

Report: AG prosecutors suffer from 'low morale'

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ATTORNEYS in the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office are competent but generally suffer from low morale.

The division also appears to lack a sense of common purpose or direction, does not hold meetings of its staff members and has only minimal contact with the rest of the AGO, including the Attorney General.

These were some of the findings of an investigation conducted by a Seattle-based consultancy firm hired by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to evaluate the performance of the Attorney General's Office.

In a memo to the governor dated April 10th, Clifford N. Carlsen Jr. enumerated the office's strengths and weaknesses as culled from interviews made between March 18 and March 27 this year.

The firm's investigation focused on the changes that have taken place in the office since the initial investigation, and on whether the office is satisfying the legal needs of the Commonwealth.

Tenorio last year hired the law office of Miller, Nash, Wiener, Hager & Carlsen to look into the operations of the AG's office with the hope of making it operate better.

The initial investigation was conducted sometime in March of April last year.

Carlsen in his latest report lauded the performance of acting AG Sebastian Aloit and attorneys in the Civil Division.

He however found that the salary levels for the AG and for experienced assistant AGs are inadequate.

"Attorneys that have worked in the AGO for over two years have the potential of earning

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Teacher exodus may affect RP ban lifting

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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PHILIPPINE Consul Generoso Calonge is displeased with the nonrenewal of contracts of 87 alien teachers—and fears that such action by the Public School System might "indirectly" affect the Philippine government's workers' ban policy.

"We feel sad about the PSS decision. But that's their policy. What can we do about it," Calonge said.

He said he believes the Filipino teachers have worked hard during their several years of stay in the Commonwealth.

Asked if the nonrenewal of Filipino teachers' contracts would affect the Philippine government's policy on the deployment of workers to the CNMI, Calonge replied: "Maybe, indirectly. All circumstances surrounding the labor system and



Generoso Calonge

received their walking papers. Several others are expected to receive theirs in the future.

This despite the enactment of Public Law 10-4 which allows the government to continue hiring alien workers until year 2000.

In justifying the nonrenewal of alien teachers' contracts, education officials explain that the action was guided by the new alien hiring law.

The law, PSS officials say, allows the hiring of alien teachers only if there are no available US citizens to fill the positions. PSS has been recruiting replacements from the mainland, Hawaii and Guam.

"Our teachers are world-class. Many of them are graduates of Philippine universities that are known for excellence," Calonge said. "They have met the 'previous' standard of PSS, but that standard has been changed."

PSS now wants teachers with US education credentials and "our

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our workers' condition here will appear in our report."

The Philippine government has promised to lift the deployment ban which covers certain categories of workers. It was expected to happen in January but, so far, no word about it has been heard from Manila.

Two weeks ago, 87 teachers

Mitchell's probation will not be revoked

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE ATTORNEY General's Office's motion to revoke the probation of lawyer Theodore R. Mitchell in connection with the Grizzard assault case is moot.

During yesterday's hearing, Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro agreed with Mitchell that following Supreme Court's Monday ruling the lower court has no jurisdiction to hear or decide the AG's motion for revocation.

Last March 19, the AG filed the motion on the grounds that Mitchell failed to comply with

the terms and conditions of his probation by non-payment of restitution and fine.

A jury found Mitchell guilty of assaulting fellow attorney James Grizzard inside Cafe Mogambo in Garapan in August 1993.

On April 11, Mitchell asked the lower court to approve a surety bond, backed by a pledge of real property, to secure payment of the \$19,000 restitution award which is subject of the appeal.

On April 12, the motion for approval of the bond was denied

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READ, READ, READ. Joeten Kiyu Public Library officials Kris Ramsey (left), Paul Steere (center) and therapist Macy Deleon Guerrero entertain library clients during Friday's celebration of National Library Week where about 300 reading-promotion posters were given away. Guerrero is among the five local models featured in the posters. Photo by M. C. Munar

Hocog warns about health care crisis on Rota



Eusebio A. Hocog

SENATE Minority Leader Eusebio A. Hocog has asked Acting Governor Jesus C. Borja, to declare a state of emergency on Rota due to the "shocking inadequacies" that exist at the health center.

According to Hocog, lack of space and medical supplies has created a disastrous working environment for the overburdened staff.

"Although we have a dedicated and hard working staff, the situation continues to deteriorate due to the lack of medical supplies,

outdated equipment, lack of rooms and also the dire need for vehicles to transport patients," Hocog said in a press statement yesterday.

He told Borja the situation has reached a point where "I feel compelled to request that you declare a state of emergency pursuant to 3 CMC 5121."

According to Hocog, the situation has come to a point where patients were being treated in hallways, delivery rooms, or wherever they can find space. "Imagine the feeling of having a close family member spending their last

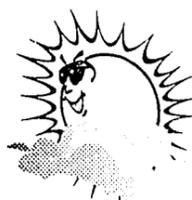
moments unattended on a cold floor. On Rota we don't have to imagine these things because they have become part of our reality," said the senator.

The Rota Democrat stressed that "a very dangerous situation is unfolding on the island" so there is a need for immediate relief.

"Inadequate facilities and supplies, demoralized staff, and patients whose attitudes range from skepticism to bitterness, all lead me to believe that we are headed for a serious disaster," said Hocog.

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Weather Outlook



Mostly Sunny in the morning partly cloudy with isolated showers at night

Clinton, Kim seek peace talks

By TERENCE HUNT
CHEJU-DO, South Korea (AP)—President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam proposed Tuesday four-way peace talks to include the United States and China as well as the two Koreas.

Both Clinton and Kim said they were optimistic North Korea would accept the idea which they said could lead to a permanent peace on the Korean peninsula.

The unexpected proposal departed from a long-standing U.S. goal of resolving tensions on the peninsula through direct North-South talks without outside participation.

"We ask the government and

With US, China, two Koreas as parties

people of North Korea to join us in this quest," Clinton said at a joint news conference with the South Korean president.

"North Korea has said it wants peace," he said. "This is our proposal to achieve it." He said the United States would not conduct separate talks with the North.

Kim said, "We hope that through the four-party meeting we can facilitate dialogue and exchanges between the two Koreas, reduce tensions between the two sides and discuss various ways to establish a permanent regime of peace on the Korean peninsula."

Clinton said North Korea's violation of the armistice "reminds us once again that peace on the peninsula is fragile."

Both Clinton and his South Korean counterpart said the 1953 armistice should be observed until a permanent peace agreement can be put in place.

In a joint statement, Clinton and Kim said the "peace process also should address a wide range of tension-reduction measures." Officials said that could include proposals for drawing troops back from both sides of the Demilitarized Zone, the 2.5-mile-wide border that separates the two Koreas.

Asked why he was optimistic for the process, Clinton said that, first, "the North has said for some time it does want peace."

Furthermore, he noted that despite North Korea's assertion that it does not view the armistice as binding, one of that country's ministers had recently said that it should be honored until a permanent peace could be put in place.

In the joint statement, both presidents said a meeting among the four countries should be convened "as soon as possible and without preconditions. The purpose would be to initiate a process aimed at achieving a permanent peace settle-



Bill Clinton

ment."

A decade ago, South Korea proposed a six-way peace negotiation involving the United States, Japan, the Soviet Union, China and the two Koreas. The Reagan administration rejected the notion, holding out for North-South dialogue.

The 1953 agreement separated the two Koreas at the 38th parallel, with the 2.5-mile wide DMZ—the most heavily fortified border in the world—running across the peninsula.

Earlier, during a picture-taking session with Clinton, Kim was asked if he sees a possibility of a breakthrough with North Korea. "I think there is a possibility," he said.

Clinton said he didn't know whether current food and fuel shortages in North Korea would complicate or facilitate peace prospects.

"What I would say to them is: President Kim and I are making a good faith effort here." He said it was both countries' long-term interests to move toward peace.

Clinton stopped in South Korea on his way to Japan and Russia.

U.S. officials said the idea for four-way talks was advanced first by South Korea, about two months ago.

GOP's tax-limit amendment falls short in US House vote

By DAVE SKIDMORE
WASHINGTON (AP)—An election-year Republican push for a constitutional amendment making it much more difficult to raise federal taxes has failed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

After a debate conducted Monday night while millions of Americans scrambled to meet their income-tax filing deadline, the House voted 243-177 in favor of the proposed amendment. But that was 37 votes short of the two-thirds majority required for approval.

Supporters conceded from the start that their chance of victory was slim, but they said the vote would illustrate the difference between Democrats and Republicans.

Just 24 Democrats joined 219 Republicans in favor of the bill. Sixteen Republicans, 160 Democrats and one independent opposed it.

"The American people ... understand that what they have left in their paycheck is not enough," said Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "That's what this debate is all about. ... How big will the federal government be? How much will it take out of our hard-earned pay?"

Republican leaders had timed the debate to end with a vote a few hours before the midnight filing deadline for most taxpayers on the East Coast. Demo-

crats said that was aimed at attracting maximum news coverage, and they employed a series of procedural maneuvers that delayed the vote until 11:33 p.m.

A two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate is required to send a constitutional amendment to the states.

For approval, three-fourths of state legislatures then must ratify it within seven years.

Democrats complained the amendment was being brought to the floor without consideration by the House Judiciary Committee, where chairman Henry Hyde, opposed it.

And they denounced the proposal as a ploy for votes in the November presidential elections.

"It deserves better treatment in the House than a rush job to meet a politically sexy vote deadline that the majority admits is a matter of symbolism. The Constitution should not be used to make political statements," said Rep. David Skaggs.

The amendment requires that any law "to increase the interannual revenue by more than a de minimis amount" be approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate. Congress could waive the restriction for up to two years in the event of a declared war or other major military conflict.

Opponents, including the Clinton administration and the bipartisan anti-deficit group, The Concord Coalition, argued the amendment would make it

harder to close tax loopholes and would cement political gridlock in the budget deficit debate.

Thirty-four senators from 17 states—representing as little as 10 percent of the nation's population—could block a tax increase if the amendment were in the Constitution.

"A democratic majority rule is clearly preferable to rule by a minority in determining the direction of the nation's fiscal policy,"

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said in a letter to House leaders.

But supporters said the amendment would prevent what a lead sponsor, Rep. Joe Barton, called a "tyranny of the majority."

"You want consensus. ... You don't want a slim majority in the heat of the moment taking action that will affect future generations," he said.

A dozen states require a supermajority vote of their legislatures or voter approval of a tax increase and it's worked well for them, slowing but not preventing tax increases, Barton said.

About 20 people gathered at a noon rally in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House, to support the tax limitation amendment.

The third annual "Taxpayer Day of Outrage," was sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform, a conservative organization.

