

CNMI secures \$77M



Bill Clinton

THE BUDGET spending bill signed into law by US President Bill Clinton over the weekend contains a seven-year financial assistance package that will mean some \$11 million in annual infra-

Clinton signs budget with new 702 package

structure grants for the CNMI.

This was disclosed by Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta in a news release yesterday saying the CNMI has finally secured \$77 million in Covenant funding pursuant to the Guerra-Manglona agreement.

"There were times it seemed we could not win," Babauta said in a statement. "But we did not give up.

"Covenant Funding is simply too important to the development of our islands and the lives of our people. "Today, all our hard work paid off," he added.

The omnibus spending bill for fiscal year 1996 was passed by US Congress Thursday evening (Washington time) and was im-

mediately signed by Clinton the next day.

It contains the major terms of the \$120 million multi-year funding agreement negotiated in 1992 by then 702 special representatives Benjamin T. Manglona and Stella Guerra.

According to Babauta, the CNMI will now receive the \$77 million remaining under that agreement in equal amounts over the next seven fiscal years.

The monies will be available solely for infrastructure projects and must be matched dollar for dollar by the CNMI.

Although the CNMI has been

receiving \$27.72 million annually after the last 702 package ended, having the agreement enacted is observed to be better in that it is assured of funding for the entire seven-year period.

Under US Public Law 99-396, the US is committed to provide the CNMI some \$27.72 million annually but such amount could be terminated at any time US Congress decides to.

In addition to the \$77 million in Covenant Funding, the law also includes other important monies for the Northern Marianas:

- the Northern Marianas College endowment will receive \$3



Juan N. Babauta

million next year;
• continued funding for Close
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Guam group vows to support RP teachers

THE MARIANAS Association of Filipino Educators Inc. is seeking the assistance of human rights activists on Guam to push its case against the Public School System in connection with the nonrenewal of contracts of 87 alien teachers.

Eddie del Rosario, a Guam-based human rights advocate, said he will rally members of Filipino teachers groups on Guam and Hawaii to press for the retention of alien teachers in the CNMI.

Del Rosario disclosed a plan to launch a signature campaign among the Filipino teachers

there.

"I will circulate a petition as soon as I get back to Guam," he told the Variety. "This petition will be submitted to the Legislature and other concerned Commonwealth officials."

Del Rosario was on Saipan yesterday to meet with MAFEI leaders and his counterparts in the Commonwealth.

"We may not be able to promise them (alien teachers) legal or financial assistance but we're here to give them moral support," Del Rosario said.

MAFEI plans to sue PSS in
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Miss CNMI Universe Belvilyn Tenorio (second from left) and co-members of Holomua Inc., perform a traditional dance number during Saturday's 15th annual Flame Tree Arts Festival at the American Memorial Park. See story on page 3.
—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

Gov't uses surplus monies to start curing the deficit

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE GOVERNMENT dedicated much of the surplus money it realized during fiscal year 1995 towards curing the accumulated deficit, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said last week.

During a press conference, Tenorio insisted there has been a surplus of about \$14 million owing to strong revenue collections vis-a-vis spending restraint in that particular fiscal year.

He made the clarification in response to claims by skeptics in the House of Representatives that the government did not realize any

surpluses in FY 1995.

"There may be no surplus in the sense that there was no cash available, in as much as the cash that we would have had was used to pay for part of the accumulated deficit for this government," said Tenorio.

"What we were saying is that we projected a revenue of \$190 million and controlled expenditures at \$180 million in FY 1995. But then we found out we collected about \$194 million, so in effect we had \$14 million over what we spent," said Tenorio.

The governor stressed that
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CHC, gov't taken to court

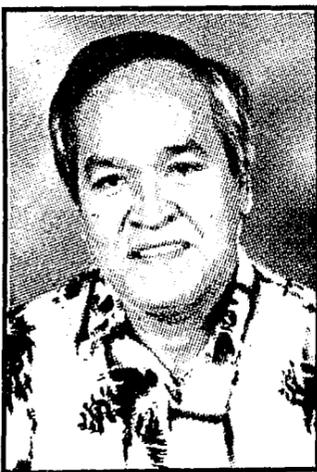
A LOCAL advocacy group is asking the US District Court to interpret a federal law pertaining to the right of advocacy staff to gain access to the Commonwealth Health Center's psychiatric ward.

A civil suit was filed Friday by the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. against the government, particularly the Department of Public Health and Services.

"This is an action in which the plaintiff...seeks to have the court resolve differences between it and defendants on legal questions regarding patients' rights to be accessed by the staff of the advocacy unit for purposes of inspection of their medical records and the facility in the Psychiatric Unit of the Commonwealth Health

Center," the NMPASI's complaint reads.

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Froilan C. Tenorio

Weather Outlook



Cloudy periods
with isolated showers

Gunman runs berserk

HOBART, Australia (AP) - A gunman killed up to 25 people with a high-powered rifle and took at least one hostage Sunday at Port Arthur's historic colonial prison ruins in southeast Tasmania, police said.

Up to 25 people dead in Tasmania massacre

into insignificance when you look at what has happened in Tasmania," Johnson said. Some 500 Australian and foreign tourists were at the site some 30 miles (50 km) southeast of Hobart. Victims have not been identified, but Johnson said, "It won't be just Tasmanians, it will be people from other parts of Australian, and no doubt other parts of the world."

"About a dozen people are injured, badly injured, that is, and are being ferried by helicopter into the Hobart hospital for treatment," he added. Other officers confirmed that 15 people were injured. Wendy Scurr, who was working at the front desk of the Port Arthur historic site, told Sky News Australia that children were among the victims of the gunman.

pub, and the gunman then roamed the street, shooting people at random. "There is a lady dead in a car at the top of the drive. There's been people shot in the historic site, and there's been people shot near the Fox and Hounds (pub)," Phillip Kelly, a local cafe owner, told TV Channel 10. Scores of surgeons and emergency medical workers rushed to hospitals to treat the injured, and more than 20 ambulances were called in.

Port Arthur was the historic landing site of some of the toughest convicts England sent into Australian exile in the 1800s. The old prison colony is on the Tasman Peninsula, connected to Tasmania's mainland by one road on a narrow isthmus, which police closed to the public and media. Its preserved colonial era buildings, and convict ruins, are Tasmania's most popular tourist attraction, after the island's parks and wilderness areas.

She said she rang for help and then "ran for my life along with hundreds of other people at the site." The gunman, holed up in a cottage with his hostage, was shooting at helicopters evacuating the wounded to Hobart and at planes in the area, the editor of the Hobart Mercury, Ian McCausland, told a radio station. Witnesses said the shooting broke out at a food shop, more shots were fired at a nearby

Lindsay Pine, chief executive officer of the Royal Hobart Hospital, said "We've been told that there's been 20-plus involved in this incident." The road into Port Arthur was closed by police, and special police tactical units wearing flak jackets and wielding automatic weapons had arrived to deal with the crisis. At least 200 police officers

It boasts neat green lawns, the ivy-covered remains of a Gothic church, and the crumbling ruins of the old penitentiary, where repeat offenders, political prisoners and the most dangerous convicts were sent from 1833 to 1877. Some 30,000 prisoners were held at Port Arthur in those years.

This year's Flame Tree Festival

A showcase of culture

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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HUNDREDS of people trooped to the American Memorial Park to take part in the two-day celebration of the 15th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival over the weekend. Micronesian handicrafts and artworks flavored the park. Local artists and those from neighboring islands showcased their skills. Sold at booths were tropical paintings, basketries, exotic bead accessories, wooden and rock sculptures, postcards, and photographs among others.

Foods of various cultural origins, such as Chamorro, American, and Korean, jostled for the visitors' appetites. In a speech at the opening of the celebration, acting Gov. Jesus Borja cited the wider participation this year of various groups in the CNMI's longest-running cultural event. This development, the acting governor said, was another indication of "the rich cultural diversity that now exists in the Commonwealth." "Fifteen years ago, a few artists manned a few booths," Borja recalled. "That original effort has blossomed as beautifully as the flame tree blossoms each year and the annual blossoms remind us of man's irreplaceable creative being and the constant rebirth that occurs when creative being expresses itself."

Moreover, Borja added, the event provided a venue for the local community to further strengthen family ties that "is more fundamental to that culture." "Nothing is more fundamental to that culture than a strong family and the presence of so many families at the festival is an affirmation of that fact," Borja said.

Secretary Thomas Tebuteb, of the Department of Cultural and Community Affairs, cited the artists for helping preserve the local arts and culture amid the presence of cosmopolitan fixtures in the island. "It is through the artists and the craftsmen that we find the heart and

soul of our Commonwealth," Tebuteb said in a speech. "It is you who sing our songs, dance our dances, weave our hats and beads, paint our beautiful faces, speak our languages and perpetuate our cultural heritage as Chamorros and Carolinians."

The Flame Tree Arts festival at a glance

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
FROM just a few booths 15 years ago, the Flame Tree Arts Festival has grown to accommodate 69 booths this year, each either dispensing cultural information or selling various items and wares that ranged from food to artworks to knife used for harakiri to mineral stones found in the bowels of South American countries. As Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja stated in his message, "More and more, the festival is taking on a 'fair' quality."

Ms. Naoko Asai, account supervisor of I&S, which is the advertising and promotions agency of the Marianas Visitors Bureau in Japan, flew over with her mother, Nobuko, and sister Yuko to witness the festival. With her, too, were Kyodo Press reporter Yukio Takeichi, Marine Diving magazine reporter and photographer Hajime Ishikawa, and free-lance photographer Ebina Susuma. Naoko said the MVB intends to promote the festival in Japan and bring in tourists for next year's edition. Ebina took a lot of photos and slides which will be shown during seminars attended by agents and mediarn, as well as to prospective tourists dropping by the MVB's offices in Tokyo and Osaka.

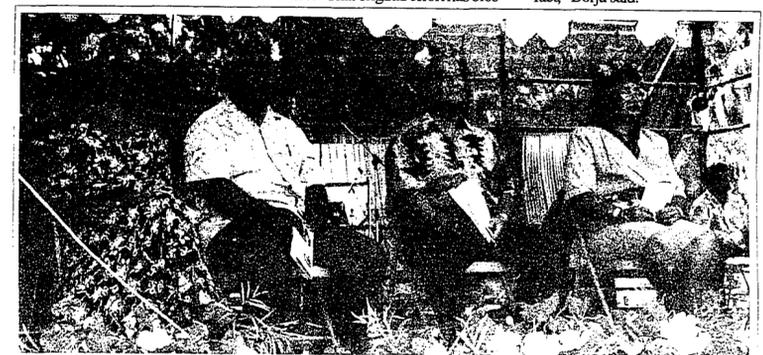
Visitors to the festival were continually regaled with indigenous dances and live music that should be interesting to the Japanese and other visitors. But, in fact, the festival has presented not only the Chamorro and Carolinian cultural fare. It has welcomed other presentations from ethnic communities that have thrived on the CNMI soil, such as the Koreans, who presented their colorful fan dance and sold foods, the Chinese, and the Japanese.

Thomas J. Camacho, acting executive director of the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, parks advocate, and PTA council president, unraveled his artistry through his color photographs of sceneries, street scenes, and women, among other subjects.

Artist Connie J. Adams, who has become famous for her colorful flowers of the Northern Marianas, also showed her watercolor artworks, one of which commanded a whopping \$3,000 tag. Another interesting artist at the festival, who has been a long-time Saipan resident and had traveled all over the Micronesia, was Japanese Kuniyoshi Ukita, whose medium is acrylics. Kuniyoshi's years of stay has helped him imbibe the Micronesian culture, enabling him to render his works on the history and way of life of the peoples of the tiny islands in the Pacific with utmost facility.

Francisco C. Lizama, consultant at the Department of Public Safety, also showed products of his carving skill: pendants made from beef bones. At first glance, they could be mistaken for ivory. Lizama said he carved them as a hobby, and sold the items only during fairs. The items were rather pricey, the lowest tag being \$30. Lizama was also selling a Japanese knife used by soldiers to commit suicide or harakiri, for \$3,000. The knife was found on Saipan and dates back to the 19th century.

Some of the stall holders came all the way from Guam for the occasion. One of these was selling various kinds of mineral stones—either raw or polished made into pendants—that were mined in Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Illinois, and Alabama. There were also crab fossils from Guam. It was one of the most popular booths. The lady manning the booth could name the stones without batting an eyelash.



Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja (third from left) with Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture Executive Director Margarita Wonenberg, DC&CA Secretary Thomas Tebuteb and Rep. Ana Teregeyo, during Saturday's opening of the two-day Flame Tree Festival.



