestinians hoped to enlist Albright's help in sewing up a deal. Barak has urged the United States to lower the high profile role it played in mediating Middle East peacemaking during Netanyahu's term in office.

Albright delayed a visit scheduled for earlier this month at Barak's request when it became clear the two sides would not

rival.

Erekat, the top Palestinian negotiator, said talks with his Israeli counterpart Gilad Sherg were centered on releasing hundreds of Palestinian political prisoners from Israeli jails, and on a timetable for carrying out Israeli troop pullbacks from parts of the West Bank.

A statement issued after Israel's weekly cabinet meeting said there had been progress on some issues but that the issue of the prisoners had yet to be resolved.

## Iraq to keep on defying no-fly zones

**BAGHDAD, (Reuters)** — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein held a second day of talks with army commanders on Sunday, as officials said Iraq would keep up its defiance of Western planes patrolling no-fly zones over the country.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Saddam chaired a meeting with senior army officers for a second straight day. It gave no further details.

An information ministry spokesman, quoted by INA, said Iraq would never

recognise the no-fly zones imposed by the West after the 1991 Gulf War over Kuwait to protect Saddam's opponents in the north and south of the country.

"We will keep on rejecting the two air exclusion zones and resist any violation of our airspace and national sovereignty," the spokesman said. "We will practice our legitimate right in confronting the American and British planes."

Iraq has been challenging U.S. and British planes patrolling the air exclusion zones since December. The Western planes

have launched more than 110 strikes against Iraqi targets this year.

The United States says allied planes only attack installations that target them with radar or launch ground-to-air missiles.

Iraq says that in an attack last Tuesday, U.S. and British planes bombed targets outside the zones for the first time since it stepped up its defiance of the Western restrictions last December. The Iraqis say at least 20 civilians were killed in that incident.

## NATO warns Serbs in Kosovo to turn in arms or face arrest

**ORAHOVAC, Yugoslavia (AP)** — At the request of Serbs in a southern town, NATO on Sunday extended a deadline for them to deliver weapons in their possession before peacekeepers start house-to-house searches and arrest those who fail to comply.

NATO troops had threatened the searches in a Serb neighborhood of Orahovac in an effort to gather up unauthorized weapons before Dutch troops turn the town over to Russian peacekeepers.

Meanwhile, U.N. efforts to bring together rival leaders of the majority ethnic Albanian community failed again Saturday when Kosovo Liberation Army leader Hashim Thaci failed to show up for a meeting of a joint Serb and ethnic Albanian council formed to advise the U.N. mission.

Last month, Thaci's rival — moderate politician Ibrahim Rugova — failed to appear for the first session. Rugova showed up Saturday, but chief U.N. administrator Bernard Kouchner said Thaci told him earlier he would be out of the country.

The United Nations announced Friday that Thaci would attend.

In Orahovac, the scene of heavy fighting between Serb and KLA forces last year, Dutch and German forces were moving against the Serb population following Friday's arrest of three Serbs on suspicion of committing atrocities against ethnic Albanians.

Early Saturday, German and Dutch troops posted signs

throughout the Serb neighborhood there listing names of those who were given weapons by Serb police.

The signs ordered Serbs to turn in their weapons Saturday to NATO collection points in the center of town.

"If you respond to this, you will be freed of punishment," the signs said. The warning added that peacekeepers would begin house-to-house searches after the deadline, and "if we find any weapons, you will be arrested."

By Saturday evening, 600 weapons had been handed in by the Serbs, peacekeepers said, and a few more were added Sunday morning.

Peacekeepers were expected to check the weapons handed in against a master list of weapons distributed to civilians by the Yugoslav army and Serbian police before they begin the searches. It was unclear how long that would take.

Orahovac, 60 kilometers (40 miles) southwest of Pristina, is in the German-patrolled sector of Kosovo. Dutch soldiers have been stationed there for weeks but are to hand the town over to Russian peacekeepers in the next few days.

Ethnic Albanians resent the Russians, accusing them of favoring their fellow Slavic Serbs. Many Serbs believe only the Russians can protect them from reprisal attacks by ethnic Albanians.

Reprisal attacks by the majority ethnic Albanians have

prompted most of Kosovo's former 200,000-member Serb community to seek sanctuary in other parts of Yugoslavia.

One of two Serb brothers wounded on Saturday when ethnic Albanians attacked Banje village in central Kosovo has died in a French military hospital, the Yugoslav state-run Tanjug news agency reported Sunday.

The other remains in the hospital in Kosovska Mitrovica with a serious leg injury but is not in a life-threatening condition.

Tanjug said villagers demanded a meeting with French officers and threatened to leave the province if they could not be protected.

On Friday, a Kosovo Serb community leader, Momcilo Trajkovic, proposed creating all-Serb enclaves that would exist as separate entities within the mostly Albanian province.

Kouchner said international officials would study the proposal and present a written response on Monday.

The Russian government has complained about NATO's failure to protect Serbs and warned that Moscow might withdraw its troops from Kosovo or change their role there if conditions become "unacceptable." It did not elaborate.

NATO hopes that attacks will ease as the KLA gradually disarms under an agreement signed in June. The deal calls for final disarmament by Sept. 19.

## IMF says Russia to need radical reforms

**LONDON, (Reuters)** — Russia needs to implement more radical reforms, a top International Monetary Fund official said in a letter published in Monday's Financial Times.

"Of course we share the frustrations of other friends of Russia about the failures of economic policy," John Odling-Smee, director of the IMF's second European department, said in the letter.

However, he said the IMF was right to remain engaged in its attempts to improve Russian policies through persuasion and strict loan conditionality, and that its credibility would not be damaged by lending in current circumstances.

Russia has been an IMF member for less than 10 years but is "already the IMF's biggest single borrower. The fund has repeatedly halted payments because of worries about low tax collection or sluggish progress on reforms."