IOTA gets CRM permit

Salvaging of Sta. Margarita to proceed

THE go-signal to salvage the wreck of a 17th century Spanish galleon off the coast of Rota has been given by the Coastal Resources Management.

The permit was issued last week to IOTA Partners through Jack Harboston.

The proposed salvaging project, according to the coastal permit decision, was found to be "in conformance with the Coastal Resources Management Program policies and objectives."

The salvage operation of *Santa Margarita* is estimated to cost \$1

million.

The monetary value of the artifacts has not been determined yet. An appraisal committee will be tasked with finding out the value of this historical find.

The IOTA said it would make sure that the condition artifacts would be preserved when it retrieves the wreck so that its historical and monetary value would not be lessened.

One of the conditions set forth by the permit is for salvage-related con-

struction activities to be done only between sunrise and sunset.

There shall also be no blasting or use of explosives without the written approval of the CRM, Department of Public Safety, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Division of Environmental

Quality, and the Office of Civil Defense.

Likewise, all salvage work at the wreck site should be conducted in accordance with a written archaeological recovery plan approved by the Division of His-

toric Preservation.

Santa Margarita was one of two ships that sailed from the Philippines in July 1600 and met strong storms in the Western Pacific.

It was badly battered and floundered aimlessly for nearly eight months until it reached Rota in February 1601.—Rick Alberto

House-Senate conference panel formed on minimum wage bill

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE FATE of the proposed minimum wage increase will be decided by the Legislature in a conference committee after the House yesterday rejected the Senate amendments to the bill that aims to raise the basic pay by 30-cents.

Meeting in a session called solely to discuss the wage issue, the House members voted against the Senate substitute version of House Bill 10-158.

The vote was all in favor of rejection except for one abstention vote, that from Rep. Dino M. Jones.

The rejection was deemed necessary in as much as the April 15 effectiveness date on the Senate version had already passed.

There were also concerns among members about the Senate amendment that seeks to exempt small businesses from the proposed 30-cent pay hike.

As soon as the House rejected the bill, Speaker Diego T. Benavente issued a memorandum naming the House contingent to the conference panel which will discuss the measure jointly with their counterparts from the Senate.

Named to the House panel were Rep. Michael P. Tenorio, chairman and Reps. Ana S. Teregyo and Heinz S. Hofschneider, members. Rep. Vicent M. Atalig will be House alternate member.

On the other hand, acting Senate President Paul A. Manglona also appointed Sen. Juan P. Tenorio as chairman of the Senate conference panel.



Diego T. Benavente



Paul A. Manglona

Members are Sens. Ricardo S. Atalig and Esteven M. King. Alternate member is Sen. Thomas P. Villagomez.

Although the meeting dates are up to the committee chairmen, Manglona said speedy action on the measure is essential to allay restlessness on the wage issue.

"I hope that the conference members will sit down promptly and address this minimum wage issue as soon as possible. As you know, it's something that is on top of the legislative agenda for both houses and so this should be taken up right away.

Asked if the Senate will remain strongly for an exemption for small businesses, Manglona said some members are having second thoughts about that particular provision.

"I know from talking with some members that they are having second

thoughts but we never know what will happen until we hear from the joint panel," the acting president said.

According to Manglona, he has been hearing concerns about how the exemption would seem cut out to largely benefit foreign investors in as much as a good number of small businesses are foreign-owned.

He said it should be up to the conferees to address such a concern.

The speaker in an earlier interview had said such an exemption may be needed for Rota and Tinian but not for the Saipan small business community as the latter is capable of absorbing the increase.

He also said the House may be looking at May 1st as target effectiveness date for the increase, but that would depend on how soon the conference committee will finish its work.

Taitano files TRO motion on Mundo

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE BOARD of Education is scheduled to meet today to discuss vital issues. All its plans, however, are temporarily put on hold as it awaits the Superior Court's action on the request for temporary restraining order sought by an education board candidate against member Aniceto Mundo.

The court hearing for Marja Lee Taitano's petition will be held at 9 a.m. today. The petition was filed yesterday afternoon by Taitano's lawyer, Bruce Jorgensen.

Jorgensen is asking the court to issue an order to "expressly preclude" Mundo from participating in any proceedings and meetings of the education board until the elections board re-certified the final poll results.

As of press time yesterday, members of the elections board were meeting and discussing the schedule of special elections that will allow four voters to cast ballots in Rota's district 6. The elections board was acting on an April 11 order issued by Associate Judge Timothy Bellas.

Jorgensen told the court he wants the elections board to notify him about the details of the special election.

Voters Danny Charfauros, John

Atalig, Gina Marie Aidan and Anabelle Atalig are expected to cast ballots on April 21 pursuant to the court's order.

Jorgensen is seeking judicial intervention saying Taitano "needs a temporary restraining order to protect her and the general public from further deprivation, harm and humiliation."

Bobby Iglesias-Muna, the education board's administrative officer, said the board would certainly allow Mundo to attend today's meeting "unless the court issues a TRO."

Jorgensen said PSS legal counsel Sean Frink informed him the education board may allow Mundo's presence in the meeting since the court's April 11 ruling did not preclude him from participating in board proceedings.

If, after this morning's hearing, the court decides against Mundo's favor the board meeting would be cancelled "because his absence would mean a lack of quorum," Muna said.

The board has five voting and two non-voting members.

Vice chairman Don Farrell is off-island.

"Mr. Farrell can't make it to the meeting. If Mr. Mundo can't make it too, then we won't have a quorum. The meeting will have to be cancelled," Muna said.

More charges filed vs driver in fatal mishap

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE ATTORNEY General's Office filed yesterday additional charges against the driver of a pick-up vehicle which struck two bicycle riders, killing a six-year-old boy and injuring a teacher on Rota during Easter Sunday.

The government charged Joaquin I. Norita with homicide by vehicle, reckless driving, failure to exercise due care, and speeding before the Superior Court.

In the first amended information, Assistant Atty. Gen. Gabriel Acosta added driving under the influence charge against Norita.

Norita was allegedly under the influence of alcohol when the pick-up truck he was driving veered off the San Francisco De Borja Highway and struck the riders from the rear. Killed in that accident was Joseph

Castro Jr., of Teneto Village, Rota. Injured was Teresita Santos, 36, a teacher at Rota Elementary School.

Meanwhile, Superior Court Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro dismissed with prejudice yesterday the criminal case against Alice Q. Sablan.

Castro terminated the prosecution after the AG and Sablan, represented by counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand, signed a stipulation to dismiss the case.

It was gathered that last March 5, the AG erroneously filed charges of complicity to forgery against Sablan.

Last April 8, the government filed an amended information charging Sablan with six counts of complicity to forgery.

The correct defendant is Alice I. Sablan and not Alice Q. Sablan. An amended information has been filed naming Alice I. Sablan as the defendant in the case.



COLORING BOOKS. Gus Norita, 7, (left) and his buddy Sean Santos, 5, prefer doing school assignments while waiting for their parents to pick them up from Garapan Elementary School yesterday afternoon. —Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

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The Minimum Wage Agenda
 WE seem to have lost focus on this issue, a broad issue that is so linked to every aspect of the fragile local economy as though it is an inconsequential matter. It isn't. It is my observation that this issue is now mired in political agendas between and among political personalities as to deny it appropriate or responsible consideration.

While the entire debate has turned towards senselessness, those of us in the periphery are concerned of the impending consequences of shortsighted policies. An editorial in one of the local papers asserts that we are now in the "eye of the storm" and we must prepare to "act responsibly" on a matter that could mean the survival or demise of the CNMI economy.

I ponder upon the attitude that we have on a matter that is too broad and complicated by its very nature. One must be able to see the labyrinth of issues associated with it. You can't afford taking a simplistic approach in that severing taxes from a certain sector—garment industry who is a major tax contributor—would spell disaster for an economy that rides on complimentary interaction between investors and policy decisions.

I quiz myself why the disoriented discussion on an issue that warrants careful review. Perhaps the old cargo cult mentality has fueled unrealistic assumptions of invulnerability—that Uncle Sam will always provide for all our needs—the genesis of such sentiment deeply imbedded in our lapaiana attitude. Indeed, we seem to be negligent of the fact that paradigms—way of doing things—have changed since 1993 when under the Guerrero Administration the CNMI severed grant funds for government operations from the US Congress because we are now capable of putting up our share of responsibility in the exercise of self-government.

That decision is founded on our revenue generation capabilities and while we have been successful, our major source of revenue—tourism and garment—are not sitting on solid grounds either. Thus, the need to improve upon it with the view to diversifying into other economic ventures capable of substituting the latter industry as it sails into the sunset over the next decade.

The tourism industry can't be taken for granted that it'll stay healthy well into infinity. Its sensitivity and fragility to internal and external influences is as real as you wanted to be. Notice that we have put our eggs in a single basket in tourism—Japan. Please notice too that Japan sits atop four tectonic plates and any major earthquake spells disaster for an industry that relies heavily on a single market for its source of revenue. Furthermore, we can't recklessly price ourselves out of the market in the midst of other competing destinations. Nothing is rock solid anymore.

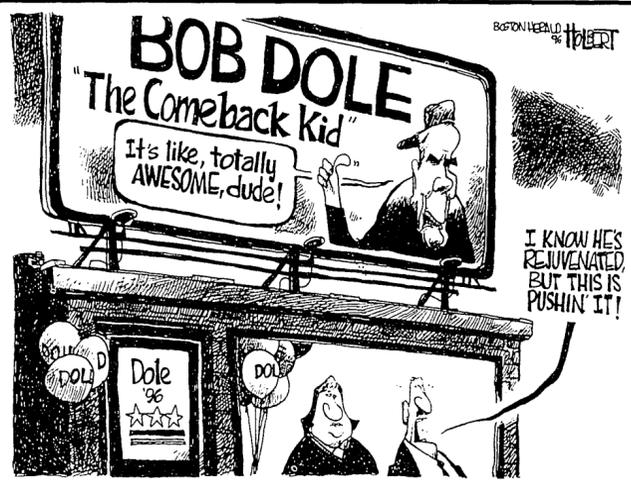
Our unrealistic attitude of invulnerability—that Uncle Sam will always come to our rescue—has seen the shifting sand of change in the last eight years. We are now dealing with a US Congress that uses the term "cut" as its working vocabulary. It is a change in the signs of the time which doesn't augur well with our perceived sense of invulnerability. Yes, it used to be that we can willfully raise wages at the expense of mainland taxpayers. Today, we must shoulder the entire brunt which must come out from the taxes we pay biweekly into the CNMI coffers.

