

# Inos wins vs Tenorio

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A RULING issued yesterday by the Superior Court upholds the local executive's authority to expend local funds and manage certain internal affairs independent of the central government.

Associate Judge Edward Manibusan ordered Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and the Department of Finance to refrain from denying Rota Mayor Joseph Inos' authority to expend appropriated funds for department resident offices.

He was also reminded to "respect decentralization of government services."

The case stemmed from a complaint filed Aug. 17 by Inos on behalf of his constituents, questioning then Finance Secretary Maria Cabrera's decision to drop from DOF's roll four mayoral

## Judge upholds powers of island mayors

employees of Rota who had been detailed with the DOF's Customs Service Division and the Tax Revenue Division.

Acting on the court's ruling issued June 14, Cabrera reinstated three of the four mayoral resident employees. The fourth was allowed to resume work at the customs division.

The reinstatement of the four employees, however, did not appease Inos.

He went back to the court to seek a ruling on the parameters of the governor's and department head's authority over resident department employees.

In response to Inos' plea, the Court ruled that "a governor who revokes a mayor's authority over an administrative resident depart-

ment must show just cause" and at the very least, "be able to point to an asserted Commonwealth government policy which the Mayor had notice of and failed to follow."

The Court dismissed Tenorio's argument that "the secretary of finance had just cause to stop the mayoral employees because the Mayor sent them over without consultation (with the secretary) and without any showing on his part that these people were competent."

This position, Manibusan said,



Joseph Inos

"is misapplication of the just cause standard" pronounced in an earlier court decision.

The Court, moreover, said the governor failed to cite any Commonwealth policy which Inos might have violated when he appointed the four resident department employees.

The Court said: "If a governor finds it necessary to revoke the mayoral authority over a resident department primarily involved in the administration of public services, he is, in essence firing a mayor from a post which the Constitution has required him to en-

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## Manglona threatens to sue Governor Tenorio



Paul A. Manglona

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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WITH the Cing lawsuit still awaiting disposition at the Superior Court, another senator is thinking of bringing Governor Froilan C. Tenorio to court.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona in an interview yesterday said he is spearheading a move in the Senate to contest the governor's recent line item-veto of the bill that authorizes the conduct of a planned \$240 million bond issue.

Should he not get the Senate's full backing, he said he is prepared to take on the lawsuit on his own.

House Bill 9-126 was signed into law by Tenorio last Oct. 10 to signify government's backing for Commonwealth Development Authority in its plan to

float a \$240 million bond.

But the bill became Public Law 9-60, minus the Senate amendments that were approved by both houses of Legislature.

According to Manglona, the governor could not do an item-veto of the measure, meaning he would just have to either veto or approve the bill in its entirety.

This is because, he said, the bond authorization bill is not an appropriation bill.

Under the Article II, section 7(a) of the CNMI Constitution, the governor's authority to line item veto covers only appropriation bills, or that which appropriates, obligates and commits monies from the general fund.

Tenorio has taken the position that since section 11 (b) of H.B. 9-126 obligates funds from the bond issue, the bill is in effect an appropriation bill.

"The analysis of the Constitution gives a broad definition of what an appropriations bill is," said Doug Muir, the governor's legal counsel on legislative matters.

"Although H.B. 9-126 is not really labeled as one, it is definitely an appropriations measure and thus subject to the governor's line item veto authority," he added.

But according to Manglona, the governor may be giving him-

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BACKYARD FISHING. Aquaiculturist Richard Bailey of the University of Hawaii shows workshop participants how to set up a fish tank in one's own backyard. See story on page 7.

RICK ALBERTO

## Dela Cruz warns bars on violations of ABC statute

By Rick Alberto  
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AUTHORITIES yesterday warned beer houses and night-clubs on the CNMI against ex-



Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

tending their operations beyond 2 a.m. and allowing the practice of "stacking" alcoholic beverages.

The warning was made after reports about the two unlawful business practices were received by the Department of Commerce.

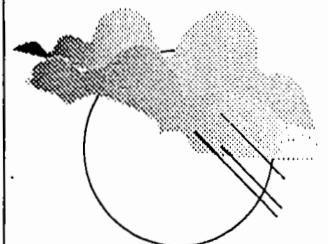
Commerce Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, in a public notice, reminded operators of alcoholic beverage establishments that under the alcoholic beverage control (ABC) statute, they should close their establishments not later than 2 a.m.

"In other words," he said, "on-sale alcoholic beverage establishments must ensure that no customers remain inside the establishment after 2 a.m."

At present liquor houses are

allowed to serve alcoholic beverages.  
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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy  
with isolated showers

# Greenpeace sues France

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Greenpeace is suing France in a U.S. court, demanding return of a ship seized by its military in the South Pacific and \$1 million in damages.

environmental group, said after the lawsuit was filed Tuesday. French Consul General Jean-Maurice Ripert in Los Angeles declined comment.

Greenpeace believes the boat was seized hours before France conducted a nuclear test at Fangataufa atoll, the second of eight controversial explosions in the South Pacific, he said.

boat was boarded and his crew members asked for their passports. His crew was later deported, and Ives was jailed.

Serlin said Greenpeace also is taking legal action in Tahiti, demanding the return of the Rainbow Warrior II and the Greenpeace. Those vessels also seized in international waters where other ships were protesting nuclear testing.

# Fiji tells France its envoy not safe while tests continue

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - Fiji has told France it should consider temporarily recalling its ambassador to Fiji because of fears for his safety during the current program of nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

This was not a threat to anybody, he said, but French authorities in Tahiti had not expected the violent riots which followed the first nuclear test in September, during which Tahiti's airport and many shops in downtown Papeete were burned.

and I think it will become even more strained if they continue to explode... if they have a third one.

# Japan parliament passes economy boosting budget

TOKYO (AP) - Parliament's upper house gave final approval Wednesday to a 5.33 trillion yen (dls 53.25 billion) supplementary budget aimed at lifting Japan's economy out of its slump.

the International Monetary Fund said Japan "is experiencing one of its most serious economic slowdowns in the postwar period."

Fiji Foreign Affairs Minister Filipe Bole, speaking in New York, said he made the suggestion to France's Minister for Development Cooperation Jacques Godfrain when they met last month in Papua New Guinea.

Bole said Fiji's relations with France were "getting strained

Costilhes would not comment on suggestions he be recalled or about possible threats to his safety.

The extra budget is to help carry out a record 14 trillion yen (dls 140 billion) spending package, much of it for public works, that the government announced last month to stimulate the economy.

Critics say the lingering recession resulted from faulty economic policies, including the central bank's credit policy.

However, France's ambassador in Suva, Jacques Costilhes, said Wednesday he was "most surprised" at Bole's comments because they could be interpreted as encouraging violent protests against his embassy.

Bole told the Fiji Times newspaper he suggested the recall of the French ambassador for up to six months because it was impossible to predict how people might react after a third in the current series of up to eight French nuclear tests at Mururoa and Fangataufa atolls.

Inman told Deliman that Simpson's game was a little shaky on the first half, but improved on the back nine.

The latest supplementary budget also will cover additional projects, including improvement of disaster-prevention measures and reconstruction costs for Kobe and other parts of western Japan devastated by the Jan. 17 earthquake.

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"It is like he's calling for trouble," Costilhes said.

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After finishing the 18th green, Simpson and his party posed for his own photographers but the news media was kept away, Deliman said.

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The additional budget will be financed by issuing 211 billion yen (\$2.11 billion) in deficit-covering bonds and 4.49 trillion yen (\$44.91 billion) in construction bonds.

They might just decide to do something silly," Bole said.

Simpson shot an 82 on the 72-par course in a foursome of two local residents, whose names Sylvester wouldn't disclose, and course superintendent Joe Inman.

Simpson was acquitted of murder Oct. 3 in the knife slayings of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

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This will bring Japan's outstanding bonds to 221 trillion yen (\$2.21 trillion) at the end of the current fiscal year next March 31.

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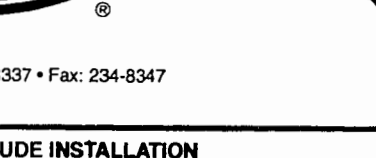
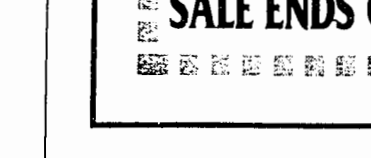
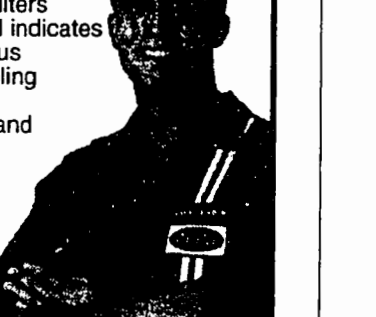
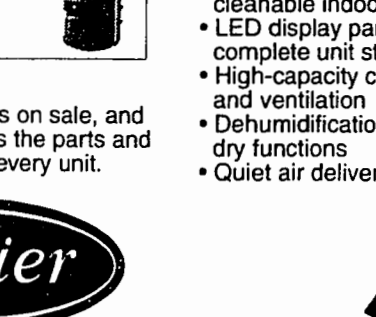
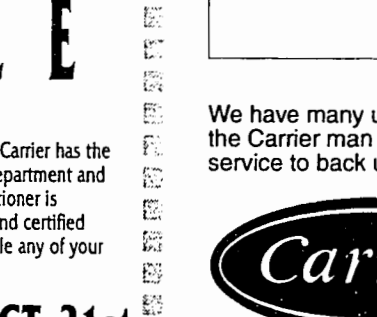
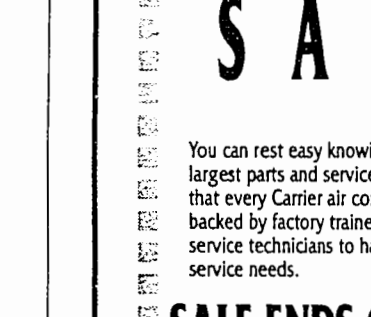
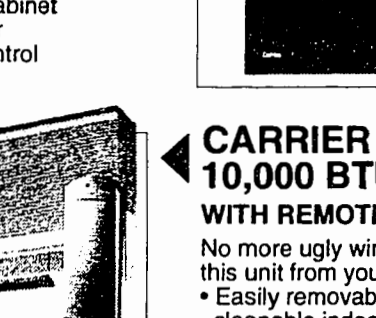
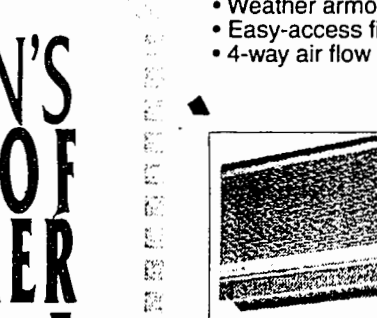
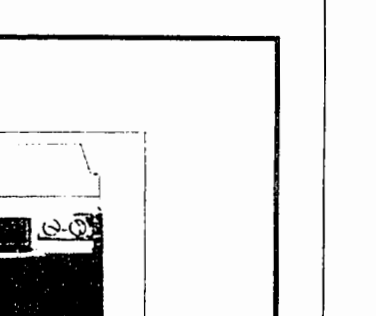
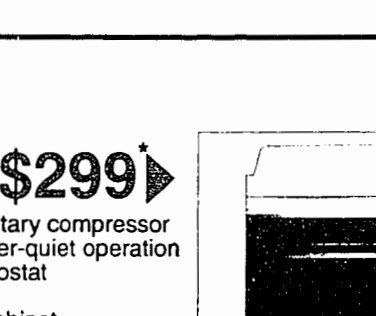
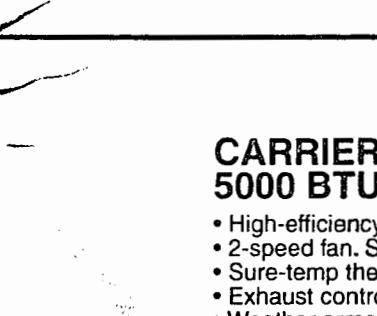
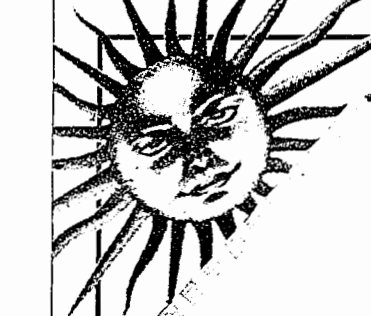
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# Library sues borrower over books

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THE JOETEN-Kiyu Public Library has sued a woman before the Superior Court for allegedly not returning 20 overdue books.

Strand, filed the civil lawsuit recently, demanding \$360 plus interests from defendant Danica Lynn O'Leary.

sued a library card to O'Leary last March 25, 1994. She signed an agreement to return all borrowed books on the due date.

Strand said at present O'Leary has in her possession 20 overdue books valued at \$360. Sixteen of the books were due last Feb. 3 and four last May 13.

acting director of the library. Every time, O'Leary promised, but failed to return the books, Strand said.

# Cing defends use of Senate funds for Tenorio suit



David Cing  
By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio better not prevent the disbursement of \$15,000 out

of the Senate account for the costs of the Cing lawsuit lest he may be facing yet another lawsuit.

According to the Tinian senator, Tenorio's criticism of the funding source for his lawsuit is meant to discourage the suit from progressing.

wants to discredit me in this election year. But I can say he fails to do that," the Tinian senator.

matter and impose disciplinary action when warranted. But when asked for comment yesterday, Cing said there is nothing wrong with his request for funding since there is money in the Senate account for each senatorial district.