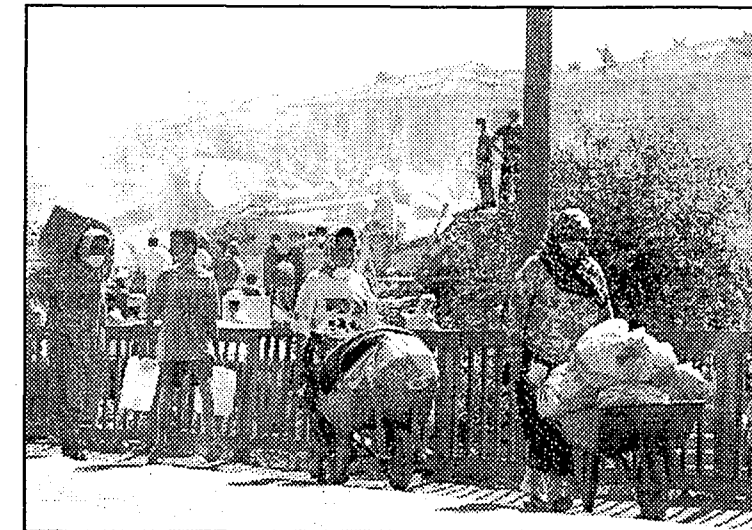
IMF First Deputy Managing Director Stanley Fischer said at the end of July the Russian economy was doing better than expected but the IMF was asking Russia to provide more information about its central bank reserves in the wake of "misreporting" about funds channelled through a subsidiary of the bank.



A Dutch soldier checks weapons into the back of a truck after they were surrendered to joint German and Dutch troops by Serbian residents in Orahovac Sunday. NATO warned the Serbs, their houses would be searched and gun owners would be arrested if they don't turn guns in. AP

Quake toll exceeds 12,000:

# 'Up to 40,000 may be dead'



A Turkish family carries supplies in the town of Golcuk Sunday. More than 12,000 are reported dead on the earthquake that hit Turkey last Tuesday. With many of the victims still under the rubble government sources fear the figure could go up to as many as 40,000. AP

**ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)** — With authorities scaling back survivor searches and concentrating on the immense difficulties facing earthquake survivors, more soldiers arrived Sunday in devastated areas that were seething with anger at a perceived weak government response to one of the nation's gravest tragedies.

The official death toll from Tuesday's quake has surpassed 12,000, but some officials said as many as 40,000 dead are possible.

Much of the complaints have focused on why Turkey's military forces — one of the region's largest with nearly 800,000 servicemen — appeared to hold off on a mass mobilization to dig for

survivors and tackle relief operations.

Even the increasing deployment of soldiers through the quake zone seemed more designed to maintain order than provide help. Turkish media reported soldiers have blocked some suspected looting — which has been so far very limited.

There was speculation in the Turkish media that the military response was complicated while it debated with political leaders on whether to declare martial law — a sensitive issue in a nation that has experienced three military coups in the past 20 years.

The government decided such a decree was unnecessary, said the military chief of staff, Gen.

Huseyin Kivrikoglu.

Kivrikoglu also insisted more than 53,000 soldiers have been involved in efforts since hours after the quake struck and pulled nearly 20,000 survivors from the rubble.

"We have the strength to overcome the damage of this earthquake very soon," Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said in a nationwide address. "We only need to trust the power of our nation and our state."

With the chance of finding survivors slipping away, bulldozers and trucks moved into more sites to haul away rubble from the more than 115,000 destroyed buildings. Just seven people were rescued Saturday.

## Navy...

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Perez added, "We do not want Killian involved in any way, shape or form regardless of his previous background in dealing with the Navy's Pacific Division real estate negotiations."

Killian apologized in a letter addressed to Guam Economic Development Authority special coordinator Lester L. Carlson Jr. During a meeting in Hawaii,

Carlson and other Guam representatives requested the Navy to act on the clean-up of unexploded ordnance left by the military on Guam.

Island replied that Guam already "got action" from the federal government when the US military liberated the island from the Japanese during World War II.

Guam's representatives demanded an apology. When Killian refused, they walked out of the meeting.

Bordallo, in a letter to the White

House and the Pentagon, then lashed at Killian's "insulting remarks."

Bordallo chairs GovGuam's BRAC steering committee.

In his letter, however, Killian said he was merely explaining that because Guam was a battle site, it is subject to periodic discovery of unexploded ordnance.

Killian said his comment concerning "liberation" was not meant to imply that the people of Guam are ungrateful.

"At the meeting," he told

Carlson, "I was surprised at your reaction to my comment and I reacted inappropriately, for which I apologize. It had been a long meeting and I was exhausted at that point. While ordnance clearance is an important issue on Guam, I felt that it was inappropriate to [talk about] it in the context of [the discussions on what] should be included in the deed to convey the airport property to Guam International Airport Authority."

Killian said he has no ill feelings toward the people of Guam, adding that he has worked hard to support the future of the island. He said he has a proven track record of negotiating leases for Guam, all with the objective of helping its economy.

"I wish to sincerely apologize for losing my composure at the

meeting and making a comment about 'liberation' which has been taken to mean more than I intended," Killian said.

Rear Admiral P.W. Marshall of the Pacific Division's Naval Facilities Engineering Command also wrote to Bordallo, saying that he had personally talked with Killian and that he acknowledges that the comments were inappropriate.

Noting that he has known Killian for a number of years, Marshall called the incident unfortunate and entirely out of Killian's character.

Marshall said Killian is a "valued employee."

The Navy, he added, would like to move on and work with GovGuam toward the goal of transferring the base closure property to the island "as expeditiously as possible."

## Sablan...

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Sablan, a certified public accountant, worked for an accounting firm in the U.S. mainland before landing a job with the Joeten group of companies in the commonwealth. He last served as Vice President for Finance for the local conglomerate.

He was asked by the governor,

who was then running for the post, to board his campaign wagon in 1997.

Tenorio then sought Sablan's financial expertise when he formed the transition body shortly upon winning the election.

Well-placed sources said Sablan had been offered a consultancy position worth around \$140,000 a year.

Sablan, who was purportedly earning as much as \$150,000 a

year when he was in private sector, reportedly declined the offer and instead settled for a lower salary scale.

Sablan's contract has been frowned upon by some quarters who said government officials, especially those occupying positions like Sablan's, should be given more modest salaries in light of the government's austerity measures.

## \$26M...

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and that is to verify and reconcile the returns against what was reported by the employers," he added. "That process has begun."

Sablan said checks will start coming out "between the second or third week" of September.

Rebate money this year, accord-

ing to Sablan, is some \$6 million lower than in previous years — at least \$32 million each in 1996 and 1997 to some 19,000 taxpayers.

He attributed this "partly" to changes in rebate rates.

