

CUC probes its ranks

By Jojo Dass
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THERE are dishonest people everywhere. Government offices included.

At least six of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) 420 employees have been caught on improper or illegal actions, like having a street light at their house without appropriate documentation, meter tampering

Some CUC employees involved in power theft, says PIO

and reconnection after disconnection.

"Everyday we ask our customers to pay us what they owe for electricity... We must make sure our house is clean. When you have nearly 400 employees, it wouldn't surprise me to have some dishonest ones," said CUC Executive Director Timothy P.

Villagomez.

Pamela Mathis, CUC public information officer, said she can "absolutely confirm that a minority group of CUC employees have illegally connected their own house to the power system."

"We are investigating our own people... we're catching them (power thieves in CUC)," added

Mathis.

Mathis said the investigation is an "ongoing thing."

She noted the fact that no person would better know how to tamper with power meters or illegally hook on powerlines than those who actually work on them.

Mathis said erring CUC employees have been dealt with corresponding disciplinary actions.

These include suspension of three to 30 days without pay for

first offense and automatic termination for second offense.

She however said she has "no knowledge" of CUC employees helping consumers make illegal connections or asking grease money to put them on line.

Government is losing an estimated \$4 million a year or some eight percent of its power supply to thieves, Mathis said the other day.

She said teams of inspectors specializing on different kinds of

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Speaker of the House Diego T. Benavente (left) and Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan sit as panelists during a forum on CNMI-Federal relations held yesterday at the Pacific Gardenia. The meeting was part of a History Teacher Institute organized by the Humanities Council.

Photo by Sonnie Sablan

'Underground economy' hurting NMI

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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UNLICENSED businesses operating in the Northern Mariana Islands are adding up to the adverse effects of the Asian financial turmoil and slumping tourism industry on the local economy.

"If only all business transactions made in the islands are registered to the government, we will be able to see more revenues fill-

ing up the public coffers," Commonwealth Development Authority chair Juan S. Tenorio said.

Tenorio explained that businesses operating without the necessary permits from the government make up the so-called underground economy, which, he said, is detrimental to revenue collection efforts of the government.

"One major factor that causes

the downfall of the CNMI economy is the underground economy. Underground economy refers to business transactions that are not reaching government taxation and there's a lot," he said.

He added that overstaying non-resident workers who have been employed by scrupulous employers in the Northern Marianas are also part of the underground

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'24-hour transfer' bill unfair, says Governor



Pedro P. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
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GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday described as "unfair" a bill that would require alien workers seeking transfer to another employer to "secure employment within 24 hours."

"I haven't seen the bill," he told reporters, "but I won't sup-

port a 24-hour period requirement."

Alien workers who are allowed by law to transfer should be given ample time to do so, the governor said.

Introduced by House Majority Leader Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Prec. 1, Saipan), House Bill 11-237 proposes that at the end of the 24-hour period, an alien worker who has not secured new employment must leave the CNMI or be subject to deportation.

Current law allows alien workers to transfer to another company within 20 days upon the expiration of their contract.

The alien workers' ability to transfer easily is considered a major concern in Washington, D.C.

Tenorio, however, said he will

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DNA experts to examine unearthed Hillblom items

By Ferdie de la Torre
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LAWYER David J. Lujan has requested that DNA experts be hired to examine the evidence unearthed recently at the Dandan residence of the late Larry Hillblom.

Lujan, on behalf of Hillblom's DNA-confirmed son Junior Larry Hillbloom, asked the Superior Court to retain DNA expert Dr. Brad Popovich and Peter Barnett of Forensic Science and Associates at Hillblom estate's expense to catalog the evidence recovered at the house.

Popovich and Barnett were originally retained by Junior in September 1995 when they conducted the search for DNA on Tinian, the Dandan residence,



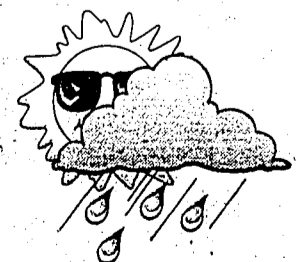
David J. Lujan

the Half-Moon Bay ranch house, and the medical records at Davies Medical Center.

"They are eminently qualified and were shaking their heads in

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WEATHER Outlook



Mostly sunny with isolated showers

Puerto Rico braces for strike

By MICHELLE FAUL
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Fearing their biggest strike in decades, shopkeepers barred windows with steel shutters, riot police guarded ports and power plants and islanders stocked up on ice, water and flashlight batteries.

"You'd think we were preparing for a hurricane," one shopper said, her arms crammed with candles and water bottles in a supermarket that ran out of carts and baskets.

Union leaders expect up to half a

million of Puerto Rico's 3.8 million people to join a 48-hour general strike starting Tuesday to protest the sale of the state telephone company. Most are government employees, including utility and health workers.

The strike was called to support 6,400 telephone workers who stopped working June 18 and are accused of slashing telephone lines that left more than 250,000 islanders without long-distance service Monday.

"Put your names on the list for picket line or special missions start-

ing at 3 a.m.," strike leaders told employees Monday outside the Puerto Rico Telephone Co. headquarters. They refused to say what the "special missions" entailed.

Riot police, firefighters and civil defense workers went on alert Monday. Last week, a bomb hidden in a flashlight exploded in a policeman's hands, blowing off a finger. A fire-bomb slightly damaged an electric pylon.

Hundreds of tourists have canceled vacations, hotels reported. At least

one airline, Antigua-based LIAT, canceled flights.

Protesters have made a rash of telephone bomb threats and planted hoax bombs, prompting major shopping malls to announce Monday they would close during the strike.

About 4,000 airport workers vowed to walk off the job. Port Authority director Hector Rivera said his 134 managers would keep ports open, including the San Juan international airport that averages 300 flights a day.

While telephone workers are afraid they will lose their jobs, the sale has much wider implications as the most ambitious plan yet from Gov. Pedro

Rossello, who has sold state enterprises from hospitals and prisons to ports and hotels.

Independent-minded leaders of the biggest unions, which belong to government workers, see their power waning and accuse the pro-statehood Rossello of "selling the patrimony of the people" to a U.S. company.

Rossello last week signed a law completing the \$1.9 billion sale to a consortium led by U.S. communications giant GTE Corp. and the local Banco Popular. It awaits approval by the Federal Communications Commission.

The bank, which lost \$140 million

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Workers from the Puerto Rican chapter of the Teamsters Union argue with police who are preventing them from blocking strikebreaker's access at a tractor plant in San Juan, Puerto Rico June 30th. The Teamsters have united with the telephone company workers, who are now entering their 13th day of strike, with plans for an island-wide general strike to begin soon.

US confident of North Korean commitments

By George Gedda
WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department acknowledged Monday that an international consortium has had difficulty meeting its heavy fuel oil commitments to North Korea but expressed confidence the problem can be overcome.

"We are sure we are going to be able to fulfill our side of the bargain," said spokesman James P. Rubin.

Of the 500,000 metric tons of heavy fuel oil promised to North Korea each year, only 152,000 have been shipped thus far this year, Rubin said.

By the end of the month, that figure will have risen to 218,000, he said, meaning 282,000 tons will be needed in the year's last five months.

He said the ultimate responsibility for supplying the fuel lies with the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Corp., the international consortium set up to deliver the oil and two new nuclear reactors to Pyongyang.

Under a 1994 agreement, North Korea promised to dismantle its plutonium-producing nuclear reactors and replace them with safer, light water reactors.

North Korea has occasionally indicated unhappiness with the reliability of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Corp., Rubin acknowledged, but said Pyongyang has complied thus far with its commitments.

Rubin added that the administration is working with Congress and countries in the consortium but gave no details.

The Washington Post said in Monday's editions that some in Washington consider it "ominous" that North Korea recently began maintenance work on the plutonium separation plant it shut down when the agreement with the United States was signed in 1994.

The North Korean foreign minister said two months ago that "unpredictably grave" consequences would occur if the United States failed to fulfill its obligations under the agreement.

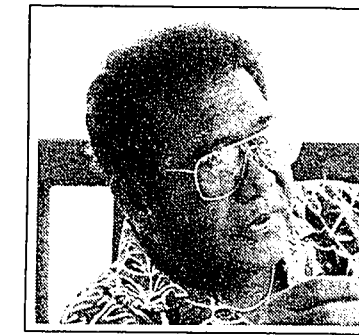
Rubin said the responsibility does not rest solely with the United States: "No one country is obligated to solve this problem. It's an international job to put the money together to make KEDO work."



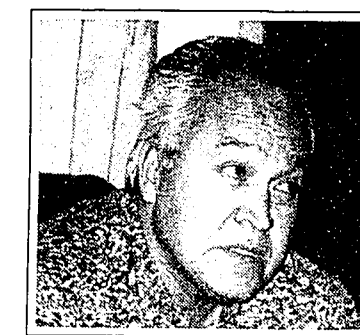
U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Randolph House points to the North Korean area as U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin, left, looks on during a visit to the Observation Post at the demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas Wednesday.

Cepeda seeks Froilan, Cabrera

By Jojo Dass
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REPRESENTATIVE Frank G. Cepeda wants to engage former governor Froilan C. Tenorio and former finance secretary Antonio Cabrera in a "private" dialogue to shed light on the issue of the missing \$29 million 1997 rebate fund.



Frank G. Cepeda



Froilan C. Tenorio



Antonio Cabrera

In a letter he sent to the former officials, Cepeda said he has decided to "first extend... the courtesy of meeting" them privately together with other legislators despite a subpoena power he can invoke to have the two appear before a House Committee to answer queries on the matter.

"As you know," wrote Cepeda, "there were recent concerns that were publicized regarding... constituents' desire to find out what happened to

the funds earmarked for the 1997 tax rebates."

"Although I am authorized to call for and hold a Legislative Committee hearing on this matter," he added, "I have decided to first extend you the courtesy of meeting privately with

me and other members of the House of Representatives' leadership."

Cepeda, who heads the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations (CJGO) has

earlier called on his colleagues to authorize an investigation on Tenorio's and Cabrera's role in the missing funds.

Cepeda gave the two former offi-

cial until July 17 this year to arrange for such meeting.

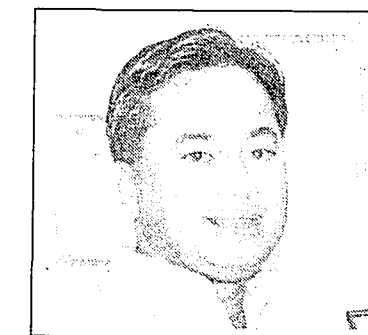
He said he will proceed to schedule a formal Legislative Committee hearing on the matter if the two fails to respond to his invitation by then.

Tenorio, in an earlier interview, said his administration's use of the rebate funds for other purposes was legal and pursuant to the Commonwealth's Constitution.

He passed the buck on the new administration which, he said, should instead look for revenues that blame him for the government's current budgetary problems.

Variety tried but failed to reach Tenorio for comments.

Sablan: \$61M in Covenant funds remain unobligated



Michael Sablan

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Variety News Staff
SOME \$61 million in total funds allocated to the Northern Mariana Islands during the first two agreements guaranteed under the CNMI-US Covenant remain unobligated.

Michael Sablan, special finance and budget adviser to the governor, disclosed that unappropriated Covenant funds under the first and second agreements have been reduced by

\$16 million from \$77 million by end-1997 to \$60 million during the last six months.

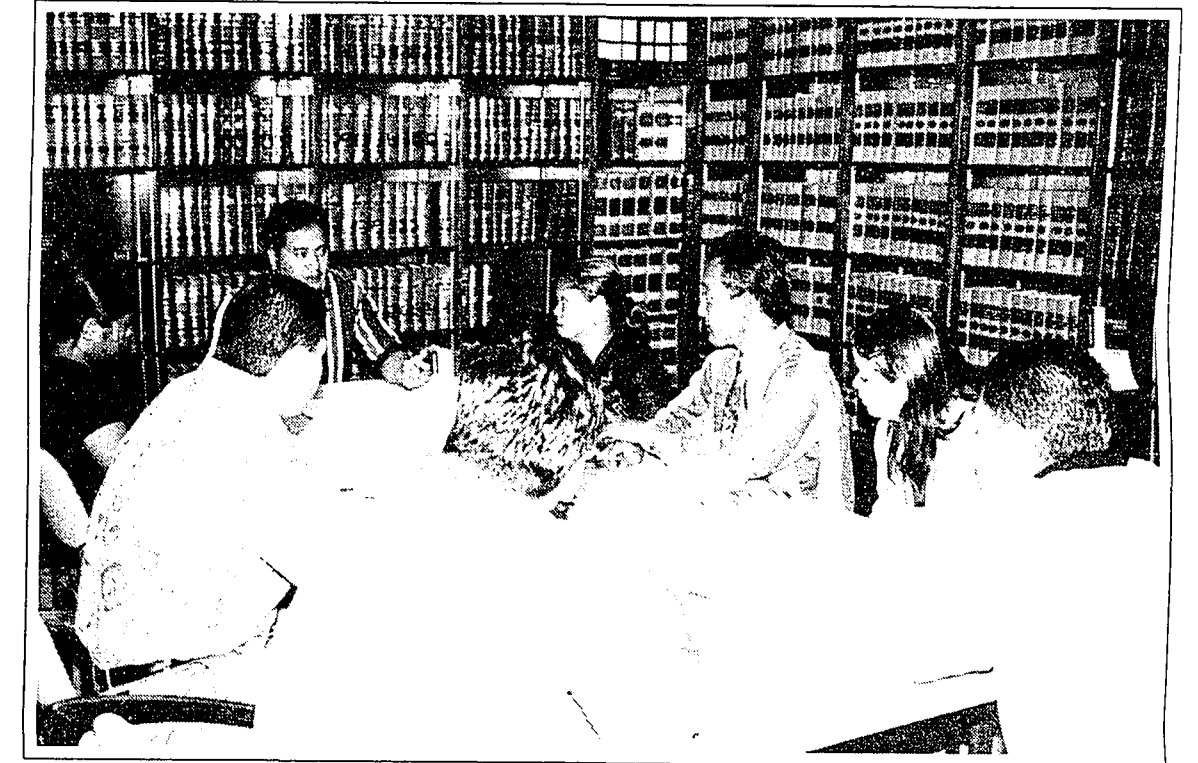
The reduction was a result of new projects recently approved and now underway, according to Sablan.

Of the \$61 million, \$27 million has been allocated to the closure of the Puerto Rico dump and the opening of a sanitary landfill; \$4 million has been reserved for the Kagman school project and approximately \$10 million is reserved for other Capital Improvement Projects.

However, funds allocated under the Covenant which remain unobligated total \$214 million, including the \$154 million funding under the third seven-year agreement.

But Sablan, keynoting the weekly Rotary Club meeting yesterday, stressed the need to distinguish between funding available under the third agreement and the first two agree-

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Organizing committee members of the CNMI Youth Congress discuss matters during a meeting yesterday at the Legislative Library.

Photo by Sonnie Sablan

Airline official: Relocation of Okinawa bases to Marianas will stir air traffic

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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PROPOSED relocation of US military personnel from Okinawa, Japan to the Marianas is expected to perk up air traffic demand to and from the area, a development also seen to stir business activities.

Continental Micronesia vice president for sales and promotions Walter Dias said increased military presence in the region will help the airline industry recoup the decline in revenues caused by dropping visitor arrival figures.

Dias said one of the negative factors which impacted Continental is the reduced number of military personnel in Guam.

"We used to have a large military presence in Guam and these people used to fly back and forth consistently

between Guam and Honolulu and the US," he said.

He added that there was approximately 20 percent decline in military personnel based on Guam last year, which, he said, contributed to the slowdown in air traffic demand to and from the Marianas.

"So those passengers have pretty much evaporated and we have to find ways to replace them. In addition, Gov. Guam slashed their travel budget over the past few years from back in the 1980s," he said.