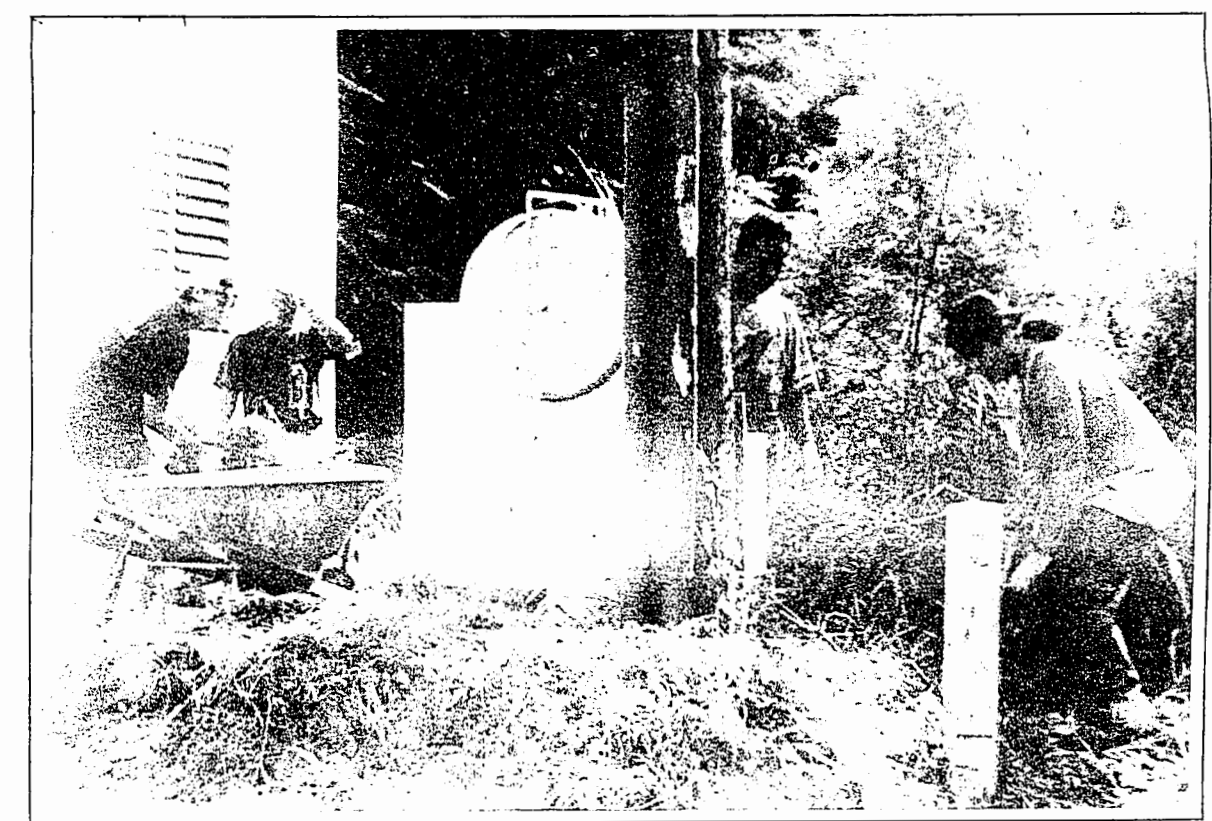
# Candlelit vigil on family violence set for tomorrow

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
HUNDREDS are expected to join tomorrow's candlelit vigil at the American Memorial Park to dramatize the campaign against family violence.



Edward Manalili  
Public Safety acting Information Officer Sgt. Edward Manalili said the event will take place at 6 p.m.

About 200 glow sticks will be provided to the participants.



Department of Public Safety personnel and volunteers clean up the DPS surrounding yesterday.

The vigil, with the theme "End the Silence of Family Violence," is the highlight of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month celebration.

Manalili informed motorists that the Beach Road's south-bound lane will be closed when the participants walk toward the Duty Free Shop.

# Absentee voting starts tomorrow

The north-bound lane will also be closed when the marchers go back to the park.

All motorists traveling on the opposite lane from the march are asked to drive carefully and slowly during this event, Manalili said.

VOTERS who would be off-island on election day may start casting their votes tomorrow, Board of Elections executive director Juan M. Diaz announced.

voters their ballots would be secured in a sealed box at the elections office.



The marchers will start from the American Memorial Park going to the Garapan Duty Free Shop. They will go back to the park where a brief ceremony will be held.

Manalili said the Domestic Abuse Task Force is inviting the public to join the program.

On-island absentee voting will be held until the day preceding the election proper, he said.

The figure is lower than the registration for the Constitutional Convention elections last March, which totaled 11,113. At least 25 percent of registrants, however, failed to vote.

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"They have to produce tickets to prove that they will not be here on election day," he said.

On the other hand, the total number of voters for the 1993 general elections registered 11,862 (MCM)

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## I Proan Natibó

by John S. DelRosario, JR.

MATTO i tiempón promesa 'nai kada kabayero tumohge gi seifsoñgi siha ya mamatinas promesa pot hafa para u'chogue yangin ma'elihe setbenten publiko. Mampos bula promesa kulan sagon mañahag osino atulai ni lologlug gi halom tase. Buente taya' linachia yangin ta kombida mages si Señora Barbara Streisand ni muno' famosu un sonido pot promesa ya guiya u'kantare hit sa' seguroyo' na siempre ta komprende sustansian promesa ke todo i fasu ni hulilie' chatseguro na chaleg gi matan niha deste un'talaña esta i otro.

I probleman uson "shabu" gi lamegai na man'asagua, serio. Guaha tres-sientos (300) na manñasago manma ayuyuda pago pot probleman shabu. 'mas na triste na sinese de i unos kuantos sais años na idat famaguon ni manma ayuyuda lokue' pot uson shabu. Ti honñiyon, lao magahet. Yangin ti i' isa hao shabu pago osino maseha hafa na amot bineno, mas bentaha para hago yangin un'sehaye enteramente. Yangin i' isa hao shabu yan maseha hafa na amot bineno, pot fabot fan espiha ayudo gi CHC ya unchadike pumula' mientras gagai chansa hao muna' lo tatte gi hagas pasumo.

I ma'umentan este na kaosa, justifikao na debi uma'atklia osino mahatsaye un sentro 'nai siña u'guaha areglao na setbisio para todos i munesesita ayudo pot uson shabu yan otro siha na amot bineno. Todo atmos banda gi Deni' debi ufan dibebras fumana' este na problema sa' serio esto na eskalera 'nai gaigè. Un sumen namase na grupo ni munesesita satton na ayudo ayo siha na man asagua (famalaan) i seso manma aminasa nu i asaguan niha. Guaha pumadedese este lao pot tiha tuñgo para mano siha i los pobres na man mamatikilio ha' gi halom gima' niha pot minaa' niao yan espanto. Muña manafiga na estake man atalg i los pobres ni para tafan mañuñufa' umextende ayudo sa' atrasao.

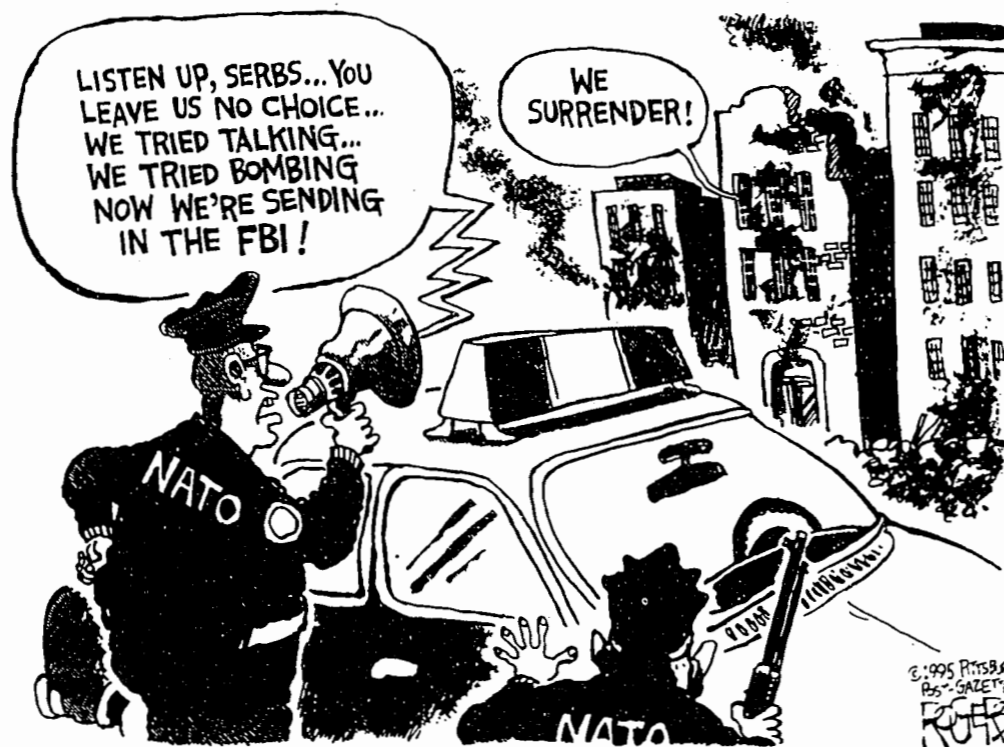
Todo man hoben ni mañasaonao gi denestrosian propriadat publiko, ha esephepos publikamente hafa manma kreansan niha nu i mañainan niha. Guaha fatta gi sensian este siha na famaguon, esdesit, guinaiyan saina yan fitme na areglamiento. Esta na 'manman yangin ta extende kanaita nu i saina gi ayo na patgonta i seso matompu'. Guiya mismo i patgon ha espiha manera pot para una' maulegge' gi kareraña.

Dibebras na solu i taotao na finaño gi mas apmam sumusu gi mañainaña ke otro klase gaga'. Fino' Franses na ta taotao hao estake un gacha ' trenta años sa' esta i fan' atanmo mas antao. Magradua hao ginen tano' hqben ya untuhon kumayon mauleg i kareramo pot para un adalenta hao mismo komo gai responsabilidat na sudadano. Makat na obligasion lao chatmiyo fan inahalañg sa' hombre si nana yan tata hasuñgon todos i minapot yan matiro pot para u'asegura na felis todos karerata.

Maila' ta abiba responsabilidat saina gi famaguon. Maila' tafanue' i seso manmatompu' na famaguonta na huñgan mañasaonao siha gi halom korasonta. Pasensiaye ya un apagat ennao na patgon sa' buente gaige giya hita i finatso. Mas makat makreansa ennao na patgon piot gi pago para u'echo suttero. Brabo, taimaño, respondot, guiya ha' dinanche yan paire, yan otro siha na eskama ni manpropio. Chamo dadagao tuayan responsabilidatmo nu ennao na patgon. Tacho gi fihonña pot para u'komprende i minapotmo komo saina pot para u'asegura na timatompu' seriosamente gi ha pokakate na homhom chalan. Fan gagao ayudo gi Saina ya unmanae' minesñon gi este na obligasion.

Deste echoyo' suttero esta pago na ora, lamegai na kabayeros ni umatrebi siha gi redan politika, tat ti kumuentos pot ayudo para i man hoben. I hechuran ayudo ni ma'ofresen ñaihon ayo ha' chiña i tres minutos 'nai man'ofrese ayudo. Dispues de mangana, hafa' innosentegue' ya ha letke enteramente ofresimientoña pot man hoben.

Kulan amot brochas nifen niha (colgate osino pepsodent) ya mafa' fagas pachot manguéko siha na ofresimiento. Esta pago manman ofrèse ayudo para i man hoben. Esta chatguaguaho an huhuñgog mamente ayudo para manhoben. Pot kuarenta años na tiempo, tatnai talie' areglao na programan manhoben 'nai siña guaha sustansiao yan agradesiyon na aktibidat para manhobenta. Yangin huegon bola i tasasañgan, pues memegaiña gi manman ofrese na kabayeros man matai gi primet diu—strike out. Ai puede mohon guaha na biahe gai eskama fitme na kinemite pot para ufan ma'attende i seso tafa' fagas patchotta—i manhoben. Si Yuus Maese yan Ghilisow!



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**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Panetta avoids usual chief of staff pitfalls

WASHINGTON—During the final countdown leading up to Senate passage of an overhaul of the welfare system, the office of White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta resembled Cape Canaveral before a big launch.

Panetta and senior staffers, ties loosened and shirt sleeves rolled up, were glued to a TV monitor showing the live vote. Concern slowly gave way to celebration. When the 87-12 victory was announced, Panetta exchanged exuberant high fives with aides. Finally, there was a legislative lift-off.

To some extent, the vote may have signaled a relaunching of the Clinton presidency. An excited Clinton, who ran as a "New Democrat" pledging to "end welfare as we know it," promptly called Panetta from Florida to swap notes and congratulations.

But in a speech that day, Clinton illustrated the difficult flight path he's navigating within his own party when he issued a warning that welfare must be a "bipartisan effort" to "promote work." Yet he emphasized that it could not happen if Congress yields to "extremist pressure" and harms children.

Just minutes before highfives were exchanged in Panetta's West Wing office, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., condemned the Senate—and by extension the Clinton administration—accusing it of "committing legislative child abuse." The Senate measure, which still must be reconciled with a far harsher House version passed in March, sets a cap of five years for welfare benefits and cuts spending by more than \$65 billion over seven years.

The administration's two pronged strategy is to pass welfare reform and paint as extremists House Republicans who tried to scuttle it by adding more stringent requirements. While dismayed by the direction of the House, the tactician in Panetta seems to have a sense that the administration has finally found what may be House Speaker Newt Gingrich's jugular.