Sablan said government has "built up" funds for the rebate checks. The funds covered the \$6.8 million earned income credit money issued recently.

"We have built up funds in our

rebate trust account. We have in excess of possibly \$15 million to \$20 million built up in the trust fund as of today and we are building them up as we go along," said Sablan.

Tenorio last week assured the first batch of rebate checks will be released next month. "I made a commitment that the rebate is forthcoming and the rebate is forthcoming," said the governor.

## Release...

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proposing cash distribution.

Notwithstanding the filing of Donnici's complaint, Snow

stressed, the executor remains committed to moving the Hillblom estate towards closure.

Donnici, who is chairman of the Trust, filed the lawsuit in California Superior Court demanding damages against executor BOS.

Sen. Thomas R. Harkin (Iowa), the third ranking Democrat on the US Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee,

last reporters after his day-long inspection that the commonwealth has a "very serious problem" arising from its implementation of its brand of labor and immigration laws.

Harkin nevertheless said the commonwealth and federal gov-

ernments should work together to remedy this.

The CNMI is preparing a strong case against efforts by some leaders of the US Congress to extend federal labor and immigration laws to the commonwealth.

Earlier, Senate President Paul A. Mangiona (R-Rota) has called for increased lobbying before Congress to pre-empt passage of takeover legislation.

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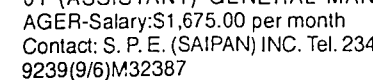
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23 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary: \$3.05 per hour  
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01 MASON-Salary: \$3.05-4.25 per hour  
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.50-4.25 per hour  
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04 CIVIL ENGINEER-Salary: \$3.50-4.25 per hour  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

AGUSTINA SAN LUCI, PIODENA, Petitioner,  
versus  
FREDDIE ESPANOLA PIODENA, Respondent.

FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-0180

## SUMMONS

To the above-Named Respondent:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at the time and place specified below, to answer to the Petition for Divorce of which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, at Saipan CM-MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 917, Saipan, CM-MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition for Divorce.

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/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Dated this 21 day of May, 1999.

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STELLA WILDER

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY, August 24, 1999

Born today, you are quite adept at getting results in little time, and you seem to work best when you are racing against the clock. You combine physical strength and beauty with intellectual powers and emotional fortitude. The result of all these fortunate gifts will be a confidence that others envy at all times! You are a mischievous individual, and you always seem to have something up your sleeve. You are at your best when you are forced to think fast and act even faster, particularly when others are depending on you to do the right thing. You know how to adjust quickly to changing circumstances.

You are a master of strategy in both the personal and professional arenas. You never lose touch with your true objectives. Although you may allow yourself to stray from the most direct path from time to time, you nevertheless reach your primary goals with surprising regularity.

Also born on this date are: Marlee Matlin, actress; Cal Ripken, Jr., baseball player; Steve Guttenberg, actor; Claudia Shiffer, model.

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

— Don't turn your back on someone who seems to offer little in the way of a threat. You may soon be surprised by the wallop this novice packs!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Environmental influences shouldn't be so strong that you are unable to do what you had planned. Still, some adjustments may have to be made.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Good fortune is nothing to be taken for granted at this time, for it could prove a "turncoat" unexpectedly. Do, however, count your blessings.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — How you treat those closest to you today says a great deal about you. There are those who are really interested in knowing the real you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Don't hesitate to do so if you need to start over in order to get your bearings and be back on track, but don't wait too long. The competition is gaining.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You may be wanting an apology today. Make one or two timely promises and you'll cer-

tainly be taken more seriously today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — It will be up to you to surge to the front and become the leader of the pack today, even though you may not want to be in the spotlight.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — It's a good day to analyze your own priorities, and to set anything straight if you find that it's out of order. Risks and hazards are few.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — It's important that you maintain a humorous outlook today. Now is no time to take anything, especially yourself, too seriously.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You must be willing to take the initiative and give it everything you've got today. Nothing short of your best will be acceptable to you or others.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — It's not going to take you very long at all to get going today. Inspiration is high, and you have every reason to make a quick start at this time.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You must get tough with your own finances today. Get to work and with a little self-discipline you can surely get yourself out of trouble.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Molten rock
- 6 Nearsighted cartoon character
- 11 Allow
- 12 Delete an objective passage
- 14 Pronoun
- 15 Nonsense
- 17 Govt. farm agcy.
- 18 Communications agcy.
- 20 — is a terrible thing to waste
- 22 Boxing great
- 23 Roman deity
- 25 Heron
- 27 Film alien vessel
- 30 Lone singer
- 32 TV horse (2 wds.)
- 34 Collar
- 35 Selections
- 38 Resin

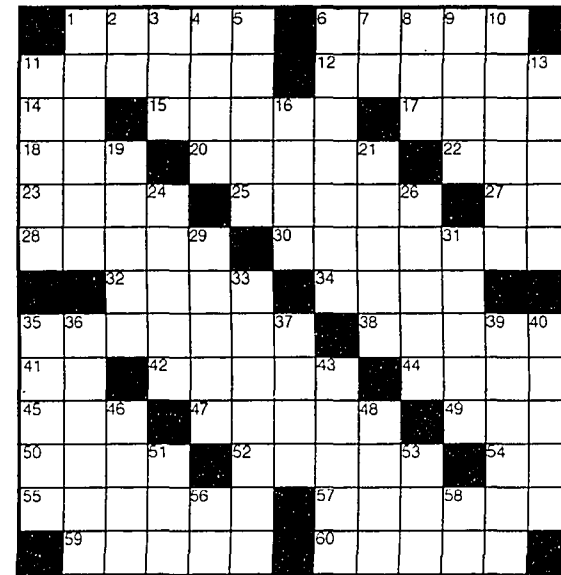
### DOWN

- 1 Apiece (abbr.)
- 42 Ohio city
- 44 Scorch
- 45 Suffix
- 47 Singer Carly
- 49 Genetic material (abbr.)
- 50 And others (2 wds., Latin)
- 52 Evil spirit
- 54 Pollak ID
- 55 Strike out
- 57 Most distant point in an orbit
- 59 Wants
- 60 Deposited moisture on

