

# New zoning law eyed

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THE CHAIR of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation will form a "special group" of Saipan lawmakers that will simplify zoning regulations for the island.

Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Prec. 3, Saipan) said the special group will act on Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's recommendation to draw up a new zoning law that will avoid the "bureaucratic and technical" complexities of the old law.

"We will definitely have a new zoning law and it's going to be simplified compared to the old one, (which was suspended in 1994)," he said.

Hofschneider said he will announce the names of the group's members today.

In an earlier interview, Hofschneider said the delegation will push for a less restrictive application of the zoning law.



Heinz S. Hofschneider

He added that zoning, if enacted, should first apply to commercial-use areas.

Private lands should be respected, he said.

"There is, for example, a big problem now with commercial signs improperly posted, and this is a nuisance to private houses beside motels," he said.

"Imagine getting a knock on

your door in the middle of the night from couples asking to be checked in."

Like their Tinian and Rota counterparts, members of the delegation can introduce and vote on local bills affecting, in this case, Saipan or the Northern Islands only.

The previous zoning law on Saipan was suspended when the Delegation in 1994 enacted a local law that halts its implementation for three years and until it is revived.

At that time, there were numerous complaints from the indigent community who felt the

concept of zoning contradicts the traditional belief that landowners reserve the exclusive right to decide on what to do with their own properties.

The zoning suspension law was signed by then Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

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## UN panel recognizes Guam's uniqueness

By Jan Furukawa  
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**HAGATNA, Guam** — The United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization yesterday moved to treat Guam separately from other small, non-self-governing territories of the world, and appointed Papua New Guinea to lead discussions with the United States to seek a resolution to the island situation.

Separating Guam from the committee's Omnibus Resolution on Small Territories puts the island at par with some of the world's other complicated colonial situa-

tions like those of East Timor, New Caledonia and Western Sahara, according to Ron Rivera, vice chairman of Guam's decolonization commission.

The action followed last week's hearing in New York, as well as informal consultations between representatives of Guam's commission and U.N. committee members.

Guam was represented at the hearing by Rivera, commission director Leland Bettis and Rufo Lujan, of the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights.

Lujan voiced the organization's

concerns on a number of issues, including those regarding immigration and "the refusal of the U.S., for over a decade, to seriously engage Guam in a process of decolonization," according to a news release from the group.

At that hearing, OPIR also recommended that this year's resolution regarding Guam undergo a thorough review and assessment based on information received from Guam.

Yesterday's action by the U.N. special committee "will obviously bring greater focus on the situation

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## MCV set to hike rates for premium channels

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MARIANAS Cable Vision, the only cable service provider in the CNMI, is raising the current rates of premium channels starting next month, citing increasing programming and maintenance costs.

MCV general manager Joe Butters said the company will adjust rates of premium channels charged to cable subscribers but added that installation fee and regular channel charges will be unchanged.

"Due to the increasing costs... we must adjust the rates and structure of our additional services so that we may continue to provide the services that you come to expect from us," Butters said in a notice to cable subscribers.

Many have feared that the acquisition by MCV of Saipan Cable TV months back will result to a monopoly that will enable the bigger company to control and dictate the market prices, leaving the subscribers with practically no choice.

Bank of Saipan chief executive officer Tomas Aldan had said the government should keep an eye against big companies that are merging, explaining that his will take its toll on the consumers and other small industry players in the long run.

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## PSS may implement school bus re-routing

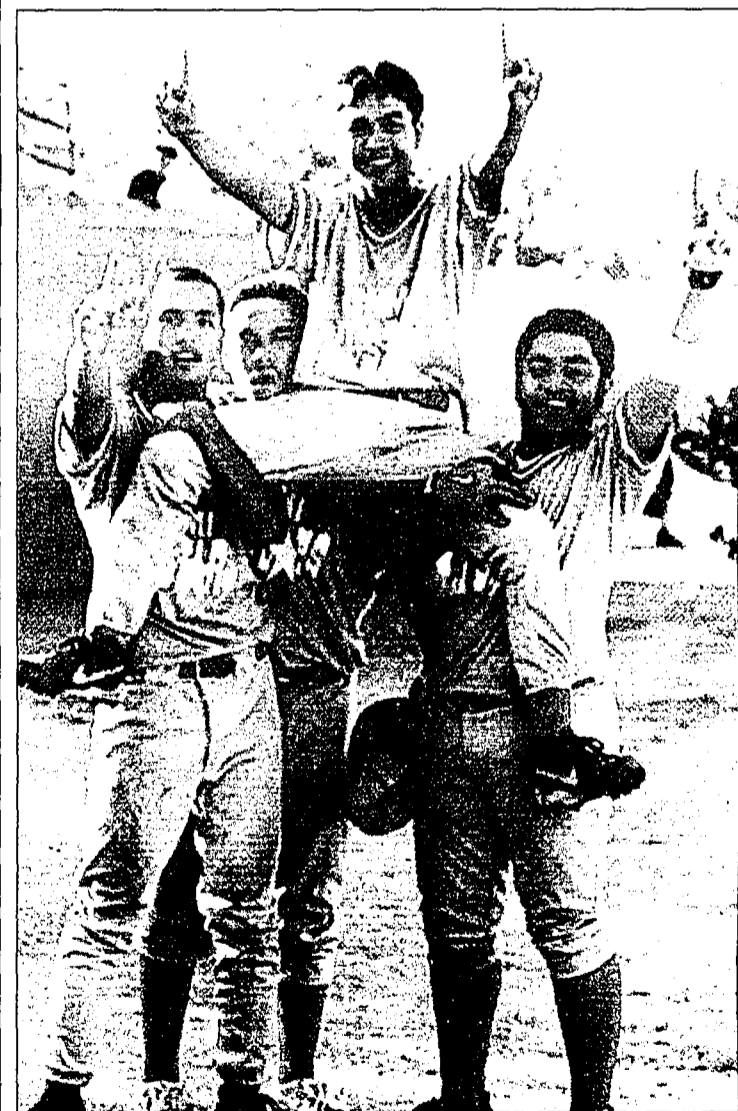
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OWING TO the non-availability of funds to secure new school buses, the Public School System plans to change some of the school buses' routes to accommodate more students.

PSS Commissioner Rita H. Inos yesterday said she is working with school principals to come up with the latest data on the number of students riding the school buses this coming school year. This, she said, will help determine whether there is a need for re-

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## CNMI to play World Series



**Far East Champions!** Patrick DeLeon Guerrero is hoisted by his teammates after emerging as the hero in the CNMI All-Stars' dramatic Big League win over Guam, 8-7, at the Paseo Stadium in Hagatna yesterday. The win earned the CNMI the right to represent the Far East in the Big League World Series in Florida.

Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

## Some outages baffle CUC

By Jojo Dass  
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THE ODD power outages that were being experienced in some parts across Saipan since Thursday night apparently have had the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. baffled.

"There is something out there that is creating this problem. We are zooming in on this. We don't want to just go out and make some adjustments," said CUC

Executive Director Timothy Villagomez.

The outages, observed to be happening at noon and at around 9:00 in the evening, is not anticipated, Pamela Mathis, CUC PIO said.

"What has happened," Mathis said, "is that there is a problem not in the power plant (nor) in the engines but... with the field operations."

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Timothy Villagomez

# Leadership scramble has started in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto set off a scramble for a successor Monday by announcing his resignation — a move that will delay the quick action needed to pull the world's second-largest economy out of recession.



Ryutaro Hashimoto

Top candidates include Keizo Obuchi, Japan's foreign minister, and former Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama.



Keizo Obuchi

But neither is an economic specialist, and uncertainty over Japan's political turmoil was reflected in the markets, which fluctuated dramatically Monday.

Hashimoto said tersely in a nationally televised speech, his eyes red and face weary.

Hashimoto decided to step down after his ruling Liberal Democratic Party was humiliated in Sunday's parliamentary elections.

The announcement — ending Hashimoto's 2 1/2 years in office — triggered jockeying in the LDP's ranks.

The party won just 44 of the 126 seats contested in the upper house of Parliament, losing 17 seats in all.

The political scrimmage comes as Japan is grappling with its worst recession since World War II.

"I'm responsible for all that happened, and my ability was not sufficient," Hashimoto said.

Hashimoto will serve until a successor is chosen.

The party hopes to nominate a candidate with a vote July 21 — but Parliament is not expected to reconvene to approve the nominee until after July 26.

Since the ruling party controls the 500-member lower house, approval is expected.

"The result of this election is that policy has become confused," said

Jiro Nemoto of the Japan Federation of Employers Associations. "A major problem is we face a delay in implementation of policies that we need."

And there is much to fix in Japan's economy: Unemployment is at a record high of 4.1 percent.

Bankruptcies are soaring. The banking system is wobbling under massive bad loans.

The 225-issue benchmark Nikkei Stock Average slid 280 points Monday but recovered as investors decided the government probably would stick by its economic reform plans. It closed with a gain of 270 points, or 1.68 percent.

The dollar surged against the yen in early Asian trading, but soon ran out of steam as traders rushed to take profits. In late afternoon, the dollar bought 142.42 yen, up 1.09 yen from late Friday in Tokyo.

Despite the turmoil, Hashimoto's

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# Manhunt for NoKor infiltrators continues

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Security forces expanded a search for possible North Korean intruders Tuesday as South Korea began looking for a stick to go along with the carrots it has been offering its communist neighbor.

"All measures are being taken to expand the dragnet and block the likely escape routes on the east coast," said Col. Hwang Dong-kyu, spokesman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In addition to tens of thousands of soldiers thrown into the three-day-old search, government officials said they were considering mobilizing tens of thousands of reservists.

With a dusk-to-dawn curfew in force on the east coast, soldiers and police laid ambushes or searched rugged mountains and deep valleys but found no traces of intruders.

The manhunt began after a diving suit-clad body was found washed ashore near a major naval base at Donghae, 195 kilometers (117 miles) east of Seoul, Sunday.

Also found with or near the man's body were a submachine gun, a hand grenade and an underwater propulsion device similar to ones used by North Korean intruders in the past.

South Korean officials believe the dead man was one of three North Korean agents and that the other two came ashore and may be trying to return to the North by land.

It was the third North Korean infiltration reported along the east coast, coming less than three weeks after a northern submarine was found tangled in a fishing net on June 22.

Nine bodies were found in the Yugo-class sub, all shot to death in what military investigators described as a murder-suicide committed by

said no to Singapore's plans to move its customs, immigration and quarantine checkpoint from the island's Tanjung Pagar train station to a new site.

Singapore proposed to submit the dispute to the International Court of Justice.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Badawi said a settlement could be reached if Singapore sincerely wanted to improve ties with Malaysia.

That appeared to spill over into the sensitive issue of water. About

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# Ties between Singapore, Malaysia strained again

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Recentsquabbling between Singapore and Malaysia is further straining already tenuous ties between the Southeast Asian neighbors.

Singapore's recent jabs at Malaysia's new international airport left transport minister Ling Liong Sik sniffling that the southern neighbor was just jealous of the glittering \$2.3 billion Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

"It is the behavior of a competitor who likes to run down the airport, so

that fewer passengers will be using our airport," Ling said over the weekend.

"They also see the airport has the potential to be the hub of regional air transportation," said Ling who has been at KLIA almost daily to solve problems that have dogged the new airport, which Malaysia claims is the world's largest.

What really ticked off Ling were stories like the one in Singapore Straits Times last week, based on an Internet account of one frustrated Singaporean passenger at KLIA.

"The airport is not as big as

Relations began souring in recent weeks after Tourism Minister Sabarudin Chik accused Singapore of deliberately striking Malaysia from a list of tourist destinations for delegates to a Rotary convention.

Then came the spat over shifting of a railroad border post. Malaysia

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# US wants options on India, Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration asked Congress on Monday for authority to waive the economic sanctions just imposed on India and Pakistan, saying it would give the United States more leverage in slowing the arms race in South Asia.

"Our purpose is not to punish for punishment's sake, but to influence the behavior of both governments," Karl F. Inderfurth, assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs, told a

Senate hearing.

"We do not wish for unnecessary harm to fall on the civilian populations of either country, ... or on U.S. businesses."

Inderfurth said that the sanctions, required by law, are too rigid and that the United States would have more leverage if it also had the power to waive them.

Still, he told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, the sanctions won't be waived unless

"substantial progress" is made by India and Pakistan toward nuclear nonproliferation goals.

The Senate last week voted 98-0 to exempt wheat and other agricultural exports from the sanctions imposed on India and Pakistan in May after they conducted nuclear tests.

It is expected to take up related legislation, perhaps later this week, that would waive all the current sanctions for nine months, followed by a graduated waiver based on presiden-

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# \$155M to improve water in US rural areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last summer, Carole Buckland decided it was time she appeal to Washington for help getting a reliable source of water for her town of Binghamton, N.Y., where some households had too little water to give their children baths.

"I decided to write President Clinton. I thought I would go right to the top," Buckland said Monday at the White House, where she attended a ceremony with Vice President Al Gore to announce \$155 million in federal loans and grants to help rural areas get drinking water.

"We have a very tragic and desperate problem in our town. We have no water," she said with Gore at her side.

"People have to put drain pipes out into the garden to bring water into their wells. People have to collect water

in rain buckets so they can brush their teeth.... People have moved from their homes out of our town because they couldn't get any water."

Thanks to Mrs. Buckland's letter to Clinton, her community is among the recipients of the new federal aid.

Binghamton, a town on the New York-Pennsylvania border about 75 miles south of Syracuse, will get \$1.3 million to finance a water development project, Gore said.

Binghamton is a rural area outside the better-known city of Binghamton.

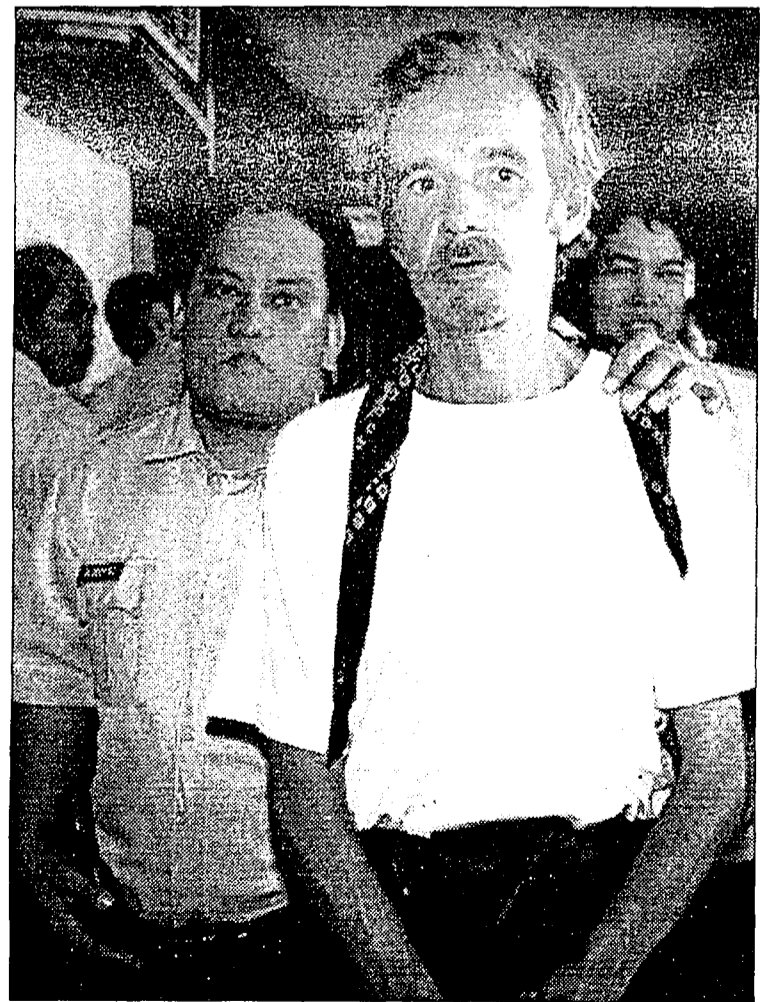
"In too many systems around the country, in rural communities, the drinking water infrastructure is either falling apart or is virtually nonexistent," Gore said.

"In too many rural communities, tap water isn't safe water."

The \$155 million in federal loans and grants announced Monday will go to 87 rural communities in 38 states and Puerto Rico.

Gore said at least 2.2 million rural Americans live with serious problems in the quality and accessibility of their drinking water.

That includes an estimated 730,000 people who have no running water in their homes.