"You've had a bill on the House side that began with recommendations to put kids in orphanage and throw teenage mothers out on the street," Panetta told us during an interview following the vote. "If you really want the story in this, it's that moderate Republicans finally came into play here."

Despite 16 months in the bunker, Panetta shows no signs of bunker mentality. He re-

mains well-grounded and good-humored. He often manages to find a comic aspect to the darkest situations, including his grinding schedule.

"When I worked over there (as Clinton's first budget director) I said I don't have time to go to the bathroom. Here I don't get time to eat. So it doesn't make any difference."

The job of chief of staff, like the presidency itself, has been a tragic one for many of Panetta's predecessors. Some have become intoxicated with the power (H.R. Haldeman under Richard Nixon), others too imperious (Donald Regan under Ronald Reagan), and some have grown imperial (John Sununu under George Bush). Asked about the warping dangers of the job Panetta offered some theories.

"Number one, you can be blinded by the power that is here... because it's next to the presidency," said Panetta. "That can inhibit people pretty quickly... but power is something that then plays into ego, that then basically consumes you. That's just the nature of work here. The second problem is that there is always the temptation not to serve the president but basically manipulate the president.... You can show others how powerful you are by how you can manipulate the president."

On other issues facing the White House, Panetta told us:

— President Clinton "supported the decision" by the Justice Department to recommend publication of the Unabomber's 35,000-word article by The Washington Post and The New York Times. High-level White House discussions began, as Panetta put it, "as far back, frankly, as when the Unabomber was threatening to blow up Los Angeles and San Francisco."

Panetta said the White House discussed publication and "the feeling was the risks, while there are risks involved here—it was much better to risk on the basis of safety."

—If Colin Powell "were really being straight with the American people" he would have offered a much harsher assessment of what ails the Republican Party in his book. Panetta also said that Powell's beliefs are actually "more in line" with the Democratic Party.

—The stumbling start suffered by the Clinton administration in 1993 was partly the result of the president's personal transition from being governor. Panetta said Clinton is "still in transition but more than ever understands the role of the presidency."

# Hyatt seeks dismissal of union suit

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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THE HYATT Regency Saipan is seeking the dismissal of a suit filed against it by the Commonwealth Labor Federation and three of its former workers.

The hotel management, through counsels Bruce Mailman and Ronald Natalie, presented three major arguments in support of its plea: the alleged flimsiness of the complainants' accusations; the lack of court's jurisdiction over the case; and the complainants' misinterpretation of the Rights to Work Act.

Hyatt filed the "motion to dismiss" before the Superior Court last Oct. 13, in response to the suit filed by the CLF in behalf of Filipino contract workers Dominador Albano, Dominador Reyes and Marcalina Domingo.

The three claimed the management refused to renew their employment contracts because of their affiliation with labor unions.

They filed a case against Hyatt for alleged violation of the Right to Work Act.

The counsels for Hyatt, Mailman and Natalie, said the three workers' allegations that "the Hotel acted unlawfully by threatening union supporters with the loss of their jobs.... will require proof."

The second argument presented by the management deals with the Superior Court's absence of jurisdiction over the case.

Invoking an earlier US Su-

preme Court ruling, the management's lawyers said "the NLRB alone has primary exclusive jurisdiction over claims involving unfair labor practices" and that "neither state nor federal court may intrude on this jurisdiction."

The CLF earlier filed a case of unfair labor practice against Hyatt before the NLRB.

Quoting from the *Garner Vs. Teamsters Chauffeurs* doctrine, the lawyers said the complainants should first "exhaust administrative procedures of the National Labor Relations Board before seeking judicial relief."

The CLF met to the court without meeting this requisite, the lawyers said.

The third argument discussed the CLF's claim that the Right to Work Act repealed the Nonresident Workers Act which provides for hiring preference for local residents.

The recently enacted Right to Work Act, also known as Public Law 9-48, prohibits employers from interfering, restraining or coercing employees from organizing and bargaining collectively.

Mailman and Natalie stated that "no language in the Right to Work Act expresses an intent to repeal any section of the NWA, and nothing in the legislative history suggests the legislature intended or desired such a repeal."

Quoting from the *Morton vs Maccari* ruling, the lawyers pointed out that the Commonwealth Supreme Court "will find a repeal by implication

only where there are two irreconcilable conflict and an intent to repeal is clear and manifest."

In the CLF's case, the lawyers said "no such extraordinary circumstances exist."

The Right to Work Act and the Nonresident Workers Act, it was pointed out, "apply entirely to different subject mat-

ter." The NWA, the lawyers said, deals with the status of non-resident workers and is intended to provide an adequate labor force for the Commonwealth while at the same time, protecting the employment opportunities of residents and citizens.

The Right to Work Act, on the other hand, "does not speak about the status of nonresident workers" and is "intended to protect non-union employees and applicants from union security agreements."

Mailman and Natalie described the CLF position as "unwarranted" and "insufficiently pleaded."

## NMI Japanese Society holds "Aki Matsuri" festival here

THE Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas holds its AUTUMN FESTIVAL "AKI MATSURI" in October annually.

This year is the 10th year anniversary of our AKI MATSURI. We anticipate to celebrate this special occasion with a big prosperity.

Festival or "MATSURI" has been celebrated since ancient time in Japan. This event mingles with Japanese culture and our daily lives. The nature of Japanese Festival "MATSURI" is a unique combination of public recreational activity and divine services. Festivals through out Japan are held year round except during the Winter season. They are generally categorized into Summer Festival "NATSUMATSURI" and Autumn Festival "AKI MATSURI".

Summer Festival is defined as holding memorial services for departed ancestors and to pray to God for a rich harvest for the coming autumn. Autumn Festival on the other hand is to give gratitude to God for good harvest and to ask for continued divine protection over family members.

Either season, a Shinto Shrine is always obvious as the central part of the festival. Adults and children alike take part in the celebrations or simply watch festival for enjoyment irrespective of their religions.

The style and the formation of festivals varies by local features and customs. In cases of notable large-scale festivals, many retail stalls line up around the shrines while hundreds of thousands of people visit from all over the country.

It is said that six months advance booking is not enough to secure a hotel room during the festival periods.

During festival periods which usually last three days. Families residing in these areas invite relatives and friends and entertain them with festive dishes and liquor. Nowadays, this custom is gradually declining with the exception of the local societies.

Saipan Katori Jiniya (Katori Shrine) resembles the prestigious Shintoism Shrine in Japan built right here at Sugar King Park.

The Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas celebrates AUTUMN FESTIVAL "AKI MATSURI" at the Saipan Katori Shrine as the center

for its festivities which carries our ancient culture and customs to exist to this day.

The followings is this year's AUTUMN FESTIVAL -AKIMATSURI- schedule;  
1. Date: October 21, 1995 (Saturday)  
2. Programs:

(1) 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Shintoism Divine Services at Katori Shrine conducted by Priest Takahashi  
(2) 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fair and bazaar at Sugar King Park  
(3) 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cultural Exchange Programs at Sugar King Park Side Pavilion. Traditional Japanese instrument performances by Muramatsu Shokuhachi school and other school from Japan

B. Karaoke sing a song tournament by local people  
For the purpose of cultural exchange and goodwill relationship between CNMI and Japan, we are currently enjoying, we would like to invite local participants to be a part of the festival at our annual AUTUMN FESTIVAL -AKI MATSURI-.

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# DPS probes gov't car misuse

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety is investigating an incident involving an alleged misuse of a government vehicle.

DPS acting Information Officer Sgt. Edward Manalili said the complainant stated that somebody took a government vehicle without authorization.

The case was reported at the Public Works Office Tuesday morning.

No other details were given in the report.

Last month, the Attorney General's Office warned other public officials that the government is prosecuting those who are misusing public vehicles.

The AGO issued the warning after the Superior Court gave a suspended sentence to Tinian Mayor's Chief Executive William N. Nabors who pleaded a no contest to the charge of misusing a government vehicle.

In another police report, the Construction and Material Supply in Gualo Rai complained

that a man had embezzled fund of the company Tuesday.

The suspect allegedly failed to deposit the collection bills

amounting to \$2,844.

At Marianas Resort Hotel in Marpi, a man sought police help after his \$350 cash, \$80

traveler's check, Y10,000 and a watch were allegedly stolen Tuesday.

In Garapan, a person alleg-

edly stole a blank firing revolver at Bang Bang Gun Shop yesterday.

No arrest has been made. (FDT)

## Community recreation workshop realized after seven long years



Thomas J. Camacho

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

SAIPAN'S first "Inclusive Community Recreation Workshop" for those servicing the needs of people with disabilities started yesterday.

For Thomas J. Camacho, program officer of the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, it was a dream fulfilled after seven years.

"I introduced this idea in 1988 and it took me seven years to make this a reality," he told the Variety.

Camacho said he re-introduced the idea in 1989, but he did not get support and funding.

Funding was finally assured when the project was included in the Developmental Disabilities Council's 1995-97 Three-Year Priority Area Plan.

The project is to implement one of the state-plan goals, which is to "promote full inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in community activities."

The workshop, which ends today, was conducted by Lorraine

C. Peniston, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist and leisure professional, from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Yesterday's workshop aimed to promote awareness of, among other things, specific disabilities, federal laws and statutes barring discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and ADA's impact on recreation and parks departments.

The workshop participants included parents of children with disabilities and disabled persons.

Blind singer and composer Elena Sutton was one of them.

One supposed participant could not come because of the nonavailability of transportation.

Camacho said his next proposed project is the acquisition of an "accessible" van for use of people with disabilities.

The van may be turned over to a nonprofit organization which will maintain and operate it, or the Council may do the task, with volunteers doing the driving.

Under the project, any disabled person can just phone for service anytime for a reasonable fee.

"This is convenient for anyone who wants to go shopping or go to the church or movie if he or she does not have available ride," Camacho said.

Camacho said that if the government cannot allocate the fund to buy the van, one alternative is to solicit from the business community.

## SPREP hard-up on cash

THE SOUTH Pacific Regional Environment programme, SPREP, is faced with cash flow problems because some member countries have not paid their contribution, RNZI reported Monday.

The Western Samoan-based organisation is owed some \$400-thousand and needs about half-a-million dollars for its annual core budget.

A meeting in Apia last week discussed ways of ensuring funding, with some delegates saying voluntary contributions are the best way for their governments to pay the funds.

Further negotiations are to be held before the next SPREP meeting will make a decision....Pacnews

# DLNR puts up sample fish farm

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

THE Department of Lands and Natural Resources' division of fish and wildlife will maintain a demonstration fish farm in Tanapag for anyone interested to visit.

The fish farm will consist of a tank, measuring 12 feet in diameter and 4 feet in height. This was installed Monday during a "hands-on" aquaculture workshop on "Fish Farming Equipment: Demonstration and Explanation" at the backyard of DLNR Secretary Benigno M. Sablan in Tanapag Village.

On hand to install and explain the fish tank parts and equipment were University of Hawaii aquaculturists Richard Bailey and Dave Crisostomo.

According to Mark Brotman, supervisor and fisheries biologist of the fish and wildlife division, the demonstration project is a good example of cooperation between



Benigno M. Sablan

agencies. While the DLNR will maintain the fish farm, the equipment is owned by the Pacific Aquaculture Association, which is based in Hawaii.

The tank, made of tin whose interior is covered with hard vinyl sheet, is actually a swimming pool bought in Guam for \$200.

The other fish-farm equipment, including biofilter and air pump, were ordered from a catalog.

One can put up a backyard fish farm for a little less than \$1,000, Brotman said. "If you want to get very fancy, you could put this up for \$1,500."

One may put tap water or pure or diluted sea water on the tank, and the ideal fish to raise is the Saipan sunfish (new name coined by the fish division for tilapia) because according to Brotman it's "very hardy and can handle any kind of salinity."

Initially some 300 fishes will be put in the tank later this month or the first week of November.

"This is a demonstration project and it's open to the public," Brotman said.

Monday's workshop, which was followed by a slide-show presentation yesterday, was the fourth in a series which ends in December.

According to Brotman, the workshops were each getting an average of 25-30 participants in Saipan and Rota and 20-25 in Tinian.

"The interest has been very strong. I get a lot of telephone calls and have a lot of

visitors," Brotman told the Variety.

He said some people were serious and interested in putting their own fish farm.

"I have no reason to doubt their strong desire to put this thing up in their own backyards, and I know they will realize this and will be successful," he said.

"Right now we want to show people how easy it is (to put up a backyard fish farm).

When people see the possibilities, they understand, they look at it, and say, 'Hey, I can do this.' Right, they can," he added.

Two more workshops are lined up, with the next one next month. This will be about developing a business plan for a fish farm.

The December workshop will deal with saltwater fish farming and giant-clam farming.

## Mobil Marianas to sponsor emergency response course

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. will conduct Oil Spill Crisis Preparedness (OS/P) training on October 18, 19 and 20.

The training is designed to prepare government agencies and Oil Industry Response Organization personnel in the swift response and containment of an oil spill.

The three day session being conducted on Saipan is part of a series of Environmental, Health and Safety programs and policies put in place by Mobil throughout the world.

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ing transportation accidents, and their potential impacts are regularly conducted throughout the Asia Pacific region.

These exercises are part of Mobil's continuous effort to protect the environment and comply with OPA '90 (Oil Pollution Act of 1990).

The "hands-on" training is being conducted by Dick Crane and Bill Anderson, Oil Spill Crisis Preparedness Consultants from Princeton, NJ.