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

TROOP SPADE  
WEEDED ZOOMED  
EN DARKENS SL  
EDH TURNS GIL  
TEED MITT EIRE  
REIN STIFFLE  
DAIS HERB  
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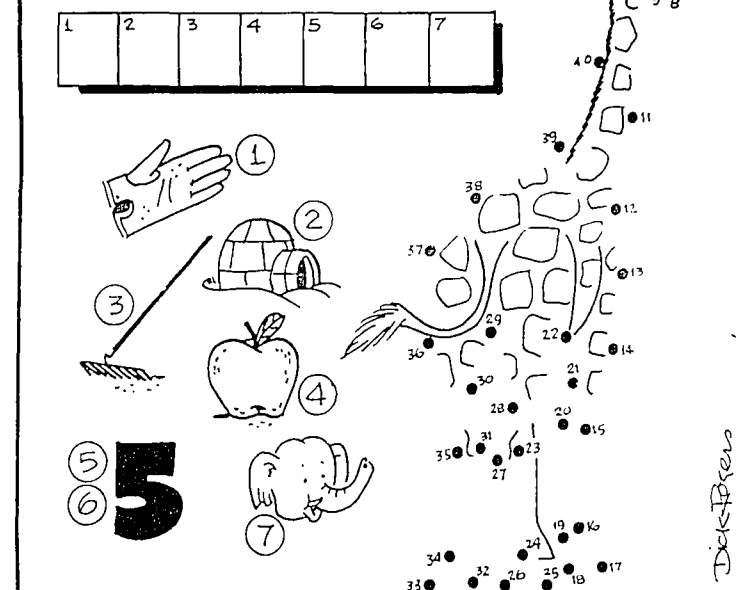
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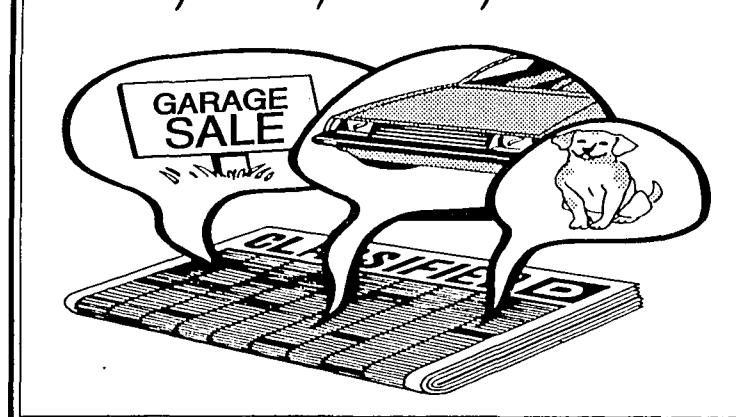
CONNECT THE NUMBERED DOTS TO MAKE A PICTURE. TO FIND ITS NAME, PUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH NUMBERED DRAWING IN THE BOXES.

A tall tale of a tail—a tail that makes me laugh.  
To see it stuck high up on the hind end of an even taller



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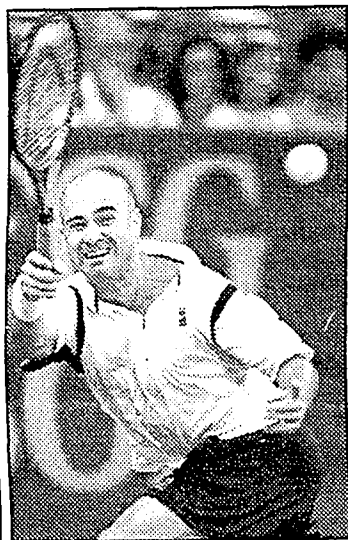
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## Agassi retains Mason Classic title



Andre Agassi returns a serve during his semifinal match against Todd Martin at the Legg Mason Classic, Saturday, in Washington. AP

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Andre Agassi retained his title at Washington's Legg Mason Classic by overcoming top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov 7-6 (7-3) 6-1, ensuring he would be ranked number two from Monday and be seeded second behind Pete Sampras at the upcoming U.S. Open.

The final Grand Slam of the year begins in New York on Monday, August 30.

The victory earned Agassi \$99,000 and avenged a defeat just two weeks ago in Montreal. It was his fifth final of the year, and gave him a third title to add to those won at the French Open and in Hong Kong.

The first set was as tight as it gets, with Agassi breaking to lead

2-1 but then dropping his serve for the first time in the tournament in the next game. The Russian held off two break points at 2-2 before the match moved to a tiebreaker.

It was Agassi who then took control, forcing an error from Kafelnikov after a long rally to lead 5-3, and a poor backhand from Kafelnikov gave Agassi three set points.

"That first set just boiled down to one point in particular," said Agassi. "He was serving at 3-4 and hit a short ball and I guessed right and made a difficult volley for him. Going up 5-3 after a long-winded point, and then he made a careless error at 3-5, which can happen, and I managed to serve it out.

## Murai. . . Continued from page 28

final hole," she said. "I was so nervous because I knew I had to hole that putt to win." She did, slicing and sinking the 7-foot (2-meter) putt for the victory.

Arai was leading until Muraguchi, playing in a different group ahead, birdied the 16th hole to share the lead at 2-under on the leaderboard, and then moved ahead with the birdie at No. 18.

Arai, playing in the final group, couldn't catch up with the clubhouse leader as she parred the final three holes.

It was Arai's second straight frustrating weekend. In the NEC Karuizawa a week ago, Arai blew a two-stroke lead in the final round and settled for second place.

"I'm more disappointed than I was last week," said Arai, who was seeking her first victory of the season and second overall. "I was hitting the ball solid today, but I wasn't putting very well."

South Korean Han Hee-won, winner of last week's NEC Karuizawa, shot a 71 and finished tied for third at even-par 219 with Michiko Hattori, winner of last year's money title, veteran Ikuyo Shiotani and three others.

Yuka Irie, the other co-leader overnight, shot a fat 81 to share 23rd at 224.

## Notes. . .

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### Saipan Swim Club

Swimmers interested in joining the SSC should make try-outs beginning September 1 at Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. Swimmers must be able to swim in a Level-5 and swim one length of a 50-meter pool. They must be

committed to regular training sessions.

Call Jean or Bill Sakovich at 234-1002 or 234-6323

### Q's Billiards

The first Bud-Q's Billiards eight-ball tournament is set to start this Saturday and Sunday with qualifying rounds.

The tournament will be held on three consecutive weekends.