Dias said reports on the possible relocation of military personnel who will be pulled out of Okinawa, Japan to either Guam or Tinian will mean increased business opportunities not only for the airline but also for the tourism industries.

Business sector leader Joe C. Ayuyu

earlier disclosed willingness of US military officials to move American servicemen who will be pulled out of Okinawa to Tinian.

"Tinian can be a relocation site," Ayuyu said, adding that he met with Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan who is pushing Tinian as a resettlement post for the imminent uprooting of the American military bases in Japan.

Rear Admiral Martin E. Janczak, in previous reports, said Guam could be a relocation site for American troops who may be uprooted from Okinawa. At least 75 percent of American bases in Japan are in Okinawa.

Janczak, who is commander in chief of the Navy Pacific Command, said the possibility of the US military pulling out of Okinawa is likely to happen in at least 10 years.

Guam fire started with lighter

By Sara Grant
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TIYAN, Guam — Investigators have determined that a zippo flip-type lighter caused the fire which killed two children last week in Upper Tumon.

Raylissa Rayann Cruz and Steven Scott Muna, both age 4, died in the fire which broke out Wednesday morning at the Tumon Village Apartments.

Public Information Officer for the department, Captain Rueben D. Olivares said investigators have also

determined that the apartment's smoke detector did not sound due to a faulty battery.

According to Olivares, more information surrounding the tragedy will not be released until the investigation is completed.

Olivares said the department advises residents to check the batteries in smoke detectors at least once a month.

GFD also recommends that residents own a personal fire extinguisher and have fire escape plans in case of an emergency.

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Netanyahu, foes exchange accusations

By Dina Kraft
JERUSALEM (AP) — In stinging personal attacks, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and opposition legislators accused each other on Monday of deceiving the Israeli people and foreign leaders about Mideast peacemaking.

A special Knesset debate turned into a shouting match as Netanyahu and opposition leader Ehud Barak traded insults over who was more politically out of touch and dependent on American spin doctors for direction.

Barak charged that Netanyahu had hurt Israel's credibility and could no longer get world leaders on the phone.



Benjamin Netanyahu

list including President Bill Clinton and Arab leaders he said would no longer take calls from the Israeli premier. "Instead of peace you are bringing us closer to war," Netanyahu shot back that Barak was not capable of being prime minister.

"I think Barak is suitable," Netanyahu said sarcastically, "to be the head of opposition for many years to come."

Each man accused the other of relying on U.S.-based political advisors or image makers for directions.

In between the personal jabs, Netanyahu blamed the Palestinians for the stalled peace talks and asked the opposition to join in a unified call

to sign a nuclear test ban treaty, hoping in exchange to gain technology needed for power plants, a newspaper reported Monday.

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sial nuclear tests in May, an action that prompted its neighbor and rival, Pakistan, to conduct tests of its own. The United States imposed economic sanctions on both countries.

India has several nuclear power plants for which it would like to import technology. That technology also has weapons capability, however. India maintains that its nuclear power plants are used solely to generate electricity.

The Indian Express reported that the government was hoping for a breakthrough on the issue before President Clinton's visit to India in November.

Before the test ban treaty can go into effect, 44 countries that have nuclear reactors for research or power have to approve it.

Seized garment goods are ordered released

By Jojo Dass
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ASSOCIATE Judge Timothy H. Bellas has ordered that the \$80,000 worth of garments recently seized by government be released saying there was "good cause" for the issuance of a temporary restraining order filed by the involved garment firms on the matter.

In his order, Bellas said it is "in the interest of justice" that the garments, confiscated from

the American Lagente Corp. by labor and immigration agents during a raid, be handed back to the firm.

The order was issued on condition that the involved manufacturers post a \$61,000 bond.

Bellas also ordered that a hearing on the preliminary injunction to determine whether the TRO will remain until trial be held on July 10.

The garments were confiscated.

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Underwood to address nat'l media

By Jan Furukawa
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HAGATNA — Guam Del. Robert Underwood will discuss Guam's role in maintaining America's military strength in the Pacific region at the National Press Club's Newsmaker breakfast next week.

Underwood, a member of the House National Security committee, said he will talk about nuclear testing in south Asia, the First Family's trip to China, and the continuing tension

between north and south Korea.

Another important issue that Underwood will tackle is "the deployment of U.S. forces in the region, and Guam's role in that."

Because of the U.S. status and military infrastructure here, Guam remains a kind of psychological line in the sand — if they pull back from Guam, their capacity to project power in the region will be reduced dramatically.

"We can make a case that because

of this, our political aspirations and development shouldn't be taken for granted."

The congressman said he would emphasize the fact that Guam has been under the American umbrella for a hundred years.

"And the last thing I want to do," Underwood added, "is try to remind the national media that they need to be a little more accurate when it comes to Guam."

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Flights

Mar-Vic C. Munar

The Hillary Clinton of Saipan (and the Judiciales)

FILIPINOS, as I briefly discussed some *Flights* ago, have whimsically coined several *Taglish* words that would drive William Safire crazy.

One such word, coined by our ingenious linguists during the post-Marcos period, is "presidentiable" which refers to somebody who is a presidential material; or simply somebody aspiring to be the Big Boss at the Malacanang Palace. (A hundred of them sprouted like mushrooms after the fall of dictatorship in 1986.)

In the succeeding post-Edsa revolution elections, there came the "senatoriables." (That's right, those interested in the Senate position, and there's a million of them in the Philippines.)

In 1992, then-President Cory Aquino, a linguist herself, popularized the word "winnability." She had said she would endorse a presidentiable who possessed the "winnability factor." Translation: a presidential candidate who has the most chances of winning.

So what about lawyers who aspire for judicial positions?

Let's call them... "judiciales."

(Excuse me if the Language Nazis are scandalized. After all, this is my column).

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio last week finally announced the long-awaited nomination for positions in the bench.

From the roster of judiciales, Juan T. Lizama and John A. Manglona were nominated to serve as associate judges of the Superior Court. They would replace Presiding Judge Alex Castro and Associate Judge Miguel Demapan, both of whom have been nominated to the Supreme Court to replace retired Justices Ramon G. Villagomez and Pedro Atalig.

Senior Superior Court Judge Edward Manibusan was promoted to be the new presiding judge.

Alex Castro's *thankyou thankyou thankyou* letter to the governor (cc to 15 other people) was capped with some interesting remarks—in itals: "*Si Yunus Mause Sophie for your vote of confidence. My wife and I know that without your support my appointment would not have been possible for we firmly believe that the power of the Governor rests with the First Lady! You and the governor will always have a special place in our hearts. Again, Mesulang.*"

Zaldy Dandan, the Variety's resident political commentator-cum-poet, was unhappy that John Biehl, supposedly one of the judiciales, was not nominated. Zaldy says John Biehl has the most "winnable" resumé; has not been involved in any scandal or controversy; no enemies—none that we know of, at least, John, by the way, is also a good writer.

But according to our source, John Biehl is not even "nominateable" because he doesn't have the, uh, "winnability factor."

"John Biehl," the source said "just doesn't have what it takes to be nominated... you know."

"What is that?" we asked.

"Well, you know..." the source said, "Read my lips."

Another source informed the Variety that weeks before the nomination was announced, one of the judiciales asked him to relay this message to the governor: "I don't think about my wife anymore. I only think about the governor every day."

According to our source, the governor responded by saying, "Tell him that he better starts thinking about his wife again."

A few months ago, the Variety ran a list of potential judiciales based on speculations and information fed by our "highly reliable and absolutely infallible sources."

A private lawyer called the Variety and protested the inclusion of somebody's name in the list.

"You're kidding!" the lawyer screamed at me.

"If the story came out on the April Fools issue, it could pass for a joke," I told the lawyer.

"Why did you include that person in the list? Don't you know that he is... [buzzzzzzzz]" the lawyer said.

"Oh, yeah?"

"And not only that," the lawyer continued, "he's also [buzzzzzzzz]."

"Oh, that's bad," I remarked.

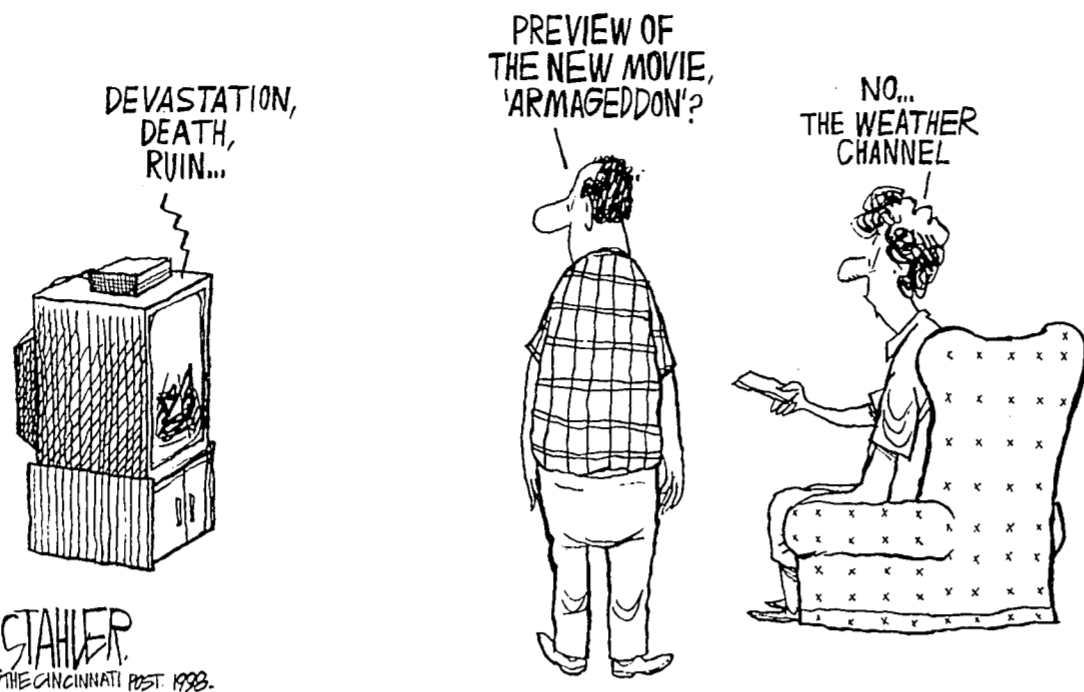
"I'm disappointed," he said.

"I'm sorry," I told the lawyer, "but nobody's disappointments matter."

"You shouldn't have written that story," he insisted.

"I'm only a reporter," I reminded the lawyer. "I don't have a nominating power. I only have the power *not* to nominate anybody."

And I exercise that power.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

FDA loses track of its computers

WASHINGTON — Throughout the federal government, computer experts are feverishly working to fix the dreaded "year 2000 problem" — the possibility that networks will crash on Jan. 1, 2000, when the two-digit numbers that computers use to determine dates become obsolete.

At the Food and Drug Administration, however, officials are just trying to figure out how many computers they have — and where they're located. It seems the agency cannot account for \$36 million worth of computers and equipment, despite several valiant attempts.

The money in question here isn't enormous by federal standards, a tiny trickle in the \$1.5 trillion ocean that the government spends each year. But the sad story of the FDA's attempts to count its computers is worth telling because it proves that six years of effort by the Clinton administration to "reinvent government" still hasn't put an end to bureaucratic bungling in some federal agencies.

The problem first came to the agency's attention when a manager in the agency's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research raised questions about the way his center bought its computers and tracked its inventories.

Congress quickly decided to investigate, and soon concluded that "the problem is so severe (that) the Center lacks any reasonable assurance of how much equipment it owns or where it's located."

Based on our own look at the situation — and interviews with FDA officials and outside observers — we can report that the same problem exists throughout the agency.

After the congressional investigation came a 1997 report from the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the FDA. That's when we learned that the missing equipment was worth an estimated \$36 million.

Capitol Hill Republicans, who cherish any chance to pick on the FDA, rightfully wanted to know what became of the equipment. Michael Friedman, the FDA official, explained that it was simply an accounting mistake and promised that everything would be resolved soon.

That was last year. This year — late last

month — a new IG report was released claiming that the biologics center still can't account for its computers.

Nevertheless, officials at the biologics center confidently explained to us that their property problems were a thing of the past. The problem was solved, one official said, by a "wall-to-wall" inventory.

But one employee who was involved in the latest inventory — the third in less than 18 months — told our reporter Ashley Baker that the results were essentially worthless. "They missed a lot on this wall-to-wall," this person confided. "These inventories only cover certain pieces of... computer (equipment)."

The real problem is that the FDA doesn't know if its computers are actually missing — or if, as some suspect, they've been stolen by agency employees.

Joseph Vengrin, an assistant inspector general at HHS, said it would be a mistake to jump to conclusions. The fact that millions of dollars in equipment is unaccounted for "doesn't mean that employees are backing up U-Hauls and filling them full of pilfered stuff," said Vengrin.

As with any large organization, the FDA has experienced some problems with theft. Agency officials told Congress that between March 1995 and June 1997, 36 computers and three printers were reported stolen or missing. But the FDA's Office of Internal Affairs has investigated only five of the 36 cases, and solved just one of them.

It should surprise no one that Congress — no paragon of efficiency itself — is getting fed up with all this. Many Republicans never much liked the agency to start with, given its reputation for taking its sweet old time when approving new drugs and its harassment of the GOP's favorite donors, the tobacco companies.

As the HHS's Vengrin explained, in somewhat of an understatement:

"This will be the pivotal year in resolving these property problems. We will find out if (the reason for the missing equipment) is fraud or bookkeeping errors."

"If things come out the same (as previous audits), I think there will be a huge price for that failure."

AG seeks forfeiture of hotel's karaoke system

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE ATTORNEY General's Office and the Division of Immigration Service yesterday sought the forfeiture of a hotel's karaoke equipment and other personal items allegedly used in connection with the employment and harboring of illegal aliens.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Goldberg, counsel for the petitioners, asked the Superior Court to issue an order forfeiting such equipment and other property seized at 1004 Club in Koresco Hotel.

Goldberg pointed out that the petition was filed as part of the Commonwealth's "zero tolerance" policy of strict enforcement of immigration laws.

"Through strict enforcement of the immigration forfeiture statute, the Government seeks to compensate the taxpayers and deter violations of our immigration laws," he said.

Goldberg in the petition said the karaoke equipment was seized in



Robert Goldberg

connection with an Immigration enforcement operation at Club 1004 in Koblerville last May 22.

The equipment is currently secured at the Immigration headquarters in San Antonio.

The lawyer explained that in connection with the immigration violations such as employment of and harboring illegal aliens, the government filed seven separate deportation

cases against Korean nationals.

The Superior Court has entered five orders of deportation and filed numerous criminal charges in connection with such immigration violations.

"All real parties in interest (1004 Club and Koresco Hotel) had actual or constructive knowledge that the karaoke equipment was used or intended for use in violation of the immigration laws of the Commonwealth," Goldberg said.

He added that all right, title and interest in the karaoke equipment and all other personal property should be transferred to petitioners immediately.

Last week Goldberg also sought the forfeiture of a vehicle which was allegedly used to transport fugitive deportees and illegal aliens.

3 brothers get jail term for beating up a cousin

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court yesterday ordered three brothers to spend jail time for beating their cousin last year.

Associate Judge Miguel Demapan sentenced Casimiro S. Igsaisar to one year imprisonment, all suspended except 30 days.

Demapan following the recommendation of the Probation Office's report also sentenced Alonzo and Emery Igsaisar to one year in jail, all suspended except 15 days.

The judge required a fine of \$300 to Casimiro and \$500 each to Alonzo and Emery.

Demapan asked Casimiro to perform 100 hours of community work service while Alonzo and Emery with 200 hours each of CWS.

The court required all three defendants, who will be placed under one year probation, to undergo substance abuse counseling at the Commonwealth Health Center.

The Igsaisars were charged with assault and battery and trespassing for entering into the residence of Anthony Nepaial and assaulting the latter last Sept. 21.