Personnel attending are Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), U.S. Coast Guard, Shell Marianas and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

(10/12/95)

## SUMMER JOB

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT THE CNMI JTPA OFFICE IS SOLICITING ONE HUNDRED (100) APPLICANTS FOR THE YOUTH VACATION EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY, PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WILL BE ACCORDED TO THOSE STUDENTS BELOW THE POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINE (ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED). HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDING, THE PROGRAM MAY ACCOMMODATE THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERED NOT ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1995. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DATE.

ALL STUDENTS ON YELLOW TRACK ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE JTPA OFFICE LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS CUC, OR CONTACT MRS. LAURENT CHONG OR MS. JENNIFER PALACIOS AT 664-1700/1701 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Court orders arrest of ex-SCC employee

THE SUPERIOR Court has ordered the arrest of the former Saipan Chamber of Commerce administrative assistant who is facing 18 counts of forgery and two counts of theft.

Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro issued a bench warrant against Nida Pangelinan Ang for failing to appear in Tuesday's hearing.

Ang indicated her intention of entering a change of plea.

The government said Ang unlawfully took \$1400 cash from Mid-Pac' Micronesia where she was employed from February 3 to March 3, 1995.

In separate incidents in

1994, Ang also allegedly took money by cashing checks from the account of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

In another court story, the Superior Court has summoned a suspected snatcher.

Etumai F. Mtoched, of Chalan Kanoa District #2, was charged with robbery and theft.

Court information showed that Mtoched allegedly grabbed the purse of Ji Wang last Sept. 29.

The purse contained US and Chinese currency, bankbooks and keys, according to Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne O. Lee. (FDT)

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# Ramos to Marcos backers: No state funeral service

HONOLULU (AP) - Attempts to get official burial rights for former Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos are pointless, that country's president says. Before departing Hawaii to attend the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Colombia, President Fidel Ramos said Tuesday that the issue of Marcos loyalists demanding state and military funerals services for the former Philippine president is passe and not a consideration.

"I say to them join the mainstream of Philippine society," Ramos said. "Now is the time to move more forcefully into the future."

Ramos pointed out that Marcos' body was allowed to return to the Philippines during Ramos' presidency, and since

then, Filipinos have little contentions about the issue.

Ramos helped oust Marcos from power in 1986 and Corazon Aquino rose to power. Ramos served as her defense minister, and several times put down military uprisings attempting to remove her from office.

Marcos fled to Hawaii after his ouster, and died here in 1989. His body remained entombed in Hawaii until Ramos permitted his family to bring the body back. The agreement called for Marcos to be returned to his home province of Ilocos Norte, and not to Manila for an official burial with military honors.

Ramos spent 30 hours in Hawaii, trying to drum up investment and send

a message of strength and stability from his nation. It was his first visit to Hawaii since becoming president in 1992.

"Our visit to Hawaii, however brief, is much more than a stopover," he said, referring to the 15 percent of Filipinos that comprise Hawaii's population. "We have come for a family reunion with the community of Filipino-Americans in Hawaii."

Ramos sought to drum up investment in the Philippines, which could be the hope needed for some Hawaii Filipinos who worry about their relatives living in poverty in their homeland.

"We have made all united people, the poor people, the focus on our reform program," Ramos said.

# Another Filipina OCW to go back home in a casket

For the Variety ANOTHER Filipina overseas contract worker will be coming home soon dead and literally cold from being deep-frozen for several months.

Francisca E. Exconde, 55, of San Pablo City, was more lucky than other Filipinas who died abroad and whose remains never even saw the light of home.

Also, while one wonders what her working conditions were, she developed and died of cancer, and not apparently at the hands of a cruel employer in Kuwait, where she worked as a domestic helper.

Administrator Wilhelm D. Soriano of the Overseas Workers Administration said Francisca was admitted at the Al-Sabah Hospital, Kuwait Cancer Control Center on October 20, 1994.

She eventually succumbed to her illness last May 14, but her conditions was not reported to the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait.

In addition, the domestic helper's employer, Nisa Al Nasif, reportedly refused to shoulder the repatriation cost of Francisca, allegedly because she had run away from them. Francisca, an OWWA-documented OCW was said to have left her employer's home last January 24, a few months before the expiration of her working visa.

The reason she left her employer has not been explained.

Even the discovery of the deceased worker's body was purely accidental.

While sealing a casket of another dead Filipina OCW, Mr. Daligidig Tanandato, a member of the Philippine Embassy staff in Kuwait, reportedly was informed by a certain Dr. Ali of the Kuwait Cancer Control Center that another dead Filipina worker had been kept at the hospital's morgue since May 15.

Aghast at the information, Tanandato conducted a series of

inquiries in relation to the worker's identity. Apparently, the body belonged to Francisca.

The bereaved family, when informed of Francisca's tragic death, desperately sought the assistance of OWWA.

OWWA Administrator Wilhelm D. Soriano said the agency will defray the cost of shipping the late worker's remains, amounting to US\$2,700.

Like many other Filipina OCW's, Francisca went abroad and sacrificed being away from her husband and children, because of her understandable aspirations for a better future for her family.

Francisca's husband is a farmer, reportedly earning a messy income of P2,000 a month, which is not even enough to provide three full meals a day, let alone finance their loved one's "last journey" home to the Philippines.

# The Philippines State witness admits NBI 'doctored' her statement

For the Variety STATE witness Jessica Alfaro has been transferred to the direct custody of the Witness Protection Program of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

This was disclosed yesterday by National Bureau of Investigation Director Mariano M. Mison, who confirmed that Alfaro has been moved to a "much safer" safehouse.

The decision of the DOJ came as an aftermath of Jessica's alleged "tantrum" several nights ago, in which she fired her gun when the NBI guards refused to let her leave the NBI compound.

Apparently irked by the inability of the NBI to control their own witness, Justice Secretary Teofisto Guingona ordered the transfer expedited immediately.

In a related development, during a hearing on the petition of five suspects in the Vizconde massacre to be granted bail, Alfaro, on cross-examination, admitted that NBI investigators had made

certain additions in her testimony.

Alfaro was cross-examined by former Manila Fiscal Jose Flaminiano. She said that the investigators who took her statement had "promotional ambitions" and claimed that they faked her educational attainment.

She said she had insisted that her education only went as far as second year college, but quoted NBI agent Moises Tamayo as saying: "That will not be detected."

Alfaro also testified that when asked by NBI probers if she was sure Hubert Webb was the one who committed the crime, she had only answered "Yes". However, she claimed, the probers added "without an aura of doubt."

She said she had come to decide to tell what she knew about the murder of the Vizconde family - Estrellita and her daughters Carmela, who was also raped, and Anne Marie Jennifer - after she was assured that she, her daughter and family would be protected.

# Lady cop to present evidence vs officers

For the Variety BATAAN police director Supt. Elnora Bernardino said she and her lawyer were ready to present evidence to prove that five senior police officers, two of them retired, were coddlers of gambling lords in Central Luzon.

Bernardino and lawyer Bonifacio Alentajan said they will only present the evidences to the three-man special probe team in Malacanang created by President Fidel Ramos shortly before he left for a special working visit to the United States.

"We have enough evidence to support the allegations," Alentajan said. "And we are just waiting for the Malacanang probe panel to call us."

The probe body, headed by chief presidential legal counsel Antonio Carpio, will start investigating police officials linked to jueteng operations in Central Luzon and other parts of the country this week.

Bernardino and Alentajan last week alleged that retired generals Ramon Montano and Orlando Antonio, and Chief Supt. Ramsey Ocampo, Chief

Supt. Diony Ventura and Senior Supt. Enrique Cuadra were coddlers of jueteng operators.

Montano, presidential consultant on police matters, and Ocampo, PNP/CIC director both went on leave. Antonio is PAGCOR chief operating officer, Ventura is PNP Region 3 director, and Cuadra is Narcom deputy for operations.

Bernardino denied news reports she was summoned by the PNP directorate for investigation headed by Chief Supt. Job Mayo Jr. PNP chief Director General Recaredo Sarmiento designated Mayo to investigate Bernardino's accusations.

She said she just dropped by at the office of Mayo to say "hello" to him. But Mayo said he sent the third and final notice to Bernardino to substantiate her accusations by filing charge against the five police senior officers.

Mayo said he would file administrative and insubordination charge against Bernardino if she will not honor the summons sent her.

# In Pohnpei, FSM

# \$1-M suit filed vs newspaper

By Tom Panholzer Pohnpei-A million dollar libel lawsuit against a local newspaper has been filed in Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court.

Herbert A. Gallen filed the civil action, September 12, against Sherry Thomas, publisher; of and Eliza O'Sullivan, editor; FSM-JTPA News; the FSM government; and the U.S. government; and the FSM-JTPA News itself in connection with an article in the paper's September edition.

The FSM-JTPA News is a monthly newspaper which has been publishing on Pohnpei for slightly more than one year. It has, in the past, received funding from the U.S. government.

Gallen alleges he was maliciously attacked with "complete

disregard to the truth" in an article on page 28 of the issue.

According to the court documents, Gallen quotes FSM-JTPA as stating, And Mr. Herbert Gallen raises some interesting question. For instance, he asks how he could achieve his station in the government if he is a known thief. (sic) That is a question many, many people ask themselves many times, because Mr. Gallen is not only one to whom this phenomenon applies. Perhaps Mr. Murray (he wrote a letter to the editor of the FSM-JTPA) was referring to the time when Mr. Gallen was forced to apologize to the people of Pohnpei on public radio for taking funds while he was the Postmaster. Mr. Murray once told the FSM-JTPA News that Mr. Gallen's contract with the FSM Maintenance was not renewed due to some sort of misbehavior, perhaps having main-

tenance staff work on Mr. Gallen's private property during work hours..."

Court documents state three

causes of action against the newspaper: Libel-malicious publication, negligent publication, and intentional infliction of emotional

distress. Gallen seeks \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$200,000 from each in punitive damages.

# Fiji gov't disowns proposal to change law on witchcraft

THE FIJI government has distanced itself from the attorney general, Kelemedi Bulewa's views that laws regarding witchcraft should be changed to allow indigenous Fijians to worship their ancestral gods.

Mr. Bulewa said last week that the law on witchcraft was inconsistent with the freedom of religion. He said the laws would be reviewed to give indigenous Fijians the right to worship their ancestral gods.

But Fiji's Methodist and Catholic churches have expressed strong objection to Mr. Bulewa's comments.

The Methodist church president, Rev. Manasa Lasaro, says Mr. Bulewa's comments will take Fijians back one hundred and fifty years to the days of cannibalism.

The head of the Catholic church in Fiji, Archbishop Petero Mataca, says Catholics reject the worship of ancestors gods or witchcraft and he's surprised by Mr. Bulewa's comments.

A cabinet statement has sought to distance the government from Mr. Bulewa's comments.

The statement said that Mr. Bulewa's comments were his personal views and were strictly in the

legal sense that the freedom of religious worship guaranteed by the constitution means that one is free to worship the god of one's choice.

However, Mr. Bulewa went on Fiji Television to say that he stood by what he had said.

Mr. Bulewa said the Law Reform Commission is reviewing Fiji's Panel Code and to preserve freedom of worship such things as witchcraft should be removed from it. He said this law is archaic and has no bearing on society. Pacnews

# 37 suicides recorded in Tonga over last 10 years

THIRTY Seven suicide cases have been recorded in Tonga during the past ten years, Radio Tonga reported Tuesday.

According to police statistics, of the total, 34 victims were males and three were females.

Twenty-three of the victims were in the age range of eleven to 21, eight were between the ages of 22 and 28, and six were between 38 and 60-plus years old.

The statistics show most cases happened during May following year.

The highest suicide cases were recorded in 1988 with seven, of whom six were males.

1993 and 1994 recorded five each, and so far two suicides have been reported this year....Pacnews

# NZ vessel back from Mururoa

THE NEW Zealand navy ship Tui is at Rarotonga, Cook Islands on her voyage back to New Zealand after spending some six weeks with the anti-nuclear peace flotilla of the French nuclear testing site at Moruroa Atoll, the Cook Islands News reported Monday.


The HMNZS Tui is in Rarotonga for a few days before sailing on to New Zealand.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand presence at Moruroa is down to a couple of boats, including the Anna and NZ Maid, with the recent departure of the protest vessel Photina from Moruroa for Rarotonga.

Cook Islands News reports other New Zealand boats are either heading back to New Zealand, to Rarotonga or are in Papete....Pacnews

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## CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 11 of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby serves notice that it will hold a SPECIAL Board Meeting on Friday, October 20, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room at Saipan International Airport on Saipan.

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

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
- II. AGENDA
  1. Audit Affidavits
  2. Special Report - Section Project
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT (S)
- IV. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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## US also spied on Western leaders during trade talks

NEW YORK (AP) - Japanese ministers weren't the only foreign officials to be spied on during trade talks with the United States, NBC said, reporting that the Western Hemisphere's leaders also were bugged last year. The National Security Agency eavesdropped on heads of state at the "Summit of the Americas," held in Miami last December to promote free trade, "NBC Nightly News" reported on Tuesday.

Earlier Tuesday, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor wouldn't comment on The New York Times report Sunday that the NSA and CIA

spied on Japanese representatives during auto talks and briefed him on their findings.

The Clinton administration has "never directly or indirectly commented on intelligence matters, and I'm not going to do so at this moment," Kantor said in Jerusalem.

NBC added another twist: that in February 1994, Japan secretly sent an emissary to the White House in advance of an Oval Office meeting between President Clinton and Japan's prime minister. And when that emissary called Tokyo from a Washington hotel, U.S. spies intercepted

the conversation.

Japanese officials have warned that relations with Washington could be seriously damaged if reports that the CIA eavesdropped on Japanese negotiators during talks over auto imports proved true.

Japan's deputy chief Cabinet secretary Hiroyuki Sonoda said Monday that the reported spying "if true ... is a matter of grave concern that might seriously affect our diplomatic relations."