For more information call manager Willy Santos at, 235-4209.

## Woman. . .

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The court accepted Wang's plea and the agreement.

Court information showed that Wang allegedly threw a cup of boiled water to Rong Bi during an argument last July 13.

The defendant on the same incident also did "unlawfully strike, beat, wound and otherwise do bodily harm to Rong Bi."

## Japan. . .

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news reports that it may be ready for negotiations.

The cooperation on the missile threat underlines a recent thawing of relations between Japan and South Korea.

The Tokyo and Seoul police signed an agreement Monday to cooperate in fighting organized crime and drug-trafficking. They also agreed to work together on security for the 2002 World Cup, said Tokyo police official Yuichi Usui. South Korea and Japan are co-hosts for the next World Cup.

The government's move to possibly issue compensation to former soldiers and laborers from South Korea is a dramatic departure from previous policy. Until recently, Japan maintained that all reparations claims with South Korea were settled under the 1965 normalization treaty.

But earlier this year, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiromu Nonaka asked ministries to study how to set the compensation issue as quickly as possible.

A newspaper reported Monday that Japan is considering a one-time payment in the name of either "condolence" or "sympathy" money to South Koreans

living in Japan. About 2,000 to 3,000 military and labor veterans here would be eligible, the Asahi newspaper said.

Many of the Koreans were forcibly brought to Japan during its 1910-45 brutal colonization of the peninsula.

According to Health Ministry figures, about 240,000 soldiers from the Korean Peninsula worked for the Japanese army during World War II. Some 20,000 were confirmed killed by the war's end in 1945.

In 1987, Japan compensated about 30,000 Taiwanese soldiers who served in its wartime army with payments of 2 million yen (\$18,000) each.

## Calendar. . .

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### ball League (RCYBL)

Wednesday  
5 p.m. Saints vs. San Vicente vs. Sunrises  
6 p.m. Kagman Cougars vs. Pepsi Hi-5  
(Ada Gym)  
SML Summer League

Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. Pepsi-MGD vs. Tanapag Falcons  
(Palacios Baseball Field)  
Government Women's Slowpitch Softball League  
Tuesday  
Championship game  
(Susupe Softball Field, Note: Call Jovie Omar, 234-1001/2 for update)

## Osaka. . .

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"I'm really not doing anything different," said Gaynor, a right-hander. "Maybe my curveball has gotten better."

Only one other team — Long Beach, California, in 1992-93 — has won consecutive series in the

event's 52 years, and Long Beach's first title came on a forfeit by the Philippines. Toms River beat Kashima, Japan in last year's final.

Canada was to play Puerto Rico on Monday morning. Canada sends a team to the series every year but has not had a team in the championship game since 1965 and never has won the series.

## Saipan. . . Continued from page 28

### Second Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

Weight:

### Third Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

Weight:

### Wahoo category:

### First Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

Weight:

### Second Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

### Third Place:

Captain:

Weight:

### Mahimahi category:

### First Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

Weight:

### Second Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

Weight:

### Third Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

### Skipjack category:

### First Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

Weight:

### Second Place:

Anglers:  
Weight:

### Third Place:

Captain:  
Anglers:

### Charlotte

James Reyes Sr.  
Jose A. DLGuerrero

Marcelino Tresdenio  
Elpidio Corpuz

### Abby

Jess Taitano  
Joseph Taitano

John Eric Taitano  
Joe Terlaje

50.26 pounds

### Cabo Express

(Rep.) Heinz Hofschneider  
Conrad Hofschneider

Luis Manibusan  
Tony Flores

Nobert Diaz  
John Tenorio

(Rep.) Alejo Mendiola  
Nelson Edpao

33.07 pounds  
St. Christopher

Joseph Jones  
Martin Salas

Kenji Harada  
Lawrence Fleming

### Island Girl II (Guam)

Greg Perez  
Tony Satur

Steven Santos  
Norman Tenorio

26.01 pounds

### Love Boat

Jesse Acosta  
Eugene Tenorio

Noel Cabrera  
26.90 pounds

### St. Andrew

Joe Ayuyu  
Barnaby Lizama

Joey Sizemore  
22.05 pounds

CM1644-PU  
Manny Borja

(None)  
7.50 pounds

### Fishing Paul Too

Gus Quichocho  
Ambrosio Flores

Robert Borja  
9.26 pounds

San Pablo  
Joaquin Aldan

3.53 pounds  
Charlotte

James Reyes Sr.  
Jose A. DLGuerrero

Marcelino Tresdenio  
Elpidio Corpuz

# Gosset defeats Kim

PEBBLE BEACH, California (AP) — David Gossett ended the surprising run of 17-year-old South Korean Kim Sung-yoon early, taking control in the first nine holes and coasting Sunday to an easy 9 and 8 victory to win the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship.

The margin of victory was the biggest in 50 years at the Amater. Gossett, 20, from Memphis, Tennessee, opened a two-hole lead on No. 4, then won holes 6 through 9 to grab a six-hole lead. He led by five holes after a morning round that included a seven-minute fog delay.

"I was thinking, 'Man, this is not Memphis at all.' It was beautiful one moment and then the fog rolled in," said Gossett, who was playing in just his second Amateur. He missed the cut for match play in his earlier appearance.

When play resumed in the after-

noon, Gossett needed just 10 more holes to finish off the match. He boosted his margin to nine holes with birdies on 7 and 8, holes Kim bogeyed.

Kim, who had shown no emotion all week while pulling off a series of upsets, had trouble getting out of the sand on No. 7 and tossed his ball through the fog and into the Pacific Ocean in disgust.

On No. 8, Kim's long putt for par hit the cup and rolled out. Then Gossett made a 7 1-2-meter (25-foot) putt, pumping his right fist in the air and high-fiving caddie Andy Martinez — who usually works for U.S. PGA Tour regular Tom Lehman — as he went up by nine holes.

