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*OIA's Stayman urged against 'takeover'*

## Teno boasts of improvements

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
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IN YET another effort to convince the federal government that a "takeover" of local labor and immigration is not necessary, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has assured Washington officials that reforms have been taking place under his administration.

At the same time, the governor warned that if the takeover plan pushes through, it would "cripple" the CNMI and make it dependent on "federal handouts."

In a letter to Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman, Tenorio quoted a report stating that "while problems still exist, we have taken and continue to take appropriate measures to address them."

The governor claimed the number of non-resident workers in the CNMI is decreasing, as result of



Pedro P. Tenorio

reforms initiated by the local government.

"For the first time in our brief history as a Commonwealth, the number of guest workers in our islands is starting to decrease," he said, adding that CNMI continues to work with appropriate federal



Allen Stayman

agencies in improving the labor situation in the CNMI.

He said these efforts have produced results.

Tenorio said if given more time, the CNMI would continue to show improvements in the area

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## Kara justifies gov't-paid travel of AGO applicant

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

ACTING Atty. Gen. Maya B. Kara has refuted a key senator's allegations that the Attorney General's Office chief showed "total disregard" for the government's dwindling resources over a government-paid trip of a certain Joseph H. Race, a Seattle-based applicant for chief investigator at the AGO.

"I am aware of the austerity measures that we have, but to ensure that the right person is hired for the post of chief of investigation at the AGO is something that we have to do,"



Maya Kara

Kara said in an interview.

At the same time, Kara said a lot of facts about the recruit-

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## Guam tsunami alert canceled

By Jacob Leon Guerrero  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Many island residents woke up yesterday to a report of a possible tidal wave, which did not occur, fortunately.

According to Bob Kelley, director of the Guam Emergency Services Office, Guam was placed in a Tsunami Watch by the Na-

tional Weather Service early yesterday morning after an earthquake rocked Indonesia.

The quake occurred at about 12:10 a.m. (Guam time) in the South Moluccas Sea in Indonesia. Preliminary reports measured the tremor at 7.6 on the Richter scale with five people confirmed

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## Commerce Dept. figures peg garment workers at 13,619

By Zaldy Dandan  
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DEPARTMENT of Commerce figures revealed that there are 13,619 garment workers on Saipan, which is almost 2,000 less than the total given by the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association, according to data reviewed by the Senate leadership yesterday.

DOC's numbers are based on its garment report for May 1 to 31 of this year.

SGMA said its figures include the alien workers on island, pending new applications, permits issued for workers who have not arrived as of June, and expired/valid permits for replacing workers.

The Senate leadership, in a closed-door meeting, discussed the conflicting figures as well as the merits of passing the House garment "attrition" legislation, and concerns against it.

A senator who refused to be identified said there is support for the bill's passage, but only if it is "thoroughly amended."

"I think we'll come up with a substitute bill that we will pass and send back to the House of Representatives," he said.

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Gov. Pedro Tenorio and Lt. Gov. Jesus Sablan lead government officials and members of the Dandan Community Project Association during ribbon cutting rites for the new bathroom facilities at the Dandan ballfield yesterday morning.

Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## GovGuam hit for 'allowing' labor abuse

By Eric F. Say  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — The Guam Contractors Association (GCA) said it had earlier alerted the Government of Guam about the existence of labor abuse but that the latter did little to address the problem.

A GCA letter to Lt. Gov. Madeleine Z. Bordallo pointed out that there seems to be little if any progress being made on reported alien labor abuses on

Guam.

The association's letter, dated Feb. 13, 1998, which formed part of a comprehensive report published by the GCA last November, stated that the situation has changed very little since the GCA's meeting with the lieutenant governor and the Guam Department of Labor some months ago.

During that meeting, GCA

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Madeleine Z. Bordallo

## Guam seeks to tap tourist markets in China, Russia

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Sen. Antonio Lamorena V, chairman of the legislative committee on tourism, seeks to develop the Russian and mainland China markets for Guam's ailing tourism industry.

Although tourism industry leaders are currently concentrating on the all-important Japan market, Lamorena said it is also important for Guam to keep an eye on the long-term prospects for new, non-

traditional markets such as Russia and the People's Republic of China.

"Russia has a lot of affluent people now since the collapse of communism," Lamorena told the Variety in an interview.

"And the thing about Russian visitors is that they are long-haul visitors. Unlike the typical three-day visitors we get now, the Russians usually stay for one week.

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## North Korea blasts South's invitation to Japan emperor



Akihito

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea denounced South Korea on Monday for inviting Japan's Emperor Akihito to visit Seoul in the year 2000.

A broadcast on Korean Central Radio called South Korean Prime Minister Kim Jong-pil, who reportedly made the invitation on Saturday, "a pro-Japan traitor."

The report was monitored in Tokyo by the Radiopress agency.

Kim reportedly offered the invitation at a meeting over the week-

end of Cabinet ministers from both nations in the southern Japanese city of Kagoshima. Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi also attended.

"Our people will never forgive such a criminal act by the traitor of currying favor more and more with the 100-year-old enemy of Japanese aggressive forces," the radio report said.

Last month, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung expressed hope that Emperor Akihito could visit South Korea before the two countries co-host the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament.

Making his first visit to Tokyo after taking office, Kim told Japanese officials it was "unnatural" that a Japanese emperor has not visited South Korea, considering the countries are neighbors and have had diplomatic relations for 33 years.

Japan colonized the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945, and memories of its 35 years of brutal rule remain vivid among many Koreans.



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat listens as Secretary of Commerce Richard Daley, right, speaks at the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., during a meeting with American businessmen. At left is Hasan Abdul Rahman, head of the PLO office in Washington.

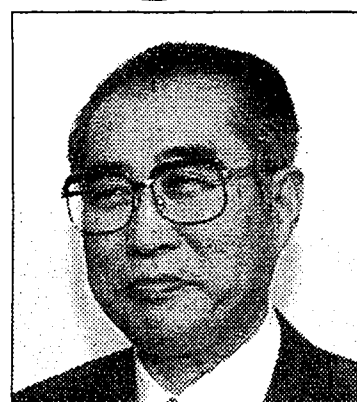
## Obuchi not too keen on cutting sales tax

TOKYO (Reuters) — Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi repeated on Monday that it would be "difficult" to cut Japan's consumption tax, a key proposal of the ruling party's prospective coalition partner.

"From the tax and fiscal perspectives, it would be difficult to cut the consumption tax," Obuchi told the Lower House of parliament, answering questions from Naoto Kan, head of the largest opposition Democratic Party.

Obuchi, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) head, reached a surprise agreement on November 19 with LDP arch-foe Ichiro Ozawa of the Liberal Party to form a coalition government.

The Liberals call for suspending the five percent consumption tax,



Keizo Obuchi

then later raising it gradually to six percent.

But opposition to changing the tax rate is strong within the LDP and government, and the lustre of the Liberals' demand has recently

dimmed.

Ozawa said last week he would not cling to the demand if a good alternative could be found and he does not mention the sales tax suspension when he cites make-or-break conditions for the coalition agreement.

The prime minister also repeated that the government intended to implement a promised corporate tax rate cut from April 1, the start of the next fiscal year.

The business daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun said on Monday that key business lobby Keidanren's chairman, Takashi Imai, would personally lobby Obuchi to accelerate the corporate tax cut to January.

But a Keidanren (Federation of Economic Organisations) said he could not confirm the report.

## Russia continues coaxing IMF

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's finance minister asked Sunday for a little empathy and a lot of cash from the International Monetary Fund.

"Money is not the main thing we need from the IMF, although we need that too," Mikhail Zadomov said, according to the Interfax news agency. "We, above all, expect understanding from the IMF, and a program to relieve Russia's debt — that is, \$17.5 billion."

Russia has been hoping the IMF would release the next installment of a \$22.6 billion loan package frozen in August after the government effectively devalued the ruble and defaulted on its foreign debt.

Those actions helped plunge the country into its worst financial crisis since Soviet times.

Government officials have taken various tacks in asking for the money. Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov tried exasperation on

Saturday, when he complained about the demands of "young boys" from the IMF, but said Russia would grudgingly give in to them.

The IMF has demanded Russia adopt a budget that is acceptable to fund officials before any more money is released.

Zadomov said he hoped the IMF would not only release the next loan installment, but help Russia restructure its foreign debt — and

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## Cambodia seeks UN, ASEAN seats



Hun Sen

By Robert Birsel  
PHNOM PENH (Reuters) — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and his new coalition gov-

ernment were voted into office on Monday, ending 17 months of crisis since the previous administration collapsed in violence.

The National Assembly passed a vote of confidence in favour of the coalition between Hun Sen and the former partner he ousted in July last year, Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

Shortly after the vote Hun Sen told parliament that Cambodia would be seeking to regain its seat at the United Nations and secure membership in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"I would like to appeal to all

friendly countries of ASEAN, Cambodia intends to occupy its seat in order to complete the formula of 10," he said, referring to the 10 countries in the region.

Cambodia's membership of the nine-member ASEAN was postponed last year after Hun Sen ousted his then senior co-premier Ranariddh. The country's seat at the United Nations was also left vacant.

"I believe this government will work effectively," Hun Sen told reporters after the session. "Cambodia's entry to ASEAN is one priority and to get back

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# Retirement chief retires

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
Variety News Staff

RETIREMENT Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona is retiring from government service on Dec. 24, the expiration date of his contract.

Manglona, who has been serving the CNMI government for 20 years, is expected to make a public announcement of his retirement today at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio earlier

described Manglona as "one of the good people that he hates to see retiring."

Manglona's retirement, however, leaves a trail of successful endeavors for the Retirement Fund which he served in various capacities for 11 years. He has been the agency's administrator for the last four years.

"During this period, we all witnessed the growth of our assets from \$162 million in 1994 to over \$350 million today," Manglona said in his Nov. 24 letter to

Tenorio, a copy of which was obtained by the Variety.

The letter to the governor said that part of the assets was invested in the Fund's new building which they will officially occupy today.

At the same time, Manglona has asked the governor and the Board of Trustees to "continue to support the Fund and guard against all legislative proposals that would undermine its financial future."

In the past, Manglona has been very vocal in voicing out concerns and objections on certain proposed legislations that will negatively affect the operations of the agency.

Certain bills which he voiced out objections on were vetoed by the governor.

Although the Fund was able to accomplish the goals and purposes



Edward H. Manglona

for which it was created, Manglona said there is still much work to be done.

He said that one of these most urgent goals is to overhaul the Retirement Fund statute to provide consistency in its provisions, and to include and implement an investment concept called the

"modern portfolio theory."

The concept, in general terms, would allow the Board to prudently invest Fund assets without the restriction of a legal list, which is now in effect.

"It is important that the Board be given the full authority to exercise its fiduciary duties with respect to investment of trust assets. Investment opportunities abound which may or may not be permissible under current laws," he said.

Manglona added that other agencies similar to the Retirement Fund enjoy the benefits of certain investments, yet the Fund is limited to the list enumerated under current law.

The outgoing Fund chief also expressed his deep appreciation to the governor and the Board's support and cooperation during

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## CUC power generation falls short of Oct. peak demand



Timothy Villagomez

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation's (CUC) current power generation was six megawatts short of the 69-megawatt peak usage demand last October, according to CUC Executive Director Timothy Villagomez.

The figure, according to Villagomez, points to a worsen-

ing power supply situation on the island.

"Currently, we are faced with a critical power shortage," Villagomez told Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio in a letter, noting the October figures.

He added that the island may experience an acute power supply situation by next year's summer months where peak demands "will be approximately 76 megawatts."

He said power demand is seen to further expand to 82 megawatts by mid-2000.

"This (projection) is true even in the face of our current economic difficulty because these demands come from both private commercial businesses whose markets are not affected by the downturn in the Asian economy (garment industry), and the growing residential demand which will

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## Arrivals seen rising in 2 mos.

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio said yesterday that tourist arrivals may increase further in two months as some airlines are now offering more flights to the CNMI.

"I am very pleased to learn that for the months of December and January, there are some arrangements made with airlines to have their several charters to arrive here in the CNMI," said Tenorio in an interview during the bathroom

facilities at Dandan ballfield. Tenorio said he believes that with tourist arrivals are slowly improving now, the assistance of

airlines by offering extra flights will help to boost the visitors' industry in the Commonwealth.

The governor specifically pointed out that Japan Airlines is assisting the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to bring tourists from other cities in Japan that don't have any direct flights to Saipan.

MVA Board Chairman David M. Sablan earlier expressed optimism that visitor arrivals will improve in this current fiscal year as some airlines are now providing extra flights.

Sablan disclosed that Northwest Airlines is offering other sections

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## 'Deficit Teno's biggest challenge'



Pete P. Reyes

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
THE CHAIR of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee yesterday

said the government's \$53 million deficit remains the Republican administration's "biggest challenge," but expressed confidence on Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's ability to deal with it.

"I think the governor is working on it in a very responsible way," Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) told reporters.

"He's facing it head on. He's not shying away from it. He's doing everything humanly possible to deal with it. I just hope that the economy becomes kinder to us," he said, adding that the Republican-controlled Legisla-

ture will continue to support the administration's efforts to improve the economy.

Reyes at the same time blames the former Democratic administration for the deficit.

Then governor Froilan C. Tenorio, however, claimed that he inherited a \$44 million deficit from his Republican predecessor.

"I still doubt that," Reyes said. The CNMI Constitution requires that operating deficits should be retired "during the second consecutive fiscal year following the year" the deficit

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## Cabras dev't to start after waste cleanup

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — The long-awaited development of Cabras Industrial Park will start as soon as the area is cleared of metallic waste and other environmental hazards, the Port Authority of Guam reported during its board meeting yesterday.

"Just as soon as we clear the property of metallic waste and the environmental study is completed, we can turn over possession of the area to potential developers," PAG Legal Counsel Phil

Carbullido said.

"Then 12 months from that time, we can start building the warehouses and other structures as provided for in the Master Plan for that area."

In 1992, the Guam Legislature passed Public Law No. 21-124 which authorizes the Port Authority of Guam to lease land for development into a Cabras Island Industrial Park. The goals for the proposed industrial park are three-fold:

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Joseph F. Ada

## Ada-Camacho suit expected to be filed today

By Jojo Santo Tomas  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — A lawsuit filed by the Republican gubernatorial team of Joseph F. Ada and Felix Camacho against the Guam Election Commission is expected by today, Republican party chair Fred Castro said.

In a meeting 10 days ago at their headquarters, the Ada/Camacho team received rousing support from their followers to go through with a lawsuit meant to address several election discrepancies, including people possibly using the same social security number to vote, and potential non-U.S. citizens voting at the Nov. 3 election.

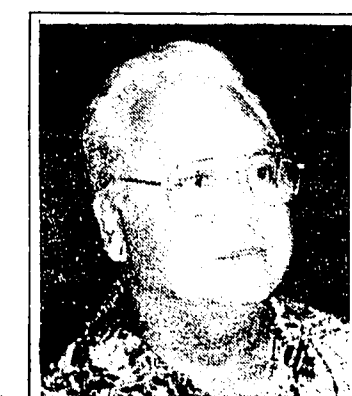
The team will likely be represented by Attorney Curtis Van de Veld.

## Teno: Gov't lease of private buildings only 'temporary'

By Haidee V. Eugenio  
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THE ADMINISTRATION is planning to transfer to cheaper and government-owned properties certain government offices that are renting spaces at privately-owned buildings, especially with the completion of the new Retirement Fund building at Capitol Hill.

The new building, which is just a stones throw away from the Governor's Office, will have its ribbon-cutting ceremony to-



Pedro P. Tenorio

day. Retirement Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona earlier said that the entire third floor, as well as portions of the second floor, will be leased only to government offices.

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said he has asked his staff to re-assess the office space rentals of at least four agencies in view of the economic crisis' impact on CNMI's resources.

The government currently pays a total of \$1.19 million a year in

office rental for the Public School System, the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Labor and Immigration.

The governor also said he would like to see all government offices housed at government buildings, but admitted that it would still take some time to realize this due to limited government facilities.

"We like to see them have

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Jojo Dass

### Amnesty, Saipan-style

AFTER quite a while, government has finally come up with a measure to lure all overstayers into the open: A so-called "Limited Immunity Program" meant to convert "illegals" into legally employed nonresident workers.

The Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI), which is the lead government agency on the matter, appears very much upbeat as the program begins to be in effect tomorrow.

The department has formed a 12-man task force to facilitate the program and has designated its conference room as registration site.

"We're ready," DOLI Secretary Mark Zachares has told me.

Yes, they are and they better be, Big Brother is watching.

But with all the hullabaloo, some basic facts remain missing.

For instance, government is launching a program to "forgive" overstayers, and is in fact, going a step more by granting them employment, without really knowing how many of them are out there.

All government has estimates ranging from 10,000 to 5,000. How did this happen?

Something's wrong — or was wrong — somewhere.

For instance, there are overstayers who managed to enter the CNMI as tourists or business permit holders and have managed to land jobs illegally.

There are also overstayers who were once legitimate nonresident workers but were abandoned by employers and have opted to go into hiding.

Moreover, there are overstayers rendered as such while waiting for progress on their labor complaints usually involving thousands of dollars in monetary awards covering unpaid wages and liquidated damages.

Finally, there are the overstayers who were once legitimate nonresident workers but have passed on — or sold — their repatriation tickets to others upon expiration of their work contracts.

In all cases, there should be documentation of these people, else we presume that the much-ballyhooed Labor and Immigration Identification Database System (LIIDS) is not doing its job at all.

With a sound documentation system at hand, all it will take is a few questions asked around in a systematic, time-bound crack-down against overstayers.

But there's no such thing in government, apparently.

Another point, government will be throwing a shot at the moon if it expects to rid the islands of every existing overstayers through a six-month amnesty period.

For one, only the illegally employed ones are seen to be really willing to come forward, while those living on odd jobs with different employers are expected to remain in hiding due to the bleak prospects they have coming out in the open and looking for mainstream employment that are not anymore there considering the economic crisis.

In fact, Zachares has gone around asking business leaders to support the program and I was told he got a not-so-sound response.

The garment sector can not hire more. They already have enough for the time being at least, they say.

The Chamber of Commerce says it can only hire a few, while the hotels are not in the mood to hire people.

For their part, the illegally employed overstayers deprive government of much-needed tax revenues.

Launching a limited immunity is like asking them to come out, come out wherever they are and pay their taxes.

Well, they can become "legals" in return, anyway and that's what makes the whole thing smell like a scratch-my-back-I'll-scratch-yours kind of unprincipled reciprocity.

Also standing to gain on this program are employers who have knowingly been employing overstayers.

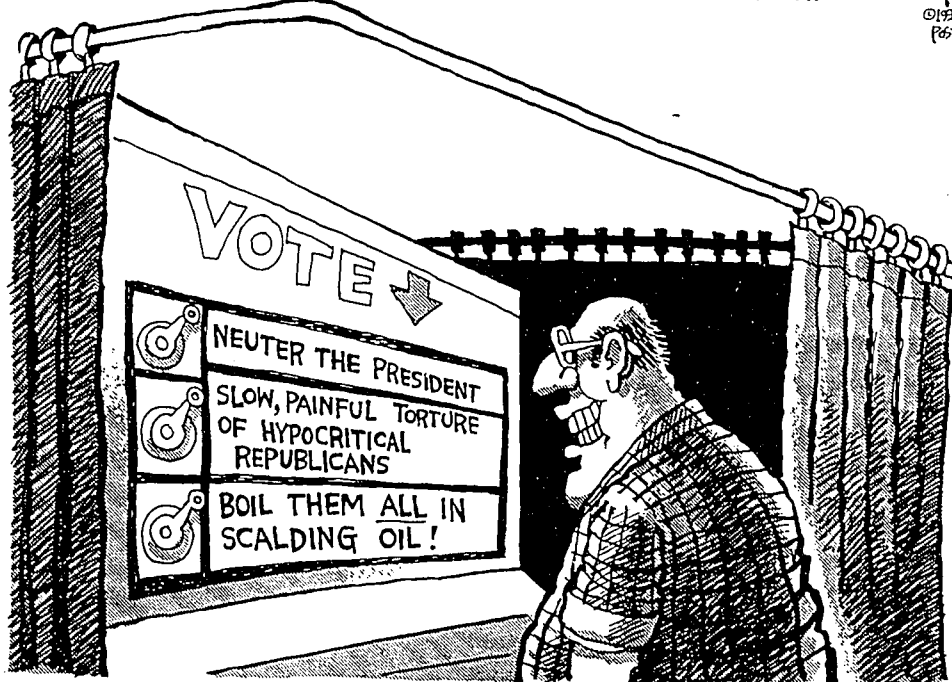
Under normal circumstances, these employers are risking themselves \$300 for each of the overstayer they are hiring.

Under limited immunity, however, they not only are spared the embarrassment and monetary fines but are, in fact, glorified as pro-worker capitalists taking in displaced individuals "for their love of humanity."

At the day's end, limited immunity will make a lot of people happy — government is happy, the erring employers are happy, the "illegals" are happy.