Two-year-old Weischibw Stephen proudly wears a Relalawash outfit.



Miss CNMI Universe Belvilyn Tenorio, a member of Holomua Inc., entertains the crowd with a traditional dance number.



Kids from Tinian Elem. School produce music out of water bottles.



A booth selling wooden hermit crabs attract mostly kids.

China claims victory in fight against Taiwan independence

BEIJING (AP) - China on Sunday claimed it thwarted Taiwan's independence drive and U.S. "gunboat diplomacy." China's leaders and state-run news started a campaign last spring to denounce Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui after Lee obtained a visa for a private visit to the United States. Beijing claimed Lee was using the visit to raise Taiwan's international profile and accused him of preparing to declare independence. A commentary by the official Xinhua News Agency, which appeared in major newspapers Sunday, said China "scored major achievements" in the fight against Taiwan independence since Lee's trip in June. Since then, "he had to declare, on

many occasions, his support for reunification and pledge to improve relations between the two sides of the Taiwan straits," it said. Lee won Taiwan's first direct presidential election by a landslide in March. Before the election, the mainland military staged war games near Taiwan. In response, two American aircraft carriers and other warships patrolled in the area. China condemned the move at the time for fanning tension. Sunday's commentary contained sharp criticism of the United States. The U.S. naval deployment "was apparently intended to embolden the Taiwan authorities," it said. It "exposed the U.S.' real intention to take Taiwan as 'an unsinkable aircraft carrier' and to interfere in China's

internal affairs, thus obstructing China's reunification." The commentary cited with approval what it said were Hong Kong and Macao reports condemning the deployment as an attempt to renew "gunboat diplomacy." The term refers to the use of foreign naval ships in China's treaty ports in the 19th century to protect the foreigners' interests. Beijing says it seeks eventual peaceful reunification with Taiwan, but does not rule out the use of force if Taiwan declares independence. The commentary said China's leaders were watching to see what Taiwan's leaders say and do. "The reunification of China represents an irreversible historical trend, which no forces can possibly block," Xinhua said.

Rebels claim responsibility for bomb blast in India

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Two small separatist rebel groups claimed responsibility Sunday for a bomb blast in an inter-city bus near New Delhi that killed at least 15 passengers. The blast occurred on Saturday in Muradnagar town in Uttar Pradesh state, 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of New Delhi. Saturday was the first day of India's general elections, but there was no voting in Uttar Pradesh state. "We targeted the bus because some Congress Party and Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party activists were travelling in it," said a joint claim by two separatist groups from Kashmir and the neighboring state of Punjab. United News of India news agency said 51 bus passengers were injured in the explosion which blew the top of the bus and shattered window panes of nearby shops and homes. "This is a second gift to the Indian government for deciding to hold the

elections in Kashmir," said the statement signed by the Jammu and Kashmir Islami Harkat-ul-Munneen and the Khalistan Liberation Forum. Voting in Jammu-Kashmir state will be held next month after a gap of nearly seven years. Last weekend, the two groups had claimed responsibility for an explosion in a low-budget hotel in New Delhi in which 17 people, including eight foreign tourists, were killed. But a week after the incident, experts were unable to confirm whether the hotel was destroyed by a bomb or it was a case of a building collapse. Police said they are still waiting for a forensic report. The statement by the separatist groups was delivered to reporters in Srinagar, the center of a six-year war for Kashmir's independence from India. The Muslim rebel group advocates Kashmir's union with Pakistan. More than 12,000 people have been killed in the fighting since 1989.

Indonesian First Lady dead at 73

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Siti Hartinah Suharto, wife of Indonesian President Suharto, died of a heart attack early Sunday, officials said. She was 73. The Indonesian First Lady died at 5:10 a.m. (22:10 GMT) at the Armed Forces' hospital Gatot Subroto in downtown Jakarta, a palace official told The Associated Press. The official, who requested anonymity, could not provide further details. State-run Indonesian Republic Radio, RRI, announced there would be a national one-week period mourning to honor the first lady. Hartina was born Aug. 23, 1923 and is survived by six children - three sons and three daughters - and a number of grandchildren. Her husband, Suharto, a former army general, has been in power since 1968. The two had married in Dec. 26, 1947.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Civil Service Commission will hold **CONTINUATION HEARING** on April 30, 1996, and May 1, 1996 at the Commission's Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. The board will convene at 9:00 a.m., on all days. Additional information concerning the hearing is available at the Commission's office in Capitol Hill, Saipan.
AGENDA
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. CONTINUATION OF HEARING OF GRIEVANCE OF DAVID KOCH
X. ADJOURNMENT
/S/ EUGENE A. SANTOS
Chairman, Civil Service Commission

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Spring's Here!

THE spring trade winds was bristling through the trees as tiny birds swing to and fro in thin branches as though basking on a natural hammock. There too was a faint drizzle that dampens any plans for a day on the beach. My mild disappointment is the joy of farmers who have long since plowed their fields getting ready to plant their seeds when the first "Agua de Abrit" arrives.

I can't help but lament the erratic nature of the weather on this side of the tropics. Mystically or mysteriously, it resembles the usual local method of planning—ad hoc basis—riddled with half-cooked policies at best, instability at worse. I was hoping that with the change in season other needed changes for the better would also slip-in. I am keeping my fingers crossed! For those of us clad in semi-formal attire or oversized robes and skin deep tight pushing papers in air-conditioned buildings, the arrival of "Agua de Abrit" is a way of nature returning to us.

The first sprinkle of spring should really be celebrated by islanders throughout this pearly isles. It signifies a transition from the dry to the wet season. It is rejuvenating and re-energizes the monotony or intellectual drought that we can blame on the weather. It signals to each soul that there's such a thing as tomorrow. That there's tomorrow, we plan ahead in hopes that our visions are brighter and decisions lasting ones. It calls for a cup of sweet tuba, the natural sweet drink of islanders which started several centuries ago. A new feast is in order: Agua de Abrit which should be dovetailed with the Flame Trees Festival of Arts!

We also have our own share of inclement weather. So what's special about it? It keeps everybody indoors. There's that momentary filial unity for as long as that wind and the rain howl ghost-like tunes across these islands. Perhaps it is one bad weather that forces a good on a family—coming together for the first time in several months. Parents would be able to see the true character of some of their children in a tiny house each member calls home.

The change from dry to wet season is a natural phenomenon. It is a continuing process that moves about whether we are ready for it or not. It doesn't wait for anyone which serves as a reminder that you take up opportunities as they come or you will fall behind when all others have moved ahead. It is a time for a shift in the usual activities of the dry season. It's the time when mom watches for that dark cloud that usually builds up in the east at the most inconvenient time. It's a signal to bring in the clothes from the clothes line outside.

Bad Season for Non-Citizen Teachers

This spring, everything seems quiet except for the see-saw debate on minimum wage and whether we should or shouldn't change teachers from non-citizens to US Citizens. Both side of the argument has merits. The question that seem to have eluded everyone is: Has a comparative study been undertaken that factually illustrates the difference in groups—students taught by a non-citizen versus another group taught by citizens—to prove beyond reproach that stateside teachers are better than the "other" teachers?

The interesting aspect of this controversy is the differing position between the board and the commissioner. The board is bordering on micro-managing the system when the matter is a statutory mandate which can only be altered by the legislature. I personally find the law absurd in the sense that if the question really boils down to quality education, then the board must make it a point to look into other systems that have proven their graduates fully equipped for the challenges in the global village.

This one season Filipino Teachers will always remember—termination based on half-cooked statute! It's very unsettling though they also must remember that working in the CNMI is a privilege and not a right. It's an employer's right to terminate employees whether we like it or not. My apologies for we must have fallen into the "Made In the USA" syndrome when in fact we should be looking towards Japan and Southeast Asia for most of our needs, including quality education and quality educators!

It's the season when the Saipan Chamber of Commerce opted to encourage reading in the Northern Marianas Community for reasons that may surprise you: We have been graduating students who are functional illiterates. They can't fill out basic application forms or can't spell simple words correctly. Shouldn't the legislature's HEW Committees in concert with PSS and the BOE join in this effort to explore where the educational system has failed our students and partake in efforts to improve it? Or is it also a case of our legislators needing refresher courses on reading so that they could maintain relevancy on basic issues in and around the region?

It's perhaps a season too when I should put down my pen for a short vacation. The myriad of issues, coupled with a mind-set that "just didn't know" makes you think whether the cemetery syndrome is a part of the local political culture. Maybe it is an integral part of political life. I disagree and for a number of good reasons.

It's an interesting season, politically. The GOP can't settle on a certain candidate. It means it must tango with a politically divisive primary. The division would be so severe that the ultimate victor would fumble when spelling v-i-c-t-o-r-y next November. On the other side of the political spectrum, the Democrats finds itself with a dazzlingly difficult puzzle on several fronts. It may not be better off as the Republicans which makes the contest for the most coveted seat anybody's boon! I call this the El Niño Season when nothing makes sense except the word itself. Well, the "Spring of Discontentment" is here, including "Agua de Abrit".

THE NEW FBI...

... AND HOW DID THAT MAKE YOU FEEL WHEN YOUR MOTHER TOOK AWAY YOUR ASSAULT WEAPONS AND SENT YOU TO YOUR ROOM?



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Former top investigator lights into the FDA

WASHINGTON—The Food and Drug Administration is giving its critics a dose of some familiar medicine.

Like the beleaguered tobacco executives with whom they are at war, FDA officials are trying hard to silence a former colleague who's now speaking out against the agency. But so far they've only managed to add fire to a controversy that both sides would like to end.

Just two years ago, Jim Phillips was one of the government's most feared gumshoes. As chief investigator at the FDA, Phillips was a key player in agency probes of breast implants and blood safety. Phillips came to FDA at the insistence of his old colleague, Commissioner David Kessler, with whom he had worked on the staff of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Kessler has been one of Washington's most celebrated—and criticized—bureaucrats since taking over the FDA in 1991. Appointed during the Bush administration, Kessler quickly angered conservatives by taking an aggressive stand on several high-profile regulatory issues. Phillips became one of his top lieutenants—a troubleshooter whose years of experience as a congressional investigator helped the agency cut through red tape.

A picture from 1993 show Kessler and Phillips standing arm in arm. "Jim, thanks for all you've done—David," reads the inscription.

That relationship has now gone up in smoke, as Phillips has become one of the FDA's most vocal critics. Since leaving the agency for a job on Capitol Hill, Phillips contends that several important issues have been neglected in favor of Kessler's crusade against tobacco. These days, Phillips refers to Kessler as the "soundbite man" and speaks derisively of the agency's "cigarette police."

Phillips says his frustrations began when Kessler rejected his advice to focus the agency's resources on traditional concerns—rather than taking on an all-consuming crusade like tobacco regulation, which has drained FDA resources. By mid-1994, Phillips says, any discussion that didn't deal with cigarettes fell on deaf ears with Kessler. He began to fear that the emphasis on tobacco could compromise the agency in other vital public health priorities.

Frustrated, Phillips left the agency in July 1994. Not long afterward, the sparks started to fly. A Sept. 3 letter from Phillips to Kessler sums up his concerns:

"David, the scenario that frankly worries me is this: A contaminated shipment of a bulk drug ingredient comes in from China. A

pharmacy with a drug compounding marketing component (really a small or medium-sized illegal drug company) buys this shipment and people die."

When his concerns continued to go unanswered Phillips escalated his criticism. Several angry letters were sent to Kessler and other agency officials complaining of "unfinished business" and misplaced priorities. He has left dozens of heated voice mail messages for his former colleagues criticizing them for failing to stand up to Kessler. He's also volunteered his expertise to the House Commerce Committee, which has spent months investigating the FDA on several fronts. Phillips works for the House Banking Committee, which has no jurisdiction over the FDA.

Under increasing criticism from Phillips and others on Capitol Hill, the FDA made Phillips a persona non grata. His calls weren't returned, and his letters went unanswered. Eventually, the FDA took its case to Democrats on the House Banking Committee in hopes of putting a stop to Phillips' pestering phone calls. Democratic staffers then approached Phillips' bosses on the Republican side, who saw nothing wrong with his activities. It was this kind of persistence, in fact, that initially endeared Phillips to Kessler.

When quiet diplomacy failed, the FDA took its case to the media—including this column. Some high-ranking agency officials portrayed Phillips as a tool of the tobacco industry—a charge that Phillips vigorously denies. One agency official mockingly nominated the lifelong non-smoker as "nicotine's man of the year."