Both golfers bogeyed No. 9 and headed back into the thick fog, which made the afternoon even muggier than before. As people

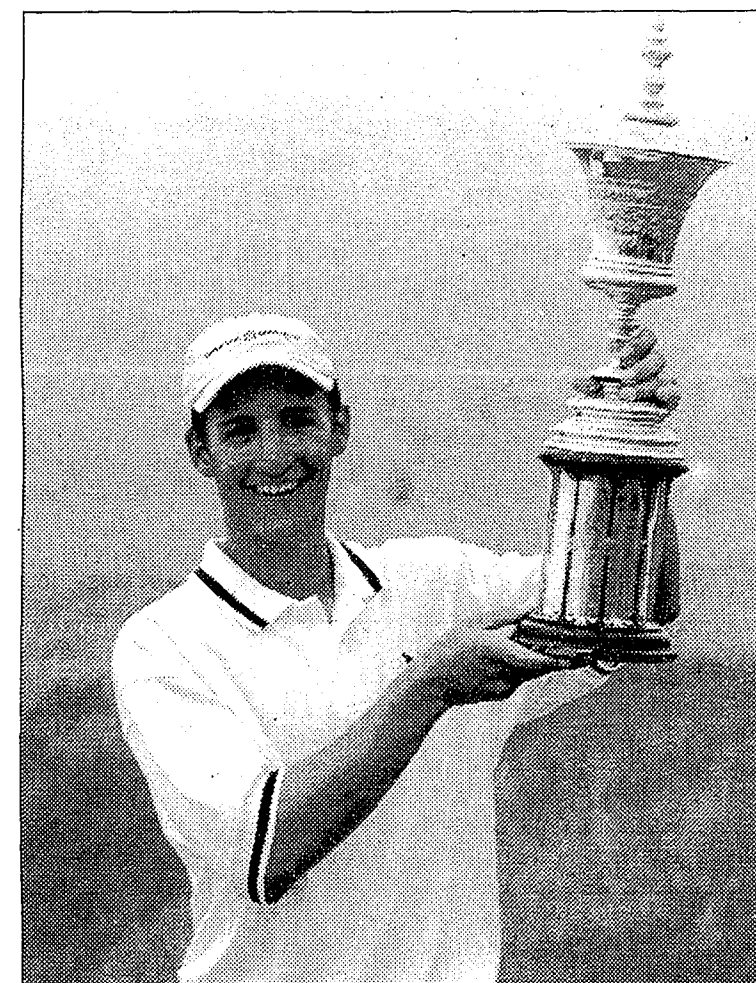
walked their dogs on the beach below and waves crashed on the shore, Gossett wrapped up the match.

He made par on the 10th, which sits right in front of a house built by actor Gene Hackman. Kim needed to make a 13 1-2-meter (45-foot) putt for a birdie and keep the match alive, but did not come close.

"Whew," Gossett quietly said to himself.

Then he hugged his dad and finally showed some emotion, sticking his tongue out and smiling while lifting the trophy.

It was the biggest margin of victory in the final of the Amateur since Charles Coe won 11 and 10 over Rufus King at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York, in 1949. Gossett matched the 9 and 8 victory by Hal Sutton at Pinehurst, North Carolina, in 1980.



David Gossett of Germantown, Tenn., holds up the trophy after winning the U.S. Amateur championship on the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif., Sunday. AP

## Rodman arrested on drunk charges

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Rodman was released from jail Sunday, several hours after police were called to a restaurant by someone who said the flamboyant former NBA star was drunk and causing a disturbance.

The 38-year-old Rodman, known for dyeing his hair and numerous tattoos and body piercings, spent a few hours in custody before being released on his own recognizance, Sgt. Jim Kaminsky said.

Calls to Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Rodman was booked for investigation of being intoxicated in a public place, a misdemeanor, Kaminsky said. Rodman was ordered to appear in court Oct. 1.

Before then, prosecutors will determine whether to file any charges, Kaminsky said.

Police had few details of the incident, but the restaurant owner said it didn't appear to be instigated

by Rodman.

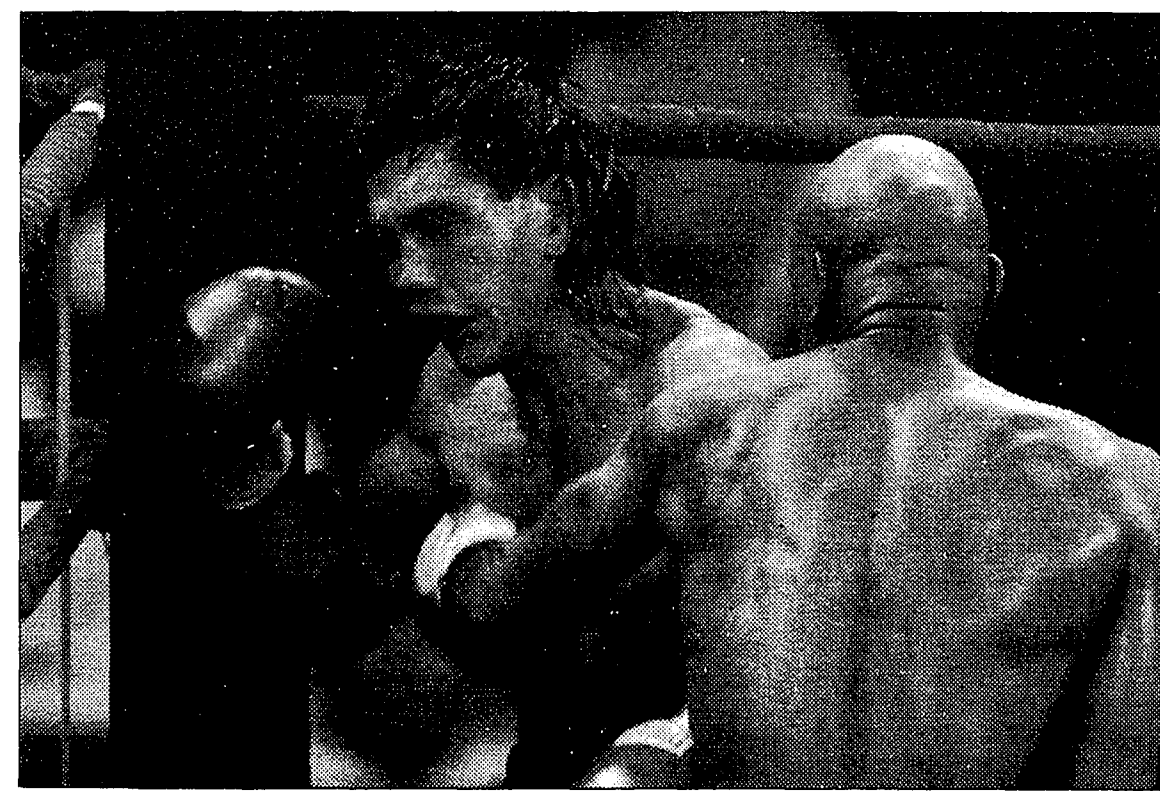
"From what I understand, a woman was verbally abusing him, and he said something back to her, and her boyfriend grabbed him and the police were called," said Ralph Furra, whose wife Julie was managing the restaurant at the time.