I am sure you would agree that this matter (minimum wage) requires the professional input of economists who could gather and interpret appropriate socio-economic data and whether an increase is warranted. If so, what wage system would accomplish such goal without impacting adversely on the local economy. It is too delicate and ultra-sensitive an issue to leave strictly to political policymakers. We have to balance expert opinion and that of political agendas. We can't afford tilting it in favor of the other side. We have to strike a solid medium so to enable the CNMI to head off towards economic diversification.

This minimum wage question is mired in personalities and advocates of a perceived commitment which doesn't correlate with the agenda of the Republican-controlled US House of Representatives. It is an internal matter. However, we complicate it further by our lack of definition—what do we want in terms of the future economic well-being of our children. This is the greater question which must be answered by our policymakers from both side of the street. It isn't solely a Republican nor Democratic concern, but a bottom line matter for all taxpayers.

Let us prepare ourselves for a more responsible disposition of the minimum wage question. We can't perpetuate the current confusion. We must define what do we want for our children taking into consideration the new age of information superhighway and technology that has shrunk the entire global village into a single community. We have done phenomenally well in attaining economic successes unmatched anywhere north and south of the Pacific equator despite our resource-poor island economy. Other than Guam, no one has come close to achieving what we have attained over the last twenty years. It is our responsibility to protect our successes with the view to diversifying into other areas.

Finally, this matter calls for cooperation from both side of the street. A stubborn attitude sprayed with retarded political agendas won't ruin your political adversaries, but the taxpaying general public. Let's join hands and work diligently on a matter that means survival for each of us. We owe it to no one else except ourselves and posterity. Thanks.



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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Multilingual ballots are barely used

WASHINGTON — The Republican effort to scale back "unfunded mandates" might affect the way millions of Americans vote in the next election.

One of the little-noticed by products of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a requirement that states and localities with large numbers of non-native English speakers provide election ballots and materials in foreign languages.

Like many congressional initiatives, however, this one provided no money to pay for the ballots. That part is left up to local officials. In all, there are some 375 districts across the country where voters cast vote on ballots printed in foreign languages.

While localities get stuck with the tab, the reality is that very few voters request their ballots in a foreign language. The framers of the Voting Rights Act failed to realize that most immigrants who take the time and energy to become U.S. citizens are fluent in English. In fact, citizenship tests require proficiency in English for all but the oldest applicants.

In recent years, this has produced some astonishing results. Election officials in Alameda County, Calif., for example, reported to Rep. Toby Roth, R-Wis., that they spent nearly \$100,000 to produce ballots in Spanish and Chinese for the entire county. Yet only 900 foreign language ballots were distributed. In other words, the county spent more than \$100 for every multilingual ballot that was actually used.

In Los Angeles, city officials spent \$125,000 for ballots to be printed in six languages, including Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and Tagalog. But only 927 people in that sprawling metropolis asked for ballots in a language other than English. As a result, Los Angeles officials spent more than \$130 for every multilingual ballot cast.

The problem is even worse in small communities. Long Beach, Calif., for example, spent \$1,026 on foreign-language voting materials but received only 22 requests.

Many lawmakers believe ballots are only the tip of the problem. Roth, an outspoken isolationist who's retiring at the end of the year, claims that bilingual education and other initiatives are draining up to \$8 billion per year from U.S. taxpayers. A bill he's introduced would end bilingual education and require that all citizenship ceremonies

be conducted in English. It would also put an end to ballot mandates like the one in Los Angeles.

"America is breaking into linguistic groups," Roth complained to our associate Jan Moller. "We have people from every corner of the world, yet we are one nation because we've had English as our common glue. And that's breaking up today."

So far, the bill has 94 cosponsors — including House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole — and Roth believes it will be brought to a vote before the end of the year.

The answer to this is simple. Allow localities a choice of whether to print foreign language ballots—but don't make it a federal mandate.

SABER RATTLING—The Clinton administration is playing a dangerous game of "strategic ambiguity" heading into the first free elections in Taiwanese history.

By refusing to tell China what the consequences would be should it strike against Taiwan, administration officials left the door open for Chinese belligerence that's escalated sharply in recent weeks.

It's also opened the door for critics at home, especially in Congress, who are calling for tougher measures against China. The issue could come to a head in the summer, when Congress must renew China's "most favored nation" trade status.

"In a narrow sense, we're doing the right thing (now)," says Doug Paal of the Asia Pacific Policy Center, who worked on the National Security Council under Ronald Reagan. But until recently Paal added, American attention to China has been "episodic with miscues," which could account for the current problems.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher recently condemned Chinese military exercises off the coast of Taiwan as a "reckless" attempt to intimidate Taiwanese voters into rejecting calls for independence. Clinton has also authorized a U.S. aircraft carrier group into the Taiwan Strait as a sign of America's resolve.

But even though the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 pledges the United States to aid in the defense of Taiwan, the Clinton administration remained deliberately coy about its intentions. Now that policy of ambiguity—which China read as a sign of weakness—threatens to disrupt not just the Taiwanese elections but the American elections as well. For by failing to take a firm stand with China when he had the chance, Clinton might have bought himself considerable trouble down the road.

NMI's NANP bid gets support

CONGRESSMEN Elton Gallegly and Don Young have thrown their support to Guam and the CNMI's efforts to obtain US area codes within the North American Numbering Plan, Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta reported.

Babauta's Capitol Hill office yesterday released copies of a joint letter sent by the two prominent House Republicans asking the Federal Communications Commission to expedite an area code for the two island entities.

Young, a Republican congressman from Alaska chairs the House Natural Resources Committee.

Gallegly (R-California), on the other hand, chairs the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs. Both have jurisdiction over all US insular areas and issues.

"The attached letter from Don



Juan N. Babauta



Elton Gallegly



Don Young

Young, Chairman of the House Resources Committee, and Elton Gallegly, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, is particularly significant because these two men are most directly responsible for insular area issues in the United States House of Representatives," said Babauta in a statement

yesterday faxed from Washington. Babauta has been said to be working to build political support for inclusion of the CMI and Guam in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP).

In his last annual report to the Legislature, Babauta said it is his strategy to work simultaneously through administrative procedures and through legislative action.

"These letters from Members of Congress to the Federal Communications Commissions are an important follow-up to our success on the Telecommunications Act," says Babauta. In fact, the letter from Young and Gallegly to Reed Hundt, Chairman of the FCC, specifically makes references to the provision Babauta worked to have included in the law.

"It is our belief that strong follow up on the Telecommunications Act will result in the quickest resolution of our area code petition. Already Canada is willing to agree to Marianas area code, something they were unwilling to do before the new law."

In their joint letter to Hundt, Young and Gallegly pointed out that the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam are both territories of the US whose permanent residents are US citizens who enjoy the same fundamental rights and obligations as US citizens in the fifty states.

"For purposes of making phone calls however, the NMI and Guam are currently treated as international destinations," Young and Gallegly lamented.

The two lawmakers pointed out that the recently passed Telecommunications Act of 1996 envisions insular areas to have access to telecommunications and information services including interexchange services and advanced telecommunications services that are reasonably comparable to those services in urban areas.

"The inclusion of Guam and the NMI in the NANP fits within this policy. It should be noted too that the NANP already includes the US territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands," said Young and Gallegly.

"Accordingly, I respectfully request your assistance in bringing this matter to an expeditious and successful conclusion so that the NMI and Guam may be assigned area codes within the NANP," the letter read.

Official explains rationale of scholarships under Governor

By Rick Alberto
 Variety News Staff

THE administrator of the Scholarship Office would rather that her office remain under the Office of the Governor and not reverted back to the Northern Marianas College.

Maggie C. Camacho said yesterday that at present, every applicant, if he or she meets all the criteria, is granted a scholarship to college of the applicant's preference unlike before when the scholarships were administered by the NMC.

"(We) try to help everybody objectively," she told the Variety.

Camacho explained that student applicants, before the Office of the Governor took over the Scholarship Office, would often be required to initially take their courses during the first two years at the NMC.

"They were not encouraged to go abroad. In fact they were deprived of going to school abroad unless they do

not have any courses here at NMC," Camacho said.

Camacho said the NMC was being subjective in requiring the students to go to the NMC.

"It's not fair. I think the students and the parents have their choice of school," she added.

She said that students now are free to choose the schools they want to attend.

The Scholarship Office was transferred to the governor's office in October 1994 as per Executive Order 94-3.

Last March 11 a bill was prefiled by Rep. Oscar M. Babauta seeking the revision of all functions to the NMC with respect to student scholarships.

A scholarship grantee gets \$4,000 per academic year (two semesters or three quarters).

Camacho said the scholarship grant will be increased to \$5,000 next Fall.

"At the same time we're offering loans based on their (applicants') fi-

ancial needs," Camacho added.

The Office has granted 300 scholarships to students studying off-island this school year.

Some 500 other grantees study at the NMC.

Camacho said her office is still accepting applications for Summer and Fall.

For Summer, a grantee will receive \$1,000.

There is no quota on the number of students that can be granted financial assistance.

"So if 500 students apply and they're eligible, then we give (them grants)," Camacho said.

Couple sues DLNR over land exchange

By Ferdie de la Torre
 Variety News Staff

A COUPLE has sued the Division of Public Lands of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources seeking the transfer of properties including 6.9 hectares of public lands which they allegedly entitled to with the government's land exchange program.

Ricardo C. Rasa and Teresia R. Rasa also asked the Superior Court to enjoin DLNR from transferring the ownership of the properties at issue to anyone other than them.

In the complaint, Brien Sers Nicholas, counsel for the Rasas, said pursuant to a certification for land exchange in 1992 and a memorandum of understanding for right-of-way acquisition, the government acquired 391 sq. meters of plaintiffs' properties for public access and utility easements.

On June 2, 1993, Nicholas said the government through a second certification for land exchange and a second MOU for right-of-way acquisition acquired another portion of public land containing approximately 14,485 sq. meters.

As part of the agreement, the lawyer

said the Division of Public Lands' predecessor Marianas Public Lands Corp., "caused to be done property appraisals for plaintiffs' lands that were acquired by the government and some of the public lands that were intended to be conveyed to the plaintiffs for their land exchanges."

These public lands, Nicholas pointed out, were subsequently surveyed by MPLC and totaling some 10.1 hectares.

As a result, the plaintiffs' counsel claimed that the Rasas were entitled to have 17 hectares pursuant to the land exchange scheme.

"Plaintiffs, since entering into MOU for right-of-way acquisitions with the government to the present time, have yet to receive their land exchanges as agreed upon," said the lawyer.