Hand-cuffed John Pidden, 49, of Old Bilton, Rugby, England, is escorted by a police officer after he was sentenced to 12 years in prison for child molestation Thursday in a Manila court. Pidden was found guilty of molesting an 8-year-old Filipina girl.

# JAL commits to NMI route

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
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JAPAN Airlines remains committed to the promotion of the Northern Mariana Islands as a tour destination, with unchanged flight schedules between the CNMI and several cities in the country.

"We are not changing our flight schedules and the airline company is geared at promoting the islands as an attractive destination," JAL district manager Hideo Tomioka told Variety.

The airlines stands pat on its original plan to increase seating capacities of all its flights to Saipan from the Kansai Airport. JAL has also upgraded the present Boeing 767 planes

to DC-10.

Tomioka said Japan Airlines will continue to operate high technology and advance aircraft to ensure comfort and safety of its passengers to and from the Northern Marianas.

"We are going steady with our commitment to provide direct, daily and daytime operation," he said, adding that the airline company is not downsizing its Saipan operations. He said Japanese travelers are aware of the historical value of the CNMI to their country.

He made the assurance amidst recent reports on the slow rally of Japanese economy, with the US dollar soaring to a six-year high against the yen. Tokyo stocks have stumbled

because of the country's weak economy.

CNMI's number one market — Japan — registered 31,985 arrivals in May, representing an 18 percent decline from the same month last year which totaled 38,939. While the number increased in comparison with April's record at 28,883, the MVB has only reported an increase in visitor arrivals from Japan at a meagre four percent in March.

But JAL executives remain optimistic about the future of tourism industry in the CNMI, stressing that there will be no changes in the airline company's Spring flight schedule.

"No changes...No problem," stressed Tomioka when asked if the



Tomioka

company is planning to adjust its flight schedules with the ongoing downturn of the Japanese economy.

The airline has direct Japan-Saipan-Japan flights everyday, which have been very effective in encouraging more travels among Japanese tourists

to the Northern Marianas.

Officials said the company is guided by the 3D principle "and our own experience tells us this principle is really working on our favor."

JAL is now serving two key cities in Japan - Osaka and Tokyo - from where the big bulk of Japanese tourists to the NMI are coming. Airline officials explained that Osaka, being the second largest city in Japan, is surrounded by several cities, making it one of the major points of tourist traffic in the country.

JAL started increasing the airline company's seating capacity last April 1, which means an additional 23 percent available seats in the company's Osaka flights. The airlines' Saipan-Tokyo route remains unchanged, with JAL still using B747, which has 430 available seats.

# Parties disagree on how much of \$3.5M billing should be paid I&S

By Zaldy Dandan  
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THE ATTORNEY General's Office will only allow paying 75 percent of I&S's unsigned \$3.5 million contract with the Marianas Visitors Bureau, it was learned.

Sources on Capitol Hill said the signing of the agreement was originally slated for Saturday, but was rescheduled by AGO for today after the MVB board insisted to pay the total amount of the contract.

I&S and outgoing MVB Executive Director Anicia Q. Tomokane were reportedly not allowed to participate in the board's executive ses-

sion last Saturday.

The Variety also learned that an attorney retained by I&S will come out today with the advertising agency's official position on the payment agreement.

As of press time, Assistant Attorney General Sally Pfund has yet to return Variety's call.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio recently expressed hope that the controversy surrounding I&S's contract would be resolved "without going to the court."

He has said that the CNMI will pay its obligations if AGO says it should.

The governor earlier asked AGO to review the actual costs incurred by

I&S in promoting the CNMI from Oct. 1, 1997 to the time that AGO asked I&S to "cease and desist" early this year.

Since 1992, MVB has been retaining I&S to promote the CNMI in Japan as a tourist destination.

The agency proposed a \$3.5 million contract with MVB, which approved it late last year.

But the contract was never signed by Tenorio's predecessor, and some administration officials and lawyers claim that the CNMI has no obligation to pay a "non-contract."

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# Teen 'molested' while family sleeps

By Maxine Hillary  
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HAGATNA, Guam — A thirteen year old Agana Heights girl is recovering this week after a family friend allegedly snuck into her bedroom Monday night and sexually assaulted her.

According to Public Information officer Lary Flores of the Guam Police Department, the family awoke when they heard commotion coming from the girl's bedroom as the suspect fled the scene.

The suspect, Bruce Kelly Cruz, 19 of Agana Heights was booked and confined.

The victim will be undergoing counseling through the Healing Hearts Crisis Intervention unit of the Guam Mental Health Department.

Flores says the number of sexual assaults on minors dropped in 1997, but in 1996, there were over 200.

He attributes the large numbers of dysfunctional family systems on island as one of the reasons, citing boyfriends of relatives and other extended family members as major perpetrators.

He says that Cruz will probably be treated through mental health for emotional problems while serving time on island. He has no previous

record of sexual misconduct.

The large numbers of sexual assault and other violent crimes has some Guam legislators worried.

At the end of May Senator Larry Kasperbauer introduced legislation that would prohibit convicted violent or repeat offenders from serving as civil or public servants.

The bill also prohibits sex offenders from working in public schools or other agencies of the government that are frequented by children and requires those who are arrested for such crimes to be terminated if they are holding government positions.

The bill is still under consideration.

# Teno to submit a revised, slightly higher '99 budget



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan  
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THE ADMINISTRATION is preparing a revised fiscal year 1999 budget proposal that would reflect projected revenues from the recently enacted user fee hike.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday

said the revised budget is likely to be slightly higher than his original proposal of \$240 million.

The proposed budget is \$7 million less than the government's current funding level.

But the governor's special adviser for finance and budget, Mike S. Sablan, said the final figures will not be known until all the new data are sorted out and updated.

Under the proposed budget submitted last April, all the branches of government, with the exception of the judiciary, will get slightly lesser funding levels compared to what they received in FY 1998, which ends on Sept. 30.

The last CNMI budget passed by the Legislature was the \$247 million appropriations for FY 1997.

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United States Coast Guardsmen (left to right) David Callaway, Terry Haggard and Joe Dawson pose at the Faha massacre memorial in Merizo Monday. The trio also trekked to the Tinta site to pay their respects to the fallen people of Merizo killed during World War II. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

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## America's enigma

I WAS completely ignorant about the CNMI's political status when I first came to Saipan. But that was a cheap excuse for a blunder that made me wish to evaporate out of embarrassment. I wrote an article in which I described the CNMI natives as "non-American US citizens." A reader scolded me for that unforgivable stupidity.

At a recent forum on CNMI-Federal relations, the speaker asked the "Americans" in the audience to raise their hands. Only the mainland-Americans did; the locals did not respond—which did not surprise the speaker, Fred Radewagen, a publisher and expert in insular matters. "The U.S. citizens of the CNMI," Radewagen explained, "don't think of themselves instinctively as Americans. They think of their citizenship in cultural terms rather than legal terms of a common nationality."

I somehow felt vindicated and finally forgave myself for that blunder. I simply did not have that instinct to think that a brown race could be Americans. (I came from a place where "American" is a generic term for all white people—be they French, Irish, Scandinavian, etc.)

Amid the growing tension between Washington and Saipan, mainland-Americans and Islander Americans start seeing their situation as an "us" vs. "them" issue. Radewagen says, "Americanization is really going to be up to the local people; as to what kind of Americanization they want to be—it's up to them."

Radewagen's remarks provided a cue for me to probe into a concept that I have always been curious—or confused—about.

To many non-Americans, the word "American/America" sounds like a big deal, and the phrase "American Dream" evokes grandiosity. I know a Filipina, who recently acquired US citizenship, swaggering around and telling her "lesser mortal former compatriots" not to "f—around with me because I'm a US citizen now."

Frankly, I can't figure out what being an American is really all about (other than being able to get a job here quickly and demand a federal wage rate).

"What does it mean to be an American?" I asked an American friend. "I don't have time to answer that philosophical question," my friend said. "Give me at least a line to describe it," I insisted.

My friend gave me a Henry James reply: "It's complicated." I wasn't satisfied with the ambiguity of his answer. He either meant "It's complicated to be an American" or "It's a complicated issue to talk about."

I guess it is. I've tried to draw a conclusion from Hollywood movies, most of which, unfortunately, depict America as a morally decadent society—a depiction enhanced by sex scandals in the White House. Of course, these won't provide a rational basis for a fair and intelligent conclusion.

When I was younger, I considered "America" nothing but a synonym for "imperialism," a target of the nationalists' political hatred. I shed my first "patriotic" tears (of joy) when the Philippine Senate junked the proposed renewal of the US Military Bases Agreement, and when, finally, the last American soldiers left Subic in 1991.

I have since abandoned my racial prejudice brought about by my old anti-US bases sentiment. Now I'm ready to probe America either from academic or cultural aspects.

Which is not easy. Most American authors rarely define "American society," and don't seem interested in it. Instead, many of them define individuals in opposition to it, or isolated from it. What an American writer is describing is, of course, his own situation. The society they write about is one in which nothing is fixed and in which the individual must fight for his identity.

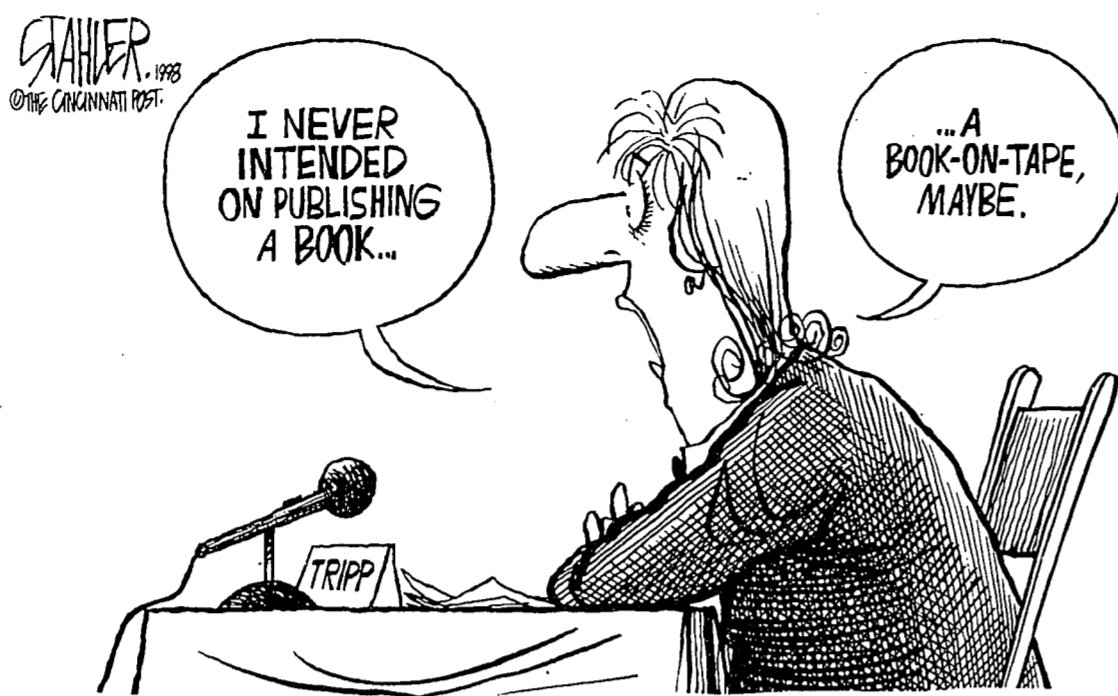
America, they say, is "land of the free." But I was baffled by James Baldwin's decision to leave America and move to Europe, where he said, he never experienced discrimination and he had more freedom as a black man.

They say America is caste-free, but I don't understand the purpose of hypenating some Americans — a practice rejected by actress Whoopi Goldberg ("Call me American, not African-American"), and writer Bharati Mukherjee ("Call me American, not Indian-American").

"The word American," according to Baldwin, "remains a new undefined and extremely controversial proper noun. No one in the world seems to know exactly what it describes, not even we motley millions who call ourselves Americans."

Well, I guess it's too ambitious of me to make an attempt at demystifying it.

Incidentally, some of my best friends happen to be Americans. My friendship with them is beyond culture and race. They're great people—not because they're Americans, but simply because they are great human beings.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER  
**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Is it really a burning issue?

A FEW years ago, former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander dressed up like a lumberjack and pranced around the country telling audiences that the solution to congressional gridlock was to "cut their pay and send them home."

We ridiculed him. There's too much important work to be done to turn the job of congressman into a part-time position, we argued.

We may have spoken too soon. One of the most unproductive years in memory on Capitol Hill descended into downright silliness recently with yet another debate on a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning.

There must be another election around the corner, because there sure isn't an epidemic of burning flags out there. Only three cases have been documented since the last time Congress debated — and rejected — this abomination. And all those cases were prosecuted under existing statutes banning destruction of property and inciting riots.

But that didn't stop some politicians from trying to celebrate Independence Day by assaulting the First Amendment and the free political speech it protects. Last week they dragged out noted constitutional scholar and Slim Fast pitchman Tommy Lasorda to prove their point. Lasorda told an emotional tale about a time in Dodger Stadium when a fan ran onto the field carrying a burning flag. One of the Dodger players chased the man down and extinguished the flag, while the crowd spontaneously broke out singing "God Bless America."

The story was supposed to show why Old Glory needs protection by constitutional fiat. Instead it proves just the opposite: The mere fact that the vast majority of Americans abhor the sight of a burning flag is enough to protect it from harm.

If Congress has nothing better to do during its summer, then maybe Alexander was right: We should cut their pay and send them home.

**PENTAGON vs. VETERANS**—Speaking of flags: A few weeks ago we reported the spending habits of Defense Secretary William Cohen, who docked taxpayers for a \$10,000 carpet and \$15,000 to restore a desk and side table when he took over the Pentagon in 1997.

In addition, Cohen had his private Pentagon bedroom outfitted with a brand-new Murphy bed and television,

plus vertical blinds and other accoutrements. All told, the bill to refurbish Cohen's suite exceeded the normal budget by more than \$30,000.

If the Pentagon can spend the cash to keep Cohen comfortable, we'd like to know why they can't afford to give our nation's veterans a decent burial. In years past, the Department of Defense would send an honor guard to the funeral of any veteran whose family asked for one. But now that money's tight, the Pentagon often makes do by sending out a lone representative with a tape recording of "Taps."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and several other senators have introduced legislation to require the Defense Department to provide an honor guard upon request by the family of any veteran. But the military says it can't bear the cost—even as more unneeded Stealth fighters are rolling off the assembly lines.

If Congress really wants to have a debate about flags, it should begin by asking why there isn't a room in a \$250 billion defense budget to provide an honorable farewell to those who served our country in its most difficult days.

**UNDER THE DOME**—What a difference three months can make.

In early April, Republican pollster Frank Luntz became one of the first conservatives to speak out against the sexual misconduct allegations swirling around the president. "The season of silence must end," Luntz wrote in a memo circulated among House Republicans. He urged Republicans to start speaking out about the Monica Lewinsky matter.

Sure enough, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., quickly took the bait. The speaker, who had been trying to project a softer side and boost his ratings, soon began lashing out at the corruption he saw emanating from the White House. He promised to mention it in every speech he made until he left the speakership.

So how does Luntz—whose polls often set the tone for the Republican congressional agenda—feel now?

"I hate this issue," Luntz confessed earlier this week. The Lewinsky issue is unlikely to affect the congressional races this fall, Luntz continued, because "Americans have reached the point where they absolutely don't care."

Maybe Luntz ought to pass that along to the speaker.

## Correction

The Variety in yesterday's issue erroneously reported that the CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) will be charging each person \$80 for participation in its special Equal Employment Opportunity training presentation scheduled for tomorrow, July 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Giovanni's in the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The cost per participant is only \$8. Our apologies for the error. —Ed.

# A 'Flood' of medical info

By William L. Flood, MD  
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## Breast Feeding

A FEW weeks ago I wrote a column on smoking, and predicted I would be run out of town within a week.

It didn't happen, in fact I have received more comments on that column than on any other I have done.

Encouraged by this, I have decided to discuss another risky subject, breast feeding.

Unlike smoking, there is no known risk of lung cancer from breast feeding, even if you inhale.

But there is a risk of serious bodily harm if you offer any criticism of breast feeding, especially with certain people in the audience.

Once again I am going to focus on the facts, both the positives and negatives, and let the readers make their own decisions.

There is really no controversy that "breast is best."

Breast milk was designed for babies, and with few exceptions all babies tolerate and thrive on this natural food.

mothers who are taking very high-risk medications (such as anti-cancer medication) and both these women, and their physicians, should be well aware of these dangers.