Phillips maintains that his crusade against the FDA has nothing to do with favoring cigarettes and everything to do with fixing longstanding problems at the agency.

"My anonymous critics from FDA say I oppose Kessler's curbs on Joe Camel and other cigarette ads aimed at kids," Phillips told our associate Jan Moller. "Wrong. Philosophically, I favor the curbs on vending machines, but I worry about diverting the 30 to 50 FDA field investigators that Kessler says would be needed to police the machines."

Repeated phone calls to Kessler and FDA spokesman James O'Hara went unreturned.

In the meantime, Phillips remains undaunted. "The so-called 'Phillips Agenda' used to be the Kessler agenda too," he told us. "Until he stopped at the 20-yard line."

Road job bid out soon

Local subcontractors to do World project

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

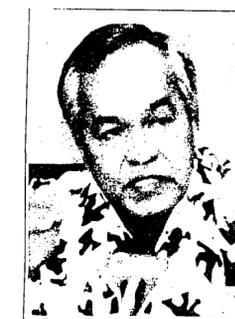
THE SAIPAN road improvement project proposed by World Corp. is just about ready to be bid out to local subcontractors even as disagreement over project cost estimates threatened to delay the much-publicized road paving job.

According to Public Works Sec. Edward M. DL. Guerrero, the department has already ironed out the kinks with World Corp. and Dong Bu Corp. and will just be awaiting the go-ahead from the Federal Highway Administration for the bidding process to start.

World Corp. and Dong Bu entered into a contract with the CNMI government to finance and build portions of Chalan Pale Arnold and the Cross-Island road.

The project was to be paid later out of federal highway grants from FHA.

"We're not talking about contract cost. We're talking about direct cost for the construction of the road and the amount to be bid out to the subcontractors,"



Froilano C. Tenorio

said Guerrero in an interview with the Variety.

"We need to know that in order for us to monitor how much savings we are going to realize when we bid out to the subcontractors. That's the area we are working on right now. So as soon as we submit our final analysis to Region 9, and we get their blessings, we

will start the bid for the subcontractors," he added.

During a news conference last Thursday, Gov. Froilano C. Tenorio confirmed the project faced a problem that earlier threatened to delay the whole World Corp. deal.

He said the problem reportedly stemmed from a discrepancy between the project cost estimates turned in by both the contractors and the government.

"We did have some problems but we're very close to resolving them," said Tenorio. "The latest word is that maybe within two weeks, they will be bidding out the project to local subcontractors."

According to Tenorio, the original estimates were really ballpark figures and the plans were not really completed that time so the CNMI consultant came up with an estimate naturally, they were very high.

When the contractor looked at



Edward M. DL. Guerrero

those figures, Tenorio said they used high figures as basis in submitting their proposal.

"So what happened was that they were looking at the estimate which was too high when they signed the contract and all along they were thinking that the original estimate was still that figure," said the governor.

"But then during the negotiation between the CNMI, the contractor and FHA, the figures were revised and reduced. So when the figures were reduced, the contractor was not very happy with it so we needed to negotiate again for the final figures," the chief executive said.

But according to Guerrero, the discrepancies are now being worked out to get the estimates in line.

"Right now, Dave Cahn will draft the contract while our engi-

neers and those of Dong Bu will be sitting down to evaluate each item in the specs and the cost figures projected," said Guerrero.

"We are hopeful we will complete this soon. Then Region 9 will have our final presentation by Monday and then we will just be waiting for the final approval," he said.

Asked if there were any problems concerning financing for the project, Guerrero said there was none.

"There were no problems with regards to financing. As you know World Corp. has entered into a joint venture with Dong Bu Corp. and Dong Bu is a very large company that has more than ample financing for this project. The financing is not a question here. It was a question of reaching a mutual understanding on the figures for the subcontractors amount and in the manner we did the estimates for the road specifications," he reasoned.

The contract stipulates that the contractor will subcontract 100 percent of the job.

The only time they can perform the work by themselves is if all the bids are higher than their anticipated cost or if they cannot negotiate with anyone of the local contractors to bring the cost down to accepted estimates.

"We are ready to bid it out, we're just waiting for the approval from Region 9 on this last presentation that we will be submitting again."

Sidewalk obstructions irk Disabilities Council official

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE new public sidewalks in Garapan have become convenient parking spaces for motor vehicles, depriving pedestrians from using them, the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council has found out.

The council's acting executive director, Thomas J. Camacho, has written a letter to Public Safety Commissioner and Public Works Secretary Edward Deleon Guerrero to point out the lack of curbs or barriers on the sidewalks. This has enabled drivers to go over the sidewalks and park, Camacho observed.

Camacho said that sometimes the tails of the parked larger vehicles protrude into the sidewalk.

"After several months of monitoring the Garapan public sidewalks, I'm compelled to write to you both about obstacles created by the lack of curbs on the newly constructed public sidewalks," Camacho wrote Castro and Guerrero last Thursday.

Camacho said the parked vehicles "have caused individuals to walk

around the obstructing vehicles."

"As a result, individuals use the street or road in order to connect to the sidewalk," he said.

According to Camacho, the council's foremost concern is the safety of pedestrians, especially those using wheelchairs, crutches, canes, or walkers. "Parked vehicles reversing into a public sidewalk poses a great threat to persons with disabilities who use wheelchairs including others without disabilities."

Camacho also said the operators of the obstructing cars and other conveyances show disrespect and inconsiderateness to the law and the pedestrians, especially those with disabilities.

Camacho asked Castro and Guerrero to "correct this problem" and "enforce whatever applicable Motor Vehicle Code that prohibits this kind of action or violation."

"It would also be a violation for unauthorized vehicles which block any designated accessible stall and/or which park across a ramp or accessible route used by persons in wheel-



Thomas J. Camacho

chairs or mobility aids," he added.

Camacho recommended the raising of portions of the sidewalks to create a barrier for vehicles or putting a warning sign that says parking or blocking the sidewalk is prohibited.

He also proposed allowing vehicles to park "adjacent to the sidewalks to compensate for loss of private parking spaces due to sidewalk installation."

Resort helps keep power on as Rota engine gets repaired

ROTA residents are enjoying reliable electricity despite the fact that one of their primary power plant generators was taken off line for maintenance. With a generator out of production, the power plant has no ability to generate enough electricity for the entire island.

According to a news release from CUC, Rota residents would have been subjected to power outages had it not been for the SNM Rota Resort. According to Gerald Calvo, the deputy director for Rota's utility, the Rota

Resort was very willing to help the people of Rota by supplying extra electricity to the community utility.

"We need let the community know that the Rota Resort's General Manager Takoshi Ushiroda was very considerate and friendly," said Calvo in an interview Thursday.

Under a long-standing contract, the Resort supplies the utility with electricity during emergencies. Although the utility is paying for the electricity, the Resort is charging so little

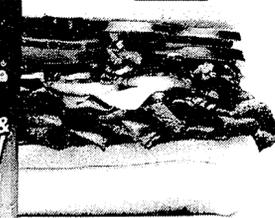
that it is losing money. "It's obvious that they just wanted to help our people," Calvo explained.

During the scheduled maintenance, the utility was scheduled to purchase power from the PMIC firm. However, the firm had problems bringing its generation on line. Once PMIC is able to generate electricity, the Rota Resort will not be required to supplement the supply.

Engine maintenance at the Rota power plant will continue over the next two months.

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Up and the Brown Tree Snake programs;

- \$3 million next year for the immigration and labor law enforcement reform effort; and
- funding to begin the Voice of America relay station on Tinian—about \$40 million over 3 years.

According to Babauta, he has worked with a coalition of island leaders—the Mayors, Municipal Councils, Members of the CNMI Legislature, the business community—to persuade a reluctant federal government to continue Covenant Funding.

"Their effort took three years—from 1992, when the new Covenant funding agreement was negotiated by Lt. Governor Benjamin T. Manglona and Interior Assistant Secretary Stella Guerra, until today, when the House and Senate passed and the President signed the bill containing CNMI Covenant Funding," he said.

"So many people helped create this success," said the resident representative. "Of course, our House Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Senate Presi-

dent Jesus R. Sablan should be recognized."

"Mayor Inos did a great job expressing the needs of Rota. Senator Cing and Mayor Manglona lobbied hard for Tinian," he added.

"But despite our concerted efforts, it has not been easy," Babauta said. "Last year was the low point, when the Governor came to Washington and testified before Congress that he did not want any more Covenant Funding. That was quickly followed by an Administration proposal to end Covenant Funding. Then the full House of Representatives voted to eliminate our Covenant Funding—that had never happened before. But we did not give up."

Babauta, and the other CNMI leaders who supported Covenant funding, repeatedly made the case to Congress that Covenant Funds were absolutely necessary to invest in the development of the CNMI, especially on Rota and Tinian.

And they pointed out the unique terms of the Manglona/Guerra agreement that pushes the CNMI towards self-sufficiency by requiring a dollar-for-dollar match of local funds to federal funds.

Babauta said he worked in Wash-

ington with the US Senate, the Clinton Administration, and with the Delegates from the other insular areas to support a funding package that contained Covenant Funding and money for the needs of the other insular areas.

"That was the winning formula ap-

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such an amount paid was used to pay for the deficit and all the bills that were outstanding from the previous fiscal year.

"So even if we didn't have the \$14 million cash on hand, we did collect more than what we spent. That was what I meant by a surplus," he said.

For FY 1996, Tenorio submitted a budget of \$230 million but reduced it down to \$212 million, when the anticipated revenues from the casino industry did not materialize because the Legislature rejected the casino legislation.

"We decided we could collect \$212 million then but when I signed the budget appropriation bill, I signed only for \$204 million. In other words we still have \$8 million more, so now we are submitting another budget to give

proved. Under it, the CNMI will receive \$77 million between now and the year 2002—\$11 million a year for 7 years," he said.

Babauta also had high praises for chief funding negotiator, former Lt. Gov. Manglona.

money to those agencies that I item-vetoed," said the chief executive.

In the meantime, Tenorio said Finance and Budget people are telling him that based on current collections, government could expect an FY 1996 collection of some \$222 million, for another \$10 million surplus over the \$212 million projected resources.

"What I am going to do is, come up with the needed \$12 million for the matching share of the FY 1995 CIP. But we have identified \$3 million from CDA so that we need only \$9 million for the matching share," he said.

In the meantime, he said he would like to add another \$2 million for land

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Aside from the public health department, also named defen-

dant in the case were Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and public health secretary Isamu Abraham.

NMPASI legal counsel Bill Campbell said the case does not involve monetary damages. It only seeks a judicial declaration of the rights and duties of the parties involved, he said.

"This is a very unique type of lawsuit," Campbell said. "We are not seeking monetary damages other than possibly attorneys fees from this."

Campbell said, for over two years now, the NMPASI and the government "have been attempting to reach a written understanding between our agency and the hospital as to the rights of the patients on the ward of psychiatric unit."

NMPASI maintains that its advocates, under federal law, are allowed to inspect psychiatric ward facilities and review their records. The administration, however, is of contrary opinion.

Campbell invoked provisions of the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individual Act which empowers advocacy groups to "investigate incidents of abuse and neglect of individuals with mental illness if the incidents are reported to the system or if there is probable cause to believe that the incidents occurred."

"There is a difference of opinion between the hospital administration and our office as to the interpretation of these access requirements. So we tossed it to the judge," Campbell said.

(MCM)

connection with the nonrenewal of contracts of 87 alien teachers, mostly Filipinos and Indians. The teachers are scheduled for repatriation by the end of school year 1996.

However, MAFEI president Virgilio Abueme said last week his group has temporarily put its plan on hold pending talks with House leaders.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives' health, education and welfare committee, headed by Rep. Malua Peter, is set to conduct today an oversight hearing to evaluate the performance of PSS and to discuss the status of alien teachers in the CNMI. (MCM)

acquisition because as much as possible, he wants government to be paying for private land acquired for public purposes rather than give land exchanges.

Knowing that government is projecting to collect more than \$10 million this year versus earlier estimates, Tenorio said it is his assumption that the budget he submitted for FY 1997 is a conservative figure.

"We can expect more than \$237 million in FY 97 but at this time, we are not proposing to submit a revised budget of more than \$237 million because I want to be sure first that the additional \$10 million for FY 96 is really there," said the governor.

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Kinney wants hearing on Hillblom lease

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

PETITIONER Kaelani Kinney HAS asked the Superior Court to conduct a hearing into the lease of Larry Hillblom's property in Mirabel, France which the sus-

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MTC replaces Rob Enfield

SAIPAN Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) announced today that MTC General Manager, Robert E. Enfield, a 30-year veteran of GTE and MTC, will join the Dallas Corporate Headquarters of GTE.