In their attempts to have the DLNR convey the real properties to them, Nicholas said the plaintiffs have met with DLNR Sec. Benigno Sablan and Gov. Froilan Tenorio on several occasions to discuss the case.

Plaintiffs' attempts have resulted in more promises, nothing more, said Nicholas in the complaint.

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Environmental issues topic of tonight's Jon Anderson Live

THE TOPIC of conversation for many of Saipan's residents is "what about the Puerto Rico Dump". Just what is in store for Saipan and the expected closure of the present dump? Where is the new landfill site going to be; and just where does the CNMI stand with the US Military on the clean-up of the present dump? Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja recently signed an agreement that calls for a partial return of US leased areas of the Tanapag Harbor, land that includes the Puerto Rico Dump.

That agreement drew the attention of Attorney Bill Campbell, who feels that the agreement may reduce the amount of funding assistance that the CNMI could ask the US Government for in the closure and clean-up of the Puerto Rico Dump. Representatives of the Department of Environmental Quality join us tonight on Jon Anderson Live. Join Jon and his guests from the Department of Environmental Quality as they discuss Puerto Rico Dump as well as other topi-

cal questions such as littering, recycling, septic tanks and other programs the DEQ will be introducing. It's Environmental Awareness Week tonight on Jon Anderson Live. Your phone calls and questions are encouraged for this edition of Jon Anderson Live. Jon Anderson Live is a live talk show where viewers can call in with their comments and questions on the issues that matter in the CNMI. Jon Anderson Live airs Wednesday night at 7:00 pm on KMCV Channel 7.

Radio station gets music involved in 'Earth Day'

THIS Saturday, April 20th, the world celebrates the 26th anniversary of Earth Day. In conjunction with Earth Day festivities around the world and in the CNMI, Saipan's only locally owned radio station, Hot 98 FM, is giving thanks to planet earth with a unique musical special titled "Rock and the Environment."

This two-day special brings together the biggest names in music to talk about their views of, their questions about and their solutions to environmental problems. And the music-intensive feature is designed specifically to entertain as well as inform and inspire, a news release from the station said.

"Hot 98 FM is really proud to be bringing 'Rock and the Environment' to listeners in the CNMI for the 3rd year in a row," says general manager Patrick Williams.

"It's important that we do our part in helping save the environment. The CNMI is a beautiful region that needs to be preserved, and we're thrilled to have local

businesses and agencies taking part as well," he said.

Williams specifically recognized the efforts of Basic Construction Supply, Shell Marianas, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the feature.

Earth Day weekend kicks off with Modern Rock and the Environment on April 20, featuring music and comments from Soundgarden, Collective Soul and Pearl Jam, just to name a few.

It continues on Sunday the 21st with Classic Rock and the Environment showcasing artists such as Don Henley, Steve Miller, the Grateful Dead and the Doors.

Williams encourages everyone to listen to Hot 98 FM this weekend for good environmental ideas, and also encourages everyone in the CNMI to take part in Earth Day activities in order to keep Saipan and all the Marianas beautiful.

MHS literary magazine earns national honors

THE NATIONAL Council of Teachers of English has given the Marianas high school Literary Magazine, 'Island Images' a rating of excellent, a news release from the Public School System said.

The program designed to promote the highest quality in student literature praised the magazine for its clear and precise writing, variety of genres, me-

ticulous editing, and attractive design.

According to faculty advisor, Elizabeth Block, this awards is an important recognition of the quality work the MHS student staff is producing.

The 'Island Images' staff currently includes: Veronica Selepeo, Helen Iglecias, Barbie Iglecias, Erylne Elewel, Gary Villagomez, Micah Parico and Arisa Sakai.

Veterans to meet

THIS is to inform all veterans and members of the US Armed Forces Veterans Association that the regular monthly meeting for April is scheduled for April 24, 1830 hours at the residence of Joseph C. Reyes in As Perdido. We will

have Election of Officers during this meeting. Your presence therefore is requested.

For more information, please contact M. Harold Burnett, the association Secretary at 322-9498 or the President at 234-5860.

RP newsbriefs

Tougher anti-crime bills nixed
SPEAKER Jose de Venecia and other House leaders rejected proposal of the Ramos administration for tougher anti-crime measures that would resort to legal shortcuts in dealing with enemies of the state.

They said such "unspeakable proposals" remind them of the first and the most visible features of the declaration of martial law.

Majority Leader R. Albano said warrantless arrests and other extra-judicial measures are the "worst solution that can be thought of in fighting criminality."

House leaders said they will instead strengthen the law-enforcement arm of the government by passing four bills (PNP Modernization, Anti-Bank Robbery, Anti-Kidnapping and Anti-Private Armies) as a response to the worsening peace and order situation in the country.

Situation stable, says Ramos

DESPITE the reported violence in some parts of Mindanao and Metro Manila, the country's overall peace and order situation is "stable," President Ramos assured.

"The country continues to remain attractive as an investment destination," he told the 4th National Summit on Peace and Order at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

According to Ramos, "The peace and order situation is not one monolithic portrait. Conditions have varied from region to region."

At the same time, however, the President cited the need for law enforcers to strengthen the anti-crime efforts to gain public support for the passage of measures vital to combatting threats like terrorism.

New Singapore envoy arrives

SINGAPORE'S new ambassador to the Philippines, Simon Tensing de Cruz, arrived the other day in Manila.

He will later present his credentials to President Ramos at Malacanang.

The assignment of De Cruz here is aimed at restoring ambassadorial-level ties between the Philippines and Singapore to signal the end of a diplomatic row sparked by the March 1995 hanging of Flor Contemplacion, who had been convicted of killing another Filipina maid, Delia Maga and a three-year-old Singaporean boy in 1991.

Last week Philippine Ambassador to Singapore, Alberto Encomienda assumed his post.

De Cruz was the Chief of Mission in Jakarta prior to his assignment in the Philippines.

Ozone victims get help

VICTIMS of the March 19 Ozone fire who are confined in various hospitals in Metro Manila have received additional financial assistance from the Chinese newspaper World News which donated P200,000 for the victims' hospital expenses.

Teresa Mariano, chief of the Quezon City Social Services/Development Department and World News President Henry Tong made the rounds of the various hospitals to personally hand over the financial aid to the victims who received P50,000 each.

Mariano said those who suffered major burns were given P10,000.

Earlier Manila Bulletin Chairman Emilio Yap donated P5,000 for each of the victims of the fire.

There are about 40 victims of the fire being treated in different hospitals.

Criminal raps vs Marcopper

ENVIRONMENT officials filed formal criminal charges against five officials of Marcopper Mining Corporation after a massive waste spill from its mine on Marinduque island.

Marcopper President John Loney, Resident Manager Steve Reid, Senior Mines Manager Pedro Hernandez, Senior Mill Manager Ralph Ante and Senior Maintenance Manager Manuel Quing each face four criminal charges.

Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Antonio Lavina personally filed the charges at the justice department.

State prosecutors will now investigate to establish if their is sufficient evidence to take the case to court.

Cavite labor dispute settled

INDUSTRIAL peace in the Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal-Quezon (Calabarzon) Growth Corridor was further enhanced with the settlement of a labor dispute at Yasaki-EMI, a Japanese firm based at the Cavite Industrial Park.

President Ramos commended the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB) for the successful mediation meetings it conducted with the company workers and the management.

Labor Secretary Leonardo Quisumbing informed Ramos that the signing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Yasaki-EMI management and labor is scheduled tomorrow April 18.

The agreement provides a package of wage and related benefits amounting to P209 million benefiting some 4,000 employees.

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Malaysian firm seeks to build 5-star hotel in Subic freeport

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Malaysia's Metroplex Berhad will build the first five-star hotel in booming Subic Bay, the port's management said Sunday.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority chairman Richard Gordon said Metroplex made the commitment in a memorandum signed by the two parties on Saturday, with

the port to lease a 60,000-square meter (yard) lot for the project in the bay's Riviera Wharf.

The plan is to build an eight-story hotel with 500 rooms, a spacious convention center, a casino, among others, Gordon said in a press statement.

About \$95 million is to be spent for the first phase of the project,

which is expected to be completed after two-and-a-half years when construction work begins.

"By the time the hotel is ready for occupancy, we would have increased our employees to 5,000 from today's 1,900," the statement quoted Seng Yap, Metroplex's chief executive officer in Subic as saying.

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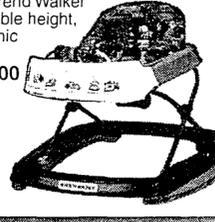
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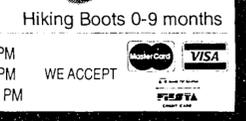
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Kings Road project

PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S deputy prime minister and finance minister, Chris Haiweta, has left for Fiji to officiate at the handover of a major road-building project to the Fiji government.

The Kings Road construction project in the north of Fiji's main island of Viti Levu cost 28.8 million Fijian dollars (US\$20.5 million), the Post Courier reports.

It involved the construction of 34.4 kilometres of two-way lane highway and ten bridges. The contract initially

was let to PNG company Pangia Construction which began work in 1993. The project has since been taken over by the PNG Banking Corporation and sub-contracted to another PNG company, Hebou Construction.

A statement from Haiweta's office says Hebou Construction's interest in the project amounted to about US\$3 million. He says he is pleased that PNG contractors are able to participate in major road projects in Fiji. ...Pacnews

Christian group to continue assistance

THE Solomon Islands Christian Association has vowed to continue providing humanitarian assistance to victims of the conflict on the Papua New Guinea Island of Bougainville. The country's church leaders say humanitarian assistance is not an option, but rather a Christ-given command, RNZI reports.

The Christian leaders have thanked the Solomon Islands government, people and overseas supporters for assisting the sick, dying and wounded

Papua New Guineans from Bougainville who arrive in the country seeking help.

The Solomon Islands Christian Association says it has no political agenda, and those who arrive seeking assistance are not judged by their political stance.

The leaders also condemn border violations by armed Papua New Guineans, saying intrusions into Solomon territory under any pretext is not acceptable. ...Pacnews

Newspaper editor found guilty of angering official

THE acting editor of a Tongan newspaper and a man who wrote letters to the paper in support of pro-democracy in the country have been found guilty of angering a civil servant.

A police magistrate convicted Filo 'Akau' ola, the acting editor of the Times of Tonga, and Filini Sikuea on charges of angering the minister for police, Clive Edwards, Radio Tonga reports.

The two will be sentenced on

Wednesday. The third man charged, Vaha' akolo Fonofoni, was found not guilty.

The conviction and a police warning against pro-democracy meetings on Vava'u have been seen as a crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Tonga. The Police Minister, however, has defended his action as within the law, of maintaining peace and harmony.