Breast milk also conveys many special benefits, benefits often not available in formula, no matter how well prepared.

There are ingredients in breast milk which protect babies from infections and complement the infant's immature immune system.

In addition, to successfully breast feed, a mother needs to take a break, sit down with her infant, and spend time.

There is no way to "prop a breast." This time, often alone and together

with her baby, is an important part of infant bonding and nurture, and may be vital for human survival.

But breast feeding has its down sides too.

Some families are not supportive of nursing, and going it alone against a family, especially here where family is so important, can be difficult.

Some mothers need to return to work or school, and find that pumping their milk or running home at lunch time is not possible.

And some women simply don't enjoy breast feeding their infants.

The very strong and appropriate support many women and doctors give to breast feeding sometimes translates as criticism against women who choose not to breast feed.

Some mothers confess they are afraid to stop breast feeding because they fear they will be looked on as bad mothers.

The decision to feed an infant formula does not mean a mother is less of a mother, or not committed to her baby's well-being.

Effective formula feeding requires just as much time and energy as effective breast feeding.

You still need to take the time to be with your infant, and you need to select and prepare your formula with care.

You should never prop the bottle (which is dangerous for young infants) or put the baby to bed with the bottle (which can lead to "nursing bottle cavities").

And you should discuss your choices and reasons with your physician.

Feeding your baby is an important role parents must play.

Only you can make the decisions for what is best both for your family, and for your baby.

# Consult doctor first before taking Viagra, advises DPH

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff

FOR JUST \$200, an impotence-stuck man can have 10 pills that can give him 10 rounds of active sex bouts, but the "wonder pill" may also pose health hazards.

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said potency tablet Viagra should not be consumed by sexually inadequate men, until a medical specialist is consulted and the drug has been prescribed.

"Right now, we are doing the educating process through our physicians. These people, before they take Viagra, have to consult the doctor," Villagomez said.

He cited earlier reports attributing side effects and deaths to the consumption of Viagra without the proper medical prescription, adding the potential of similar problems occurring in the Northern Marianas should already be a concern.

"There are some documented cases in the world that attributed death to the pill, and it may be true. The potential

of that happening here is what we are concerned about," he told reporters.

He said that there are some people who have diseases where Viagra will not be of help, or may cause more problems. "So we need to make sure that we educate the community about it."

Villagomez said the potency pill is already available in the Commonwealth at \$200 per 10 tablets, but he stressed that Viagra remains a prescription medicine and that the drug cannot be purchased over the counter.

"You can't just buy Viagra, the physicians have the knowledge and they are the most credible people who can educate the community about Viagra," he said.

He also mentioned possibilities that the potency pill may soon be sold in the black market, which, he said, pose health hazards especially for people who are at a higher risk of developing serious illness due to either previous or existing disease.

"What we are also concerned




Joseph Kevin Villagomez

about is that some people who are properly prescribed with Viagra but choose to give the pills to other people who have not been evaluated by physicians," he said.

Villagomez said President Clinton has stated that Medicaid should cover for medical diagnosable problems on impotence "but that is a big concern for us because our funding situation is limited."

He stressed that the Department of Public Health and Services' financing capability is limited for major health problems.



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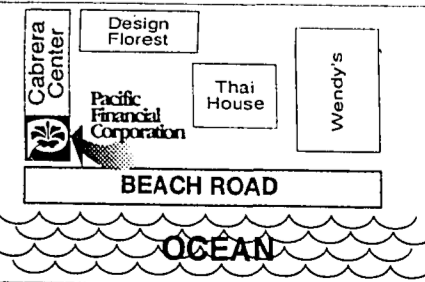
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# Guam health care plan pushed

By Jan Furukawa  
Variety News Staff  
HAGATNA, Guam — A 55-page initiative proposal submitted to the Guam Election Commission has been summarized for voters, with the title "Guam Health Care Improvement Act of 1998."  
The proposal provides for comprehensive changes in Government of Guam employees' group health benefits by amending current law relating to such benefits, pertaining to the insurance commissioner of Guam, and regarding mandatory insurance.  
The proposal also provides for significant and comprehensive changes to the Medically Indigent Program, which is administered by the Department of Public Health and Social Services.  
Board members at a special meeting yesterday agreed on the title and summary of the proposal for presentation on the ballot in November's general election.  
Commission spokeswoman Margaret Duenas said board members are drafting a resolution regarding the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board and that body's work for transmission to the legislature and governor's office.  
Gov. Carl Gutierrez chairs the Commission on Decolonization,

which is responsible for conducting an educational campaign prior to a plebiscite in which the Chamorro people of Guam will determine their political status. The plebiscite cannot be conducted until Chamorros are registered; the registration process has yet to begin.  
In other election news, only 15 potential district board of education candidates have picked up packets which include documents required for official candidacy.  
Lines have been drawn around four island education districts Kattan, Haya, Luchan and Lagu — with each having its own board. Five of the 15 potential candidates have listed themselves as hopefuls for seats on the Kattan district board. Likewise, 5 are for Haya, 2 for Luchan, and 3 for Lagu.  
Board hopefuls have until September 18 to file the required documents, Duenas said.

# Babauta says green cards won't solve reliance on guest workers

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff  
GRANTING permanent resident status to overseas workers is not feasible as it would not solve the CNMI's dependence on foreign labor to sustain its economy, a Saipan legislator said.  
"We are not the ones granting permanent resident status but even if the federal government grants them [foreign workers] green cards, there is no assurance that they will continue to stay in the CNMI," Rep. Oscar Babauta (R-Saipan Pct.2) said.  
Babauta doubts that nonresident workers who may acquire American citizenship will remain in the Northern Marianas, which, he said, will adversely impact the economy "because we are in dire need of workforce population."  
"We need the population to sustain the economy and sufficient manpower supply is a vital aspect of a growing economy," he told Variety.  
He stressed that once nonresident workers are granted US citizenship, most of them will eventually seek greener pastures either in Guam or in Hawaii, as well as in the mainland,



Oscar Babauta

power in the islands, earlier said granting qualified nonresident workers green cards will make a lot of sense in terms of addressing the manpower shortage.  
"I think there's obvious facts we need to face and that is we are short of manpower. And if it means granting permanent status to these people to satisfy the needs of the community, then I guess we don't have any more options left," he said, adding that he is speaking as a businessman not as a business sector leader.  
But Babauta said this is not a viable solution to the shortage in workforce supply stressing a very high likelihood for them to leave the CNMI and settle in other American cities.  
"These people are very much likely to move out of the CNMI and if they do, I think the businesses which employ them will be left in oblivion," he pointed out.  
He said with the expected movement of these people, the islands' population will decrease, putting on another pressure to the business community which may again resort to the importation of foreign labor.

# BOE okays PSS request for \$5.5M in US funds

By Haldee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff  
THE BOARD of Education has approved the Public School Systems' applications for two Federal grants amounting to at least \$5.5 million. The request letters will be sent out today to the US Department of Education, it was learned.  
Acting Fiscal and Budget Officer William Matson yesterday said that the PSS is expecting a \$4.3 million consolidated grant and \$1.2 million funding for the Head Start Centers.  
"These funds should be given by October 1st so that we can further meet the needs of our students and the whole public school system," Matson told the Variety.  
The headstart program provides early childhood education and life skills to preschool age children who come from low socioeconomic status.  
Under Federal law, at least 90 percent of those children at the program must meet low-income guidelines.  
The bulk of the headstart funds are used for personnel, amounting to \$432,061. The remaining \$765,268 will be used for supplies, materials and equipment for the Head Start Centers.  
Meanwhile the consolidated grant will be used primarily for school and central office salaries (\$3,059,663), as well as for the Safe and Drug-Free program (\$519,435) and the Emergency Immigration Education program (\$804,903).

# Gov't sues employers to collect CHC billings

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THE GOVERNMENT has sued four employers to collect over \$53,982.03 in alleged outstanding medical bills for their alien workers.  
The Department of Public Health Services and the Department of Labor and Immigration named as defendants Antonio Benavente and Benavente Security, Christine's Mart Inc., Rogelio C. Sison, and Margarita Castro.  
Andersen in the complaint said Benavente Security's 100 alien workers received medical services amounting to \$42,367.52 from Sept. 1992 to April 23, 1998.  
Andersen said Benavente paid

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# Cop hurt in accident

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
A POLICE officer was injured when a vehicle he was driving allegedly swerved and overturned along a road in Upper Dandan Monday early morning.  
PO2, Cypriano Berki, of patrol section, was unconscious when responding medics came, according to public safety information officer Rose Ada.  
Ada said Berki was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for observation.  
Investigation showed that the officer was driving a police vehicle at 1:27 a.m. and heading Upper Dandan when he lost control along a sharp curve.  
The vehicle struck a pile of dirt on the shoulder of the road,

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# Suspects in slay case change plea

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
TWO other suspects in the gunslaying of a Korean businessman during a 1996 robbery at a store in San Antonio have pleaded guilty to the charges.  
Superior Court Presiding Judge

# US State Dept hosts indigenous rights talks

By Jan Furukawa  
Variety News Staff  
HAGATNA, Guam — The United States Department of State begins its Third Annual Consultation On The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Washington, D.C. today, and is expected to discuss and finalize a joint declaration, with the United Nations, on indigenous rights.  
According to the chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Land, Environment and Economic Recovery, the draft sets forth in Article 12 the right to practice and revitalize cultural traditions and customs. Article 3 recognizes the right of indigenous people to self-determination, "and by virtue of that right, they may freely determine their political status," Peter R. Sgro Jr. said yesterday.  
Sgro was in California preparing to talk with congressional representatives from that state, and from Oregon and Idaho, in efforts to secure their support for the return of excess federal lands to Guam. He said he was pleased to have received various documents from the office of U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka of Hawaii related to the State department's efforts in addressing indigenous rights.  
"Considering as a whole, the Centennial remarks by President Clinton, the resolution of U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka and the support of the U.S. State Department for the Draft Declaration and the State Department's Proposed American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, there is clearly an emphasis in protecting fundamental rights of indigenous people, resulting, in their colonization and dispossession of their lands..."

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# Cop gets jail term for fatal smashup

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
A JUDGE handed yesterday a six-month jail term to a police sergeant who was found guilty in connection with last year's vehicular accident in which a police officer was killed and six others were seriously injured.  
Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas sentenced Jesus Iglecias Deleon Guerrero as to the offense of homicide by vehicle to 10 years' imprisonment, all suspended, except for the first six months without the possibility of early release for parole.  
For reckless driving, Bellas ordered Deleon Guerrero to spend 30 days in jail, to be served concurrently with the six months sentence for the first charge.  
Deleon Guerrero, who was dismissed from the Department of Public Safety after that incident, will be placed in a three-year probation.  
The judge required the defendant to pay \$1,350 fine and restitution in an amount to be determined by the Probation Office to the estate of Sgt. Joaquin King Camacho.  
Deleon Guerrero was charged with vehicular homicide, felony driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, speeding, unlawful overtaking, and unsafe lane change.  
The defendant and counsel G. Anthony Long entered a plea agreement with the government represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Ramona V.

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Manibusan at Monday's change of plea hearing ordered James Michael Sablan Ada to serve 20 years' imprisonment.  
Manibusan also handed Ada's co-defendant, Joseph Lizama, a 10-year jail term.  
Lizama will be placed under a 10-year probation.  
Ada and Lizama were charged with robbery and accessory after the fact to first degree murder.  
The charges carry a maximum penalty of 30 years' incarceration.  
The defendants and their lawyers signed a plea agreement with the government represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Steinborn.  
Ada and Lizama admitted the charges.  
The court accepted the plea. Following a plea agreement,

Manibusan sentenced Lizama to 20 years in jail with 10 years suspended for robbery and 10 years for the other charge.  
The sentences for both defendants on the two counts shall run concurrently, said the judge.  
Court information showed that on Nov. 13, 1996 Ada entered the Chalan Market with Shawn Appleby and a juvenile and robbed the store.  
Appleby, armed with a shotgun, then shot dead the store's owner, Byung Suh Ok.  
Ada aided in the getaway of the group and the concealment of the shotgun in order to prevent detection and apprehension of all suspects, according to court records.  
On the other hand, when the group entered the store, Lizama waited outside in his pick up truck, which was used as the getaway vehicle, knowing of the intent to commit the robbery.  
Appleby and the juvenile were already convicted after they pleaded guilty of the charges.  
The case of the fifth suspect, Arthur Lizama, was set for a jury trial on April 26, 1999.

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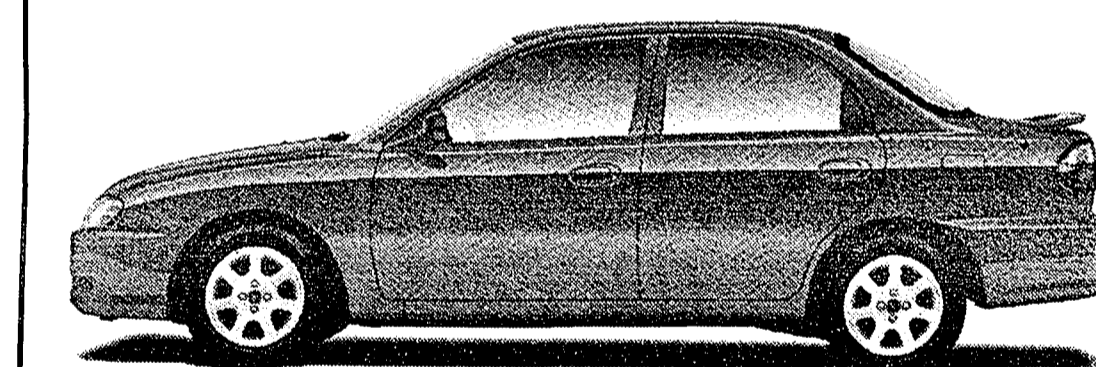
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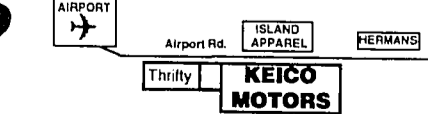
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## GCC closer to promised land

By Maxine Hillary  
Variety News Staff  
HAGATNA, Guam — The Guam Community College (GCC) is one step closer to getting the land it needs for a new campus. Congressman Robert Underwood announced that an amendment to the Higher Education Authorization Act, which would authorize GCC to have a parcel of land, has passed the

Senate. GCC received the deed to over 314 acres of excess federal land in Radio Barrigada in 1990 but restrictions under the Act and the U.S. Department of Education have prevented GCC's Board of Trustees from developing the land. With assistance from Sen. James Jeffords who chairs the Senate Education Committee, Underwood in-

roduced an amendment that would basically grant GCC use of the land free and clear without restrictions. The amendment would make it possible for the institution to enter into partnerships with businesses to do projects that will benefit GCC and the community.

According to Underwood, "The problem in the past was that even though they owned the land, the restrictions imposed by USDOE didn't make it possible for them to enter into public/private partnerships to develop a new campus."

The amendment will now go through a conference committee



Robert Underwood

where it will be more closely examined before it is signed into law.

Underwood expressed confidence that the amendment will be supported by the committee.

"This is a special case in that the federal government is on record as trying to free up land as much as possible and with as few restrictions as possible, and I believe if this passes into law it will mark the first time that land has been given to a government of Guam agency with no reversionary clause whatsoever," Underwood said.

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We are now accepting listings for our new Community Calendar section.

Listings must pertain to events such as weddings, christenings, anniversaries, special observations or occasions, achievements of local residents and activities of non-political local organizations and groups. We will be happy to list ongoing or weekly events such as club meetings, support groups, sports events, etc.

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Newlyweds, Bertha Jermay Boyer Peters and Gregory Pangelinan Camacho toast at their wedding reception last Saturday. The couple was wed at Guma' Yu'us San Roke, on Saipan. Photo by Eduardo S. Siguenza

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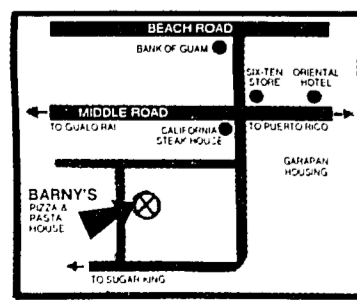
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## Baskin 31 Robbins' Saipan, Guam win excellence award

TAMUNING, Guam — Baskin 31 Robbins' ice cream stores on Guam and Saipan owned and managed by Unity Development Corporation on Guam (Tan Holdings Corporations) won the 1997 Challenge of Excellence Award from Baskin-Robbins Worldwide, said the company in a news release.

