

Petition on vs casinos

By Rafael I. Santos
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A MAJOR Protestant church representing five different congregations has expressed opposition against a proposed legislation legalizing casino gambling in the Northern Marianas.

The Saipan Community Church began circulating a petition paper since Sunday morning, expressing its position on a proposal that allows the operation of casinos on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

In a carefully-worded state-



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ment, the multi-racial evangelical church in Susupe said it respects duly established government offices, however it stressed that it is compelled to speak up against legislative measures that are sure to destroy the lives of many.

"Indeed we believe there is bib-

lical basis for civil government. We also believe it is imperative to state our position when government pursues a direction that will be detrimental to the well-being of its citizens," the petition said.

The evangelical group joined the Catholic church in expres-

sing displeasure over the casino gambling bill which is yet to be introduced in the House of Representatives.

The measure has just been pre-filed and was supposed to be introduced on the House floor last Thursday. However, lack of quorum prevented its introduction.

Last week, the leader of the Catholic community issued a pastoral letter urging the current leadership in the commonwealth "to act as responsible and moral Christian men and women seeking the common good and promoting human development in these islands."

Bishop Thomas A. Camacho of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa said the consistent opposition by the community, the unusual methods in passing casino bills, and the lack of regard for good of the community are the main reasons why the Catholic church is against casino gambling.

In his February 15 pastoral letter, the bishop called on CNMI leaders to avoid what he called schemes of development which serve only a very small section of the community.

"They (officials) are asked to do this in ways that contribute to the betterment of society and to avoid schemes of development such as commercial gambling

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Marcie Tomokane carries Steven Tudela while withdrawing money from new ATM booth at La Fiesta mall in San Roque. Bank of Guam opened its 3rd ATM booth on Saipan to effectively serve their customers.

NMI beauty titles go to Kirschenheiter, Tudela

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

KARAH Kirschenheiter charmed her way to the Miss CNMI Universe '95 title during the 21st Miss Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant held at the Pacific Castle Sunday night.

The equally lovely Elaine Tudela, with a gifted 33.5-25-36 figure, received a thundering applause after she was crowned "Miss CNMI International '95."

When the pageant's emcees—Joe Reyes and Jennifer O' Connor introduced the seven beautiful contestants dubbed as "Bonita Marianas" both Kirschenheiter and Tudela were easily the standouts based on their poise as well as the wild cheer they received from the audience.

The 18-year-old Kirschenheiter, endowed with a 31-24-34 figure, not only grabbed the top title, but was also adjudged by the local media as "Miss Photogenic."

Gifted with blond hair and green eyes, the 5'5" tall Kirschenheiter drew a warm response particularly in the gown and swimsuit competitions.

The new CNMI Universe, sponsored by Coral Ocean Point, likewise proved she has both poise and articulate in her thoughts.

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No retroactive wage rollback

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is still in favor of rolling back the minimum wage from the current \$2.75 to \$2.45 but would want it to take effect on the day he signs the wage hike suspension bill.

This was learned from the governor who last week said the proposed rollback, if ever it gets through, would not be made retroactive to January 1st, as some people may have been expecting.

The supposed rollback is eagerly being awaited by some employers who have started paying the minimum wage of \$2.75 an hour since January 1st.

Under the current law, the minimum wage rises by 30



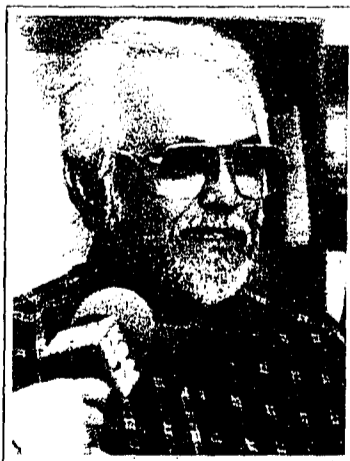
Froilan C. Tenorio

cents per year at the start of the year until the current federal wage level of \$4.25 is reached by the year 2000.

Such a wage law, Public Law

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Torres slams Weil defense of Sutton



Stanley T. Torres

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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REPRESENTATIVE Stanley T. Torres has taken issue with Attorney General Richard Weil's defense of the action taken by one of his assistant AGs in connection with a reported plea bargain the latter initiated with a suspect

in a criminal case last year.

In a letter to the Variety over the weekend, Torres reiterated that assistant AG Loren Sutton did something "unethical" when he offered to drop Anthony Flores' criminal case, contrary to Weil's assertion that such type of deals are practices acceptable in US jurisdictions.

In addition, Torres cited case laws and reports from the American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs indicating that offers such as Sutton's may be suspect as far as ethical considerations are concerned.

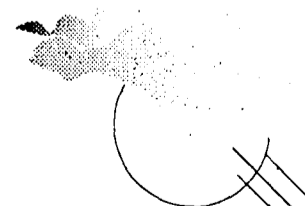
"Mr. Weil maintained that offers by prosecution to drop criminal charges if defendants will drop civil (rights) lawsuits against the government has been completely accepted by US jurisdictions and courts. In fact, the opposite is true. It has been almost universally condemned," said Torres in

his letter, insisting the deal constitute unethical conduct.

The "deal" the lawmaker was referring to was a supposed offer made by Sutton to Flores' counsel to drop a civil case against the

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Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.

Nations call for reduced pollution

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Asia-Pacific countries threatened by rising sea levels have endorsed proposals to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent over the next 10 years despite U.S. opposition.

The call for reduced pollution came Sunday at the end of the four-day, 31-nation Asia-Pacific Leaders Conference on Climate Change, aimed at formulating proposals for an international forum on the greenhouse effect in Berlin next month.

In a resolution, delegates called for a 20 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2005 as proposed by the Association of

Small Island States.

Island nations in the Pacific and elsewhere fear that unless the trend toward global warming is substantially reduced, sea levels will rise and threaten their territories.

The United States has lobbied against the 20 percent figure and has instead proposed stabilizing carbon dioxide levels by the year 2000. Many small island nations consider the U.S. position weak. Sunday's declaration will be

presented at the First Conference of Parties to be held in Berlin March 28 to April 7.

Prof. Antonio La Vina of the Philippines, chairman of the declaration's drafting committee, said he was surprised at support for

the 20 percent reduction figure because of opposition among developed countries.

Members of the drafting committee came from Japan and the United States, as well as Micronesia, South Korea and Mexico.

Kobe donation reach \$867M

By KOZO MIZOGUCHI

TOKYO (AP)- A record 85 billion yen (\$867 million) has been offered for victims of last month's disastrous earthquake in western Japan that killed more than 5,400 people.

The amount is the largest ever

raised in Japan for the victims of a natural disaster, officials of Japan's Red Cross Society said.

"Donation offers are still coming in from inside and outside Japan," said an official of the Red Cross Society, one of 15 major organizations raising funds.

The previous record of 18.7 billion yen (\$191 million) was raised for victims in Japan in the wake of the July 12, 1993, earthquake off southwestern Hokkaido. That quake left 230 people dead or missing.

Donations gathered through schools, workplaces, media organizations and local governments have been given to the 15 relief organizations. No breakdown of the donations by country was immediately available, officials said.

A first round of relief fund distribution began on Feb. 6, with 100,000 yen (\$1,020) per victim killed for bereaved relatives. An identical amount was being distributed to all households whose homes were at least half destroyed in the Jan. 17 earthquake.

The number of households receiving the money will total 140,000, more than the originally estimated 80,000 households as more people returned to what was left of their homes.

In a related development, regional tax officials began accepting applications for income tax refunds Monday from wage earners who have lost their homes or other property in the earthquake.

Under a special law, all or part of the income tax for both the current and the last fiscal year will be exempted or reduced, depending on the amount of income or damage a household has withstood.

The earthquake, which had a magnitude of 7.2, leveled a good part of Kobe, in western central Japan. As many as 144,032 houses and buildings were destroyed in Hyogo Prefecture (state), where

Kobe is located.

The City of Kobe is offering quake victims special housing loans with low interest rates, including 15 million yen (drls 153,000) loan package for constructing or purchasing a new home that will carry an annual interest rate of 3.7 percent.

A city official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the special housing loan interest will be 0.65 percentage point lower than a similar regular housing loan offered by a private housing corporation.

On Friday, the Cabinet approved a 1.02 trillion yen (\$10.22 billion) supplementary budget designed to help rebuild the Kobe area. The Finance Ministry will submit the budget to the Diet, Japan's Parliament, on Friday, for final approval before implementation.

The Jan. 17 earthquake left 5,412 people dead and two others remain missing.

Three quakes hit southern California

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - Three earthquakes struck Southern California within hours, but there were no reports of damage or injuries, authorities said.

A 4.3-magnitude temblor struck at 1:24 p.m. Sunday and was centered in the Santa Monica Mountains about seven miles (11 kilometers) northwest of Malibu's Point Dume, said seismologist Robb with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. It was followed 1 1/2 hours later by a 3.7-magnitude aftershock.

Hours earlier, a 3.4-magnitude quake struck near the mountain resort of Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

Residents reported feeling the stronger temblor as far north as Oxnard in Ventura County and south to the Los Angeles suburb of Torrance. The quake was also felt in the coastal city of Santa Monica and east to Pasadena.

The quakes followed a 6.6-magnitude temblor Saturday night in the Pacific Ocean that was felt throughout a large area of Northern California. It was centered about 80 miles (130 kilometers) west of Eureka and caused no damage or injuries.

A quake of magnitude 4 or less causes slight damage, except in California, where building codes move the threshold for slight damage to between 4.5 and 5.