Court documents showed that alcohol was involved in the fight.

The court dismissed the trespassing charge. At a bench trial last March 27, Continued on page 19

A 'Flood' of medical info

By William L. Flood, MD
Pediatrics, Saipan Health Center

School and sports check-ups

REGULAR and complete medical examinations are an important part of good health care.

Most infants get frequent check-ups during their first year of life.

Pediatricians rely on these "well-baby checks" to identify problems before they become serious.

By the time children get to school, they are not babies any longer.

And by the time they reach high school many have begun the change from childhood to young adulthood. "Well baby visits" no longer seem appropriate.

Yet older children and teenagers still need continued regular checkups for many reasons.

First, it is required by many schools.

Here in the CNMI an examination and immunization update is needed for each new school level — elementary school, junior high, senior high, and college.

Sports teams also require an annual examination before participation.

These exams are important to identify any special problems an athlete may have.

Every year we read of high school or college athletes suddenly collapsing on the field with some unidentified heart or other problem.

Sports exams are an opportunity to identify these kinds of problems before they lead to disaster.

For many students, though, these brief sports exams are their only regular contact with a doctor.

And for non-athletes, there may be no contact at all.

This may not be enough.

During the early school years, some children develop special problems with learning or behavior.

Conditions such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or hyperactivity may become evident.

Other children may have problems

with speech or hearing or vision.

All of these problems can be helped medically. If ignored, all of these problems can interfere with school success.

Teenagers have different potential problems.

Their bodies and their emotions are changing so rapidly that few adults, especially parents, can keep up.

There are days we are not even sure it is the same person we spoke to the day before!

Some health problems, like acne, are unique to this age group.

Other concerns, like depression, alcohol or drug abuse, are also more common in adolescence.

Smoking, dieting, sexuality, body image.

If of these are important issues to every teenager.

These school age problems of children and adolescents are every bit as important as the baby shots we give at well baby examinations.

School age exams need to be scheduled with plenty of time to identify these kinds of concerns, and to guide the students and their families to helpful resources.

Don't wait until the last minute and try to squeeze in an appointment the day before the sport begins or school starts.

It is a good idea to set these important appointments at quiet times in your doctor's schedule, like now, during summer vacation.

We call these checkups "health maintenance exams."

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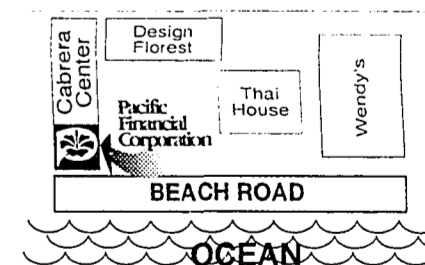
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CUC: Contractor can't do 10MW

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE FIRM which has filed an appeal over its exclusion in the 80-megawatt power plant project bidding process is "having trouble" producing 10 megawatts as required in an earlier contract it entered into with government, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC).

The performance of the Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp. (PMIC) under that contract, according to a recent letter by CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez, "has been unacceptable."

The contract provides that PMIC produce a minimum capacity of 10.1 megawatts at CUC's

Power Plant IV starting last January.

The firm, despite a three-month extension CUC had granted upon its request, has however continuously failed to fulfill the requirement.

The utilities agency, as mandated by the contract, has started imposing fines against PMIC at a monthly rate of about \$49,000 for being 2.2 megawatts short of the required power output since January. The fines were imposed starting April.

"If (PMIC) can't do 10-mw, why would we trust that (they) can do 80-mw?" raised CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis.

The contract provides for cancellation of PMIC's service but

doing so, Mathis said, "will not be in the best interest" of the consumers.

According to Mathis, the contract cost government \$146,000 for PMIC to operate Plant IV.

However, she said, CUC is only paying PMIC \$93,000 now, as it started imposing the fines.

"They (PMIC) have lost close to \$50,000 because they were not able to produce the power... we're buying cheap electricity right now, we are getting a great deal," said Mathis.

The delay in PMIC's 10-mw power generation, said Mathis citing CUC technicians' accounts, may have been caused by efforts to make the engines more efficient, or the arrival of other en-

gines from the U.S. mainland.

Plant IV, Mathis said, is the island's "original" power generator.

It was destroyed in 1986 by typhoon Kim.

The firm, around 1992, offered to have the broken engines transported to the US for repairs and instead install its own as replacement.

The contract was finalized in 1996, Mathis said.

Mathis said CUC will "absolutely fine (PMIC) for every month of delay" in its 10-mw

power obligation.

The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) recently granted PMIC's appeal in connection with its exclusion in the \$120-million, 80-mw power plant project.

The utilities agency filed a reconsideration bid before OPA and went ahead with the project, selecting a joint Japanese-American firm, Marubeni-Sithe, as the possible contractor.

Variety tried but failed to reach John C. Jones, PMIC Vice-President for reactions.

Two men hurt in Guam smashup

By Maxine Hillary
Variety News Staff

Hagatna — Two men are in the hospital, one with serious injuries, after the vehicles they were driving collided on a main thoroughfare in the village of Barrigada near the Tiyuan gate.

According to Public Information officer Lary Flores of Guam Memorial Hospital, the accident happened shortly after 2:00 p.m. yesterday, as a blue Nissan Sentra attempted a left turn from Route 8 onto San Vicente Street.

The Nissan was struck by a late model Acura sedan — the impact throwing the Sentra over fifty feet across the roadway and pushing the Acura into the pillar of the Renaissance Building which houses the Guam Humanities Council.

Emergency and life support

units from the Naval Regional Medical Center and Guam Fire Department were dispatched and the jaws of life were used to remove the 70-year-old driver of the Nissan.

The Agat man was transported to the village of Barrigada near the Tiyuan gate.

The 20-year-old driver of the Acura was transported to Guam Memorial Hospital complaining of head and neck pain with abrasions and cuts to his hands, according to spokesperson Capt. Reuben Olivias of the Guam Fire Department.

The accident is still under investigation but according to Flores, excessive speed is being blamed. Said Flores, "The speed limit changes from 45 mph to 35 mph right before Tiyuan."

Flores said he believes the driver of the Nissan had clearance and that the operator of the Acura was driving too

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A two-car collision between a Nissan Sentra and an Acura on a hot and dry Route 8 in Barrigada had both male drivers transported to Guam Memorial Hospital. Initial information at the scene indicate speed may be a cause of the accident. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

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House OKs diabetes control



By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE of Representatives yesterday passed a bill that would increase health treatment for those with diabetes "and reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with the disease."

Introduced by Rep. Max Olopai (D-Prec. 3, Saipan) and co-sponsored by eighth other members of the House, H.B. 11-161 now goes to the Senate.

The bill seeks the creation of a health care system to promote prevention through community health education and comprehensive treatment for people with diabetes.

Specifically, the bill proposes to establish a CNMI diabetes care and control center under the Department of Public Health.

This center, which would have a

not less than \$300,000 annual funding, has three "major focus":

- Care, treatment and research program;
- Self-monitoring and out-reach program; and,
- Prevention and public education program.

The bill is considered urgent due to the increase in the incidence of diabetes, hypertension obesity and other related diseases among the CNMI's local population.

Diabetes, moreover, is ranked in the top 10 primary causes of mortality among the locals.

Last year, according to the House Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Committee report, 67 percent of persons afflicted with diabetes in the CNMI were either Chamorros or Carolinians.

The report states that in 1996, diabetes surpassed lung cancer and motor vehicle accidents as primary cause of death for local people.

The bill's co-sponsors are Vice Speaker Jesus T. Attao (R-Prec. 3, Saipan), HEW Committee Chair Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Prec. 3, Saipan), House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Prec. 4, Saipan), Reps. David M. Apatang (R-Prec. 1, Saipan), Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Prec. 1, Saipan), Frank G. Cepeda (R-Prec. 4, Saipan), Melvin O. Faisao (R-Prec. 3, Saipan) and Maria T. Peter (Ind-Prec. 3, Saipan).

CDA, banks allow NMI to weather crisis—Tenorio

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Variety News Staff

IN A FRAGILE and dwindling economy, partnership between the government and the private sector almost always spells the difference.

Thus said Commonwealth Development Authority chair Juan S. Tenorio, citing the closer synergy between his office and the private banking sector in the Northern Mariana Islands, especially in the restructuring of existing loans.

"We are approving loans left and right so we can stimulate the economy as much as we can, and with the help of local banks, we are not far from being able to rejuvenate the economy," Tenorio said in an interview.

Banks, which have a very conservative market perception, will weather the ongoing economic slump plaguing the Northern Marianas economy as they learn hard lessons from the



Juan S. Tenorio

crisis.

He stressed that most of the banks in the CNMI have been doing their share in keeping a sound local economy in the midst of CDA's limited funds and the worsening Asian financial upheaval.

"Because of our restricted funds, we might not be giving out loans as much as we like but we are restructuring many of the loans

just so we can make our clients more likely to survive in the absence of healthy economy," he said.

Tenorio, in an interview, said loan restructuring is one of the many important things being worked out by CDA and the several commercial banks in the island.

"We have been working with the commercial banks as to how we can help stimulate the economy and one of the key factors here is the restructuring of existing loans," he told Variety.

He said commercial banks have been much more receptive in helping the community and "I hope this will continue."

"We are using our forfeit and credit guarantee and the reception from commercial banks are very strong and most of the banks are participating in our programs not only on the commercial but also on the residential side," he emphasized.



Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena III reads some papers in the parking lot of the Superior Court Monday morning after the court was evacuated due to a bomb threat call. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

Company sued over 'land encroachment'

By Ferdie P. de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A MAN this week sued a construction firm demanding damages for allegedly building barracks that encroaches on and contaminates his land on Saipan.

Vicente Iglesias Torres, through counsel Antonio M. Atalig, asked the Superior Court to order defendant Quezada Construction to remove a portion of the barracks from his property.

Tomes also demanded rental value of the property during the time Quezada Construction stored its equipment on his property.

Atalig in the complaint stated that the defendant erected a construction barracks on its own property adjacent to Torres' premises.

Atalig said the construction barracks wrongfully extends and trespasses approximately five to six feet encroaching onto plaintiff's property.

Quezada has not provided nor has defendant sought permission to build on plaintiff's property, said

the lawyer.

"Plaintiff has made demands upon defendant to remove that portion of the construction barracks encroaching upon the property, but plaintiff has wrongfully failed to do so," Atalig said.

During the period from 1990 to the present, the lawyer added, the defendant has wrongfully stored numerous items of heavy construction equipment on plaintiff's property.

"In addition to construction equipment, defendant has also left debris from its construction business on plaintiff's property over the same period, thereby trespassing and wrongfully using plaintiff's property," he said.

"It is unclear at this point whether Quezada has contaminated plaintiff's soil through storage of its heavy equipment on plaintiff's property. Plaintiff will incur costs associated with determining to what extent defendant has polluted plaintiff's property," Atalig stated.

Woman hurt in hit & run

A CHINESE woman was injured during a vehicular hit and run incident along Middle Road in Gualo Rai Monday night.

Public Safety Information Officer Rose Ada said the victim, Wu Lan Hai, 27, suffered abrasions to the body, contusions to the forehead, and fractured right wrist.

Ada said investigation showed that Hai and a female companion were

crossing 2W Highway in front of Town and Country Cafe when the accident happened at 9 p.m.

When the vehicles stopped to yield to the two pedestrians walking on the crosswalk, a north-bound white car on the outer lane struck the victim.

The car did not stop, police said.

Ada asked anyone who has information about the driver of the vehicle to call the police. (EFT)

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Boy Scouts learn in Rota camping



Scout Master Paul Santos teaches Boy Scouts the rudiments of compass reading during their recent summer camporee on Rota.

FIFTY boys and 20 adults attended the Boy Scout Summer Camp in Rota last June 21 to 27.

The camp was held at the Tweksberry Park between the Wedding Cake mountain and the beach.

Six troops participated in the camp that including the group from San Roque/Tanapag, Oleai, Garapan School, WSR School, Tinian and Rota.

The participants for this summer camp were taught skills in knot tying, swimming, environmental science, talaya fishing, compass reading, traffic safety, cooking, camping, tent pitching, boating, electricity, archery and D.A.R.E. program.

The teachers for this camp came from Saipan and Rota.

As for their community project, the boy scouts planted 40 nunu trees at the new college campus.

Other activities, included camp fire programs Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona, the Rota delegation and the Municipal Council hosted a dinner for the whole camp participants.

Adult leaders were taken by Chairman Ramon Villagomez on a rigorous hike up to the top of the Wedding Cake Mountain.

The Rotary Club of Saipan donated \$1,000 which was used to pay for the camp's cook.

Emphasis on preventive health urged

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
Variety News Staff

THERE is a need to intensify efforts for the prevention of diseases especially in an island as isolated as the Northern Marianas, according to a private medical practitioner.

"We have to focus on preventive healthcare because that would not cost us much as treatment will," said FHP physician Dr. Tony Stearns, who also owns the Marianas Medical Center.

Stearns said an information campaign about the ills of the most rampant communicable and chronic diseases in the islands will help minimize infection.

"Health education is always an ongoing process and the public has to be informed about

what diseases they are more vulnerable to and how they can prevent contraction," he said.

He added that residents of the Northern Marianas are especially under threat by illnesses related to unhealthy lifestyle such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol level.

"There tends to be a lack of healthy food consumption here. People consume lots of fats and it's not good," Stearns told Variety.

He mentioned the need for intensified efforts in the public promotion of improved diet, with special emphasis on healthy lifestyle.

He also said tuberculosis, an infectious lung disease, is endemic both in the nonresident workers and the local residents communi-

ties. "TB is an obvious problem in both foreign and indigenous communities."

Dr. Artin Mahmoudi, medical director for tuberculosis and lung diseases, said the CNMI has the highest TB rate in the Pacific and in the US mainland.

Mahmoudi said at least 150 for every 100,000 persons in the Northern Mariana Islands are infected or are sick with TB.

This figure is dramatically higher than the rate in the US mainland at eight cases per 100,000 population.

At the same time, Stearns said tap water in the islands is too salty to drink but not infectious, though he admits that water consumed directly from the faucet has potentials to transmit infectious diseases such as diarrhea, cholera and typhoid fever.



Schon Mathew Solis Siguenza, seated with his mother Cindy (top, right) celebrated his second birthday with families and friends at the Hyatt Water park on Tumon. Seated on top are Cecilia Borja and Jessica Toves Cadiasang, both godparents and Schon Mathew and Cindy Siguenza.

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Karidat's tent bazaar coming

KARIDAT would like to remind the public of its upcoming "Clothes & Shoes To Go" tent giveaway.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and again on Sunday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Previously collected items from the thrift shop will be displayed at the event and will be made available to the public.

Karidat's executive director Angie Guerrero invites the public to come and take advantage of this opportunity.

Also, because of the need to inventory and renovate the thrift shop, Karidat will not be accepting donations until September.



The Filipino Ladies Association of Guam participate in the "Mardi Gras Style Parade" at the Guam Big Summer Festival in Tumon.

Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

More local teachers for PSS advocated under bill

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE of Representatives yesterday passed another legislation that aims to "create a healthier educational environment... (that would) hire more local teachers for the Public School System."

Introduced by Rep. Maria T. Peter (Ind.-Prec. 3, Saipan), House Bill 11-238, which now goes to the Senate,

proposes to establish a post secondary teacher education program, which would award college scholarships (worth) \$12,000 for... up to four years"

to students pursuing a professional degree in teaching.

To qualify, one must be a full-time student enrolled in an accredited teacher training program at a college or university.

The applicant should also sign a fully executed postsecondary teacher education program scholarship agreement with the CNMI government.

In addition, he or she must maintain a full time enrollment including summer session in the college or university he or she is attending.

Scholarship recipients are also re-

quired to submit a certify copy of their grades for each quarter/semester to the CNMI Scholarship Office.

The House also passed the following bills:

• H.B. 11-94, which would include government employees who are on standby, hazardous and on-call differential in the Retirement Fund Act of 1988.