He will be succeeded by Del Jenkins, another GTE veteran.

Jenkins will move to Saipan from Caracas, Venezuela, where he most recently was Director of Operations/Public Communications with Compania Anonima Nacional Telefonos de Venezuela (CANTV), a GTE led consortium. Jenkins earned a bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Missouri in 1975. In 1977, he joined GTE as a management trainee in Grinnell, Iowa and over the last twenty years has advanced in the GTE corporation.

"I'm very happy to have Mr. Jenkins succeed me as a general manager of MTC," Mr. Enfield said. "Del brings extensive international telecommunications experience and a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and energy needed to continue MTC's growth into the next century."

ended estate executor allegedly has been mum about.

Kinney, through counsel David J. Lujan, requested the court to compel the suspended estate executor Bank of Saipan to "spill the beans" into the lease of Ski Chalet Mirabel.

Kinney urged the estate's Special Administrator William I. Webster to seek reimbursement of \$34,980 and other past expenditures of the chalet.

The petitioner is the mother of Larry Hillbloom, Hillbloom's alleged son.

Kinney discussed the lease in her opposition to an item in the activity report filed by the executor for the month of March on the basis that the chalet is being rented to DHL or businessman Patrick Lupo.

Lujan said Webster should be commended for revealing in court that chalet is being leased.

In the past, Lujan claimed that



David J. Lujan



Kaelani Kinney

the suspended executor has been completely mute about the lease. "In fact, the court was informed that the Chalet is unoccupied except for occasional use by DHL personnel," said Kinney's counsel in opposing the report. He said the court has been mis-

led and tricked into authorizing certain payments for the property's maintenance and renovations.

Lujan added that Kinney submits that Webster translates the lease agreement into English so that all can understand the estate's

obligation under the lease. Court documents showed that Hillbloom owned the chalet individually and only visited it a few times.

The property is used on occasions to entertain European customers of DHL. The estate has incurred expenses in maintaining the property.

Last January, the court approved the executor's petition for payment of \$11,500 for renovation, monthly basic bills and yearly insurance for the chalet.

The chalet is part of Hillbloom's numerous property assets scattered all over the world. His assets were last estimated by the executor at \$450 million.

Hillbloom died in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1995.

Some of his close friends, business associates and his three alleged children, filed claims against the estate.

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Gov't tries harder to shoo lawyers

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety

MAJURO - A government agency in the Marshall Islands filed a suit in the High Court Wednesday (April 24) to dismiss a Social Security action seeking more than half-a-million dollars in back taxes and penalties. The move is part of a continuing effort by the government to keep private attorneys from representing government agencies and corporations.

James McCaffrey, attorney for Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority (KADA) filed the motion stating that by law, the Attorney General is the only one who can represent Social Security and file lawsuits on its behalf. KADA has received more

than \$40 million over the past 10 years from the US government to develop Ebeye, the island next to the U.S. Army's Kwajalein missile range where 10,000 Marshall Islanders live.

"The filing of the complaint by Carl B. Ingram, purportedly on behalf of the Marshall Islands Social Security Administration, was illegal, unauthorized by any lawful authority and possibly unethical," KADA brief said.

KADA officials are incensed not only by the Social Security law suit brought by Ingram on behalf of the agency, but also because they hold him responsible for stalling a loan application made by KADA to Social Security. KADA Finance Direc-

tor David Blake said the agency sought a loan from Social Security in part to pay off its back taxes to the same office, but that Ingram and the Social Security administrator raised questions that prevented the loan.

"As far as we are concerned, he's still working for us," said Dennis Momotaro, chairman of the Social Security board. Momotaro said the board received a letter last week from the Attorney General withdrawing Ingram's authorization to work for the agency and has not yet met about the matter. However, he said that while he respects the position of the AG, there has been no official decision made by the board on this matter. The board, and not the AG, has the authority for hiring and firing consultants, money managers and attorneys, Momotaro said.

He added that one of Ingram's jobs

for Social Security is to collect unpaid bills. He's just doing his job," he said. "What grounds do we have to fire him?" Social Security administrator Joseph Lanwi said they've been told by the AG to stop using Ingram, but that the agency has no complaints about his work.

A law passed by Nitijela (parliament) a year ago bars private attorneys from representing Social Security and other agencies of the government, requiring the government's attorney general to take care of legal needs of the agency. But Attorney General Gerald Zachios authorized Ingram to work for Social Security in January, primarily because the AG's office is understaffed for handling the affairs of the multitude of government agencies. Zachios then rescinded the authorization earlier this month after cabinet minister and paramount chief Imata Kabua, who chairs KADA, told him to terminate Ingram.

The KADA motion before the High Court said that the Nitijela law allows the Attorney General - but not agency - to hire outside attorneys to assist in representing public corporations and agencies.

The KADA High Court motion continued: "It is common knowledge and the court's records show that since February 28 1995 (when the law was passed) Carl B. Ingram has files and continues to file actions purportedly on behalf of Social Security, National Telecommunications Authority, and possibly one other public corporation or agency. "KADA said that private attorneys may not assist with more than one agency, and this rule cannot be waived.

Ingram said KADA is just trying to avoid paying what it owes Social Security by attacking him. He said that nobody objects to collection efforts by Social Security until he sues high ranking government officials.

Japan to fund aid project

JAPAN has agreed to fund a 2 million Solomon Island dollar (US\$598,000) aid project to the Solomon Islands Fire Service.

The project includes two new fire engines, two computer sets, spares and special servicing tools, SIBC reports.

Director of fire service Timothy Papangu says the equipment will be received by police and national security minister, Victor Ngele, in a handover ceremony today.

He says the two new fire engines, will bring the number of fire engines to seven including four smaller ones.

Papangu says it is hoped the two new engines will help improve the work of fire station operations which have had difficulties in the past...Pacnews.

Transitional government orders 'peace linkages'

THE BOUGAINVILLE transitional government has ordered the Bougainville Administration to establish "linkages" to ensure a coherent approach to peace-building in the trouble-torn Papua New Guinea province.

This follows the security forces' imposition of restrictions on the Northwest Interim Authority area, which stopped all bulk buying of foodstuffs, tradestore goods and even medical supplies, the Post-Courier reports.

Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan said late last week that the restrictions were illegal and on Monday

the security forces said they had been lifted as of noon Sunday. But reports up to Thursday indicated that shops at the township of Kokopau were still closed.

Provincial government officials say that Provincial Secretary John Siau would have talks with the Bougainville Forward Tactical Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Yaura Sasa, today.

Sau set up liaison between the different government agencies on Bougainville in 1988 and 1989 when the Forward Operations Base was at the then Rabaul Police Station....Pacnews.

Cooperation among state heads in region stressed

KIRIBATI president Teburoro Tito is confident that the newly-organized Council of Micronesian Chief Executives will achieve significant economic benefits for the entire Micronesian region. Speaking in Honolulu following this week's summit meeting of Micronesian leaders, president Tito told Hawaii Public Radio that full economic development of the Micronesian region is dependent upon cooperation among the area's eleven countries and states.

He says the job to be done can-

not be achieved unilaterally. Before departing Honolulu for Majuro and meeting with Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua, Tito said the work of the new Council of Micronesian Chief Executives will be good for each island and the Micronesian region as a whole.

In its first official resolution, the Council has called on the United States government to take actions that will lower the cost of using US ships to transport goods across the Micronesian Pacific...Pacnews.

Showdown looms between Fiji airline and workers

A SHOWDOWN is looming between Fiji's International Airline Air Pacific and the Fiji Aviation Workers Association over the airline's recognition of a rival flight attendants union.

The Daily Post reports Association General Secretary Attar Singh has written to Air Pacific's management asking it to clarify whether his union is eligible to represent flight attendants.

He says the airline continues to recognize the rival Air Pacific Flights Association as the legitimate representative of flight attendants when records show the Aviation Workers Union represents more than 60 percent of the cabin crew.

Air Pacific says it wants to see only one set of rules apply to flight attendants but Singh has accused its management of trying to break up his union....Pacnews.

BUCKLE-UP SAIPAN

Police brace for rebel attacks in Southern RP 'peace zone'

ILIGAN, Philippines (AP) - Government troops were put on alert Sunday at a "peace zone" in the southern Philippines amid reports that a breakaway Muslim rebel group was massing its forces in the area.

Police Chief Inspector Amor Masbod said armed men in groups of at least 40 have been reported roaming in seven towns of Lanao del Norte province, about 770 kilometers (480 miles) southeast of Manila.

Masbod, chief of the Lanao police mobile force, said all sightings pointed to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front - MILF - which had figured in various battles with government troops in different parts of Mindanao.

Lanao del Norte was dubbed a peace zone last year after local officials signed a peace accord with leaders of the mainstream Moro National Liberation Front - MNLF.

Gov. Abdullah Dimaporo said he wanted his province to be a model in the quest for peace in Mindanao, which had been rocked by persistent attacks by rebel groups.

Dozens of soldiers, rebels, and civilians have already been killed in intermittent clashes between government and MILF troops the

Balabagan to receive gifts, money

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Sarah Balabagan, a teen-age Filipino maid accused of killing her employer in the United Arab Emirates, has moved from death row to riches, news reports said Wednesday.

The 17-year-old from the southern Philippines received extensive publicity after she was sentenced in the United Arab Emirates to death for stabbing her employer. She said she killed her boss in self-defense when he tried to rape her.

Following an international outcry and representations by Philippine officials, an appeals court overturned the death penalty and sentenced her instead to one year in prison, 100 lashes and payment of \$ 41,000 in blood money to her employer's family.

Offers of support for Balabagan have since poured in from around the world, making her rich by Philippine standards, according to the reports.

A Filipino tycoon has offered her 700,000 pesos (\$27,000), and a French group is providing 1 million pesos (\$ 38,500) for her education and support for her to start a business enterprise, they said.

She has been receiving fan mail and gifts ranging from apples to designer dresses, newspapers quoted Philippine diplomats as saying.

A Swiss news agency offered Balabagan an all-expense-paid trip to Switzerland in exchange for an interview, the Philippine Daily Inquirer said.

The \$ 41,000 in blood money was raised through donations from foreigners and Filipinos here and in the Middle East.

Balabagan may be freed in July, three months before the end of her one-year sentence, according to Philippine diplomats.

past weeks in the provinces of Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotabato and Basilan.

Despite a truce signed between MILF and military leaders, fighting between the two groups was reported going on in Tipo-Tipo town in Basilan island, 865 kilometers (540 miles) south of Manila.

Lanao del Norte residents feared the "encroachment" of MILF men in the known MNLF stronghold would shatter the peace.

Late Saturday, two children were killed and 11 people were hurt when a home-made bomb exploded inside a passenger jeep in Tubod town.

One victim, 8, died instantly and the other from shrapnel wounds. The second, 6, succumbed while being treated in a hospital.

"She seemed determined to hold on but her injuries were just too much

for her to bear," said nurse Rebecca Miranda of the Tubod community hospital.

A third child aged 4 and a 60-year-old woman were still in critical conditions, other hospital personnel said.

A 15-year-old boy was caught as a suspect in the bombing but police would not say if he had anything to do with the Muslim rebels spotted in the area.

Authorities said the jeep was loaded with passengers and about to leave its station in Tubod when the bomb went off.

Investigators also would not say if the blast has anything to do with almost a dozen explosions that have injured at least 19 people since March 10 in Zamboanga City and Basilan province southwest of Lanao del Norte.

Among the targets were two Roman Catholic churches and a Protestant chapel.

Japanese executive found dead in Manila apartment

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A Japanese businessman was found dead of stab wounds inside his Manila apartment. Police said Sunday they suspected he was killed in a robbery possibly arranged by a girlfriend.

Investigators identified the victim as Tomoyo Iwamoto, 58, of Toyohashi City in Aichi prefecture in Japan.

Officer Ronald Hernandez said the victim bore 13 body stab wounds from an icepick and had an electric cord around his neck.

Police said Iwamoto's death was reported Saturday afternoon by Carolina Penafior, a former tourist guide who claimed to be a friend of the victim.

Penafior told police and reporters that she was to get her taxicab from Iwamoto at his apartment in Manila's Santa Ana district when she discovered the murder.

"There was no answer when I knocked on his door. When I peeped through a window, I saw him slumped on a pool of blood," she said. Penafior said the cab was also missing.

Investigators said they are looking for a woman believed to be Iwamoto's girlfriend, who may have murdered him out of anger and robbed him at the same time.