NMI has new beauty queens



Miss CNMI Universe Karah Kirschenheiter (left) and Miss International Elaine Tudela are all smiles after winning the top titles in Sunday's 21st Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant held at the Pacific Castle. (photos by Ferdie P. de la Torre)



1994 CNMI Miss Universe Elizabeth Tomokane waves to the audience during her farewell walk.

NMI beauty. . . Continued from page 1

During the question and answer portion, Kirschenheiter said to promote understanding among people in the world, the focus must be on the children through enhancement of educational system.

She explained that a child must learn the value of peace to have a peaceful environment "after all violence is not the answer to solve these problems."

Although the audience and panel of judges noticed she was relaxed and very confident from the very start, Kirschenheiter remains humble.

"I am amazed," the teary-eyed Kirschenheiter told the Variety shortly after she was hugged by proud parents Ron and Gayle Kirschenheiter.

For winning the crown, she will represent and promote CNMI and its beauty in the Miss Universe Pageant to be held in Namibia, Africa.

Among the prizes for the CNMI Universe include \$1,000 cash award from Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant Association, round trip ticket to Miss Universe Pageant from NMPBA, complimentary use of a car for one year courtesy of Triple J. Motors, gifts and trophy.

On the other hand, Tudela, who stands 5'7" and the tallest among the contestants, was also the crowd favorite, showing poise and brain worthy of bagging the "CNMI Miss International" title.

"I did not expect to win. Out of the blue I got the Miss International title," Tudela said after she was being congratulated by her mother Natividad Tudela of San Vicente.

Sponsored by Pena House Boutique and United International Corporation, the 20-year-old Tudela claimed she joined the contest because she wants to meet new faces and friends. It also gives her the opportunity to travel.

Her prizes include \$800 cash award from NMBPA, round trip ticket to Miss International Pageant courtesy of Japan Airlines, gifts and trophy.

The fifth contestant, Jo Anna Ada, 18, who stands 5'5" was chosen as 1st Runner Up. She was also named best in national costume.

Ada is the daughter of William and Barbara (deceased) Ada. She was sponsored by R&C Tours.

The 6th candidate Veronica

Castro, 20, was adjudged "Miss Congeniality" and "NMPBA Miss Sweetheart."

The 5'5" tall Castro is the daughter of Victorino (deceased) and Luisa Castro of Garapan. Her sponsor was Caress.

The other lovely candidates were Evelyn Aguon Cruz, Jocelyn Pangelinan and Janella C. Muna.

The distinguished panel of judges were Frances L.G. Borja, president of Carmen Safeway Enterprises Inc.; David J. Hawkins, vice president, finance, DFS Saipan Ltd.; Mary Ann Borja, Public School System Documents Control supervisor; Koki Narita, president, general manager for Tasi Tours and Transportation, Inc.; and NMI College art instructor Barry Alan Wonenberg.

Jonathan Magick, audit senior for Deloitte and Touche, was assigned as the tabulator.

Featured performers Party Gras, Ms. Maggie Naputi and '96 Divazz delighted the audience with lively songs and dances.



Elaine Tudela shows her poise in the swimsuit competition worthy of bagging the "CNMI Miss International '95" title.




Karah Kirschenheiter cries after she was named "1995 Miss CNMI Universe."



The seven beautiful candidates in the swimsuit competition.

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Estorian Minimum Wage

Imaestablesen minimum wage ni Congresson America gi 1938 pot para una' guaha chochu' para i taotaña gi ayo siha na estados 'nai guaha todo klasen industria. I otro rason pot para uninae' fuetsa i hutnaderos gi kinano' niha yan otro siha na nesesisat. Ayo siha na kategorian chochu' i ti kinubre ni minimum wage gaige i mafananaan Labor Union ya guiya rumepresentante gi negosion pot sueddo membroma yan kompania siha.

In intension ayo na lai i minimum wage deste sinkuenta siete años malofan dankulo matulaikaña. Yangin i intension pot para uma rebaha i numeron taotao ni ti man maemplelea, pues maliño esta sabotña este na intension sa' memegaiña manman añaogogho gi benefision programan food stamps. I intension para ufan gai fuetsa kumubre nesesisat familia madirite piot guihe siha na tiempo 'nai entero i tano' mamadese 'nai kumahulo' i presion laña yan gaselina.

Dispues de todo inestudia, umanog na ayo mas man inayuda i ti gumagana i minimum wage. Lao gi et mismo tiempo, man tai fuetsa i gumagana este na sueddo prumotehe fuetsan ginanan niha. Pues taya siña ha chogue fuera ke umaatan maliñon fuetsan i pesu ni maintended para ufan inayuda umalibia i kinahulo' presion man presiso siha na nesesisat. Guine gi tano' ta menos ke sienta na taotaota gumagana i presente na minimum wage gi \$2.75 gi ora. Ni un empleao gobietnamento gumagana menos ke tres pesos gi ora. Lao maila ya ta estudiaye pareho sa' hafa na sige de mangaayo' ayudo ginen lehislatura pot maestablesen i Wage Review Board.

I intension i minimum wage ni maestablese gi 1938 ni Congresson America pot para una' guaha chochu. Tatungo ha' afañelos na taya' problemman chochu' punta pot punta guine gi tano' ta. Dispues, i sueddon todo hutnaderos guine debi tasede na i fuetsan metkao hu dinitetmina. Pot ihemplo, ti siña na ta afuetsas un industria guine na usubre taotaña 'nai chachafleg. Lao gi tiempion abundancia, siña ta ekspekta na uhatsa osino unae' premio i taotaña sa' mamatinas ganancia. I kondision meikao debi umasotta ya guiya hu dinitetmina sueddon todos manmachochochu'.

Mina' mamamaisenyoy na umaestablese i Wage Review Board sa' debi umaestudiaye hafa na sisteman minimum wage mauleg para iya Marianas gi hilo' hafa na areglamento guaha pot finkas Marianas ginen i Gobietnota. Debi uguaha lokue' inestudia gi hafa guimahata yan kao propio na todo industria ufan kinubre ni minimum wage osino mas aseguraa yangin en fin ta establese ayo i mafananaan 'industry wage' 'nai kada industria sahñe sisteman sueddoña. Lao na' fañgontento hamyo sa guaho baiho aseguara na todo taotao tano' ufan manae' disente na sueddo. I otro, amano yan hafa na koyentura 'nai siña ta adelanta rinikohen kontribusion tax pot para ta kubre nesesisatta gi bandan setbision publiko.

Hu abalulua i kinalamten san papa' na guma' lehislatura pot minimum wage. Ha danche kuentasña gi este na asunto. Lao dispues de ha aprueba i para umago' te tatte unrato i maimplimentan i nuebo na hatsada estake maestablese i Wage Review Board, guaha timumalague' este na ginagao sin fitme na rason sa' hafa na debi umakonsige hatsada gi bachet na manera. Baiho konfotme na umapetsige i presente na lai pot sueddo yangin en fin esta estudioa ya kabales na dankulo na bintaha para i hutnaderos i gaige pago gi lai. Lao pot fabot, atan sa' mampos hamyo man geftao ya gi et mismo tiempo siempre in pino' un industria gi muna' kikililog kanaha' \$30 Miyon pesos gi ekonomian Marianas.

Yangin para in hatsa ha' i sueddo sin serioso na konsiderasion hafa para uttimofia ennao na fina' subre, pues tutuhon pumega tahgueña i \$30 Miyon pesos ya in tutuhon lokue' umespihaye chochu' i 1,200 na taotaota ni manmachochochu' gi industrian garment pago. Dispues, estaha' hu mensiona gi alacha na i industrian garment siempre upinino' ni ayo i mafananaan General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs 'nai gi halom dies años ufan ma amot ni todo prebilio ni kumakatso pago. 'Estague' señores yan señoras i mamamaila na dies años i tiempion preparasion para yangin machom todos pettan faktierian garment guine.

I litraton finkas para mona dididi' mampos triste fasaña iya Marianas. Gaige na esta tatutuhon krumus un chalan 'nai pot primet biahe ta kakatga todo obligasionta sa' esta ta deklarman maisa na man echo hit taotao. Na' banidosu este na kinimite giya hita sa' manmalago hit dumispona kinalamten tano' ta sin megai na estotbu ginen hiyofig. Lao dispues de ta diskatga gi unbandan chalan i obligasionta, mauleg tapan ayayuda pumega gi propio sagan niha ennao siha na responsabilidad sa' nuebo na soñgsoñg i para ta okupa komo man gai responsabilidad na sudadano.

Baiho menti ha' talo i sumustene hit na finanaguen mañainata, es desit, i sensian kooperasion yan komunida. Maila ta hagu' amano i siña papa' gi korasonta ya ta abiba este na kustumbreta para minaleg uno yan todos. Fino yan pasifiko i tase ni ta hananaogae ya inakompapaña lokue' ni mauleg na pañgpañg mañlo. 'Sumen lastima yangin tita petsige kumonsige karerata sa' hita ha' mismo tumiteg i layag galaide' ta. Sen mas, Si Yuus Maase.



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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Trade rep Kantor still plays a vital role

WASHINGTON—United States Trade Representative Mickey Kantor held a five hour meeting of his senior staff one recent Saturday to draft a new trade agenda for the upcoming two years. None of the staffers knew however, that only weeks earlier, he had advised President Clinton to put trade issues on the back-burner.

"What he was recommending was downplaying trade," said one source familiar with Kantor's position. "He said it's killing us with our constituency of (organized) labor. He told Clinton, 'We did the right thing, but let's move on.'"

Kantor's advice may have been reflected in the Clinton's State of the Union address, in which trade may have been the only issue to get short-changed.

There is certainly enough to boast about. In the past two years, the Clinton administration has tallied a total of 71 agreements to open up foreign markets for American products and services. The administration has helped open the largest free trade zone in the world (NAFTA), negotiated the largest multilateral free trade pact in history (GATT) forged 38 bilateral textile agreements, and struck a deal with Asian-Pacific nations to eliminate trade barriers in the fastest-growing region on earth.