Introduced by Vice Speaker Jesus T. Atiao (R-Prec. 3, Saipan), the bill seeks to give these employees credit for their extra hours on duty.

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Fisheries resources can't be measured

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

GOVERNMENT does not have the means to determine exactly how much fish resources the Commonwealth has, according to CNMI Fish and Wildlife Director Richard Seman.

"We don't have the means nor the funds to study the whole 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) that we have," Seman lamented.

"It's a vast area of waters," he added.

Currently, he said studies are being done on the matter.

These include the ongoing bottomfish research on waters off the Farallon de Medinilla Island.

But though the studies appear promising, Seman said, results and corresponding plans of action may take some time to be completed.

"It (studies) is being done slowly," he explained.

"We will eventually get some kind of results out of these studies," he added though.

In the midst of the current economic crisis being experienced in the Commonwealth government, as well as some members of the local business sector, have been looking to the

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WGA honors Gutierrez, Sunia

HONOLULU — The Western Governors' Association (WGA) comprising of America's twenty-one westernmost states, territories and commonwealth, praised two of its own: Guam's Governor Carl T. C. Gutierrez and American Samoa's Governor Tauese P. F. Sunia in Gidwood, Alaska last week at its annual gathering.

The association also paid tribute to a founding member of both organizations, the late Governor Peter Tali Coleman of American Samoa.

braska Governor Ben Nelson, the Western Governor's commended Gutierrez, the current President of the Honolulu-based Pacific Basin Development Council for "his efforts at regional cooperation and his ambitious initiative to gain greater federal attention toward the islands."

Gutierrez has developed a Washington visibility program through both PBDC and the Council of Micronesian Chief Executive (CMCE), of which he is founding chairman.

The Western Governor's also commended PBDC Vice-Presi-



Carl T. C. Gutierrez

dent Sunia for proposing as part of Gutierrez's Washington initiative, that a permanently endowed

lectureship be established at Georgetown University in Washington, in the memory of the late Governor Coleman, the first territorial governor to chair both PBDC and the Western Governor's Conference, WGA's antecedent.

As PBDC's current and incoming top leaders, Gutierrez and Sunia have directed the organization toward finding ways that the American Flag Pacific Islands will have greater involvement and influence in APEC, the most important economic cooperation group of twenty-one Pacific Rim economies.

Plans are under discussion for holding a major PBDC meeting in November with a focus on the input on economic prospects for the American Flag Pacific Islands in the wake of the Asia financial crisis.

In the meantime, PBDC Executive Director Jerry B. Norris expressed his gratitude towards the WGA for its recognition of the special problem in small island governments.

"WGA has been tremendously supportive of its island members over the years, said Norris and I hope that the island governors value their membership in WGA."

According to Fiji PM:

South Pacific Forum countries not doing so well economically

SUVA (Pacnews)—The Prime Minister of Fiji, Sitiveni Rabuka believes Forum countries are not doing well economically.

Rabuka called on delegates attending the Forum Economic Minister's Meeting (FEMM) now underway at Fiji's western town of Nadi to find solutions to the region's economic woes.

Rabuka cites Fiji as an example. He says his country is currently performing well below its medium-term real average growth target of 3% per annum.

Rabuka says Fiji had measured growth potential of 5% but its actual performance averages around 1%.

He described this trend as worrying because not enough wealth is being generated in Fiji's economy to support its people.

The Fijian prime minister also stressed the importance of regional

governments establishing credibility in economic and public policies.

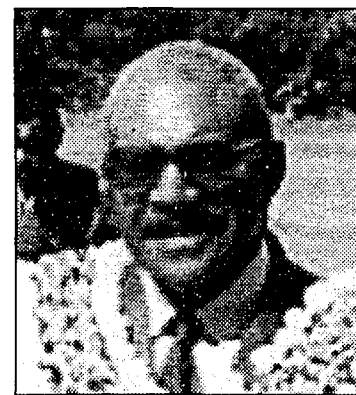
Rabuka says it is consequential that these policies are implemented comprehensively and consistently.

This issue will be debated and discussed at length by FEMM delegates.

The delegates will today meet behind doors and each delegation will present a progress report of how their government's have fulfilled the eight principles of accountability.

Deputy Secretary General at the Forum Secretariat, Tony Slatyer could not reveal the progress made by each island government.

But he says the governments realize that their economies can only be modernised and competitive if the



Sitiveni Rabuka

principles are implemented. They were mooted at last year's FEMM in Cairns, Australia as a way of making regional governments more transparent and accountable.

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lion in labor union accounts last week, announced it was closing for the strike. Last week, gunmen strafed one San Juan branch, and protesters planted the bomb that mutilated the police officer at another.

Annie Cruz, president of one of two telephone workers' unions, said she hoped the general strike would persuade the government to hold a

referendum on the sale. It would cost \$25 million to abandon the deal.

It would be the first general strike in Puerto Rico since tens of thousands of sugar cane cutters stopped working in 1934 to demand better conditions.

Former Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon tried to sell the telephone company in 1990 but was dissuaded by massive protests.

Last October, unions called a 24-hour work stoppage against the sale.

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to Arafat to fulfill his side of the peace accords.

Netanyahu said the Palestinians have refused to carry out their security promises, such as rounding up illegal weapons and reducing the size of their police force.

Netanyahu had not spoken to parliament about the peace talks in seven months. Barak's Labor Party forced his hand by collecting signatures from one-third of the 120 legislators demanding a debate.

The negotiations have been stalled since March 1997 and are now deadlocked over the scope of a promised Israeli troop pullback in the West Bank.

The United States wants Netanyahu to agree to a plan for a withdrawal from 13 percent of the land, but he has given no indication he will accept it. Arab leaders have warned that a lack of progress could lead to violence.

In the West Bank city of Hebron on Monday, Palestinians threw stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers who

had scuffled earlier with both Palestinians and Jewish settlers in the tense town.

The settlers accused Palestinians of a firebomb attack on their compound, and the Palestinians blamed the settlers for a fire at a Palestinian-owned shop.

Meanwhile in Jerusalem, Ahmed Tibi, a senior aide to Arafat, scuffled with two Hebron settlers after the broadcast of a popular Israeli political talk show. There were no injuries, Israeli Radio reported.

In the Knesset debate, Netanyahu also accused the Labor Party that governed from 1992 to 1996 of secretly making far-reaching territorial concessions to the Palestinians and Syria.

"Don't talk to us about credibility," Netanyahu said, wagging his finger at the benches of the opposition.

"What you should do is sit quietly and with your heads bowed in shame."

Netanyahu's own credibility has been questioned repeatedly by political foes and allies alike, most recently by the Israeli president and the armed forces chief of staff.

CNMI and Federal governments lack 'common frame of reference'

By Haidee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

THE STUMBLING block in the CNMI and Federal governments' relations today is the lack of a "common frame of reference," according to the keynote speaker in yesterday's opening of the five-day CNMI-Federal relations forum sponsored by the Commonwealth Council for Humanities.

Fred Radewagen, publisher and editor of The Washington Pacific Region, said in his speech that the state of relations between the two governments today is a function of an almost total lack of communication between the two sides coming from two vastly different cultures.

"Both the CNMI and the Federal government should have common frame of reference. Otherwise, Saipan and Washington will continue to talk past each other," he told reporters.

Radewagen said that the most basic problem in bridging the gap between Saipan and Washington is the

huge difference in the underlying principles of organization of indigenous CNMI society and mainland American society.

He said that while the rights of the individual is one of the most fundamental organizing principles of mainstream American society, the Pacific island has community responsibility as the most basic organizing principle.

Meanwhile, Samuel McPhetres, coordinator of the said forum, described the current ties of the two governments as being at an "all-time low."

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, one of the two panelists, agreed that the two governments need to start at "common grounds" to be able to have a clearer picture of where the two governments are going.

Radewagen added that both sides should put a high visibility strategy that emphasizes each other's good points.

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Castro writes Tenorio in gratitude for appointment

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

NOMINATED associate justice, Alejandro C. Castro has hailed Governor Pedro Tenorio's policy of recognizing the legal abilities of local people.

Castro in response to his nomination to the Supreme Court said Tenorio's acknowledgment of local talents in key government positions is what keeps him on Saipan and public service all these years.

Castro in a letter to the governor vowed to do his best to serve the people as an associate justice of the high tribunal.

Tenorio last week nominated Castro and Associate Judge Miguel Demapan to replace Ramon G. Villagomez and Pedro Atalig, who retired as associate justices last December.

Castro recalled that when he left Rota in 1975 and came on Saipan to work as a paralegal in the Trust Territory Public Defender's Office, he "was a nobody."

"All I wanted to do then was work for a few years in Saipan and then return to Rota where I grew up and, perhaps, serve our



Alejandro C. Castro



Pedro P. Tenorio

people there as a councilman, a mayor, a congressman, or a senator," Castro said.

He said before Tenorio appointed him in 1986 as the first indigenous Attorney General, the governor had already named Associate Judge Edward Manibusan as director of the police department.

Castro said the governor had already placed Chief Justice Jose S. Dela Cruz and Villagomez as trial court judges.

In response to the establishment of the CNMI Supreme Court in 1989, Castro said the chief executive elevated Dela Cruz, Villagomez and former Associ-

ate Justice and Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja to the high tribunal.

Castro recalled that Tenorio then appointed him to the Superior Court bench and tapped Manibusan as the second indigenous Attorney General.

"Thank you, Governor for your confidence in our legal ability to serve our people and our Commonwealth. The tasks were awesome and the decisions were often difficult and controversial."

"But we all took our responsibilities seriously and we did our very best. It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve our people and our Commonwealth in your name," he said.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the ARRIVALS AREA AIR CONDITIONING, AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. R-CPA-A-001-95 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00 P.M., August 7, 1998, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of enclosure and air conditioning of the existing Arrivals areas as well as the installation of a shell type baggage conveyor and various other upgrades throughout the interior and exterior of the terminal building.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty days (60) from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for ninety days (90) from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor Provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the established CNMI wage rate.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (Project No. R-CPA-A-001-95) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification on Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts:

- The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.
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The bidder's attention is called to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulation of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor may be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, requests prior to the award of a contract or sub contract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as requested.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, July 10, 1998 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of the same mailed, simultaneously, to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid a form substantially similar to the supplied with the contract documents not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished with the contract documents by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 121(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

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Vanuatu to export yellow fin tuna

PORTVILA (Pacnews)—Vanuatu will be exporting yellow fin tuna to markets in Australia and Japan before the end of this year.

This was confirmed by the Resident Director of Vanuatu Lumber Company, Jean Rolland Francoise, Radio Vanuatu reports.

Francoise says the new product will be produced with the help of over 35 fishing boats that will be fishing in the country.

Vanuatu will be competing with similar products from Fiji, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia.

Elsewhere in the Pacific Samoa gang leaders surrender

APIA (Pacnews)—Two leaders of a Samoan gang who slaughtered hundreds of cattle kept on the government-owned Samoa Trust Estate Corporation property, west of Apia have surrendered to police. They are Filipaina Faisauvala, 35, and his brother

Stalei Faisauvala, 27, who have been charged with arson and cattle theft.

Their lawyer Toleafoa Toailoa says he will take legal action against the police over the way they have been treated.

He said his concern is that they were being treated inhumanely. Toailoa says the pair were stripped naked and placed in a tiny isolated cell usually re-

served for hardened criminals. He says that under the constitution, "no person shall be subjected to torture or degrading treatment or punishment."

Unconfirmed reports say that members of the gang have been beaten by police.

So far 38 men from six villages on the outskirts of Apia will stand trial later this month. More arrests are still expected.

Melanesian art, cultural festival opens in Honiara

HONIARA (Pacnews)—The vision of the Melanesian Spearhead group from years ago to bring the Melanesian countries together to celebrate their diverse and unique arts and cultures Monday become a reality.

This was expressed by Solomon Islands minister of home and cultural affairs Reverend Leslie Boseto in his address to officially launch the inaugural Melanesian Arts and Cultural festival.

Reverend Boseto said the many uncertainties, financial hardships and challenges have threatened the materialisation of the MSG leaders' vision.

He said these have been diminished by the smiling faces and the sharing of the spirit of singing and dancing.

The minister said culture is total life and it is our whole life's interrelations to religion, languages, songs, dances, stories, kinship and the way we relate to each other in our environment for our sustained existence and security.

He urged the four Melanesian countries participating to maintain unity in diversity.

Speaking at the ceremony, deputy prime minister of Vanuatu, Father Walter Lini expressed his country's pride and gratitude in being able to attend and share with other Melanesian countries, its cultures and traditions.

French parliament acts to okay Noumea accord

CANBERRA (Pacnews)—France's two houses of parliament have voted overwhelmingly in favour of amending the French Constitution to ease the way for New Caledonia to gain independence.

The amendment, passed by the required three-fifths of members, will enable the enactment of the Noumea Accord.

French prime minister, Lionel Jospin, says the Noumea peace deal will enable the people of New Caledonia to affirm their

own identity and exercise growing responsibility for public affairs.

The accord provides for step-by-step devolution for the territory's 200,000 people ahead of an independence referendum in 15 or 20 years.

As from next month, both Melanesian Kanaks and long-term settlers will be given specific New Caledonian citizenship.

France will also introduce indigenous Kanak customary law alongside French legislation.

Foreign firms interested in putting up copra mills

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—The Vanuatu government has received proposals from four different foreign companies to establish a copra oil mill in the country.

First Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Commerce Mark Bebe said the ministry is studying each proposal and would submit its recommendation to the proposed foreign investment board once the bill for the foreign investment act is passed by parliament.

Bebe said the ministry's recommendations would be based

on a cost benefit analysis to ensure that the project benefits a wider sector of the economy and that any government conditions do not scare away genuine investors.

He said because a copra oil mill would mean a reduction in the Vanuatu Commodities Marketing Board's (VCMB) export capacity, and possibly loss of jobs for VCMB employees and stevedores, it is important that strategies are put in place to minimise the impact the oil mill would have on the export sector.

Cojuangco is named new chair of San Miguel Corp.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Business tycoon Eduardo Cojuangco Jr. on Tuesday regained his seat as chairman and chief executive officer of San Miguel Corp., 12 years after he was booted out of the Philippines' largest food and beverage conglomerate.

Cojuangco, who lost his post after the "people power" revolt against the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, was named San Miguel chairman at a special board meeting.

The company's former chairman, Andres Soriano III, and four other board members stepped

Gov't grounds US-made MG-520 helicopters after fatal collision

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine air force grounded its fleet of about 30 U.S.-made MG-520 attack helicopters Monday while it investigated why two of the aircraft collided, killing three people, officials said.

The two helicopters, armed with rockets, struck each other and crashed shortly after taking off from a southern Philippine air force base Sunday, killing three men in one chopper and injuring three in the other.

Air force spokesman Col. Jose Mendoza said the helicopters will be inspected and remain grounded until the cause of Sunday's accident is determined.

The helicopters, acquired from the U.S. military some years ago, are mainly used to support troops in combat against Marxist and Muslim guerrillas.

Air force officials and witnesses said one of the helicopters flew too close to the other after they took off from Zamboanga City's Andrews air force base, causing its propeller to hit the rotor blades of the other. Both crashed to the ground.

No one on the ground was injured and the rockets were safely removed by air force officials from the wreckage.

Officials said the collision appeared to be an accident but they did not rule out sabotage.

The helicopters were bound for Cotabato city in southern Maguindanao province, where there are many Muslim guerrillas, the air force officials said.

Zamboanga is about 850 kilometers (525 miles) south of Manila.

down July 2 to give way to a new management.

Of nine board members present during the special meeting, eight voted for Cojuangco. One board member, a government representative, was absent.

No other details were immediately available.

Cojuangco's takeover came just a week after new-elected President Joseph Estrada assumed office. Formerly a close associate of strongman Marcos, Cojuangco is now one of the top leaders of Estrada's Struggle of the Filipino Masses party.