Speaking from Auckland, the editor of the newspaper, Kalafi Moala, says the sentence will be appealed in the Supreme Court, RNZI reports. He condemned the decision, saying it was based not on legality but on the grounds of preserving traditional culture.

Kalafi Moala says the decision now means if you have a haircut that a civil servant gets angry about, you can go to jail. ...Pacnews

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substantially higher income in private practice," said Carlsen in his report.

He said their salaries should be increased to levels sufficient to retain experienced, qualified attorneys, he added.

Carlsen also noted that despite improvements made by the AG's Civil Division, the latter remains understaffed, having not enough lawyers to handle the volume of civil cases.

"The progress that the Civil Division has made in the past year in bringing actions on behalf of the Commonwealth is impressive - particularly in view of the lack of adequate staff," said Carlsen.

Carlsen sees a great need for the AGO to have a formal set of policies and procedures, noting that the office has no structured system for intake, filing, or assignment of civil and criminal litigation matters.

"The Attorney General opinion letters are neither indexed nor organized. This lack of organization creates duplication of effort

and increases the risk of conflicting or inconsistent opinions," the report said.

The report also noted the sub-standard facilities and support systems for the AG's Criminal Division as well as the lack of access to research materials for both the Civil and Criminal Divisions.

"They do not have computerized research capability or sufficient research materials," said Carlsen.

But of particular note, Carlsen took issue with how attorneys of the criminal division are generally suffering from low morale.

In recent months, the Division has been losing quite a number of high-profile criminal cases, including murder cases that ended with suspects getting acquitted.

"The Criminal Division does not employ any general guidelines or standards for case charging or plea bargaining decisions," the Carlsen report said.

It recommended that the AG develop closer ties with the Criminal Division and its attorneys.

"It is imperative that the Criminal Division hold periodic staff meetings and take other measures to increase intra-office communications," read the Carlsen report.

The Variety tried to reach Aloat for comment but the latter did not return the call.

Teacher ...

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teachers failed to meet that 'new' standard," Calonge said.

The education agency, according to Calonge, may have overlooked a general rule that new policies "should be prospective in application."

New policies should cover only future cases and preclude the ones that are already in existence before their effectivity, Calonge said.

"PSS action shows the arbitrariness of the rule," he said. "If such arbitrariness becomes a pattern, then this will be included in the consulate report to our government."

However, Calonge said the Philippine government will not in any way protest any policies and decisions of the Commonwealth.

"That's their own affair, and they can do whatever they may wish," he said. "PSS has valid reasons for not renewing our teachers' employment. Their contracts expire and they want a new breed of teachers. Quality teaching may be the least of their worries."

Casino law draws big hotel projects

By Giff Johnson

For the Variety

MAJURO - A recently implemented law authorizing casino gambling in the Marshall Islands is paving the way for two major, multi-million dollar hotel investments by Koreans in Mili and Majuro atolls, according to local businessman Keijo Bien, a former senator in the Marshall Islands parliament.

The central attraction for both of the resorts - the smallest is a 120-room hotel in Majuro - will be casino gambling, said Bien.

A resort casino plan for Mili will develop the entire main island of this southern Marshalls atoll into a fully-contained destination resort and require the population to be relocated to another island.

Bien said South Korean developers are planning to invest hundreds of millions of dollars into Mili island to

attract Korean tourists to a complex replete with golf courses, a boat harbor, several condominiums and hotels, restaurants shops and a new international airport.

Bien unveiled an artist's conception of the Mili plan in an interview Wednesday and said that this casino development will result in direct jet service to Mili, bringing Korean visitors to Mili by the thousands.

"I'm very happy about this project because it will benefit everyone in Mili," Bien said. There will be hundreds of jobs and the landowners will receive payments for use of their land for the hotel. "Just like Kwahalein, where the landowners get a good income from renting their land to the US Army," he said.

The casino resort complex is to be developed by an investment group called Ampuri Co., Ltd., from South Korea and built by Sam Sung construction company, Bien said.

The hotel plan calls for using all of Mili Island, and relocating current residents to a nearby island. Mili was a major Japanese military installation during the WW II, but since then has seen little development and the 700 or so residents make copra and fish for a living.

"We had several meetings with Ampuri and Samsung while we were in Korea last month," Bien said. "This is an opportunity for Mili people to get jobs and money from leasing their land."

He said that the issue of relocating people living on Mili Island was still under discussion and is a priority matter to be dealt with when the Korean investors arrive next month to conclude final discussions for leasing the island and building the resort.

The preliminary plan for Mili Island shows that the resort will include two golf courses, two large hotels that will include a casino, three condominium apartment buildings, two restaurants, a boat harbor and new wharf, and a new international airport on Arbar Island.

Meanwhile, in Majuro, the capital, est drilling to insure that the land selected is suitable for a major resort development starts next Monday and is expected to be completed in about one week. Bien said that he expects construction of the new 120-room casino hotel to start as early as next month, once the test reports are in.

Local construction company Pacific International Inc. confirmed that

it is arranging with the New Zealand and Guam firms to conduct the core testing, and has also been approached to construct the new hotel, although no contracts have yet been signed.

"As soon as the test report is back, we're ready to move," Bien said. The hotel plan has been tripled in size from an original 40 rooms to 120 rooms. Bien said that new design plans for the resort will be arriving shortly.

The hotel complex will be built using "waffle-crete", pre-cast concrete system that PII is using to build the government's new 150 room hotel in Majuro, he said.

Mining company to start payment of compensation

THE OK Tedi Mining Limited in Papua New Guinea will this week begin paying compensation totaling 10 million kina (US\$7.7 million) to the people of the Ok Tedi River and Fly River villages affected by tailings from the Ok Tedi mine. OTML, with the help of the national government and Fly interim provincial government, has identified the villagers affected and payments will be based on surveys already conducted, Post-Courier reports.

Villagers who decide not to accept compensation have been given the option of pressing their claims in the National Court. The compensation payments are part

of an agreement reached between OTML and the government contained in the Eight Supplemental Agreement which parliament passed during its last session.

Meanwhile, the company is continuing with a public relations exercise which it says is designed to put right misconceptions spread by what a spokesman called "an international alliance of subsistence villagers, left-leaning lawyers, environmentalists, church activists, and non-government organizations". Together with the compensations payouts, OTML says it is doing new studies of waster management options downstream. ...Pacnews

PNG to help in repatriation of Bougainvilleans in Solomons

PAPUA New Guinea will be directly involved in the repatriation of Bougainvilleans living in Solomon Islands, to accompany and oversee their safety. Papua New Guinea's high commissioner to Solomon Islands, Joseph Assaigo, says that PNG would provide officials to work alongside Solomon Islands officials and the Red Cross from both countries, the National reports.

Assaigo would not say when the

repatriation would start, but that discussions are continuing between his office, Solomon Islands and officers from the Solomon Islands Red Cross.

He says the meetings are to seek support and understanding so that the repatriation can be better coordinated. The PNG high commissioner says that only preliminary arrangements are being discussed at the moment, but when all is confirmed the authorities along the common border would

be advised so that movements could begin.

Meanwhile, the border talks between Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands will be held on April 22 and 23 in Honiara. Assaigo says issues to be discussed include the conclusion of a number of agreements in relation to management and administration of border areas besides the repatriation plans for Bougainville. ...Pacnews

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Lebanon asks UN to step in

By LOUIS MEIXLER
 UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Lebanon asked the United Nations to demand a halt to Israeli air and artillery attacks that have forced hundreds of thousands to flee border areas. It also asked for

aid to help displaced people. Israeli Ambassador Gad Yaacobi said his country regretted that civilians have been harmed during the five-day assault but said Israel would not tolerate attacks by pro-Iranian guerrillas based in Leba-

non. The exchange came as the Security Council met Monday in an open session to discuss the fighting in Lebanon that began Thursday. Lebanon asked the council to

take formal action, but no resolution nor formal statement was adopted.

The United States opposes any clear condemnation of Israel. "Lebanon is pleading before you, members of the council, to take action to stop the Israeli military aggression against my country," said Lebanese Ambassador Samir Moubarak. "I am here today to ask you... to take swift action to stop this Israeli madness."

Moubarak said 100 shells a minute were falling Monday on the city of Tyre and hundreds of thousands of people have fled their homes.

He called on the United Nations to provide "a massive program of assistance to Lebanon and its people to overcome the suffering and casualties as a result of the Israeli aggression."

Pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas launched rockets across the border on Monday and said suicide squads were ready to avenge Israel's bombardment.

Yaacobi said Israel is prepared to stop the attack if militant guerrillas make it clear they will cease their rocket attacks on northern Israel.

"After a long period of restraint and the exhaustion of all political and diplomatic means, the Israel Defense Forces is hitting back at Hezbollah strongholds with air, sea and artillery strikes," Yaacobi said.

"We will not allow our civilian population centers to be held hostage by Hezbollah," he said. "If Hezbollah ceases

its attacks, on a permanent basis, Israel will cease too."

Moubarak defended the action of guerrillas, saying that "Lebanese are within their legitimate rights to defend themselves against occupation, human rights abuses and displacement."

The United States was reportedly trying to negotiate a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the buffer strip they occupy in south Lebanon in exchange for a Syrian-supported truce with the guerrillas.

"The United States is now engaged in an intensive diplomatic effort to restore calm and establish a more stable situation in the area, which would enhance the security and well-being of the civilian population of both south Lebanon and northern Israel," U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said.

At the end of the meeting, which featured 32 speakers, Security Council President Juan Somavia of Chile said that "all who have spoken are concerned that the fighting, violence and bloodshed should cease once and for all."

"The humanitarian needs of the civilian population should be addressed and...the peace process must be sustained," he said.

Albright said Hezbollah's attacks damage "not only Israel and the prospects for a Middle East peace; it undermines the safety of people in Lebanon and the legitimacy of the Lebanese state."



A Shi'ite Muslim Hezbollah guerrilla fighter fires a heavy machine gun at Israeli military aircraft in Iqlim al-Tuffah Thursday during air strikes in southern Lebanon. Israeli aircraft raided Hezbollah strongholds in the south and east of the country as well as the capital Beirut to avenge guerrilla rocket attacks on Northern Israel.

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Work continues on secret Russian military complex

NEW YORK (AP) - In a secret project that may have roots deep in the Cold War, Russia is building a mammoth, underground military complex in the Ural Mountains, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The project, which has been observed by U.S. spy satellites, involves a huge complex served by a railroad, a highway and thousands of workers, unidentified Western officials and Russian witnesses told the Times.