But Kantor said Tuesday that he did not believe the reports would cause diplomatic harm. "Our relationship is good, and it's strong, and it will continue to be so," he said.

## US Senate bid to tighten pressure on Cuba fizzles

By GEORGE GEDDA  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A Republican effort in the U.S. Senate to tighten economic pressure on Cuban President Fidel Castro fell just short Tuesday on a procedural vote, the second such setback in five days. Supporters needed 60 votes to end debate on the bill but lost out in a 59-36 vote, handing a victory to the Clinton administration and Democratic allies in Congress. The opponents contended the bill would impair a peaceful transition to democracy in Cuba.

Contributing to the defeat of the proposal were the defections of Sens. Nancy Kassebaum and Jim Jeffords, both of whom voted "yes" last Thursday and switched on Tuesday.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, a strong supporter of the legislation, said yet another vote will be held Wednesday. An aide noted that the one-vote defeat could be reversed if Sen. Mark Hatfield, who was absent Tuesday, supports the majority on Wednesday.

The bill is aimed at deterring foreign investment in Cuba by allowing Cuban-Americans and other U.S. citizens whose property in Cuba was confiscated decades ago to sue anyone who traffics in such property in U.S. courts.

Sen. Christopher Dodd led the opposition to the measure, saying it could trigger 430,000 lawsuits and aggravate already overburdened federal courts at an extra cost to taxpayers

of \$2 billion for court expenses. Supporters of the measure said Dodd's figures were highly exaggerated.

Dodd said the provision would give Cuban-Americans legal recourse not enjoyed by Polish-Americans, Chinese-Americans and others who lost property in their native lands through uncompensated expropriation. Castro has been counting on foreign investment to help reverse the economic decline that has afflicted Cuba since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the island's former benefactor.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chief sponsor of the legislation, said he has received communications from scores of Cuban citizens appealing for its passage.

## Holbrooke back on Bosnia trail

By SAMIR KRILIC  
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - A senior U.S. envoy resumed shuttle diplomacy among Bosnia's warring sides as tensions mounted over a possible flareup in Croatia, another Balkan hot spot.

Richard Holbrooke, an assistant secretary of state, met with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic late Tuesday and was due Wednesday in Sarajevo in his bid to keep peace talks on track.

Though a 7-day-old cease-fire appeared to be holding in Bosnia, fears mounted that Serb-Croat fighting might flare in neighboring Croatia. Rebel Serbs still hold a swath of land in eastern Croatia on the Yugoslav border, which they occupied in the country's 1991 war of secession from Yugoslavia.

Croatia's nationalist government has warned it might take back the land by force, as it did other Serb-held territory in blitz offensives last May and August. Serbs have pledged to resist, possibly with the help of the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army.

Croatian army movements have been reported in the area in recent days. Across the border in Serbia, Yugoslav army officials began "military practice" maneuvers Tuesday and said their soldiers had been put on a higher level of combat readiness.

As leader of Serbia, Milosevic controls the powerful Yugoslav federal army. If Yugoslav forces did clash with Croatian troops, it would be a major setback for Balkan peace prospects.

In Washington on Tuesday, Secretary of State Warren Christopher issued a stern warning to Croatian President Franjo Tudjman not to invade the Serb-held territory, known as eastern Slavonia.

"He knows that it will be very costly to Croatia in terms of its desires to become part of Western institutions," Christopher said. "And I intend to tell him again, and as forcefully as we can, I think it would be a serious mistake for them to do that."

Holbrooke already has his hands full with Bosnia, where the Muslim-led government accuses Bosnian Serbs of mocking key cease-fire terms by withholding water supplies from Sarajevo.

Another cease-fire provision,

free access to the eastern government enclave of Gorazde, also hasn't been met.

There was some progress Tuesday. A U.N. aid convoy got through to Gorazde from Sarajevo for the first time without the usual harassment by Serb soldiers, although it had to pause once while mines were removed from a road.

The cease-fire has brought natural gas and electricity back to most of Sarajevo, but water service remains spotty. Hasan Muratovic, Bosnia's minister for relations with the United Nations, said that could mean trouble.

"We promised people to lift the siege of Sarajevo ... either by diplomatic means or by force," Muratovic warned. "So if water is not supplied, we consider that the Serbs are not complying with the cease-fire agreement."

The threat appeared to be part of an effort to move the fate of Sarajevo closer to center stage in peace talks due at the end of the month in the United States.

Serbs want part of Sarajevo in any peace settlement. The Muslim-led government says the city cannot be divided.

President Alija Izetbegovic met

with city officials Tuesday to "confirm our commitment for a unified ... city."

If the cease-fire holds and Holbrooke keeps the peace pro-

cess from unraveling, Croatian, Serbian and Bosnian government leaders will begin talks in the United States on Oct. 31.

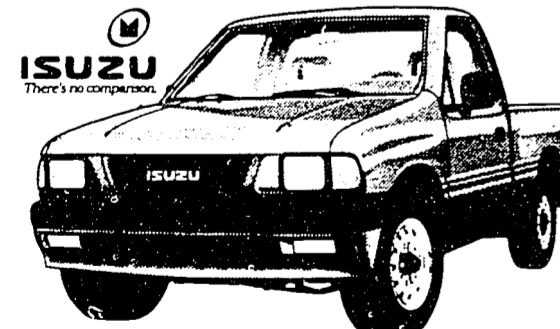


A Muslim woman washes her clothes in a river running through the front-line suburb Dobrinja in Sarajevo as the day burns away. Despite the restoration of utilities to the embattled capital, people are still not aware or are not able to take advantage of the restoration. (AP Photo)

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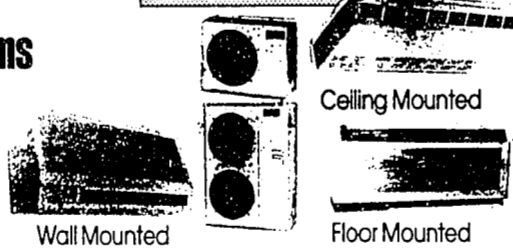
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# Business & Trade



## Windows 95 hikes Microsoft profits

By JAMES L. ENG  
SEATTLE (AP) - Microsoft Corp., buoyed by strong sales of its Windows 95 software, reported a 58 percent profit jump for its first fiscal quarter.

The performance exceeded analysts' expectations and will likely improve investors' view of the technology sector, where stock prices had declined since the late August rollout of Windows 95 because of fears that it would not live up to its hype.

The third quarter profits and near-term outlooks of several other prominent technology companies - including International Business Machines Corp., Intel Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc. - have also reassured Wall Street about the sector.

"When you have Intel and Microsoft come in with strong quarters, Sun had a blowout and IBM did OK, those are all positives," said Gary Helmig, analyst at Soundview Financial Group.

Microsoft said Tuesday it earned \$499 million, or 78 cents per share, in the quarter. That compares to \$316 million, or 51 cents per share, a year ago.

Revenue was \$2.02 billion, a 62 percent increase over the \$1.24 billion from the first quarter of last fiscal year.

The performance well exceeded the consensus estimate of 70 cents per share. Microsoft released earnings after stock trading ended. Its shares closed at \$91.125, up \$4.375 on the Nasdaq Stock Market, following a rally in other technology stocks.

"These excellent results reflect the continuing strength of our overall business and the initial achievements of Windows 95 in North America and Europe, and throughout many parts of the world," Bob Herbold, Microsoft's chief operating officer, said in a statement.

The company said 7 million units of Microsoft 95 have been purchased either as an upgrade or on a new PC. The estimate was the first from Microsoft since five days after sales began, when the company said 1 million units had been sold.

The company said it does not plan to issue a so-called "maintenance" version of Windows 95, fixing minor problems, in the near future. Software makers sometimes revise a new product shortly after its been on the market and computer industry insiders have speculated that was a possibility with Windows 95.

Analyst Rick Owens of Pacific Crest Securities said the decision not to have a maintenance release is "indicative of the strength of the product. It should give users - particularly corporations - confidence in moving to the new system."

While the product has sold faster than any piece of software, it is difficult to say whether sales have met expectations.

Estimates of the number of copies of Windows 95 that would be sold through the end of the year ranged from 15 million by Inteco Corp., a market researcher based in Norwalk, Connecticut to 29

million, by Dataquest Corp., a San Jose, California-based research group.

The closest the company has come to expressing an expectation was at a July meeting with financial analysts. Executives at that time estimated 10 to 25 percent of the people who used the old version of Windows would buy Windows 95 during its first year of availability.

With a base of 100 million PCs using Windows, that represents 10 million to 25 million purchases. More would be sold pre-installed on new computers.

Microsoft has also said it would defer recognizing about 40 percent of Windows 95 revenue during its first 18 months in order to smooth a sales bump that could harm comparisons in 1996 and 1997.

## Barings Bank collapse shifts to crime probe

By KENNETH L. WHITING  
SINGAPORE (AP) - Armed with a new government report sharply rebuking top management for the Barings bank collapse, Singapore authorities on Wednesday launched a new criminal investigation.

Director Lawrence Ang said his Commercial Affairs Department was probing "any possible criminal acts" committed in Singapore in connection with the bank debacle.

Ang said his staff was studying new offenses outlined in an official report released by the Finance Ministry Tuesday. The CAD is the ministry's investigative branch.

He declined to specify who would be questioned or the nature of any fresh charges, except that they would be similar to those already filed against Nick Leeson.

The 28-year-old British-born Leeson faces 11 counts of forgery and fraud. Ang said he could face 14 years in prison if convicted.

"We are convinced we have sufficient evidence against him," Ang told a news conference.

Leeson is preparing an appeal against a German court order on Oct. 4 in favor of his extradition to Singapore. He was seized at Frankfurt Airport on March 2 after fleeing Singapore.

Barings collapsed on Feb. 27 after Leeson amassed 860 million pounds (dls 1.89 billion) in losses on Asian futures markets, wiping out the bank's cash reserves.

Ang's investigation shifts direction in the Barings case as far as Singapore is concerned.

The report issued Tuesday, compiled by Price Waterhouse accountants Michael Lim and Nicky Tan, was limited to reconstructing the circumstances leading to the bank's crash.

"We have also not directed ourselves to the investigation of any fraud or collusion with Mr. Leeson," their 183-page report said.

Lim and Tan blamed Leeson for covering losing bets with the bank's money until there was none left. But their strongest criticism was directed at the "institutional incompetence" of senior management.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is soliciting proposals for financial and compliance audit of the Marianas Public Land Corporation (MPLC) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994. Proposals shall be submitted to the Public Auditor, P.O. Box 1399, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 1995. Proposals must be stamped "Confidential" and labeled "MPLC FY 1994 Audit Proposal." The audit shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. OMB Circular A-128
2. Government Auditing Standards
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Proposal must at least have the following information:

### Title Page:

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- b.) Name of CPA or CPA firm
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- a.) Briefly state your understanding of the audit work to be performed. Include an affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period specified.
- b.) State a comprehensive fee for which the audit will be performed.
- c.) State the scheduled dates for the entrance and exit conferences, and the submission of draft and final audit reports.

### Your Company's Profile:

- a.) Provide a brief description of your company which includes your personnel's educational background and experience, number of staff, level of staff (partners, managers, supervisor, etc.), and a listing of clients.
- b.) The description must also include an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.
- c.) Name and profile of staff members to be assigned to the audit, should your firm be awarded.

Awards will be based on four evaluation factors: price, technical competence, prior experience, and ability to meet the deadline.

The contract for this audit will be awarded not later than October 27, 1995. The audit work shall commence thereafter and final audit report shall be completed and delivered by 4:30 p.m. on February 9, 1996.

All inquiries may be directed to Ms. Bertha T. Camacho, Director of Division of Public Lands, at telephone numbers 322-6914/6915/7142. Audit reports from previous years are available at the Division of Public Lands main office in Capitol Hill.

OPA and MPLC reserves the right to reject any proposal in the interest of the CNMI government.

BENIGNO M. SABLAN  
Secretary  
Department of Lands and Natural Resources

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section II of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby serves notice that it will hold its regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room at Saipan International Airport on Saipan.

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

### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

### II. CORRESPONDENCE

### III. COMMITTEES REPORT

1. Finance Committee
  - a. Adoption of Financial Statement
2. Other Committees report, if any

### IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT

### V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Audit Report for Board Action or recommendation
2. Policies for Management Travel, Per Diem and Official representation
3. Employee Classifications and Compensation Plan

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. To request the Office of the Public Auditor to audit CPA from 10/1/94 to 9/30/95
2. Extension of Rola Terminal and Transfer Company, Inc.
3. Supplemental Budget Request No. 01-96

### A&E Fee:

- a. Juan C. Tenorio & Associates
- b. Elfrain F. Camacho Consulting Engineers & Architects
- c. E.M. Chen & Associates-Incinerators

### VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS(S)

### VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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# Business & Trade



## Japan's trade surplus falls anew

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's trade surplus fell 5.6 percent in September from the same month last year, for the third consecutive month of decline, the government said Wednesday.

The September surplus totaled

dls 11.29 billion, which was followed by a 1.3 percent drop in August and a 23 percent fall in July, both compared to the same month in the previous year.

Japan's politically sensitive trade surplus with the United

States fell to \$ 4.42 billion in September from \$ 5.82 billion a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said in its monthly report.

It was the fourth straight month of decline in trade surplus with the United States, Japan's largest trading partner.

A ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ministry expects Japan's overall trade surplus will keep falling.

The volume of imports has continued rising year on year for more than two years, far exceeding the increase in exports, the official told reporters in a briefing on the latest report.