Cojuangco's appointment is expected to speed the resolution of an arduous ownership battle for San Miguel's shares, 47 percent of which were impounded by the government after the 1986 revolt. The move came amid allegations

the shares were illegally acquired by Marcos' allies.

The shares in question comprise Cojuangco's 20 percent stake, estimated to be worth 23 billion pesos (\$561 million), and a 27 percent share of the government-sequestered United Coconut Planters Bank's, which was controlled by Cojuangco under Marcos.

Prior to the announcement, San Miguel's shares were flat in early trading. The news of Cojuangco's takeover caused share prices to dip slightly.

Traders attributed the decline to a sell-on-news play after San Miguel's stock had risen since Soriano's departure last Thursday.

Some investors were reportedly unhappy with Soriano's leadership of the company.

RP companies seek debt relief

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine companies that have sought debt relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission since the start of last year's Asian currency crisis have a total of 102.4 billion pesos (\$2.5 billion) in outstanding loans, the government says.

Much of that amount represents the loan exposure of cash-strapped

Philippine Airlines, the country's flag carrier, which has sought a temporary suspension of debt payments after a crippling pilots' strike.

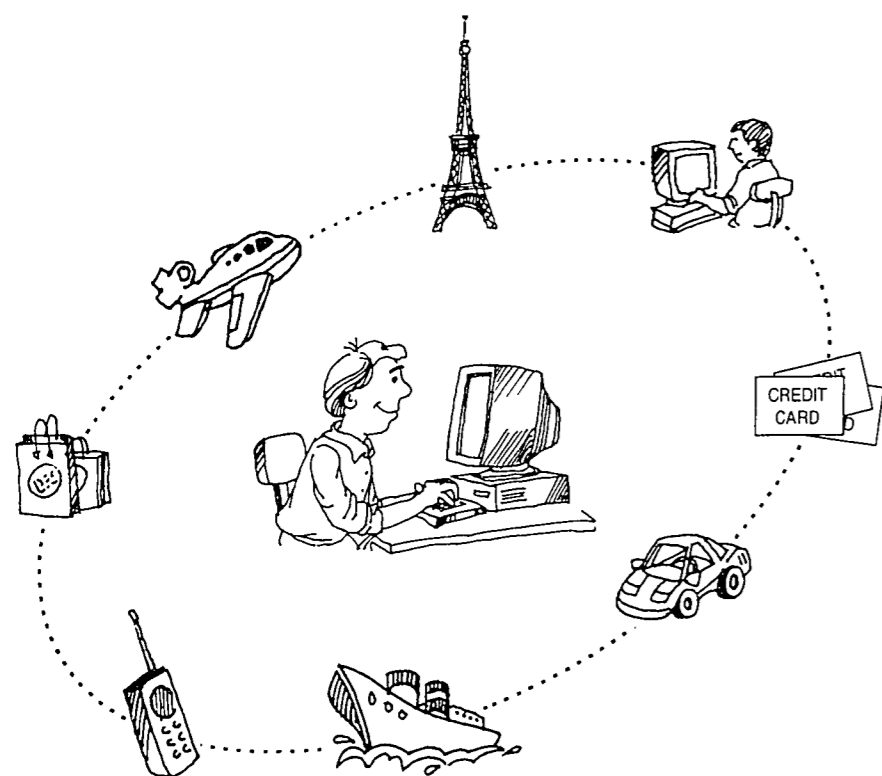
Since the peso weakened sharply against the dollar last July, a growing number of companies have been unable to service their debts.

The central bank sought to make

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Millions battle Yangtze floods



A People's Liberation Army soldier carries a crying child through flood waters in Wuzhou, in China's southwestern Guangxi Province June 29th. Xinhua, the Chinese news agency, said the army had rescued 100,000 people and delivered 250,000 tons of supplies to flood victims in three southern provinces: Guangxi, Guangdong and Hunan.

BEIJING (AP)—Millions of people strengthened dikes and repaired breached banks along the Yangtze River Monday to prevent flooding in central China, state media reported.

Heavy rains since the second half of June have pushed Yangtze waters above flood-warning levels along its middle reaches for 1,000 kilometers (600 miles), the China Daily reported.

In Anhui province, 46 people had and 370,000 others were stranded as of Sunday in flooding on the Yangtze, Huai and other rivers. The Wenhui Daily described the flooding as the worst since the disastrous floods of 1991.

With the deaths in Anhui, about 440 people have been killed in flooding caused by heavier and earlier than

usual seasonal rains.

State-run China Central Television showed footage of bulldozers and people piling sand and sandbags at building entrances and roadways in cities along the Yangtze.

In Jiangxi province, the Yangtze swelled its banks near Jiujiang city, placing half the city's 4.4 million at risk, city officials said. Although 110,000 hectares (270,000 acres) of farmland, several major rail lines and 82 enterprises are also threatened, no casualties have been reported, they added.

Beijing has sent teams of experts to direct operations to contain the river and rescue victims, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

More than 900,000 people have

been mobilized in the city to fight floods in Jiujiang, the officials said. China Daily put the number of flood fighters at 3 million in Jiujiang and Jiangxi province.

Nearly a million officials, soldiers and ordinary citizens were making preparations to combat flooding in neighboring Anhui, Xinhua said.

In southern Guangdong province, the North and West rivers overran their banks and swamped surrounding areas for four days before being contained over the weekend, China Daily said.

Beijing has been hit by four severe downpours in the past nine days. One driver drowned when he drove into a suburban underpass inundated with rain water, Xinhua said.

China agrees to open its skies for more London-Beijing flights

BEIJING (AP) — China has agreed to give British airlines direct access to Shanghai for the first time and allow more flights between London and Beijing, British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott said Monday.

Although some details of the air passenger service agreement were still being worked out, Prescott pointed to the deal as a substantive achievement of what he called his "successful and productive" week-long China visit.

Relations between London and Beijing, poisoned for much of the 1990s by disputes on Hong Kong's handover to China, have greatly improved in the year since Britain smoothly relinquished control of the colony.

Prescott was the fifth Cabinet

member of the 15-month-old Labor government to visit China. The quickening exchanges are scheduled to culminate with British Prime Minister Tony Blair's trip to Beijing in October.

During a three-hour meeting Friday, Prescott said Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji conveyed his hopes for the Blair visit. The British deputy prime minister said arrangements for the trip were being made by other officials.

His agenda focused on a range of environmental and business issues. The latter included shipping, finance, insurance, aviation and water treatment. He brought along representatives from water and aerospace companies.

In the air services agreement Prescott sealed with Vice Premier Wu Bangguo, British carriers will

begin two flights a week to Shanghai this year with two more added in 2000. Flights between London and Beijing will rise to five next summer and six a year later, the British Embassy said in a statement.

Prescott said it had not been decided which British carriers would get the access. During a weekend visit to central Xi'an city, Prescott also discussed a troubled project to build a 100-seat commercial passenger jet involving a consortium of European aerospace companies led by Airbus Industrie.

Prescott had high praise for Premier Zhu but he did relay one complaint. He found the Peking duck he was served here not as meaty as the kind he frequently enjoys in Britain.

Paper firms to form joint venture

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hansol Paper Co. said Monday it has tentatively agreed to form a joint venture with Canadian and Norwegian firms and sell its South Korean newsprint plant to the new enterprise.

Hansol, South Korea's largest newsprint maker, signed a letter of intent over the weekend to form the joint venture with Abitibi Consolidated of Canada and Norske Skog of Norway, company officials said.

The joint venture firm, to be owned equally by the three companies, will buy a Hansol plant in Jonju, 280 kilometers (168 miles) southeast of Seoul, with an annual production capacity of 1.04 million tons. It is the world's third largest newsprint plant.

It also plans to buy a 53-percent stake in Hansol's another newsprint plant in Shanghai, China, which can produce 130,000 tons of newsprint annually.

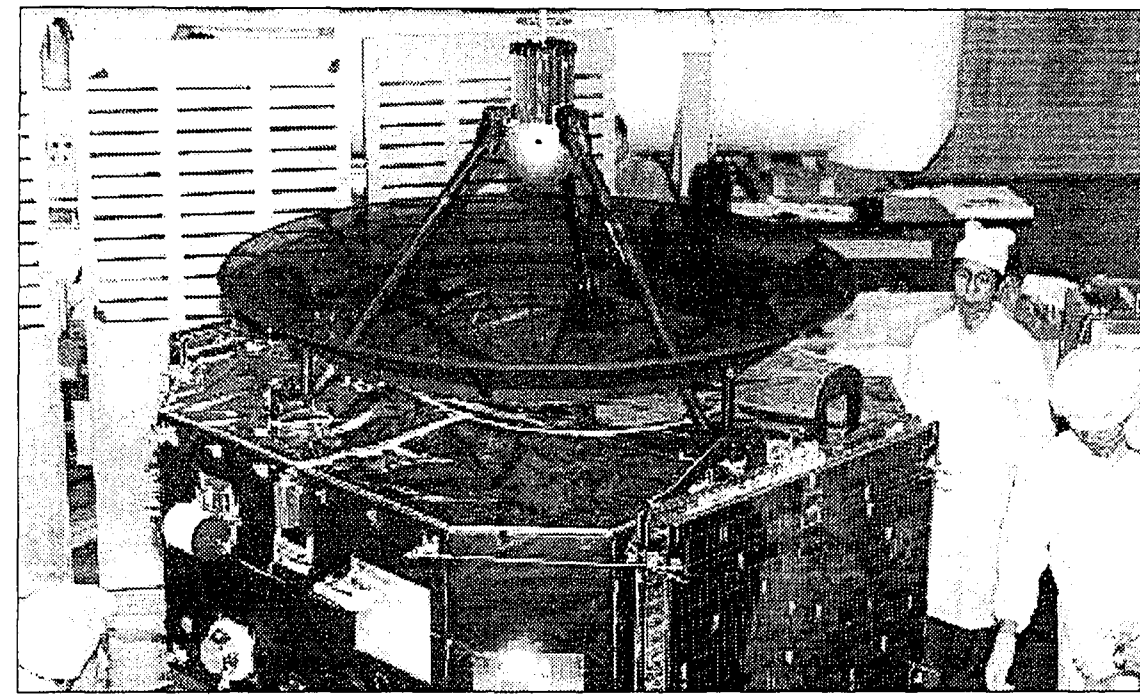
The two deals are worth \$1 billion, Hansol officials said.

The joint venture also plans to buy unspecified stakes in two other newsprint plants in South Korea and Thailand, owned by South Korea's Shinho group, Hansol officials said.

The joint venture hopes to gain 18 percent of the newsprint market in the Asia-Pacific area, they said.

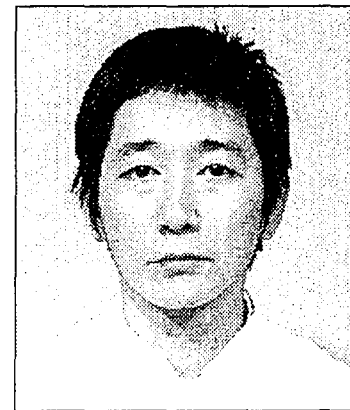


Yoo Jong-ryul, court-appointed manager of Kia Motors Corp., right, speaks during a press conference at the office of the Korea Development Bank in Seoul Monday. Bankrupt Kia Motors Corp., South Korea's third largest automaker, will be put up for international auction next week.



Researchers inspect the Planet-B spacecraft, Japan's first Mars explorer, at the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science in Sagami-hara City in Kanagawa Prefecture. The half-ton unmanned craft, launched on July 4 from the Kagoshima Space Center, will be in orbit until December before catapulting toward Mars, where it will start a two-year observation of the planet.

Death sought for Japan cultist



Kazuaki Okazaki

TOKYO (AP) — Prosecutors on Monday demanded the death sentence for a former senior member of Japan's doomsday cult for his alleged role in the 1989 murders of an anti-cult lawyer and his family.

Kazuaki Okazaki, 37, was the first member of the Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth cult, to face the death sentence.

In Monday's trial, a prosecution lawyer to the Tokyo District Court that Okazaki's criminal responsibility was "extremely grave," Kyodo News Service said.

The public broadcaster NHK quoted the prosecution as telling the court that Okazaki strangled Sakamoto while the lawyer slept at his home in Tokyo.

Sakamoto, his wife and their infant son were murdered on Nov. 4, 1989, and buried in remote central Japan Mountains by cult members.

Sakamoto was preparing a lawsuit against the cult at the time he was murdered.

A total of six cult members, including Okazaki and former cult leader Shoko Asahara, were charged with the murders. Prosecutors have said Asahara masterminded those killings as well as the March 1995 gas attack on Tokyo subways in which 12 people died.

The cult has been disbanded and more than 100 of its members have been convicted on various charges.

The toughest penalty a cult member has received so far was life in prison. That verdict was handed down May 26 to Ikuo Hayashi, 51, a heart surgeon found guilty of murder for the Tokyo subway gassing.

Okazaki, who left the cult in 1990, initially denied his involvement in the murders of the lawyer and his family. But he confessed to police details of

his role in the murder in April 1995, when police launched a full-scale investigation into the cult.

The ruling in Okazaki's case is expected sometime in the fall.

Okazaki was also charged with murdering a cult member who had tried to quit the religious group in February 1989.

Asahara is still on trial separately for the Sakamoto murder and nearly 20 other criminal charges, including another nerve gas attack in the central Japan town of Matsumoto in 1994

that killed seven people.

In a related development, the parents of a man allegedly killed by cult members with VX gas in 1994 filed a lawsuit with the Osaka District Court in western Japan Monday, seeking compensation from a public system for people killed or injured while working.

The man, Tadahito Hamaguchi, then 28, died at a hospital ten days after the VX gas attack by several cult members. He had been on his way to work.

Report: China will try, then free Taiwan spies

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — China plans to put on trial and convict four Taiwanese businessmen accused of spying, but then release them in an act of goodwill, a newspaper said Monday.

The authoritative China Times newspaper, quoting unidentified sources, said mainland authorities would stage an open trial soon and release the evidence it says it has against the four.

The men will be repatriated to Taiwan immediately after being found guilty, allowing them to avoid lengthy jail terms, it said.

Wu Hsing-jung, wife of Chen Shao-yu, one of the men being held, said Chinese officials had informed her by phone two weeks ago that the four would "get off lightly." But she said they gave no exact date for their release.

China claims to have discovered a trail of money linking the men to Taiwan's Defense Ministry.

The case has highlighted China's opaque legal system and worried Taiwanese investors who have sunk an estimated \$30 billion into the mainland without firm legal guarantees.

Feeling the effects of the Asian economic crisis and a drop in for-

eign investment, China may be eager to reassure investors.

By expelling them rather than forcing them to serve their sentences, China also would give impetus to a warming trend in relations between the sides. Hopes are high that they will resume negotiations this year after a break of more than three years.

China identified the four businessmen as Kou Chien-ming, 42; Han Yueh-ting, 35; Chen, 43; and Chou Chang-ming, 36. Kou is the founder and secretary general of the Civic Exchange Association, a private Taiwanese group set up to promote trade, technology and cultural exchanges with the mainland. The other three are members.

China claims the organization is a spy front. China's official Xinhua news agency said the men were seeking access to military secrets when arrested in March, and all have admitted to the charges.

But the charges have been strongly denied by Taiwan's Defense Ministry and the National Security Bureau, which is responsible for intelligence gathering. Others familiar with the case have said the men were seeking to compile business information on the internet.

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Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), gives a speech to support one of his party candidates for the July 12 parliamentary elections. AP

Wave of the future in Japan:

New technology gets builders underground

By MARTIN FACKLER
TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo is an urban planner's nightmare. Just about every nook and cranny is filled with narrow, twisting roads, crowded neighborhoods and people, people, people.

So officials are beginning to exploit a new frontier — deep underground.