The construction of the project mystifies American specialists, who speculate that it may be anything from an underground nuclear command post to a secret weapons production plant, the report said.

The project has become a delicate issue for the Clinton administration, the Times said.

The United States is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to help the cash-starved Russian government dismantle old nuclear warheads. To win Congressional approval for the money, the administration has had to certify that the Russians are not undertaking new military projects that go beyond their

defensive needs.

Russian officials told the newspaper that the complex, hidden inside Yamantau mountain in the Beloretsk area of the southern Urals, was begun during the era of Leonid I. Brezhnev, when the Soviet Union was locked in an arms race with the United States and its military budget seemingly knew no bounds.

But now, the Times said, the project is being carried out despite complaints from members of Russia's parliament that the government does not have the money to comply with new treaties slashing strategic arms and mandating the destruction of chemical weapons.

The Russian Defense Ministry refused to discuss the project.

Asked to respond to written questions from the Times, the ministry replied that, "The practice does not exist in the Defense Ministry of Russia of informing foreign mass media about facilities, whatever they are, that are under construction in the interests of strengthening the security of Russia."

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Japan opens lumber market to US

TOKYO (AP) -Japan further streamlined rules for U.S. timber imports Tuesday, hours before U.S. President Bill Clinton was to arrive on an official state visit.

The construction ministry formally recognized a U.S. lumber association standard of approval for wood imports in Japan.

"This is a good way to get this day started," U.S. Ambassador to

Japan Walter F. Mondale said at a ceremony to mark the standard's acceptance, referring to Clinton's arrival later in the day.

The agreement, which is expected to expand the market for U.S. timber in Japan, was about 20 years in the making, according to head of the U.S.'s Western Wood Products Association, Robert Hunt.

It will allow WWP-graded lumber directly into the 2x4 construction market in Japan.

"Japan is our producers' largest market and favorite customer," Hunt said at a ceremony marking the agreement, and presented Japan's construction minister with two 2x4 wood staves.

U.S. wood exports to Japan, excluding pulp and paper, rose 4

percent in 1995 to \$3.25 billion.

Recognizing the WWP stamp is part of a series of steps to deregulate Japan's housing industry, and Japan will further pursue deregulation, construction minister Eiichi Nakao said at the ceremony.

Hunt said the deregulatory measure would give Japanese consumers a wider variety of choice in constructing their homes, and said he hoped this would encourage Japan to move up the target date for liberalizing its two- and three-story housing market to this year instead of 1997.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto announced an initiative to open Japan's housing market after his February meeting with President Bill Clinton in California.

Mondale remarked that he had visited Kobe last year after an



Walter F. Mondale

earthquake devastated the area, and suggested homes there would have benefited from 2x4 construction.

Hunt said the deregulatory step would benefit U.S. lumber interests "in the long run," but he would not forecast a specific rise in sales.

"REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS"

The parishioners of San Jude Parish, through their Parish Council and the Blue Ribbon Committee thereto, is soliciting "sealed proposals" for the re-construction (enlargement) of the San Jude Church in As-Lito, Saipan, MP.

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10. Clean-Up

Copies of the plans and specifications will be available on Monday, April 22, 1996, at the Mount Carmel Chancery Office (234-3000) and San Jude Parish Office (by appointment only), As Lito (235-4576). The Plans and Specifications are \$250.00 per set. Please make out the check payable to San Jude Church Renovation.

All proposals are due no later than May 6, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. and are to be submitted at the San Jude Office, As Lito. Evaluations of the proposals will begin thereafter, and contractors will be informed of the results by May 13, 1996.

A pre-construction Conference is scheduled for April 29, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the San Jude Office. All concerns must be put in writing and submitted at least three (3) days prior to the conference.

The San Jude Parish Council, through its Blue Ribbon Committee, reserves the right to reject or accept all proposals.

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Road tunnels need safety repairs

TOKYO (AP) - Nearly 400 road tunnels throughout Japan need repairs to ensure safety, the government said in an emergency survey released Tuesday.

The survey was conducted by the Construction Ministry following a tunnel collapse that killed 20 people in northern Japan in February.

In the Feb. 10 cave-in, a boulder the size of a 12-story building peeled off a mountainside and knifed through the roof of a road tunnel on the northern island of Hokkaido, 885 kilometers (550 miles) north of Tokyo.

Officials have inspected 2,449 tunnels nationwide since that accident, checking geological conditions in and around each tunnel, said Tokuro Matsushita, a ministry

official.

Of 377 tunnels found needing repairs, 42 sites are either now being fixed or will be very soon, Matsushita said.

The ministry plans to start repair work at the remaining 335 locations within this fiscal year, with some sites expected to need two to three years of work, the official said.

In a similar but separate nationwide survey on tunnels for railways and related locations, the Transport Ministry gave a clean bill of health to the nation's rail tunnels.

But the ministry said 51 locations of 5,851 railway sites inspected need "more detailed checks" to determine how soon safety steps should be taken.

The Hokkaido Development Bu-

reau, the government agency responsible for road maintenance on the area, has said it had made daily

visual checks of the Toyohama Tunnel and that they had found no abnormalities before the Feb. 10

collapse. The cause of the February cave-in is still under investigation.

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London plans world's tallest Ferris wheel

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The wheel on the south bank of the River Thames would be 186 feet (56.6 meters) taller than the British Parliament's famous Big Ben clock tower landmark on the other side of the river.

The 1996 Guinness Book of Records says the largest diameter Ferris wheel currently operating is Japan's Cosmoclock 21 at

Yokohama City, which is 344 1/2 feet (105 meters) high.

"This will be a great landmark for London and an exciting tourist project," said Steven Mills, head of development with the English Tourist Board, when the project was announced Monday.

The organizers have applied to Lambeth Council, the local authority responsible for the area, for zoning permission for the 9.5 million pounds (\$14.25 million) project.

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On a final day, April 18, 1996, Thursday, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon.

Mass of Intention will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 5:00 pm, April 18, 1996.

Dinner will follow at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita Aldan at Sadog Tasi.

Please join us.

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Euthanasia methods for whales researched

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Appalled by the suffering of whales harpooned by Japanese ships, researchers say that if there is a humane way to kill a whale, they will find it.

Emeritus professor of animal welfare David Blackmore said Tuesday that a review of more than a million references worldwide found no work on whale euthanasia and only a few detailed anatomical studies of the sea mammals.

The Foundation for the Study of the Welfare of Whales will initially study the level of pain whales suffer when they are beached or killed at sea. Studies of skull structure will help determine the best ways of shooting beached sperm whales to prevent them dying in agony.

"All forms of commercial whaling are inhumane. So we are looking at euthanasia and also to prevent cruel commercial slaughter practices, with an objective, scientific approach," Blackmore said. "The electrical lance the Japa-

nese use to stun whales at sea after they've been harpooned is incredibly cruel."

"It doesn't stun the whale or kill it, as the Japanese claim. All it does is prolong the suffering of an already injured animal," he said.

Work under way on this issue has already shown that even the smallest whale did not get enough electrical current to render it unconscious or stop its heart.

One of the researchers, Massey University veterinary student Janine Collier, said with more coastline strandings per mile (kilometer) than anywhere else in the world, New Zealand was ideal for the study.

Blackmore, an international expert on the stunning and slaughter of domestic stock animals, says "Nothing else like it is being done in the world."

The whale research will also look at the use of large steel gaffs forced into whale heads to tow them ashore for slaughter, and the pain it inflicts.

He said the traditional whale kill by Denmark's Faroese Islanders involved driving pilot whales into a bay, sinking hooks into their skulls or blowholes, towing them several (miles) kilometers to a beach, then cutting their throats.

"The pain those whales suffer is immense," he said.

He said cutting their throats meant they bled to death slowly, since the carotid artery, which provides blood flow to the head in a human, does not supply the brain of a whale.

"That comes through the spinal cord."

A key reason for concentrating on the anatomy of whale heads and the location of the brain was to work out where and how to shoot them painlessly in a beaching.

No funds for research on vanishing frog population

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) - Frog populations are declining around the world, a sign of environmental degradation, but international researchers said Tuesday they have no funds to study the crisis.

Professor Mike Tyler of the International Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force said the group's future is in doubt if it can't raise US \$50,000 immediately, and may disband in July.

Tyler said frog numbers were plummeting in 140 countries around the world, indicating that something was amiss with the environment and also spelling potential disaster for humans.

"I think a message that is coming through loud and clear is that something is wrong with our environment," he said.

"They are the most perfect indicators of any pollution that we have got."

"If, in fact, this all falls in a big hole, I think it will be to the detriment of everybody."

"If frogs go it's the end of the world," he said.

Tyler said frogs were of enormous benefit to humans because their skins contain extractable compounds that fought human disease, including antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral agents.

He said the potential for medicines to be developed from the compounds in frogs' skin was "almost limitless."

"The potential of new medicines from frogs is absolutely enormous, frogs are walking pharmacy shops," he said.

Tyler said there was no simple reason that frogs were "checking out of the world," but said the pollution of waterways was likely to be the cause.

He said people needed to stop the habits that caused water pollution in the long term, but in the short term they needed to support task forces such as his to co-ordinate international research.

If the US \$50,000 target was reached, the task force will require only US \$75,000 per year to continue its work, he said.

Multimillionaire murder suspect requests for bail

By DINAH WISENBERG BRIN MEDIA, Pennsylvania (AP) - Multimillionaire murder suspect John E. du Pont has lost weight, fears for his health, and would benefit from staying in a psychiatric hospital, defense witnesses testified at a bail hearing.

Prosecutors argued during the six-hour hearing Monday that du Pont is a flight risk who could use his vast wealth to escape from a hospital.

The 57-year-old chemical company heir is awaiting trial for murder in the Jan. 26 shooting of Olympic gold-medalist wrestler Dave Schultz, who coached at a wrestling facility on du Pont's estate in suburban Philadelphia and was training for the Olympics this summer.

Du Pont became eligible for bail after the district attorney decided not to ask for the death penalty.

County Judge Patricia Jenkins delayed ruling on a defense lawyers' motion to release du Pont on bail to the Institute of Pennsylvania psychiatric hospital. Her ruling was not expected before Friday.

Du Pont is "not eating and he's deteriorating physically, and I'm concerned about his health," Dr. Robert L. Sadoff testified for the defense.

Dr. Joseph DiGiacomo, a cardiologist and a psychiatrist also hired by the defense, said du Pont "talked about his athletic heart beginning to deteriorate without exercise."

Du Pont's doctors estimated that he has lost 12 pounds (5.4 kilograms) in prison. However, a prison health official said he has gained about 10 (4.5 kilograms).