In yen terms in September, the overall trade surplus dropped 5.8 percent from a year earlier to 1.118 trillion yen, for the tenth straight month of decline.

In September, Japan's trade surplus fell due largely to brisk imports of office automation machinery, semiconductors and other electronic parts and clothing. Also contributing to increased imports was a 23 percent rise in automobiles and 36 percent in dollar-based value from a year earlier.

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## Dollar, stocks finish lower in early trading

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar was trading lower against the Japanese yen in early trading Wednesday, while prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange moved lower in light trading.

The dollar's weakness followed a similar overnight trend in New York, where the U.S. currency also slipped against the German mark.

The dollar's drop was also partly due to a general belief among traders that the Group of Seven major industrialized nations were satisfied with the dollar's position.

The G-7 includes the United States, Japan, Britain, Canada, Italy, Germany and France.

At early morning, the dollar was traded at 100.02 yen, down 0.42 yen from late Tuesday and also below its late overnight level

of 100.45 yen in New York.

Meanwhile, share prices weakened following an overnight decline in Nikkei-225 futures prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, dealers said.

The market lacked fresh incentives to buy or sell aggressively, leaving the market's main index in a narrow range, they said.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average shed 93.06 points, or 0.52 percent, to 17,823.54 points in the first 30 minutes of trading. On Tuesday, the average closed at 17,916.60 points, down 99.84 points, or 0.55 percent.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was down 8.47 points, or 0.59 percent, to 1,423.14 points. The TOPIX was up 0.33 point, or 0.02 percent, closing at 1,431.61 on Tuesday.

## Philip Morris posts 16% profit rise

NEW YORK (AP) - Philip Morris Companies Inc.'s profit climbed 16.5 percent led by strong sales of Marlboro and its other cigarette brands around the world, the huge consumer packaged goods company said Tuesday.

The results were a shade above analysts' expectations, but Philip Morris stock fell 12 1/2 cents to dls 85.125 a share Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Philip Morris is the world's biggest cigarette maker and is a leading food company with brands like Maxwell House coffee, Jell-O desserts, Kool-Aid powdered drinks and Kraft cheese.

It earned \$ 1.43 billion, or \$1.71 a share, in the three months ended Sept. 30, compared with \$ 1.23

billion, or \$ 1.42 a share, a year earlier.

The consensus of analysts surveyed in advance of the report by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings per share of \$ 1.68 a share.

Revenue slipped to \$ 16.69 billion from \$ 16.71 billion for the quarter, but would have been up 6.7 percent if businesses sold since a year ago were excluded from the comparison.

"Our latest results clearly show we are a growth company that continues to deliver strong earnings gains and higher returns to shareholders," said Geoffrey C. Bible, chairman and chief executive.

The tobacco business posted a 15.5 percent increase in operating income worldwide as revenue rose 9.8 per-

cent and sales volume grew 8.2 percent. Domestically, the tobacco division's operating income was up 12.6 percent as revenue edged up 0.8 percent.

Philip Morris brands, which also include Virginia Slims, Benson & Hedges, Parliament, Merit and Basic, accounted for an estimated 47.1 percent of all cigarettes sold in U.S. retail outlets, up 0.8 percentage points from a year ago. Marlboro's retail share alone was estimated at 30.6 percent of the market, up 1.5 percentage points from a year ago.

The company said its domestic profit increase reflected improved productivity, a price increase in the second quarter and more sales of more expensive and profitable premium brands.



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# Street kids become entrepreneurs

By NARESH FERNANDES BOMBAY, India (AP) - The teen-ager stands beside his sandwich stall - a makeshift booth made of discarded packing crates - beaming with all the pride of a fast-food chain mogul.

"If the profits keep up, I'm going to be able to move to a larger stand soon," he says, speaking over the noise of passing cars, trucks and buses that belch noxious fumes into the warm evening air.

Vikki, 17, has lived on Bombay's streets for a decade, since he ran away from his impoverished village and an alcoholic father. He joined a population of homeless children that is larger than many cities.

Most of the estimated 100,000 street children in Bombay live in tarpaper shanties, at railway stations or on the pavement. Most are doomed to menial labor or petty crime.

But Vikki may have found an escape. He is one of 400 youngsters who have attended workshops run by a humanitarian group to train street children in the basics of good business.

Called Project Mainstream, the two-day workshops began in February to teach teen-agers how to be good salesmen, run profitable vegetable, betel nut or snack stands, make income sticks or become florists.

Taking a pragmatic approach to the problems of small-time business, the

courses also teach how to handle municipal officials who demand bribes, varying from 20 rupees (75 cents) to 200 rupees (dtrs 7.50), to overlook violations like selling without a license. That usually means, pay them.

Helped by a loan of 1,500 rupees (\$ 45), Vikki sells toasted vegetable sandwiches from his stand outside Crawford Market, the city's wholesale fruit market. At 5 rupees (19 cents) a serving, he's been turning a profit of about 100 rupees (\$ 3.75) a day.

That is a step up from other street children, who eke out livings selling scrap from garbage dumps or working as porters. A study by the Market and Research Group put their average daily earnings at 48 rupees (\$ 1.80), enough to buy two flimsy T-shirts or a meager meal for two at a roadside kiosk.

The pressure of life on the street is enormous. At least five street children attempt suicide every month in Bombay, says the Coordinating Committee for Vulnerable Children, a volunteer group.

About three-fourths of the street youngsters are substance abusers, usually hashish or an adulterated form of heroin known as brown sugar, the committee says.

Many of them are drawn into pushing drugs or smuggling illicit liquor. "Here's a whole work force which is being squandered on illegal trades simply because they need to work to survive," said Hazel D'Lima, a social worker who studied Bombay's street chil-

dren for UNICEF.

Project Mainstream is financed mainly by Indian and Canadian Rotary Clubs.

In Bombay, as in many of India's megacities, the government cannot provide basic services like health care and education to the influx of rural poor. Community and volunteer organizations take up some of that slack.

The Coordinating Committee directs 22 grass-roots organizations that reach an estimated 4,000 children. They run centers where children can take baths and get counseling,

conduct non-formal schools and try to reunite children with families. The committee also solicits children for Project Mainstream.

Police harassment remains a problem for the budding entrepreneurs, although social workers have persuaded police not to arrest those registered with aid groups.

But the groups have not persuaded city authorities to give the youngsters vendor licenses. The government contends Bombay has far too many hawkers already and has not issued new licenses since 1978.



Miss America Shawntel Smith of Muldrow, Okla., carries a wreath as she and Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, left, arrive at the Heartland Chapel Friday in Oklahoma City. The wreath was in remembrance of those killed in the April 19, 1995, terrorist attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. (AP Photo)

## Tamil rebels blow up Sri Lankan navy ship

By NIRESH ELIATAMBY COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Tamil suicide divers infiltrated the military's largest port early Tuesday and blew up a navy supply ship, and all 10 sailors aboard were feared dead, a military official said.

The attack at Trincomalee harbor, 245 kilometers (150 miles) northeast of Colombo, was the latest in a recent string of naval assaults by Liberation Tigers fighting for a Tamil homeland.

The guerrillas put mines on the hull of the 500-ton vessel, berthed at a pier guarded by several sentries and warships. The ship was destroyed in the blast, the official said on condition of anonymity.

At least one guerrilla spotted by sentries was shot to death before the

explosion, the official said.

The ship was being used to supply dry rations and perishable food to isolated northern military bases. It was a gift from Japan as a fishing trawler and was transferred to the navy in 1983.

The rebels have targeted military supply ships since breaking off a 100-day truce in April. The ships typically carry food and ammunition to thousands of troops massing in the north for an assault on the rebel stronghold of Jaffna city.

On April 19, rebels sank two gunboats with mines, killing 12 sailors and losing four of their divers. In July, the rebels used divers to infiltrate a military port in the north and sink another supply ship.

# Will Haiti's Aristide step down?

By MICHAEL NORTON PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - "Three More Years!" The slogan sang and heard more frequently in Haiti these days is the rallying cry of those who want their president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to stay on.

Aristide's term, interrupted by a military coup, ends Feb. 7. He has repeatedly said he will step down, as required by the constitution and as desired by the United States.

But that doesn't deter many Haitians from hoping he'll change his mind. And it doesn't deter his critics from suspecting some official support for the movement, which littered the city with leaflets last weekend declaring: "Justice for the coup d'etat means three years. Long live Aristide."

"Those leaflets cost a lot of money," former Port-au-Prince Mayor Evans Paul said in an interview Monday. "Aristide says he wants to go. But, honestly, the people who are making this propaganda cannot be acting without his knowledge."

Paul lost city hall to an Aristide ally in a June 25 election.

On Sunday, the anniversary of Aristide's return from exile, hundreds of Aristide's supporters proclaimed their joy in provincial Gonaives with the call, "Three More Years!" The same cry lived street parties in Port-au-Prince, and was declared in graffiti in southeastern port of Jacmel.

Aristide was elected to a five-year term in 1990 but was overthrown a year later by the military. Three years later, last October, a U.S.-led multinational force restored him to office.

As many as 4,000 civilians died during the military's reign of terror. Back in power, Aristide told the people not to seek vengeance, and they obeyed. In February, in the most popular move of his tenure, he liquidated the armed forces.

"I was so scared of the army and its attaches, my back used to tingle with fear when I walked down the street. That's a thing of the past. I just don't see why Aristide has to go," said

Roosevelt Mark, a 25-year-old chauffeur. Constitutionally, Aristide is ineligible to run for a second term until 2000.

After decades under military and civilian dictators, many Haitians do not understand why their popularly elected leader should surrender power. They presume he is bowing to U.S. demands only because Haiti is dependent on foreign aid.

"Today, Haitians are concerned about jobs and not about elections. If they like the president and he wants to rule for five or 10 years or for life, it doesn't matter to them," said Haitian historian Michel Soukara.

"It is a strange idea to most Haitians that Aristide should step down. They suppose he is being forced to under foreign pressure," Soukara said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the movement. But some of it appears motivated by what Aristide's supporters see as U.S. meddling in Haitian affairs.

Before he was overthrown in 1991,

## Inos . . .

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"A just cause revocation of the mayor's delegated authority," the court said, "shall not be made arbitrarily, capriciously or for any illegal reason."

As for the question of the mayor's expenditure authority, Manibusan stated that the governor has discretion to revoke the Mayor's expenditure authority over those departments' only upon showing just cause to do so.

Otherwise, he cannot "cannot deny the mayor's authority to expend appropriated funds for those resident departments primarily for delivery of public services." "The Mayor's expenditure au-

thority will rightfully remain co-extensive with the governor's delegation and/or revocation of his authority over the resident departments," the Court said.

On the issue related to decentralization of public services, the Court noted that "while the mayor's control over resident departments primarily functioning to execute law on Rota is somewhat fragile" the responsibility of resident department heads "is constitutionally protected."

Capping the issue, the Court said: "to the extent that the people of Rota experience elation or frustration over their mayor's lack of control over resident departments, the democratic system remains intact which means their voices will be heard."

Granting Inos' plea for injunction, the Court ordered Tenorio and the Secretary of Finance to refrain from:

- Usurping the Mayor's authority to grant or deny all resident department heads on Rota administrative leave;
- Denying employment to any current mayoral employees detailed to DOF by Mayor of Rota;
- Denying DOF employment to future mayoral employees unless such denial has legally reasons; and
- Denying the mayor of his constitutional right to expend funds appropriated for those resident departments primarily responsible for delivery of basic services.

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Ascertain of Quorum
2. Adoption of Minutes
  - a. Minutes of October 12, 1995
3. Old Business
4. New Business
  - a. Presentation of Composite Price Index (CIP) by Secretary of Commerce Pedro Q. Dela Cruz and Staff
  - b. Review of Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Elected Officials and Judge of November 16, 1990.
  - c. Review of Other Documents on the salaries and compensation of elected officials and judges.
5. Other Matters
6. Announcements
  - a. Next Meeting
7. Adjournment

**SECOND ANNIVERSARY ROSARY**

**JOAQUIN DUENAS CEPEDA**  
(Akin Tona)



My children, their families, and I, invite our relatives to share in our nine days of prayers beginning on Thursday, October 19th for my beloved husband; their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Prayers will begin with daily mass at 6 o'clock a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral and a seven o'clock p.m. rosary, at the family residence, in Chalan Kanoa and will conclude on Friday, October 27th.

Dinner will follow immediately after the mass at the family residence.

**Si Yuus Ma'ase**  
Paulina B. Cepeda and Children

## Dela Cruz . . .

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ages from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. According to Dela Cruz, this period can be extended only upon the governor's discretion during holidays and special events.

Dela Cruz also noted the circumvention of another statute that "no on-sale licensee, agent, or employee...shall serve more than one drink at any one time to any individual."

"Recent reports received by this office suggests that certain estab-

ishments allow patrons to purchase an entire case or bottle of alcohol in advance and then supply the customer during the course of the evening after 2 a.m.," Dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz said this practice of stacking drinks to allow customers to remain in the establishment after 2 a.m. "is unlawful." "This...must immediately cease," he said.

Dela Cruz directed enforcement officers to "immediately ensure absolute compliance" with the statutes regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages.

accepted, then it means he could sign a bill which authorizes casinos, sets license fees and reserves a portion of the license fees for particular purposes, while cutting out any of the regulations he or his allies don't like," said Manglona.

According to Manglona, part of the language that was item-vetoed by the governor was designed to give Commonwealth taxpayers an opportunity to challenge any questionable bond issue before it becomes uncontrollable under the terms of the law.

He added that since the proposed bond issue would commit 10 percent of all general revenues of the CNMI for the next 30 years, it should only be approved with due protections for CNMI taxpayers.