The Challenge of Excellence Program was unveiled at the Worldwide Conference in Hawaii.

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According to the release, Baskin-Robbins Guam and Saipan successfully maintained superior strengths in four categories over parallel franchise holders in Asia and the Middle East.

The assessment design of the Challenge of Excellence is de-

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## CNMI's artists invited to Kanagawa art expo

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff  
The 10th Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition invites CNMI applicants who want to participate at an art exhibit in Yokohama, Japan on March 1999.

Applicants must be between the ages of four and 15 as of September

30, 1998. Japanese children temporarily residing abroad are not eligible to enter, a news release said.

Entries must arrive the period between July 1 and September 30, 1998 at the Secretariat, The 10th Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition, c/o International Division,

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## Bill to unify water testing, reporting

By Sara Grant  
Variety News Staff  
HAGATNA, Guam — A bill to establish a permanent Guam Hydrologic Survey (GHS) program was heard by the legislature last week.

The bill takes cognizance that "there is currently no permanent and comprehensive program in place to ensure information on Guam's water resources systematically collected, stored, analyzed."

Introduced by Senator Joanne Brown (R), the bill calls for information to be "reported so that the people of Guam can be supplied with up-to-date and accurate information and scientific advice."

The Water and Energy Research

Institute (WERI) will create and administer the Guam Hydrologic Survey which will gather information about the water on island, provide educational materials for island educators and conduct research on selected water problems.

Testifying at the hearing were Acting Director of WERI, Dr. John Jenson, Administrator of Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), Jesus T. Salas, and graduate students working on WERI projects.

If the bill is passed, "all government agencies, including, but not limited to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), and Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) shall

transmit all data available to WERI for consolidation by the GHS."

The bill also states that "WERI and GEPA shall prepare and maintain geologic data collection during drill-

ing on Guam." WERI geologist will supervise data collection of proposed well drillings before permits will be issued.

The bill has been referred to the committee on natural resources. The committee will decide if the bill will be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

## New Carolinian Affairs chief outlines priorities

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff  
AFTER about six months of waiting, the Carolinian Affairs Office has finally got a permanent executive assistant, a move that is expected to speed up the implementation of new and existing programs.

Newly-appointed CAO chief Frank Rabauliman yesterday said that among his priorities is the strict compliance to the government's austerity measures, the revival of the CAO's monthly newsletter called "Metaeyor," and the handling of the MCV segment "Arongong."

"I will try to revamp and revive some programs that have become dormant in the past. I would like to implement more programs involving different age brackets, and make the office accessible to everybody," Rabauliman told the Variety.

Rabauliman, who used to be a counselor at the Marianas High School, also said that preparations for the Carolinian Cultural Heritage Week in September has already started.

He also encourages students to visit the Carolinian Affairs Office for cultural and educational orientation.

"I would like the students to appreciate the Carolinian tradition like canoe navigating," said the 38-year old executive assistant.

He added that unnecessary vacant positions in the CAO will not be filled-up until the government lifts its austerity measures.

Earlier, Rep. Melvin O. Faisao, himself a Carolinian, that the pending appointment of a permanent CAO executive assistant hampers a number of programs for the promotion and preservation of Carolinian traditions and culture.

## DPW pursuing homestead, school improvement projects

TWO major infrastructure improvements will soon be completed for the benefit of island residents, according to the CNMI Department of Public Works.

During the month of July, the DP Technical Service Division saw the completion of six classrooms at Oleai Elementary School, and much progress on the As Matuis road paving and draining project.

The project, designed to help residents of the As Matuis homestead area is 80 percent complete.

The technical services update is part of a larger report from the Department of Public Works detailing recent progress.

In news from the other divisions, the Division of Environmental Quality continues to monitor the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino (TDHC).

A notice of deficiency was issued to TDHC on the revised leaching plans submitted by Juan C. Tenorio

and Associates.

According to DEQ officials, the leaching field was constructed without DEQ's approval.

The division has ordered remedial action including the re-excavation of the leaching field.

In the Building Safety Code Division, work continues on the review of new and renovation construction plans.

The division processed 30 new applications for residential building permits and issued 30 commercial building permits.

The operation and maintenance division helped the principal of Garapan Elementary School repaint the facility and assisted in various other sign painting projects for other government offices.

The roads and grounds division opened several new access roads and continues to perform major and routine road projects.

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# Woman recalls Tinta massacre

By Sara Grant  
Variety News Staff  
MERIZO, Guam—On July 15, 1944, Japanese soldiers selected 30 Merizo residents, who they said were needed for work detail. The group was put into a cave near the Geus river to be, as the soldiers explained, saved from American bombs.

Once they were inside the cave, the soldiers tossed grenades on them. Out of that group, 12 men and two women survived to tell the tale. One of the survivors was Luisa Baza Santos, who was about 17 when the Tinta massacre occurred. At Monday's ceremony in memory of the Tinta victims, Santos' daughter, Carolyn Mendiola, shared her mother's fate. "When they threw the

bomb, my mother was underneath her sister, which saved her life," Mendiola said. "If the people were still alive following the grenades, the soldiers stabbed them with their bayonettes. Mother told us she lay as still as she could. After all the soldiers were gone, she crawled out of the cave and into the jungle. Then she just lay and

waited for someone to come and rescue her, she must have been waiting there for a couple of days," she said. Mendiola, who was born a few years after the war, said her mother would have died if it had not been for magots that gathered on her wound which prevented a serious infection.

"That really was a medical miracle. When she showed us x-rays of her leg you could see all the shrapnel which looked like thousands of grains of sand," she said. Santos was rescued by her husband who looked all over the jungle for her. Mendiola said U.S. soldiers

helped carry Santos to the village. They were so surprised by her survival they later named her "Pistol Packing Annie" after the song of the same name.

How was Santos able to come to terms with what happened on that day? "Over the years she shared her story with us and everytime she would cry. My mother was a very patient and courageous person. She was also very religious and that's how she was able to forgive them; but I don't think she could ever forget," she said. Mendiola, who now resides in Agat, said her mother, who was very patriotic, passed away in 1992, a few days before Guam's liberation celebration.



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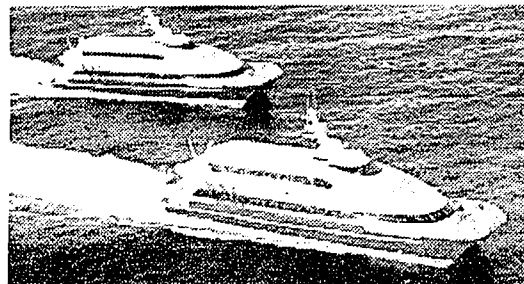
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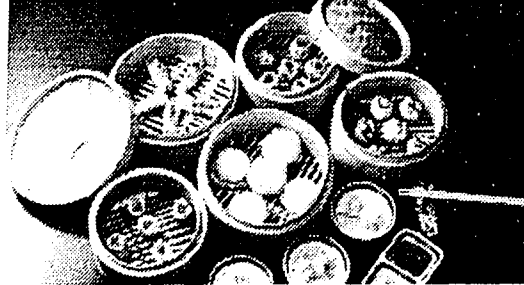


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## LIIDS scheme gets positive feedback from legislature

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff  
THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) is getting "positive feedback" from the Legislature regarding its extensive database program on alien workers, according to DOLI Secretary Mark Zachares. In an interview with reporters shortly before he left for Washington D.C. over the weekend, Zachares said the department's representatives are educating "key people" at the Legislature on the relevance of the Labor and Immigration Information Database System (LIIDS). Zachares said the department's LIIDS personnel are working closely with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to develop a more efficient encoding and retrieval system. The department has been asking the Legislature to allocate funds for the program's continued operation. "They (Legislature) just need to know what the exact figures are," said Zachares. The program is considered vital in that it provides detailed accounts of the nonresident workers' population, those with pending cases or have transferred to new employers. It also breaks down the data according to ethnicity and other demographical classifications. The program is also considered necessary in the enforcement of labor and immigration laws and tracking down illegal nonresident workers. Work on the LIIDS prototype began in 1994. Officials said maintaining LIIDS operation may cost nearly \$25,000 a year.

# Guam explores drug courts

By Maxine Hillary  
Variety News Staff  
HAGATNA, Guam—Guam officials consider the idea of treating drug-and-alcohol related crimes links as medical problems rather than criminal offenses. Acting Atty. General Gus Diaz said the proposal to put up drug courts on Guam was discussed at Monday's first anti-drug task force meeting at the Governor's Complex in Adalup. The proposal was patterned after a system being implemented in other jurisdictions of the United States. Diaz says that there are over 400 drug courts across the nation that are attempting to deal with

addictions and the crimes that often accompany them as medical problems that require treatment, rather than as criminal offenses that need to be addressed punitively. "We need to break the cycle of addiction," he said. "In some jurisdictions, drug courts are limited to first time offenders and if they complete the court's drug rehab programs, the charges are dismissed and they don't have a criminal record." Diaz said drug courts operate like family courts which provide more positive solutions instead of prison sentences. These include rehabilitation, counseling, and medical care among others

"These courts focus on treatment and there's a one on one interaction between the judge and the client (defendant)," said Diaz. These programs include treatment, monitoring and testing. The process is also less expensive than jail. He said drug dealers and predatory criminals would not be tried in drug courts. He also said that there would be sanctions built into drug court programs for clients who have lapses in their sobriety. "We recognize that addiction can't be broken overnight." Diaz' proposal is supported by Dr. Chris Dombrowski, a physi-


cian at Harmon Doctor's Clinic and staunch supporter of medical solutions to drug addictions. "The criminal justice system needs to yield to medical science," Dombrowski said. "The American Medical Association recognized addictions as a medical problem in 1953. Medical technology has enabled us to prove it." Dombrowski said addictions to a craving response syndrome-neural pathways fuel cravings which drive addictions-not just for drugs and alcohol, but whatever substance or behavior satiates the craving.

"This could be drugs, alcohol, gambling, child molestation, sex, shopping-any number of things. It's not the substance, it's the craving and the emotions it satisfies." "The prison system should be keeping people with addictions in treatment," said Dombrowski. "Nobody's ever chosen prison over treatment." The doctor maintains that while the federal government has spent over \$13 billion on the "war on drugs," only two billion of that amount has been appropriated on treatment, the rest going to fund

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## Aldan: 'Bill being railroaded'

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff  
THE BILL granting preference to bidders of CNMI-descent in cultural projects is allegedly being railroaded to accommodate special interest groups, Board of Public Land Chair Tomas B. Aldan said. Aldan specifically said House Bill 11-220, introduced by Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, was filed and has breezed through the House because of plans to develop the Managaha Island into a cultural complex. There are, according to Aldan, at least three proposals submitted to the Board of Public Land Special Review Committee to which he is part of. One of these firms is represented by Anthony Pellegrino of the Marine Revitalization Corporation. "Part of the reasons for that bill being railroaded... is because of the Managaha project," said Aldan. "I'm not sure who they (Legislature) are trying to accommodate. They are trying to railroad it to the governor before the current operators' lease expires," he added. Under the bill, a person of CNMI-descent who bids at least 20 percent lower than the highest bidder gets the project. "The best guarantee of protecting and preserving places of importance to the culture... is to first offer (it) to persons of Northern Marianas descent," the bill reasoned. "It is not for the benefit of the Northern Marianas people... the more money you get the better it is," said Aldan. "Maybe," he added, "somebody has a special interest, that will be the logical reason." Aldan said he does not think bidders of CNMI descent can put up enough funds vis-a-vis outside developers. Aldan, in a letter he sent to the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, said enacting the bill into law "would be tantamount to disregarding... fiduciary duties and responsibilities." Variety contacted Pellegrino but the letter said he has no comment.



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## Delegates arrive for Pacific conference

SUVA (Pacnews)—Over two hundred delegates are expected to be in Nadi today for the Pacific Islands Conference for International Cooperation on criminal justice and administration.

The meeting is part of the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF), of which Fiji and five other Pacific countries are members. Island Networks Corporation reports.

Director of ACPF Fiji, George Rubine says the conference will aim to find ways of reducing crime

in its 63 member countries.

Rubine says it's to explore different areas of cooperative interests between island countries, such as extradition, drug trafficking, crime on the internet, confiscation of stolen property.

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## Elsewhere in the Pacific Japan promises continuing help despite budget crisis

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—Vanuatu's prime minister, Donald Kalpokas has been assured by a Japanese delegation currently visiting Vanuatu that every effort would be taken to avoid cutbacks in Japan's bilateral aid programme to South Pacific countries.

The 9-member team led by Ambassador Yasuo Hori from Tokyo also learned that Vanuatu would be appreciative of any assistance to upgrade the Central Hospital in

the capital Port Vila.

Their visit follows the earlier visit of the Suva-based ambassador Jiro Kobayashi who announced that the Japanese government has approved funding for the Efate ring road project phase one and early approval is expected for the Tanna wharf rehabilitation project.

Prime Minister Kalpokas thanked Japan for sending such an important delegation and for

the projects previously undertaken in the country such as Bauerfield terminal in Port Vila and the Sarakata hydro project on Santo island.

Present in the delegation is Japan's candidate for the position of Regional Director of the World Health Organisation, Doctor Shigeru Omi.

He has previously worked in the WHO regional headquarters.

## Skate strengthens his position in parliament

MELBOURNE (Pacnews)—Papua New Guinea's prime minister, Bill Skate has strengthened his position in parliament despite the most recent flurry of attacks on his government's morality and credibility.

One of the four deputy leaders of the opposition Pangu Party, Nakikus Konga has defected to join Skate's PNG First Party, claiming the opposition is engaging in gutter politics and has no policies, Radio Aus-

tralia reports.

Konga was a senior minister before Skate sacked Pangu and its leader Chris Haiveta.

Konga's defection brings to 30 the number of PNG First members in the 109-seat parliament - a significant feat for Skate's new party which has been formed since the elections last year and is made up mostly of first term independents.

Skate says he has welcomed the MP for Gazelle to join his ranks because even though they have qualified people in government they still lack the experience that is required to run the country.

## FSM Congress OKs \$10M for public projects

HONOLULU (Pacnews)—With congressional elections only nine months away, the Federated States of Micronesia Congress has passed a bill appropriating \$10 million for mostly unidentified public projects, Pohnpei's Island Tribune reports.

The bill earmarks \$5 million for Chuuk, \$1 million for Kosrae, \$3 million for Pohnpei and \$1 million for Yap.

Senator Resio Moses says "So far, the projects have the aroma of roast pork."

A review of past FSM congressional appropriations shows that similar bills were passed before the 1995 and 1997 elections.

## Police brutality allegations in Samoa aired

MELBOURNE (Pacnews)—Human rights group Amnesty International has called on the Samoa government to investigate allegations of police brutality.

Amnesty says police had been slow to respond to reports that a group of men had been assaulted in custody following their arrest on gang-related charges in late June, Radio Australia reports.

Police arrested the alleged gang members after the slaughter of hundreds of cattle and several cases of apparent arson on a government estate near the International Airport, outside the capital Apia.

## Fiji-born American facing rape charges

SUVA (Pacnews)—A Fiji-born American citizen has been escorted back to the United States to face charges of rape and indecent assault of his two grand-children.

The man Saiyed Ismail had allegedly absconded to Fiji after charges were laid against him in America, Island Networks Corporation reports.

The director of public prosecutions Nazhat Shameem confirmed that Ismail had been taken back to the States accompanied by two US Marshalls.

Ismail is wanted in the American city of Seattle on charges of rape and indecent assault of his grand-children - aged 10 and 12.

He was nabbed by Fiji police earlier this year after being alerted by the US authorities.

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# RP's Jolibee invades US market

By MARK EVANS  
DALY CITY, California (AP)—The first U.S. venture of the Philippines-based Jolibee restaurant chain was an unqualified success to judge from the carloads of the hungry, home-sick and merely curious arriving for lunch in this San Francisco suburb.

At the grand opening in June, the 2-hour wait at the drive-in to place orders for a 10-minute meal strained the concept of "fast food."

Inside, workers clad in yellow and black "bee" uniforms were dishing out JolliMeals — and plates of JolliSpaghetti, Jolli-Hot Dogs and Chickenjoys — at a rate of five per minute.

"Most of that's secret," he said.

Founded in 1978 in Manila as an ice cream parlor, Jolibee built a 290-restaurant empire in the Philippines, easily outselling McDonald's while capturing half of that country's overall fast-food market.

In recent years, the company has opened restaurants in 12 countries, including China, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia.