That's doing it Saipan-style.

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### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Cold War still having ecological impact

LOS ANGELES — Almost a decade after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the tragic ecological residue of the Cold War's weapons-making machinery has barely abated.

"This is a major project that should be focused on — particularly in Russia and America," said Mikhail Gorbachev, the last president of the Soviet Union, in an exclusive interview.

"These two countries spent billions — trillions? — of dollars on the military. And now, in order to get rid of the pollution of the consequences of the arms race, we'll probably have to spend at least as much."

The problem is less severe in the United States than it is in Russia, where wide-scale nuclear, chemical and biological weapons production was done with few environmental safeguards.

Huge swaths of Russia, including water sources like lakes and rivers, have been contaminated with these Cold War byproducts. The damage is so severe and widespread that cleaning up all the radioactive material produced by a half-century of arms production is nearly impossible.

Gorbachev's Green Cross International is sponsoring the "Legacy Program," which has been conducting seminars and discussions about the resolution of this problem. In Russia, only Green Cross has a contract with the Russian Defense Ministry to conduct "negotiations" between other ministries, the public and the military on possible solutions.

In the United States, a sister project is run by Global Green U.S.A., Gorbachev's affiliate organization headquartered here. (The name "Green Cross" was already taken in America.)

Global Green's Executive Director, Matt Petersen, said it is a serious problem in the United States. "Military toxic waste poses an enormous threat to public health and the environment here," says the former congressional aide.

"Vast amounts of toxic pollution left from the production, storage and testing of chemical, biological, nuclear and conventional weapons of the Cold War contaminate millions of acres awaiting redevelopment. Millions of tons of obsolete weapons and ammunition await destruction."

Global Green estimates that over 20,000 sites on more than 1,700 U.S. military facilities are contaminated with conventional toxic waste alone. Some 30,000 tons of deadly chemical weapons await destruction. The cost of cleanup is in the tens of billions of dollars.

"It will not be easy to do this," Gorbachev said. "But the Legacy Program will help. Of

course, it won't be up to Green Cross to actually dismantle weapons, missiles or submarines. The task of Green Cross is to help the military and the military-industrial complex in both our countries understand their responsibility on this."

Gorbachev said that when Green Cross started pushing "the military establishment in Russia and in America" on this several years ago, "they were very reluctant to welcome this initiative." Strong-arm methods against Russian environmental activists are not uncommon, he said.

"Our two countries went through terrible times in the arms race — and therefore, it is the responsibility, above all, of our two countries to create a different world," Gorbachev continued. "To prevent another arms race, and to prevent the spread of the terrible weapons that we have. So this project should be treated in this context as to its importance."

Gorbachev said Green Cross has made some headway in Russia. First, they helped convince the military of the need to "liquidate" chemical weapons. But the military found that "they clashed with the people" over this.

"The people didn't like it, for example, that the chemical weapons destruction plant might be in their area. And therefore, the military passed it off to Green Cross because Green Cross acted like an intermediary between the people and the military."

So Green Cross has held more than a dozen conferences in Russia, Europe and, with Global Green's assistance, in the United States.

But the economic crisis in Russia, and the possibility of recession in America's near future, has dampened some initial enthusiasm for the project, according to Green Cross sources. This has caused "Mr. Gorbachev to redouble his efforts and his celebrity to focus on this problem," said one official.

We found Gorbachev to be an able and convincing spokesperson for this issue, particularly after noting that environmental organizations and individuals were first allowed to raise the alarm in the Soviet Union in the late 1980s under his glasnost reform. But ending the Cold War might prove easier for Gorbachev than cleaning up its remains.

In an eloquent conclusion to our conversation, hearkening back to Ernest Hemingway, he said: "It will not be easy now as we say farewell to those arms."

# PSS eyes school reforms

By Louie C. Alonso

Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC School System is pushing for the implementation of Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) program to improve student achievement in the CNMI.

At the special meeting of principals yesterday, Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos said CSR is "called on to make good

choices" for the administrators and students of all public schools.

She urged the principals to submit proposals based on CSR models that would be implemented in each schools.

The principals are expected to submit their proposals to PSS not later than Dec. 7.

Thomas Barlow, director of the Center for Teaching and Learn-

ing Assistance, discussed the importance of school reforms in CNMI public schools and how the principals could use CSR models.

Barlow, who was present at the principals' meeting, said CSR aims at improving the students' achievement by reorganizing and revitalizing the entire school rather than implementing isolated



Rita H. Inos

programs. CSR makes use of well-researched and well-documented models for school wide change.

The program will employ innovative strategies and proven methods for teaching, student learning and school management.

CSR requires a comprehensive design for effective school operation and provides high quality and continuous teacher and staff professional development and training.

The CSR program will determine. Continued on page 22

## DOE finds creative cost-cutting

By Jojo Santo Tomas

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — In light of an almost guaranteed budget shortfall, the Department of Education is looking for ways — and finding them — to live below its means.

"We are going to be working with our vendors to ask them to be a little more patient," DOE spokesman Tony Diaz said. "By all indications, 1999 is going to

be a very lean year."

In addition to a hiring freeze already in place, DOE is doing its best to cut costs across the board, as they may end up up to \$15 million short by the end of the fiscal year.

To allay the labor shortfall caused by the hiring freeze, DOE has set up a staffing pattern committee. Its primary purpose will be to assess the needs and surpluses of each school, in the event

sharing of support staff, like aides and substitute teachers, becomes necessary.

Each school, Diaz said, has formed a cost and energy conservation committee whose sole purpose will be to put a dent in DOE's annual \$6 million utility bill.

"It boils down to being more aware of our situation, and it may be as little as going around

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### Guam joins in observance of World AIDS Day

By Tanya M.C. Mendiola

Variety News Staff

HAGATNA — Red ribbons adorn utility poles in Yigo in observance of World AIDS Day today. This year's theme is focused on youth.

Many young people of Guam have taken part in the "Be a Force For Change" 1998 AIDS awareness campaign.

Statistics from the Coral Life Foundation, a non-profit AIDS awareness foundation, indicate that 18 to 25-year-olds have the fastest growing HIV-infection rate nationwide.

Students are participating this month by holding AIDS awareness campaigns.

Students of Simon A. Sanchez High School in Yigo, with the help of the village mayor's office and a scouts troupe, tied red-ribbons onto power poles in observance of the victims befallen with AIDS.

Health counselor Shirley Ruiz said the student body, faculty and staff members of the school participated in the AIDS walk, sponsored by the Coral Life Foundation and organized by student groups last weekend.

Ruiz said she wears a ribbon to memorialize a friend who died of AIDS a couple of years ago.

S.S.H.S. Student Council President, senior Rosalie Alvarado, said wearing the red ribbon symbolizes that she is aware of AIDS and its impact on the island community.

"It's scary that we are a small island and a lot of people aren't being tested (for HIV)," said Alvarado. "We (the youth) have to open our eyes and see that we are being affected. It is scary that people my age think that it can't

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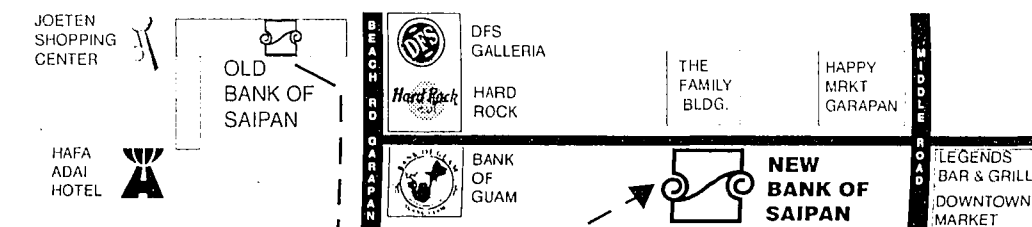
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## Guam Ports agency enlists AAPA aid for \$9M funding

**Variety News Staff**  
HAGATNA - The Port Authority of Guam is enlisting the help of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) to lobby for passage of legislation that would grant funding for port infrastructure projects.

The AAPA recently gave the 105th U.S. Congress an incomplete grade for its failure to enact legislation that funds projects for all U.S. ports, including Guam. According to PAG spokesman Mike Henderson, Guam could get about \$9 million in federal funding through this package.

The whole thing was not acted upon by the last Congress so AAPA sent us a letter offering its help to lobby for passage of the funding. And of course we accepted the offer.

We have already contacted our Washington lawyers and asked

them to contact AAPA to lobby for us. The estimated \$9 million in funding is a pretty substantial amount if we can get it.

"There are other ports that are in the same position that we are which didn't get their project funding too," Henderson said.

A communiqué from the AAPA stated that essential navigation dredging projects for ports around the nation were held hostage by election-year politics.

"Congress' inability to take action on this critical bill contradicts their focus on global trade as the foundation for our strong U.S. economy," said Kurt J. Nagle, AAPA president.

Although the U.S. Senate approved a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill in early October, further progress was blocked in the House over provisions

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Gov. Pedro Tenorio turns the shower on as Lt. Gov. Jesus Sablan, NMHC corporate director MaryLou Ada (party hidden), and NMHC board chairman Juan S. Tenorio look on after yesterday's ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Dandan ballfield.  
Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## NMHC, Dandan Community opens bathroom facilities at ballfield

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff

THE NORTHERN Marianas Housing Corporation in partnership with the community has completed bathroom facilities worth \$75,000 at the Dandan ballfield.

Gov. Pedro Tenorio and Lt. Gov. Jesus Sablan led NMHC and government officials in yesterday's ribbon cutting ceremony for the bathroom facilities.

NMHC, through its board chairman Juan Tenorio, handed the keys of the new project to the Dandan Community Project Association.

"I am very pleased. This is one of the projects that I would like to see other villages working together...parents, teachers, the Public School System and the administration in trying to assist in the improvement of our schools and children," the governor said.

"This project shows the dedication by the parents in establishing the community by building a baseball field, and also shower room for their children," he said.

Ada explained that the funding for the project came from the US Department of Housing and Ur-

ban Development's Community Development Block Grant.

Ada said the Dandan Community Project Association requested NMHC to provide funding for the bathroom facilities because the players have a hard time going to the houses to use the bathroom after every game.

"So we were happy to be a part of that. And the main reason we gave them the bathroom and the reason that touches our heart is that the entire community of Dandan gather together and build the first phase of the baseball field," Ada said.

When HUD and NMHC evaluate the request, Ada said it was concluded that the project is a great partnership with the community so they worked to realize the bathroom facilities accessible to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

James Kintol, vice president for the association, said although it is just a bathroom not to be compared with other landmark projects on Saipan, it means so much to the Dandan community.

"The bathroom adds a big dimension to this ballfield in providing the youths and residents of

Dandan a wholesome recreational site," Kintol said.

Kintol said in 1993 the association began developing the site for a baseball field as the proposed Dandan School would be adjacent to the area.

"The association planned the direction of the fence, backstop and bathroom so it can be accessible to the students who will be attending school here in Dandan," he said.

The association, he added, is quite enthusiastic that PSS is moving forward with its plans to build a school in Dandan.

## PSS bares its emergency disaster plan

**By Louie C. Alonso**  
Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC School System disclosed its emergency disaster plan last week which would assist all the system employees in managing the responsibilities assigned to them during emergency situations.

According to PSS, the emergency plan will be activated following the governor's declaration of a tropical storm or typhoon condition II.

The executive order will indicate the time, date, islands affected, and the condition setting upon its execution.

The disaster plan is intended to upgrade PSS's capabilities in mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and continuity of services.

The plan is also designed to ensure that there is minimal interruption of essential services to the system in times of disaster.

Natural and technological hazards which threaten the Commonwealth, health and safety hazards (particularly in the aftermath of a disaster), and restoration of vital public facilities to pre-disaster

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Those without jobs to stay in hiding

## Limited immunity to yield only the illegally employed

**By Jojo Dass**  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNMENT's limited immunity program, which starts tomorrow, could only yield undocumented foreigners already illegally employed.

At the same time, acting Labor Director Jeffrey Camacho, in an interview yesterday, insisted the program's timing is "fine" despite the observation that the current economic crisis could cause under-employed illegals to remain in hiding due to bleak prospects of landing mainstream employment.

Also benefiting from the program's six-month grace period are employers who have knowingly been hiring overstaying foreign workers and may want to give legal status to them to be spared from being asked to pay \$300 in fines for each illegals they hire, in case they are eventually caught.

"I'm pretty sure... that there is a lot of illegals right now that are working for employers," said Camacho, who is heading a 12-man task force created by Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares to facilitate the amnesty

project.

"So, if you are an employer and I'm your employee and I'm working illegally for you, you're going to tell me to go on and register and then you're going to come in to Labor and say you are going to hire this guy," he said.

Government's benefits from the program are two-pronged: It will lessen the problem on illegals and, at the same time, generate additional revenues in taxes to be paid by the converted illegals.

"Because they are illegals, they don't pay taxes and it is not fair that these illegals are working and not paying taxes," said Camacho.

He expressed hopes the program yields a big turn out even as he urged all illegals to come to the Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) and be registered.

He also warned that DOLI's immigration division will intensify its campaign against illegals after the Dec. 2, 1998 - June 1, 1999 grace period is over.

"We are urging all illegals to please come in and register so that you will be accounted for. Because after this, we will be in full force and there will be no chances for (illegals) to be given another

opportunity," said Camacho.

Recent estimates by a top-ranking DOLI official pegged the number of overstaying foreigners at nearly 5,000, with Filipino nationals comprising the bulk.

The department opens its doors tomorrow for illegals who will be asked to register their names before the immigration division and given a 90-day permit allowing them to seek new employers.

Employers taking in illegals will, for their part, be issued a 90-day, \$100 Limited Immunity Temporary Working Authorization (LITWA) during which they are required to processed the illegals' work papers should they decide to hire them for a year's contract.

The program has the same processing procedures - job vacancy announcements, police and clearance health clearances.

The converted illegals' passports will also be photocopied for DOLI's filing purposes.

Overstayers covered by the limited immunity program are those who have been in the CNMI before Jan. 1 this year.

The program is mandated under Public Law 11-33.



1998 Miss NMI Universe Helene Y. Lizama (left) and 1998 Miss NMI International Sonya P. Pangelinan (right) help CHC volunteers make Thanksgiving Baskets recently.  
Photo by Laila Younis

## Man nabbed in Beach Road robbery

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff

ONE MAN was arrested in two reported robbery incidents in Garapan during Thanksgiving Day and early Sunday morning.

Public Safety Information Officer Rose Ada in a press briefing yesterday identified the arrested suspect as 28-year-old Syvano Mers Alfonso.

Ada said the first robbery happened in front of K.K. Gift Shop Thursday at 8:27 p.m.

Ada said investigation showed that while a Chinese woman was walking with her

friends, an unidentified man suddenly approached and grabbed her purse.

The suspect fled towards Makaka Beach and escaped on board a dark or brown-colored jeep.

Ada said the victim complained of pain on the left arm. Responding police officers failed to locate the suspect, who was described as slim build, with short hair, fair complexioned, 5'6" in height, and clad in white T-shirt, black short pants, and sneakers.

Ada said the second robbery occurred along Beach Road by Hibiscus Karaoke Sunday at 1 a.m.

Police said while a 24-year-old Chinese woman was standing in front of the karaoke talking to her friends, a man approached from behind and grabbed her purse.

The suspect fled on foot. The victim immediately flagged a patrol car that passed the area and reported the incident.

Responding police officers later arrested the suspect who was then identified as Alfonso.

## CUC-USGS water studies underway on Tapochau

**By Jojo Dass**  
Variety News Staff

SEVEN "exploratory" wells are being drilled by a joint team from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in Mt. Tapochau and studies are underway to determine if these can be used to augment water distribution on Saipan, according to CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis.

In an interview, Mathis said USGS specialists are trying to validate whether Mt. Tapochau's "perched aquifer" are safe for the public.

"We are trying to see if we can find that 'perched' water sources) now depending on the seven exploratory wells.

"Some of them can be brought into production. Some of them

can fail based on what they (USGS representatives) learn. They may (even) expand the number of (wells)," said Mathis.

This is the first time that a large-scale water well project is undertaken on Mt. Tapochau.

Mathis explained USGS has prioritized the area since water produced there will drain down the Puerto Rico and Garapan areas, addressing the problem on inadequate water supply.

The project came in light of CUC's recent announcements that wells producing saltier water due to the long dry spell will have to be closed down while news ones have to be drilled.

Mathis said CUC has already turned off "some" wells in the Puerto Rico area, adding that CUC "will also drill a few new

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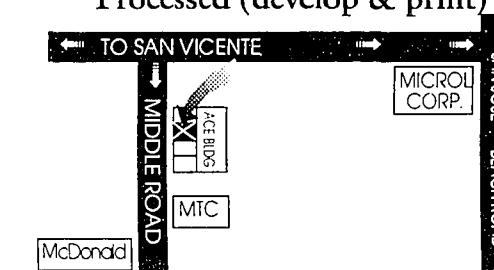
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## Improvements at Rota airport are nearly done



Carlos H. Salas

By Rene P. Acosta  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Ports Authority said it is now about to complete the second phase of its modernization project at the Rota Airport which involves the upgrading of its passenger facilities. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said CPA is about to finish the installation of the stall baggage conveyor at the airport's arrival area along with some other repair and furnishing work.

The airport which is being refurbished to help Rota develop, can serve domestic flights only. It has no jetways and could accommodate planes the size of DC-300.

According to Salas, the instal-

lation of the conveyor and the other equipment at the arrival lounge are part of the second phase of the project designed to upgrade the airport.

He said CPA is also completing a car rental facility and vendors' outlet.

"We are going to have a new car rental facility to operate. Unlike before, these car renting companies have to wait for customers under amakeshift facility," he said.

"I thank them for patiently waiting for the CPA to complete this project, now they can already have a permanent facility where they could transact business with customers," he added.

Salas said the vendors' area which was set aside for dealers of various products shall come as CPA's help to local merchandizers.

"Definitely we will be helping them to sell their local food and other products. Also, this would be a great help to the visitors who need to do some last minute shopping," he said.

Meanwhile, Salas also disclosed that the NMI's seaports are more busier now than ever, despite the economic difficulties that hit the islands.

## Bill to reorganize CPA CRM now before Teno

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

A BILL that would reorganize the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the Coastal Resources Management Office is now before Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio.

Senate Bill 11-72, which was passed recently by both houses of the Legislature, seeks to return CPA and CRM to its former independent agency status prior to then governor Froilan C. Tenorio's controversial reorganization executive order, or E.O. 94-3, four years ago.

The order placed CPA under the Department of Public Works, and CRM under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

"That was an unnecessary and perhaps even an unconstitutional act," according to the bill's author, Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), who opposed E.O. 94-



Pedro P. Tenorio.

3. "These agencies were doing well before that order," he said. "I still don't see the point of their being where they are now."

Reyes added that Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has earlier expressed support for a bill that would reorganize CPA and CRM.

The senator also introduced similar legislation to "undo" the reorganization of other agencies as provided by E.O. 94-3.



Pete P. Reyes

His bill, S.B. 11-72, states that the current setup of CPA and CRM is inconsistent with their respective mission and duties.

If signed into law, the bill would repeal each section of E.O. 94-3 that affects the functions and duties of CPA and CRM.

Both agencies would then return to their status prior to Aug. 23, 1994, which was the order's effective date.

## Landowner sues tenants who abandoned land

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

A WOMAN yesterday filed a lawsuit against five persons and a private firm for allegedly abandoning her piece of land that they have been leasing.

Irene Andres Facey sued defendants Sun Hong, Yuan Yi Hua, Liu Guo Ying, Jian Guo Yang, Tsung Ming Hung, and Hsin De Guh Trading Corporation for breach of contract.

Facey asked the Superior Court to issue an order declaring that the lease is terminated and that she is entitled to the immediate possession of the land.

Facey in the complaint stated she is the owner and lessor of a piece of land measuring about 982 square meters located in Susupe.

According to the complaint, in April 1990 plaintiff leased the

land to Hong for a 55-year term.

Three months later, Hong executed a special power of attorney in favor of Hua authorizing the latter "to lease, assign, encumber, mortgage, convey, release the lot."

Hong in consideration of \$38,298 transferred and assigned all of his interest, and rights as lessee in lot to Ying, who then acquired a right of possession of the leased premises.

In 1992, plaintiff received a letter-notice from lawyer Douglas Muir that the leasehold interest in lot had been assigned to Yang, who in turn, was preparing to assign the lease to Guh Trading.

The name of the assignor of Yang was not mentioned in Muir's letter and such assignment cannot be found at the Commonwealth's Recorder, the complaint said.

Yang in consideration of \$100,000 transferred all of his interest and rights as lessee to Guh Trading, which then acquired a right of possession of the leased premises.

In 1994, Guh Trading transferred all of its interest and rights as lessee to Hung.

"Defendants despite having acquired their respective right of possession at one time or another, did not actually took possession or occupation of lot, but has instead abandoned the same," the complaint said.