"The responsible course would have been for the governor to sign the bill and request amendments to address any genuine, substantial or reasonable concerns he, CDA the bond counsels or underwriters may have," the senator said.

But according to Muir, the reason why the Senate amendments were item-vetoed is because of the disruptive effects they may have on the bond issue.

"The Senate amendments would make it a lot harder for us to sell the bonds and will just necessitate raising the interest rate to make it more sellable," said Muir.

"Anything in the bond bill that is confusing and is unclear is bad. We need to give investors greater security and confidence and those amendments surely would not result to that," said Muir.

Should Manglona indeed sue Tenorio, he will be the second senator to bring the governor to court over the last two months.

Earlier, Sen. David M. Cing sued the chief executive over monies for Tinian CIP projects.

# Radio boom gives Romania music

By ALISON MUTLER  
**BUCHAREST, Romania** (AP) - When Romania's radio waves were freed from communist orthodoxy, disc jockey Bogdan Popescu went to work spicing things up with once-banned Western pop music. Listeners were grateful, but Popescu quickly learned that Romanians needed hard news as much as hard rock. Now Popescu - widely known as "The Snake" for a commercial he once did for Bucharest's Red Snake bar - is prominent among a cadre of tough radio journalists annoying the establishment by giving Romanians news. His employer, Radio Total, is among more than a dozen private stations that have gone

on the air in Bucharest since this backward country of 23 million people threw off communism in 1989. Unlike state-owned TV and radio, or Romania's free but sloppy newspapers, the private radio stations are getting news fast, getting it right and, wherever possible, getting it live. Doing so, they are jolting Romanians out of a centuries-old habit of accepting official whim that was exaggerated under the draconian communist dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu. "Why isn't there water? Why is the government increasing taxes? Why is meat 3,000 lei (\$1.50) more expensive today?" Popescu, 27, laments in a growling voice and mispronounced "r's" that have helped make him a celebrity. When bureaucrats announced that much of Bucharest would be without water during six days of repair work, Radio Total didn't blithely accept that. It ran a blitz of live reports from repair sites and broadcast calls from irate listeners and interviews with embarrassed offi-

cials - who managed to finish the work in two days. "We frightened them, and they worked around the clock," said the station's director, Cornel Nistorescu. One day, when Nistorescu felt a disconcerting bending motion on a traffic-laden bridge, he stopped his car and phoned in a live report warning motorists to avoid the span. Officials later closed it. Other stations, such as Bucharest's popular Radio Contact, have won big followings mixing Western pop music with concise news bulletins, weather forecasts, traffic reports - even warnings about police speed traps. "It's extraordinary," said Dumitru Tinu, editor of newspaper Adevarul. "They have stimulated competition in the written press, particularly with information. It is a positive thing." Although editors believe readers still place greater value on the written word, the financially ailing print media repels many Romanians with its seeming preoccupation with sensationalism or numbing political argument.

"Radio tells me what's going on, and political comment is separate," said Radu Catcama, a 40-year-old businessman in Brasov, a city of 320,000 people that now has three private stations. Young people like Gheorghe Catalin, an 18-year-old waiter in Bucharest, say they are too busy trying to make it in the new market economy to wade through newspapers. He says he listens to private radio "when I go to bed, in the kitchen, and in the street on my Walkman." Leading the wave are intense young go-getters like Popescu. After earning a chemical engineering degree in 1990, he drifted into radio when people told him he had a good voice.

He started with a half-hour show that played pop and rock. He soon found it too shallow, and quit in a disagreement over program format. He joined Radio Total three months before it went on the air in late 1993, practicing on mockup shows and studying journalism in a program sponsored by the British Broadcasting Corp. Though his work wardrobe may still feature cut-off jeans and T-shirts, "The Snake" is anything but casual about his work. "When I married my wife, I told her that radio comes first," he said. "Every day I read the papers, watch TV to keep up to date. We're not an easy station. We get people to think."

## Husband, wife in same jury differ on verdict

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, California** (AP)-Juror Jim Hamson had a hard time obeying a judge's admonition to avoid discussing a civil discrimination case outside court. His wife was on the same jury - leaning in the opposite direction.

"After 33 years, I know him. I didn't have to discuss the case. I knew how he felt," Carolyn Hamson said. "I think he had a harder time because he wanted to convince me."

After 16 hours of deliberations, the jury told the judge they were hopelessly deadlocked - with the Hamsons on opposite sides - and a mistrial was declared.

Seven jurors, including Jim Hamson, believed the evidence showed the Department of Corrections was guilty of racial discrimination for demoting a black prison worker. Mrs. Hamson was among five who disagreed.

Nine jurors must agree to reach a verdict in a civil case. "He's got his strong opinions and I've got mine," said Mrs. Hamson, 51. "It's a different day than it was 40 years ago."

Superior Court Judge Michael Duffy said he had never seen a husband and wife sit on the same jury. He emphasized to the Hamsons his daily admonition to jurors not to discuss the case before the trial was over.

At one point during deliberations, Jim Hamson stood to emphasize a point. "He got uptight about something, and I said, 'Jim, sit down,'" said Mrs. Hamson. "I would have said it to anybody."



Sumo wrestler Taro Akebono, right, jokingly hits U.S. actor Sylvester Stallone on the jaw at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Paris Thursday night Oct. 12, 1995. (AP Photo)

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**US fighter jet crashes**

**TOKYO (AP)** - A U.S. Air Force F-15 fighter jet Wednesday crashed into the sea near Japan's southern island of Okinawa, but the pilot was rescued unhurt, officials said. The pilot was safely plucked out of the sea about 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of Okinawa by a Japanese rescue team. His name was being withheld until his family had been notified. The F-15 fighter jet had

taken off at 9:30 a.m. (0030 GMT) from Kadena Air base on Okinawa, 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles), southwest of Tokyo, on a routine training mission. It was not carrying munitions, the Air Force said in a release. Defense Agency spokesman Minoru Eguchi said the pilot safely ejected after the crash, and was rescued by one of three aircraft sent by Japan's Air Self-Defense Force. He was taken to Lester Hospital on Okinawa for examination.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**ADOPTION CASE NO. 95-67**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: JENNIFER G. WASAN, minor,

BY: JAMES R. RABAULIMAN and JUVY WASAM RABAULIMAN, Petitioners.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on November 9, 1995 at 1:30 PM. in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Suspe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the court to adopt the above-named minor.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1995

/s/REYNALDO O. YANA  
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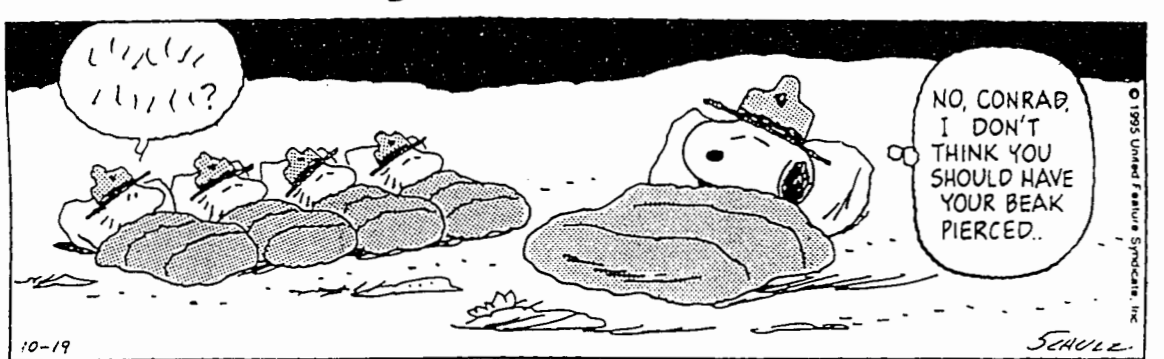
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are the kind of person other people would like to be. You enjoy a rare sort of good luck that seems to strike at any time, and often repeatedly, and which seems to stick with you no matter what else is going on in your life.

read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. FRIDAY, OCT. 20 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — After a rough start today, you'll be back in the swing of things remarkably soon, showing off your skill with grace and style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The speed with which you handle serious situations will serve you well today and in the days to come. Don't let down!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A combustible situation can be eased today, provided you admit to a mistake early in the day. You mustn't be stubborn or selfish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You will seek adventure, and you're likely to find it before this day is out. Expect the unexpected, however, as you take the plunge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — There is no reason to pretend you are fearless today. That way danger lies, and you have much to protect at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be too quick to think about what's coming next, before you put the finishing touches on what you're doing right now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) —

On rare occasions in the past you've enjoyed a clear vision of what lies in store for you in the future. Today, you'll have such an opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Questions of compatibility will be unnecessary today. Do what you can to get along with anyone, whether or not they are a perfect match.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A good friend may remain in the background today as you learn to handle a delicate situation on your own. You will be grateful in the end.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Openness and freedom are what it's all about today, and you mustn't do anything that could cramp someone else's style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — That devil-may-care attitude may prove just the thing for attracting others into your orbit, but you must be ready to face certain related dangers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep your head together today, and invite a friend or loved one to be a part of something that seems urgent or risky. Success can be yours.

Lewis Mumford (1895-1990), social critic; Jack Anderson (1922-), journalist, is 73; John Le Carré (1931-), spy novelist, is 64; Robert Reed (1932-1992), actor; Peter Max (1937-), artist, is 58; John Lithgow (1945-), actor, is 50; Patricia Ireland (1945-), feminist, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, Notre Dame beat Army 13-7 prompting Grantland Rice to dub the Fighting Irish backfield the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore they were known as Famine,

Pestilence, Destruction and Death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhlreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden." — Grantland Rice

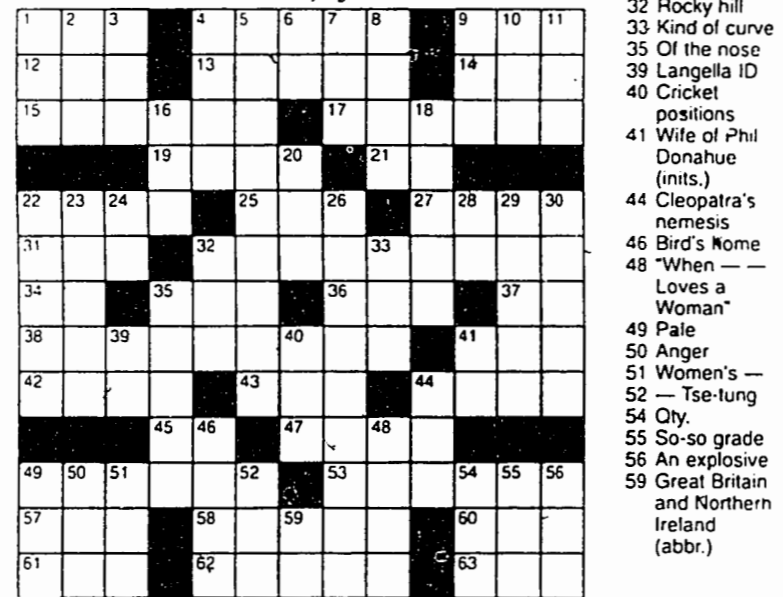
TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 16) and new moon (Oct. 24).

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Plan to finance Mariners' new ballpark okayed

SEATTLE (AP)—Gov. Mike Lowry, wearing a Seattle Mariners T-shirt and singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," signed a \$325 million plan Tuesday to build a new ballpark for the professional baseball team.

The proposal, put together in an emergency legislative session last week, combines state revenue with still-to-be-approved King County tax increases

and \$45 million from the Mariners. "This is something that is important to the lives of all of us," Lowry told about 460 cheering youngsters at Lafayette Elementary School. Lowry predicted the King County Council will approve the plan next week, dismissing members' concerns about a potential shortfall of \$30 million or more and saying there will be plenty of money.

The Mariners, who on Tuesday night played the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 of their American League playoff, are to be put up for sale Oct. 30 without the promise of a new stadium. The team has lost an estimated \$67 million in the past four years in the multipurpose, concrete-roofed Kingdome. The new ballpark is to have a retractable roof and lucrative luxury boxes.

... This is an economic investment."

Oct. 17-18 8-Ball Results WINNER was Bino Taisacan, Rico Gloton second, Bill Pangelinan third, and John Mangatnag fourth. Next event at Remington club is on Oct. 24. Entry fee is \$15.

US premiere league to debut in April

NEW YORK (AP)— Nearly two years after the World Cup lifted soccer into American headlines, a top-level national league will try to emulate that success on a smaller level. And on a slower timetable.

Major League Soccer will debut next April, three years after FIFA, the world governing body of soccer, wanted it to get going. But American organizers, who got the host's role for the 1994 World Cup with the understanding a premier league would be established, kept pushing back the startup.

"It's been almost 20 years since the last attempt, the NASL," said Alan Rothenberg, chairman of MLS and the organizer of World Cup USA '94. "Soccer has changed in this country. The development of youth leagues has been phenomenal. The huge explosion of the Hispanic community and their almost religious-like affection for soccer ...

and Hugo Sanchez of Mexico. "We don't want anybody to think any teams are hoarding stars," Rothenberg said. "We'll start off with a balanced league."

Each team will play 32 games. Western Conference clubs — the San Jose Clash, Los Angeles Galaxy, Dallas Burn, Colorado Rapids and Kansas City Wiz — will play four games against one another, four games against one Eastern Conference team and three against the other four from the East.

The Eastern Conference has the Columbus Crew, Tampa Bay Mutiny, New England Revolution, New York-New Jersey Metro Stars, and the Washington D.C. United. The opener April 6 will be at San Jose. The all-star game will be staged July 14 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. The title game will be Oct. 20 at either Foxboro Stadium in Massachusetts

or RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

By waiting until the spring of 1996 to get going, the league lost momentum built by the World Cup.