Some administration officials crow that Kantor's legislative successes stand in sharp contrast to other administration initiatives, which have often been less successful. One reason may be that Kantor moved early to cultivate bipartisan support for his agenda. For example, Kantor had a private breakfast with then-Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., shortly after his confirmation in 1993, striking up a rapport that's paid dividends ever since.

"That relationship has been a tremendous (factor) in the success he's had," a friend of both men told us. "Bob Dole trusts him and never passes up an opportunity on television to say something nice about him. Kantor has got a great feel for people and for politics."

This is one of the reasons Kantor is regarded as one of the smartest politicians in the Clinton administration. Now Kantor's deputies hope to parlay a solid record of past achievement into new trade pacts, opening up burgeoning markets for American goods and services. If they are successful, however, there won't be the kind of Rose Garden ceremonies that accompanied their previous efforts.

According to sources, Kantor believes Clinton has tapped trade for all its political value. Maintaining a high visibility on the issue the next two years could undermine Clinton's re-election prospects because of the time it diverts from more pressing domestic issues. Moreover, organized labor leaders are still nursing their wounds over their failure to stop NAFTA and GATT, which they fear will lead to a loss of American jobs. Despite the administration's aggressive attempts to educate the public, many workers still view the trade pacts as a threat to their future.

Kantor's deputies hope to devote the next two years to more aggressive education efforts and to the fine print and implementation language of various existing agreements. "It's a different profile and focus, but it's equally, if not more important," one Kantor deputy said. "In effect, the agreements we have reached aren't worth the paper they're written on if they're not implemented properly or adhered to."

A trusted friend to Clinton for 15 years, Kantor was the president's natural choice to help rally the administration after the GOP landslide on Nov. 8. At one point recently, Clinton asked Kantor to head his re-election committee, an offer Kantor declined, according to sources. White House lawyers point out that if a Cabinet member such as Kantor left his post to join the campaign, his contacts with the executive branch would be severely restricted for a full year after leaving government.

Clinton and Kantor have shared many foxholes, from the bloody war of the 1992 New Hampshire primary to the 1993 shoot-out over NAFTA. The inscription on a photograph Clinton gave to Kantor on his 54th birthday tells the story: "To Mickey, it's been a long, hard, good road travelled."

That road looks even longer and harder after last November. Sources familiar with discussions between Clinton and Kantor say that Kantor recommended the president devote more time to recapturing the middleclass-values issues that resonated so well with voters in 1992: welfare reform, personal responsibility and government downsizing. For now they are firmly in Republican hands.

Some Clintonites believe there is no need to fret about defections from organized labor. As one administration official put it: "Labor recognizes they aren't going to have a better friend in Bob Dole or Dan Quayle than they do in Bill Clinton."

INO chief for morator

By Rafael I. Santos
Variety News Staff

IMMIGRATION Director and constitutional convention candidate George F. Camacho yesterday said he will support any plan that will limit the number of aliens in the CNMI.

"I'm for moratorium," Camacho said yesterday afternoon. The Immigration and Naturalization Office chief said he was making the comments as a con-con candidate, not as immigration chief.

Officials in the Northern Marianas have been quiet on the issue regarding a large number of

foreign workers here. But during the past months, CNMI leaders have been vocal about the presence of thousands of non-resident workers.

According to them having a large number of alien workers and a smaller population of indigenous people has not been healthy. Although they acknowledged foreign laborers as having contributed to the development of the islands, they believed a gradual reduction of their number is needed.

One sector of the society which is said to be affected by the influx of aliens is the Public School Sys-

tem.

Education officials have complained that children of guest workers have made it difficult for the Public School System to meet the educational needs of indigenous students.

Moves to limit the number of alien workers have not been popular in the business community, apparently because of its dependence on foreign workers. The hotel industry for example is among top importers of Asian workers, mostly from the Philippines.

Camacho did not elaborate on the issue on moratorium, but sug-

gested he will raise his views and his own agenda if elected to the third Constitutional Convention.

The INO is also looking at changing some provisions in the new immigration law. He did not elaborate.

In an interview, Camacho also said he is totally against a plan by the federal government to strip the Northern Marianas of



Governor Froilan C. Tenorio signs proclamations declaring the month of March as American Red Cross Month and as National Women's History Month in honor of the contributions of Red Cross to the community and the achievements of women, respectively.

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its right to control its own immigration.

Echoing CNMI leaders' assertion, the director said the commonwealth is capable of handling its own affairs especially in the area of immigration.

"The CNMI must maintain its local immigration...We can handle [it]," the director told the *Variety* yesterday afternoon.

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Palau to revise lands system

By Sarah Clayton
For the Variety

KOROR, Palau — Senior Land Claims Officer Jonathan Koshiba expressed relief that he thought and experience would be incorporated into legislation to improve and speed up the land ownership process.

Koshiba said that while he agrees with much of the proposed legislation, he is dismayed that the president and his staff did not consult with LCHO before drafting the bill.

Now that the proposed legislation is in the hands of Olbil Era Kelulau, Del. William Ngiraikelau, chairman of the Gov-

ernmental Operations Committee, said he plans a review of the office that will include hearing with LCHO staff.

The Claims Hearing Office, which was given eight years to give clear title to all the land in Palau, has been the subject of widespread criticism because it has given determinations of own-

ership on only one-third of the property.

The determination have been required because of the occupation by the Japanese before and during World War II and the breakdown of traditional structure of community ownership in favor of individual ownership during the period that Palau was under the administrative control of the United States.

Koshiba, himself, acknowledged that his office has problems, but he also defended its performance.

"There was no basis for the eight years," Koshiba said.

The weight of the decisions that the LCHO must make requires time if they are to be dispensed correctly, he stressed.

He and LCHO Legal Counsel Rose Mary Skebong pointed out that the primary obstacles occur at the monumentation, formal hearing and appeals levels of the claims process.

During monumentation, those claiming a piece of land must go with LCHO staff, and ideally surveyors from the Division of Lands and Surveys, to place markers indicating the boundaries of the lot.

The is the foundation for a land claim.

However, Koshiba noted, "Some claimants don't show up."

Skebong said this has been a significant enough problems that the LCHO asked for the power to require claimants to turn up for monumentation.

That request has not been granted.

Skebong also pointed out that the monumentation process is complicated because the lot in question is often inherited land.

"People now don't really know where the land is," she said. "Some people have land they have never seen."

Koshiba and Skebong indicated this may contribute to the failure of people to come for the monumentation process.

The pace, however, apparently really slows during the formal hearing level.

"We have people (with claims) showing up suddenly at hearings," said Skebong.

That means a return to the monumentation stage.

Skebong said he has recommended that there be a cutoff date for filing claims in order to remedy this situation.

However, she added that once a claim becomes a multiparty case, it simply takes longer to conclude since all claimants for a piece of land must be present for the hearing.

Koshiba cited a case over land in Koror that had five separate claimants arguing for a single lot.

That means that the five claimants and their lawyers, or at least 10 people, must all agree on a time and date for the hearing. Skebong pointed out that this eliminated almost any control the LCHO has over the scheduling for the determination process.

But clearing these obstacles and making a determination of ownership is oftentimes only the beginning, Koshiba stressed.

Since land is often the key to the fortunes of claimants, those who lose often seek appeal, he said.

He noted that as of Dec. 31, more than 245 land cases are still pending in the court system.

Critics have cited the large number of court cases as evidence that the LCHO is not conducting its review thoroughly enough.

However, more than 100 of these concern determinations made by the LCHO's predecessor, the Land Commission, which was dissolved in 1987.

And Koshiba countered that he believes the number of appeals reflects the importance of land to the community — not the performance of the claims office.

After all, of 145 LCHO judgments reviewed at the court level, only seven have been reversed and 15 remanded for reconsideration, Koshiba said.

That compared with the 3,588 determinations rendered by the office as of Dec. 31.

While dated have yet to be set, the OEK's review and the resulting legislation must be completed by the end of the year, the newly extended deadline for the LCHO.

The office's original mandate, which was to have ended Feb. 16, was extended to give the OEK time to evaluate why the LCHO is taking so long to complete its task and what it can do to speed the process along.

PNG prime minister vows fight vs crime

THE PAPUA New Guinea prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, says his government is prepared to "fight fire with fire" to combat the nation's serious crime problem, the Post Courier reported Friday.

He made the comment while announcing the cabinet had approved almost 19-million US dollars to boost police numbers from 5522 to 6300 by 1997.

Sir Julius said part of the money would pay for a housing project

for the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

The increase in police numbers by 778 in phases beginning with 300 this year would cost 7.1 million US dollars and five-year housing project with just under 12-million US dollars to accommodate the additional personnel.

The prime minister added the government was prepared to bring in people from overseas to help in the fight against crime...Pacnews

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BoG braces for expansion in NMI

By Ferdie de la Torre

BANK of Guam has geared for its expansion program to effectively serve customers by putting up more Automated Teller Machine booths in the CNMI.

Bank of Guam in partnership with La Fiesta opened its 3rd ATM booths on Saipan during a simple ceremony at the mall in San Roque Saturday.

The booth, which is located near the Bank of Guam office on the ground floor of the La Fiesta mall, covers the northern part of Saipan.

Bank of Guam has two existing ATM booths in Susupe and Garapan providing 24-hour, seven days a week operations.

Tom Borgers, general manager of Bank of Guam, told the Variety that part of the expansion plans, include the establishment of ATM booths on Tinian and Rota.

Next in line is the proposed 64-K line project.

Borgers said being the biggest bank of Micronesia, they are committed to the people. ATM booths are part of the bank's commitments as a whole package.