Plaintiff attempted to serve each of the defendants notice in writing regarding their failure to comply with the term of the lease and her desire to terminate the lease, but none was served since the whereabouts of the defendants cannot be ascertained.



The Mt. Carmel Choir belts out a Christmas tune during the La Fiesta's Festival of Lights & ceremony recently. Photo by Laila Younis

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## Guam TV show eyes pre-schoolers

By Tanya M.C. Mendiola  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA- Production of a local television show, modeled after the children's television shows Blue's Clues and Sesame Street, are in the works. The purpose of the show is to teach Guam children the Chamoru language.

The Chamoru Language Commission is targeting pre-schoolers for the implementation of their yet-to-be-named TV

show. Ray Sanz, CLC programs coordinator, said the show should be airing sometime next year.

The program will be conducted mostly in Chamoru and KGTF is contracted to help produce the show. The pilot program for the show will debut in some of the island's children's day-care centers.

The plans for the show have been in works for over a year, but, according to Sanz, CLC budgetary constraints and the

limited number of employees at the commission have forced them to use all other resources they can find and turn mostly to volunteers to put the show together.

The show is part of a three-pronged approach at promoting the island's native language. The first of the tools is a pre-school pilot program.

The second is sending Chamoru language teachers into homes to help enhance par-

ents' abilities in teaching their children Chamoru. The up-coming television production is the last leg of the approach.

"We figure that if we are going to try to introduce the language into the households, then we should have a TV show to complement the curriculum,"

said Sanz. Sanz, who is writing the scripts and providing the materials for the show, said there has been an avid interest from community members who want to contribute to the program. The first show is earmarked for debut for the coming year.



CHC Volunteers gather to show the Thanksgiving baskets they were raffling off recently at the CHC Gift Shop. Miss NMI International '98 Sonya P. Pangelinan (far left) and NMBPA Treasurer Jessica Barcinas (far right) join in. Photo by Laila C. Younis

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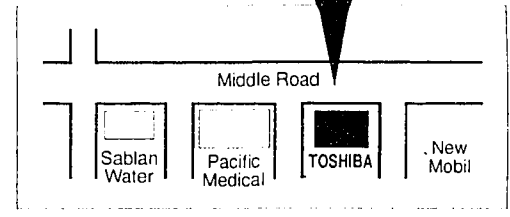
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# Annual youth sympo slated

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC School System and the Department of Community

and Cultural Affairs will be hosting the 3rd Annual Youth Symposium on December 19.

The annual symposium used to

be known as the "Conversation with the Youth" and held through the coordination of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning.

This year, Symposium Coordinator Frances Sablan added, PSS and DCCA decided to call it as "youth symposium" to get youth representatives from different schools both public and private.

"We are trying to include secondary school students. We will also include the junior high schools especially now that Rota is requesting. So I wouldn't be surprised if Tinian and Hopwood will also request to include them in the symposium," Sablan said.

Sablan added that the CNMI Arts Council, Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission and Division of Youth Services are the divisions under DCCA that are actively participating on the event because they are dealing with the issues concerning youth.

The main theme for this year's symposium is "Through Diversity."

Organizers are expecting some 100 students to participate on the event.

"Marianas High School has taken the lead in the coordination of the event because the bulk of the participants, 50 out of 100, will be coming from them," continued Sablan.

Aside from 50 students from MHS, the organizers are expecting 10 students from Rota, 10 from Tinian, 5 from Northern Marianas College and NMA, 5 from Marianas Baptist Academy, 5 from Grace Christian Academy and another five from the youth congress.

"We are trying to include other youth leaders from other organizations. But right now, we are concentrating on school leaders and cultural literacy," Sablan said.

The purpose of the symposium is to have the youth discuss issues that affect them particularly with the diverse cultures present on CNMI.



GOING OUT FOR SHOPPING? Dollar Days Wholesale located just across the Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe had a grand opening last Friday. The store is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ta Bun Kuy. Photo by Bing E. Chavez

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## REHABILITATION OF ROTA GYMNASIUM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - NO. RFP99-0013

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lieutenant Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Division of Procurement and Supply, are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified construction firms for the "REHABILITATION OF THE ROTA GYMNASIUM", at Songsong Village, Rota, MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Proposals in duplicate, must be marked "CDBG-Rehabilitation of Rota Gymnasium Project", and must be submitted to Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, December 3, 1998. Any proposals received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total proposal price exceeding \$25,000 must accompany the sealed proposal documents. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bond made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Proposers are also required to submit the following: 1) a copy of current CNMI-issued business license; 2) updated, Audited Financial Statement or in-house Financial Statement, provided it is certified by a Certified Public Accountant; 3) listing of existing and past projects, including completion dates; 4) Certification of Tax Compliance from the Division of Revenue and Taxation; 5) written confirmation from a reputable surety bonding company, approved/acceptable by NMHC, as to the firm's capability to obtain performance and payment bond; 6) copy of Builder's Risk and Workmen's Compensation coverage; 7) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued work permits; and 8) listing of equipments.

Plans and Specification for the project are available on or after November 5, 1998 at the Office of Micronesian Design Group and associates, San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set.

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this request.

Attention is also called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the Commonwealth Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC, with the exception of the bond, certified check of cashier's check which will be returned to the proposers in accordance with section "Instruction to Proposers" page 2-3, paragraph No. 03, Proposal Guarantee.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of NMHC.

/s/MARYLOU S. ADA  
Corporate Director

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN  
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## Tinian Chamber launches house lighting contest

THE TINIAN Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a house lighting contest as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's "Visit the Marianas '99" campaign.

Chamber President Philip Mendiola Long said the contest will start today and will end on December 21st.

## Food & Nutrition Council meeting

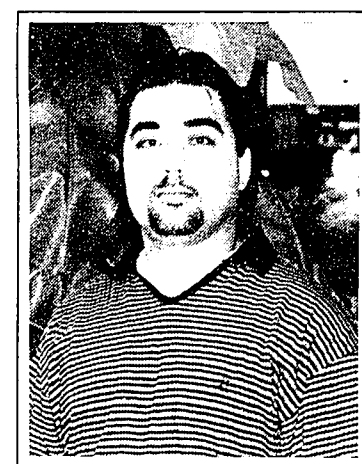
Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the CNMI Food and Nutrition Council hereby gives notice that the regular meeting of the Food and Nutrition Council will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at the Continuing Education Room (off the Cafeteria) at CHC.

The following items are on the agenda for the above referenced meeting:

- Preliminary Matters
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Election of Officers and discussion of council budget
- Council Organization Chart
- Food and Nutrition Council Conference scheduled for January 13, 1999

- a) Participants
- b) Agenda
- c) CNMI Food Guide Posters
- New Business (open)
- Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 13, 1999
- Adjournment

All interested persons are welcome to attend.



Philip Mendiola Long

The contest is part of the Tinian Island of Lights Festival, the Chamber's joint effort with the MVA.

Contest winner will receive \$1,000. Registration fee is \$25 and it is open to all Tinian residents and business establishments.

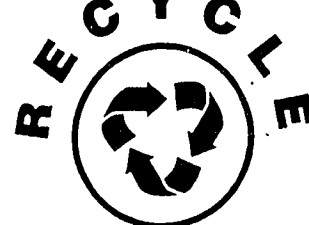
To enter in the competition, interest participants must draw a map locating the entrant's house and pay registration fee to Daria Cing at the Bank of Guam.

Judging will be on December 21st at 7 p.m.

The prize, according to Long, will be given on the 21st so the winner could have a chance to spend a "better Christmas."

Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja will be the judge for this year's event.

Louie C. Alonso



The Around the Islands section covers community stories, local events, and cultural activities. Should you have a story you would like to share, or an event that needs to be covered, contact Laila at 234-6341

# OES marks drug-free week

By Louie C. Alonso  
Variety News Staff

OLEA1 Elementary School kicked off its Drug Free Week campaign yesterday.

Drug Free Week Coordinator Violy Beltran said the purpose of the campaign is to let the OES students participate in programs that will promote a drug-free life and environment.

OES in 1990 was declared a drug free school and continues to be one up to the present.

Aside from a drug free school, OES is also prohibiting betelnut chewing and smoking inside the campus.

The Drug Free Week according to Beltran is part of a school curriculum that promotes healthy body.

Under the school proclamation signed by Principal Evelyn O. Manglona, the campaign will be used to promote activities integrated into the general curriculum that would prevent students' use of illegal drugs.

"Drug Free Week shall provide an opportunity for the sharing of ideas and experiences among those concerned with the education of our children," Manglona said.

Beltran and another drug free coordinator Viola Guerrero are now assisting the teachers for the

schedule of the speakers.

Expected to speak before the OES students for the week-long event are Public Health's Elsie Ramon, Jackie Quitugua of PSS and DPS police officers involved in the 3D task force.

Beltran added that OES students trained in the HIV/AIDS program will be going from one classroom to another today and share with other students what they have learned in the workshop.

For the entire week, teachers are asked to infuse HIV/AIDS and Drug Free Education in their classroom instruction.

"Our main focus during the room to room activity of HIV/AIDS program-trained students is the prevention of the dreaded disease," added Beltran.

Students are expected to participate in slogan, chant and cheer contests.

Three prizes will be awarded for each contests.

Prizes will be announced at the end of the campaign on Friday.

On Friday, a drug free parade will be held at 7:45 in the morning.

The Amigo Riders will be participating in the parade.

OES pledges to remain drug free school and reaffirms this pledge every school year.



Fourth grader Ramon G. Villagomez II and 6th grader Crystal Cing Cabrera were crowned Royal King and Queen during the recent Mt. Carmel School Thanksgiving Royal Coronation ceremonies.

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## CONSTRUCTION OF TINIAN COMMUNITY CENTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - NO. RFP99-0012

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lieutenant Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Division of Procurement and Supply, are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified construction firms for the construction of the Tinian Community Center at San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Proposals in duplicate, must be marked "CDBG-Tinian Community Center Project", must be submitted to Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, January 5, 1999. Any proposals received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total proposals price exceeding \$25,000 must accompany the sealed proposal documents. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bond made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Proposers are also required to submit the following: 1) a copy of current CNMI-issued business license; 2) updated, Audited Financial Statement or in-house Financial Statement, provided it is certified by a Certified Public Accountant; 3) listing of existing and past projects, including completion dates; 4) Certification of Tax Compliance from the Division of Revenue and Taxation; 5) written confirmation from a reputable surety bonding company, approved/acceptable by NMHC, as to the firm's capability to obtain performance and payment bond; 6) copy of Builder's Risk and Workmen's Compensation coverage; 7) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued work permits; and 8) listing of equipments.

Plans and Specifications for the project are available on or after November 30, 1998 at the office of Herman B. Cabrera & Associates, in San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set.

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this request.

Attention is also called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the Commonwealth Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC, with the exception of the bond, certified check or cashier's check which will be returned to the proposers in accordance with section "Instruction to Proposers" page 2-3, paragraph No. 03, Proposal Guarantee.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of NMHC.

/s/MARYLOU S. ADA  
Corporate Director

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement & Supply

## P.A.W.S. pet clinic Dec. 6

THE PAWS (Pet Assistance and Welfare Services), a non-profit organization, is sponsoring a low cost immunization clinic for immunizing dogs and cats, puppies and kittens.

Dr. Kevin Malakooti from the Animal Medical Clinic on Guam is coming to vaccinate dogs and cats on Saipan at a very low cost. All charges are subsidized by PAWS and below the cost of the vaccine.

This will be the last clinic in a series of four and will be held Sunday, December 6 at the 4-H Club House located on the beach across Marianas High School.

Because of the long waiting period, the clinic will be limited to immunization, deworming and/or heartworm or feline leukemia testing only.

No other services will be performed. Also, registration will be from 10 a.m. to noon only.

No animals will be registered after noon. However, all animals registered before noon will be seen.

Priority in line will be given to paid up-to-date PAWS members.

For more information on the clinic, please contact Bobbi Grizzard at 322-9464.

## Air Force wonderland

By Jacob Leon Guerrero  
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA - Hundreds of people were underdressed by the sporadic showers that fell during the Winter Wonderland Parade and Festival last Saturday at Andersen Air Force Base.

The parade featured marching units from numerous JROTC high school teams and floats from the different base departments. The star of the parade was a Santa Claus astride a car-

ba.

Entertainment was provided by various band and dance groups from on and off base.

Commander Colonel William Hodges was on hand to award prizes to the winners in the float and booth categories.

The festival featured a variety of food booths and many holiday and craft booths.

The parade and festival was organized by the base's Family Support Services.



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## Fiji economy weak

SUVA (Pacnews) — The Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) says Fiji's economy remains weak and is not expected to recover until the middle of next year.

In its economic commentary for November, the Reserve Bank says the recent rain in the country's sugar cane belt has partially eased year-long drought conditions.

It says improved weather conditions and the rehabilitation of the

sugar crop may see growth substantially above forecast in 1999. This, according to the RBF, would be a good stimulus for the economy, particularly if the global economy continues to weaken.

The bank says there's been little information about the other sectors of the economy over the past month.

But there are some indications that construction activity has picked up a little.

## Apia gets media mileage from Miss South Pacific

APIA (Pacnews) — This weekend's Miss South Pacific Pageant in Apia is set to become a high profile event with confirmation of top media coverage from around the region.

Australia's Channel Nine television and Television New Zealand have confirmed participation. Tagata Pasifika is scheduled to arrive in Apia on December fifth to cover the event.

The week-long event has been dubbed the People's Pageant because this time around, the public

will be able to view it free of charge.

Organisers are getting their revenue from the sales of three categories of corporate tables.

So far, almost 30 tables in the gold, silver and bronze categories have been sold to the tune of more than \$50,000.

The Pageant is sponsored by the Samoa Visitors Bureau, Aggies Hotel, Kitano Tusitala Hotel, and co-sponsored by McDonald's, Telecom Samoa, Polynesian Airlines and Computer Services Limited.

## Elsewhere in the Pacific

### Effects of oil spills seen more serious in Pacific

SUVA (Pacnews) — The effects of even a small oil spill in the Pacific would be much more serious than a spill in most other parts of the world, even though the risks of actual spills in the Pacific are smaller.

The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme's Marine Pollution Adviser, Steve Raaymakers, says the results of any spill in the Pacific would be much more damaging because local communities depend on coastal and ocean resources for survival.

Yet, he says, there are glaring deficiencies in the region's capacity to deal with this sort of disaster.

He made the comments as government officials and industry representatives from throughout the Pacific meet in Nadi, Fiji, this week to develop a regional contingency plan for marine spills of oil and other hazardous materials.

The workshop has been organised by PACPOL, SPREP's Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention Programme and funded by the International Maritime Organisation.

SPREP says the workshop has drawn unprecedented support from international organisations, including the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation, the regional

oil industry, and maritime and environmental authorities from Australia, New Zealand, France and the United States, which has sent representatives from the US Coast Guard.

The workshop aims to work out the details of a regional contingency plan and to provide specialised training in technical aspects of dealing with oil spills.

The representatives from Australia, New Zealand, France and the United States will share their technical expertise and will coordinate the assistance each country would provide in training and preparation work, and in the event of an actual spill.

## Bougainville gov't in doubt

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews) — The status of Bougainville's future government has been placed in a precarious position, with the National government unlikely to muster enough support to pass important laws tomorrow.

Suggestions have been made in political circles that the Opposition may not provide its numbers in order for Parliament to muster the required 82 votes to pass three pieces of legislation that would govern a future compromise government

for Bougainville.

The fears are a result of the Government rushing the already controversial 1999 Budget without amendments and much debate. Political sources say the Opposition will vote against the Bougainville legislations as a mark of protest.

The laws are an amendment to the Constitution and the Organic Law on provincial and local governments.

They would enable the establishment of the all-representative Bougainville Reconciliation Gov-

ernment, which has to be in place by December 31, when the term of the current Bougainville Transitional Government expires.

While acknowledging that Bougainville is a bi-partisan issue which all parties must treat with care and sensitivity, Opposition Leader Bernard Narokobi says he cannot ensure that all MPs will be present for the crucial vote, or, that they will support it.

He says Opposition MPs have been urged to make a "conscience vote" on the matter.

## Tito sworn in as president

MELBOURNE (Pacnews) — The Chief Justice of Kiribati has sworn in Teburoro Tito as President yesterday. Tito was re-elected in a presidential election held on Friday, following parliamentary elections in October.

He won a comfortable majority, taking 52 percent of the overall vote and winning 16 of Kiribati's 23 electorates.

Two other candidates stood in the election.

Veteran politician Harry Tong took 45 percent of the vote and won in seven electorates, while Amberoti Nikora bagged just two percent of the votes.

## Environmental questions up at Solomons coal mine

HONIARA (Pacnews) — The Solomon Islands government is concerned about environmental safety at the country's newly opened gold mine.

And it has warned it will take strong action over any breach of environmental regulations at the operation.

People living near the Australian-operated Gold Ridge mine are concerned, after they found large numbers of dead fish in a river near the mine.

They say they have become ill after using river water.

Independent tests have found cyanide, a by-product of gold processing, in the water.

But the substance is at levels regarded as safe by the World Health Organisation.

The Solomon Islands government has told Ross Mining, which operates Gold Ridge, it must identify and fix any problems that exist at the mine, and give guarantees they will not recur.

Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulufa'alu says the government will not tolerate unsafe mining practices.

## UNESCO head to speak at PINA

SUVA (Pacnews) — The director of the Communication Division of UNESCO, Babacar Fall, will be among speakers at the 1998 Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) convention in Papeete, French Polynesia, next month.

He will address the convention about the building of links between the African, Caribbean and Pacific Islands news media.

The convention, which will be held from December 11 to 15, is the main annual meeting of the

region's news organisations.

Fall is a prominent African communication development specialist.

Before being appointed director of UNESCO's Communication Division, he was responsible for the restructuring and revitalisation of PANA, the Pan-African News Agency.

The coordinator of PINA's Pacific Journalism development Centre, Peter Lomas, says Fall's coming to the PINA convention is a major boost for the Pacific

Islands news media.

This is because of the key role UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) is playing around the world in supporting the development of free and pluralistic news media.

PINA is the main professional body of the Pacific Islands news media.

It links radio and TV stations, newspapers, magazines, and national organisations of news media practitioners in 21 Pacific Island countries and territories.

# Palau learns from oil spill

By MALOU L. SAYSON

For the Variety  
KOROR (Palau Horizon) — Reproached for acting late in investigating an oil spill that had contaminated the water system for Koror and Airai early this year, the Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) has given the assurance that such an incident shall not happen again.

The Ministry of Resources and Development (MORD) has likewise given its word to ensure the safety of the water system for the people of Koror and Airai.

Senate Committee Chairman on Resources and Development Roman Yano told Palau Horizon that the two agencies have vowed to probe into the oil spillage by the Bureau of Public Utilities (BPU), a matter so serious to be overlooked or neglected.

Yano said since the incident happened, there has been no move to look into what might have caused the spillage which had contaminated the entire Koror-Airai water system with one drum of diesel oil.

As a result, the BPU was slapped with \$40,000 and another \$10,000 for failing to implement the remedial measures contained in the first CDO.

"It could be neglect or sheer stupidity that had caused the spill," Yano said, adding that his office was flooded at the time of the incident with complaints from the public that the water smelled like diesel.

His Committee has conducted public hearings on the matter.

Even though the EQPB is doing something about said inci-

dent, Yano said, "the settlement agreement does not go far enough to identify the cause of the spillage."

It would be noted that a Settlement Agreement was entered into by and between the EQPB and the MORD last Oct. 15 with the former agreeing to dismiss its first Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued last April 29 against the BPU. A second CDO was issued last May 21.

The MORD, on the other hand, agreed to implement on a timely basis all measures con-

tained in the Sept. 30 revised version of the Malakal Sewage Treatment Plant Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

The CAP, according to the MORD, is "a legal binding document with the same force and effect as a permit issued by the EQPB such that the latter could assess fines and issue orders or file a complaint in the Supreme Court for compliance."

It will cost the BPU at least \$250,000 to implement the CAP for the Malakal Sewage Treatment Plant.