Toddler's body found in a back yard cellar

By MELISSA WILLIAMS POTTSBORO, Texas (AP) - A 15-year-old boy who said he saw two men kidnap a toddler from a house next door was charged with murder after her body was found in a storm cellar about a block away.

Tabitha Baker was taken from her crib sometime Monday morning, two weeks before her second birthday, police said.

Her body was later found in a storm cellar in a back yard in Pottsboro, a town of 1,100 about 70 miles (110 kilometers) north of Dallas.

Authorities suspect the girl was sexually assaulted. An autopsy was scheduled. The FBI and Texas Rangers also were investigating.

Sheriff's Col. Skip Walley said a 15-year-old boy told police that two men in dark clothing broke into the home and took Tabitha away in a black car with red pin-stripes.

The teen-ager was later charged with the girl's death. "We don't believe there's any validity to the two-suspect theory," prosecutor Bob Jarvis said. "We have one suspect in custody and don't know of any others."

The teen was arraigned on a murder charge and faces a detention hearing within 10 days. Jarvis said he would ask to have the boy tried as an adult.

The teen's court-appointed lawyer, T. Scott Smith, declined comment.

Family members told The Associated Press the suspect knocked on the door to tell Tabitha's parents, Royce and Jauquita Baker, that he saw two men break into the home and snatch the girl.

Tabitha's great-aunt, who did not give her name, said Mrs. Baker went to Tabitha's room and her "crib was empty." "She was gone."

The family notified police and began searching for the girl themselves.

A woman who lives on the street where Tabitha's body was found said she often had warned her 12- and 13-year-old sons to stay away from the suspect. Neighbors said he was known as more than just a troublemaker.

"Be nice to (him), he could probably kill you," Reana Phillips said she warned her sons.

Lindsey Stephens, who lives

on the same street as the Bakers and the suspect, said the teen had been in trouble before.

"I told my kid to stay away from him," Stephens said.

Death and Funeral Announcement

JOAQUIN LEON GUERRERO SABLAN

better known as "Joaquin Chong Pitu" of Dandan, Saipan was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, April 13, 1996 at the age of 69 years.



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Sisters in-law: Ines T. Delos Reyes, Guadalupe P. Tenorio and Antonina C. Tenorio

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary is being said daily at 12:00 noon and nightly at 8:00 p.m. at his residence in Dandan, Saipan.

Last respects may be paid at his residence in Dandan, on Saturday, April 20, 1996 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be offered at 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

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Mexico parties agree to reform

By DORIS BENAVIDES
MEXICO CITY (AP) -Leading political parties have agreed to a plan to elect the mayor of Mexico City for the first time.
 Mexico City has been governed for decades by a regent, or mayor, appointed by the president, who for 67 years has been a member of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.
 The measure and other other electoral reforms approved Monday still need congressional approval. Approval is likely because the PRI, which has a majority in Congress, supports the plan.

Opposition parties have long criticized the current system as undemocratic. About 20 million of Mexico's 90 million citizens, or more than 20 percent of the population, live in the capital.
 "The head of the federal district government, who will be called governor, and elected by universal, free, direct and secret vote," the participating political parties announced at an evening news conference.
 PRI President Santiago Onate told reporters that he would request a special session aimed at approving all the reforms by year's end.
 Making the Mexico City's top

leader an elected official was seen as a major concession by the PRI, which has jealously guarded its political power for nearly seven decades. It was also seen as an important step in the nation's transformation from a semi-authoritarian system to a democratic one.
 Under the agreement, the first elected Mexico City governor will be chosen next year to serve three years until the end of the current six-year presidential term. After that, the governor's term will be for six years.
 Participating in the talks were leaders of the PRI, which has ruled Mexico since its 1929 founding, the Workers' Party, and the left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD.
 Mexico's second strongest party, the conservative National Action Party, or PAN, withdrew from the reform talks on Feb. 10 because of an electoral dispute in the central town of Huejotzingo, Puebla. The PAN maintains it won the mayorship, but authorities gave the win to the PRI candidate.
 Although the PAN was not part of the agreement, it was expected to support the plan. Its leaders have charged the appointed position is

undemocratic.
 The PRI has maintained its hold on political power for 67 years through a blend of patronage, arm twisting and blatant electoral fraud. But the ruling party in recent years has allowed a series of electoral and other political reforms.
 Interior Undersecretary Arturo

Nunez told the news conference that the parties agreed to scores of other reforms.
 They include the possibility of allowing Mexicans living outside the country to vote in national elections and creation of a referendum process for popular approval of laws.

Thatcher: Free world must build anti-nuke defenses

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Arguing for a new Star Wars-type defense system, former British leader Margaret Thatcher warned Monday that the free world is threatened by a proliferation of nuclear weapons in the hands of "rogue states."
 "I'm afraid of getting more proliferation than we have ever had before... There's a ballistic missile which will go further and further and we have no defense against it," Thatcher told a dinner of the World Forum, an independent group that met in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
 In a speech about challenges in the 21st century, Thatcher said the world faces a greater nuclear threat than it did during the Cold War.
 It was one of the problems caused by the collapse of communism, she said.

Nuclear weapons and materials were coming out of countries like North Korea, poorly paid scientists had the knowledge to propagate them, and the customers were "rogue states like Iran, Iraq, Syria and Libya who will not have so many scruples about using them."
 Treaties against the proliferation of nuclear weapons that accompanied the downfall of communism had left the world defenseless, Thatcher said. "I think it's time to get that particular defense."

Mitchell...

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 but no reason was given.
 On the same day, the Article XII lawyer requested the Supreme Court to approve the bond. The High Tribunal granted the motion.
 Associate Justice Ramon G. Villagomez said in light of the purported release of Mitchell by Barbara Grizzard from all claims and liabilities including charges and expenses for injuries, the Superior Court should have set forth the reason for its disapproval of the proposed amended supersedeas bond.
 "While there is good cause shown for stay of payment of the imposed fine and restitution, no good cause is shown as to why the payment of restitution alone should not be stayed," said Villagomez in the order.
 The Associate Justice noted that such a stay would not interfere with the government's ability, after Mitchell's appeal, to enforce the trial court's order that the lawyer pay restitution if the order (of restitution) is affirmed on appeal.
 Mitchell said it is elementary that upon the filing of a notice of appeal together with the giving of a proper supersedeas, jurisdiction over the case passes immediately to the Supreme Court.
 Reacting to AG's motion which he described as "trash" and has no legal basis whatsoever, Mitchell said the government still won't stop and struggling somehow to throw him in jail for no reason at all.

Hocog...

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 Responding then Borja said he shares Hocog concerns and has discussed the matter with the acting Attorney General and the secretary of Public Health.
 He said that while a declaration may be premature, the need to address the problem is not.
 "The secretary of Public Health has already requested DPH personnel on Rota to provide him with an immediate report of the situation," said Borja.
 He however notes that the continued uncertainty over the ability of the secretary to directly control and supervise the provision of medical services on Rota might present a potential problem in developing the necessary corrective action.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-426

IN THE MATTER OF
 Barbara C. Manglona
 Petitioner,

NOTICE

Barbara M. Perez (present legal name) petitioned the Court for an order changing his/her legal name to Barbara C. Manglona [Desired name].
 Please take notice that a hearing in this matter will be held on Thursday [weekday] the 09 [date] day, of May [month], 1996 at 1:30 p.m. before the Commonwealth Superior Court in Saipan, CNMI Courtroom C for the purpose of changing the name of petitioner.
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The CNMI Supervisory Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System will hold its regular meeting as follows:

DATE: Friday, April 19, 1996
 TIME: 8:30 AM
 PLACE: Pacific Gardenia Hotel Conference Room, Chalan Kanoa

AGENDA:

- Review of minutes (10/24/95).
- Review/approval of subgrant applications for FY 1995 & FY 1996 fund awards.
- Review/approval of CNMI's FY 1996 Grant Applications under JJD & Byrne programs.
- Miscellaneous

Regular meetings are open to the public. Interested persons are welcome. Please call the Criminal Justice Planning Agency at 664-4550 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The CNMI Youth Advisory Council for the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) program will hold its regular meeting as follows:

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 1996
 TIME: 8:30 AM
 PLACE: Pacific Gardenia Hotel Conference Room, Chalan Kanoa

AGENDA:

- Review of minutes (10/23/95).
- Review/approval of sub grant applications for FY1995 & 1996 fund awards
- Review/approval of CNMI's FY1996 Grant Application under JJDP program.
- Miscellaneous.

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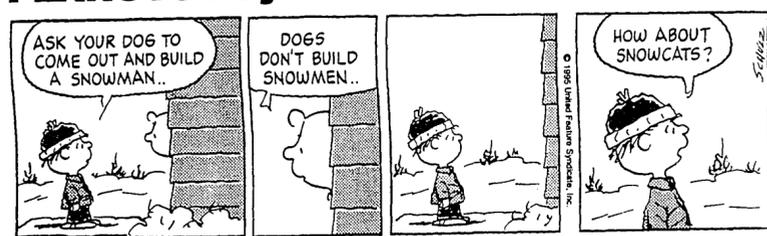
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A sneak preview of sorts will enable you to anticipate events with greater accuracy today, but what you do afterwards will make all the difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take time to think and carefully consider any changes to your appearance or behavior calculated to get a particular reaction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you seek the spotlight today, you will learn more about yourself than you had planned. Follow your current course.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Looks aren't everything, but today what looks fearsome and threatening may prove to be just that! Exercise caution; trust your instincts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may have to put off certain activities today in favor of one or two for which the time feels right. It's now or never!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Get an earlier start than usual today so that you can accomplish more in the time allotted to you. Delays of any kind could prove costly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Prepare to pay for what you receive today, though you might get a few good bargains before all is said and done.

ceive today, though you might get a few good bargains before all is said and done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Domestic affairs may become more complicated today as a result of unexpected input from a distant friend or family member. Listen to reason.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Just when you think it can't get any worse, the stars are likely to throw you one more curve. It is time to try a little harder to fit in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You needn't believe what others think about you at this time, nor should you put too much stock in the reputation you've been building.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You won't succeed today if you don't do your homework. Get the facts and prepare yourself physically and mentally for what lies ahead.

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White ant pie is a delicacy in Tanzania made by mixing white ants with banana flour. It is reported to taste similar to honey nougat.

And then there's the rich kid who thought he could flaunt the traffic laws with impunity. He was guilty of driving under the affluence.

Update your dictionary: A clip joint is a barbershop.