"It is a convenient way of banking. And we believe in service," the general manager claimed.

Marcie Tomokane, assistant vice president, operations manager, pointed out that ATM is one way to effectively serve their customers.

"It is one of the convenient ways of getting cash...so accessible to everyone wherever you go."

Tomokane explained.

Aside from obtaining cash, customers can also utilize ATM booths using cards from Armed

Forces Network, American or Pacific express, and with Cirrus logo in inquiring balance, loan payment, among other things.

Borgers hailed La Fiesta courtesy of Youichi Niizeki, general manager of La Fiesta San Roque Shopping Plaza, for providing

them the space.

Niizeki believes that ATM booth will serve the local people and tourists alike.



Youichi Niizeki, general manager of La Fiesta, (left) and Tom Borgers, general manager of Bank of Guam cut the ribbon in Saturday's opening of new ATM booth at the mall.

Cop loses bullets to thief

A POLICE officer from the Department of Public Safety fell prey to a thief who took his bullets, money and other items he placed inside a government vehicle in Afetnas area Thursday.

According to a police report, the male cop from Dandan, parked an unmarked police vehicle in Afetnas area Thursday afternoon.

Unknown responsible/s for-

ibly opened the vehicle and grabbed a brown bag containing several items.

Among the items taken were 24 9mm bullets, \$100 cash, and identification cards.

No other details were given.

In San Vicente, a thief entered a residence Friday before dawn and ran away jewelry, a bag and an undetermined amount of money.

At Tanapag beachside, a tourist

complained Thursday that someone took his passport, \$100 cash, camera, Japanese yen and travel checks.

In Dandan, unidentified person sneaked inside a house and got a washing machine Thursday.

On the same day, thief managed to get \$150 in coins by damaging the rear window at Alona's Beauty Parlor in Chalan Piao.

Exports from Fiji picks up

EXPORTS from Fiji increased by over 15 percent last year, bringing in more than \$550 million US dollars, RNZI reported Monday.

The Bureau of Statistics says imports for the same period amounted to \$850 million US dollars, up 9 percent on the previous year.

Australia remained both the main buyer of Fiji's exports and the principal supplier of Fiji's import requirements.

The bulk of Fiji's exports was made up of sugar while garments recorded significant figures.

Machinery and transport equipment accounted for more than 23 percent of the country's imports. PacNews

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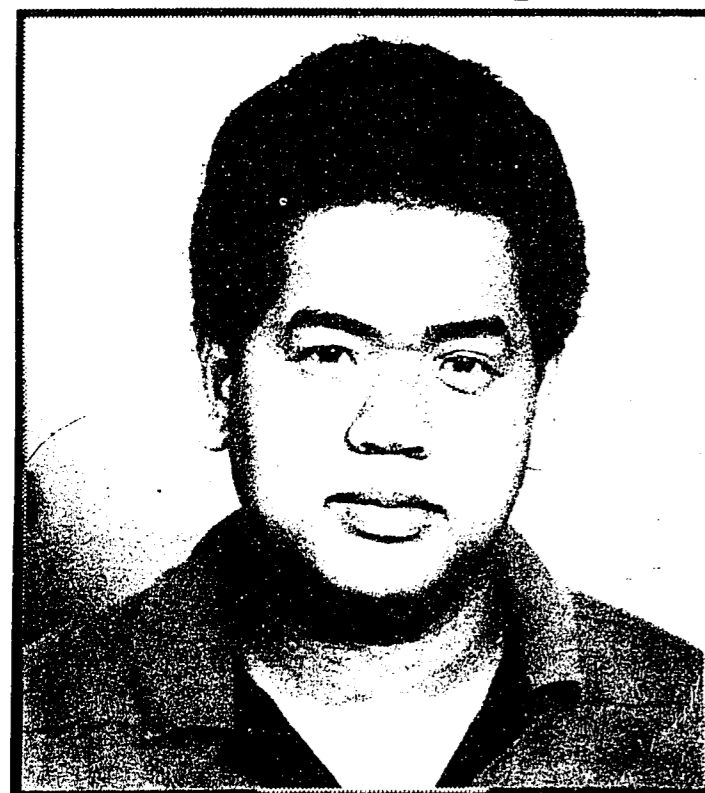
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which benefit only a few and are questionable at best."

House Bill No. 9-360 seeks to allow the establishment of a major casino each on Saipan and Rota while maintaining five major casinos on Tinian allowed under the so-called Tinian initiative.

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio is pushing for the approval of the casino bill in an attempt to generate more needed funds to retire the ballooning budget deficit and meet budgetary requirements.

But church leaders believe legalizing casino gambling is not a solution to the current financial problems besetting the CNMI.

Rev. Gerald W. Sigler, Senior Pastor at Saipan Community Church, said there is no passage in the Scriptures that prohibits gambling. However, he stressed that the Bible speaks clearly about industriousness and hard work and against greed or covetousness.

Sigler, whose church is home to English, Filipino, Chuukese, Chinese and Ponapean congregations, cited Luke 12:15 which he says cautions against greed. He also mentioned a passage in the New Testament Book of Hebrews which warns against love of money.

"Hebrews 13:5 says, Keep your lives free from love of money and be content for what you have," the church minister said yesterday.

In a letter previously sent to the media, Sigler said gambling may appear to be another form of entertainment, but it promotes a trait that is harmful in any person or community - greed.

"It relies on the false ideas of getting something for nothing or getting rich quick. Those ideas undermine values of creativity, honesty, perseverance, and work...[These] should be reinforced by the decisions of government leaders, not reversed or

minimized."

The community church is expected to deliver the petition to Gov. Tenorio today. As of yesterday, more church members and representatives added their signatures in the petition.

No retroactive. . . Continued from page 1

8-21, may face changes if the wage rollback measure is enacted to suspend the latest wage increase.

Some employers are said to be anticipating the rollback to be made retroactive to January 1st which means they may have to adjust downward the wages they have paid since that day.

Tenorio was asked Thursday if he would agree to amendments being proposed for House Bill 9-322, the bill seeking to roll back the hourly minimum wage to the 1994 level.

House Bill 9-322 specifically aims to suspend the implementation of a \$2.75 minimum wage until after six months or until a

"...We wish to register our firm opposition to any further legalized gambling in the CNMI, including the current proposal for casino gambling. Please pursue only those legislative and governmental efforts that will have

proposed wage review board comes up with a wage recommendation.

The measure was passed by the House December 1, 1994 but has sat in the Senate since.

Governor Tenorio has recently aired support for the rollback bill, as part of a deal he reportedly struck with House members in exchange for positive action on his tax reform and budget bills.

Since the two administration bills are already law, time for action on the rollback bill may be expected soon but with amendments reportedly being prepared by the Senate.

In a recent interview, Senate

as their short and long-term effect, the common good of the citizens and residents of the CNMI," the petition partly read.

"We urge that all efforts towards casino gambling be discontinued."

President Juan S. Demapan said the Senate indeed has been considering amendments that would disallow retroactivity for the rollback and to allow the Legislature decision-making power over recommendations made by the proposed wage review board.

Asked if he supports such amendments, Governor Tenorio during a Thursday interview said yes.

"I approve of those amendments and if passed as amended, I'll sign it. Yes, I have something to do with it but it was mostly the idea of the Senate and the House," said the governor, referring to the non-retroactivity amendment.

"So the rollback will not be retroactive, it will take effect on the day I'll be signing it," said the chief executive.

Asked why he still wants to see wage rolled back, Tenorio said he wants to keep his commitment with the Legislature, the same way he signed the Pachinko bill last week.

"I am still in favor of signing it despite wanting to raise minimum wage to \$4.25 an hour, because that act will create wage review board. I think we need such a board to determine what is the proper wage for each industry," said Tenorio.

The concept of a wage review board is one that has also gained the support of US Congressman Elton Gallegly, who has lately included the issue of CNMI minimum wage in his Omnibus Territories Bill.

The measure, H.R. 602 proposes the application of federal immigration, taxation, labor and wage laws in the CNMI and is currently before Gallegly's Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs.

Tonight's Cable Forum to feature Con Con candidates

TONIGHT will be the first of two Saipan Cable TV 90-minute Cable Forum specials that will feature candidates for the Constitutional Convention. All Con Con candidates have been invited to appear and explain why they feel they are qualified to become a delegate, and discuss key issues they would like to address at the Convention.

Political analyst Sam McPhetres will join Host Jeff Evans, and will explain the his-

tory and purpose of the Constitutional Convention. The general public is also invited to attend the shows — tonight and Tuesday, February 28 — which will be held at Pacific Castle, across from Coral Ocean Point in Koblerville.

According to Saipan Cable TV management, two questions will be asked of each candidate:

QUESTION #1: "Delegates to the Constitution Convention are elected by the people to act as

their representatives at the Con Con. Please give the audience a brief explanation of why you feel you are qualified to become a delegate."

QUESTION #2: "What is the single most important issue that you wish to address at the 3rd Constitutional Convention and why?"

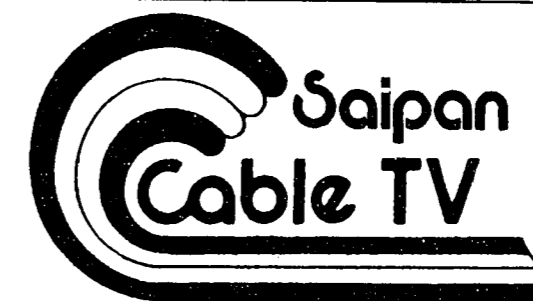
"We designed these special Cable Forum shows as a public service for both the voters and the

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The two shows will be cablecast live from the Pacific

Castle. Doors will open at 5:00 pm with seating limited to the first 320 people. Entrance to the show is free. "Saipan Cable Forum Meets the Con Con Candidates" will be televised live from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm exclusively on Saipan Cable TV Channel 12.