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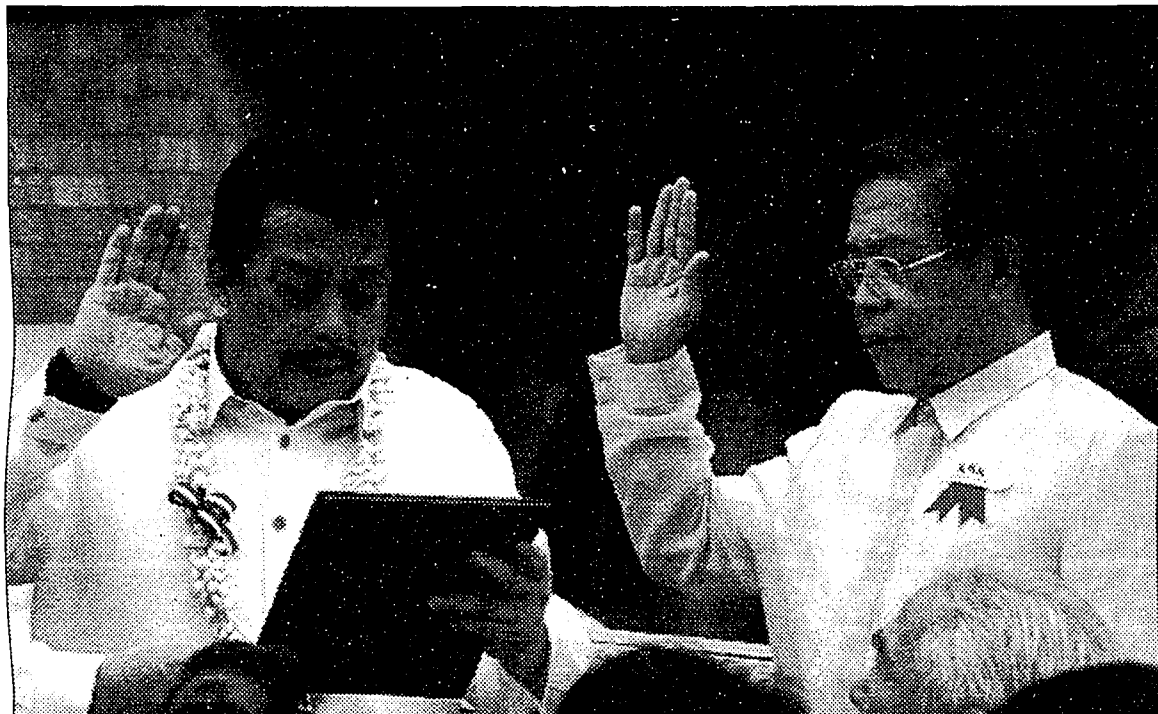
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Philippine President Joseph Estrada (left) swears in new Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. following a surprise announcement at the ceremony marking the country's celebration of National Heroes Day in Manila Monday.

## RP syndicate brains watched

By Emmanuel Munar  
For the Variety

**MANILA** — Fifteen foreigners believed to be leading members of a syndicate involved in multi-million-peso swindling racket which had lured Filipinos and other nationals with promises of high-paying jobs in a fictitious country called "Dominion of Mechizedek" have been banned from entering the Philippines.

Immigration Commissioner Rufus Rodriguez issued the order for the inclusion of such aliens in the "blacklist" of his bureau and their prompt arrest if they manage to enter Philippine territory.

The blacklisted foreigners con-

sist of nine "cabinet ministers" of the DOM government and six others believed to be the syndicate's contacts in recruiting foreigners of different nationalities for non-existent jobs in the so-called dominion.

The "cabinet" members were identified as John Gillespie, the alleged governor and foreign affairs minister; Karima Gillespie and Leo Gillespie, who both claim to be deputy governors and ministers for tourism and environment; Robert William Elms, supposed minister for ethnic affairs and labor; Dennis Whetter, entertainment minister; Ng Kek Kiong,

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## Palace backs foreign buy-in at RP's PLDT

By Emmanuel Munar  
For the Variety

**MANILA** — Malacanang would support any impending foreign buy-in at the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. to bring the telecommunications titan back on the business front-

line.

Presidential spokesman Jerry Barican said during his regular briefing in Malacanang that the government's concern in the ongoing buy-in bid of Indonesian-owned Hongkong-based

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## Philippine communist, Muslim rebels agree to defend each other's camps

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — Muslim and communist rebels have an agreement to jointly defend each others' camps against military offensives in southern areas of the Philippines, a Muslim rebel leader said Sunday.

Al Haj Murad, vice chairman of the separatist Moro Islamic

Liberation Front, said the informal agreement has been forged in recent years and covers areas in the southern Mindanao region where the rebel groups maintain camps in close proximity.

Though no other alliances among the rebel groups exist, they are open to discussing possible cooperation on certain political

campaigns, such as jointly campaigning against abusive landlords, Murad said.

"It's practical for us to cooperate in areas where our camps are near each other," Murad said.

The MILF is the largest Muslim rebel group battling the Manila government to establish a

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## 3 officers hold key to Aquino murder

**MANILA, Muntinlupa National Penitentiary (PHNO)**

— The 15 soldiers convicted for conspiracy in the 1983 murder of former senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. are asking

the Senate to question three officers who they claim could provide vital information on the

case.

The convicted soldiers have been behind bars for the past 16 years.

Named by the convicted soldiers as holding the keys that could unlock the mystery of the Ninoy killing are Col. Romeo

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Former first lady Imelda Marcos (left) hugs Aida Ver, wife of the late Gen. Fabian Ver, after his body arrived in a military airbase in Paranaque Friday.

# Marshalls mull EPA standards

By Giff Johnson

**MAJURO** — Representatives of nuclear test-affected islands in the Marshall Islands called for the country to adopt stringent new U.S. radiation protection guidelines during a two day hearing before the Majuro-based Nuclear Claims Tribunal that ended last Friday.

But some American radiation experts, including scientists working with the U.S. Department of Energy, said that reducing exposure to man-made radiation to a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standard would be enormously costly and "provide essentially no increased benefit to the health of the population."

At issue is whether the Tribunal — which is reviewing land-damage claims of islanders from Bikini, Eniwetok and Rongelap and preparing to make compensation and cleanup awards — should adopt a very stringent guideline now being used by the EPA or a higher standard, which

## Stringent US radiation protection levels may be adopted

proponents say still provides for keeping exposures of Marshall Islanders well below the levels of radiation to which Americans are exposed.

The Tribunal's decision will affect the money value of land damage and cleanup awards it makes to these islands.

Rongelap leaders expressed concern that in light of this new information, they need to take a fresh look at a cleanup plan they agreed to with the U.S. four years ago.

Rongelap was engulfed in radioactive fallout from a hydrogen bomb test at Bikini in 1954, and islanders have lived in exile since 1985, waiting for a U.S.-funded nuclear cleanup to reduce radiation exposures.

Rongelap Mayor James Matayoshi said that in 1994, Rongelap signed an agreement with the Departments of Energy and Interior and the Marshalls

government committing the cleanup and resettlement of Rongelap to follow a maximum 100 millirem exposure limit for man-made radiation for people returning to Rongelap.

But at the Tribunal hearing former US EPA official Allen Richardson testified about a new 15 millirem standard now being used by the EPA at sites that it is cleaning up in the United States.

"We'll need to revisit our guidelines and the agreement (in light of this new information)," Matayoshi said.

"With the combined plan (removal of soil from living areas and use of fertilizer to prevent uptake of radiation by fruit crops) we estimated the maximum population average annual dose (at Bikini) to be 41 (millirem)," said Department of Energy scientist William Robison who has worked extensively at Bikini since the early 1970s.

"The cost to reduce the dose from 41 (millirem) to 25 or worse yet to 15 would be enormous, and would provide essentially no increased benefit to the health of the population."

But nuclear test affected islanders don't believe that cost should be a factor what they say is a health issue, particularly when the U.S. is planning to spend \$227 billion over the next 30 years cleaning up nuclear sites in the U.S.

Eniwetok attorney Davor Pevcek told the Tribunal that the Tribunal should adopt the U.S. EPA standard so that the Marshalls and goes by the same safety guidelines used to protect Americans.

Matayoshi said that EPA is oriented to public health interests, which is why he thinks the Marshalls should be following the 15 millirem standard of the EPA.

"I hope that the Nitijela (par-

liament) will enact a law requiring cleanups to reduce the level of man-made radiation to follow U.S. EPA guidelines," he said.

The Tribunal's Defender of the Fund, whose job it is to question claims brought to the Tribunal, said that a higher limit will still provide the same level of safety while being less costly to implement.

Defender Philip Okney urged the Tribunal to adopt a 100 millirem standard.

Adding this to the natural background dose of about 150 millirem that is present in the Marshalls, residents would receive a total dose of about 250 millirems, well below the average dose of 360 millirems that Americans receive, said Okney.

There is no detectable health risk to humans at this level of exposure, he added saying that based on current scientific knowledge there is room for "higher tolerance" that still protects people's health and safety.

## Australia volunteer program plans expansion at Marshalls

By Giff Johnson  
For the Variety

**Majuro** — The number of Australian volunteers working in the Marshall Islands is expected to double in 1999, according to Mick Bell, the program officer of the Overseas Service Bureau that places volunteers in the region.

Bell is making his first visit here since taking over supervision of the Marshalls' Australian Volunteers Abroad program.

He also supervises the Papua New Guinea program from Australia.

Bell is interested to get volunteers placed on the remote outer

islands, and is visiting several islands in the country as part of his orientation.

There are currently about 15 applications pending for new volunteers, a number that he expects to increase during the visit, Bell said, adding that he particularly sees the need for volunteers in local schools.

The Overseas Service Bureau, which is based in the Melbourne area, has six Australian volunteers working in the Marshall Islands, although two of those are under the Pacific Technical Assistance Facility (PacTAF) program, which is also run by the Overseas Service Bureau but funded separately from the vol-

unteer program.

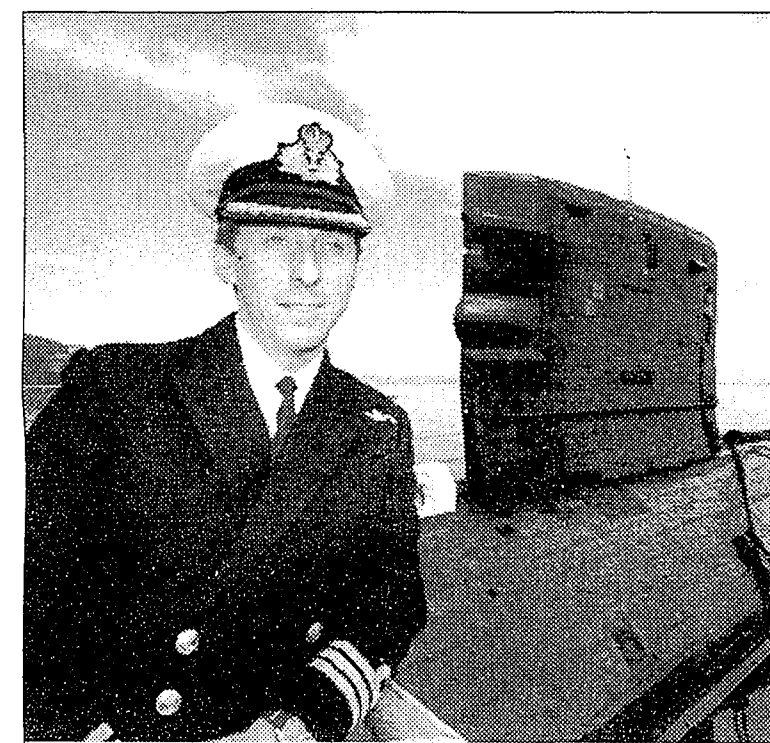
Australians are working in the Ministry of Finance to improve tax collection efforts, with non-governmental organizations as trainers, and in schools as teachers.

Bell foresees the possibility of as many as 12-15 volunteers and PacTAF experts working in the Marshall Islands next year.

The number of volunteers depends on OSB's budget, as well as the situations of the departments or organizations requesting volunteers, he said.

While the volunteer budget has remained stagnant for three

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Commander I.F. Corder stands beside the HMS Splendid, the last of the Swiftsure Class submarines to be commissioned but the first non-U.S. Navy vessel to carry a Tomahawk land attack missile.

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Waving party flags and chanting, members of the Muslim-based United Development Party (PPP) attend the kickoff of the party's fourth national congress at the Senayan Stadium in Jakarta Sunday. About 150,000 members of the party from around Indonesia gathered.

## Muslim party opens Congress in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The Muslim-based United Development Party opened a national convention Sunday to elect a new chairman to lead the opposition group into multiparty elections next year.

Waving its signature green flags, more than 110,000 party members and supporters gathered inside the soccer stadium at Jakarta's Senayan sports complex as Ismail Hasan Metareum, the party's current chairman, kicked off the four-day congress.

"We call on President (B.J.) Habibie to carry out the general election in time and not to repeat the mistakes by two previous presidents," Metareum said in his opening speech, calling for "honest and fair" general elections.

Habibie had earlier planned to open the congress but canceled his appearance without offering a clear explanation.

Representatives from 27 provinces and 330 districts are taking part in the party's fourth convention, which lasts through Wednesday. Deliberations are to be held on the eastern outskirts of the capital.

The party, known as the PPP, was set up in January 1973 as a fusion of four Islamic political parties. Some of the four, however, have set up their own parties for next year's polls.

Metareum cited bureaucracy and anarchy as the two main threats faced by the nation during its transition period from the dictatorship of former President Suharto.

Suharto, 77, resigned in May, just two months after being elected to a seventh five-year term amid violence and widespread protests against his 32-year authoritarian rule. He was succeeded by Habibie, his vice president.

Suharto had succeeded Sukarno, Indonesia's founding president. The PPP gained 89 of the 425 seats in Parliament in the 1997

general election. The ruling Golkar party, the main vehicle of former autocrat Suharto, won 325 while the minor Indonesian Democratic Party picked up 11 seats in the 500-seat Parliament.

The country's highest legislative body has decided that the next general elections should be held in May or early June next year under new political laws that allow many more parties competing for 550 seats.

The main contenders for the party chairmanship are Hamzah Haz and A.M. Saefuddin, both Cabinet ministers under Habibie's reform administration.

Party supporters marched in small scattered groups along streets in the capital after the opening ceremony but there were no reports of violence.

Indonesia has been hit by renewed political violence in recent days as student demonstrators have demanded Suharto be put on trial. On Nov. 13, nine protesting students were shot dead by Indonesian troops.

### Attorney General:

## Suharto will be interrogated soon

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Attorney General Andi Mohamad Ghalib has reconfirmed that his office will soon interrogate ex-President Suharto over alleged corruption.

"There is no intention on the part of the government to delay the probe into the Cendana family and their cronies," Ghalib was quoted as saying Sunday by the official Antara news agency.

Cendana refers to the street in Jakarta where Suharto lives.

Ghalib called on the people to be patient and not to try to force the outcome of the probe.

"I have no intention to buy time in the investigation ... into the wealth of the Cendana family based on the existing laws, although the case was loaded with political connotations," Ghalib said.

Suharto, 77, who had ruled the country with an iron hand since 1966, resigned in May amid widespread student protests and violence that claimed about 1,200 lives in Jakarta, the capital.

Critics have accused him of siphoning off state wealth to benefit his family's business empires. Students have been staging almost daily protests demanding Suharto be tried. Police and soldiers heavily guard his residence in an affluent neighborhood, and have blocked protesters from breaking in several times.

## Malaysia to get loan from Islamic Development Bank

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - The Islamic Development Bank will provide a 380 million ringgit (\$ 100 million) loan to aid Malaysia's economic recovery, an official said Sunday, according to a news report.

The loan was approved at a meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference two weeks ago, Bernama News agency quoted Deputy Finance Minister Affiuddin Omar as saying.

"It is hoped that the loan will lighten the burden of the government in overcoming the current economic downturn," Affiuddin told reporters.

The money would be given through local banks which practiced the Islamic method of financing.

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### Following formation of new Cambodia gov't:

## Foreign aid to flow again

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Impoverished Cambodia looked forward to the return of desperately needed foreign aid Sunday on the eve of Prime Minister Hun Sen's presentation of his new Cabinet to Parliament.

Dependent on foreign assistance for half its annual budget, Cambodia suffered dramatic cuts in aid last year after Hun Sen ousted his co-prime minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh in a violent coup.

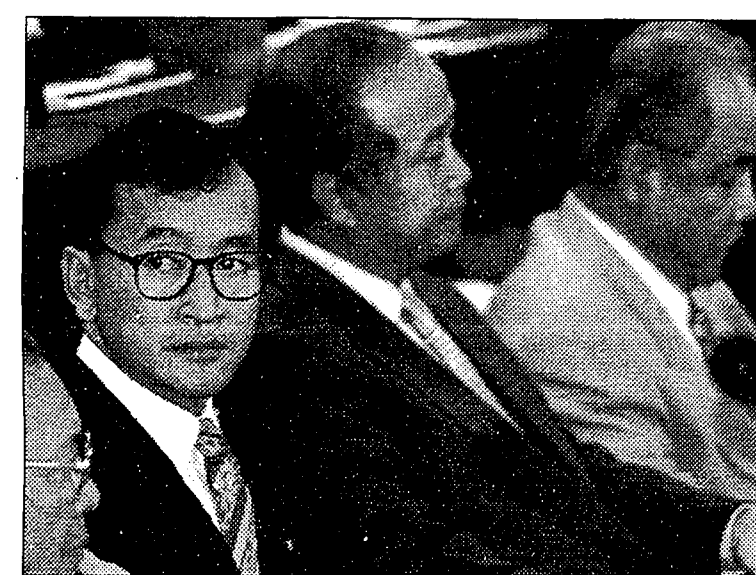
The European Union, which spent \$ 11 million on a July election that brought Ranariddh back to Cambodia, welcomed Sunday a coalition deal between the two rival leaders, saying it would "consider a full resumption of aid to Cambodia" once Hun Sen's government is installed.

Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party narrowly won the election, but a political crisis followed the

polls when Ranariddh and his opposition ally, Sam Rainsy, denied Hun Sen the two-thirds vote in parliament necessary to approve a government. Ranariddh, bowing to what he described as intense international pressure, broke the stalemate Nov. 13 with a coalition deal that made the prince president of the National Assembly and gave his FUNCINPEC party nearly half of the positions in Hun Sen's proposed Cabinet.

The United States, Hun Sen's fiercest critic after the coup, also applauded the deal and on Sunday sent a State Department official to Cambodia to meet with the new prime minister. It was not clear if and when Washington would resume aid.

The U.S. Embassy was tightlipped on what one American official described as a low-key overnight visit to Phnom Penh by Ralph



Opposition leader Sam Rainsy (left) looks away as leader of FUNCINPEC Prince Norodom Ranariddh (center) and Cambodian People Party Chea Sim (right) watch a vote result during a new parliament's first session in Phnom Penh Wednesday.

Boyce, deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs.

The embassy would not confirm Boyce's schedule, but the Cambodian ministry of foreign affairs announced he would meet both Hun Sen and Ranariddh. He will also call on opposition leader Sam Rainsy, according to a Sam Rainsy Party spokesman.

Hun Sen will present his Cabinet to the National Assembly on Monday along with a policy statement that is said to promote widespread economic and administrative reform.

Hun Sen's government is certain to be approved by the assembly, as coalition partners the CPP and FUNCINPEC control a combined 107 seats in the 122-seat legislature.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with 1 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, beginning on November 25, 1998 and ending on December 4, 1998. 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 this announcement first appears in this newspaper, after which time the Division of Public Lands shall not accept any comments or proposals from any interested party. This fifteen day public comment period notice shall commence on November 25, 1998 and end on December 9, 1998.

As further provided in 1 CMC § 2675 (f) (1) (A) to (F), the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- The Lessee proposes to lease two parcels of public land located in Marpi, more particularly described as Lot No. 073 A 01, containing an area of 20,000 square meters and Lot No. 074 A 01, containing an area of 5,000 square meters.
- In addition the Division will give Lessee a License to enter and use portions of public land directly beneath the cable car lines in order to have access necessary for maintenance and servicing of the cable car lines and cable car towers.
- The proposed Lessee is Saipan Leisure Corporation Development, a CNMI corporation.
- The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Kyong Duk Kim, President of Saipan Leisure Corporation Development.
- Lots 073 A 01 and 074 A 01 will be leased for the purpose of constructing a cable car terminals and a shopping mall. The portions of public land directly beneath the cable car lines shall be license for the purpose of having an access necessary to perform regular ground and mechanical maintenance of the cable cars and towers.
- The term of the proposed lease is for a maximum period of twenty five (25) years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional fifteen (15) years, subject to the approval by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.
- The proposed Minimum Annual Rental for the first five (5) year period shall be \$73,116 based on an approved fair market value. The annual rental for each successive five (5) year period shall be based on eight (8%) percent of the appraised fair market value of the subject lots as required by 1 CMC § 2677 (d). In addition to the Minimum Annual Rental, the proposed lessee shall pay three percent (3%) of its gross receipts as additional rental.
- No alternative proposals for the leasing of these parcels of public land has been received by the Division of Public Lands.
- The Director of the Division of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposal from interested parties within the 15-day period, as provided for in Section 2677 (f) (1) of P.L. 10-57. This 15-day period shall begin on November 25, 1998 and end on December 9, 1998. Any and all written comments, views, arguments, or alternative proposal shall be submitted to the Division of Public Lands office located at As Lito, Saipan.