Our minister is getting pretty testy these days. It's about time to remind us again that churchgoing and worshipping are different.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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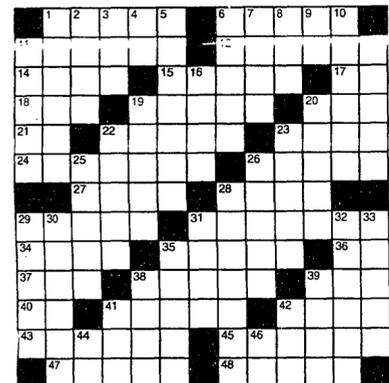
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Olympics needs 100,000 workers

ATLANTA (AP) - With three months to go before the Summer Olympics begin, nearly 100,000 temporary workers and volunteers must be recruited and trained by Olympic organizers.

ACOG's chief operating officer, A.D. Frazier Jr., conceded that there is a long way to go. "I don't see anything that says we can't get the people we need, but it is not going to be easy," he said.

going to happen after the second or third day and people start realizing it's not as fun as it appears and stop meeting their obligations," Brown said.

Police question woman who accused Tyson

CHICAGO (AP) - Chicago police have questioned an Indiana woman who last week accused boxer Mike Tyson of sexual assault in a nightclub.

Security consultant Brent Brown estimates that Atlanta companies will need 10,000 additional security workers to manage their properties and parking lots during the games.

to fill all those jobs," said state Department of Labor spokesman Sam Hall. "And even if all of them wanted a job, there is going to be a large number of them that wouldn't be able to pass the security test."

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Norman...

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or at least understanding. The Courier-Mail, published in Norman's native Queensland state, described the loss as "Norman's Masters agony."

He failed the ultimate test of character on a course where danger lurks around every corner," the paper said.

The Sydney Morning Herald Norm had snatched "defeat from the jaws of victory, again."

"Even by his own unique standards of self-destruction, Greg Norman's performance in the final round of the U.S. Masters was an extraordinary piece of sporting suicide," the Herald said.

Psychologist Grant Brecht wrote in the Daily Telegraph that Norman seemed mentally unprepared to be six shots ahead going into the final round and lacked "the proper focus, self-belief and control."

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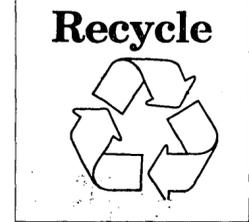
SUMMER JOB

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL TINIAN AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT THE CNMI JTPA OFFICE IS SOLICITING FIFTY (50) APPLICANTS PER ISLAND FOR THE YOUTH VACATION EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM.

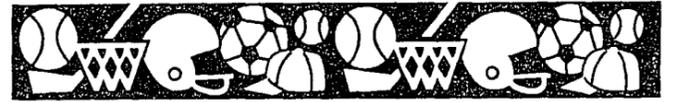
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS ARE: TINIAN - MAY 03, 1996 (FRIDAY) ROTA - MAY 17, 1996 (FRIDAY) NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DATE.

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT OR CONTACT MRS. ROSE PATO (SCHOOL COUNSELOR) AT TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL AND MR. ANGEL HOCOG AT ROTA HIGH SCHOOL.

RESPECTFULLY, Felix Nogis JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SPORTS



Sonics down Rockets 112-106

SuperSonics 112, Rockets 106

In Houston, Gary Payton scored 31 points and had three steals in the final 1:13 as Seattle beat Houston for the ninth straight time in the regular season.

The loss prevented the Rockets from catching the Los Angeles Lakers for the No. 4 playoff spot in the Western Conference and homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Rockets trail the Lakers by 4 1/2 games with three games to play.

Clyde Drexler led Houston with 26 points. Hakeem

Olajuwon had 25 points and blocked two shots, giving him 3,187 for his career, just two shy of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's U.S. National Basketball Association record.

Shawn Kemp scored 27 points for Seattle.

Pacers 90, Hornets 87

In Indianapolis, Indiana's reserves took the sting out of Reggie Miller's absence and dealt a big blow to Charlotte's playoff hopes.

With Miller resting at home a day after surgery on his fractured eye socket, the Pacers rallied from a 19-point deficit in the second quarter to beat

the Hornets.

The victory clinched the third playoff seed in the Eastern Conference for the Pacers.

Ricky Pierce came off the bench and scored 15 points for Indiana, including seven in the final quarter when 14 straight points by the Pacers' reserves helped tie the game at 80.

Kings 90, Nuggets 86

In Denver, Mitch Richmond scored all 17 of his points in the second half, including two baskets in the final 1:10, as Sacramento eliminated Denver from the playoff race.

Sacramento holds a two-game lead over Golden State with three games remaining in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Denver fell three games back with three games left but is eliminated because Sacramento won the

tiebreaker, sweeping the season series 4-0.

Olden Polynice had 25 points and 17 rebounds for the Kings, who avenged a loss here in the final game of last season that knocked them out of the playoffs and put Denver in.

Youth Affairs sets repeat of soccer registration

A REPEAT of Registration for all Saipan boys and girls who want to learn to play Soccer, will be held at the Governor's Office of Youth Affairs office from 9 am until 12 noon on Saturday April 20.

This is for all boys and girls who are already eight (8), but not yet yet ten (10) years of age on May 1, 1996.

Parents are advised to bring copy of child's birth certificate.

The season's first game will kick-off on Sunday May 19, 1996.

Players will be provided with team uniforms (shirt and shorts) when the games begin,

but must provide their own socks and footwear.

Practice & training sessions will be held each Tuesday and Thursday, at times to be announced.

The registration fee is \$20 per player and includes a simple physical exam conducted by a physician.

Parents are also asked to bring their children on Saturday April 20 to register him or her for fun and exercise.

For more information, call the Governor's Office of Youth Affairs (GOYA) at 235-2397. Or visit their office in San Antonio, right next door to the Saipan Mayor's office.

Memorial Day Friendship softball tournament in May

THE CNMI Divisions of Veterans Affairs (DC&CA) and the Saipan Softball Association wish to inform all CNMI Veterans and the community, that there will be a Memorial Day Softball Tournament on May 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1996. A total of three (3) Divisions: The Women's Division, The 39 years and below; and The 40 years and up. Entrance fee per

team is \$150.00.

A total of five place Championship Trophies are up for grabs for the above 40 division. So get your teams ready, deadline for team registration and entrance fee is May 03, 1996.

All interested teams please contact Mr. Joe Palacios at 233-3475 or Mr. Newman Techur at 234-5911.

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ball Tournament is made possible through office of the Governor, the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs, the Saipan Softball Association and the U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Association.

The purpose of this tournament is to help promote, friendship, sports, sportmanship, health maintenance, between the CNMI and Guam Community and Veterans alike.

1996 Mens Major League Baseball Team Standing as of Friday 4/12/96

Team	Win	Loss	Pct	GB
Toyota Wheels	4	0	1.000	
UMDA Aces	4	0	1.000	
Miller Lite Brewers	2	2	.500	2
Ngerbeched Chiefs	2	2	.500	2
San Vicente Sunriser	1	3	.250	3
Air Mic Flyers	1	3	.250	3
Kautz Glass Glazers	1	3	.250	3
Kiyu Elite	0	3	.000	3 1/2

Batting Leaders: (Based on 12 or more times at Bat)

Player	Team	AB	Hit	Batting
Inosuke Yamada	Aces	12	7	.583
Mabel Ngirngemelas	Aces	16	9	.563
Reno Celis	Wheels	17	9	.529
Steve Coleman	Aces	19	10	.526
Jason Wesley	Sunriser	12	6	.500
Ray Renguul	Sunriser	13	6	.462
Pete Roberto	Wheels	18	8	.444
Ben Hocog	Aces	16	7	.438
Riang Yoshino	Chiefs	16	7	.438
Jesse Stole	Brewers	14	6	.429

Runs: (9) Pete Roberto, Ken Kalen, Ben Hocog (8) Inosuke Yamada (7) Ron Benavente (6) Reno Celis, Mike Guerrero, Jason Wesley

Doubles: (3) Jason Wesley, Tony Luzama (2) Brady Ubedei, Everett Indalecio, Steve Coleman, Wilber Ada

Triples: (3) Greg F. Camacho (2) Winsor Peter

Homerun: (1) Greg C. Camacho, Sherman Ngiraidong

RBI: (7) Mike Guerrero (6) Frank Torres (5) Reno Celis, Frank Pangelinan, Sherman Ngiraidong, Inosuke Yamada, Mabel Ngirngemelas, Tony Camacho, Tom Barcinas

Pitching Leaders:

Player	Team	G	INN	ER	HIT	W/L	ERA
Tony Benavente	Wheels	3	7	0	5	1-0	
Chris Nelson	Aces	3	22	2	8	3-0	0.82
John Benavente	Sunriser	2	7	1	2	0-0	1.29
Elmer Sablan	Wheels	4	20	4	22	2-0	1.80
Ted Ngirwakl	Elite	3	5	1	4	0-0	1.80
Albert Castro	Glazers	3	14	3	11	0-1	1.93
Alfonso Abraham	Brewers	3	5	1	6	0-0	1.80
Joe C. Guerrero	Brewers	4	20	5	18	2-1	2.25
Everett Ngiraidong	Chiefs	4	21	7	30	1-0	3.00
Theo Minor	Chiefs	1	5	2	5	1-0	3.60

Strike-Out: (26) Chris Nelson (25) Joe Guerrero (17) Elmer Sablan

Norman loss draws more sympathy

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Australia, shocked by the manner of Greg Norman's final round demise at the U.S. Masters golf tournament, mostly offered sympathy rather than ire to its favorite sporting son on Tuesday.

"A tortured genius falls on his sword," said Sydney's Daily Telegraph on its front page. This was followed by: "We all bled."

"God, but this was painful to watch," the paper said of Norman's round of 78 to turn a six-shot lead at the start of the final day Sunday into a five-shot loss to Britain's Nick Faldo.

"A man bled to death on a golf course. Right in front of us," it said.

"The life leaked right out of Greg Norman. And if you took any pleasure at all in witnessing this, then your heart is as hard as a tombstone."

Norman was born in Australia and started his golf career there but now lives in the United States.

His relations with the Australian media have been strained at times.

But most newspaper comment on his surrender was sympathetic

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Pyotr Bolotnikov, Rome 1960 10,000-meter Olympic champion, walks with a torch after he lit the Olympic flame in a bowl in downtown Moscow, Friday. It was the first time the Olympic flame had been in Moscow since the games in 1980, boycotted by many countries in protest over the then Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. To celebrate the Centennial of the first modern Olympics, the Olympic flame arrived in Moscow Friday evening. In the background is the statue of Yuri Dolgoruky, founder of Moscow. AP photo

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