Its first U.S. venture met with such vigorous response in Daly City — where one-third of the 110,000 residents are of Filipino descent — that the company is considering opening in several other California cities, including Vallejo and San Jose, both with substantial Filipino populations.

Eventually, the chain plans to expand to other states.

"That fits with our strategy, which is to begin building with the Filipino community, and expand from there," Visco said.

"Already, we're getting a good

mix of other ethnic groups."

Manny Alviar, 48, moved to Daly City in the mid-1980s after growing up in the Philippines, where he managed to avoid a single Jolibee meal. But he was among the first to try the U.S. version.

"My kids kept saying, 'I want to go to Jolibee. Take us to Jolibee.' So we came. The food's just OK, but we'll

be back — the kids like it," he said.

While the restaurant's success to date has been a word-of-mouth phenomenon, Manny and Helen Saunders came for practical concerns: They were looking for food after their car broke down nearby.

Both were lured in by the gargantuan inflated bumblebee perched atop the restaurant, its thumbs stretched upward and its red cap vaguely resembling a pair of arches.

"It needs more tomatoes, lettuce, things like that," said Mrs. Saunders.

"Yeah — but the patty's not as fatty as you get at the other chains," said her husband, more satisfied with his fare. "Not bad for junk food."

## PAL gets OK to dispose of \$1.75M in assets

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Cash-strapped Philippine Airlines received approval Tuesday to dispose of about \$ 1.75 million in assets to raise money for its operations.

The assets to be sold include two unused flight control computers, a boiler unit, nine new tow trucks, and aircraft parts.

They will be returned to suppliers for refunds, the airline

said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission approved the disposal on the condition that the money be used strictly for the airline's operations.

All asset sales and disposals by Philippine Airlines beyond 3 million pesos (\$71,500) now require approval from the SEC, after the airline secured the commission's intercession last month for a reha-

bilitation plan.

The airline has been in the red for some time. But the Asian financial crisis and a recent devastating pilots' strike further affected its operations, hurting its ability to pay maturing obligations.

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## 9 kidnapped students freed in South RP

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—Renegade Muslim rebels freed nine college students they kidnapped in the southern Philippines after being warned the military would attack their hideout, the police said Tuesday.

Police provincial director Isah Abdulla said the victims were freed late Monday in Tuburan on Basilan island, a few kilometers (miles) east of where they were abducted Saturday.

The students, five women and four men, were returning home for a week-end stay with their wealthy families on the strife-torn island when they were kidnapped, police said.

Abdulla said the kidnapers, led by Wahab Sakate, a disgruntled Moro National Liberation Front leader, freed the victims without any ransom payment after being warned that government troops had located their hideout and would launch an attack.

# Japan backs Russian bailout

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told visiting Russian Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko that Japan supports an International Monetary Fund bailout for Russia's ailing economy.

Earlier Monday, the two countries signed an agreement for a \$800 million loan to Russia from the Export-Import Bank of Japan, part of a \$1.5 billion untied loan that Japan had promised.

Hashimoto said he told Kiriyenko that Japan "supported the IMF's efforts to help stabilize the Russian economy."

The IMF tentatively agreed Monday to offer Russia a huge bailout package to shore up its faltering financial markets and provide a desperately needed infusion of cash.

Details were not immediately released, but Russia had been seeking \$10 billion to \$15 billion.

Kiriyenko arrived in Tokyo on Monday to discuss economic cooperation with Japan as a way of bolstering growth.

But the timing of the visit could not be worse as Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto announced his resignation shortly before their meeting.

Hashimoto resigned to take responsibility for a major electoral defeat for his governing Liberal Democratic Party in Sunday's elections for Parliament's upper house.

Kiriyenko told reporters that Russia's ties with Japan would not be affected by Hashimoto's resignation.

"I am disappointed that Prime Minister Hashimoto is stepping down. I salute him on his efforts to further Russian-Japan relations," Kiriyenko said.

Hashimoto and Kiriyenko also agreed Monday to set up a joint investment facility to help the Russian economy, Hashimoto said.

Kiriyenko was the first Russian premier to visit Japan.

Hashimoto, with strong personal ties to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, had been a key driving force behind the increasingly friendly atmosphere between the two countries, which have never signed a peace treaty ending World War II.

Japanese Foreign Ministry officials were afraid that Hashimoto's resignation could send a chill through relations between the two countries.

"I do not wish Japanese-Russian relations, which are finally beginning to improve, to move backward," Hashimoto said at the news conference earlier in the day where he announced he was stepping down.

"Such a thing should not happen. Regardless of my resignation, we must push forward relations between Japan and Russia," he said.

Kiriyenko also met Monday with Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi, considered a possible successor to Hashimoto.

On Tuesday, Kiriyenko was to deliver a speech to a Japanese business group before leaving for China.



Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, right, urges Russian Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko to smile to photographers after their meeting at Hashimoto's official residence in Tokyo Monday. Kiriyenko arrived Monday to discuss bilateral economic cooperation and a proposed peace treaty, but Hashimoto announced his resignation shortly after his arrival. AP

## China seeks wider contacts with Taiwan to push reunification

BEIJING (AP) — Seeking to steer Taiwan into reunification talks, China is calling for more exchanges with the island, the official People's Daily reported Monday.

China desires increased contact with Taiwanese from "all political parties and all walks of life," the People's Daily, in its overseas edition, quoted Vice Premier Qian Qichen as saying.

Concerned about the rise of pro-independence political groups on Taiwan, China has invited once-shunned leaders of the main op-

position Democratic Progressive Party to visit, along with politicians from the ruling Nationalists and other parties.

Exchanges reached a high tide in the first half of the year, with 461 Taiwanese visiting China as part of official scholarly or political delegations and 3,544 Chinese traveling to Taiwan for such purposes, the paper said.

Increased visits come as the two organizations charged with handling relations — China's Association for Relations Across the Strait and Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation — move toward ending their three-year break in dialogue. Top negotiators may meet as early as this fall to discuss restarting talks.

Qian was quoted as saying that

the range of contacts between the two organizations should be expanded. That could help develop consensus on an agenda for future talks leading to reunification, the paper quoted him saying.

China has been pushing for years for direct talks on reunification, but Taiwan has preferred to negotiate practical issues such as fishing agreements before moving on to more sensitive, difficult political questions.

Divided since Mao Tse-tung's communists drove Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists from the mainland in 1949, China and Taiwan both claim to want reunification. Taiwanese leaders have said such a time should wait until China is more democratic and prosperous, like the island.

## Activists urge military restraint in Irian Jaya

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Activists and social workers urged the Indonesian military Monday to show restraint in Irian Jaya province, where security forces have clashed with pro-independence protesters.

One policeman and one demonstrator have been killed in recent protests in the remote province, where a small band of separatist rebels has been fighting for decades.

In Jakarta, members of private organizations visited the government-backed National Human Rights Commission to complain about reports that the military was persecuting civilians in Irian Jaya.

Even though it is a government agency, the commission has often been critical of its sponsor.

Willi Sawaki, an organizer of The Solidarity Committee of Irian People, told the commis-

sion that soldiers had allegedly raided homes and were interrogating suspected protesters.

Pro-independence activists have been growing bolder in Irian Jaya, as well as the disputed territory of East Timor, since the resignation in May of authoritarian President Suharto.

His successor, B.J. Habibie, has pledged democratic reform but has ruled out giving way to separatist demands.

A member of the human rights panel, Baharudin Lopa, said a commission team had already been sent to Irian Jaya but he urged patience as investigators collect information.

Indonesia took over Irian Jaya, the western half of New Guinea, in 1963. Six years later, in a U.N.-sponsored vote, people in the former Dutch colony formally chose integration with Indonesia.

# Asia frets over Japan turmoil

By Joseph Coleman  
TOKYO (AP) — Asian countries depending on Japan to help mend their shattered economies fretted Monday that the country's political turmoil could prolong the region's woes.

The crumbling of Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's government Monday came amid more bad economic news from Japan's neighbors: Malaysia said for the first time that its economy will shrink this year, and a top economist predicted the same for Hong Kong.

Other nations said that stability in Japan, the region's No. 1 economy, is key to recovery. "A strong government in Japan that can provide effective leadership is a crucial factor in the efforts to restore economic stability and growth in Asia," the Thai Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry said measures to stimulate the Japanese economy, restructure its financial sector and stabilize the yen were all vital to the region's economic health.

Hashimoto's resignation, triggered by the defeat of his Liberal Democratic Party in parliamentary elections Sunday, received close attention in the South Korean media.

"In the short term, Japan's political instability will have a negative impact on Asia's economic recovery," the Hankyoreh, a national daily, said in an editorial.

"But in the long term, his resignation may have a positive impact, because the next government is certain to push bold economic programs," the paper said.

China's leaders reacted mildly to the moves in Japan, focusing instead on the two countries' warming relations.

"We ... hope Japan's political situation will remain stable," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Indonesian leaders also stressed the need to maintain close relations with Japan despite the impending departure of Hashimoto, who had been in office for more than two years.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with President B.J. Habibie, State Secretary Akbar Tanjung said ties between the two countries were solid.

"The relationship has been built over a long time and a change of government either for Indonesia or Japan won't affect ... the countries' relationship," said Akbar, who was elected chairman of the ruling Golkar party this past weekend.

Australian Treasurer Peter Costello urged the incoming Japanese government to stay the course of reform set by Hashimoto.

"It is important that the Japanese government continues to work on sorting out the financial system," he said.

"This is very important to Japan's prospects and Japan's

prospects are very important to Asia's prospects."

In Hong Kong, a top economist warned the island's economy will shrink by 2 percent this year, and unemployment could increase.

Economic growth in 1999 will be flat as well, with the economy growing less than 1 percent, said Ian Perkins, chief economist for

Hong Kong's General Chamber of Commerce.

Malaysian Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Monday his country's gross domestic product would shrink by 1 percent to 2 percent in 1998.

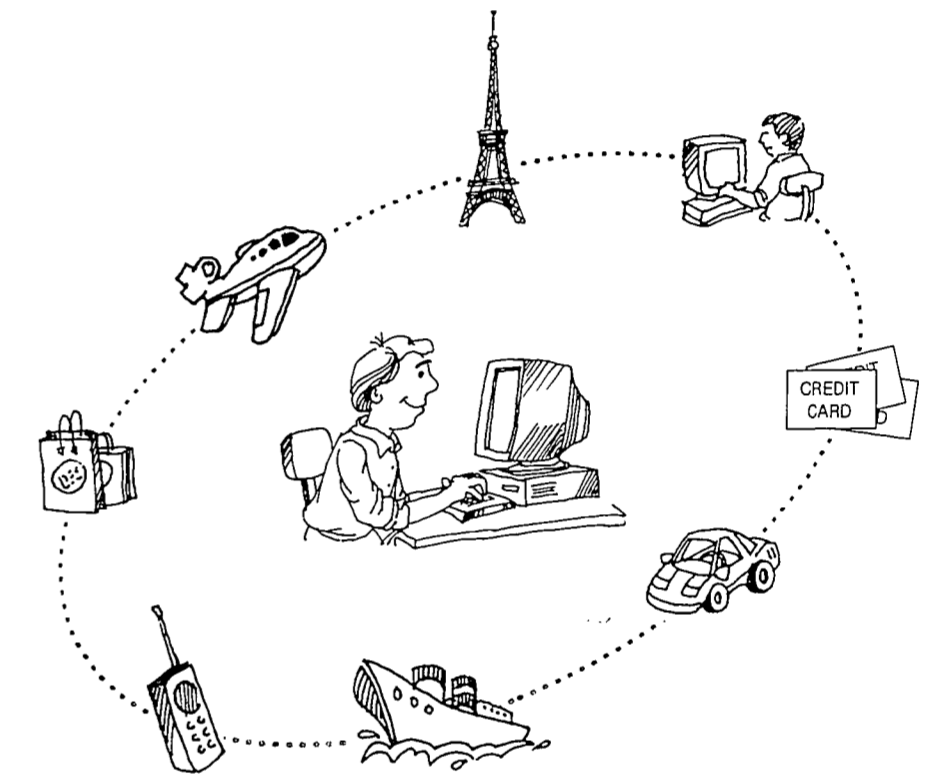
Until the announcement, the government had predicted growth of between 2 percent and 3 percent for 1998.

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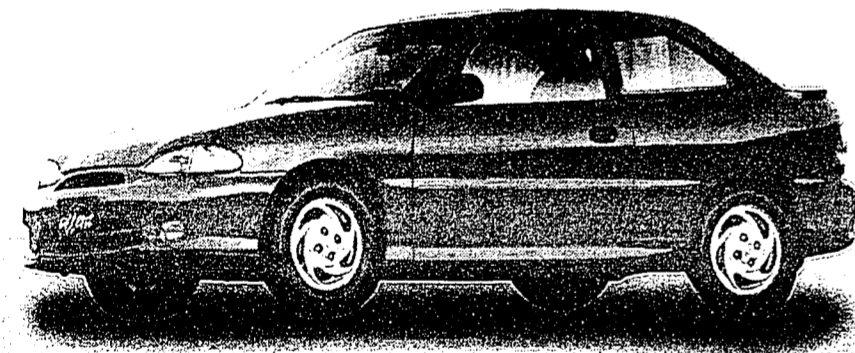
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# Clintons praise \$13M gift

**By Sonya Ross**  
BALTIMORE (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton embarked today on a tour of treasures of the American past with a \$10 million corporate gift to help restore and protect the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the words to the national anthem.

I think, foresight."  
"You can neither honor the past nor imagine the future nor achieve it without the kind of citizenship embodied

by all our memories of the flag," the president said.  
"So as you see this flag and leave this place, promise yourself that when your great-grandchildren are here, they'll not only be able to see the star-spangled banner, it will mean just as much to them then as it does to you today."

Later, Mrs. Clinton visited a monument to Key in Baltimore. The statue, erected in 1911, suffers from the effects of weathering, age and a lack of maintenance.

There is corrosion on the base of the statue and along the top, which depicts a soldier waving a flag, as well as on the depiction of Key himself.

Target Stores is donating about \$62,000 to restore that monument, part of a \$1.4 million program to save public sculptures in 10 other cities.

"We are attempting to make sure that every American understands how important the past is," Mrs. Clinton said.

She said while some of the historic structures in need of preservation are well known, most are not, "but they deserve our respect and attention as we move into the next century."

The president and Mrs. Clinton opened the ceremony by reciting the pledge of allegiance with a group of school children.

They stood beside Lauren, hand over heart, as Denyce Graves sang the national anthem.

Mrs. Clinton said the stops on her tour "are part of our nation's memory and should be part of our nation's future."

The aim of the first lady's four-day excursion to historic sites along the East Coast, starting today, is to kindle interest in sustaining America's past as the opening of the new millennium approaches.

The Star-Spangled Banner project is a key part of that effort.

The 34-by-30-foot wool-and-cotton flag, which survived a British bombardment as it flew over Fort McHenry outside Baltimore on the night of Sept. 13-14, 1814, has suffered from 184 years of dust and light and needs extensive repair.

It is on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington.

The restoration of the flag and the construction of a new case to preserve it will cost an estimated \$18 million.

But it remains an irreplaceable national artifact because it is the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key, who witnessed the bombardment, to write the verses to what became the national anthem.

The Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia announced earlier it would contribute \$5 million to the project.

Other gifts are coming from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. Clinton was starting her tour of historic sites by visiting the Francis Scott Key Monument, Fort McHenry, which is in itself crumbling and in need of extensive repair; and viewing Key's original "Star-Spangled Banner" verses.

By train, bus and car, Mrs. Clinton's journey then takes her through a kaleidoscope of American history: Thomas Edison's laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.; George Washington's Revolutionary War headquarters in Newburgh, N.Y.; the mansion owned by novelist Edith Wharton; Harriet Tubman's house in Auburn, N.Y., which served as an Underground Railroad station for escaping slaves; a rebuilt Iroquois Indian longhouse, an endangered theater and a threatened church.

The tour will end Thursday in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where Mrs. Clinton will deliver a speech on the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights convention.



President Clinton and Ralph Lauren take part in a ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington Monday where the Save America's Treasures campaign was kicked-off. Lauren and his company donated \$13 million to help restore and protect the Fort McHenry flag which hangs at the museum. The flag inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the words to the national anthem. AP

# 2 charged for illegal donations

**By Michael J. Sniffen**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Thai businesswoman Pauline Kanchanalak and her sister-in-law were charged Monday with funneling at least \$679,000 in foreign and corporate contributions through straw donors to the Democratic National Committee, state parties and federal and state candidates.