Bolstered by an arsenal of technological advances that allow construction at far greater depths than in the past, government planners envision an array of projects, from better water and gas mains to tunnels for highways and high-speed trains.

"The time for this sort of construction has come," said Yoshitaka Kuwabara, an official at the National Land Agency.

Kuwabara said new technologies have opened the way for construction as far as 330 feet (101 meters) beneath the earth.

Conventional tunnels for utilities or subways usually run at depths of no more than 35 feet (11 meters).

Tokyo's dive down has already begun.

The first of the capital's deep subterranean projects — a high-way tunnel running 66 feet (20 meters) below the floor of Tokyo Bay — was completed in April 1997.

One of the biggest obstacles to deep tunneling was the increased danger of cave-ins.

Engineers have overcome that with cylinder-shaped "shield machine" robots the size of a house that use a combination of rotating teeth and high-pressure water to slowly bore through the ground.

Workers follow behind, stabilizing the tunnel with fast-drying concrete and loading the loosened dirt and rocks into dump trucks to take to the surface.

The world's biggest shield digger, almost 50 feet (15 meters) in diameter, is now cutting a tunnel beneath Tokyo that will capture overflow from the city's rivers and prevent flooding.

Going deep is allowing planners to get around another persistent headache in Japan — obtaining permission from landowners to dig under their property.

Kansai Electric Power in Osaka, Japan's second-largest city, found private landowners so demanding that it decided to avoid them altogether.

It is building a tunnel for high-voltage cables in the city's crowded downtown by threading it far below the maze-like streets.

The company uses advanced ultrasound technology to keep track of the exact location of the construction work 220 feet (67 meters) below ground.

To make such projects easier in the future, Japanese officials say they will propose a law that would end land ownership at a point 132 feet (40 meters) beneath the surface. Anything below that would be in the public domain, opening

the way for companies to begin construction with only a public permit.

"We can avoid all the hassles of surface or shallow subterranean building," said Masahiro Iwatsuki, one of the officials drafting the bill.

The government is also working up guidelines for deep subterranean construction. These would likely require builders to ensure that projects do not contaminate underground water supplies or undermine subways, buildings or other structures above.

Technology is being used to address other problems with underground structures.

Engineers who built the four-lane Aqualine freeway beneath Tokyo Bay worried the 6-mile-long (10-kilometer-long) tunnels would become a deathtrap if a fire broke out. Their answer was an innovative escape system that allows motorists to slide down emergency chutes to a separate walkway beneath the road with its own air supply.

Surprisingly for many people, a benefit of deep subterranean construction is that it's safer during a strong earthquake than tunnels at shallower depths. That appeals to many in Japan, which is one of the most earthquake-prone nations on Earth.

The safety factor persuaded Tokyo Gas to build a new natural gas main at a depth of 230 feet (70 meters), even though it could have done it cheaper at a much shallower depth.

"The deeper soil is actually firmer," said Hiroshi Hanada, a spokesman for the utility. "We've found that deep structures actually shake much less, unless it's right where the earth splits."

"But in that case, you'd have problems at any depth."

Japanese central bank head warns stimulus may have limited impact

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's central bank head warned Monday that the impact of a recent government stimulus package to boost the nation's sluggish economy could be undermined by worsening unemployment and low income growth.

Speaking at a quarterly meeting of central bank branch managers, Bank of Japan Governor Masaru Hayami said the economy has been hurt by weak

demand for goods and rising joblessness.

"Given the recent rapid deterioration in jobs and income environments, there is risk that (this) could limit consumption and corporate investment activities further," Hayami said.

Last month, the government reported that the number of people without jobs in May rose to a record high of 2.93 million. The unemployment rate remained steady

at a record 4.1 percent.

In June, Japan's Parliament passed a supplementary budget to help fund the country's largest-ever economic stimulus spending package.

Hayami said the package will prove helpful and he held out hope for a gradual recovery. But he signaled that interest rates will remain at record lows until the economy shows signs of renewed vigor.

Seoul raps Moscow over expulsion

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Foreign Ministry called in Russia's acting ambassador Monday to complain about Russia's expulsion of a South Korean diplomat on spy charges.

Vice Foreign Minister Sun Joon-young told acting ambassador Valery Suhinin that Seoul was unhappy that Moscow acted without consulting with South Korea, ministry officials said.

Cho Sung-woo, a political officer at the South Korean Embassy in Moscow, was ordered expelled after being detained overnight on spy charges last Friday.

Cho was taken into custody as he met with an alleged con-

tact, identified by Russia's intelligence agency as Valentin Moiseyev, deputy head of the Foreign Ministry's Asia Affairs Bureau.

Moiseyev was also detained for investigation by the Federal Security Service, a successor to the Soviet-era KGB.

Moiseyev was accused of "providing confidential information to South Korean security services that was damaging to Russia's political and economic interests," the Federal Security Service said in a statement.

Cho has diplomatic immunity and was released after questioning. Russia's Foreign Ministry later ordered Cho to leave Russia within three days for "unlawful activities incompatible with his diplomatic status."

It's the first time that a South Korean diplomat has been expelled by Russia since the two countries opened diplomatic ties in 1990.

Seoul officials said Cho was expected to arrive in Seoul Tuesday.

They earlier had said they will take "due action" against Russia after investigating the case

after Cho returns home. One ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity,

said his government would not rule out the possibility of retaliatory action.



Striking Hyundai autoworkers expel a worker at work, right, at the Hyundai Motor Co.'s assembly line in Ulsan City, southeast of Seoul Monday. The 26,000 member labor union of South Korea's largest automaker began a two-day strike to protest the company's plans to lay off some 4,800 employees. AP

Asian crisis unravels big wool demand

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Asia's economic crisis is causing a decline in consumer confidence and a bleak outlook for the global wool market, a leading wool promotion and research company report said Monday.

The effects of the Asian downturn are being felt in general apparel areas, particularly in higher priced clothing lines. The Woolmark Company's monthly market briefing said.

Woolmark said there appeared to be little hope of an upturn in economic activity this year, with unemployment expected to rise further and wool apparel purchases likely to remain depressed.

"With the exception of North America, the fundamental consumer pull for wool is still lacking in the major apparel retail markets," report said.

Consumer confidence was improving in key European markets, but remained sluggish.

"With the severe downturn in Asia and a sluggish recovery in key European retail markets, the global wool textile pipeline is working off high stocks and the outlook for raw wool remains difficult for the first quarter of the new 1988/99 season."

The situation in the United States looked more promising with demand at a 10-year-high, the report said.

"At the same time, the wool industry is likely to struggle to maintain last year's activity levels as exports to Asia fall off and imports from Asia increase into Europe," the report said.

Thank You

On behalf of my brothers Brian and Dana, my wife Asomau and son Arthur, my aunt Jane, my sister in law Diane and my nephew Jake, I wish to publicly express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped make the passing of my father Frank a burden we could bear.

Your sympathy, work contributions, coordination and general help were crucial to making a sad event tolerable. I don't know what we would have done without your assistance.

Special recognition must be given to our old friends on Saipan, my NMC co-workers, and the local Samoan community for their yeoman efforts to help out the Swett family in its time of need.

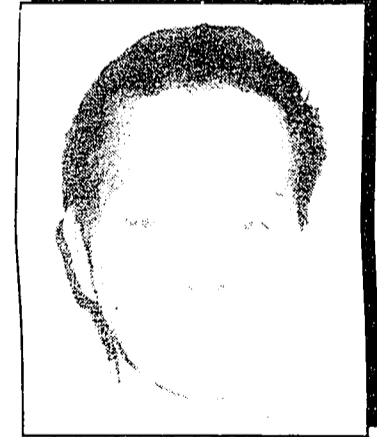
Together we gave Frank P. Swett Jr. a send-off that combined the positive features of several cultures in a way that emphasized respect, the grace of God and the celebration of continued life for those of us who remain. He would have been pleased. No one could have asked for more.

Again, thank you all for your assistance.

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He Now Joins in Eternal Rest:

Mother: Maria Masga Mesngon
Father: Vicente Ogo Mesngon
Sisters: Ana Mesngon Rosario
Emilia Maratita Mesngon
Brother: Augustino Maratita Mesngon
Mother-in-Law: Rita Charfauros Lizama
Father-in-Law: Ignacio Cabrera Lizama

His Loving Memories will live on, in the heart of his:

Wife: Victoria Lizama Mesngon
Children: Ignacio L. Mesngon (Maria) Ann Jacoba, Lawrence (Rosana), Vicky Jane (John), Lance, Rita Mae; Candilaria M. Ulloa (Vito) Vance, Vito Jr., Van Wesley, Darrel, Blair, Grantley, Kidani, Maryann; Teresita M. Manglona (Henry) Molly, Henry Jr., Ursula Maria; Daniel L. Mesngon (Julie) Vicky Doreen, Jonathan, Keith, Daniel Jr., Deven, Donovan, Jordan; Patricia M. Lorenz (Mark) Veronica, Christina, Mark II; Lorita L. Mesngon (Manases) Manases Jr., Marlo; Rosa L. Mesngon - Loriann; Francisco L. Mesngon (Florie) Franorilyn, Francisco Jr. Vincent L. Mesngon (Tina Marie); Great Grands: Jonovar and Jacoba Maria
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NIGHTLY ROSARY IS BEING SAID AT THEIR RESIDENCE IN SONGSONG VILLAGE, ROTA AT 8:00 P.M.
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BURIAL WILL FOLLOW AT SAN JOSE CEMETERY. DINNER WILL BE SERVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER.
Please join us in prayer. Si Yu' us Ma'ase I FAMILIA

Francisco Maratita Mesngon

Born: October 10, 1927 Died: July 02, 1998 of Rota was called to his eternal rest on July 02, 1998 at the age of 70

Clinton, Yeltsin to hold summit

By Robert Burns
 WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton said Monday he will travel to Moscow in September for talks with Russian President Boris Yeltsin even though Clinton probably will not be ready by then to begin negotiations over further cuts in nuclear weapons.

It will be their first full-scale summit since March 1997, although they held brief talks as recently as May while in Birmingham, England, to attend a G-8 economic summit.

For months the Clinton administration had said it wanted the Russian Duma, or lower house of parliament, to ratify the START II nuclear arms treaty before Clinton would go to Moscow. Many in the Communist-dominated Duma think START II is a bad deal, even though the cash-strapped Russian military can hardly maintain current levels of nuclear arms.

The U.S. Senate ratified the 1993 treaty in 1996. The accord reduces each nation's force of long-range



Bill Clinton

nuclear weapons by about half, to between 3,000 and 3,500. Among its more controversial provisions is the elimination of the Russian's key land-based missile, the SS-18.

Last month, the Duma put off START II hearings until autumn, even though Yeltsin has assured Clinton numerous times — most recently in May — that the Duma would act promptly.

The administration is sticking to its

position that negotiations on a follow-up agreement for further nuclear cuts must wait until START II is ratified, White House spokesman P.J. Crowley said Monday.

"We clearly favored a meeting following START II ratification by the Duma, no question about that," Crowley said. "However, the range of important issues that we have with Russia are such that we believe there's plenty for the two presidents to discuss."

The spokesman said the two presidents will "talk about next steps" in nuclear disarmament, although they will not begin formal negotiations until START II is ratified.

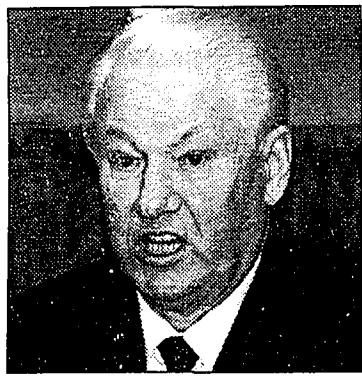
At their summit in Helsinki, Finland, in March 1997, Clinton and Yeltsin agreed that a follow-on arms treaty should reduce each side's strategic nuclear forces to between 2,000 and 2,500 weapons.

Crowley said the summit will be in early September, but no specific date was announced.

The spokesman did not rule out that Clinton's trip would include stops in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

"We have no specific plans at this point," Crowley said. The president wanted to go earlier this year but decided to wait until after the May peace referendum.

In a brief written statement, Clinton said Vice President Al Gore would



Boris Yeltsin

use his July 24-25 meetings in Moscow with Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko to help prepare the summit agenda.

Among the expected topics for Clinton's Moscow talks:

- Kosovo, where fighting between Serbs and ethnic Albanians threatens to engulf the region, triggering a wider Balkan war. The Russians have leaned on the Serbs, their longtime ally, to resume peace talks with the moderate leader of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians, but they have differed with Washington over a NATO military role in the dispute.
- Russia's economic situation. The economy is slumping, the stock market has lost half its value this year, foreign investors have fled and the government is short of cash. Russia is seeking a new loan of at least \$10 billion from the International Monetary Fund to help stabilize the economy — a matter Crowley said the two leaders are sure to discuss.

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China sent message to US through summit

By Renee Schoof
 BEIJING (AP)—Wowing President Clinton with its culture and rapid modernization was the easy part. What China really needed from the president's trip was to send a message to the American people.

That message — the image of a changing, open and cooperative country — was meant to reach members of Congress who oppose better relations. China needs friendship with the United States to eliminate obstacles to its two main goals: economic growth and reunification with Taiwan.

One key ingredient in creating a new image was an unprecedented burst of openness. For the first time, Chinese saw President Jiang Zemin on live television debating a world leader on the Tiananmen Square crackdown and

other topics normally too sensitive for the government-controlled news media. A speech by Clinton at Peking University also was broadcast live.

Yet all the problems bedeviling U.S.-China relations remain. Beijing announced no plans to address concerns on human rights, Tibet or a \$50 billion trade imbalance.

"The trip enabled people in the United States and China to pay more attention to China-U.S. relations. This is especially important for the American people to understand what's going on in China because they have a lot of input in the policy making of the U.S. government," said Jia Qingguo, a U.S. expert at Peking University.

"In the past, there's been a lot of propaganda, prejudice and misunderstanding of what's going on here."



Jiang Zemin

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Libyan leader Gadhafi fractures bone near hip

AL-BAYDA, Libya (AP) — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi fractured a bone near his hip after tripping and falling while exercising, his doctor said.

The announcement was made during a live television broadcast in which Gadhafi, draped in a white sheet, lay on a hospital bed and welcomed visiting African dignitaries.

Gadhafi was to undergo surgery later Monday, the doctor said at a news conference in a large conference hall.

Gadhafi was shown speaking with his hands propping up his head. His voice sounded strong but he occasionally grimaced.

His left foot, peeking out from under the sheet, rested against a traction bar attached to the bed.

The doctor, who did not identify himself, described the injury as a "straightforward fracture." He displayed X-rays showing the top of the femur, the leg bone that extends from the knee to the hip. It was not clear if Gadhafi suffered a broken leg bone or



Moammar Gadhafi

a broken hip.

In his comments, Gadhafi said that during the past few weeks news organizations "fabricated" reports that he survived an assassination attempt.

"Now it is true there is a break, but last time there was nothing," he said.

A Libyan Islamic opposition group claimed it killed four bodyguards and wounded Gadhafi in a June 1 attack.

Libyan officials immediately denied the claim.

Underwood ...

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Noting the media's tendency to sensationalize stories about Guam,

Underwood mentioned, for example, the coverage of the Korean Air Lines crash last August in which 228 passengers and crew members perished, and the coverage on brown tree snakes.

The media, he said, frequently looks for "the exotic sensational." "They know more about those snakes than they know about the Chamorro people or 100 years of Americanization on Guam," he said.

Seized ...

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cated after the raid yielded at least seven illegal nonresident work-

ers.

Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares has justified the seizure saying the Commonwealth's forfeiture statute allow government to confiscate items used in connection with

the violation of labor and immigration laws.

The TRO was seen by observers as a blow on the CNMI government's aggressive campaign against erring employers and workers.

Sablan ...

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ments.