Candidates who wish to appear on the shows are invited to contact Craig Pattillo or David O'Brien at 234-6362 or 234-1576.



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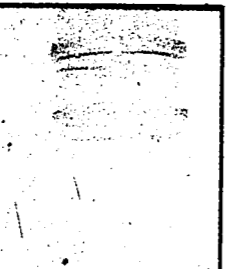
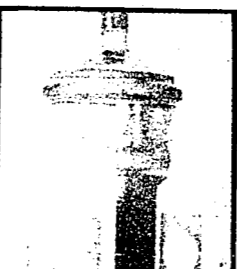
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Abortion overshadows other US issues

By JOHN KING
MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - The divisive issue of abortion overshadowed attempts by the three leading Republican presidential candidates to cast themselves as disciples of Ronald Reagan in a weekend of campaigning.

First on Sunday's national news shows, then on a New Hampshire TV forum and finally at a state Republican dinner, the Republican prospects sought to position themselves as best suited to take on President Clinton and reduce the size and power of the federal government.

New Hampshire's leadoff primary is a year from Monday, but the candidates were acting as if it were any day now, scooting from table to table to greet the 1,400 people who paid \$100 to hear from nine hopefuls, several of them considerable long shots.

The dinner and weekend campaigning served as the ceremonial start of the 1996 race, and weekend polls put the stakes in perspective. They showed Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas was far and away the early favorite of New Hampshire Republicans, the very voters who dashed his White House hopes in 1988.

Dole said it was past time to grant Reagan's wish and give the president the line-item veto, and said his mandate as Senate leader and then as president would be "reining in government."

Front-runner status doesn't always mean much in quirky New Hampshire, especially a year out. Still, Dole's rivals were clearly in a mood to counter his aggressive early organizing.

Texas Senator Phil Gramm sought to position himself as the candidate most in touch with New Hampshire's anti-tax, small government traditions, noting that he

helped write Reagan's 1981 tax cuts and was a longtime backer of a balanced budget amendment.

Along with Gramm and Dole, the most organized of the Republican prospects is former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander, who suggested it was time for the party to turn again, a la Reagan in 1980, to a former governor suspicious of Washington.

But while Dole, Gramm and Alexander sought to focus on their perceived strengths, others in the field squared off in a debate those three would prefer to avoid because of its divisive history.

"I believe that if the abortion issue stays in the (Republican platform) we will be giving President Clinton his best and perhaps his only chance to be re-elected," said Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

Specter drew scorn from three longshot conservatives in the field: commentator Patrick Buchanan, California Representative Robert Dornan and Alan Keyes, a mid-level Reagan administration State Department official who has lost two Maryland Senate races.

Neither Gramm, Dole or

Alexander mentioned abortion in their dinner remarks.

Abortion has for over two decades been a decisive issue in American politics and society. Anti-abortion and abortion-rights activists routinely mobilize to get funding for the candidates that back their positions.

"You cannot call right to life an irrelevancy," said Patrick Buchanan, the conservative commentator who challenged President Bush in 1992. "A great party has to take a stand."

North's military threat increasing

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - President Kim Young-sam on Monday ordered the military to keep a constant vigil against North Korea, which he said continues to build up offensive weapons.

"The military threat from North Korea remains unabated," Kim said after receiving a report from the Defense Ministry on the security situations on the peninsula.

In his annual report to Kim, Defense Minister Lee Yang-ho said threats from North Korea's conventional forces have actually increased, despite eased nuclear tensions.

He said North Korea has about 65 percent of its 1.1 million-man armed forces deployed closer to the border with rival South Korea and has stepped up offensive military exercises.

After 17 months of confrontation, the North's communist government agreed to a historic nuclear deal with the United States last October but tensions along the Korean border persist, Lee said.

Last year, North Korea test-fired medium-range missiles that can reach all of South Korea and west-

ern Japan, and deployed additional 240-millimeter artillery guns that can hit Seoul, the South Korean capital, 56 kilometers (35 miles) away, he said.

All of de facto leader Kim Jong Il's public appearances this year have centered around military activities and visits to army barracks. He is the head of the North's 1.1 million-strong armed forces.

Nuclear tensions, which culminated last June into fears of possible war, have eased since North Korea agreed to roll back its nuclear program, believed to be used in an

attempt to make atomic weapons.

But inter-Korean ties have not improved, and talks on improving relations, suspended because of nuclear suspicions, have not been resumed.

In return for stopping the North's nuclear program, the U.S. side promised replacement oil and reactors, as well as better ties.

But last week, the head of the U.S. forces in Korea said that North Korea was suspected of diverting some of the heavy oil it received under the nuclear deal to fuel its armed forces.

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government so his client's criminal case "would just go away."

Flores was named in a criminal case in connection with an armed robbery incident of a game room in September 1993.

In November 1994, however, Flores filed a civil rights case versus the CNMI government and other enforcement officials seeking damages for alleged illegal arrest, and for allegedly being detained in inhumane jail conditions.

Although the criminal case against Flores had already been dismissed in July of 1994, his civil case versus government is still pending before the US District Court and is awaiting jury trial in November 6, 1995.

When Torres discovered that prior to dismissal, Sutton attempted to deal away the criminal case in exchange for the civil suit in federal court, he immediately

filed a disciplinary complaint with the CNMI Bar Association against the assistant AG alleging unethical conduct.

On the other hand, Weil responded Thursday with a press statement saying Torres' charges were unfounded and contrary to decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

The Attorney General stated that U.S. courts, including the U.S. Supreme court have repeatedly upheld the type of agreement which Torres complains of.

He pointed out that the U.S. Supreme Court has, in fact, recognized the utility of such agreements in protecting governments, their officials and taxpayers from the expense of defending lawsuits which may have no merit, at the same time countering that Torres made his allegation without first researching the law.

But responding, Torres main-

tained his assertions were back up by case laws and reports from the Bureau of National Affairs and the American Bar Association (ABA) Lawyer's Manual of Professional conduct which seem to frown on such type of offers.

He quoted the following excerpts in the reports as having similarities with Sutton's alleged offer:

"In MacDonald v. Musick, 425 F.2d 373 (CA 9 1970), for example, a prosecutor offered to dismiss charges against a defendant in return for a stipulation that probable cause existed for his arrest, thus avoiding a civil proceeding against several police officers, the court held the prosecutor violated ... (the ethical rule)."

"A prosecutor's offer to dismiss a matter conditioned upon the defendant's waiver of a civil action was also condemned by the Ohio Supreme Court's ethics committee in its ethics opinion 94-10 (1994). It characterized such an offer as a 'foul strike' and found it violated... (the rules)..."

The Committee went on to say that such a practice does not serve justice and pointed out that the

balance of power between a prosecutor and a criminal defendant... (was unequal)... and concluded that the quid pro quo in such a deal is illusory."

"Likewise in California, the State Bar Ethics Committee disapproved of such a practice by prosecutors ... The Committee found that such an offer is tantamount to threatening to use the criminal justice system to gain an advantage in a civil proceeding. California Ethics Opinion 1989-106 (1989)."

"Similarly, the New Jersey Ethics Opinion 661 (1992) stated that the practice of asking a defendant to trade important civil and constitutional rights for dismissal of a case in which probable cause was absent violates the rule against threatening criminal prosecution to gain an advantage in a civil case."

"The US Supreme Court said, 'The availability of such agreements may threaten important public interests. They may tempt prosecutors to bring frivolous charges, or dismiss meritorious cases, to protect the interests of other officials...' (emphasis added)."

In item #5, Torres pointed out that the Supreme Court made the interesting point that prosecutors in most US jurisdictions are independent elected officials and hence not subject to the kinds of political pressures from superiors that would tend to make them try to shelter those officials.

"However, in the CNMI, the AG and all prosecutors are directly or indirectly appointed by the governor, who has the power to fire them without cause on a 30 or 60 day notice. Such a situation is exactly what the Supreme Court was worried about and we have exactly that situation here in the CNMI," said Torres.

"Therefore the rule against such prosecutorial misconduct ought to be most severely enforced here in the CNMI," he added.

Meanwhile, sources have alerted the Variety that the ABA/ BNA Lawyer's Manual of Professional Conduct applies to the CNMI because the CNMI Bar Association is a member of ABA. However, the same sources said the local Bar Association would have to make the determination on the applicability of such case laws.

Malaysia threatens dailies with a ban for racial articles

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - The government has threatened to ban three newspapers, alleging they published articles that undermine racial harmony.

Deputy Home Minister Megat Junid Megat Ayub told reporters Sunday that the three newspapers, which he did not name, had two weeks to fall back in line.

If they continue, the home ministry would revoke the government permits that all publications in Malaysia require to operate. Under law, the government can revoke the licenses at any time without giving reason.

Megat Junid said he met with the editors of the newspapers recently and "told them to be sensitive to the fact that national peace and harmony depended on racial and religious unity and our times with our neighbors."

Malaysia has been wary of race relations since 1969 when hundreds of people were killed in riots between Malays and Chinese following an election dispute. About 55 percent of Malaysia's 19 million people are Muslim Malays and 30 percent are Chinese, who are mostly Buddhists and Christians. Indians form 7 percent.

There are 49 daily newspapers in Malaysia. In October 1988, the government briefly revoked the licenses of two national dailies and a biweekly magazine, saying they were stirring up racial problems.

Megat Junid said the home ministry observed the three newspapers for a year and compiled the "mistakes" they made.

The newspaper licensing laws were introduced by the British colonial rulers to curb supporters of a Communist insurgency in 1948.