Kronenberg, a housewife and mother of two, resides in McLean, Va.

She is to be arraigned Friday before U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman.

Her attorney declined to comment on the charges.

The pair are the seventh and eighth people investigated and charged by Justice's campaign finance task force.

The task force also accepted guilty pleas last year from four others for improper campaign fund raising in cases referred by an independent counsel.

Attorney General Janet Reno, who has resisted Republican pressure to turn the entire matter over to an independent counsel, said the campaign finance task force "is our largest criminal investigation."

Kanchanalak and Kronenberg were charged with conspiring to impede the Federal Election Commission and cause false statements to be submitted to it about the source of contributions.

They also were charged with conspiring to obstruct justice by concealing records from the grand jury and congressional committees.

The indictment said they dissolved Kanchanalak's company, Ban Chang International, erased computer hard drives, sent some records to Thailand, hide others in a storage facility and destroyed still more.

According to the indictment, the pair used funds from foreign corporations and individuals — including Pauline Kanchanalak herself and her husband — to make prohibited campaign contributions of at least \$679,000 to the Democratic National Committee, to Democratic state parties and to political committees for Democratic federal and state candidates.

The foreign money was funneled through the accounts of George Kronenberg and Praitun Kanchanalak, who is Kronenberg's mother and Pauline's mother-in-law.

As permanent resident aliens they are legally entitled to contribute to U.S. campaigns with their own funds, the indictment said.

Pauline Kanchanalak and her husband, who are Thai citizens, cannot contribute to the nomination or election of U.S. candidates.

The indictment quoted a message from Kanchanalak to Kronenberg in June 1995 telling her to make a donation for her and fill out the donation form as though it came from her mother: "Use the name P. Kanchanalak and mom's SS and add. You don't need to fill out the work address or occupation."

The grand jury said the Democratic National Committee got the most illegal funds, more than \$333,000.

State Democratic parties in California, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky,

Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia got money, as did committees for House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, and Democratic senators John Glenn of Ohio and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Previously, the task force brought charges against Democratic fund-raisers Maria Hsia, Howard Glicker, Charlie Trie and his associate Antonio Pan, and Johnny Chung.

It also charged Democratic fundraiser Yogesh Gandhi with fraud unrelated to campaign finances.

Last year, the government obtained guilty pleas from Nora and Gene Lum, their daughter Trisha, and Michael Brown, based on cases referred by an independent counsel, who investigated Commerce Secretary Ron Brown until his death.



Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, right, and his chief of staff J. David Hoppe walk to the Senate floor Tuesday at the Capitol. Lott asserted today that President Clinton's comments on Taiwan during his China trip were counterproductive and that Congress may have to "repair the damage that has been done." The Mississippi Republican, who held off criticizing Clinton while he was in China, said the Senate would act this month on a package of bills designed to penalize China and would press ahead with its investigation into technology transfers and campaign contributions. AP

# Administration, GOP swap insults

**By Terence Hunt**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Trading election-year insults with Republicans, the Clinton administration accused the GOP-led Congress of whining about the president while drifting "toward gridlock and nonaccomplishment."

"It is always true that in an election year, sometimes politics on both sides steps in to play a mischievous role in the legislative process," spokesman Mike McCurry said Monday.

## New date for trial of Susan McDougal

**By Linda Deutsch**  
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — After another delay, a judge on Monday set a firm date for the embezzlement trial of Whitewater figure Susan McDougal.

Mrs. McDougal, accused of embezzling \$150,000 while working for famed conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy, between 1989 and 1992, must appear in court July 24, Superior Court Judge Steven Suzukawa said.

Mrs. McDougal was not in court Monday as her attorney Mark Geragos asked for another delay on the basis that prosecutors belatedly turned over 1,000 new documents in the case last week.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Semow sought a warrant for her arrest, which Suzukawa denied.

The case has been delayed while Mrs. McDougal served time in prison for contempt after refusing to testify before a grand jury probing the Whitewater land deal involving President Clinton and his wife.

"She is absolutely anxious to get to trial," Geragos told reporters.

"She wants to get this behind her, and I don't blame her."

Mrs. McDougal has pleaded innocent to charges including grand theft, check forgery, and fraudulent use of credit cards.

She is accused of making unauthorized personal purchases and charging them to her employers.

Geragos said the newly disclosed documents include indications that other members of the Mehta's household staff wrote checks on Mrs. Mehta's account.

Mrs. McDougal was released from an Arkansas prison June 25 because of medical concerns about her spine.

She had served 3 1/2 months of a two-year prison sentence for her 1996 fraud-related convictions in the Whitewater investigation.

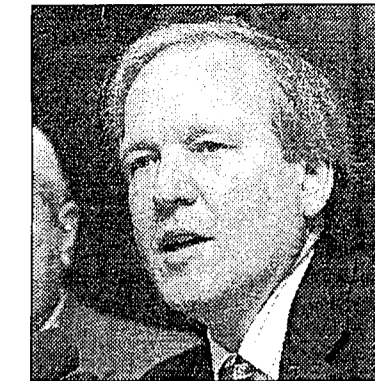
cans after Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., criticized President Clinton for his foreign travels and said the president had become a "by-stander" in the nation's business.

The bickering underscored the extent to which both sides are going to blame each other for a lack of legislative achievement.

With just 37 legislative days remaining this year on the congressional calendar, Clinton discussed legislative strategy over lunch with the top Democrats in Congress: Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri.

The Democrats said their top priority is a "patient bill of rights" to protect consumers from abuses in managed care health plans. Republicans have kept the Democrats' version off the floor, saying they are writing their own.

"We believe, and I know the president believes and the vice



Mike McCurry



Trent Lott

president believes that time is running out on this session," Gephardt said.

He accused Republicans of "decimating the education budget" by knocking out the summer youth jobs program and taking money out of every major education initiative in the budget.

"We feel very strongly that they're not only not doing the things they ought to do, they are moving in the exact wrong direction in these very important areas in education," Gephardt

said.

McCurry said Lott erred in saying that Clinton had spent more than 70 days this year out of the United States; the actual number is less than half.

McCurry said Republicans should "stop whining and get on with business."

McCurry said that Clinton, Daschle and Gephardt were trying to "see if we can stem what is otherwise the drift toward gridlock and nonaccomplishment that the Republicans seem to be head-

ing toward."  
He said the Congress has "done some things but they've been little things and they've avoided some of the real issues" about health care and education.

McCurry said the emerging GOP approach to helping patients deal with HMOs would not guarantee a right to see a specialist.

Further, he said, any legislation should prohibit financial incentives to reward physicians for prescribing less care.

It should also contain "continuity of care" provisions insuring that a patient can keep the same doctor through the course of treatment, McCurry said.

And he said "there need to be remedies through litigation that are real, reliable and enforceable."

McCurry said that Republican-favored medical savings accounts, giving consumers tax breaks for health care, were a "poison pill" that the administration would not accept.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### Position announcement: Municipal Waste Program Manager

**POSITION**  
Municipal Waste Program Manager, Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan.

**DUTIES**  
Develop, manage, and implement an integrated municipal waste management program for the island of Saipan, Tinian and Rota with emphasis on low-cost, pragmatic solutions suitable for small island communities; develop waste management plans and implementation strategies; coordinate project funding for construction and maintenance of waste disposal and handling facilities with the CNMI government and federal grantor agencies; oversee contracting practices and contract management for construction of needed facilities, and for cleanup and closure of existing and prior waste disposal sites; assure compliance with—and coordinate with relevant federal and local governmental entities with respect to—environmental regulatory requirements.

**QUALIFICATIONS**  
Degree in an appropriate engineering or scientific discipline with an adequate foundation for environmental engineering; advance degree preferred. Five years experience in planning and implementation of municipal waste management projects. Specific expertise and/or experience in most or all of: landfill design, operation, and closure; incineration; waste collection; recycling; federal or state environmental regulatory programs; government procurement and contracting practices, U.S. citizenship is required.

**SALARY**  
Salary commensurate with experience. Government employee benefits package. Two year employment contract required.

**APPLICATION CLOSING DATE**  
July 31, 1998. Resume, complete contact information for references, and necessary supporting information must be received by this date. Materials may be mailed or faxed. Hand deliveries should be made at the Office of the Lt. Governor, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

### APPLICATION / INQUIRIES TO:

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The outages are believed caused by a power distributor or feeder I which covers the Commonwealth Health Center (CHC), part of Garapan from Hot '98 and the whole of Navy Hill. It however affects Feeders II and V which respectively covers all of Beach Road and the southern part of the island including the San Vicente area.

Mathis said utilities staff is still looking into this. "We think the problem is on (feeder) one and two," said Mathis. "Right now," she said, "we are systematically going through the system, trying to find the problem. We have no idea what's causing it," she added. Mathis said CUC personnel are now "basically climbing up every single pole" to find the problem. Mathis said CUC has "some good theories" on what's causing

the outages. "It could be, we think... more like a big customer turning on the generator and its coming back into the system or some kind of a transformer problem that's coming back in our system," she said. The utilities agency, last month, announced power outages loom in the coming weeks as a shortfall of up to 7.35 megawatts is predicted for next month. Mathis clarified the outages being experienced is not connected to this.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1), the Division of Public Lands is hereby giving notice of its intended action in connection with the leasing of certain public land in Marpi, Saipan. As required by the afore-cited section of the public land law, this notice shall appear in this paper for a period of 8 days, and any interested party of the general public may submit comments, data, views, arguments or alternative proposals to lease the subject public land, within 15 days of this announcement, after which time the Division of Public Lands shall not accept any comments or proposals from any interested party. This eight-day notice shall commence 7/9/98 and end 7/20/98.

- As further provided in 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1) (A) to (E), the following pertinent information is required to be published. A. The public land property to be leased is located in Marpi, the southeast corner adjoining the former Naval Radar Tracking Station. The land parcel is more particularly described as Lot No. 009 C 03, containing an area of 625 square meters. B. The proposed Lessee is Saipan Cellular and Paging. C. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Hans Mickelson, General Manager of Saipan Cellular and Paging. D. Lot 009 C 03 will be leased for the purpose of constructing and maintaining structural facility necessary for the operation of a transmitter antenna for cellular telephones, including other related telecommunication equipment. The term of the proposed lease is for five consecutive five-year periods, for a maximum period of 25 years. The annual rental for the five-year period was negotiated after an appraisal of the subject lot was made. The minimum annual rental as negotiated will be \$7,800. The annual rental for each successive five-year period shall be based on eight percent (8%) of the fair market value of the subject lot, as required by 2 CMC § 2677 (d). A complete copy of the proposed lease may be obtained at the Division of Public Lands, located in the JTV Commercial Building at As Lito, Saipan. E. No alternative proposals for the leasing of lot 009 C 03 has been received by the Division of Public Lands. F. The Director of the Division of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 7:23:98 at the Division of Public Lands' office at As Lito.

I MA' PROPONE NA ATKILON TANO' PUBLIKU

Sigun gi 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1), i Dibision Tano' Publiku ginen este manmanana'e nisuria put i intension-na na aksion nui ma atklan tano' publiko gya i Makpi, Saipona. Sigun inisidat ni hagas masangan na seksiona gi lai tano' publiko, este na nisuria u amok g' gasetta ocho dias na tetrimu, ya i publiko eneral siha munahalom dokumento, fakto, inia yan argumento pat otro lugat fuera de i ma'propone: na lugat, gi halom kinse (15) dias despues di malaknos este na nisuria, pues gi halom enao na tiempo i Dibision Tano' Publiko ti siha man akseptat dokumento pat propostu ginen maninteresante siha na pelsona. Este ocho dias na nisuria u malutuhon gi 7/9/98 ya u fakpo gi 7/20/98.

- Luk'kua: sigun gi prughinshon ginen 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1) (A) asta E), i sigin siha na infomlasion nisuria para u ma iupbilka. A. I propoedat tano' publiko ni para u ma atkla gaige gya i Makpi, luchan haya na eskina checheton yan i hagas 'taval Radar Tracking Station. I pidason tano' ni madeskribe komu Lot No. 009 C 03, ni guaha 625 squar meters. B. I prinipone na taotao para manatkla este i Saipan Cellular Paging. C. I ma'propopen na atkilon manegosio entre as Mr. Hans Mickelson, Manehanten i Saipan Cellular Paging. D. Lot 009 C 03 u ma atkla huyong para i propositun manhaisa fasilidat nisuria para minanehan transmiter antenna para celular telephone siha, inklusu otro siha na ramenia yan makinan telecommunication. I tetrimu para u ma atkla i tano' para u sinko años ya u cuentuna ha as bentu sinko años na tiempo. I apas kada sinko años na tetrimo na negosio para este na pidason tano' esta macho'gue. I mas takpapa na apas kada sakkon este i \$7,800. I apas para kada sinko años deba di u gaige gi ocho put sientu (8%) gi lai market value para este na pidason tano', sigun gi sinangan 2 CMC § 2677 (d). I kumpilku na kopian este na priniponen atkilon siná ha machule gi Otsinan Dibision Tano' Publiko ni gaige gi JTV Commercial Building gya As Lito, Saipan. E. Taya otro siha na priniponen atkilon para este na pidason tano' i lot 009 C 03 ni marsibi ni Dibision Tano' Puobliko. I Direktot Dibision Tano' Publiko debi di u akseptat i dokumento, inia, yan argumento pat tulaikan este na propostu ginen interesao siha na patika antes di 7:23:98 gi Otsinan Tano' Publiko gya As Lito.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL ADKILON REEL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi aléewal me bwanngi mille 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1), nge Divisionul Public Lands ekke arongar' toulap igha ekk, manglyi bwe ebwe adkilaol ehagus faluweer toulap ye elo Mashapi, Saipel. Igha eflí bwe milkaa e ghomwóllo melol Alleghul' Toulap, nge arongorong yeel nge ebwe toowow. I lol simbwung walara (8), aramas kka re tipali nge emmwel schagh rebwe ischitw meeta mangemaangit, tpeer me ngare year abwabway reel liwivelli pomw kka rebwe adkilaay faluweer toulap yeel, lol seigh me limra (15) sáangi igha e toowow arongorong yeel, mwiril nge Divisionul Public Lands ressóbw bweibwoghlo milkaa e alotoowong saángir aramas ngare school bisnies. Arongorong ye u alaral nge ebwe bwelela wól 7/9/98 ngali 7/20/98.

- Igha ebwal téé sáangi mille 2 CMC § 6 2675 (f) (1) (A ngali E), nge infomasiyoon kka eghil iil nge eppwal alotoowow. A. Taluweer Toulap ye rebwe atkilaay me Mashapi nge, eer, peighilong iye re landeero fengál me lasil Navar Radar Traking Station. Reel rebwe ghi ghuleey faluw yeel nge Lot No. 009 C 03, iye eyoor 625 square meters. B. Bisnis ye ebwe atkilon yeel nge Saipan Cellular Paging. C. Pomwól atkilon yeel nge tingoreeyal Mr. Hans Mickelson, General Manager, Saipan Cellular Paging. D. Lot 009 C 03 nge rebwe atkilaay bwe rebwe atkilaay meta kka eghil ngali ghatohul mwóghutul transmiter antenna reel yaáyáa celular telephone me, mela kka ebwal ghil ngali telecommunication. Laálaayil igha rebwe atkilaay nge ebwe laal imooow, iye ebwe gúatáa ruweigh me imooow (25) ráaggh. Abwóssul ghal lol imooow ráaggh nge rebwe tabweey sáangi igha re appraise i lot yeel. Ghitighal abwós nge x: twung bwe ebwe lo \$7,800. Abwóssul lol beew ráaggh ngali imooow nge rebwe tabweey mille waluuw iel melól ebwughuw (8%) reel fair marke value reel faluw yeel igha rebwe tabweey aléewal me bwanngi 2 CMC § 2677 (d) Eyor schéeschéel kopijaal adkilon yeel ngali aramas ye e tipali melol Bwulasiyool Division of Public Lands: iye elo lol JTV Commercial Building, As Lito, Saipel. E. Esóór bwal éew meta schóowshóow reel igha rebwe atkilaay lol 009 03 ye Divisionul Public Lands e risbi. F. Samsóul Divisionul Public Lands emmwel bwe ebwe bweibwogh mangemang reel pomwól atkilon yeel sáangi aramas kka re tipali mmwal 7:23:98 melá Bwulasiyool Divisionul Public Lands iye elo As Lito.

Keep Saipan Clean & Beautiful

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Aldan cited as example the takeover by MCV of Saipan Cable, which were then the only cable television industry players in the Northern Mariana Islands.