### I MA PROPONE NA ATKILON TANO' PUBLIKO

Sigun gi 1 CMC § 2675 (f) (1), i Division Tano' Publiko ginin este manana'e nulisia pot i intensioñ na aksion para ma atkilon tano' publiko giya Marpi, Saipan. Sigun gi nisisid na hagas masangan na sesiona gi lai tano' publiko, este na nulisia u annok gi gasetla ocho (8) dias, gi November 24, 1998 ya ulafko gi December 4, 1998. Hayi man interesao na petsona siña monahalom komento, fakto, inina yan atngmento pat lalukan i ma proponen este na atkilon tano', gi halom kinse (15) dias Después de humuyong enao na nulisia i Division Tano' Publiko i sina ulan akseptá komento pat masaha hala na propusito. Este kinse dias (15) na notisia uma tuluhon gi November 24, 1998 ya ulafko gi December 9, 1998.

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## China is building longest bridge on Yangtze River

BEIJING (AP) - China is building its longest bridge over its longest river, the Yangtze.

The 2.6 billion yuan (\$ 314 million) bridge under intensive construction in the city of Wuhu, in eastern China's Anhui province, will have a 6-kilometer-long (4-mile-long) highway section and a 10-kilometer-long (six-mile-long) train section, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported Sunday.

When it goes into operation in 2000, it will shorten the route between Beijing and Xiamen, a special economic zone on the southeastern coast, by 800 kilometers (500 miles).

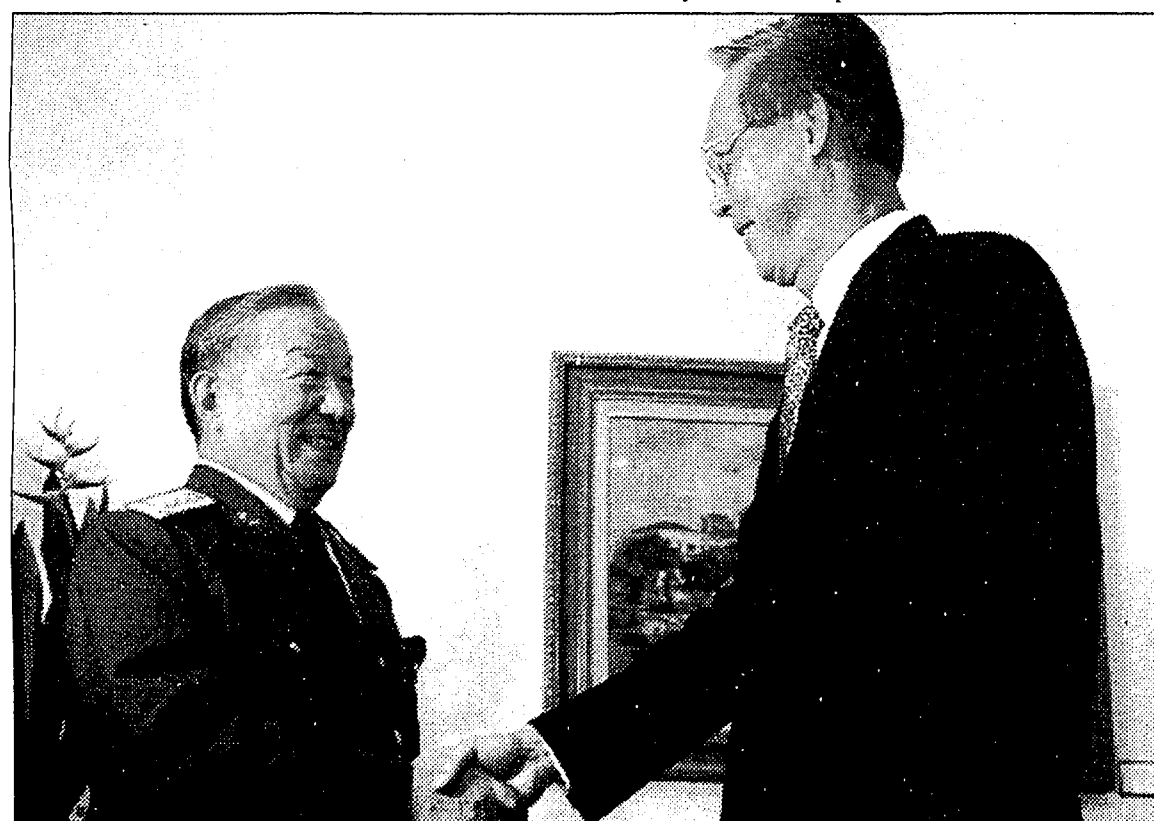
The government is increasing spending on infrastructure to keep the overall economic growth rate strong.

The nation's total investment in the first nine months of this year was 1.1 trillion yuan (\$ 131 billion), an increase of 20 percent over the same period in 1997, Xinhua said in a separate report Sunday.

Investment in capital construction was 625.8 billion yuan (\$ 71 billion), up 21 percent over the first nine months of 1997.



Chinese President Jiang Zemin (foreground left) and his wife Wang Yeping (foreground right) scoop dirt onto a Japanese apricot with red blossoms during the memorial tree-planting ceremony at Sendai museum, northern Japan Sunday.



Gen Chi Haotian, People's Republic of China (PRC) Defence Minister (left) smiles as he shakes hands with Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of Singapore during Chi's courtesy call at the Istana in Singapore.

### Division of Environmental Quality

#### CALL FOR INFORMATION

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI's) Interagency Watershed Group is requesting information from the public on potential projects that may solve Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) problems in specific watersheds in the CNMI. The watersheds of concern are West Takpochau, Susupe, Kagman, Lao Lao, and Achugao (Saipan); Puntan Diaplo-Lamanibot, and Makpo (Tinian); and Songsong, Sabana/ Talakhay/Pali, Dugi/Gampapa/Chencho (Rota). This request is being solicited from members of the general public on all islands of the Commonwealth. Submittals should be no longer than three pages in length and include an estimated budget and project time frame.

This information will be evaluated by the Interagency Watershed Group and used by DEQ to solicit proposals from private, for profit, and nonprofit organizations, students and community groups; and government jurisdictions to conduct projects that demonstrate best management practices (BMPs) that reduce and control NPS.

All information must be in written form and received by the Division of Environmental Quality before December 4, 1998. The information may be hand-delivered (Saipan, Tinian, or Rota Office), sent to the Saipan office via facsimile (234-1003), or sent to the Saipan office via mail (PO Box 1304 Saipan, MP 96950). The submittal may be anonymous, but must be marked clearly with the words "Nonpoint Source Pollution Information."

For more information, contact Patrick Calvo, Saipan Soil and Water Conservation District, at 233-3415.

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Director



# China may see banking crisis

BEIJING (AP) — Mounting losses at state enterprises threaten China's economic development and could set the stage for a crisis in the state banking system unless strong measures are taken, a senior government economist told an official newspaper Sunday.

Losses in the state sector reached more than \$3.7 billion in the first six months of 1998, based on "incom-

plete statistics," the Business Weekly reported.

About 90 percent of the bad loans by China's state banks are with state companies, and the banks are the biggest victims of the collapse of state firms, said Yang Qixian, vice president of the China Society for Research on Economic System Reform.

"Such a situation will directly

threaten the country's economic security if the problems of state enterprises can't find an appropriate solution in the next few years," Yang said.

The poor performance of the state sector has made people cautious about spending money, thereby hurting domestic consumption, Yang added.

Under new reforms, the central government has ordered all Communist Party and government units to break their links with the enter-

prises that have been operating under them.

The move follows a government order that the military, police and judicial units hand over control of their enterprises to civilian authorities by the end of the year.

Starting next year, more than 500 large enterprises now under direct control of government organizations will be supervised and coordinated by a new Large Enterprise Work Committee, which in turn will be overseen by the State

Council, the official newspaper said.

Reform of the state sector is key because it employs more than 100 million people.

Vested interests in some government institutions have blocked further reforms of the state system.

The enterprises have used their government connections to solicit foreign investment and to get loans, quotas for listing on the stock exchanges and tax breaks.

## Japan finance minister under pressure to stay



Kiichi Miyazawa

By Brian Williams

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who announced last week that he intended to step down soon, was under pressure on Sunday to remain in his post.

Miyazawa's uncertain future also threw a cloud over a coalition between Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and the Liberal Party of Ichiro Ozawa.

Unease about the alliance between the two parties burst into the open with disagreement among their senior officials about whether cabinet posts for the Liberals were part of the deal.

There had been widespread speculation that Liberal Party Secretary General Takeshi Noda would replace Miyazawa when he resigned.

The finance minister signalled

last Friday he would likely quit his post before the end of the year, although he declined to comment on the precise timing.

"I can't say when," Miyazawa told a news conference.

He is expected to remain as finance minister until the end of a two-week extraordinary session of parliament which is due to end on December 14.

Obuchi's Deputy Cabinet Secretary Munee Suzuki told NHK television that he believed the prime minister wanted Miyazawa, 79, to stay on.

"I think privately (Obuchi) is hoping he will remain in his post and move forward with efforts to economic recovery," Suzuki said.

"It is not easy to find his replacement, considering his calibre. I, for one, would like him to stay on and devote himself to efforts to restore the nation's economy," Suzuki added.

Obuchi's only public comment on Miyazawa's plans to depart has been that he has seen reports of the resignation and plans to talk to the finance minister about them.

Miyazawa's possible imminent departure apparently brought to the surface simmering tensions between LDP opponents of a coalition and the Liberals.

Obuchi needs the coalition to ensure that he gets urgently needed financial legislation to pull Japan out of its worst recession through the upper house of parliament.



More than 1,000 cellists from all over Japan, Germany, Brazil, Ireland, Switzerland, the United States, China and England play in a mass cello concert in Kobe, western Japan Sunday.

## Korea proposes \$300B Asia fund

TOKYO (Reuters) - South Korean Prime Minister Kim Jong-pil has asked Japan to consider initiating a \$300 billion "Asian Fund" Japanese media reported on Sunday.

Kim met Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi at a joint ministerial meeting in Kagoshima, southern Japan, on Saturday and told him that if Japan took the lead in setting up the fund, Seoul would contribute "appropriately," the reports said.

Kim had suggested an initial amount of \$30-50 billion to begin the fund, they said.

But Obuchi noted the idea resembled an Asian version of the International Monetary Fund proposed by Japan last year, which was later scrapped because of strong U.S. opposition.

He also explained to Kim that Japan was working on the implementation of the \$30 billion "Miyazawa Plan" to help Asian

nations.

Finance Ministry officials could not be reached for comment on Sunday, but the financial daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported that the ministry was surprised by the proposal, adding that it considered it an "outrageous" sum of money and that it would need to consider the idea cautiously.

The newspaper did not attribute its report to any specific officials, but quoted one international financial source as saying the idea was "an interesting one, in light of the future of northeast Asia."

There was no indication which countries would benefit from the fund or how much each would get under the Korean proposal.

At the meeting, foreign ministers from the two nations also signed an agreement to renew a treaty permitting fishing operations in each other's waters, media reports said.

The renewal of the 1965 treaty,

which was to expire on January 22, was based on a compromise over the demarcation of economic waters surrounding a disputed group of islands, called Takeshima in Japan and Tokto in Korea.

Under the accord, the two nations will set a provisional fishing zone around the islands and in waters south of South Korea's Cheju Island. They will jointly control operations in the zones.

Fishing boats from Japan and South Korea will be allowed to operate in each other's 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone with permits, while fishing quotas and conditions for such operations will be decided on by the two countries every year.

Japanese officials plan to seek parliamentary approval for the renewed pact, which is valid for three years, during the extraordinary Diet session which convened last Friday.

## Seoul invites Japan Emperor to visit

TOKYO (Reuters) - South Korea has officially invited Japan's Emperor Akihito to visit the country in 2000, but local media reported on Sunday that Japanet right for Akihito visit South Korea, where Japan's military past is still a source of tension, Kyodo news agency quoted Imperial Household Agency officials as saying.

The emperor might visit South Korea "if the way for the visit has been paved, as Prime Minister Obuchi said," Kyodo quoted an

agency official as saying.

"A friendly relationship between Japan and the visiting country is the precondition for the emperor's visit. But the way has yet to be paved in some aspects."

"It will not be an advantage...if more than half of the South Korean people would not accept the emperor's visit to the country," Kyodo quoted another Imperial Household official as saying, who added that currently there is no prospect for improving the environment for the visit.

In October, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung invited Akihito to pay a state visit during an audience with him and Empress Michiko on the first day of a four-day visit to Japan.

Saturday's invitation at the ministerial meeting was seen as going a step further than the formalities exchanged by Kim and Akihito during their conversation.

Four South Korean presidents have made state visits to Japan, but no Japanese emperor has visited South Korea.

# U.S. Congress divided on Clinton's behavior



Bill Clinton



Monica Lewinsky

By Glenn Somerville  
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Lawmakers raised doubts on Sunday whether there would be enough votes in Congress to impeach U.S. President Bill Clinton over his behaviour in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal but agreed any compromise like censure should be tough.

With an inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee that would have to draft articles of impeachment entering its final weeks, jousting between Democrats and Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives has grown heated.

The committee is considering allegations of perjury, obstruction of justice and witness tampering as well as abuse of power against Clinton but the full House would have to vote on any resulting articles of impeachment.

It would take 218 votes in the 435-member House to approve articles of impeachment that would then be passed to the Senate, which would vote on whether to remove the president from office.

Republicans hold a 228-206 edge over Clinton's fellow Democratic party members, with one independent member, in the House but some Republicans questioned the outcome of any potential showdown on the issue.

"I don't believe there are the votes to impeach," said Peter King, a Republican representative from New York, speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press" programme. He estimated 15 to 20 Republicans would not vote to impeach.

King emphasised he felt Clinton's conduct had been "totally indefensible" and that he thought the president has committed perjury but said he felt Clinton's actions nonetheless did not meet impeachable standards of treason or bribery.

Clinton has admitted he had an inappropriate relationship with former White House intern Lewinsky. But the president denies he lied to the courts or that he asked anyone else to lie on his behalf.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Democrat, argued for censure in a column in The New York Times on Sunday.

"If the House chooses not to impeach, as seems likely, then

we must censure," said Lieberman. "Congress must provide a decisive ending and a strong statement that makes clear to ourselves and posterity that we are a nation that understands the difference between right and wrong, truth and falsehood."

Late on Friday on the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend, Clinton responded to 81 questions from the House Judiciary Committee, again denying in terse legal terms any lying under oath, witness tampering or obstruction of justice.

House Majority Whip Tom Delay, interviewed on CNN's "Late Edition," insisted that censure as an alternative to impeachment was neither provided for in the U.S. Constitution nor a satisfactory resolution in Clinton's case. He also disputed King's ability to judge Congress' resolve to impeach.

"I respect his opinion but I don't respect his ability to count votes," Delay said of King, adding that settling for censure of Clinton "means nothing, it's a piece of paper that says the president did something wrong."

Democratic Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee of Texas said it was time to seek a bipartisan settlement and suggested that a resolution could be offered on the House floor to rebuke Clinton's "reprehensible" behaviour.

But another Democrat, Paul McHale of Pennsylvania, who has drafted a toughly-worded proposed censure, said it was vital to "accurately and bluntly describe" Clinton's actions and to say "what he did and how he covered it up." Anything less would be "a deceit on history," McHale added.

Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina described Clinton as "an unrepentant perjurer" and urged him to come forward with candor and directness to help resolve the controversy.

Another Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, suggested on "Fox News Sunday" that it might be time to call President Clinton before the House Judiciary Committee for direct questioning to clarify what he termed Clinton's evasive answers to the committee's 81 written queries.

"I think if the president had to

appear before the committee and face some questioning, that it could be very illuminating," Specter said, adding that it likely was not in the best short-term interests of the United States to proceed with impeachment.

On ABC's "This Week" programme, Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he was convinced Clinton had committed perjury.

"I don't think he has, I know he has," Hatch said, but added he expected a stark confrontation in the full House if articles of impeachment were sent for a vote.

"If impeachment is not the option ... there has to be something and that means censure," Hatch said, but he cautioned that too could pose a problem if censures came to be used as "a matter of course" for future Congresses.



A smashed Metro bus lies in two pieces beneath the Aurora Bridge in Seattle Saturday. The front end is leaning against the apartment building it hit. The bus plummeted off the bridge and crashed into the apartment building Friday after its driver was shot. The driver was thrown from the bus and killed.

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# Manhunt on for death convict

By TERRI LANGFORD  
HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Police using boats, horses, dogs and helicopters kept up a methodical search Saturday for a death row inmate who escaped amid a hail of gunfire from prison guards' rifles.

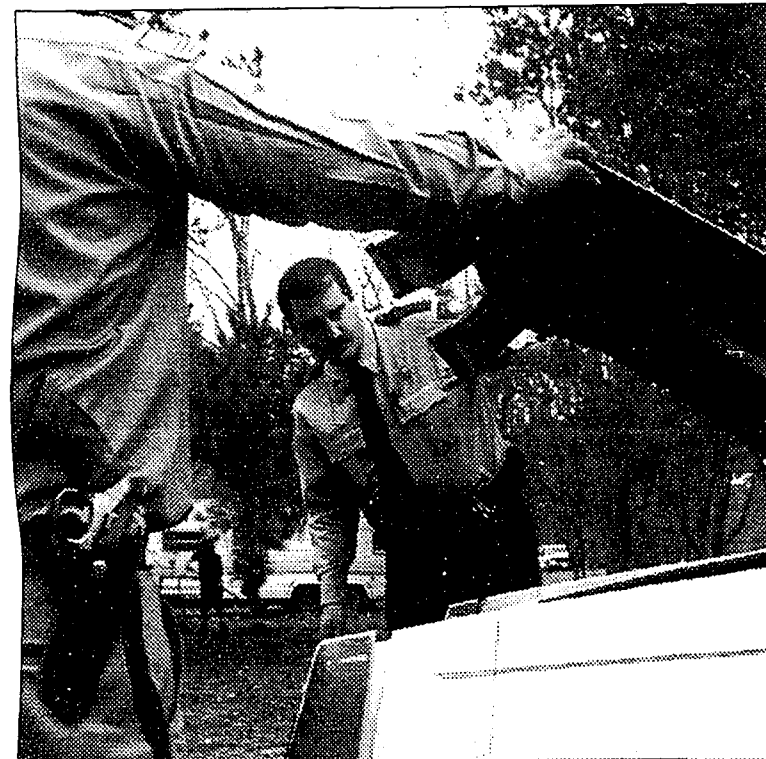
The manhunt for Martin E. Gurule shifted late Saturday night to a town near the prison, where a homeowner fired shots at an intruder.

But officers later said the intruder was not Gurule.

"We thought this was a very hot lead, but it did not pan out," said Texas prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald. "We've pulled our people back, going back to the original search area (near the prison)."

Internal affairs investigators were trying to learn how Gurule made his break from the Ellis I prison on Friday with six other death row inmates, who were quickly recaptured.

Authorities said prison video cameras did not record Gurule as



Walker County Sheriff's Deputy Rory Losack (right) and Texas Department of Criminal Justice officer Wayne Fowler check a vehicle's trunk coming out of the Riverside Harbor subdivision as the search for escaped death row inmate Martin Gurule continues Sunday near Huntsville, Texas.

he scaled two razor-rimmed fences and made his escape.

Five hundred police officers, prison guards, sheriff's deputies and state troopers have been combing a heavily wooded area in the southeastern quarter of the prison grounds.

There were no reports of burglaries or other sightings by residents that would indicate Gurule, 29, was sentenced to death for the 1992 shooting of a Corpus Christi restaurant owner and had made it off the Ellis I property. He lost an appeal almost a year ago, but no execution date had been set.

Guards fired about 18 rounds at the fleeing inmates, forcing six of them to stop short of freedom. None of the inmates was hit in the heavy fog. Prison officials said they had camouflaged their clothing by dyeing it a grayish-black with ink from felt-tipped pens.

"I think Gurule, if anything, was the faster of foot than the rest of the inmates, causing him to reach the fence first," Fitzgerald said.

Inside the prison, all of the nearly 2,200 inmates were on "locked down" status, confined to their cells most of the time.

## Federal judge, wife shot dead

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — A 27-year veteran federal Kansas City, Kan., judge and his wife were found shot to death in their home Sunday, federal authorities said.

U.S. District Judge Earl O'Connor, 76, and his 66-year-old wife, Jean Ann O'Connor, were found about 8:55 a.m. after

a nurse who regularly visited the couple found no answer at their home, said Jeff Lanza, special agent in the Kansas City office of the FBI.

The nurse then contacted one of the couple's relatives, who notified police.

Lanza said there was no sign of forced entry.

"The initial investigation would not lead one to conclude that a third person was involved," Lanza said.

O'Connor had served on the bench in Kansas City, Kan., since October 1971.

His most recent major ruling involved a racetrack's reorganization plan. In October, he upheld a bankruptcy court's decision to reject the The Woodland Racetrack's plan and ordered the sale of the greyhound and horse racing facility.

O'Connor also tried a 1975 desegregation lawsuit filed against the Kansas City, Kan., school district by the U.S. Department of Justice.

O'Connor exercised control over the schools since 1977, when he found parts of the district to be racially segregated in the assignment of students and faculty.

Lanza said autopsies were scheduled.