Police quoted a witness as saying the woman got mad when Iwamoto asked her to pay the money he lent her.

The Japanese Embassy in Manila says Iwamoto owns a taxi company operating in Manila.

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US-brokered ceasefire takes effect

War losses pegged at \$500-M

By GREG MYRE

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Refugees flocked back to south Lebanon in a second day of bumper-to-bumper convoys Sunday as initial estimates put the country's losses from Israel's 16-day war with Islamic guerrillas at \$ 500 million.

United Nations officers said Hezbollah guerrillas and Israeli troops were abiding by the U.S.-brokered cease-fire, which took hold at dawn Saturday, ending the worst flare-up on the only active Arab-Israeli war front in nearly 14 years.

In Nabatiyeh, a southern market town facing Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone," residents planned a funeral service for victims of Israel's air, sea and artillery blitz. Among the dead were a woman and her seven children, including a four-day-old baby girl, killed in an Israeli attack on their house April 18.

In Qana, a mass funeral was planned for 91 civilians killed when Israeli gunners pounded a U.N. base sheltering refugees a few hours after the attack on Nabatiyeh.

All told, 162 people were killed and 339 wounded in the attacks, which reduced some villages to rubble. Most of the dead were Lebanese civilians.

About 500,000 people fled to safer areas, where they spent two weeks squatting in schools, mosques and churches.

Lebanese officials say some 300,000 returned to their villages Saturday. The coastal highway from Beirut was jammed Sunday with hundreds of cars, snaking around craters caused by Israeli naval bombardment.

Mosque preachers marking the first day of the holiest Muslim feast - Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice - called for nationwide fund-raising campaigns to help the villagers. Many lost their life savings in the war.

Joy, anxiety and pain overwhelmed the refugees as they inspected damaged homes or searched for relatives and neighbors who had stayed behind.

A 66-year-old man collapsed with a heart attack. Another elderly man wept as he saw his life's work had been demolished in an air raid. A third was just happy to be alive and resume his normal life.

On the other side of the border, the 20,000 people who fled guerrilla rocket attacks on northern Israel were urged to return home



An Israeli woman weeps next to the grave of a relative in Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Cemetery Tuesday. Israelis flocked to cemeteries and stood for a minute of silence as sirens wailed throughout the country in commemoration of Israel's Memorial day, honoring Israeli casualties of war.

AP Photo

by Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Israel waged its operation to stop Hezbollah's Shiite Muslim guerrillas from shooting Katyusha rockets into northern Israel. But guerrillas kept firing them to the last minute before the cease-fire deadline Saturday.

Lebanese army's engineers worked around-the-clock to repair blown up water pipes, electricity poles and public facilities destroyed in attacks. Sappers removed unexploded ordnance littering southern villages.

Groups of army officers and civil engineers were assessing the new damage Lebanon sustained. Even before the latest fighting, the country was struggling to rebuild from the devastating 1975-90 civil war.

Officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said initial estimates put the losses at \$500 million.

Report says Hezbollah guerrillas stopped in So. America

JERUSALEM (AP) - South American police recently apprehended at the Paraguay-Argentina border Hezbollah guerrillas on their way to attack a Jewish institution, Israeli army radio reported Sunday.

The radio said the planned attack was in response to Israel's 16-day military bombardment of Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon. The Israeli operation ended Saturday with a U.S.-brokered cease-fire.

The report did not say when the guerrillas were arrested.

Electricity, water and road networks took the brunt of the attacks, setting back the drive to rebuild the infrastructure.

In the village of Shaqra, about a mile (1.6 kilometers) north of the Israeli-controlled border enclave, returning refugees found downed power cables, uprooted trees, debris of damaged houses and twisted hulks of burned-out cars.

"My tears have dried up," Mohammed Ibrahim Ghanoush, a 65-year-old Lebanese emigrant from Liberia, said as he stood beside the demolished remains of his luxurious villa.

U.N. peacekeepers rescued a 55-year-old woman and her 20-year-old son Saturday from under the rubble of a house, where they had been trapped for three days.

Israel eases rule against Palestinians taking jobs

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel on Sunday eased a closure imposed on Palestinians after a series of bombing attacks, allowing thousands of Palestinians to return to their jobs, an official said.

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip after a series of suicide bombings in February and March that killed 63 people.

On Sunday, Israel radio said 10,000 Palestinians would be allowed to travel to their jobs, border crossings would be open for trade and Palestinian trucks would receive escorts to destinations inside the Jewish state.

The easing coincided with the four-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice that marks the biblical story of the patriarch Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son in the name of God.

Shlomo Dror, spokesman for

The woman was unhurt and her son suffered leg and neck wounds.

The cease-fire prohibits attacks on civilians on both sides of the border, but does not rule out hostilities in the Israeli-controlled strip in south Lebanon. Israel carved out the enclave in 1985 to prevent border infiltrations.

Still, Israel's top general emphasized Saturday that Israel has the right to return fire on Hezbollah guerrillas who attack Israeli soldiers from inside Lebanese villages, even if the retaliation causes civilian casualties.

Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, at a news conference in Tel Aviv to explain cease-fire, said the provision was contained in a letter that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher gave to the Israeli prime minister.

New machine hangs up on unwanted callers

By PATRICIA BIBBY

NEW YORK (AP) - Legend has it that Dorothy Parker so hated the intrusiveness of the telephone that when it would ring, she'd ask bitterly, "What fresh hell is this?"

If only Mrs. Parker and her vicious circle had been able to get their hands on a Bouncer, a devilishly clever piece of machinery that discreetly hangs up on any incoming telephone call you tell it to.

The Bouncer, made by SNI Innovations in Waltham, Massachusetts, is the perfect gadget for celebrities who look at phones as the final frontier where their adoring - or just plain crazy - fans can still get to them. The bouncer allows anyone with Caller ID to either put the call directly through; to send it to an answering machine; or, after two rings, to hang up.

"Celebrities love it because privacy is a big issue and they get calls all the time," says SNI spokesman Ron Weinberg, declining to say which celebrities own Bouncers. "People always find out their phone numbers whether they are listed or unlisted."

The best part? Callers who have been bounced probably won't be able to tell - all they hear are a couple rings and then an innocent click.

"The idea of Bouncer is you don't want to agitate the situation," says Weinberg. "It's sort of diabolical but it also a very polite way of handling an annoying situation."

Weinberg thinks of the Bouncer, available through catalogs for about \$100, as a tool to weed out the ever-increasing "junk mail via the phone."

"People are just so tired from

US warship rescues seven Japanese fishermen

TOKYO (AP) - A U.S. warship rescued seven Japanese fishermen after they had abandoned their blazing vessel in waters off Okinawa on Sunday, U.S. Navy officials said.

The destroyer USS O'Brien, based in Yokosuka, Japan and in the area for training drills, saw smoke from the burning 20-ton Haka Maru shortly after dawn, Navy officials said.

The O'Brien plucked the crew members, who were in a small life craft, from near the blazing ship about 120 kilometers (75 miles) off Japan's southernmost island of Okinawa.

There were no injuries, though the fishing boat was destroyed, according to Navy officials. The incident occurred at 6:45 a.m. (2145 Saturday GMT).

The rape of an Okinawan schoolgirl by U.S. servicemen last year fueled opposition to American bases on the island.

In a step toward reconciliation, Washington had agreed earlier this month to return some key U.S. military bases to Okinawa.

their daily life that speaking on the phone isn't the most enjoyable experience anymore," Weinberg says. "This gives people more of a discretion about who they want to talk to."

Sentiments that surely would have captured the heart of Dorothy Parker.

San Francisco's 2 major dailies to merge

SAN JOSE, California (AP) - A plan to merge San Francisco's two major daily newspapers is "essentially done" and could be completed within a week, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

The plan calls for Hearst Corp. to close its evening San Francisco Examiner in exchange for a minority interest and editorial control of the morning San Francisco Chronicle, an anonymous source told the San Jose

Man sentenced for ordering pizza with judge's credit card

RENO, Nevada (AP) - A clerk who renewed a judge's newspaper subscription - then used his credit card number to order more than \$25 worth of pizza - was sentenced to at least a year in jail.

Kenneth Victor Roberts, 31, was sentenced to 12 to 34 months in jail

Friday, a month after pleading guilty to the illegal use of Washoe District Judge Mills Lane's credit card.

Roberts got the number Aug. 1, when Lane called the Daily Sparks Tribune to renew his subscription.

He was arrested 10 days later after using the number to order pizza.

Washoe District Judge James Stone also gave Roberts a concurrent nine-month sentence stemming from his arrest for an attempted bank robbery. Under a plea agreement, he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of conspiracy to commit burglary.

paper.

"The deal is essentially done," the source said. "The details will be wrapped up in a week or so."

The two papers have been publishing under a joint operating agreement set to expire in 2005. They share business operations but have separate news and editorial staffs.

Officials at Hearst, the Chronicle and members of the De Young family, who own the

Chronicle, could not be reached for comment.

Sharon Rosenhouse, managing editor of news at the Examiner, said she didn't know of an agreement.

"We're looking ahead to the Examiner next week, next month, next year," Rosenhouse said. "There have been predictions of the Examiner's imminent demise for years and years - and the paper is still here."

Hearst has been pursuing the Chronicle for the past few years.

A merger would likely mean several hundred people would lose their jobs, union officials said.

The source also told the San Jose paper that Hearst would retain its right of first refusal to buy out the De Young family's share of the Chronicle, and the joint operating agreement will be extended indefinitely.

"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.

The construction will be performed in phases based on the financial pledges from the community. The following is the scope of work, and contractors are requested to submit cost proposals according to the list:

1. Site Work
2. Columns, Wall Footings Foundation
3. Floor Slab
4. Plastering
5. Roof Slab
6. Plastering
7. Doors and Windows
8. Plumbing/Electrical Finishes
9. Painting
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.

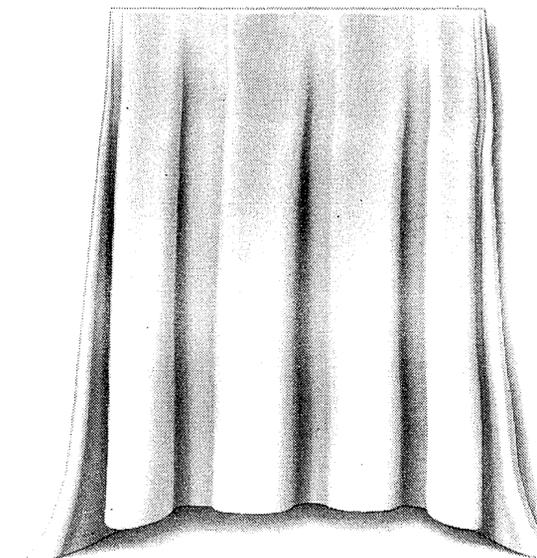
A pre-construction Conference is scheduled for April 29, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the San Jude Office. All concerns must be put in writing and submitted at least three (3) days prior to the conference.

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

Should you have any questions prior to the conference, please fax your concerns to Elizabeth SaLas-Balajadia, P.E. at 233-1075 or call her at 233-1073.


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Hollywood movie review

Williams, Hackman in 'Birdcage'

By LUCETTE BENTLEY
For the Variety

A CONTEMPORARY American version of the outrageous French comedy LA CAGE AUX FOLLES. As modern as this minute, as pertinent as today, this Elaine May scripted film portrays Armand

(ROBI- WILLIAMS) and Albert (NATHAN LANE) as having a home life many would envy. They share a long-term committed relationship encompassing their lives and careers and have together raised Armand's son Val (DAN FUTTERMAN) into a caring, re-

sponsible and mature young man. So when Val arrives home and announced his engagement to the daughter of an ultra-conservative U.S. Senator, what choice is there but to accept this decision with love?

Meanwhile, Senator Keeley (GENE HACKMAN) and his wife (DIANNE WIEST) are facing bigger problems than their daughter's (CALISTA FLOCKHART) unexpected engagement. A visit to their future in-laws could be just the thing to take the public's focus off their predicament.

The arrival of the Keeleys sets off a comedy of errors as Armand and Albert attempt to play out the roles of your typical American husband and "wife."

"Family values is an idea that cannot belong to any one group, because everyone has families, director Mike Nichols points out. "The Birdcage" is a comedy about what constitutes a family and the lengths to which people who love their family will go for them."

"When I saw the original movie 'La Cage aux Folles' in 1978," confided Nichols, "I thought it would make a great American movie about family. This is a project I've wanted to do for 15

years because I knew from the first that it was a timeless comedy with a terrific plot and a wonderful ending."