Police arrested Rodman outside the restaurant, where he is a regular, Furra said.

"We've never had any problems with him; he's well-behaved," Furra said.

The police were called to the restaurant most likely by a customer or a bartender, Furra said. His wife did not place the call, he said.

Another man arrested with Rodman, Donn Emerson, 36, was booked for investigation of obstructing a police officer. The details of his involvement and his relationship with Rodman weren't immediately known, Kaminsky said.



Lightweight boxer Troy Crain (left) takes a hit from Harold Warren during the seventh round of their bout in San Antonio, Friday. Warren won the fight. AP

## Sean Elliott has kidney complications

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs forward Sean Elliott was back in surgery Saturday after doctors realized the kidney he received from his brother in a transplant was not properly connected.

Doctors at Methodist Surgery and Transplant Hospital noticed early Friday morning that urine was leaking from the place where the kidney and the bladder meet. The transplant was performed Monday.

Elliott's organs were quickly repaired, the hospital said.

The 10-year NBA veteran needed the kidney because of an illness called focal segmental glomerular sclerosis. Essentially, Elliott's kidneys were unable to filter waste out of his blood.

So Elliott's older brother, Noel, stepped in. Noel Elliott was released from the hospital Friday, four days after donating one of his kidneys to his brother.

## McGwire makes home run history

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets fans got all they wanted early Sunday. They watched Mark McGwire make history, then saw their team win a dramatic game to hold the NL East lead.

Unfortunately for the Mets, they had to play a second game. And despite another late rally, they ended the day in second place.

McGwire hit two home runs in the opener to become the first player to reach 50 homers in four consecutive seasons before the Mets came from five runs down to beat St. Louis 8-7 on Edgardo Alfonzo's RBI single in the ninth inning.

In the second game, former Met Craig Paquette homered and drove in three runs and Adam Kennedy got the first three hits of his career as the Cardinals earned a split with a 7-5 victory that dropped the Mets a half-game behind Atlanta in the NL East.

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McGwire hit a 502-foot (153-meter) homer in the first off Octavio Dotel, and added a 396-foot (120-meter) shot off Jeff Tam for his 50th homer in the seventh. He moved ahead of his pace from last season, when he hit a record 70 homers.

New York came back from a 6-1 deficit to tie it in the eighth on John Olerud's grand slam and Mike Piazza's 30th homer.

Armando Benitez (2-2) wound up with the win and Ricky Bottalico (2-7) took the loss.

Piazza hit his seventh homer in eight games, and tied Bobby Bonilla's club record by driving in a run in nine consecutive games. Piazza set the mark in the second game with a two-run single as a pinch-hitter.

Garrett Stephenson (4-0) was the winner and Juan Acevedo got his fourth save. Orel Hershiser (12-10) took the loss.

In Atlanta, Brian Jordan's one-out single in the ninth inning drove in Gerald Williams from second with the winning run as the Atlanta Braves completed a three-game sweep.

Williams led off the ninth against Dan Miceli (4-4) by walking on four pitches. He moved to second on Bret Boone's sacrifice bunt before Chipper Jones was walked intentionally.

Jordan followed with a line drive to left. Reggie Sanders came up throwing but had no chance to get the speedy Williams at the plate.

John Rocker (4-4) pitched a scoreless ninth to earn the win.

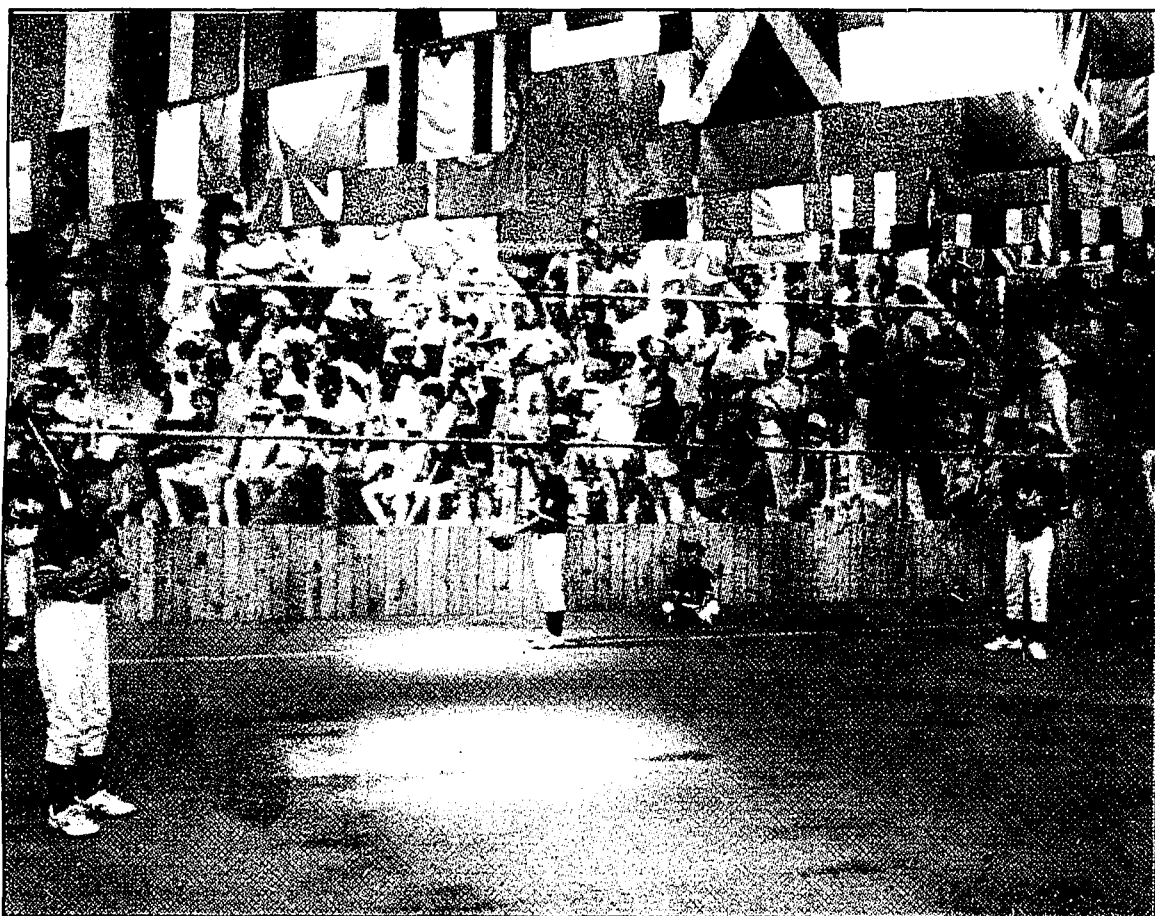
Diamondbacks 7, Pirates 5  
In Pittsburgh, Luis Gonzalez. Matt Williams and Erubiel Durazo hit consecutive homers in Arizona's five-run first inning against Jason Schmidt.