"That should be prohibited here in the Northern Marianas because it kills competition and without competition, you cannot have a healthy environment," he stressed.

Butters, in previous media statement, had said all aspects of Saipan Cable systems have been merging with MCV since the purchase of the company in December last year. Earlier, customer service, accounting and programming were moved to MCV offices and studios in Susupe.

He said MCV has to consider programming costs and other factors like the multi-ethnic subscriber base, hotel and tourist needs is trying to come up with channel line up.

Akin to the increase in the rate of premium channels, MCV will also offer a new premium service called

Sundance which airs independent and foreign films not usually seen on regular TV.

Butters said subscribers' monthly bills may increase or decrease, depending on the combination of services they have. Starting August 1, MCV will be charging \$11.95 a month each on HBO, Cinemax and Disney.

HBO/Cinemax Combo will be increased to \$21.90 while Showtime Supersaver Pak, which includes Showtime, TMC and Sundance will be at \$14.95 a month. ABS-CBN and the Filipino Channel will be raised to \$9.95; NHK, \$9.95; and KACV \$19.95.

Installation fee remains at \$25 and rate for regular channels stays at \$25.90, according to Butters. MCV has not scheduled installation until August.

MCV has been preparing to set a unified program lineup for subscribers in Saipan and Tinian, as the cable company gears up for the last stages of its consolidation with Saipan Cable TV.

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in Guam. This new approach by the U.N. mirrors the way that world body addresses other complex colonial problems where there are contested claims between the colonized people and settlers over who has the right to self-determination in the territory," Rivera said yesterday.

He noted that changes in the resolution on Guam should be anticipated.

"In the past few years, the U.S. government has tried to reinvent what we in Guam have called for. We have pointedly brought this to the attention of the U.N. as well as the situation in Guam with respect to U.S. immigration policies.

"We are hopeful that, as the U.N. attempts to work with the administering power on a Guam resolution in the coming months, the reality of the situation in Guam is better reflected," Rivera said.

The appointment of Papua New Guinea as a discussion leader signals the special committees' hopes that a

consensus can be reached on Guam, similar to that reached with France on New Caledonia, and with New Zealand, on Tokelau, Rivera said.

In the case of New Caledonia, the Matignon Accord addresses concerns of the Kanaky, its administering power and settlers, and allows for a 15-year decolonization period.

Tokelauans, on the other hand, have stated that they and their 12-square-mile island do not aspire to be an independent nation, and so are likely to relate to its administering power in a free association relationship.

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The concept of zoning was introduced in Saipan due to the need for more orderly and controlled development at the time when the island was experiencing a boom in construction projects.

The previous local law had parts of the island designated according to a specified land use plan, taking into account aesthetic and economic considerations.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors

NOTICE

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan hereby give Notice that pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, a Regular Meeting of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors will be held on Tinian on Friday, July 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tinian Municipal Council Conference Room. The Agenda is as follows:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS A. Call to Order B. Roll Call C. Adoption of Agenda D. Adoption of Minutes 1. March 19, 1998, Regular Meeting 2. June 3, 1998, Special Meeting 3. June 26, 1998, Special Meeting (Reconvenement of June 3 Special Meeting) II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT A. Financial Report B. Rota C. Tinian D. 17th Annual U.S. EPA Pacific Islands Conference IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS V. OLD BUSINESS A. Saipan Water Desalination Facility B. Saipan 80-Megawatt Power Plant Project VI. NEW BUSINESS A. Resolution 98-08 B. Line Extensions & Extensions of Services Policy-Electric Service Regulations C. Tinian Voice of America Facility-Power Needs D. Election of Officers VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS VIII. CORRESPONDENCE IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13, Item (a), the Board may vote to meet in Executive Session. A. Otagong Litigation X. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ BENJAMIN A. SABLAN Chairman

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(OPA) has said that the government

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Inabangan with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and aggravated assault and battery.

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\$300 under the payment agreement and then stopped making payments.

The lawyers said Christine's Mart's five guest workers were provided \$4,373.26 in medical services from Nov. 1993 to May 1997.

Christine's Mart never gave any money pursuant to the payment agreement which was entered in July 1997,

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GCC officials were pleased with the Senate's action.

"It's wonderful news. It's something that we've been hoping for and it would be nice to see it happen," said Cathleen Moore-Linn, assistant director of GCC's Communications and Promotions.

Moore-Linn said that while the campus has held title to the land in Radio Barigada since 1990, but was understipulations that they build on it within three years or lose it.

GCC kept receiving extensions while it searched for the financial means to develop the land. "Now we don't have the threat of losing the land," she said. "It's a major relief for us."

GCC recently received a \$3 million loan from the federal government for the construction of housing and a cafeteria.

The federal grants, Moore-Linn said, would allow GCC to develop its vocational training facilities

and sue MVB officials who told I&S to continue promoting the CNMI even without a signed contract.

A \$10,000 cash bail was recommended for his temporary release.

Court information showed that the victim teased Inabangan during a birthday party at the barracks, triggering the fight.

Alcohol was involved in the incident, investigators said.

said Andersen.

On the other hand, Sison's worker incurred \$3,048 in services in 1995 while Castro's five alien employees received medical treatment amounting to \$4,560.61 since 1993.

Andersen said in separate incidents the Commonwealth Health Center sent written notices to the employers advising them of their bills for their workers.

The defendants, however, did not respond, she said.

ties and offer training to other off-island agencies.

She said that GCC has had several inquiries from Japanese institutions interested in sending personnel to Guam for advanced training and ESL coursework, but the lack of facilities to house and feed these students has made it difficult to commit to such programs.

"We can't accommodate these regional training programs with existing facilities," she said.

GCC hopes to be able to offer practical education to empower Guam's workers.

"We have a ten year master plan," Moore-Linn said.

"We would like to be seen as the campus that works at developing Guam's work force. We can be a human resource development center for Guam — a place where we can develop technically competent work force," she added.

Moore-Linn said GCC will need at least \$80 million to build a new campus.

In the meantime, plans to renovate the existing facilities are underway.

committee also stressed that applicants must not frame the piece.

The entry should be submitted with the completed application form firmly attached to the reverse side of the piece. If this is not possible, applicants should write on the reverse side of their pieces the information such as the name, date of birth, age, sex, school year, address, the title of the piece and the date of completion.

The Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition was founded in 1980. It is an international festival of children's art.

The festival aims "to promote mutual understanding of the lives and cultures of peoples of the world through art, and to foster the dreams and creativity of children, the bearers of the future."

The exhibition in March 1997 received approximately 57,000 entries from 130 countries and 7 regions throughout the world. The committee hope to receive an even greater number of applications for the next Kanagawa Biennial Exhibition on March 1999.

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signed to locate strengths and weaknesses.

Baskin-Robbins Guam and Saipan shared honors with winners from the

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Saying that the financial figures submitted by the then Democratic

I&S was willing to withdraw from the contract after then governor Froilan C. Tenorio said he would not sign it, but was assured by MVB officials that it would be approved eventually.

governor were "doubtful," the Republican-dominated Legislature did not pass a budget for FY 1998.

Since Oct. 1, 1997, the government's spending levels have been based on the FY 1997 budget.

U.S. EEOC Comes to Saipan

Representatives from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEOC) will be in Saipan on July 15, 16 and 17 to meet with and take complaints from employees who feel that they have been discriminated against in employment because of national origin, sex (including sexual harassment), age (over 40 years), race, color, religion or disability.

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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Maria Taisacan Manglona



"NAN LIA DENCHO"

of Songsong, Rota, born on December 8, 1906, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 1998, at the age of 91 years

- In her death, she joins her Husband: Prudencio Mendiola Manglona Parents: Antonio Matias Taisacan and Olympia Borja Atalig Children: Vicente, Jose, Regina, Bernadita, Theodoro, Simeon, Mercedes, Pedro and Balbina Brothers and sisters: Jose and Concepcion T. King, Natividad T. and Santiago M. Manglona, Heronima T. and Felix Mendiola, Herbert and Lina Taisacan, Setvino and Patricia E. Taisacan; Fritz and Ana T. Mendiola, Jose Taisacan Daughter in Law: Magdalena M. Manglona Grandchildren: Roy A. Manglona, Frank A. Manglona and Norma Mae A. Manglona

- She is survived by her sons and their families: Prudencio T. and Bernadita A. Manglona Vincent A. and Benita A. Manglona Paul A. and Lydia M. Manglona John A. and Mona V. Manglona Charles A. and Lorna M. Manglona Priscilla M. and William S. Torres Prudencio Jr. and Sharon A. Manglona Thomas A. and Rose Q. Manglona Reared nieces: Julie and Ross C. Manglona Rosie and Patrick M. Ogo Benjamin T. Manglona (and Magdalena M. Manglona-) Thomas M. and Laura Manglona Lillian M. and Roman B. Matsumoto Theodore M. and Juliana A. Manglona Rebecca M. and Jesus L. Taisaga Maria M. and Alexandro A. Apatang Benjamin Jr. and Sandra C. Manglona Joanne M. and John San Nicolas Harold M. and Miranda V. Manglona Debra M. and Anthony Diaz Selina M. and Jesse Mesa Antonio T. and Engracia O. Manglona Rosie Ulloa and Donald Camacho Joanne M. and John San Nicolas Reared nephews and niece Augustin and Maria M. Celis Teresita M. and Herman Hill

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Rosa L. Taisacan. Rosary is said daily at 11:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Mr. and Mrs. Prudencio T. Manglona's home in Songsong, Rota. Last respects will be on Monday, July 20, 1998, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mass for a Christian Burial will be at 3:00 p.m., followed by the burial at San Jose Cemetery on Rota.

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routing or not. "We just have a lot of fine-tuning to do but basically, if we can find out who are those bus riders, then we can route the buses directly to them. We need to just reline the routing of the buses so they'll be more efficient in picking up kids on time," Inos said.

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Manglona. Deleon Guerrero pleaded guilty to the charges of homicide by vehicle, reckless driving, and speeding. In exchange, the government agreed to dismiss the remaining charges. Bellas accepted the plea. Court information showed that two cars—a Hyundai four-door sedan and Toyota Camry—collided in front of the Island Garden in Garapan last Nov. 13.

Guam . . . Continued from page 7

the criminal justice system. "How do we perceive ourselves as a species with compassion when the way we deal with this disease only makes the people suffering from it worse?" He said locking up drug dependents is similar to placing tuberculosis sufferers in sanitariums

now, we're going to make use of our existing buses," said Inos. Terry Ignoef, acting supervisor of the PSS Pupil Transportation Department, told the Variety that there are currently 16 regular school buses. She also said there are no funds yet to buy new regular school buses which cost around \$95,000 each. Ignoef, however, said that there may be three new nine-passenger buses for special education students.

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departure could help the economy by boosting the chance that the new government will lower taxes—which many economists feel is needed to perk up Japan's sluggish consumer demand. Hashimoto's government waffled on the issue—and was embarrassed in Sunday's elections.

Manhunt . . . Continued from page 2

senior officers to avoid capture. On Sept. 18, 1996, a shark-class North Korean submarine was found stranded in the same general area, touching off a 53-day manhunt for the craft's 26 occupants. The manhunt by 60,000 soldiers, reservists and police left 37 people

"With Hashimoto gone, there may be scope for greater income tax cuts," said Peter Morgan, chief economist for HSBC Securities Japan Ltd. Concern remained, however, especially over how Japan's new political landscape would affect long-term plans to overhaul its debt-laden financial system.

Ties . . . Continued from page 2

half of the water consumed daily by Singaporeans comes from Malaysia, under two treaties. One of those treaties expires in 2011 and the other in 2061. Singapore wants a clearly defined, longer-term treaty. "We have assured them that we will give them the water but there must be conditions to supplying water," Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said cryptically last week. He did not specify the conditions.

US wants . . . Continued from page 2

tial certification that India and Pakistan were making progress in reducing nuclear tensions. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., chairman of the subcommittee and a sponsor of that legislation, agreed with the administration that the sanctions could bring harm to the economies of both Asian nations in the midst of the current Asian financial crisis.

which can pass the national budget and choose the prime minister without the approval of the upper house. But since the Liberals have only 102 of the upper chamber's 252 seats, they will need the cooperation of other parties to pass key legislation.

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activities and the reorganization of the CCA board. CCA members and interested players are invited to the meeting. For more information, contact Junnel Lomantas at this daytime phone number, 233-3193, or through his pager, 234-4433. (zd)

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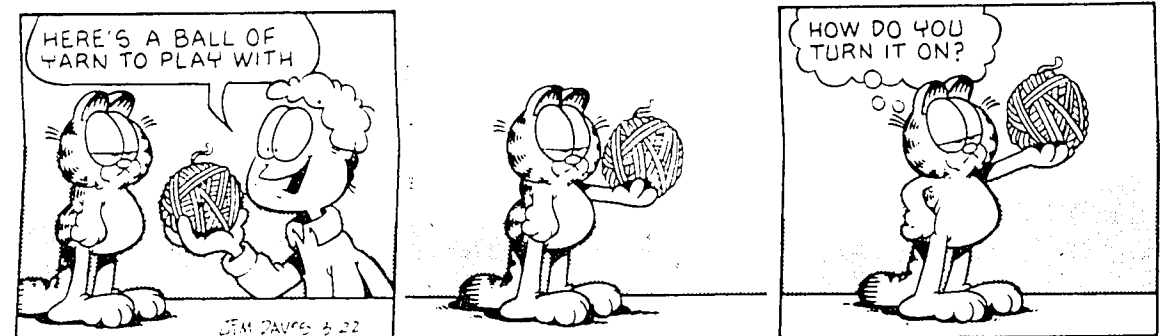
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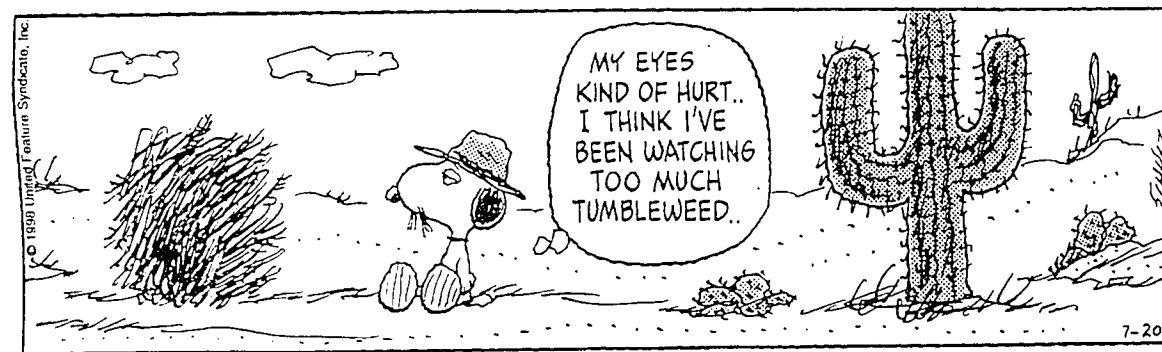
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

**WEDNESDAY**  
BORN today, you are dependent on your inner circle of friends and family. Those closest to you understand that you will always ask a great deal of them in the way of moral and spiritual support. It is not so much that you are incapable of supplying these things for yourself; you are a strong and independent individual with a rebellious streak a mile wide. However, you need the interaction of other people to make you feel complete.

You have a formidable physical presence, and you're instantly noticed upon walking into any room. Still, you don't always seek out such attention; there are times when you wish to be left alone with your thoughts.

Also born on this date are: Kim Alexis, model; Alex Karras, football player and actor; Linda Ronstadt, singer; Jan-Michael Vincent, actor.

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
— You're more important than expected today to pay attention to a loved one. He or she feels vulnerable, and requires a "special something".

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You may juggle with a difficult issue today regarding propriety or even legality. Be sure to follow the rules.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Some things look more favorable than others today. Despite what you see, you'll be tempted to pursue a path that's not recommended.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You can improve things on the romantic front today by admitting that you haven't been doing your job. Make amends.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Take care that you're not so keen on an idea today that you're unable to judge it in a realistic light. Avoid being foolish!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Someone is likely to insist on being part of your business affairs today — whether you like it or not.

You can make room.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
— You're not likely to get what you don't ask for today. Being direct can serve you well at this time — be sure you know what you want!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
— You'll learn a thing or two about something that was only of fleeting interest today. Now that you know more, you'll want to explore further.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
— You may be allowed access to an area usually off-limits to you today. Make sure you know what you want to do when you get there!