"One of the main things I wanted to do in casting the movie was to find exactly the right actors for each role, right down to the non-speaking parts. It goes without saying that Robin is a wonderful actor, and the story required someone with Robin's unlimited resources at the center of it."

"I wanted to play Armand" said Williams, "because it gave me an opportunity to portray a very dry type of comedy versus being outrageous"

"I've known Gene Hackman for a long time," Williams added, "and I know how funny he can be. His genius is that he can be true and fun at the same time..."

"We had a rule on the picture—Nichols reveals. "The actors would do the written script until I was satisfied and then we would do one take in which they could improvise."

Williams commented, "It does two things: it frees you up and it adds a certain wild energy to the mix. Then even the scripted lines are gassed up because it is no

holds barred, the rules are off. Sometimes it is great, sometimes it misses, but it spices it up and adds fire to the situation."

ROBIN WILLIAMS (Armand Goldman), hailed for his comic genius, has earned equal acclaim for his powerful performances in a number of dramatic roles. He has been honored with three Academy Award nominations for Best Actor for 'Good Morning, Vietnam,' 'Dead Poets Society,' and 'The Fisher King.' He also garnered widespread praise for his work in 'Mrs. Doubtfire.'

Born in Chicago, Williams grew up in northern California where he first showcased his comedic gifts.

GENE HACKMAN (Senator Keeley) is one of the film industry's most admired actors, whose work has been consistently honored by critics, audiences and his peers, with a career spanning over three decades and encompassing over 50 films. Earlier in his career, he won a Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of tough cop Popeye Doyle in 'The French Connection.' His illustrious career also include such notable titles as 'The Poseidon,' 'Bonnie and Clyde,' among many others.



Armand Goldman (ROBIN WILLIAMS, left) and Albert (NATHAN LANE) have to make a few changes to prepare for a visit from future in-laws in United Artists' hilarious comedy THE BIRDCAGE, the contemporary American version of La Cage Aux Folles, directed by Mike Nichols from a screenplay by Elaine May.



Louise Keeley (DIANNE WIEST), Agador (HANK AZARIA), Senator Keeley (GENE HACKMAN) and Kathrine (CHRISTINE BARANSKI) share an evening of surprises in United Artists' insightful comedy THE BIRDCAGE.

Celebrity birthdays for late April

APRIL 25: Legendary singer Ella Fitzgerald, 78; actor Al Pacino, 56; Bjorn Ulvaeus of Abba, 51; actress Talia Shire, 50; Andy Bell of Erasure, 32.

April 26: Comedian-actress Carol Burnett, 63; Maurice Williams of Maurice and the Zodiacs, 58; guitarist Duane Eddy, 58; singer Bobby Rydell, 54; movie monster Godzilla, 40; actor Giancarlo Esposito, 38; musician Roger Taylor of Duran Duran, 36; actor-singer Michael Damian, 34; singer T-Boz of TLC, 26.

April 27: Messy actor Jack Klugman, 74; announcer Casey Kasem, 64; actress Anouk

Aimee, 64; beehived Kate Pierson of The B-52's, 48; pop singer Sheena Easton, 37; singer Mica Paris, 27.

April 28: Actress Ann-Margaret, 55; actress Marcia Strassman of "Welcome Back, Kotter," 48; actor Bruno Kirby, 47; TV talk show host Jay Leno, 46; rapper Too Short, 30; Big Gipp of the Goodie Mob, 23; actress Melissa Joan Hart of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," 20.

April 29: Singer Tommy James of Tommy James and the Shondells, 49; comedian Jerry Seinfeld, 42; actress Kate Mulgrew, 41; actor Daniel Day-

Lewis, 39; singer Carnie Wilson of Wilson Phillips, 28; actress Uma Thurman, 26; musician Mike Hogan of the Cranberries, 23.

April 30: Singer Willie Nelson, 63; singer Bobby Vee, 53; actress Jill Clayburgh, 52; musician Robert Reynolds of the Mavericks, 34; actor Johnny Galecki of "Roseanne," 21.

May 1: Actor John Beradino, Dr. Steve Hardy on TV's "General Hospital," 79; singer Judy Collins, 57; "Ghostbusters" singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr., 42; rocker Johnny Colt of the Black Crowes, 28; rapper Chris Kelly of Kris Kross, 18.

Report: Money US pays to Vietnam unaccounted for

SAN JOSE, California (AP) - Millions of dollars that the United States pays Vietnam to search for the remains of American servicemen are unaccounted for, and the U.S. government does not track how the money is being spent, the San Jose Mercury News reported Sunday.

More than a third of the \$ 11.2 million paid to Vietnam in 1995 could not be accounted for in the fund, which the Department of Defense oversees, the paper reported.

Since 1992, the U.S. government has paid Vietnam \$ 33.6 million for the program — perhaps more than any other country — to resolve the fate of soldiers who did not return from the Vietnam War.

More than 1,600 Americans are still listed as missing in action in Vietnam. They are considered legally dead, although the U.S. government continues searching to reach "the fullest possible accounting" of those who served in the war.

It is common practice for the Vietnamese government to charge abnormally high labor fees when foreigners hire laborers through the government and to keep large portions of the wages for official use.

But while people in Hanoi familiar with the U.S. fund have long been aware of the government's practice, there has been no evidence that the funds were used for personal gain.

Vietnamese officials have repeatedly refused to discuss how the funds are spent.

U.S. officials defended the program, saying that the United States is paying for a service and getting it.

"How (the funds are) disbursed within Vietnam is not our concern," said Lt. Col. Timothy Bosse, the U.S. MIA commander in Hanoi. "(Vietnamese officials) don't report that to us nor do we ask for reports — and it's probably none of our business."

Others say the high fees are a means to an end.

"Someone at a high level thought we could buy the Vietnamese — if we paid enough money they would give us remains," said Garnett Bell Jr., the Pentagon's chief MIA investigator in Hanoi from 1989 through 1991.

The newspaper found the following from its two-month investi-

gation:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MARY GAY CONZADO

April 30 from your friends and special ones.



Ukrainian environmental activists sit Monday in front of Kiev's Presidential residence, around a coffin, holding crosses inscribed with the names of villages around the Chernobyl nuclear station which were abandoned after the April 26, 1986 disaster. About 100 Greenpeace members picketed the residence, demanding the immediate shut down of the station. AP Photo

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting applicants for the following position at the Saipan International Airport.
One (1) Ground Maintenance Worker 1
The salary for this position is a minimum of \$471.73 bi-weekly to a maximum of \$640.44 bi-weekly.
The employee is responsible for ground maintenance of areas adjacent to restricted and sensitive navigational aids and devices at Saipan International Airport.
This employee is responsible for maintenance of ground areas to the lighting aids and navigational aids by performing mowing work and other clearing methods and procedures, including operating the incinerator system at the Saipan International Airport.
The minimum qualifications is any combination equivalent to graduation from a high school or GED or trade school with at least two years of experience in airport operations. Application forms are available at the Security Office, First Floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office, Second Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m., April 30, 1996. For more information, please call the Commonwealth Ports Authority at telephone number 664-3500/01.

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Black WWII vets to get medals

WASHINGTON (AP) - Five decades after they fought, seven black war heroes are in line to get the Medal of Honor, America's

highest military decoration. The names of the seven, who were among 1.2 million blacks who served in World War II, have

been sent to President Clinton, who says the honors are long overdue.

"The president believes these

are honors that should have been bestowed a long time ago," Deputy White House Press Secretary Ginny Terzano said Saturday. "It's doing the right thing to give the Medal of Honor to them now."

U.S. News and World Report says in its May 6 issue, on newsstands Monday, that the combat records of the seven nominees met the standards of a special Army Senior Officer Awards Board. The nominees were identified in a 15-month study conducted by a team of military historians, assembled by Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, the magazine reported.

The list also has been forwarded to Congress, which must waive the time limit for awarding World War II medals. It expired in 1952. The waivers are included in the fiscal 1997 defense authorization bill.

The nominees are: 1st Lt. Vernon J. Baker, 76, of St. Maries, Idaho, the only one of the seven men still alive; 1st Lt. Charles L. Thomas of Detroit; Pvt. George Watson of Birmingham, Ala.;

Staff Sgt. Edward A. Carter Jr. of Los Angeles; 1st Lt. John R. Fox of Boston; Pfc. Willy F. James Jr. of Kansas City, Kan.; and Staff Sgt. Ruben Rivers of Tecumseh, Okla.

"Oh, I just pray that they will hurry up so that I live to see it," Grace Rivers Woodfork, 80, of Oakland, California, the elder sister of Rivers, told U.S. News.

The team of historians reviewed the nation's archives and interviewed veterans to find out why no black received any of the 432 Medals of Honor given to World War II soldiers. Nine blacks received the second-highest honor, the Distinguished Service Cross.

The 272-page study found no evidence that any black soldier in World War II was ever nominated for the Medal of Honor, although commanders, comrades and archival records indicate that at least four of the seven nominees had been recommended, U.S. News reported.

The study also did not find official evidence suggesting racial bias in the Army's award policy at the time, the magazine said, but the study's authors say the political climate and common Army practices during the war guaranteed that no black soldier would ever receive the military's top award.

"Segregating units by race complicated and slowed training, exacerbated relations between officers and enlisted men and between commanders and their units, and undermined the morale of these units in both subtle and obvious ways," according to the study.

U.S. News gave these accounts of the nominated soldiers' service:

Baker, a platoon leader, won the Distinguished Service Cross while fighting in Italy with Company C, 370th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Division.

Carter, with Company No. 1 (provisional), 56th Armored Infantry, 12th Armored Division, won the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions in combat in Germany on March 23, 1945. He died in 1962.

Fox, an artillery observer with Cannon Company, 366th Infantry, 92nd Division, was killed in action in Italy in 1944, and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

James, with Company G, 413th Infantry Regiment, 104th Division, was killed in action in Germany on April 7, 1945. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Rivers, with Company A, 761st Tank Battalion, 3rd Army, was killed in action in France in 1944. He was awarded a Silver Star, the Army's third-highest award for valor.

Thomas, with Company C, 614th Tank-destroyer Battalion, 103rd Division, won a Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in combat near Climbach, France, and died in 1980.

Watson, with the 29th Quartermaster Regiment, drowned rescuing others when his ship was sunk by Japanese bombers near Porloch Harbor, New Guinea, on March 8, 1943.



Labor union members punch the air with their fists as they demand a reduction of U.S. military facilities in Japan, in front of the Okinawa Prefectural Government Building in Naha. The protest came before President Clinton arrived in Tokyo for a summit with Japan's Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. The front banner reads: "Now undergoing strike." AP photo

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



HERMAN ROSARIO SABLAN

"PEPERO"

October 29, 1937 - April 23, 1996
of Navy Hill, Saipan

was called to his eternal rest at the age of 58,
on Tuesday April 23, 1996 at the
Commonwealth Health Center.

In his death, he now joins his wife Carmen K. Sablan; his daughter Magdalena K. Sablan; his father Jose C. Sablan "Pepero"; his brother Ramon R. Sablan; and his parents-in-laws Maximo and Maria Kapileo

He is survived by his

Children: Virginia Ann P. Sablan (Tacoma WA); Robert K. Sablan / Desiree Sablan (San Jose, CA); Janet K. Sablan / Joey Benavente; Jimmy K. Sablan / Melissa Agulto; Maximo K. Sablan and Cesar K. Sablan.

Mother: Maria R. Sablan

Brothers and Sisters: Cesario R. Sablan (Redwood City, CA); Maria S. Camacho; Jesus R. Sablan, Magdalena S. George and Francisco R. Sablan.

Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Cecilia Sablan (Redwood City CA); Petra P. San Nicolas (Tinian); Annie T. Sablan; Takeo N. George Vicky Maratitia; Moses and Katalina K. Pangelinan; Vivian Kapileo; Vicente Kapileo; Jesus Kapileo; Francisco Kapileo, and Silvero Kapileo.

He is additionally survived by his grandchildren, numerous nephew, and nieces.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the family residence at Navy Hill, Saipan. The body of the deceased will leave the Commonwealth Health Center at 8:00 a.m. Viewing will be at the Kristo Rai Church, Garapan, from 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 4:00 p.m. Internment services will follow at the Mount Carmel Cemetery.

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Freemen reportedly low on food

By TOM LACEY JORDAN, Mont. (AP) - An anti-government group appears to be running low on food and may be persuaded to surrender peacefully, said a former colonel who met with them for more than seven hours.