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Dollar falls below ¥97

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar fell to its lowest point in more than three months against the Japanese yen in Tokyo Monday afternoon, sending prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange lower.

The dollar was trading at 96.86

yen at 3 p.m. (0600 GMT), down 0.78 yen from its late Friday level in Tokyo and was the lowest since its Nov. 2 closing of 96.40 yen.

The dollar fell in the afternoon because of speculative selling, despite the Japanese central bank's

intermittent intervention to stop the dollar from falling further, dealers said.

In the morning, trading was quiet as players limited their activities to small position adjustment following the dollar's de-

cline last week, said Satoshi Soda, a Sakura Bank dealer.

The dollar has been facing strong selling pressure in recent weeks because of concerns about the impact of the Mexican currency crisis on the U.S. economy.

On the stock market, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 64.03 points, or 0.36 percent, to close at 17,956.48 after gaining 33.01 points in the morning session. On Friday, the average had gained 239.92 points, or 1.35 percent, to 18,020.51.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was down 5.04 points, or 0.36 percent, to 1,395.57. The TOPIX

rose 16.22 points, or 1.19 percent, closing at 1,400.61 on Friday.

Prices fell back because of the dollar's slide, traders said. They rose in the morning on buying of index-linked and underpriced issues following a slip earlier in the morning because of the dollar's weakness traders said.

A higher yen makes Japanese exports more expensive abroad and thus less competitive, cutting into the earnings of exporters.

At 3 p.m. (0600 GMT), the benchmark No. 164 10-year Japanese government bonds stood at 97.05 yen, unchanged from Friday's close. Their yield also was unchanged at 4.570 percent.

US, Mexico preparing plan to address currency crisis

NEW YORK (AP) - The United States is preparing to announce measures to save Mexico from its currency crisis that will send the country's interest rates soaring to as much as 50 percent, The New York Times reported.

The plan, which could be released as early as Monday, was still being negotiated Sunday evening after three days of talks between Secretary of the Treasury Robert E. Rubin and Mexico's Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz, the Times reported in Monday editions.

Mexico's peso strengthened late last week on rumors that the talks were taking place.

To receive \$20 billion that the Clinton administration is offering, officials told the Times, Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon's government is agreeing to reduce its country's money supply, even if it means charging interest rates of 50 percent or more on loans to businesses and on home mortgages.

Also, under a draft proposal of the agreement, the United States would control the flow of the billions of dollars that Mexico earns each year from oil exports, beginning later this year.

By agreeing to the plan, Zedillo runs the risk of angering people at

home who say he would be allowing the United States too much power over Mexican economic policy.

Interest rates, meanwhile, are already running above 40 percent, which analysts said could touch off a recession and social unrest.

"This is scary," said Jonathan F. Heath, a Mexican economist who is a Mexico City nationalist. "A recession is already unavoidable. The concern for the United States government is probably that if you start pursuing a very restrictive monetary policy, and things start to get bad, the Mexican government will want to let up."

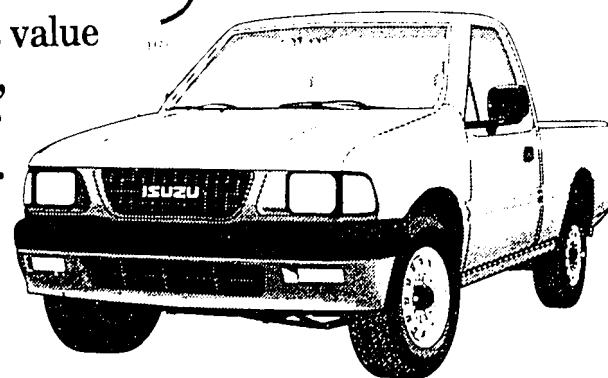
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The agenda is as follows:

- I. Roll Call
- II. Adoption of Previous Minutes
- III. Adoption of Board Resolution
 - A. HAP Contracts
 - B. Mihaville Project - Amendment 4
 - C. Legal Counsel's Opinion to HUD
 - D. Subrecipient Agreement - Administration/Implementation of CDBG Programs in the CNMI
- IV. Contract for Legal Services
- V. Contract for Section 8 Rehabilitation Project
- VI. Other Matters
- VII. Adjournment

CONCURRED:
/s/JAMES H. RIPLEY
Executive Director
Date: 02/21/95

/s/JUAN S. TENORIO
Chairman, NMHC Board of Directors

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Administrative Secretary

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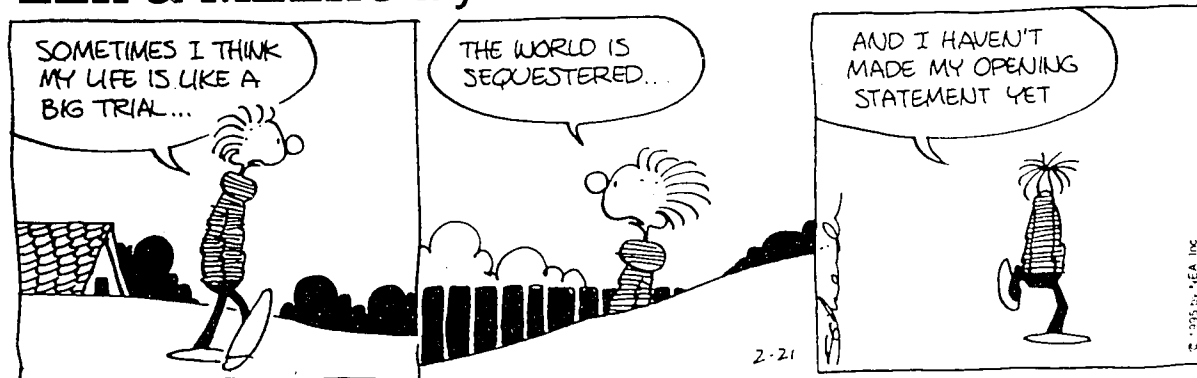
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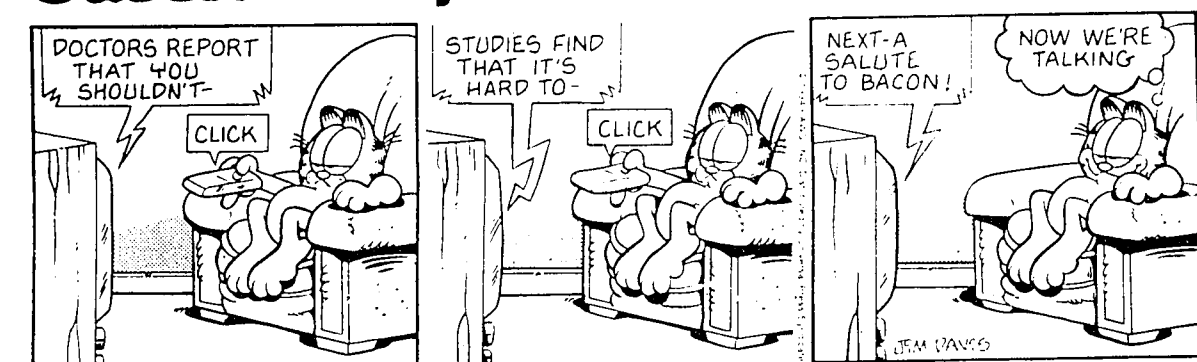
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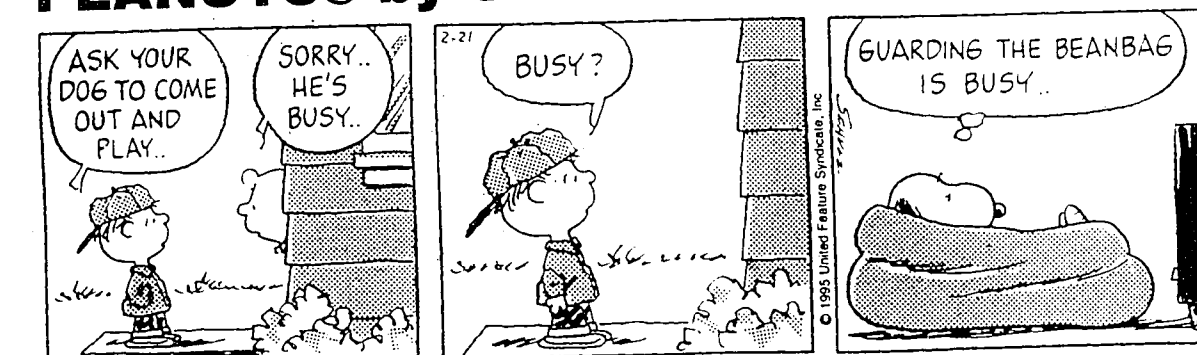
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To see what is in store for you tomorrow, and your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Outside information may prove faulty today. You will have only your instincts to see you through an unexpected complication.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Draw your own conclusions today and lead yourself to your desired ends. You will find yourself more strongly in control today than before.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may find yourself on the road to some adventure today, but you mustn't leave before taking necessary precautions.