## 4 GOP governors on visit to Israel

By Ann S. Kim  
JERUSALEM (AP) — Four Republican governors wrapped up a day of sightseeing and visits with Israeli officials Sunday.

Govs. Marc Racicot of Montana, Michael Leavitt of Utah, George W. Bush of Texas and acting Gov. Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts are on the trip, organized by the National Jewish Coalition, a conservative Washington-based group.

Cellucci and Racicot said they see the trip as an opportunity to learn more about the Middle East peace process and bolster ties with the Jewish state.

"We consider Israel a very valued trading partner and I think it's important for me to know more about the political situation here and in the region," said Cellucci.

Sunday's scheduled events included meetings with Israeli President Ezer Weizman and Yuli

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their own office but for the meantime... they have no choice but to lease the private (sector's) building. (But) we did accommodate them.

"As a matter of fact, some of the government housing were used by different government agencies like the education system," he said, adding that the rental of spaces is just "temporary."

Tenorio, however, shared that renting spaces at privately-owned properties also bring additional income to the government through

the taxes they pay.

"We have very limited government facilities, too, that's why we still have to use the private sectors' (properties). Those private sector (businesses) are also paying taxes for the government offices' (rentals)," the chief executive told reporters.

The governor added that since the new administration took over in January, the lease of office spaces — along with car lease and cellular phone use — were already being looked at as a means of saving the government money.

"We already looked into those things and were working on them," he said.

under wraps, saying they want the governors to feel free to get to know the country.

"I am not here for any political purpose," Bush told reporters at the meeting with Weizman.

"I'm here to learn more, not only about Israel, but about the history of my religion."

Bush, who is a Methodist, was visiting Israel with his wife Laura and said he was on a private trip.

He will reimburse the coalition for the trip, his office said.

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Edelstein, minister of immigration and absorption, as well as a visit to Jerusalem's walled Old City and the ancient desert site of Masada.

It was not clear whether the governors would meet with Palestinian officials.

Organizers of the trip have shunned media coverage of the events and have kept the governors' itinerary

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years, he expects it to increase in the coming year.

Bell said that he's been discussing with local officials new areas for volunteers, including such fields as tourism, fisheries,

medicine and in education both for elementary schools on the outer islands and at the College of the Marshall Islands.

"We're obligated to take a good look at putting people into the outer islands," he said.

"That's why I'm keen to visit the outer islands on this trip."

## Philippine . . .

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separate Islamic state in Mindanao, the traditional homeland of the country's Muslim minority. It claims to have 13 major and 29 minor camps all over Mindanao.

Murad said the MILF forged the agreement with both the New People's Army, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, and a breakaway faction, called the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao

Brigade. Both have a presence in Mindanao.

The Philippine government has been separately holding peace talks with the MILF and the CPP. Murad said the main communist party has camps in at least three Mindanao provinces while the RPA-ABB rebels have a significant rebel presence on the Zamboanga Peninsula, also in Mindanao.

At least once in 1996, MILF and RPA-ABB rebels jointly fought back government troops during a military offensive in a hinterland Zamboanga area where

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Firt Pacific and PLDT is to ascertain that the constitutional provision on 60-40 equity rule in favor of Filipinos is not violated.

Also, Manila Rep. Nestor C.

Ponce Jr. has asked PLDT to explain in detail the little-understood Subscriber Investment Plan.

The request was made in connection with renewed efforts in Congress to pursue measures aimed at democratizing wealth by dispersing the ownership of profitable enterprises such as PLDT.

## RP syndicate . . .

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minister of agriculture; Robin Tan, honorary consul in Singapore; Dr. Iain Gray, minister of trade and investment, and David Korem, said to be the

DOM's founder and spiritual and titular head.

Also blacklisted were Singaporean Robin Tan, Chinese Li Degen, Lou Li An, David Gao, Isoa Gavid of Fiji, Taiwanese Walter Chen, all allegedly the syndicate's partners in its job recruitment activities.

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Ochoco, Captain Felipe Valerio and retired General Romeo Gatan.

Ochoco was vice commander of the Aviation Security Command (Avsecom) at the time of the assassination. He is reportedly living in the United States.

Valerio was the commander of the SWAT team assigned to the

## Retirement . . .

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his tenure as Fund chief.

In an interview, Manglona said he plans to go into private business, but did not elaborate.

"I guess it is time for me to move on. I have given all the best I could and I really enjoyed serving the Fund and the government," he said. Meanwhile, the decision to

nominate someone to replace Manglona is still being studied. The governor said Executive Order 94-3 vaguely specifies whether it is the governor or the Board of Trustees that will nominate the Fund administrator.

"We're looking into who will replace him. (The provision is) a little tricky. I don't know whether I have to nominate and the Board has to approve it. It's a little

## CUC . . .

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continue even if at a slightly slower pace," explained Villagomez.

He said the "current critical (power supply) situation" is being experienced because two of CUC's larger generators which produce a total of 21.5 megawatts are still under repair.

But Saipan, said Villagomez, "will still face a serious situation" even if the generators become operational by March next year as projected, explaining that the other generators "will have to be taken

down for several months to be overhauled."

"Once we put all customers requesting power back onto the CUC system, our peak demand for the summer months of 1999 will be approximately 76 megawatts," said Villagomez.

"By mid-2000, it will have grown to an estimated 82 megawatts," he added.

Villagomez said it is "imperative that (the) construction (of the 80-megawatt power plant) begins as soon as possible as the estimated time between contract award and actual operation is 24 months."

The utilities agency's evaluation team yesterday met to start review-

## Deficit . . .

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was incurred.

In his final State of the Commonwealth Address last January, the outgoing governor said his

administration reduced the deficit to \$16 million.

But he also predicted that the new administration will soon be in trouble.

The revenues will no longer be there, he said, and the Asian currency crisis will make things

## Arrivals . . .

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in addition to its regular scheduled flights.

Aseana, according to the chairman, is also providing extra flights for Korea as well as JAL.

Tourist arrivals in the CNMI have continued to hit the lowest levels in recent years, register-

ing a 31 percent decline for the month of October as compared to the same period last year.


MVA, however, saw a slight improvement as compared to the month of September in which a very low 34 percent plunge was noted.

Tenorio said he recently met with MVA members and urged them to continue promoting CNMI abroad to attract tourists to come.


"We are expecting some tourists to come over. I am hoping it will increase," he said.

With the Japanese yen is appreciating a little bit now, the chief executive said he is confident that tourists will go out once again for vacation.

Tenorio said aggressive promotion campaign in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong is "more appropriate and needed at this time."



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Housing assistance will be given on housing preference standards subject to priorities for providing housing assistance as established by NMHC.

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For details regarding the nature of the Section 8 Existing Housing Program, contact Mr. Charles A. Manglona, Rota Field Representative, at 532-9410, or visit NMHC's Rota Field Office at Songsong Village during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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Lovingly known to her relatives and friends as **Chilang Jesus Boyet**, was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at the Commonwealth Health Center. She was 71.

In the grace of Our Lord, she now joins her:

Husband: Jesus Palacios Boyer

Parents: Joaquin Aguin & Yerma Briggemann Flores

Brothers/Sisters: Teresa, Federico Francisco, Victoria, Benjamin, and Leonardo B. Flores; Dolores (Lola) F. Reyes.

Parents-in-law: Juan Palacios & Nieves Taman Boyer

Brothers and Sister-in-law: Vicente, Gabriel, Delgadina and Enrique P. Boyer

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+ Benjamin B. & Magdalena Tudela Flores  
+ Fermin B. Flores (Fred Flores Jr.)  
+ Augustin B. & Carmen Tudela Flores  
+ Edward B. & Maximina Reyes Flores  
+ Baldobino B. & Visitation Flores  
+ Marino B. & Rosa Perez Flores  
+ Joaquin B. & Rosita Perez Flores

### Sisters & Brothers-in-law:

Angelina F. & + Antonio Castro Camacho + + Vicente Diaz Borja  
+ Maria F. & + Francisco F. Borja  
+ Elizabeth F. & + Manuel Tudela Camacho  
+ Estefania F. & + Vicente Sablan Camacho  
+ Magdalena F. & + Vicente Naputi Santos  
+ Rosa B. Flores  
+ Isabel F. & + Maximino Toves Tudela

In addition, she will also be greatly missed by numerous relatives, nieces and nephews.

Nightly rosary is being said at the residence of her son and daughter-in-law (Brian & Pat Boyer) in San Roque. Viewing and last respects may be paid on Thursday, December 3, 1998. Her remains will be taken from the Commonwealth Health Center to her son's residence (Brian's) at 7:30 a.m.. Final rosary will be said at 11:30 a.m. followed by the response at 12:00 noon. Mass for Christian Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. at San Roque Church, and interment will be at the San Roque Cemetery.

We will appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we bid farewell to our beloved mother and grandmother who gave us life and everlasting love.

With gratitude,  
the Family

Her sweet memories will live in the hearts of her children, grand children and great grand children:

Juan F. & Margarita Q. Boyer: John Greg (Alysa), Donald, Jesse, Leonardo F. & Wilhelmina Ann P. Boyer: Leona Leilani B/Adrian Del Toro (Christian Taylor), Lawrence Lee, Larissa Claire, Tammy Leyvone Delgadina B. & Manuel A. Sablan: Melvin/Paula T. Sablan (Kayla Chantelle, Joshua Manuel), Manuel Jr./Rose Sablan (Oscheiny), Mark Allan, Michelle Marie, Meredith Mae, Monique May

Brian F. & Patricia F. P. Boyer: Jeffrey Jesse, Deena Laurel/ Jerome R. Salas (Xavier Brian, Jerome Jonathan), Jason Christopher, (Kathelina Angel, Nye Orin Ezequel), Trina-Lynn.

Jesusa B. & Roger A. Drs: Velma Suzanne/ Paul Guerrero (Crystal Breanne, Tristin Lance), Andrew, Rafferty Jess, Roger Jr., Jesselyn Rachel.

Gabriel F. & Patricia Aldan Boyer: Gerald Marc, Naomi Lynn, Bernardita B. & Enrique T. Dela Cruz: Beverly Ann (Ciara Iesha-Chantel), Kimberly Jo, Allan James.

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Edward B. & Myrna F. Boyer: Andrea Monica, Jane Frances, Jesse Edward

Laurina B. & David B. Roberto: Dominic, Yerma Darcel, Ashley Monique

Thelma B. & Wilfred C. Villagomez: Jeremy Manuel, Leander Rey, Tiara Wreann



## Cabras . . .

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- To provide land and facilities for those critical activities necessary for essential commercial port functions;
- To alleviate traffic congestion between the commercial port and Tamuning by providing warehouse and storage facilities in close proximity to the commercial port; and
- To create additional opportunities for compatible development of commercial activities where the essential functions of the commercial port are not impaired.

According to Acting PAG General Manager Joseph Cruz, the port authority has already issued a notifica-

tion stating that it will no longer be taking metallic waste for the industrial park area.

"The only thing that's going on there now is the removal of the metallic waste out of that area for shredding," Cruz said.

Once the area is ready for development, the general land use plan for the planned Cabras Industrial Park sets the following classification of land use:

- Port Proximity Dependent - A service or product that is transportation-bound, and must for economic or public reasons be in close proximity to the port. Examples include repair maintenance services to chassis; vessel repair facilities or staging ar-

reas; mandatory new vehicle holding areas; safety inspection station for containers, chassis and other uses; scrap staging areas; aggregate staging and disinfection; and hazardous waste handling;

- Port Related - Any activity that provides a product or service that supports the critical activities of the port. This would include activities such as warehousing, light manufacturing, and storage; and

- General Commercial Uses - This would include commercial activities. However, priority would be given to enterprises which provide a service to the businesses, workers, customers, or passengers who are located within the greater port area.

## CUC-USGS . . .

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wells" there.

She said water discovered from the seven new wells will be sub-

jected to a meticulous testing abroad to determine whether it is safe enough for distribution.

Mathis said a well was drilled in Mt. Tapuchao more than a year ago while a hot spring has been discovered also in the area.

These however took the backseat following other water projects CUC embarked on at the time.

"That program (hot spring) was suspended to finish the Obyan water project," said Mathis.

## PSS . . .

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conditions are also addressed in the disaster plan.

PSS said employees are required

by the government to work a location for the period of time in which a typhoon or tropical storm emergency has been declared.

Other government employees, PSS said, that are released from work as a result of such condition,

shall be compensated.

PSS advised the employees that when people with disabilities seek shelter, it is important to work with them individually to assess their needs and determine the best way to meet those needs.

## Cambodia . . .

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Cambodia's U.N. seat is another." Monday's vote of confidence

needed the support of two-thirds of assembly members.

Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and Ranariddh's FUNCINPEC party together control

107 seats in the 122-member assembly. Hun Sen's party won a slim majority in a July election but did not win the two-thirds of seats needed to form a government alone.

## Guam . . .

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sions in the House bill relating to a flood control project in Sacramento, Calif.

Keeping federal navigation channels open for trade is a critical issue for the country as well as for ports, AAPA stressed.

Passage of the landmark WRDA in 1986 revived the water resources development program by placing greater financial responsibilities on local project sponsors and the U.S.

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what appeared to be bloodstains. The clothing was being removed for evidence and also for testing. Flores said Bruneman "acted strangely" when dressed down to only his boxer shorts and continued to cover the stains.

During cross-examination, Bruneman's lawyer, Paul Vernier, asked Flores, "You suspected that there were bloodstains on the clothing and do you know if Crime Lab

Congress has passed authorization legislation every two years since then, except in 1994.

According to PAG Legal Counsel Phil Carbullido, the Port Authority of Guam is confident that federal port funding legislation will be re-introduced next year when the next U.S. Congress reconvenes.

"The last Congress just basically ran out of time. And of course there were also a lot of national projects which the last Congress was busy with. But we are optimistic that there will be some action on the proposed port projects."

analysis proved it was actually blood?" Flores replied, "I don't know what the outcome of that analysis was."

Records of the evidence gathered and storage of the evidence is being questioned by the defendant's attorney.

The trial, now on its 11th day, is expected to continue through December and possibly into the New Year.

Testimony will continue at Superior Court Judge Alberto C. Lamorena's courtroom beginning at 8:30 a.m. today.

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mine measurable goals for the students' performance and benchmarks for meeting those goals.

The importance of the program, Barlow continued, is its stress on school, faculty, administrator and staff support and will involve the parents and the local community in planning and implementing school improvement

activities.

The program, Barlow added, provides funding to help schools adopt successful comprehensive school reform models that would help students reach their fullest potential.

The program makes \$145 million available to state education agencies, enabling them to provide competitive incentive grants to schools pursuing comprehensive reform.

Of the appropriated \$145 million, the CNMI gets a share of \$63,000.

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and making sure all the lights are off, and making sure that everything that isn't essential isn't on," Diaz said.

Additionally, Diaz says schools are taking advantage of private programs that award cash or instruc-

tional supplies to schools that beautify their campuses, or sell company subscriptions.

"This is already affecting us," Diaz said. "Conservation isn't even the word. Maybe the staffs will have to pitch in. Networking will be more important than ever in these kinds of times."

## Guam joins . . .

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happen to them, but it can and it is happening," she said.

The school will continue with the AIDS awareness campaign throughout this month. The next event slated for this month, according to Alvarado, is to have a series of speakers from the Coral Life Foundation speak to students about the disease.

Ruiz said the school will also have a staff development workshop on Dec. 7 for teachers on how to incorporate AIDS awareness issues into the curriculum.

Bernie Shumann, STD/HIV prevention program supervisor of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, said the youth of today can do a lot to prevent the further spread of the disease.

The high incidence rate among young adults may be attributed toward attitude and unsafe sex practices.

She urged parents and teachers to talk to their kids about AIDS and make young adults take responsibility for their actions.

"The youth have to be a part of the policy-making because they have to know why it is important for them to be involved," said Shumann.

"The '98 AIDS Awareness' campaign is important because we are involving the youth because they can be a force for change," said Shumann. A candle lighting memorial ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. today at the Government House.

White doves will be released as a prayer of hope for anyone who has been touched by the disease, said Coral Life Foundation Vice-President Cathy M.R. Castro.

Thirty-six candles will be lit at the ceremony in remembrance of the 36 people from Guam who have died of AIDS.

The island's AIDS quilt panel, according to Castro, will also be laid at the grounds of the Government House.

## Russia . . .

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perhaps persuade some creditors to let Russia off the hook.

"Without the consent of the IMF, creditors won't agree to defer, or possibly partly write off, Russia's external debt," Zadorov said on

Russian television, according to Interfax.

Another government financial officer, Alexander Pochinok, was quoted as saying Sunday that the draft 1999 budget assumes that Russia will receive the remaining \$17.5 billion in loans from the IMF, World Bank and Japan.

## Teno . . .

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of labor and immigration.

The governor sent the letter in reaction to DOI's speculations that with a new composition of Congress, the federal takeover proposal stands more chances to be passed.

More Democrats than expected won congressional seats during the recent US elections.

Tenorio said the statement did not address the devastated state of the CNMI's economy and the impact of a federal takeover on the Commonwealth's economy.

The governor's letter to Stayman was accompanied by a report which supposedly "reflects

the reality of our economy and our valid fear that any change would effectively cripple us, thus returning us to subsistence living and a need for increased federal handouts."

The report has not been disclosed to the media. Last March, CNMI officials attended a congressional hearing on the takeover bill. During such meeting, they promised to initiate reforms including the reduction in the number of garment workers.

However, this commitment may be inconsistent with the recent move of the CNMI House of Representatives to pass a bill that would allow the hiring of hundreds in additional garment workers.

## Guam . . .

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dead as a result.

The quake occurred at Latitude 1.3S and Longitude 124.3E.

At around 2:07 a.m. Guam was placed in a Tsunami Warning. The estimated time of arrival of the tidal wave was placed at 4:21 a.m. The order to evacuate all low lying areas was given at 2:30 a.m.

The tsunami alert was canceled around 37 minutes later.

Kelly stated the cancellation was based on the fact that the tsunami was expected to hit Palau at 2:39 a.m. Because there was no tsunami observed to have struck Palau, Guam was given the "All Clear" notice.

Although not everyone was evacuated from low-lying areas, many people called Civil Defense for confirmation because international news agency CNN reported that Guam and the rest of the Western Pacific were issued a Tsunami Warning hours after the All Clear message was given.

## Commerce . . .

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But Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) said he will place the bill's current version on the calendar when the Senate holds a session Thursday.

He said there is no need, moreover, for a public hearing on the proposed law, which would set a new cap of 15,727 workers for the garment industry.

"What we lack now are more information and numbers regarding the industry, but I don't think we need to have a public hearing on the bill itself."

At the same time, Reyes said whether or not the Legislature enact the bill, the CNMI's critics in Washington, D.C. will continue to introduce "federal takeover" legislation in Congress.

He said the US Interior Department, which backs such legislation, could have helped the CNMI by bringing in non-labor intensive industries to the islands.

"If they do that there would be no need (for this bill), but right now when we're up to our neck and the economy is bleeding furiously, we should do something about it," Reyes said.

"If we listened to Interior two years ago and killed the garment industry we'd be dead by now."

In a separate interview, Senate President Paul A. Mangloña (R-Rota) said the passage of the bill may not affect the CNMI's relations with the federal government, which has been highly critical of the local garment industry.

"The bottom-line is this: What is the government doing to control immigration abuses?" he said.

He added that H.B. 11-315 involves the size of the garment industry, which is a local issue.

"I don't think it would lead to the further opening up of the industry. It would merely address the concerns regarding garment companies that have already invested millions of dollars here but were prevented by the Hiring Moratorium Act to bring in their workers," Mangloña said.

## Seeks . . .

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Moreover they pay cash and they spend a lot. Saipan already hosts Russian visitors and I think we can, too."

He added that Russian travelers are absolutely crazy about anything Western.

"There are many people in Russia who are financially capable of engaging in leisure travel and they want to have a taste of the American lifestyle. That's another potential source of revenue for us."

According to Lamorena, he has already met with a couple of Russian travel agents who were on Guam recently. "They really felt that a Guam-Saipan destination would be great ... three days in Saipan and four days on Guam."

Under Lamorena's plan, Guam can start out with group tour charters where the flow of visitors can be more controlled so that Immigration and State Department people would be more at ease.

"Rather than dealing with individual travelers, they'll be dealing with travel groups that are more manageable because they are confined and restricted," Lamorena said.

When he visited China last year, Lamorena said Chinese officials indicated that 5 percent of China's 1.5 billion population are financially capable of traveling abroad.

"Five percent of 1.5 billion people is about 50 million people. If we can get even just one percent of that 50 million, that's one million additional tourists right there."

Lamorena said he has already written the U.S. Department of

## Kara . . .

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ment process were "inaccurate" and "misleading."

She said the government only paid for the applicant's round-trip fare which amounted to \$1,800, and not over \$3,000 as earlier reported.

The AGO chief added that Race is not a lawyer but a policeman who had 22 years of experience with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department's investigation unit.