May be persuaded to surrender, says Gritz

Also Saturday, Stewart Douglas Waterhouse, 37, left the group's compound and surrendered to the FBI. He was being held in the Yellowstone County Jail, federal authorities said.

He was charged with being an accessory after the fact for entering the compound and joining the standoff after it began March 25, U.S. Attorney Sherry Scheel Matteucci said. He was expected to appear before a judge Monday.

Waterhouse has also been charged with felony intimidation in Oklahoma, she said. Further information was not available.

It is the first surrender since Ebert W. Stanton, 23, and his mother, Agnes B. Stanton, 52, left the compound April 11.

Meanwhile, James "Bo" Gritz also said all of the adult men he saw on the compound wore pistols and there were numerous rifles in their farm-

house. Two young girls in the ranch house were as "thin as rails," but otherwise appeared to be healthy, Gritz said at a news conference.

"We were there a long time, and all I asked for is a glass of water," Gritz said. "I sensed that they are rationing out."

Gritz, who helped end the 1992 bloody standoff between the FBI and a white separatist in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, gave the first public report of life on the compound where more than a dozen people, who call themselves the "Freemen," have been holed up in a 34-day standoff with the FBI.

Gritz said he will return Sunday morning for more talks and will insist that the FBI allow Randy Weaver to accompany him. Gritz helped end the Idaho standoff by persuading Weaver to surrender.

Weaver accompanied Gritz to Montana on Thursday but

said the FBI would not let him go to the Freeman's ranch.

Gritz said he saw 16 people in the main house on the Freeman's ranch, but was told there were 22 people on the property.

"I think their hope is that they (the FBI) will just go away - and I don't think that will happen," he said.

Since his arrival, Gritz has met with FBI officials each day to discuss his undisclosed plans to end the standoff in which an estimated 18 Freeman are encircled on the 960-acre (390 hectares) ranch.

FBI agents have surrounded the Freeman complex since March 25, when they arrested

two leaders of the anti-government group in a sting operation. Some of the Freeman are wanted on federal and state charges ranging from writing millions of dollars in worthless checks to threatening to murder a federal judge.

The Freeman contend they are not subject to federal or state laws, but are sovereign citizens of their own country and are governed only by common law. Like Weaver, whose wife and son and a U.S. marshal were shot to death in the 1992 confrontation, the Freeman ascribe to the Old Testament-based, white supremacist Christian Identity movement.

Gritz, 57, became a hero in right-wing circles when he staged several unsuccessful commando-style forays in Southeast Asia in the 1980s to search for war prisoners. His activities were curbed after U.S. authorities charged him with using a passport under a false name.

Weaver, 48, of Grand Junction, Iowa, was acquitted in 1993 in the marshal's death at Ruby Ridge. But he received an 18-month prison sentence for failure to appear at a trial on federal charges of selling a sawed-off shotgun to a federal agent. He was released with no probation.

Contestants in 'extreme fighting' tilt get arrested

MONTREAL (AP) - Several men who fought in an illegal "extreme fighting" competition that was transmitted to the United States have been arrested.

Extreme fighting - a no-holds-barred martial arts competition - is illegal in Canada because it is not sanctioned by a recognized athletics commission. Such fights are not illegal in the United States.

The Friday night competition was held on a Mohawk Indian reservation near Montreal. Police from the reservation and Quebec province arrested the men at a Montreal hotel, said Francois Dore, a provincial police spokesman.

Dore did not say how many fighters were detained but Radio-Canada reported that seven were arrested and that five others were being sought.

Charges were not immediately filed. None of the event's organizers were arrested.

The event, in which only eye-gouging and biting are prohibited, went ahead despite a last-minute injunction obtained by the Quebec government to block transmission of the fights to U.S. pay-per-view channels.

However, event promoters transmitted the fights via satellite.

Guy Chevette, Quebec's minister responsible for aboriginal affairs, said the province will ask federal authorities to strengthen the criminal code to prevent such competitions in the future.

Chevette said the federal Indian Act, which allows tribal councils to set up athletic commissions, doesn't take precedence over federal law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(04/11/96)

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Sihanouk denies plot for gov't leadership

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - King Norodom Sihanouk has denied that he and his family are plotting against Co-Premier Hun Sen who is threatening to use military force to crush such moves, a statement made available Sunday said.

Hun Sen vowed Saturday he would bring out troops to put down any demonstrators seeking to end the current coalition set-up and place Sihanouk at the head of a new government.

"I have no intention to descend into the political arena to ask, through a popular vote, for political power," Sihanouk's declaration said.

The statement was released Saturday in Paris, where Sihanouk has completed a state visit.

Rumors have circulated in Phnom Penh that anti-Hun Sen groups, including members of Sihanouk's family, would stage protests both in Phnom Penh and Paris Sunday.

Tension has escalated recently between the two key parties of the coalition, Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party and FUNCINPEC, the pro-royalist party headed by Sihanouk's son Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

Ranariddh and other members of Sihanouk's family are also in the French capital along with Sam Rainsy, who heads the banned opposition Khmer Nation Party.

The coalition came into being following the 1993 U.N.-organized elections in which no party gained a majority.

Speaking here Saturday, Hun Sen said that if demands of demonstrators were within the framework of the Constitution he would not oppose them.

"But if the demonstrations are to demolish the National Assembly and the government, I will use military force against them," he said. "I have already prepared it (military force) to oppose them."

But Sihanouk said he had no intention of violating the Cambodian constitution and that his son or FUNCINPEC were not planning to pull out of the coalition.

The king also said that there was no alliance between FUNCINPEC and the party of Sam Rainsy, who has blasted both sides of the coalition for corruption and mis-government.



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CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-295

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DIONICIO REPEKI OLAITIMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

TO: Creditors of the estate of Dionicio Repeki Olaitiman, deceased

You are hereby notified that Andresina W. Olaitiman, of Saipan, has been appointed and qualified as administratrix of the estate of Dionicio Repeki Olaitiman. The administratrix's attorney of record is Reynaldo O. Yana of P.O. Box 52, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby required to serve them duly certified on the said administratrix or her attorney of record at the addresses specified above, and to file them with the clerk of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, together with proof of such service, within 60 days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be barred. Dated this 25th day of April, 1996

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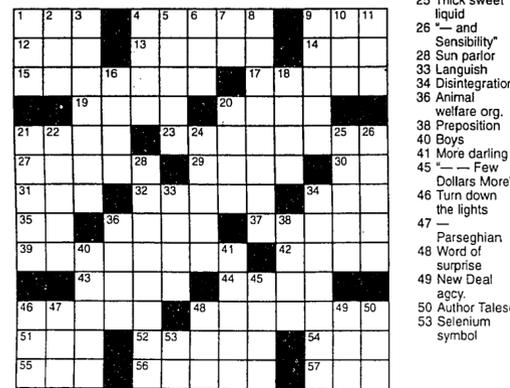
By Stella Wilder Born today, you possess a wisdom and a strength of character that is both typical of the Taurus native and unusual for a sign known for its impulsive approach to life. You have the ability to look at the big picture with considerably more success than your counterparts, and for this reason, you will find success when so many others find only disappointment. Both a thinker and a doer, you never rush in like a fool, but you approach everything with a curiosity and a caution that allows you to prevail even in the face of danger. You can assume many different guises, and this chameleon like quality, shared by only a few other Taurus natives, will set you apart from the masses. You can adapt swiftly to changing circumstances, even on the shortest notice. You will not get caught by surprise very often. Also born on this date are: Hirohito, Japanese Emperor; Andre Agassi, tennis player; Daniel Day-Lewis, actor; Zubin Mehta, conductor; Michelle Pfeiffer, actress. To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Share your thoughts freely with others today, but make sure to save some special time for yourself. Do not give everything away! GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Some fine-tuning will be necessary today before a project is ready to be unveiled before an eager audience of supporters and critics. Do not act prematurely. CANCER (June 21-July 22) - You might find that you can win over many people who might otherwise work against you today. Good timing, good luck and your charm will make the difference. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - You will wait for some important news regarding a personal development or a career choice. In the meantime, you can accomplish many things. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Have you settled for too little lately? Today, you will have an opportunity to demand more for yourself than you have in the past. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You will make a favorable impression on others by going about your business with a minimum amount of fuss today. Do not let down your guard. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - It may take you a long time today to get the kinks out and develop a natural stride. The more troublesome the warm-up, the more successful you can be. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - You must not waste any time today. Get to work as soon as you can, and continue the project you started yesterday. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You may be tempted to alter your routine today, but you must not change things while you are still getting results the old way! AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - An early start will enable you to get results before anyone else today. This will put you in the running for some important personal rewards. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today, you will want to take it easy in response to a major psychological challenge. The moment you get visibly upset, your opponent will have you beaten! ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You will not have enough time today to accomplish everything on your schedule. As a result, you may want to cut back on certain activities. Copyright 1996, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

CLOSERS

Between 1960-1990, total U.S. health expenditures rose from \$27.1 billion to \$666.2 billion. Among the fastest-rising expenses were home health care (which rose from less than \$1 million to \$6.9 billion) and nursing-home care (which rose from \$1 billion to \$53.1 billion). Rudyard Kipling, one of the 19th century's foremost writers, was once fired from a job as a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner. He was told, "I'm sorry, Mr. Kipling, but you just don't know how to use the English language. This isn't a kindergarten for amateur writers." About half of all Americans watch TV while they eat dinner. Update your dictionary. A peer group is a gathering of peeping Toms.

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Charles, Aaron share 2nd round Seniors lead

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Bob Charles and Tommy Aaron tied for the second-round lead in the Las Vegas Senior Classic by shooting a 2-under-par 70s. Charles, who had birdies on the first, fourth, seventh and 14th holes. "I feel strong, as strong as I've ever felt in my life. My 60-year-old body is holding up pretty good." Charles bogeyed Nos. 4 and 6. "It was a bit of a struggle with the wind," Charles said. "It made shot-making tricky and club selection that much more important." Aaron was erratic through the front nine holes, with two birdies and two bogeys, but then birdied two of the last three holes. "I was especially up and down at the start," Aaron said. "But I was happy with the round." Irwin, who has earned dls 625,925 this year, birdied the first two holes and also eagled No. 14. He took the lead at 9-under with three holes remaining, but three-putted the 18th and fell back to 136. "I suppose if I hadn't three-putted the final hole, I'd have been pretty satisfied with the round," Irwin said. "Generally speaking, I made up the ground I needed to make up. Getting myself into contention was the objective and I reached that." Ray Floyd started the day at 3-under, but birdied Nos. 4, 7 and 9 to pull within two shots of the leaders. But he had bogeys on No. 11 and 14 and tied Dave Stockton at 5-under 139.

Ozaki wins Chunichi crowns golf tourney

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) - Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki shot a three-under-par 67 Sunday and won the 120 million yen (\$1.13 million) Chunichi Crowns golf tournament by four strokes. It was the 49-year-old Ozaki's first victory this season and 75th of his career. He has won this tournament four times, including the last two years in a row. Ozaki shot five birdies and two bogeys, and finished with a 12-under-par 268 total. Katsuyoshi Tomori of Japan finished second at 272 after a 67 Sunday on the 6,473-yard, par-70 Nagoya Golf Club Wago Course in central Japan. Ozaki received 21.6 million yen (\$113,000) and Tomori 12 million yen (\$71,300). Yoshinori Kaneko shot a 71 and was alone in third at 275. American Craig Stadler shot a 70 and tied for fourth at 276 with Peter Senior of Australia and two Japanese - Tsuyoshi Yoneyama and Tsuneyuki Nakajima. Fred Couples, currently the leading money winner on the U.S. tour, shot a 70 and shared eighth at 277 with three Japanese - Kazuhiko Hosokawa, Tsukasa Watanabe and Seiki Okuda. Tied at 22nd place with 282 were Americans David Ishii and Todd Hamilton, Frankie Minozza of the Philippines, Hsieh Chin-sheng of Taiwan and Masayuki Kawamura of Japan. American John Daly, last year's British Open champion, was 27th at 283. He shot a 70 Sunday.