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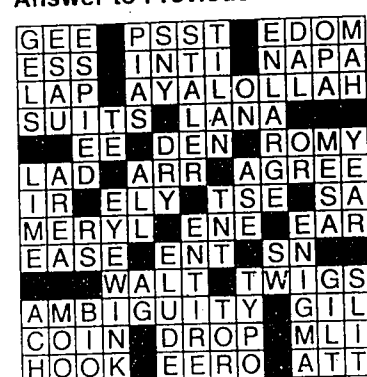
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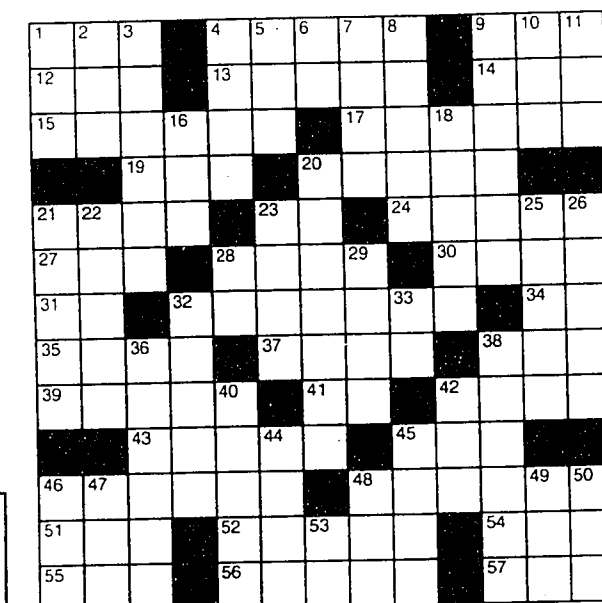
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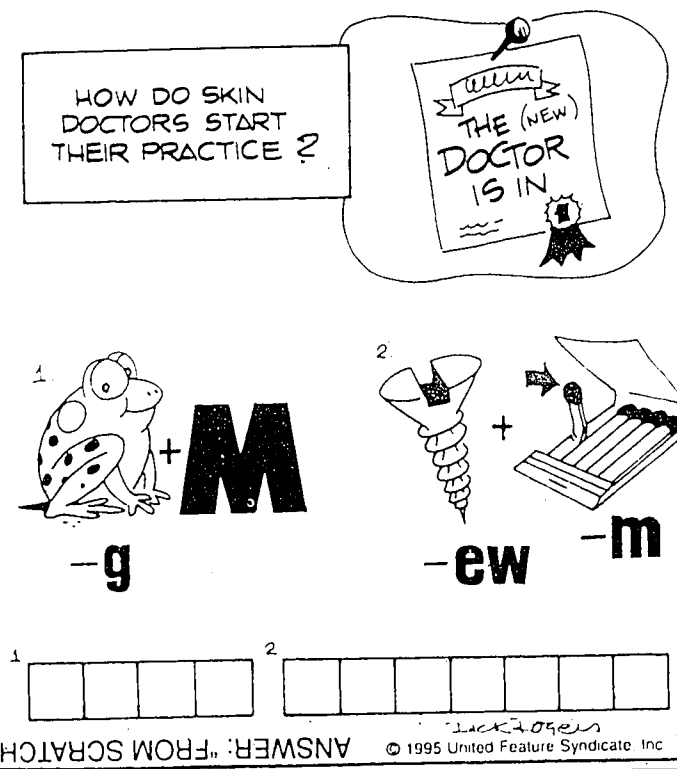
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Saipan Electronic Darts Association XXXX Beer Winter/Spring Season

Tuesday Master League	W	L	PCT.
Team Name	33	11	75.00
1. Fuji's "This Is It"			
2. Cafe Mogambo, "African Kings"	27	17	61.36
3. Duty Free, "Bulls Eye"	13	9	59.09
4. Eagles Putt, "Killer Bees"	16	17	48.48
5. Mom's Round 2, "Bad To The Bone"	20	24	45.45
6. XXXX Beer	14	30	31.82
7. Budweiser, "Low Lifes"	9	24	27.27

Match Results: Feb. 14, 1995
 XXX Beer-6, Eagles Putt, "Killer Bees"-6
 Bud, "Low Lifes"-2, Mom's Round 2, "Bad To The Bone"-5
 Cafe Mogambo, "African Kings"-6, Fuji's, "This Is It"-5

Monday "A" League	W	L	PCT.
Team Name	23	10	69.70
1. Micro/Heineken	21	12	63.64
2. Market Wholesale, "Dart Bulls"	21	12	63.64
3. Arizona Iced Tea, "The Clan"	27	17	51.52
4. Miller MGD	14	19	42.42
5. Oleai, "Dogs"	6	16	27.27
6. The Wine Cellar	9	35	20.45
7. Surf Turf			

Match Results: Feb. 13, 1995
 Miller MGD-10, Surf Turf-1
 Micro/Heineken Beer-9, The Wine Cellar-2

Thursday "B" League	W	L	PCT.
Team Name	22	11	66.67
1. Stumpy's Lounge	27	17	61.36
2. Lens Restaurant	27	17	61.36
3. Oleai, "White Trash"	20	13	60.61
4. Tom's Superheroes	18	26	40.91
5. Cafe Mogambo, "African Queens"	10	23	30.30
6. The Dart Babes	8	25	24.24
7. Hot 98, "Roots, Rock & Reggae"			

Match Results: Feb. 16, 1995
 Tom's "Superheroes"-11, Hot 98, "Roots, Rock & Reggae"-0
 Lens Restaurant-7, Cafe Mogambo, "African Queens"-4
 Oleai, "White Trash"-8, The Dart Babes-3

Wednesday "C" League	W	L	PCT.
Team Name	24	9	72.73
1. Team Steinlager	20	13	60.61
3. Lite Beer	26	18	59.09
4. Rudolphs, "Rudartos"	23	21	52.27
5. Eagles Putt, "Wanna Bees"	10	12	45.45
2. Pacific Airport Services	18	26	40.91
6. Mom's Round 2, "Dart Bitches"	11	33	25.00
7. Hertz Rent-A-Car			

Match Results: Feb. 15, 1995
 Lite Beer-6, Rudolphs, "Rudartos"-6
 Mom's Round 2, "Dart Bitches"-7, Hertz Rent-A-Car-4
 Eagles Putt, "Wanna Bees"-6, Team Steinlager-5

Perry...

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missing the green, but wasn't so lucky after missing the green on 16. A downhill chip ran past the cup, and his comeback putt went right, leaving him with a bogey.

Strange had a good drive down the middle on 18, but tried to reach the green with his second shot and ended up in the water.

Perry drove into the right rough on 18, then hit an iron shot into the left rough, but chipped on and

two-putted for the victory.

Duval, playing in the group ahead of Perry, could have tied for the lead but his putt to save par lipped out. Duval then birdied 18 for a 69.

Tolles eagled the par-5, 540-yard (meter) eighth during his round of 70. Pruitt had eight birdies in his round of 7-under 65.

Robert Gamez shot 66 to finish at 22-under 338. Tied for seventh at 339 were Tommy Armour III, Kelly Gibson, Donnie Hammond, Mark Brooks and Harry Taylor, who led after the second and third rounds.

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The officials said they will also pass a petition to stop the practice of allowing "fly-by-night" players to play in the league.

"Fly-by-night" cagers is the term used by the team officials for players who come to Saipan without working permits and as tourists.

Their names are included in the rosters prior to the start of the league but arrive on Saipan only before the playoff series to boost the fighting chance of a team.

The team officials said that a team has been getting "fly-by-night" cagers for the last three years to the disadvantage of the rest of the teams in the league.

"This fly-by-night practice is

untar to us because this allows the richest team to recruit even Michael Jordan or Magic Johnson from retirement," a coach said sarcastically.

"A player must be here before the fourth game of his team but the supporting documents for his working papers must be submitted together with the roster with his name before the start of a league," another team official added.

Also to be discussed will be to have some degree of autonomy from the Filipino Amateur Basketball Association (FASA).

"FASA's function is to manage the coordination of various sports leagues and assist the need of each sports body. Other than that, its function should be purely consultative," the officials said.

Australian sailor leads round-the-world race

By SHEILA NORMAN-CULPNEW YORK (AP) — Charting a risky course through Antarctica's ice floes, David Adams of Australia took the Class II lead Sunday from Giovanni Soldini of Italy in the BOC round-the-world solo race.

Adams, who trailed Soldini since leaving Sydney, Australia, on Jan. 29, was 25 miles (40 km) ahead in the race for boats under 50 feet (15 meters). At one point last week, Soldini's lead was more than 100 miles (160 km), but Adams cut into it by charting the most southern course of the 13 sailors still

in the race.

Christophe Auguin of France led all racers Sunday, keeping his Class I, 60-foot (18 meters) yacht a comfortable 227 miles (365 km) ahead of fellow countryman Jean Luc Van den Heede. Steve Pettengill, of the United States, was third, 437 miles (700 km) behind Auguin. Adams and Soldini stood fourth and fifth, overall.

Auguin, the defending champion, was now about 320 miles (515 km) southwest of Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America that is the main landmark of this third leg. The next finish line for the four-stage, 27,000-mile (43,443 km) race is at

Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Racers further back in the pack were battered by squalls in the volatile Southern Ocean. Robin Davie of Britain, fifth in Class II, was dismasted in one of the violent storms.

"No damage to hull or decks that I have seen or found yet," Davie messaged race headquarters. "No assistance required ... will rig up something tomorrow."

The last racer to be dismasted, Isabelle Austisser of France, had to be rescued by helicopter from her sinking yacht in the Indian Ocean. She was one of seven sailors to drop out of this yachting marathon so far.

Magic...

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added 13, but scored only 3 after the first quarter.

The victory was the Pacers' third straight, while the Heat dropped their third in a row and are now 1-3 since Alvin Gentry replaced Kevin Loughery as head coach.

Nuggets 94, Bulls 92

In Landover, Maryland, Brian Williams and Jalen Rose combined for three foul shots in the final 37 seconds and the Denver Nuggets capitalized on poor shooting by Washington in the closing seconds.

Williams made the first of two free throws to put Denver up 92-91 with 37 seconds left, and Rose hit two with 6.5 seconds remaining and Denver led 94-91. Scott Skiles, fouled on a 3-point attempt, missed two of the three free throws and Denver led 94-92, needing only to run out the clock.