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
— You'll feel more daring than in the recent past, and someone will give you a good reason to follow up on a hunch. Give it a try!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
— Search a little further for that special something you need. Today you'll find yourself closer than you've been before.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Motocross allowed land use

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff  
THE OFF Road Association of Marianas has finally received the nod from the Division of Public Land (DPL) on the use of any government-owned land for motocross racing and practices.

After seeing the motocross race in Marpi last July 5, the DPL officials are now positive with the continuance of the sport in the islands. However, they could no longer use the Marpi Race Track because of its proximity in the swimming pool area.

ORAM President Cuci Alvarez, citing a meeting he held with DPL officials last Monday says that the latter are still in the process of scanning DPL-owned land to determine which will be allowed for motocross racing and practices.

It will be recalled that ORAM's lease for the use of a parcel of land in Marpi has expired after the tournament.

The group passed around a petition

during the motocross event asking the DPL to grant them a land use for motocross events.

The signatures in the petition exceeded the minimum 200 signatures that DPL requires.

According to Alvarez, ORAM accumulated almost 600 signatures for the petition.

It's been a long time since ORAM asked DPL to give them permission for the use of any public land for the motocross but it was only in that racing event that DPL became supportive of the project. DPL Director Bertha Leon Guerrero was present during the event.

"Maybe because they (DPL) doesn't know or haven't seen motocross before. Cuci is an international rider and he knows what he is exactly doing especially when it pertains to the safety of the riders and the spectators," said Manny.

Meantime, ORAM is still requesting DPL to allow them the use of the top portion of the Marpi Race Track (away from the swimming pool) to allow their kiddie riders continue with the prac-

tics. "DPL was very impressed with the crowd last July 5. Unlike any other sporting events, people flocked in to Marpi even if they were not participating in the event. It was a good sign that people are very enthusiastic when it comes to motocross," adds Manny.

For Cuci, his reason for bringing back the motocross in Saipan is, "for the kids, for the younger generation of riders. That's why we in ORAM are kinda pushy with the use of DPL owned lands to continue this sport. We are doing this for the kids who want to race and get involved in motocross."

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(SPG) and to inform the community, local businesses and athletic participants about Guam and the upcoming event.

The opening ceremony for the SPG is set for May 29, 1999 and the games

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will conclude on June 12. The first copy of the letter touches on GNOC and SPG happenings. It also presents a map of SPG venue sites, gives glimpses of Guam and highlights the sponsors for the GNOC/SPG.

Marketing Officer for the GNOC, Anita Blas said the intent of the publication is to provide information about the organization of the SPG.

"We pretty much want to get out as much information as possible about sports on Guam and the SPG. We want to make sure the community is receiving accurate reports on the development of the games," she said.

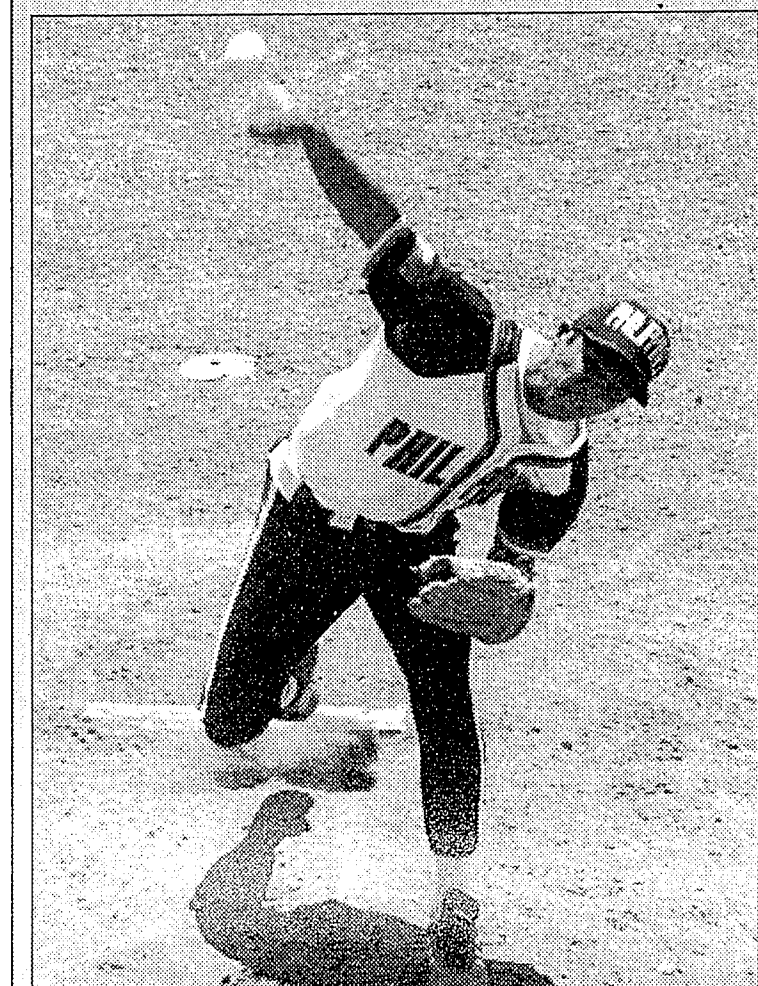
"For example, some people are expressing concern about the incompleteness of the sports complex in Dededo, but that is not something we're

depending on; it was never part of our plans for the games," she added. The GNOC is a non-profit, non-political organization. The organization has sponsors and also gets funding from the International Olympic Committee.

A total of 500 copies of the newsletter have been produced and will be mailed this week to island businesses, community leaders, and national Olympic committees within the Oceania region. The next issue will be ready for distribution immediately before Team Guam's departure for the Micronesian Games later this month.

For more information about the games or the newsletter, call the GNOC at 647-4662.

RP beats CNMI in Senior League, 12-8



Philippines ace pitcher Manny Labrador was masterful against the CNMI All-Stars in yesterday's Senior Little League Baseball Far East Tournament at Paseo Stadium going the full seven innings for the win, 12-8. Labrador allowed eight runs on eight scattered hits, giving up five free passes and fanning eight.



Tony Benavente of the CNMI nearly bites the dust while scoring in the bottom of the fourth inning during yesterday's Senior League Baseball Far East Tournament at Paseo stadium. Philippines' catcher J. Deiena shows umpire Luis Mesa the ball. Photos by Eduardo C. Siguenza

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game with a 984 and team high scratch series with a 2749, while Triple J Wholesale leads in the team high handicap game with a 1129 and the high handicap team series for 3187.

Switching to individual highs, Rich-

ard Sana still holds the high scratch game for a nice 259 and the high handicap game with a 279, followed by Paul Pangelinan with a high scratch series of 677 and still hold the high Handicap series of 725.

Leading the league's highest averages are Danny Robles with a 190, followed by Robert Talavera with a 189, Paul Pangelinan with a 188 and Mark "the Shark" Halstead with a 187.

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Yesterday's game

CNMI 8, GUAM 7				CNMI				Guam			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
D Cruz cf	3	1	0	DL Santos lf	4	1	2	2	2	2	0
Roman lf	1	1	1	M Cruz 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Asag 2b	2	0	0	Sablan 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G Frndz ss	2	0	1	Bansil rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
PCastro 3b	4	0	2	Norita ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
Pnginan 1b	3	0	1	Alfonso pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silvicias p	2	0	0	Martin cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
GTigron rf	2	0	0	Kapileo 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	0
E Mesa rf	3	1	0	Mibusan 1b	3	1	2	1	0	0	0
JCastro ss	3	0	0	Maratta c	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
M Frndz ph	0	0	0	MSablan c	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
JTigron c	3	2	0	TSantos p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aguiro lf	1	1	0	DL Guero p	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Balajadia lf	2	1	2								
Totals	31	7	10	7	Totals	34	8	12	5		

Guam 002 103 1-7  
CNMI 050 010 1-9

Errors—Guam: F. Castro, Aguiro 2, G. Fernandez, CNMI: Kapileo, M. Cruz, LOB—Guam 10, CNMI 8, DP—CNMI 1, 2B—Norita, SB—Guam, D. Cruz, Pangelinan, J. Tajeron, Balajadia, P. Castro, SF—Guam, G. Fernandez, PC—Guam, Pangelinan.

Guam	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Nicolas	1	2	5	6	4	0
J. Castro (L)	5	7	2	2	2	3

CNMI

Santos	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
DL Guerrero (W)	4	2	3	6	3	2
WP—J. Castro, PB—J. Tajeron, Balk—San Nicolas, Santos, HBP—Balajadia by Deleon Guerrero, Umpires—Ignacio (plate), Guerrero (1B), Suel (2B), Diaz (3B)	2	3	4	4	4	3

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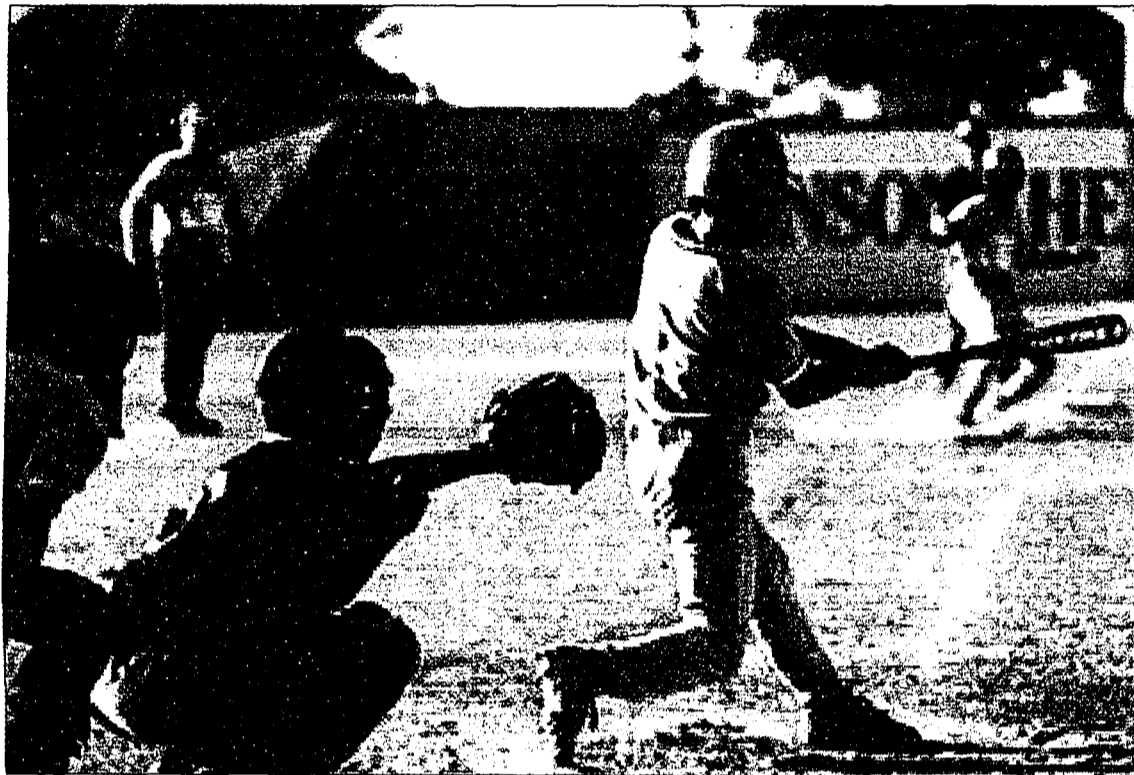
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# SPORTS



*Dramatic Big League win over Guam:*

# CNMI in World Series



With the score juiced at 7-all in the bottom of the 7th inning, Patrick DeLeon Guerrero sends the cowhide deep into the left-field wall to give the CNMI Big League All-Stars a dramatic finish against Guam, 8-7, yesterday at Paseo Stadium.

By **EDDIE SIGUENZA**  
For the *Marianas Variety*

**HAGATNA, Guam** — Nothing so far this year for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has been more thrilling than yesterday's exciting confrontation with the Guam All-Stars in the 1998 Far East Regional Big League Baseball Tournament at Paseo Stadium.

A tired-yet-determined Patrick DeLeon Guerrero rapped a deep single to left field to plate Greatngotel Alfonso in the bottom of the last inning, giving the CNMI All-Stars a hard-fought 8-7 thriller over Guam to capture the Far East title.

Up next is a shot at the Big League World Series in Florida next month, where the CNMI will face Canada in the Aug. 15 opener.

It came down to DeLeon Guerrero to face baseball's ultimate pressure situation: Bases

loaded, two outs, bottom of the last inning and his team needing only one run to win.

But he stepped up and greeted a 1-2 pitch from Guam's Jason Castro and launched it to deep left field where Guam's Ray Aromin, who was playing shallow, could not reach.

When the ball landed safely and after Alfonso touched home plate, the CNMI bench emptied with everyone celebrating. They mobbed Alfonso at home plate and DeLeon Guerrero at midfield.

It brought the CNMI fans to their feet, cheering their 16-18 year olds for one of their best and toughest victories ever over Guam.

"I was really nervous. I was just trying to make contact with the ball," said DeLeon Guerrero, 18, who was also the winning pitcher.

"I was thinking that one wrong move and that's it. I'll have to go out there on the mound again."

An out would have sent the game

into extra innings. And a Guam victory would have meant a Game 3 playoff today.

"Again we ended up on the short end, but we did good," said Guam Manager Frank Fernandez, whose team rallied from 6-0 and 7-3 deficits to deadlock the game 7-7 in the top of the seventh inning.

"It was almost a great comeback by us. The difference in each game was we made one serious mistake. Just one. But this is the first time we've had a Big League Tournament and we really did good. We never gave up."

DeLeon Guerrero relieved starter Tito Santos in the fifth inning.

DeLeon Guerrero threw the final 2 1-3 innings, giving up four runs on four hits.

"Guam had really good players," DeLeon Guerrero said. "They were really tough. But this is a great opportunity for us to go to Florida. We really want to go."

This will mark the CNMI's

second straight trip to the Big League World Series. By default, they represented the Far East Region last year because they were the only ones to field a 16-18 unit, according to James Ada, District Administrator for CNMI Little League Baseball.

"This is a special moment for us because to be honest, we only had four days of practice," said Ada. "We had to complete our baseball season first. We're honored to represent the Far East at the World Series."

DeLeon Guerrero, Len Wayne Maratita and Ned Norita are the only returnees from last year's World Series team, Ada added.

It was Norita who actually started the CNMI's last-effort rally in the last inning. He singled to left field then reached third base on Landon Martin's base hit to right field. Alfonso then stepped in to pinch-run for

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**PANDEMONIUM.** The CNMI dugout went jumping all over Paseo stadium after their dramatic triumph over Guam. CNMI now needs to prepare to travel to the World Series in Florida. Photos by Eduardo

## Jaridon leads bowl league

JARIDON has maintained top spot in the ongoing Wednesday night Men's Bowling League being played at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The Jaridon team sponsored by Riza and Don Hensley, is composed of Gene Borja, Mark Halstead, Don Hensley (sponsor), John Matsumoto, Brett Nevins, Willie Tiongson, Manny Villagomez and Mo Williams.

Jaridon currently holds a 35 win and 21 loss slate, trailed by Oceana Insurance by one game with a 34 win and 22 loss record, for a tie for second place with Vilca Enterprises.

Keeping a close two-game distance from 2nd and 3rd, position is Triple J Wholesale with 32 wins and 24 losses followed by V & J, Saiship and J's Restaurant with a tie for 5th, 6th and 7th place each with 29 wins and 26 losses.

In the individual team standings, Century Travel hold the team high scratch

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## GNOC publishes SPG newsletter

By Sara Grant  
Variety News Staff

**TAMUNING, Guam**—The Guam National Olympic Committee (GNOC) recently published its first newsletter called Gasetan Huegu Siha, which translates to "Newsletter of the Games."

The purpose of the publication is to create awareness about the GNOC's role with the XI South Pacific Games

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## Active chess tourney slated

THE CNMI Chess Association has scheduled an active chess tournament on Sunday, July 19, at the 13 Fishermen Memorial along Beach Road.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m.

In "active" chess, each player will be given only 15 minutes per game.

CNMI Chess Association (CCA) vice president Junnel Lomantassaid the tournament will have two categories—"Bracket A" for top-rated

players, and "Bracket B" for new players.

There will be a \$10 entry fee for Bracket A players, and a \$5 entry fee for the new players.

Cash prizes will go to the winners in each bracket.

CCA has also scheduled another general membership meeting on Sunday.

To be discussed are the membership dues, proposals for future chess

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