Olympic flame starts US journey in Los Angeles

By BETH HARRIS LOS ANGELES (AP) - A fingernail-sized flame symbolizing the spirit of the Olympics arrived from Greece on Saturday to ignite the first torch in a 15,000-mile (24,140 kilometer) relay odyssey to the summer games in Atlanta. The first of 10,000 people who will zig-zag the country in the coming 84 days jogged from the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum - site of Olympic games in 1932 and 1984 - down a grassy path flanked by flags of the 197 nations competing this year. The 1960 decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, who was the last to carry the torch on its international journey to the 1984 Summer Olympics, handed the torch off to Gina Tillman, granddaughter of Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Ramos wins bout

NEW YORK (AP) - Jose Vilda Ramos pounded out a unanimous eight-round decision over Joey Figueroa of Brooklyn, New York, in a non-title bout Saturday night. Ramos, 131 pounds (59.4 kilos), of Jersey City, New Jersey, the North America Boxing Organization lightweight champion, boosted his record to 28-2. Figueroa, also 131 pounds (59.4 kilos), a substitute for Rannell Doll of Bessemer, North Carolina, dropped to 10-8. In another non-title bout, International Boxing Organization lightweight champion Tony Pep, 133.5 pounds (60.6 kilos), of Las Vegas stopped Jorge Palmares of Phoenix, Arizona, at 1:35 of the third round. Pep is now 34-7, while Palmares, 131 (59.4 kilos), fell to 16-9. Heavyweight Richard Bango of Nigeria, the 1992 Olympic silver medalist, extended his undefeated streak to six by halting Jihad Aziz of Brooklyn at 1:13 of the third round of a scheduled four. Aziz is now 3-4.

Pohnpei baseball team leaves for Mobil Games

THE Pohnpei men's baseball team will leave Pohnpei to Guam Sunday Night (April 28), representing FSM in the 8th Mobil Baseball Games, according to FSM Sports Director Jim Tobin. The team composed of 18 player, two coaches, one umpire and one team manager. Pohnpei will face Guam in the opening game on Wednesday, May 1, 1996. Besides the FSM team, Pohnpei and the Northern Marianas will be participating. The Pohnpei team is coached by Salpicio Salvador and assisted by Dahker Daniel. Pohnpei Men's Baseball Team which captured the championship during the 1995 FSM Games have been selected to represent the FSM in the Mobil Baseball Tournament, April 30 to May 3, 1996 in Guam. In 1995, Kosrae State was selected to represent the FSM in the Mobil Baseball Tournament held in Saipan which followed a rotation among four FSM States. But since inception of the FSM Games, it has been decided the team that wins the FSM Games Championship will be the FSM's representative to a subsequent Mobil Baseball Tournament, Tobin added. For this year's tournament, Tobin said that Continental Micronesia has reserved 18 free tickets for the players and coaches. The two CO-Directors, Tobin and Maker Palsis recommend teams to stay in hotels at their own expenses, otherwise the host (Kosrae) will provide free housing in non air conditioned classrooms. Ground transportation will be provided by the host at no cost. The host will provide housing and meals for the referees at no cost. The tournament in the first of its kind in Micronesia. "Hopefully other sport such as volleyball, softball and tennis will hold Micronesia championships in the future," said Tobin.

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Oceania Basketball Confederation. Those certified can be referees in international games. "This is another step for the FSM to join regional and international games," said Tobin. According to FIBA rules, the maximum of 12 players are allowed on each team roster. With the addition of coaches and assistants the total number of each delegation cannot exceed 15 people. Continental Micronesia have agreed to provide discounted airfares for the participants of the tournament. "It's the only way for me to help the local community. Saipan is my second home so I have to do something for the island," said Malabed, a Filipino who also serves as basketball referee in various tournaments. The ARC-NMI Chapter also gave plaque of appreciation to Dr. Rockne Freitas for joining the event. Freitas, a member of President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. He was a former NFL Detroit Lions football player all-pro for five years. Facey said he was very happy with the success of the event. "We have a good turn out...contribution-wise was much higher," Facey said. The event helps raise money for the ARC-NMI Chapter whose mission is to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Through this mission, the chapter offers services to the community like aid to victims of fires, tropical storms/typhoons/flooding, Armed Forces Emergency Services, CPR, First Aid, and Water Safety Course, as well as Community Disaster and HIV/AIDS education.

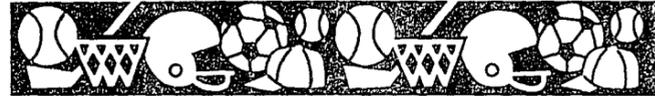
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"It's fun and a healthy community event to everyone," a walker said. "This is my first time and I am looking at joining again next year." Jerry Facey, chairman for the event, congratulated Malabed for topping among the single contributors with his \$1,855 donor. Facey said Malabed will receive a round trip ticket to Palau courtesy of Continental Micronesia. Except last year where he placed second, the salesman has been consistent top contributor since 1992.

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post and not handling the ball enough in an 87-83 loss to the Rockets on Thursday, scored on drives, short hooks, and often set up the Lakers' plays from the outside as they evened the series. Eddie Jones added 20 points for Los Angeles with a career-high 11 rebounds. Anthony Peeler, who missed the opening game with a strained right calf, came off the bench to add 12 points. Sam Cassell led the Rockets, who had a string of eight consecutive road playoff wins snapped, with 22 points and eight assists. Olajuwon had 18 points. Knicks 84, Cavaliers 80 In Indianapolis, Rik Smits, sore feet and all, showed that the Indiana Pacers can win in the playoffs without Reggie Miller. Smits had 29 points Saturday night, including five in overtime, as the Pacers held off the Atlanta Hawks 102-94, tying their best-of-5 first-round playoff series at one game apiece. The visiting team has won 12 of the last 14 New York-Cleveland meetings, including regular season and postseason games. 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SPORTS



Mauleg defeats Amigos

THE Saipan Stevedore Mauleg whose only defeat in the first round was to the National Office Supply Amigos turned the table around with a 12-2 roller and are now just a game away from clutching the Saipan Softball Association's Inaugural Pennant Championship with a 13-2 record.

With all-star quality players, the last hurdle to the pennant title should be a shoo-in for the Mauleg against last place M.T.C., a first & last place match-up.

The Mauleg dispatched the Amigos behind the strong pitching of Max Pangelinan who gave up just six hits

backed by some out-standing defense led by the arm of short-stopper Mel Sakisat & the glove of Manny Camacho & Greg F. Camacho.

It was a close match-up through the first four innings with the Mauleg leading by one, 2-1, but the last three innings was a nightmare for the Amigos as the Mauleg went on a rampage crossing the plate ten times before the

Amigos finally scored one in their last at-bat for the final margin.

Greg F. Camacho distanced himself from the pack in the homerun race ripping two leaf-off in-the-park his sixth of the season Manny Camacho blasted a two-run over-the-fence to lead the Mauleg's attack.

Mel Sakisat & Nick Guerrero both had three hits for the Mauleg to lead all players in that depart-

ment. Ray Seman went 1 for 2 to keep his batting lead in-tact with a .630 average and not far-away is Pete Roberto with a .610 average in the race for the batting crown.

In the second game of the night, the Red-Dog Seabees Four won their 12th Game of The Season but without a sweat the Joeten Piao's failed to field enough players for a 7-0 forfeiture.

S.S.A Men's Fast-Pitch League

(Team Standing as of April, 26, 1996)

Team	W	L	P.C.T	G/B
Stevedore Mauleg	13	2	.867	-
Red-Dog Seabees Four	12	3	.800	1
Bank Of Saipan/Lite Beer D-9'ers	8	6	.571	41/2
Team Bud-Ice	8	6	.571	41/2
National Office Supply Amigos	8	7	.533	5
Toyota Wheels	8	7	.533	5
Sablan Construction Islanders	6	8	.429	61/2
M.T.C.	1	13	.077	111/2
Joeten Piao's	1	13	.077	111/2

BATTING LEADERS (Base on 36 or more times At-Bat)

Name	Team	AB	Hits	AVE
Ray Seman	Amigos	46	29	.630
Pete Roberto	Bud-Ice	41	25	.610
Jess Peterson	D-9ers	48	27	.563
Greg C. Camacho	Mauleg	52	28	.538
Joe Tenorio	D-9ers	53	26	.491
Nick Guerrero	Mauleg	51	24	.471
Jeff Cabrera	Amigos	49	23	.469
Wilber Ada	Wheels	41	19	.463
Tony Camacho	Bud-Ice	42	19	.452
Mel Sakisat	Mauleg	47	21	.447

Runs: (30) Jeff Camacho (27) Mel Sakisat, Ray Seman (24) Mark Toves, Nick Guerrero, Joe Tenorio

Doubles: (13) Mike Guerrero (10) Nick Guerrero (8) Mark Toves (5) Seven-Players Tie

Triples: (6) Tony Camacho (5) Greg C. Camacho (4) Mel Sakisat, Joe Atalig

Homeruns: (6) Greg F. Camacho (4) Ray Seman, Frank Torres, Climaco Laniyo, Jess Peterson, Greg & Tony Camacho

R.B.I's: (26) Ray Seman (20) Tony Camacho (19) Greg C. Camacho (18) Mel Sakisat

PITCHING LEADERS

Name	Team	G	Inn	Er	Hit	W/L	E.R.A
Tony Satur	Red-Dog	14	85	21	82	10-3	1.73
Max Pangelinan	Mauleg	12	69	31	87	10-2	3.14
Paul Roberto	Bud-Ice	14	70	35	85	8-5	3.50
John Camacho	Wheels	12	54	31	78	4-4	4.02
Joe Sablan	D-9ers	8	26	15	51	2-0	4.04
Ben Sablan	D-9ers	10	43	25	63	3-5	4.07
Robert Torres	Islanders	8	36	21	67	3-4	4.08
Jack Taitano	Wheels	6	23	14	36	3-2	4.26
Jess Manibusan	Amigos	14	71	47	122	6-4	4.73
Joe Camacho	Islanders	7	26	23	44	2-2	6.19

Strike-Outs: (88) Tony Satur (38) Paul Roberto (28) Ben Sablan (24) Robert Torres (23) Jess Manibusan, Joe Camacho

1st Micronesian Basketball tourney slated for July 15

WRITTEN confirmation of participation from all 10 men's team invited to Kosrae for the first Micronesia Basketball Confederation Tournament, July 15-20, this year, has been received by the Sport Office, FSM Health Services, according to FSM Sport Director Jim Tobin.

The 10 teams and islands who will participate in the tournament are Guam, Northern Marianas, Palau, Marshalls, Kiribati, Naurau and the four FSM States of Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and the host, Kosrae.

The decision to hold this first tournament in Kosrae was made during the Micronesian Council Game Meeting held here on Pohnpei during the 1995 FSM Games.

Renovation of over \$70,000 will be made to the Kosrae Gymnasium, said Tobin, adding the main construction work will be replacing the floor with a new multi purpose surface and repairing the roof. The opening ceremony of the tournament will be held on Saturday, July 13, with the competition beginning on Monday, July 15th, concluding on Saturday,

July 20th.

This will be the first time the FSM has hosted the regional sport tournament with all the Micronesia area island participating.

The Governor of Kosrae, Moses Mackwelung, said that all the organizing committees for the 2nd FSM Games, to be held in Kosrae next year, will assist with tournament preparation. The committees will use this tournament as a practice in hosting next year's 2nd FSM Games, according to Jim Tobin, FSM Sports

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Hundreds join Red Cross Walk

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

HUNDREDS joined the American Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter's 10th annual walk-a-thon along Beach Road Saturday morning.

Jess Malabed, a salesman from Micropac Inc., was named the single top contributor for the fourth time since he participated the event in

1992.

Government officials, businessmen, athletes, students, mothers, kids, teachers and members from different sectors and associations in the community, started registering at 5:30 a.m. at the Micro Beach parking lot.

Participants turned in a minimum of \$10 in pledges to join the 10-kilometer "Walk Marianas" course from Micro Beach Park along Beach

Road to Oleai Center and back to the park.

Volunteers at five aid stations, which were set up along the course, provided water and refreshments to walkers.

All participants were given free Walk Marianas T-shirts and pins.

Refreshments were also served to the walkers at the finish line.

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Participants walk along Beach Road during Saturday's American Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter's 10th annual 10-kilometer walk-a-thon.

Lakers win over Rockets

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) - Magic Johnson, who griped about his role in the Lakers' playoff opener, had the run of the floor Saturday and scored 26 points in a 104-94 victory over the Houston Rockets, who played the final 10 minutes without Hakeem Olajuwon.

The two-time defending U.S. National Basketball Association champions overcame an 11-point first quarter, their worst of the season, but the Lakers took command after Olajuwon, who hasn't fouled out of a regular-season game in seven years, drew his sixth foul with 10:05 remaining.

Los Angeles ran off a 14-4 streak in a three-minute span to take a 93-82 lead with six minutes left.

The best-of-5 series is tied 1-1 and shifts to Houston for games Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Johnson, who complained to coach Del Harris about being stuck in the

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