But the Bulls turned the ball over at midcourt and Washington's Chris Webber grabbed the loose ball. He missed a halfcourt shot and Juwan Howard, who got the rebound, missed

an open 5-footer as time expired.

For Denver, Mahmoud Abdou-Rauf had 23 points, Dikembe Mutombo added 21 and Rose had 10 assists. Calbert Cheaney had 27 points and Howard 20 for Washington.

Suns 110, Jazz 107

In Phoenix, Charles Barkley made two free throws for the last of his 35 points and the Suns rallied from seven points down in the final 21-2 minutes to defeat Utah.

Barkley hit the free throws with 27.7 seconds left, putting the Suns up 109-107. Karl Malone of the Jazz missed a 3-pointer with 16 seconds to

go, A.C. Green got the last of his 12 rebounds and was fouled, and made one free throw.

Barkley got the last rebound of the game and threw the ball downcourt, sending the Jazz to their fourth loss in the last five road games.

Malone finished with 30 points, and Blue Edwards scored 22 for Utah in the last three quarters. John Stockton had 19 assists, one off his season high.

Kevin Johnson, who had missed 11 games because of a strained right quadriceps, started and scored 16 for the Suns.

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Magic suffers 4th defeat

MINNEAPOLIS(AP)—Isaiah Rider scored 33 points, including 13 straight during Minnesota's third-quarter comeback, lifting the Timberwolves to a 100-95 victory Sunday over the Orlando Magic.

The Timberwolves, losers of eight of their previous 10, sent the Magic their fourth straight road loss before a Target Center record crowd of 19,934.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 36 points for the Magic, who also lost to the Timberwolves in their only visit to Minneapolis last season.

The Magic led 58-46 early in the third quarter, but the Wolves responded with a 25-6 run to go up 71-64 lead. Orlando scored the first five points of the fourth quarter to lead 75-74. But Minnesota ran off 12 straight points and led 86-75 with 7:26 remaining.

Rider added 10 rebounds and Christian Laettner had 22 points for Minnesota. Andfernee Hardway scored 19 for the Magic.

Knicks 122, Rockets 117

In New York, Patrick Ewing had

31 points and nine rebounds and won his personal duel with Hakeem Olajuwon as the New York Knicks beat the Houston Rockets in a reprise of last year's NBA title series.

Ewing, frustrated in the Knicks' loss to Olajuwon and Houston last June, got some payback the day after the Rockets were honored at the White House for their title.

Playing inspired defense, Ewing

helped the Knicks get the jump on the Rockets. New York built a 13-point lead in the first half and was up by 14 in the final quarter before Houston rallied on the 3-point shooting of Sam Cassell and Mario Elie.

Clyde Drexler had 22 points and 10 rebounds in his third game for Houston since being acquired from Portland, and Cassell scored 23.

Pacers 106, Heat 87

In Indianapolis, Reggie Miller and Dale Davis scored 16 points each to lead eight Pacers in double figures.

With the score 76-76 after three quarters, the Pacers held the Heat to just 11 fourth-quarter points to keep Miami winless in its 13 trips to Market Square Arena.

Kevin Willis paced Miami with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Glen Rice

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Sharks, Lite resume SABA game tonight

FOURTH runner Sharks cagers will play against Lite team in the resumption of men's SABA games at the Ada gym in Susupe, after a day of break yesterday, President's Day.

The Sharks will collide against Lite on Thursday, February 23.

The Sharks are occupying fourth spot with a 2-1 win-loss card.

A win will pull the Sharks up to the third spot currently occupied by the Ol' Aces quintet. The Ol' Aces team has a 3-1 slate.

A defeat will keep the Sharks team still in fourth spot, but in a four-way tie with 2-2 card holders Sunrisers, Bud Light, and the Alu'u teams.

On the other hand, a victory by the

Lite team will improve its win-loss slate to 2-3 and pull the team up to a tie with Spalding team.

If Lite loses the game, it will still be in the second to the last position in the overall.

Women's Lite Basketball league will follow after the first game. (AAPD).

Latest Team Standings (as of 2-16-95)

Team	W	L
Pepsi	5	0
SNE/FT	3	0
Ol' Aces	3	1
Sharks	2	1
Sunrisers	2	2

Perry wins Hope Classic

By BERNIE WILSON PALM DESERT, California (AP) - Two weeks after blowing the lead in the final round at Pebble Beach, Kenny Perry shot a 2-under-par 70 on Sunday to win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic by one stroke over David Duval.

Perry, 34, got his third tour victory, and a \$216,000 check, despite shooting par from the seventh hole on at Bermuda Dunes. The first-round leader, he finished the 90-hole tournament at 25-under 335. Duval

shot a 69.

At Pebble Beach, Perry led the AT and T National Pro-Am by three strokes after three rounds. But he shot par and finished in a tie for third with Davis Love III, behind winner Peter Jacobsen and Duval.

This time, it was Curtis Strange's turn to fall apart. Strange, winless since the 1989 U.S. Open, birdied Nos. 12 and 13 to tie Perry at 25-under. But he bogeyed two of the last three holes, including No. 18 when he hit into the large pond that guards the

right front of the green.

Strange also shot 70, and finished in a three-way tie for third with Tommy Tolles and Dillard Pruitt.

Strange had an adventure on the back nine.

After his birdie on 12, Strange's chip shot on the par-5, 564-yard (meter) 13th hole hit the pin square on, leaving him with a 2-foot (.6 meter) birdie putt.

He saved par with a 7-footer (2.1 meter) on No. 15 after

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PABA coaches, managers to look into league's problems

PHILIPPINE Amateur Basketball Association team coaches and managers will convene soon to discuss pressing problems confronting the league.

This was learned from several coaches who said in separate interviews, that the aim of the gathering is to straighten out matters encountered in the past, before the start of the next league.

The team officials said they will also invite coaches and managers of cage teams who are not yet PABA members but have signified their intention to join the league.

The move to meet next week, team officials said, is in response to issues which confronted PABA in its past seasons, among them, the "inconsistencies" of some league officials.

Among the agenda to be discussed is the proposal for team officials to have a "direct" hand in policy and rules formulation and a stronger voice in the tournament committee.

The officials said they will also call for an election for a new set of officers due to the expected resignation of two officers.

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SABA Thursday results

Team: Spalding
Coach: G. Reyes

Player	NO	2S	3S	FTA	FTM	TP
Gus Palacios	7	8	0	2	1	17
Joseph Ito	13	1	0	3	3	5
Jess Pacheco	18	2	0	6	5	9
Dong Palapil	14	5	0	2	1	11
Randy Rosario	15	0	0	2	1	1
John Cruz	17	0	0	0	0	0
Ray Palacios	9	2	3	4	2	15
Dave Demapan	4	1	0	0	0	2
JJ Fajardo	5	0	0	0	0	0

Total 19 3 19 13 60

Team: Pepsi
Coach: T. Rogo

Player	NO	2S	3S	FTA	FTM	TP
Tony Diaz	7	7	0	0	0	14
Tony Susuico	5	6	0	0	0	12
Peter Camacho	10	6	0	0	0	12
Jess De la Cruz	6	5	0	0	0	10
Ed Diaz	9	7	1	0	0	17
Steve Coleman	18	2	0	0	0	4
John Palacios	16	5	0	0	0	10
Wayne Perry	14	5	0	0	0	10
Winsor Peter	11	4	0	0	0	8
Jeff Diaz	4	5	0	0	0	10
Robert Quitugua	8	7	0	0	0	14
Abong Camacho						

Total 59 1 0 0 121

Team: Budweiser

Player	NO	2S	3S	FTA	FTM	TP
Jovie Omar	8	6	0	7	4	16
Brigid Magofna	11	5	0	1	1	11
Del Norita	10	0	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Germance	6	2	0	0	0	4
Valerie Williams	15	8	0	0	0	16
Emy Quitugua	16	5	1	2	1	14
Tina A.	18	0	0	2	0	0
Pat Norita	13	0	0	0	0	0
Lou Nieto	4	0	0	0	0	0
Julie Omar	7	0	0	0	0	0
Annie Emiliano	9	0	0	0	0	0
Oli Tatau	17	1	0	1	0	2

Total 27 1 13 6 63

Unified Team

Player	NO	2S	3S	FTA	FTM	TP
Palacios, Mona	25	3	0	2	1	7
Talig, Tanya	18	0	0	0	0	0
Antonio, Bong	77	1	0	0	0	2
Arriola, Louisa	95	0	0	0	0	0
Arriola, Nelyn	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cabrera, D	69	0	0	0	0	0
Nally, Rose	32	7	0	1	1	15
Jardinico, B	3	0	0	0	0	0
Power, Liza	21	1	0	0	0	2
Flores, Thelma	5	1	0	0	0	2
Mendiola, J.	23	1	0	0	0	2
Olaitiman, E.	7	1	0	2	0	2

Total 14 0 5 2 30

IBF's De La Hoya turns attention to LA's Ruelas

By TIM DAHLBERG LAS VEGAS (AP)—Oscar De La Hoya was barely finished brawling with John John Molina when his mind turned to Rafael Ruelas.

"That fight will be the fight of the year," De La Hoya said of his scheduled May 6 date with the IBF lightweight champion. "We're going to go at it."

De La Hoya emerged a frustrated winner Saturday night against Molina, keeping the WBO version of the 135-pound (61 kg) title with a unanimous decision in a fight marred by clinching and

holding.

Ruelas was at ringside to size up his fellow Los Angeles-area opponent for their upcoming fight. He was not terribly impressed.

"It confirms what I've been saying," Ruelas said. "He lacks experience and doesn't take the initiative. He lets guys fight their fight against him."

Molina did just that, turning the WBO lightweight title bout into a bout that at times resembled a brawl, at others a wrestling match.

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