"We only spent \$1,800 and that is justified because the applicant is highly qualified. Although based on his resume, he is right for the post ... I don't want to hire somebody without seeing him because

this is a very sensitive position. He is going to work on very critical investigations," said Kara.

She added that it is better to spend money for getting to know the applicant better than pay for the consequences of hiring the wrong applicant.

Kara disclosed that there were actually five applicants who applied for the said position. Of this number, two were locals and three were from the U.S. mainland.

While one of the local applicants did not qualify for the position because of lack of educational merit, the other one was not interested in doing administrative work. The AGO, thus, was left with three "outsiders."

She said Race was the "first in the list" of the applicants. Aside

from Race's long experience in investigations, Kara said Race is also presently teaching law enforcement courses and is about to obtain his Ph.D.

"Race is actually overqualified. He is well-trained and well-experienced. The position only requires a Bachelor's degree but he will be having a Ph.D."

"He also spent time and showed interest in Micronesia when he worked in Pohnpei and did special projects for U.S. trust territories," said Kara.

The AGO acting chief said Race will be a good addition to the AGO because he can also help train local police investigators.

Kara said Race is likely to be hired soon. If ever, Race will head the AGO investigation department which presently has six investigators.

very obvious when bids by contractors suspected of perpetuating the alien labor abuse problem continually fall significantly below estimated budgets arrived at by the local government, U.S. Navy or private investors.

This is a daily frustration for members of the Association, whose companies have invested millions of dollars to educate and train the local workforce, only to be forced to lay off local workers due to lack of work because Chinese labor bidders are undercutting the reputable construction companies."

The GCA said the illegal practices may lead to the closure of the businesses of many of Guam's respected contractors and place more American workers on the streets.

Storts said that the when contractors known to employ Chinese labor are invited to bid on a project, contractors employing a properly paid local work force often do not even bother to bid — knowing full well their chances of a successful award are slim.

The GCA said it has been pointed out to Lt. Governor Bordallo that over the past six months, the number of alien labor applications has not decreased in the numbers needed to provide local residents with jobs in the construction industry.

In fact, Guam's unemployment rate has risen to over 10 percent, with little change in the number of aliens working in the construction industry.

The GCA firmly believes that statistics indicate that there have been insignificant changes in procedures at the Guam Department of Labor that would ensure compliance with labor laws and the objectives of the H-2 program in general.

The GCA says that Guam must provide a "level playing field" to promote "fair and even" competition among contractors bidding for both GovGuam and private-sector construction projects.

According to the GCA report, "the problem is too grave to ignore any longer for both monetary and human rights reasons."

## In Celebration of her New Life Dolores Barselisa Ito Pangelinan



better known as *Satchang Kiko Obo* was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at the age of 80. She was born in Iwo Jima, Japan on October 9, 1918.



In her new life, *Satchang* now joins her Husband: Francisco Sablan Pangelinan  
Sons: Felix Francisco & Eschan "Steve" Kikumatsu Ito & Masae Hiroe  
Brother & Sisters: Takekazu Ito, Asaka Murakoshi & Tomiko Ito  
Parents-in-law: Jose Wilson Pangelinan & Dolores San Nicolas Sablan/Maria C. San Nicolas  
Brothers/Sisters-in-law: Candido S. Pangelinan, Manuel SN Pangelinan, Herbert San Nicolas, Blas P. Tenorio, Rosa S. Sablan, Rosalia S. Pangelinan, Ryoko Ito & Mitsutaka Murakoshi.

Her fighting spirit and loving memories will remain in the hearts of her Children, Spouses & (Grandchildren): Del & Nick Zaberakis (George Frank & Nicholas), San Diego CA. Mitch Pangelinan (Mark Dave & Rosie, Michael Steven & Vivian, Sarah & Clement, Fred, Ian Francis & Gina)  
† Steve & Connie Pangelinan (Dwight & Jenny, Sonia Denise, Keith Robert & Nathan) Tee & Isamu J. Abraham (Joanna Dolores, Jon Christopher & Michelle Kerin)  
Joseph & Maria Pangelinan (Frank, Lynn Erica & David)  
Winnie & Carlos S. Camacho (Carla, Mona Lynn, Carlos Patrick Jr., Kevin Frank, Francine Winnie, Jiana & Franklin Luis)  
Peter Kenneth Pangelinan, New York

Sisters/Brothers-in-law: Guadalupe P. Tenorio, Priscilla D. Pangelinan, Juan & Jun SN Pangelinan, Ignacia M. San Nicolas, Victoria M. Pangelinan, Luise & Manuel S. Villagomez and Juanita & Frank Meglich.

*Satchang* is additionally survived by numerous great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews.  
Mass is offered daily at 6:00 a.m., beginning November 26 to December 4 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.  
On December 4, 1998 the remains will leave CHC at 8:00 a.m. and will be taken to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.  
Mass of Christian burial will begin at 10:00 a.m.  
Burial services will follow immediately after.

## DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### ANTONIA PALACIOS SABLON SANTOS

better known as "ONKA" or "ANTONIAN-ROMALDO" was called to her Eternal Rest on Friday, November 27, 1998 at 1:20 PM. May 29, 1919 - November 27, 1998

Pre-deceased by: Parents: Gregorio Reyes Sablan & Soledad Palacios Sablan  
Grandparents: Mariano Del Rosario Sablan & Maria Leon Guerrero Reyes Sablan  
Husbands: Luis Lujan Reyes & Romaldo Masga Santos  
Father & Mothers-in-Law: Juan Villagomez Santos, Maria Warkin Diem Masga Santos, Regina Finona Santos  
Brothers, Sisters & In-Law: Mariano P. Sablan; Ana P. Sablan; Jose P. & Dolores Tenorio Sablan; Maria S. & Jesus Diaz Guerrero; Tomas P. & Rita Santos Sablan; Isabel Cabrera Sablan; Dolores P. Sablan; Pedro P. & Lina Mendiola Sablan; Francisco P. & Maria Dela Torre Sablan; Lisa P. Sablan; Joaquin P. Sablan; Antonio P. & Maria Santos Sablan; Cecilia S. Tudela & Jose SN Cabrera; Soledad S. & Pio Mendiola; Nicolas P. & Rita Bermudez Sablan/Isabel Ito Sablan; Juan P. Sablan; Gregorio P. Sablan; Ana Reyes Castro, Maria Reyes Cabrera, Simon Masga Santos, Siberio Masga Santos  
Daughters, Sons & In-Law: Soledad Sablan Reyes, Isabel R. Lacaden, Conchita S. Santos, Francisco S. Santos, Jose S. Santos, Jaime Lacaden

Survived by: Sister-in-Law: Nieves S. & Ramon Q. Taitano; Augustin S. Tudela, Dolores Apatang Santos (Rota); Juana Santos (Guam); Andres M. Santos & Maria Santos (Rota); Joseph E. & Annie Delos Santos (Washington); Rose S. Tyquingco (Tuladilla); Frances S. & Kevin Crouch (Germany); Sylvia S. & James Barefield (Washington); Juanita S. Tores (Washington)  
Children & In-Law: Maria Reyes & Ramon DLG Demapan; Pedro S. Santos; Juan S. & Julia E. Santos (Tinian); Mariana S. Oliver; Victoria S. & William Q. Maratita; Soledad S. & Tomas (Jun) Ito

Additionally survived by 33 grandchildren, 84 great-grand children & one great great-granddaughter, as well as numerous nieces, nephews & godchildren

Rosary is being said nightly at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Tomas (Jun) Ito in Kohlerville across the street from the basketball court at 8:00PM on Saturday, November 5, 1998. Her remains will leave CHC at 7:30 AM to San Antonio Church. Viewing Starts at 8:00AM to 10:00AM. Mass will start at 10:00AM. Burial will follow immediately at CK Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Ito residence in Kohlerville.  
Your presence & prayers will be greatly appreciated. Thank You & Si Yous Amase  
The Family



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IN THE MATTER OF JERRY SAMMY, minor child,

by

PASTOR BASIENTE and NORE BASIENTE, Petitioners.

FCD-GU Civil Action No. 98-307

### SECOND NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Pastor and Nore Basiente have filed a Petition for Appointment of General Guardian for the minor child, Jerry Sammy. A hearing on the petition will be conducted on the day of Dec. 21, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. o'clock at the Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Island.

/s/ Clerk of Courts

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF TECIO PACIFIC (SAIPAN) CORPORATION

Articles of Dissolution of Tecio Pacific (Saipan) Corporation, a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Corporation (the "Corporation"), were duly filed with the Registrar of Corporation any person with a claim against the Corporation must provide the Corporation, in writing, with the complete name and mailing address of the claimant, the total amount of the claim, and the reason for the claim. A claim against the Corporation should be sent to: P.O. Box 858, Tamuning, Guam 96931. A claim against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within five years after the publication of this notice of dissolution. November 25, 1998.

/s/ Yutaka Iida, Vice President

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Born today, you are one of the most energetic and irrepressible individuals born under your sign. What is most remarkable is that you maintain an unparalleled level of optimism no matter what you may be facing at any given time. This is not to say that you are not realistic in your outlook. On the contrary, you know how to look at things as they are. You are also able to work with them in a creative and energetic fashion in order to reap the most positive outcome from even the most unfortunate circumstances. You're never one to settle for anything less than the best.

You have numerous talents, and you're likely to enjoy numerous opportunities to explore all of them at one time or another throughout your lifetime. You're not likely to be satisfied doing just one or two things, and you'll choose a profession that allows you the freedom to explore all your options.

Also born on this date are: Carol Alt, model; Bette Midler, singer and actress; Richard Pryor, comedian and actor; Lee Trevino, golfer; Woody Allen, writer, director, actor; Mary Martin, actress.

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — This is no time to act

without thinking. Indeed, you must be willing to formulate quite a detailed plan before you swing into action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A chance encounter has you doing things in a manner that might have been unthinkable only yesterday. Such a change can be positive. You can make it so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — What have you been preparing for so faithfully and diligently? The time has come for you to put something on the line. You're ready!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your practicality may be misunderstood by some today, but others will realize that you're only doing what circumstances demand.

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ous, and on the up-and-up at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Sensibility is not your strong suit at this time. You'll have to work hard to keep yourself on an even keel. Try to avoid impulse buying.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may not be quite sure who your friends are at this time, but by day's end you'll feel compelled to ally yourself one way or another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care that an overbearing relative isn't allowed to tell you what to do from morning to night. You must enjoy some independence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You can combine business with pleasure today only if you are willing to part with something valuable in exchange for something else.



Dec. 1  
24 shopping days to Christmas

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Female ruff
- Fringe of hair
- constrictor
- Switch positions
- TV's Winfrey
- Beard of grain
- Good luck figure
- Took a break
- Goddess of dawn
- Build
- Feudal slave
- Mature ID
- Actor Nick —
- Hwy.
- Appear
- Man's name
- Negative prefix
- Longed (for)
- C-F linkup
- Tropical nut
- Country of Asia
- milzavah
- Disorderly

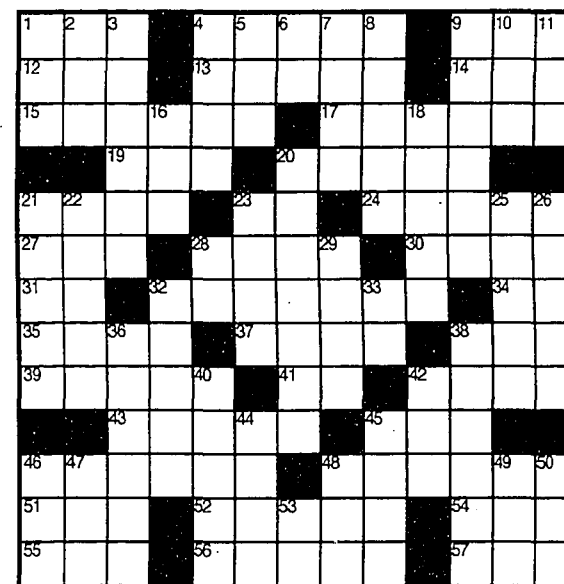
DOWN

- Opera singer
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- Norwegian sea inlet
- Cushion
- Aid an enemy of
- People related by blood
- Anger
- Evaluates
- Make a baby
- sound
- Mr. Danson
- Conceited individuals
- Large bird
- CD —
- Spanish queen
- Ancient Jewish ascetic
- Expresses disapproval
- Suitable

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MAX PASTA HAG  
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CIL MAJOR  
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TAD DRESS NOW

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- Sebastian —
- Chastise
- Wizard of Oz' city
- Author Jong
- Mr. Thurmond
- parmigiana
- At present
- Winter month, in Madrid
- Selenium symbol
- Alphabet sequence
- Arafat
- Is (Sp.)
- Raised
- Corsage
- Files high
- Sweet potato
- An O'Neal
- the hat (collect money)
- Horse's mouthpiece
- Before (poetic)
- Valentine's Day mo.
- Actor Herbert
- Mad About
- As far as

## KidSpot™

by Dick Rogers

### THE PUZZLER

THE WAITER ASKED IF I WANTED MY PIZZA CUT INTO EIGHT OR TEN PIECES. TO LEARN MY ANSWER, FILL IN THE DEFINITIONS. WRITE THE LETTERS IN THE PUZZLE'S MATCHING NUMBERED BOXES.

- The number after nine
- Me, myself and
- Dog's enemy
- The number after seven
- Opposite of messy

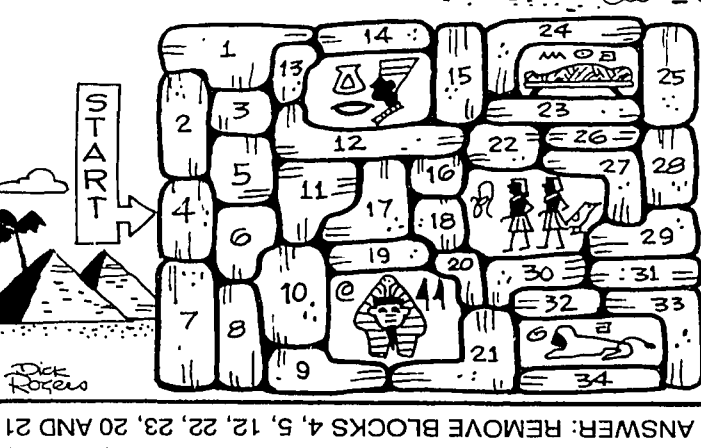
ANSWER: EIGHT, I CAN'T EAT TEN.

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### THE PUZZLER

IF IT'S MYSTERIES YOU LIKE, YOU MIGHT TRY SOLVING THIS PYRAMID MYSTERY. FIND A WAY THAT JOINS ALL FIVE PYRAMID CHAMBERS BY REMOVING JUST SEVEN BLOCKS.



ANSWER: REMOVE BLOCKS 4, 5, 12, 22, 23, 20 AND 21.



# NBA lockout may last until January

By Chris Sheridan  
NEW YORK (AP) — It's called the January Theory. And it holds that the NBA lockout will last at least another five weeks.

"It could be that they don't meet for another month," agent Steve Kauffman said Sunday. "I've been telling my players for the past couple of weeks that they shouldn't expect to play until mid-January at the earliest."

With negotiations stalled and the players believing the owners are trying to further test their resolve, it appears that commissioner David Stern is following a lockout calendar similar to the one employed by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman during the 1994-95 lockout, which wasn't settled until Jan. 13.

The hockey lockout included a period from Dec. 6-Jan. 7 in which no talks were held. The sides then made "final" offers and "final-final" offers before a marathon negotiating session settled it.

It would take another three weeks of lockout limbo to match that month lull. So far, the sides in the NBA dispute have gone 10 days

since their last full bargaining session, and that 9 1/2-hour meeting was the only one the sides had in November.

Currently, the owners and players are at odds over whether there will be preconditions for a resumption.

About 120 players participated in a conference call Saturday and were brought up to date on the stalemate, a union spokesman said. Monday will mark the second missed payday for the players, and a new month will begin Tuesday with the outlook bleak. Millions of dollars have been lost, the fans are upset and the long-term damage could be worse than expected.

Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik have staunchly refused to set a "drop dead" date for saving the season, although they have alluded to mid-December being the ballpark date.

That vague deadline could be extended, however, if Stern backs off his insistence upon having the deal put on paper and ratified — a process that could take 2-3 weeks — before the lockout would be

lifted.

"If they back off that 2-3 weeks, it's a different story. Then the January theory makes a lot of sense," said Kauffman, who represents 19 players. "And remember, we can go from a doomsday scenario to a settlement in a matter of 2-3 days."

Stern and Granik have said four weeks would be needed from the time a deal was reached until the season could begin, but in reality that window could be shrunk to three weeks — and maybe as few as 18-20 days — to allow for free agent signings, trades and training camps to take place.

So if an agreement were reached Jan. 4, for instance, and the signing-training camp period was shrunk to 20 days, the season would begin Sunday, Jan. 24 — one week before the Super Bowl and one week after NBC was scheduled to begin its weekly telecasts.

Each team would then be able to play a 46- or 48-game season, but only if two weeks were added on to the end of the regular season in April.

Jones, Bledsoe threw a 1-yard pass to Ben Coates, and New England beat the Buffalo Bills 25-21 Sunday.

The win moved the Patriots (7-5) into a tie with the Bills, one game behind the New York Jets and Miami in the AFC East, as Buffalo lost for just the second time in nine games. And Bledsoe ruined Doug Flutie's homecoming in a stadium where he had been 10-0.

**Dolphins 30, Saints 10**  
In Miami, Dan Marino threw three touchdown passes to O.J.

McDuffie, becoming the first player in NFL history to reach 400 career TD passes, as the Dolphins (8-4) stayed in a tie with the Jets in the AFC East by overcoming an early 10-3 lead by the Saints (5-7).

Marino hit McDuffie with a 22-yard scoring pass late in the second quarter, then reached the milestone by hitting McDuffie with a 4-yard TD toss on the first play of the fourth quarter. They hooked up again on a 9-yard TD pass with 7:34 left to cap the scoring.

**Packers 24, Eagles 16**  
In Green Bay, Wisconsin, the heavily-favored Packers needed career days from running back Darick Holmes and wideout Bill Schroeder to slip past the Philadelphia Eagles 24-16.

Holmes rushed for a career-best 163 yards on 26 carries and Schroeder caught five passes for a career-high 128 yards in his first NFL start as the Packers (8-4) held off the Eagles (2-10) in a game that was much closer than anybody could have expected.

Green Bay, an 18-point favorite, trailed 13-10 in the third quarter after third-string quarterback Koy Detmer, making his first NFL start, guided the Eagles on two long scoring drives that he capped with TD drives of 16 and 4 yards to Jeff Graham.

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The main agenda will be South Pacific Games, including selection of athletes and fundraising. All sports must be represented.

The 1999 Membership Dues are also due, \$100.00 annually, these are due before the end of the year or there will be a penalty charge of \$50.00. Bring your checks on Thursday.