"We have ownership that has committed significant funds ... over \$75 million to the start up," Rothenberg said. "We won't make the same mistakes as other leagues." Each stadium will be scaled down "to get a nice, intimate soccer feeling," Rothenberg said. More likely, the 90,000-plus Rose Bowl would look empty otherwise, and the likelihood of selling more than 20,000 tickets for most games will be remote. At least in the first year.

"Our internal projections are modest," he said. "A 16,000-12,000 average. We do not need instant gratification. Give us 5-10 years of gradual growth every year, and that will be fine."

Wheels ...

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The team also had the most RBIs with 50 and 19 home runs," Palacios said. The Wheels was a powerhouse in previous leagues when it had SSA president Joe Torres as their pitcher. Torres left the team and put up his own Torres Freezers this season.

The second game of the finals will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and if necessary, game three will be played at 7 p.m.

Torres said refreshment and awarding of trophies at the field will follow after the championship match.

Meanwhile, the women's night softball league is now in its second round and about two weeks away from the playoffs.

The women's league is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7 p.m., also at the Susupe ballfield. Torres is inviting the public to watch the men's finals as well as the remaining games in the women's league.

Gooden gets new lease on baseball life

NEW YORK (AP)— Hoping Dwight Gooden can return from the drug dependency and injuries that reduced a great pitcher to mediocrity, the New York Yankees agreed to a three-year, \$6 million contract with the 30-year-old right-hander.

"I feel like I've been to hell and back," Gooden said in the New York Daily News. "I've got a new life and I'm not going to blow this one. I've come a long way from where I was. I've come to grips

with my life and learned about myself." The deal has one guaranteed year for \$1 million next season and could be worth \$2 million in 1997 and \$3 million in 1998 if the Yankees choose to keep him, The New York Times reported Tuesday. Gooden can also earn incentives. The Yankees have options to buy out Gooden for \$300,000 in the second and third years.

Gooden, who won the NL Cy Young Award in 1985, a year after he was Rookie of the Year, was suspended from baseball for 1995 because of violations of his drug aftercare program. His signing reunites him with outfielder Darryl Strawberry, his teammate with the New York Mets from 1984-1990. Like Gooden, Strawberry had been suspended from baseball for drug problems before the Yankees signed him last summer. "We're very happy to have

Dwight as a member of the Yankees," owner George Steinbrenner said. "Scouts from other organizations who have watched him pitch have been very, very pleased with his workouts and described his work as 'awesome.'"

Gooden has a career record of 157-85 with a 3.10 ERA in 11 seasons. He was 58-19 in his first three years and ended his best season in 1985 when he was 24-4 with a league-leading 1.53 ERA.

Rugby ...

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Oct. 25. Hooker Fitzpatrick, playing for the victorious Auckland side, hit Otago hooker Anton Oliver during last Sunday's match.

"It wasn't the right thing to do and I'm suffering the consequences," Fitzpatrick said after the judicial hearing.

"It's not the example that the All Black captain should be setting, but rugby is a physical game and things do happen."

Cleveland ...

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Now the Indians, who won 100 times in the regular season and swept Boston in the first round of the playoffs, will take on the Atlanta Braves, the team with the best record in the National League.

The World Series starts Saturday night in Atlanta. Greg Maddux, likely to win his fourth straight NL Cy Young Award, will start Game 1 for the Braves. Orel Hershiser, 7-0 in the postseason, will likely pitch for Cleveland.

The last time the Indians went to the World Series, they were wiped out in four games by the New York Giants. Cleveland last won the World Series in 1948, beating the Boston Braves. Bob Feller was the star of that team, and the Hall of Fame pitcher was at the Kingdome on Tuesday night to see the pennant clincher.

Since those days, not much has gone right for Cleveland. As recently as four years ago, in fact, they lost 105 games. This Indians team, however, was the most dominant club in the majors this season.

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# SPORTS



## Wheels, Hit & Run title showdown

THE battle for the First Saipan Softball Association Men's Slowpitch Softball title unfolds tonight between the Wheels and Hit and Run teams at the Susupe ballfield.

Both teams will clash in a best-of-three series. The final series was supposed to start Tuesday but Tropical Storm Ward forced the rescheduling of the game for tonight — weather permitting.

The Wheels made it to the cham-

### Battle for first SSA crown starts tonight

pionship series by defeating the Bad Boys in the A Division play-off and later knocked off Saipan Stevedore Waves in the first and third game of the division finals.

In the A Division finals, the Wheels took game one by a one-run margin, 8-7.

The Waves staged a dramatic comeback with a come-from-be-

hind win in game two by scoring two runs in the last inning under heavy rain, 17-16.

The Waves were trailing by a run, 15-16, with bases loaded in the last inning when they stole game two from the Wheelers.

The Wheelers, however, defeated the Waves in game three, 13-6, for the championship berth.

Hit and Run made it to the SSA final by defeating Lone Star Gamblers in the playoff, and later swept the B Division finals from Wild Thing, 18-8, in game one, and 6-3 in game two for the finals berth.

SSA official scorekeeper and statistician Ray D. Palacios described the Wheels as the underdog in the title bout and the Hit

and Run team as the powerhouse.

Hit and Run is made up of players with the potential of getting awards.

"Tom Lee has the best ERA with 2.80. Riag Yeshino had the most runs at 41, Mel Sakisat was the regular season batting champion and was second in the doubles department. Greg Camacho is third in RBIs with 34 and is the runnerup in homeruns.

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### Soccer star nabbed for cocaine possession

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (AP) — Wilson Enrique Perez, a defender for Colombia's national soccer team and FC America of Cali, was arrested Tuesday at the local airport with 6 ounces (168 grams) of cocaine, police reported.

Perez, 28, played in the World Cup 94 in the United States, where the

American team recorded a stunning 2-1 upset over the favored Colombian squad.

The player was preparing to fly to Cali when the drug was found inside two magazines the player was carrying in an envelope, according to the Caracol radio network, quoting spokesmen in the Administrative Security Depart-

ment, or secret police.

America lost 4-2 to FC Atletico Junior in a local tournament on Sunday. Perez had played for Junior before joining his current team.

He played with the Colombian national soccer team when it tied 0-0 with Argentina in Buenos Aires last Wednesday.

### Annual Cross-Country Run marks NMITFF last quarter event series

THE Northern Mariana Island Track and Field Federation (NMITFF) highlights its last quarter events with the Annual Cross Country Run next month.

The run event is slated on November 11 along Airport Road. It is open to runners aged 12 and under and 50 and above. Starting time is 6:30 a.m.

The seniors division composed

of runners aged 18 and above will compete in a three-mile run, while the youth division will vie in a one-mile race.

Practice runs to familiarize the runners with the route will be held on October 21 at 6:30 a.m. and on October 28, also at 6:30 a.m. Both practice runs will be held around the football field along Airport Road.

In related development, NMITFF

will hold the annual Tapochao Turkey Trot at 6 a.m. from Lower Base to Mt. Tapochao.

On December 29, NMITFF will stage the five-man team Island Relay from San Antonio to Marpi.

Interested runners may call Elias Rangamar or Louie Wabol at 234-1001 or 234-1002 for further information. There are entry fees for the road runs except for practice runs.

### Ada gym sports offices burglarized

AN unidentified person or persons broke into two sports offices located at the Gilbert C. Ada gymnasium over the weekend and carted away unspecified items.

Public Safety acting Public Information Officer Sgt. Edward Manalili told the Variety a male caller reported the incident at 4:45 p.m. last Sunday.

The Variety gathered that the offices forcibly opened were those of Joe Lizama of the Northern Marianas Table Tennis Association and Elias Rangamar of the Northern Marianas Island Track and Field Federation.

Rangamar shares the office with Tony Rogolifoi of the Saipan Amateur Basketball Association.

A third office occupied by Bill Sakovich of the Saipan Swim Club was spared.

There were indicators that the unidentified suspect/s gained entry by destroying the knob of the main door leading to the three offices.

Gym insiders said the theft and burglary could have been committed Sunday.

"If it was committed on Saturday, there could have been mud at the scene because of the strong rain," an

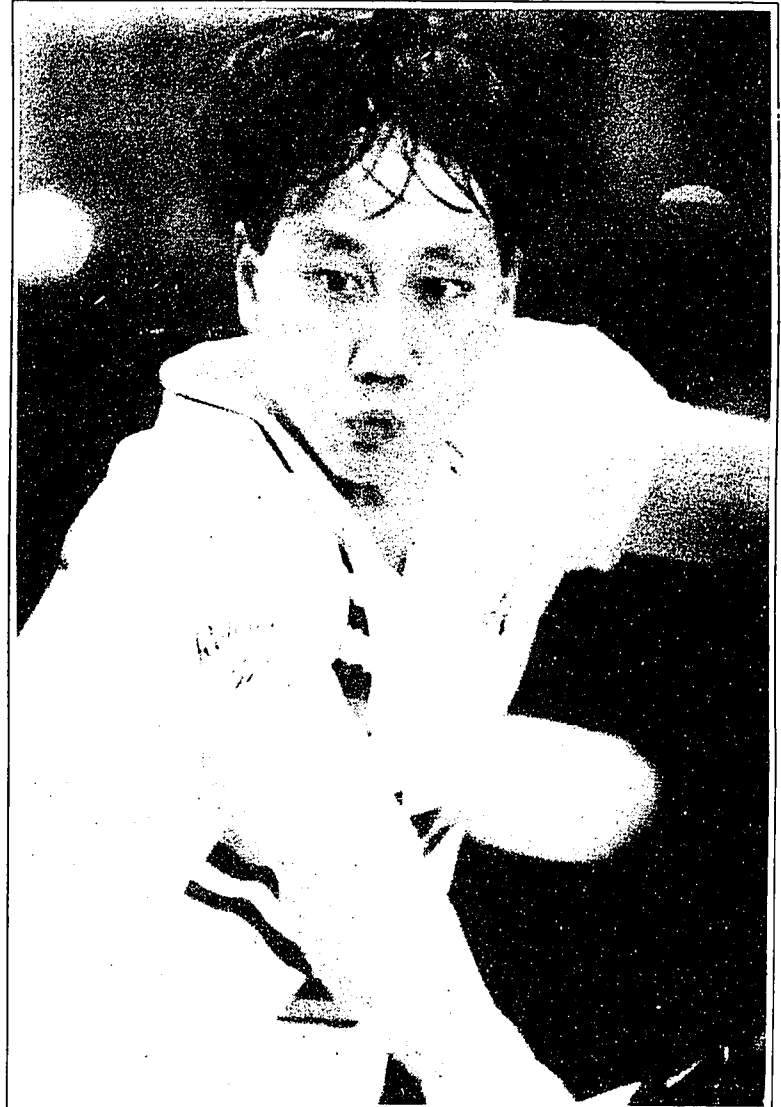
insider said.

A source said Rangamar's table, cabinet and belongings were the only things ransacked by the suspect/s.

DPS is still investigating the case.

The source added that the suspect/s was probably after cash money. Rangamar reportedly used to keep money in his drawer to pay for game officials and referees. The checks and sports program materials in his table, however, were not touched.

DPS said one drawer was pried open. The missing items were not specified in the report.



Friday the 13th win. Michael Chang executes a backhand against Russia's Alexander Volkov during the quarterfinals of the Seiko Super Tennis Tournament in Tokyo, Friday, Oct. 13th. Chang beat Volkov in an easy 6-2, 6-0 victory. (AP Photo)

### Rugby player suspended

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand rugby union captain Sean Fitzpatrick was Wednesday suspended for eight days after being found guilty of throwing a punch during the weekend provincial championship game.

New Zealand Rugby Football Union chief executive George Verry said Fitzpatrick was banned through Oct. 26, meaning he will miss the first game of the All Blacks' tour to Italy and France against Italy B in Sicily on

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## Cleveland Indians vs Atlanta Braves in World Series

SEATTLE (AP) — The Cleveland Indians overcome it all — Randy Johnson, the Kingdome and history.

The epitome of bad baseball for four decades, the Indians reached the World Series for the first time since 1954, beating the Seattle Mariners 4-0 Wednesday night to win the AL playoffs 4-2 behind seven shutout innings from Dennis Martinez.

The Mariners, for the fourth time in 16 days, asked Johnson to save their season. Relying on his slider more than

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his overpowering fastball, he kept his team close until Carlos Baerga's homer capped a three-run eighth, and Johnson left to a standing ovation that included the applause of Indians pitcher Orel Hershiser.

Martinez, though, matched Johnson pitch for pitch, holding the Mariners to four hits in seven innings. At 40, he finally won for the first time in the

postseason and became the oldest pitcher to win a league championship series game.

Now the Indians, who won 100 times in the regular season and swept Boston in the first round of the playoffs, will take on the Atlanta Braves, the team with the best record in the National League.

The World Series starts Saturday

night in Atlanta. Greg Maddux, likely to win his fourth straight NL Cy Young Award, will start Game 1 for the Braves. Orel Hershiser, 7-0 in the postseason, will likely pitch for Cleveland.

The last time the Indians went to the World Series, they were wiped out in four games by the New York Giants. The lowlight of that event in 1954 was Willie Mays' catch against Vic Wertz.

Cleveland last won the World Series in 1948, beating the Boston Braves. Bob Feller was the star of that team, and

the Hall of Fame pitcher was at the Kingdome on Tuesday night to see the pennant clincher.

Since those days, not much has gone right for Cleveland. As recently as four years ago, in fact, they lost 105 games. This Indians team, however, was the most dominant club in the majors this season.

They proved against Johnson and the Mariners, a team that had won four games this year when a loss would

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