## SPORTS



# Osaka advances in World Series



David Honea of the Osaka, Japan, Little League toss a ball around in front of a mural in the Little League Museum in Williamsport, Pa., Friday. Rain prevented the team from practicing outdoors. AP

**WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania (AP)** — Kazuki Sumiyama and Kazutoshi Adachi combined on a two-hitter Sunday as Osaka, Japan, beat Victoria, British Columbia, 7-3, in the preliminary round of the Little League World Series.

The two teams from the four-team international division with the best records advance to Thursday night's international championship.

The winner of that game plays the U.S. champion on Saturday in the title game in the series for 11- and 12-year-olds.

Sumiyama was moved to first base after five innings despite not having allowed a hit and walking one. Adachi allowed a single and a walk in the sixth before Rajan Nirwan doubled to right, scoring two runs. He scored when catcher Sho Nishida bobbled the throw from right field.

Manager Tsutomu Kameyama said he pulled Sumiyama for the sake of Adachi, who will pitch Monday against a team from Ramstein, Germany.

"I was hoping to get the anx-

iousness out of his stomach," Kameyama said through an interpreter. "Winning the next game is more important to us than the no-hitter. It is something we have done before this season — they pitch together a lot."

Sumiyama, 12, said he was too bashful to discuss how well he did and spent his first U.S. news conference looking at his pitching line on a stat sheet — five innings, no runs, no hits, one walk, eight strikeouts, 40 strikes and 22 balls.

Kazunori Morishita hit a three-run homer in the fourth to give Japan, which last won the series in 1976, a 4-0 lead and Masato Ikeda later added a two-run single.

In a late game, Casey Gaynor allowed one hit — a fourth-inning single — in his fifth straight shutout and Toms River, New Jersey, began defense of its title with a 6-0 victory over Phenix City, Alabama.

Gaynor, whose streak includes a playoff no-hitter, struck out eight and has now thrown 30 consecutive innings without allowing a run.

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## Saipan Sports Fishermen's Association, derby results

**Billfish:** (Pacific Blue Marlin) 416.67 pounds  
**Grand Prize:** Love Boat  
**Captain:** Jesse Acosta  
**Anglers:** Eugene Tenorio and Noel Cabrera

**First Place:** Sweet Candy  
**Captain:** George Moses  
**Angler:** Tak Nakazato  
**Weight:** 217.81 pounds (Marlin)

**Second Place:** Neomi I  
**Captain:** Tong Kim  
**Weight:** 131.84 pounds

**Third Place:** Island Girl II (Guam)  
**Captain:** James Aracich  
**Anglers:** Greg Perez  
 Tony Satur  
 Steven Santos  
 Norman Tenorio

**Yellowfin category:**  
**First Place:** Mako  
**Captain:** (Not given)  
**Anglers:** (Not given)  
**Weight:** 51.15 pounds

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## Budlight-SEDA standings

TEAM	WIN	LOSS		
A-League			Q's Killer Bees	75 45
Q's Shooters	88	62	Enviro-Safe D' Goblins	68 52
Figueroa's Playboys	88	52	Round 2's Match-up	61 59
Marpac Bud Boys	84	56	Lite House Diamond Stars	59 61
Don's Dart Starz	83	57	Len's Express	58 82
Len's Bull Snipers	81	59	White Trash	58 62
Lite House Bulls Eye	36	84	Oleai Beach Bums	62 66
B-League Div. I			Len's Guzzlers	49 71

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## Murai wins his 3rd title of year

**HAKONE, Japan (AP)** — Fumiko Muraguchi, currently the leading money winner, birdied two of the final three holes on her way to a 3-under-par 70 Sunday for a one-stroke victory at the New Caterpillar-Mitsubishi Ladies, her third title this season and seventh overall.

Teeing off three shots off the pace, Muraguchi scattered five birdies and two bogeys in negotiating the hilly and dog-legged layout at the wind-swept 6,668-yard (6,068-meter), par-73 Dai-Hakone Country Club course.

The round left her at a 3-under 216 total, one shot ahead of overnight co-leader Keiko Arai, who carded one birdie and two bogeys for a 74 and 217.

"I'm more excited than I was at the time of previous victories earlier this season," said Muraguchi, who has surged ahead of 28 others in the final two rounds after sharing 29th in the opening round.

"I could hear my heart throbbing, and my hands were shaking, when I putted for birdie on the

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## Sports Notes

### MATTA

TODAY'S MATTA meeting at Ada Gym will start promptly at 7 p. m.

Up for discussion are 1) General membership and election of officers, 2) Schedule of activities, 3) MATTA Open tournament and 4) Oceanic clinic.

Call Joe Santos, 288-2950 or Mario Espeleta, 233-3094 or 287-

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## Sports Calendar

### Islandwide Village Youth Basketball League (IVYBL)

Tuesday  
 6:30 p.m. CK District-I vs. Capitol Hill

(Capitol Hill)  
 Wednesday  
 6:30 p.m. DARE Enforcers vs. San Antonio

(San Antonio)  
**Rotary Club Youth Basket-**

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Team Youngstuffs' Cliff Palomo reaches first after Yona Blue's Marcie Babauta misses the ball, during the GPD Youth Softball League Sunday at Guerrero Stadium.

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