## 14TH ANNUAL MT. TAPOCHAU TURKEY TROT RUN

NAME	CATEGORY	PLACE	TIME
Balcita, Amalia	Open	1st	46.58
Keene, Amy	"	2nd	51.51
Quinn, Shannon	"	3rd	57.07
Quinn, Kanee	"	4th	58.02
Lark, Floresca	"	5th	1 hr. 01.56
Kim, Joann	"	6th	1 hr. 01.56
Lizama, Helene	"	7th	1 hr. 03.08
Rufila, Joy	"	8th	1 hr. 03.23
Clark, Nicole	"	9th	1 hr. 03.25
Ruchaber, Kimberly	"	10th	1 hr. 07.05
Ruchaber, Krista	"	11th	1 hr. 07.24
Bryington, Kendle	"	12th	1 hr. 07.44
Hill, Natasha	"	13th	1 hr. 07.45
Wilson, Lynnette	"	14th	1 hr. 12.21
Cotton, Simone	"	15th	1 hr. 14.05
Potter, Kimberly	"	did not turn in stick	
Eugenio, Robin	Open	1st	43.08
Kabriel, Jack	"	2nd	44.36
Gipson, Thom	"	3rd	45.34
Rogers, Blaine	"	4th	47
Manning, Dino	"	5th	50.29
Daffner, Jason	"	6th	50.57
Kusui, Manabu	"	7th	50.39
Santos, Benito	"	8th	55.52
Temengil, Eddie	"	9th	1 hr. 03.24
Murphy, Yvette	30-39	1st	51.39
Daniel, Vicki	"	2nd	56.1
Sinclair, Katherin	"	3rd	56.25
Bryant, Celisa	"	4th	57.5
Dechabris, Patricia	"	5th	57.52
Nuttayagon, Pleonpit	"	6th	58.3
Zehr, Susan	"	7th	1 hr. 01.53
Forelli, Nicol	"	8th	1 hr. 03.02
Bakewell, Mary	"	9th	1 hr. 03.14
Toran-Sandlin, Mary	"	10th	1 hr. 03.22
Mansfield, Karen	"	11th	1 hr. 12.20
Carruth, Joy	"	did not turn in stick	
Potter, Craig	30-39	1st	34.01
Smith, Stuart	"	2nd	35.18
Miers, Keren	"	3rd	42.12
Quinn, Russ	"	4th	43.51
Sinclair, Peter	"	5th	48.44
Kinsky, Tom	"	6th	49.53
Peralta, Diony	"	7th	50.11
Apostol, Ernesto	"	8th	50.54
Olarte, William	"	9th	51.39
Kresge, Gregg	"	10th	53.51
Jackson, Tim	"	11th	57.5
Camacho, Ed	"	12th	58.4
Tarkong, Jason	"	13th	58.55
Toran-Sandlin, Trent	"	14th	1 hr. 03.22
Reynolds, Shawn	"	15th	1 hr. 03.43
Roiko, Steve	"	16th	1 hr. 07.43
Debarros, Fil	"	17th	1 hr. 07.47
Carruth, Rob	"	18th	1 hr. 39.07
Antonio, Florencio	40-49	1st	41.36
Berger, Joshua	"	2nd	46.07
Bowen, Daniel	"	3rd	49.32
David, Tuoley-Mote	"	4th	51.16
Calvo, Daniel	"	5th	55.1
Smith, Bryan	"	6th	56.24
Galang, Claudio	"	7th	56.58
Baka, Gregory	"	8th	58.41
Bundo, Thomas	"	9th	59.53
Aughenbaugh, Keith	"	10th	1 hr. 00.16
Mojica, Wolf	"	11th	1 hr. 01.43
Sullivan, Steve	50 & above	1st	42.13
Brindley, Greg	"	2nd	42.28
Bryan, Patrick	"	3rd	45.47
Sherbo, Jack	"	4th	52.12
Smith, Ron	"	5th	55.23
Good, Stan	"	6th	1 hr. 06.24
Pierce, Dick	"	did not turn in stick	
Greenwood, Margaret	50 & above	1st	52.33
Nichols, Joanne	"	2nd	57.32
Pierce, Carolyn	"	3rd	59.48
Santos, Chris	"	4th	1 hr. 00.59
Newman, Julie	"	5th	1 hr. 04.50
Rudy, Barb	"	6th	1 hr. 06.14
Tollestrup, Jennabree	18 & under	1st	59.38
Pangelinan, Xenavee	"	2nd	1 hr. 16.25
Tollestrup, Nephi	18 & under	1st	54.34
Patrick, Antonio	"	2nd	55.42
Kaneko, Junior	"	3rd	58.52
Omengabar, Derrick	"	4th	1 hr. 04.43
Pierce, Justin	"	5th	1 hr. 07.46
Aughenbaugh, Kelmer	"	6th	1 hr. 16.25
Schwizer, Daniel	"	did not turn in stick	
Sullivan, Wendy	50-59	1st	1 hr. 02.33
Sakovich, Jean	"	2nd	1 hr. 06.05
Smith, Audrey	"	3rd	1 hr. 09.57
Grizzard, Bobbi	"	4th	1 hr. 11.24

# O'Meara sets Skins record

By Beth Harris

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — If he could, Mark O'Meara would never let 1998 end.

The Masters and British Open champion, who earned a career-high \$1.78 million on the PGA Tour and won his first two majors, picked up a record \$430,000 with a victory in the Skins Game on Sunday.

O'Meara clinched his first Skins title on the 16th hole of regulation, knocking in a 3-foot birdie putt worth two skins and \$140,000.

That pushed his two-day total to eight skins and \$430,000 — bettering the \$370,000 Fuzzy Zoeller won in 1986.

"This year has been a tremendous year for me," said O'Meara, who will play two more non-PGA Tour events in South Africa and Australia before year's end. "To win the Skins Game caps off so positively everything else that has happened to me this 1998."

O'Meara's luck ran out when the Skins Game went to a playoff for the fifth consecutive year.

He dropped out of contention for the largest skin (\$270,000) with a bogey on the first playoff hole at Rancho La Quinta Country Club.

"I still would've liked to keep

going and play for that super skin," said O'Meara, who had a two-day, 18-hole total of 1-over 72.

Instead, he plopped down cross-legged on the ninth green and waited as Tom Lehman, Fred Couples and Greg Norman continued a Skins record six-hole playoff.

Defending champion Lehman birdied the par-4, 400-yard 10th hole with a 4-foot putt to win two skins and \$270,000 over Couples, whose birdie attempt curved around the cup.

"It seemed like it took forever," Lehman said. "I didn't think too much about the fact there was a lot of money on the line. I didn't want to lose the playoff."

Lehman finished second with seven skins and \$420,000, also bettering Zoeller's record.

Couples was third with three skins and \$150,000. Norman, playing his second event since missing seven months because of shoulder surgery, was blanked both days.

Norman was eliminated on the third playoff hole. His second shot on No. 9 landed in water to the right of the green. He took a drop and hit his fourth shot within 30 feet of the hole, but missed the par putt.

That left Lehman and Couples



Mark O'Meara tees off at the 11th tee of the Skins Game at the Rancho La Quinta Golf Course in La Quinta, Calif. Sunday. O'Meara won the event with \$430,000.

in a match-play duel.

Couples, the career Skins leader with \$1.34 million and 41 skins, missed four birdie putts that would have won the playoff. The first three putts slid by the hole, and the fourth, a 12-footer on No. 10,

curved high around the cup.

"It's a big mind game," Lehman said. "Freddie had four putts to win and couldn't get it in the hole. That kind of thing wears on you."

Lehman sank his 4-footer to tie Couples' single-hole money

record. Couples also won \$270,000 in 1995 on the fifth extra hole.

Lehman completed a two-day, 18-hole total of 63 on the par-71 course. He was 1-under in the playoff. He shot a 61 in winning last year.

# Corretja wins ATP Tennis title

By Nesha Starcevic

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — Friendship went just so far in the ATP Tour World Championship.

Alex Corretja lost the first two sets and then came roaring back to beat Carlos Moya 3-6, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 in an all-Spanish final Sunday. Corretja's victory over his good friend in the season-ending event avenged his loss to Moya in the final of the French Open.

"Carlos, I'm sorry, I know how you feel right now," Corretja said.

The four-hour match was the longest final on the tour this year and worth \$1.36 million. It lifted Corretja three places to No. 3 in the year's final computer rankings, a career high.

"I was very strong mentally, even when I was two sets down I was still thinking that I could win the match," Corretja said.

Corretja said he also kept thinking of the 1984 final of the French Open, when Ivan Lendl, his tennis role model, came back from two sets down to defeat John McEnroe.

Moya, who squandered a 3-1 lead in the fifth set, collected \$660,000 and will finish the year ranked fifth. He won two titles in 1998.

It was the first all-Spanish final in the history of the event and the first Spanish triumph since Manuel Orantes won what was then called the Masters in 1976 in Houston.

Corretja said he was dedicating the victory to his recently deceased uncle and aunt.

Corretja finally gained his first

break when he hit a deep-angled forehand winner to take a 3-1 lead in the third set.

"That was the key of the match," Moya said. "He started playing better and better and I wasn't able to use my chances."

Corretja's advantage did not last long, however, ending in a double-fault in the very next game.

Moya saved another break point with an ace to hold for 4-4.

Corretja, who had upset top-ranked Pete Sampras in the semi-



Spanish tennis player Alex Corretja holds up the trophy after beating compatriot Carlos Moya in the final of the ATP tennis world championships in Hanover, Germany Sunday.

nals, was in trouble again in the 11th game, but hit a sizzling backhand passing shot down the line to hold serve. In the next game, Moya's forehand sailed into the net, giving Corretja the set.

A double-fault by Moya gave Corretja a 5-3 lead and he served out the fourth set.

Corretja fell behind 3-1 in the fifth, but broke right back. A forehand by Moya that sailed long gave Corretja another break, a 5-4 lead and a chance to serve out the match. He wasted one match point when Moya hit a volley winner after a long rally and then dropped his serve.

But Moya could not hold serve either and the drama ended on Corretja's second match point in the next game when Moya's forehand sailed long.

"It was the first time in my life that I come back after two sets down," he said.

Corretja's first win over Moya in four matches this year earned him the ninth career title and the fifth of 1998.

"I was so close and I had many chances. But he played better on big points," Moya said. He beat Corretja in the quarterfinals of the Monte Carlo tournament, before winning the French. At the U.S. Open, Moya also beat Corretja before losing in the semifinals.

Coming into this elite tournament that brings together the top eight players of the year, Moya had lost all five of his indoor matches of the year. He had not reached a final on any other surface than clay.

## Belle, Orioles 'very close' to contract OK

By Ronald Blum

NEW YORK (AP) — Albert Belle and the Baltimore Orioles remained "very close" to completing their five-year contract Sunday night, and four teams awaited Randy Johnson's decision on where to play next season.

Belle and the Orioles agreed Friday night on the money terms of a five-year contract worth about \$65 million, but were still negotiating non-economic details.

"We're very close," Belle's agent, Am Tellem, said Sunday night. "Maybe tomorrow."

Orioles owner Peter Angelos was leaving the final details up to his new general manager, Frank Wren.

Meanwhile, Johnson was weighing four-year offers from the Anaheim Angels, Arizona Diamondbacks, Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers, deals all worth about \$50 million.

Bury Meister, one of the pitcher's agents, said Johnson intended to make a decision Monday.

When Belle and Johnson complete their agreements, it will leave only Kevin Brown remaining among the first tier of free agents. Brown, seeking a contract of at least six years, is not thought to be close to an agreement.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the free agent market has been quiet since last Wednesday, when Mo Vaughn agreed to an \$80 million, six-year contract with Anaheim and Bernie Williams returned to the New York Yankees for an \$87.5 million, seven-year deal.

## Falcons...

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touched the ball before he did.

**Patriots 25, Bills 21**

In Foxboro, Massachusetts, Drew Bledsoe flipped the winning touchdown pass with a fractured finger for the second time in seven days and kept the Patriots in the thick of the playoff race.

With no time but one play left after a defensive pass interference call in the end zone against Henry

NFL STANDINGS						
AFC						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
8	4	0		.667	231	168
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	315	199
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	268	242
New England	7	5	0	.583	262	236
Indianapolis	2	10	0	.167	208	336
Central						
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	311	247
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	224	218
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	260	237
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	205	247
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	197	321
West						
y-Denver	12	0	0	1.000	401	206
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	209	244
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	255	210
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	238	259
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	181	247
NFC						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	
PA						
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	325	217
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	251	308
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	189	226
Washington	3	9	0	.250	240	337
Philadelphia	2	10	0	.167	108	277
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	394	220
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	314	240
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	244	263
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	223	250
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	197	275
West						
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	325	218
San Francisco	8	3	0	.727	323	237
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	216	265
St. Louis	3	9	0	.250	207	285
Carolina	2	10	0	.167	236	322
x-clinched playoff berth						
y-clinched division title						



## SPORTS



# Falcons in playoffs

**ST. LOUIS (AP)**—Jamal Anderson ran for a career-high 188 yards and 44-year-old Steve DeBerg threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Terance Mathis as Atlanta (10-2) clinched a U.S. National Football League playoff berth earlier than ever before with a 21-10 victory over St. Louis on Sunday.

DeBerg took over in the second half for Tony Graziani, who started in place of the injured Chris Chandler.

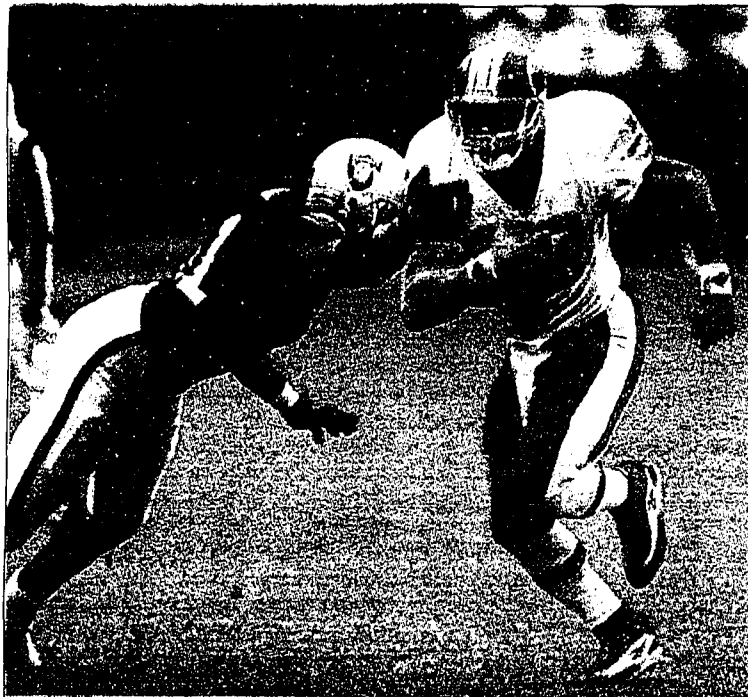
His TD pass came after the Falcons, who led 3-0 at the half, fell behind when Tony Home of the Rams (10-2) returned the second-half kickoff 101 yards for a score. Anderson added a 27-yard TD run.

The game drew a crowd of 47,971, lowest since the Rams moved to St. Louis in 1995.

## Ravens 38, Colts 31

At Baltimore, Jim Harbaugh hit Floyd Turner with a 22-yard TD pass and Priest Holmes ran 36 yards for his second touchdown that rallied the Ravens for 17 fourth-quarter points.

It was the first time the Colts had played in Baltimore since Robert Irsay moved the franchise



Washington Redskins running back Brian Mitchell (right) breaks through Oakland Raiders defender Lance Johnstone for a large gain during the second quarter of the Redskins' victory Sunday. The 2-9 Redskins beat the Raiders, 29-19.

REUTERS

to Indianapolis in 1984 and the victory delighted the crowd of 68,898 who waited 14 years to root against the Colts.

Indianapolis (2-10) jumped out to a 17-3 first-quarter lead and

was ahead 31-21 entering the final period. After the game, Baltimore quarterback Jim Harbaugh gave the game ball to former Baltimore Colts great Johnny Unitas, who rooted for the Ravens from

the sideline.

## Chiefs 34, Cardinals 24

At Kansas City, Missouri, Rich Gannon's three touchdown passes enabled Kansas City to overcome a rash of penalties and mistakes and snap its six-game losing streak.

The Chiefs (5-7), who had not lost six straight in a non-strike year since 1985, took a 31-17 lead with 10:26 left when Derrick Alexander scored his second TD on a 15-yard pass from Gannon. But the Cardinals (6-6), who had moved into playoff contention by winning three of their last four games, answered with an 80-yard drive and made it 31-24 on Mario Bates' 1-yard plunge with 6:07 remaining.

## Jaguars 34, Bengals 17

At Cincinnati, Mark Brunell rebounded from his worst game as a pro by throwing a touchdown pass in each quarter Sunday. Jacksonville improved to 9-3 for the first time in its four years and opened a two-game lead in the AFC Central Division, which the Jaguars have never won.

## Jets 48, Panthers 21

At East Rutherford, New Jer-

sey, Curtis Martin and Keyshawn Johnson ran 60 and 35 yards for touchdowns and Vinny Testaverde completed 16 of 21 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns.

It was the fifth straight victory at home for the Jets (8-4), the first time for that in 12 years. New York also sacked Carolina quarterback Steve Beuerlein five times, including one for a safety.

## Buccaneers 31, Bears 17

At Chicago, Brian Hunter caught an unusual touchdown pass just before the end of the first half to snap a 17-17 tie and help the Buccaneers' end their three-game losing streak. It was the fourth straight loss for Chicago.

On the final play of the first half, Tampa Bay quarterback Trent Dilfer heaved the ball into the end zone and into a scrum of players. Tampa receiver Bert Emanuel got his hands to the ball and tipped it toward the sidelines to Hunter. Hunter had gone out of bounds on the play, but the 45-yard TD catch was allowed because he had returned to the field and an eligible receiver had

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## Saipan Major League Baseball Association meeting Thursday

THE SAIPAN Major League Baseball Association (SMLBA), would like to inform all managers and coaches for the upcoming '99 season that an important meeting will be held this coming Thursday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gilbert C. Ada gymnasium.

The amended Ground Rules, the proposed expansion league for players 25 and under, as well as the South Pacific Games are some of the topics lined up for this meeting.

The association is also inviting interested individuals who are willing to be a part of this organization to attend this important meeting.

Further info may be obtained from SMLBA president, Rose Igitol, at the College at 234-5498.

## Bud Light Cup Playoff Schedule

	Semi-Finals	Finals
Mixed Doubles	12/8	12/15
C League	12/2	12/9
B League	12/3	12/10
A League	12/7	12/14
Masters	12/8	12/15

### C League:

12/2: 1st Place MDX C2 vs D'Jokers at Oleai Beach Bar.  
2nd Place MDX C1 vs MisFits at Mom's Round Two

### B League:

12/3: B1 vs Island Magic at Oleai B2 vs Deadstrok at Oleai

### Semi-Finals-each league

1st place team vs 4th place team  
2nd place team vs 3rd place team

Play at 1st place team home bar  
Play at 2nd place team's home bar

### Final-each league

Winners of semi-final matches play each other  
Play at Home Bar of seasons highest ranking team

### Party

The party will be held at PIC, same as last season. The date is December 20. The party will begin with the Magellan Buffet at 11:00 p.m. Registration desk will be open at 10:00 a.m.

## NMASA calls for meeting on SPG

THERE will be an important meeting of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association this Thursday, December 3, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium Conference Room.

The meeting will begin at 6 pm, 30 minutes earlier than nor-

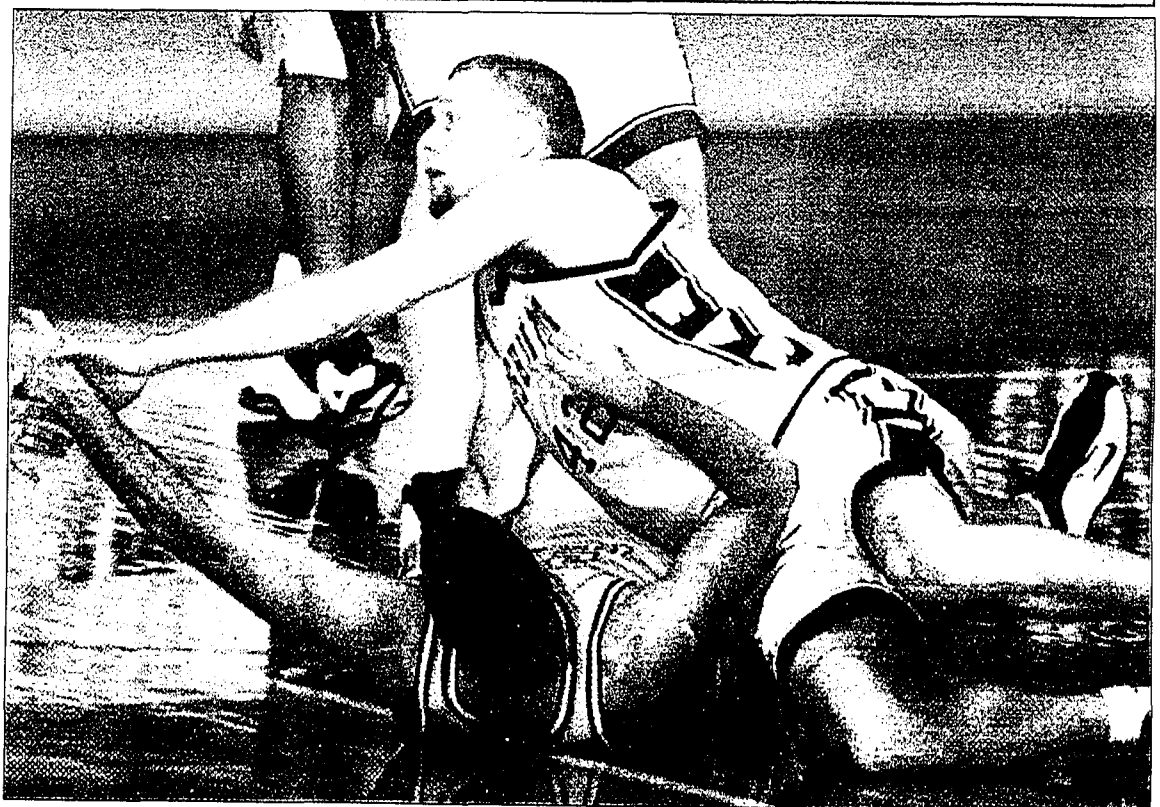
mal because there will be a Sports Medicine Seminar, on Safe Training for Athletes," immediately following at 7:30 pm, also in the conference room.

All sports should be represented at both. Dr. Steve Arthur of Saipan Chiropractic will be making the

presentation.

There are still a few sports who have not yet turned in their reports of the Micronesian Games, and we still need your 1999 event schedules. Also turn in any phone cards or money.

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Washington forward Thalo Green, top, and Georgia Tech forward Jon Babul go to the floor for a loose ball in the second half of the championship game of the Big Island Invitational in Hilo, Hawaii, Sunday.

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