"The reason for this is that the terms and conditions of the third financial agreement which provides for \$154 million in federal and local funds, will not allow for drawdown of these funds until certain requirements are met," he said.

new projects, reprogram funds remaining from projects already completed or canceled amounting to \$4.5 million, and reprogram some \$30 million in Covenant funds allotted for projects that are not ready yet for immediate ground breaking.

He said the government is also identifying priority projects which will be appropriated under the \$154 million funds available under the third agreement. Initial list of proposed projects now totals \$500 million.

He emphasized that discussions with financial institutions to explore funding opportunities are also underway. He cited the Army Corps of Engineers which provided technical assistance in estimation of project costs and master planning.

"The task of trimming down \$500 million in proposed projects to \$154 million in funding is a monumental

one," Sablan said.

Projects that were proposed to be financed under the \$154 million third agreement funds include the: new prison facility (\$16 million); Department of Public Health building (\$7 million); new Saipan High School (\$9 million); new Saipan junior high school (\$8 million); water, wastewater and power projects (\$149 million); harbor projects (\$16 million); NMC (\$22 million); CCA/DYS (\$10 million); and homestead projects (\$18 million).

He said the work is progressing along well and prioritized listing is expected to be finalized by end of this year, stressing that there is no question that the need to release funds for public projects into the economy is made even more urgent by the slow rally of regional and local economies.

Two men ...

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fast.

Flores lamented how excessive speed and careless driving practices are making Guam's roads more perilous.

GPD recently added a highway patrol unit to assist its uniformed officers in making the roads safer.

Flores noted that there are increasingly more cars on the road and some of the roads have not yet been upgraded to handle the added traffic flow.

Route 8 remained closed

through Guam's afternoon rush hour and motorists were instructed to take alternate routes.

At the end of the newsday, Naval Hospital declined to provide information as to the condition of the elderly Nissan driver. GMH stated that the driver of the Acura was still being x-rayed.

More ...

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It now goes to the Senate.

• H.B. 11-220, which would "further protect and preserve places important to the culture, traditions and

history of the people of the CNMI." Introduced by Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Prec. 3, Saipan), the bill states that Mañagaha Island, in particular, should be an "uninhabited place used only for cultural and recreational places."

The bill heads to the Senate.

• S.B. 11-12, which would allow the use of private firearms at shooting galleries.

Introduced by Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez (R-Saipan), the bill now goes to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for his signature.

Fisheries ...

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fisheries sector as a viable alternative revenue source.

Seman has said there has been few interested parties exploring the possibility of signing a deal with the CNMI government allowing them to fish

within the Commonwealth's EEZ.

"It also has to do with interested parties," he raised. "Is there really any interest for off site agencies to go here?"

Seman expressed hopes the CNMI's EEZ has more fishery resources than what has been perceived.

"Where the fishermen are is where

the fish are," he said.

"We are hoping they (fishing firms) are wrong. We're hoping there's more fish here than they thought," he added.

Seman recently said waters off the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Marshall Islands are better fishing areas than the Commonwealth's.

RP ...

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the peso more attractive to investors by raising interest rates, but this made it more costly for debt-laden companies to pay back their loans. Those with dollar-denominated debts also found it harder to repay their loans since the dollar has become more expensive in terms of the local cur-

rency.

Documents obtained from the SEC over the weekend showed 27 cash-strapped companies have sought debt relief from the SEC since last July. In the first half of 1998, 15 companies sought debt relief compared to seven in the same period last year.

Assets of companies that applied for debt suspension in the first half of 1998 stood at \$5.92 billion pesos (\$2.3 billion), while assets of

companies that sought suspensions in the same period the previous year totaled 2.61 billion pesos (\$63.6 million).

Philippine Airlines has the biggest loan exposure — 85.11 billion pesos (\$2.08 billion) — while its assets total 90.64 billion pesos (\$2.21 billion).

The SEC has already formed an interim receiver committee to handle the case of Philippine Airlines.

CNMI ...

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For example, the Pacific cultures, the CNMI democracy, and all good things about the Pacific islands that

Americans are not aware of.

"My prescription is for both sides to have a better understanding of each other's cultural underpinnings, before they reach a common agreement on the issue. You have to know the shape of the table first before you can

sit down at it. And I don't think that's being done," he said.

The event is the fourth in a series of forum for History Teachers' Institute. House Speaker Diego T. Benavente was also a panelist at the said forum.

Underground ...

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economy.

"One big factor of underground economy is the illegal foreign workers. They are working, they are paid cash and the transaction is not registered with the government," he pointed out.

Tenorio said there are quite a big number of businesses operating in the Northern Marianas without permit and that there are some employers who retain overstaying nonresident workers.

engage in unfair business policies.

"The legislators are on the right track. It is a good sign... We must impose hardened penalties," he said, adding that when underground businesses in the CNMI are combined, these can make up a big business group.

At the same time, Tenorio said current interest rates remain very competitive with that of other countries in the Asia-Pacific region. "We have an average interest rate."

"I think we have better rates than 10-15 years ago. Mortgage rate or housing loan interest varies from 7-11 percent, whereas in the past, it reached up to 14 percent," he said.

3 brothers ...

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Demapan found the defendants guilty of beating the victim.

The brothers, through their lawyers, asked the court to either reduce or totally suspend jail time because they had already apologized to the victim and held a barbecue party.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Steinborn, however, pushed for a jail term citing that the defendants were not sincere in extending their apology because they did not pay restitution to the victim.

Steinborn also noted prior conviction of felony charges against two of the defendants.

IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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The Secretary of Commerce has determined that you have violated Section 4 CMC § 5611 (f) (1) (D) of the Business Licensing Statute, and Section 1100 D of the Business Licensing Regulations, Comm. Reg. Vol. 16, No. 11, at 12734 (November 15, 1994) to-wit:

- Violations of Commonwealth Law, as described in the attached documents: June 9, 1998 Plea Agreement and June 16, 1998 Judgment and Order (Exhibits "1-2").

A hearing is scheduled for the 28th day of July, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Administrative Hearing Room, of the Department of Commerce, at the Donni Hill Complex, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9101 et seq, and applicable statutes and Business Licensing Regulations.

DATED this 26th day of June, 1998.

/s/Bernadita T. Palacios
 Acting Secretary of Commerce



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From your
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Happy Birthday
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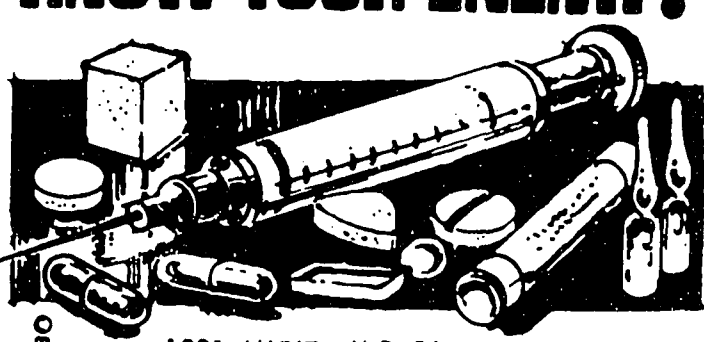
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Michelob . . .

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swered Basila's baskets, 13 and 8 points in the first half, respectively.
The other Michelob players' Sonny Ranola and Martin Moreno helped Basila with more baskets for the win.
Ranola managed to squeeze in seven important points in the half while Moreno had six points.
The scores were tied to 45 all after the first half.
Ranola staged a rally on the second half by putting some 12 points on the third quarter.
Bernard Montano of Michelob joined the rally, putting an additional nine points.
However Basila concentrated on his defense and helped his team by giving 10 points in the second

half.
Ranola again had a 12-point surge en route to the victory in the fourth quarter.
Gary Rapanot of Budweiser managed to drill in 15 points for the team.
Pambid failed to give Budweiser a strong push.
He only made six points in the last quarter.
This prompted Michelob to widen its margin to 106-97.
The victory of Michelob put them in the top slot at the RP Basketball League standing.
Michelob's Basila crawled to the Top 3 position of the Top Gun Standing with a 23.34 average per game.
Michelob will be back on the court next Sunday facing Kent-Budlight who is currently on the second spot of the league's overall team standing.

Golf . . .

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deserving organizations.
For the foundation's initial annual fund raiser, they have decided to contribute the tournament's proceeds to the Manamko.
The proceeds that will be donated to the Manamkos will come from the entry fees of the participants.
Un Korason Foundation's presi-

dent Mark Flores says, "There is no way we can repay these people that are responsible for creating and maintaining the society in which we are fortunate enough to live."
"But we can show that we appreciate their efforts by providing for some of their needs in their latter years."
For further inquiries, interested parties could reach Mark Flores at 287-8696 and 235-2273 or Mike Isoda at 288-5124.

Project . . .

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The first wells Earth Tech will build are expected to begin providing water in 60 days, according to spokesman Mark Cramer.
The total is set for completion within six months, he said.
"This water supply project will bring private sector technical expertise and private investment, augmenting GWA's effort to provide a safe and reliable drinking water supply to the residents of Guam," Diane C. Creel, CEO and president of Earth Tech, said Friday.
According to a news release from Earth Tech, the project will provide economic development benefits to Guam in the way of jobs -- approximately 45, in the construction and operation of the wells.
Earth Tech is an international provider of total water management, infrastructure, engineering, construction and environmental and remediation services.
Founded in 1970, Earth Tech employees more than 4,000 people in 60 offices worldwide.
In the other supply project, "20 exploratory wells are now being dug," GWA spokesman Patrick

Lujan said yesterday.
Of the 14 already attempted, six in the northern area have been found to be productive.
This second project is expected to be completed in 6-12 months, Lujan said.
GWA wells currently produce 30 million gallons of water per day.
In addition, the Ugum source provides 1.5 million, and Asan and Santa Rita springs provide 3 million a day.
The total reportedly still falls 4 million short of the amount required during peak demand. GWA buys about 7.3 million gallons a day from Navy sources to meet demand and to afford the agency some back-up.
Although it pays the Navy \$2.60 per thousand gallons, Lujan said, GWA charges residential customers only \$2.40.
When PUAG dissolved, GWA came into existence...all property transferred -- sewer and water systems, easements, reservoirs... installations and interconnections all conveyed to us... don't really know what it's all worth...eventually have that valued, board resolution recruiting appraise or accounting firm to look at all these fixed assets and come up with a number...

Brewers . . .

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then held off the Glazers on their half of the inning to end the game on a ten-run-mercy shut-out.
The winning pitcher was Elmer Sablan, 6-1 while losing pitcher was Larry Guerrero, 3-1.
In the other Major League game, Riang Yoshino went 4 for 5 and Cowley Ngiraidong, Clark

and three in the second led by Martin and Clark Ngiraidong's two RBI's a piece for an 8-3 lead.
Roland Martin then knocked in his third and fourth RBI of the game as the Chiefs led the half 12-6 after six innings of play.
Both teams then traded a run each in the last 2 1/2 innings for the final margin of the game 13-7.
Winning pitcher was Marcus Ngiraidong, 1-0, and losing pitcher was Larry Guerrero.

Mobil . . .

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fense will look for another shutout - nothing less.
PacSports knows what is ahead of them. Their offense will need to work on its punishing ground game with Manny Chong and Fred Tupaz before catching the Angels off guard with a long bomb to either of their fast receivers.
The Cardinals will gain moral victory if they put some points on the board.
The Cardinals defense will need huge games from linebacker Bill Jones, who is just waiting to explode. Roland "Wild Thing" Duenas and safety Vince Lizama are guaranteed to deliver big games.

Saturday's game
No one thought the Mustangs would look this bad. In a game most thought they'd win, Keico fell asleep and were demolished by the less-talented Eagles.
Now its time to earn some respect for the Mustangs, especially against the defending champion Giants, who aren't haven't a great year themselves.
Keico's frontline defense is more than capable of holding Pepsi's running game. The problem is Keico's offense. Can it hold the ball and avoid the turnover? Craig Wade can easily nail the 50-yard field goal.
It's a matter of the offense getting him good field position.
The Giants will try to make it two straight wins after dropping the first three games. Look for Pepsi to give rookie quarterback Eric Fejeran more

playing time.
The young man with the rifle arm just needs more PT to prove his worth. After watching the Mustangs turn the ball over 12 times last weekend, the Giants defense will be drooling to get a piece of the action, especially with linebacker Bill Ada back in town.
Sunday's game
The Kraft Eagles better be over their huge win by Sunday because they have the upset Miller Bears to contend with. Kraft will cherish its victory last week, but Miller looks to bring them back to reality.
The Eagles will need to catch some breaks on offense against the Bears' veteran defense.
They would probably need two or three long touchdown catches by Roger Wade for them to have a chance.
Miller will try and rough up the Eagles after falling victim to the Angels.
The Bears would like to take care of Kraft and prep up for a rematch with the Angels the following week-end.

CUC . . .

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power theft have been formed to go after the culprits.
Electronic devices, like Meter Accuracy Verifiers (MAV), have also been put to use.
These gadgets can indicate whether a meter being read is running 100-percent accurate.
Meantime, Mathis has said that these thieves may include non-resident workers and business-

men alike.
Power thieves place honest CUC subscribers at a disadvantage since the former are able to enjoy power supply for free.
Residents interviewed by Variety by phone said they find it "revolting" to learn that some power thieves come from within the CUC's ranks.
There, basically, are two types of power theft: tampering meters and directly hooking up to powerlines or "line-jumping."

DNA . . .

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disbelief at the cleanliness of the Dandan residence for DNA materials, "said Lujan referring to the 1995 search.
It was Lujan who first requested the court to dig up Hillblom's personal items buried at the Dandan house.
The court agreed, resulting in the discovery of several plastic bags containing Hillblom's personal items during the digging operation supervised by the executor last June 20 and 21.
Josephine Nocasa, Hillblom's former live-in partner, in a deposition reportedly testified that three years ago, Joe Waechter instructed her to get rid of such properties.
Waechter was a former Hillblom business associate who used to serve as personal representative of Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan.
Lujan in court papers filed on Monday requested that the executor should investigate and prepare a lawsuit against Waechter on the basis of Nocasa's testimony, the discovery of the buried evidence, and other proceedings throughout the probate.
Lujan mentioned the following

grounds as basis:
•Manipulation of the DHL notice resulting in a potential loss to the estate between \$134 million to \$200 million as shown by the resale of the estate's shares to a German postal company.
•Unilaterally removing in the inventory of 1,118 DHL Class A shares, 1,218 DHL Class A shares, and 388,160 DHL Class B shares, purportedly at the instructions of Steven Schwartz, a claimant against the estate and one of the five named Hillblom Charitable Trustees.
•Not including in the inventory the \$11.4 million due to the estate from the DHL escrow account.
•False statement contained in the inventory pertaining to a \$3.7 million Commonwealth Holdings Corporation (CHC) loan agreement for 10 years at 10 percent per annum.
•Failure to include in the inventory, as an estate asset, the 199,275 BOS shares purchased by Commonwealth Holdings Corp.
•Destruction of evidence such as financial records of the estate as testified by Nocasa.
Lujan added that the executor should investigate whether Waechter committed perjury in his various testimonies and representations to the court.

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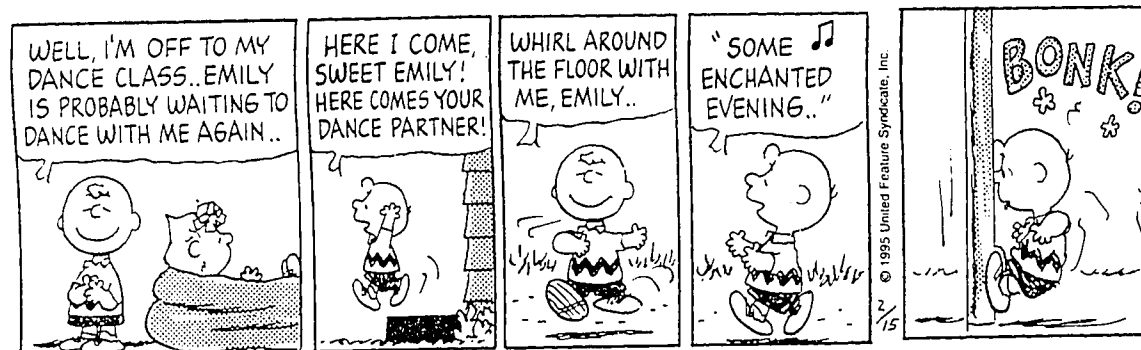
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WEDNESDAY

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Also born on this date are: Helen Gurley Brown, author and publisher; Matt Dillon, George Kennedy and John Travolta, actors; Cybill Shepherd, model and actress; Vanna White, TV personality.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph.

Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JULY 9
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)—A little strategy goes a long way today, as most people are just winging it and doing things in a random manner. You can beat them all!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)—You may find yourself missing something or someone who once held a special fascination for you and actually meant a great deal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)—Any complications should not be considered trivial today; every time you encounter a snag, you must take it as seriously as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—Take care you don't wind up lamenting some lost chance that you gave up in favor of something that couldn't last. Go for the real thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)—Someone may be trying to keep you from doing everything you've planned today, but you won't know why until you've put an end to the threat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—You can learn quickly today and put yourself in a more beneficial position as a result, whether in a business deal or a

recreational activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—You may feel as though you are under someone's spell today. In fact, you are acting in a manner that may be, for a time, inexplicable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—You are in the mood to have it all—or give it up entirely. A little of this or that is no good for you at this time. Rethink your priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—Someone in authority thinks that you are more able to oblige in some way than is possible, and you must waste no time in making this clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Take care that you're not so busy taking in the big picture that you let one or two of the key details work against you in some way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—You will feel more secure than usual today, and it may be that your own attitude about what is important is somehow on the mend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Something big is just around the corner, and you're going to want to be ready for it. You can't afford not to reap all the benefits.



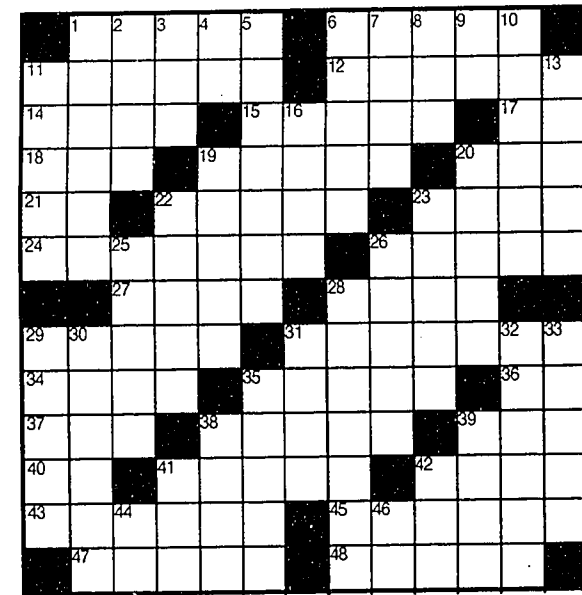
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All-Star game set to start



By JOHN MOSSMAN DENVER (AP) — The Professor vs. The Paunch

That's the matchup of starting pitchers for the 69th All-Star game at Coors Field on Tuesday night, when studious-looking Greg Maddux faces David Wells, who might count pitches but not calories.

They are the game's odd couple: Maddux plays Felix Unger to Wells' Oscar Madison.

Maddux, as light, unassuming man, wears glasses off the mound and works quickly on it, nibbling at the corners, a master of location and deception.

The only pitcher in major league history to win four consecutive Cy Young Awards (1992-95), Maddux, 32, is appearing in his seventh All-Star game. At the break, the Atlanta ace is one of only three pitchers in the majors with 12 wins at 12-2 with a 1.54 ERA with four shutouts.

The portly and eccentric Wells, listed at 225 pounds (102 kilos) but weighing closer to 245 (111), has the rump look of a common man who loves to share beers with fans at the local tavern and probably has.

He favors heavy-metal music and has tattoos of his late mother and son on his chest and shoulder, respectively.

While hardly a perfect physical specimen, he threw only the 13th perfect game in modern baseball history, beating Minnesota on May 17 in Yankee Stadium. The 35-year-old left-hander has an 11-2 record and 3.75 ERA for New York at the break.

Any game at Coors Field figures to be high-scoring, but at least one of the participants isn't so sure.

"With these two starting pitchers, I don't know if it's going to be a high-scoring game," Ken Griffey Jr. said. "Maybe a quick game."

Maddux, who has made no secret of his dislike for Coors Field, to the point of telling several Rockies pitchers he would never sign with Colorado because of the ballpark, took a less harsh line on Monday.

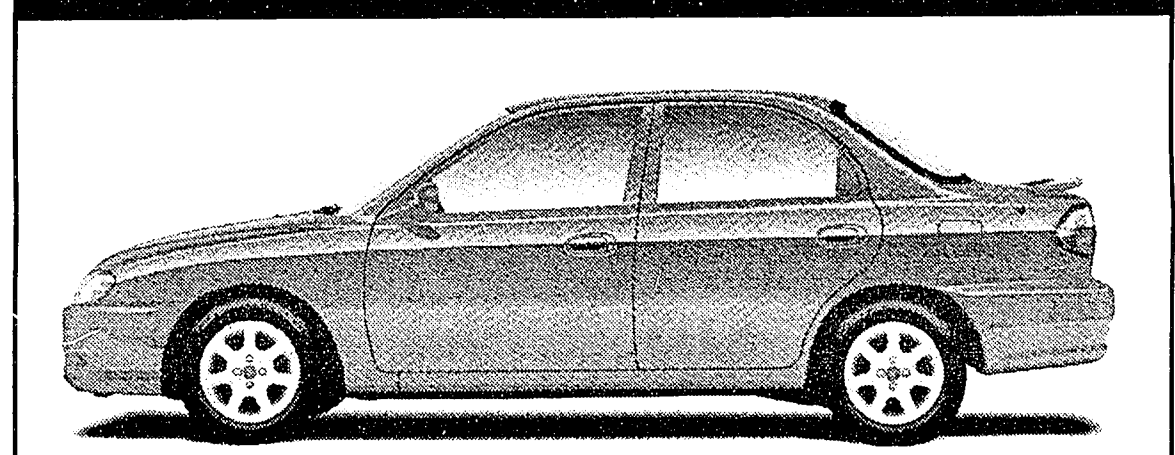
Asked if he was looking forward to pitching there, he said, "Yes, I am. These games are great to play in. It's almost like spring training. There is no pressure to win or anything like that. You just go out and play the game and have fun."

"Obviously, your slider doesn't slide as much and your curve doesn't curve as much, but you can still pitch here. The biggest difference is the outfielders have to play a little deeper, and you're concerned about the extra-base hit. You just have to pitch smart."



Seattle Mariners' fans hold a life-sized poster of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. Griffey was one of three players in hot pursuit of the home run batting title this season. AP

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Saipan Major League Baseball

Brewers thump Glazers

By Frank M. Palacios
For the Variety

GREG Camacho and Frances George each went 5 for 5 and Jerry Ayuyu hit a two-run homer as pennant title holder Miller Lite Brewers stopped the Kautz Glass Glazers in the eighth, 16-4, for their 10th win in 11 outings and dropped the Glazers to 6-5 with one game each remaining.

The Brewers jumped on top 3-1, after three innings of play and extended it to 11-4 after six complete innings led by Frances George with three RBI's and Frank Pangelinan with two.

After a scoreless seventh, the Brewers then put the game out of reach with five more runs in the top of the eighth highlighted by Jerry Ayuyu's two-run blast and Eddie Santos pitch hit RBI double for a 16-4 lead.

Elmer Sablan and company

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Team: Brewes/Glazers
Stats compiled by Frank M. Palacios

Brewers	AB	R	H	RBI	Glazers	AB	R	H	RBI
Nick Guerrero ss	5	1	1	1	Mike Guerrero ss	4	1	2	1
Bob Lizama dh	4	0	1	0	Ivan Igitol 2b	3	0	1	0
Jerry Ayuyu c	5	1	2	2	Ken Kalen cf	4	0	1	2
Greg Camacho 1b	5	1	5	0	Wilber Ada 3b/1b	3	1	2	0
Tony Camacho cf	6	3	1	0	Joe Tenorio c	3	0	0	0
Ben Mesa 3b	6	0	0	0	Dean Camacho lf	3	0	0	0
Jess Mesa 2b	5	4	2	2	Tony Dela Cruz rf	3	0	0	0
Frances George rf	5	4	5	3	Dave Kapileo 1b/p	3	1	1	0
Chris Camacho lf	2	0	0	0	Larry Guerrero p/3b	2	1	0	0
Frank Pangelinan lf	3	1	1	3	Joseph Celis c	0	0	0	0
Eddie Santos dh	1	1	1	1					

Base on Ball: (1) B. Lizama, J. Ayuyu, G. Camacho, L. Guerrero
Strikeouts: (3) Joe Tenorio (1) N. Guerrero, B. Mesa, K. Kalen, D. Kapileo
Hit by Pitch: (1) Nick Guerrero
Sacrifice Hit: I. Igitol
Errors: (2) M. Guerrero (1) I. Igitol, D. Kapileo, T. Dela Cruz, J. Ayuyu
Doubles: (1) E. Santos, F. George, F. Pangelinan
Triples: (1) Ken Kalen
Homerun: (1) Jerry Ayuyu

		Innings									R	H	E	LOB
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
Brewers		0	2	1	0	5	3	0	5	—	16	19	1	11
Glazers		0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	—	4	7	5	2

Pitcher	Team	INN	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	HB	DEC
Elmer Sablan	Brewers	8	4	3	7	0	1	0	1	5	0	W
Larry Guerrero	Glazers	7.1	16	10	19	3	0	1	3	2	1	L
Dave Kapileo	Glazers	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—

Team: S/V Young Guns/Chiefs

Young Guns	POS	AB	R	H	RBI	Chiefs	POS	AB	R	H	RBI
Mike Sablan	2B	4	1	0	0	Cowley Ngiraidong	2B	4	2	2	0
Jerome Salas	SS	4	1	0	0	Clark Ngiraidong	C	5	2	2	2
Derron Flores	LF	5	3	4	2	Riang Yoshino	SS	5	4	4	1
Gus Pangelinan	C	4	0	0	1	Sherwin Ngiraidong	CF	4	1	1	0
Frank Torres	RF/3B	5	1	1	1	Roland Martin	3B	5	2	2	4
Tony Guerrero	CF	5	1	2	1	Nick Koshiro	1B/RF	5	1	1	1
Syl Pua	1B	2	0	0	0	Gloyd Martin	RF/1B	3	1	0	0
Melvin Tudela	P/RF	3	0	1	0	Bradley Ngowaki	LF	4	0	1	0
Joe Terlaje	3B/P	2	0	2	0	Ben Castro	D/H	4	0	2	1
						Marcus Ngiraidong	P	0	0	0	0

Base on Ball: (2) J. Terlaje (1) J. Salas, M. Sablan, S. Pua, M. Tudela
Strike-outs: (2) M. Sablan, G. Martin (1) Sherman, R. Martin, B. Castro, Syl Pua
Hit by Pitch: (1) Syl Pua
Sacrifice: (1) Gus Pangelinan
Errors: (2) Gus Pangelinan (1) Jerome Salas, Mike Sablan
Doubles: (1) Derron Flores, Tony Guerrero, Serman Ngiraidong, Nick Koshiro
Triples: (2) Derron Flores (1) Tony Guerrero, Clark Ngiraidong, Riang Yoshino, Roland Martin

		"INNINGS"									R	H	Error	LOB
Team		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
Young Guns		3	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	7	1	4
Chiefs		5	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	-	-	13	15	0

Pitcher	Team	INN	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	HB	DEC	ERA
Marcus Ngiraidong	Chiefs	9	7	5	12	2	3	0	6	2	1	W	
Melvin Tudela	S/V	1	7	5	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	L	
Joe Terlaje	S/V	7	6	2	10	1	3	0	3	4	0	-	

Flores wins RGA's qualifier for July

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

SONNY Flores lead the Rafalawach Golf Association's July Ace Qualifier last July 3, 1998 at the Lao Lao Bay's East Course.

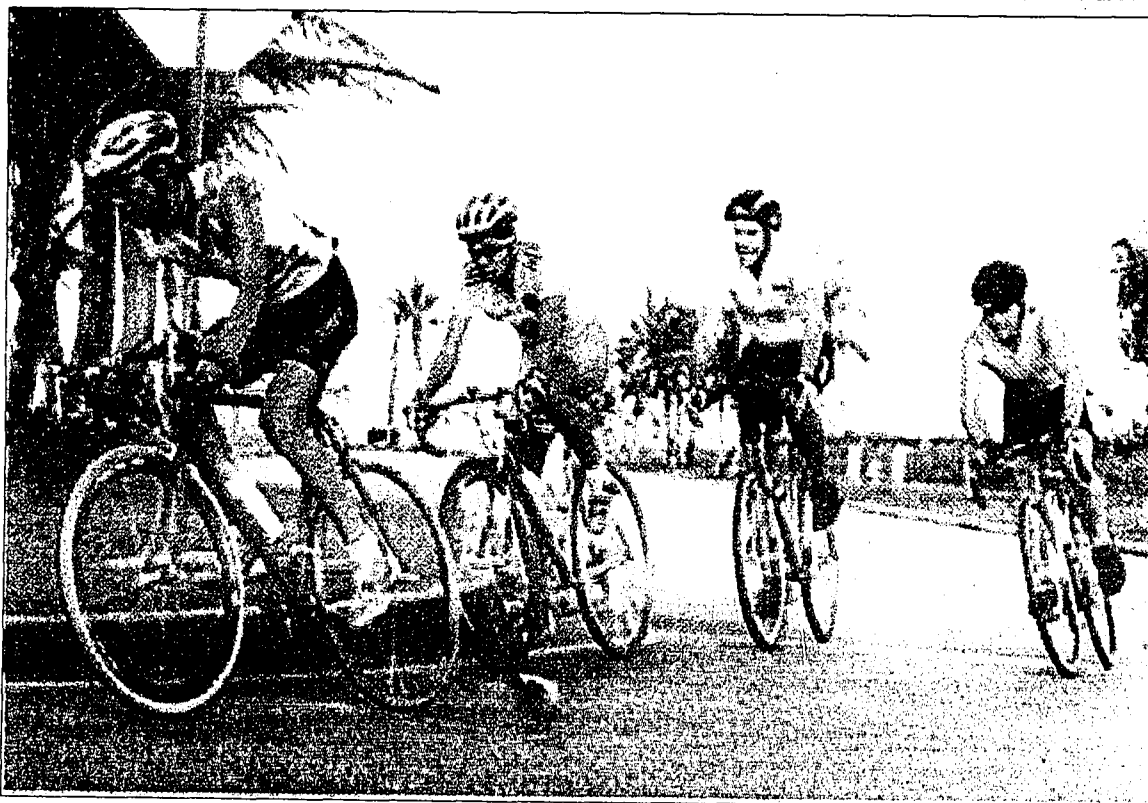
Flores kept the little white sphere in the short grass and held off the rest of the field with a net score of 69, three strokes under his 12 handicap.

Flores remained confident and never felt pressured by the entire 17 linksters inside the field.

Joe Lizama came closest to Flores with a total net of 70, two shots below his strong 7 handicap.

Joe Demapan on the other hand, was consistent in completing the round with a net 71 score. Serafin Pablo came close behind and surprisingly, finished all 18 holes.

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Jazzy Garcia in yellow and red racing outfit is the surest cyclist-hopeful for the 1999 South Pacific Games next year as he continues to outrace all comers on Guam.
Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

Mobil Angels 'on a roll'

By PATRICK LUJAN
For the Variety

HAGATNA, Guam — The first true challenge turned out to be a breeze for the Hal's Mobil Angels. After shutting out the previously unbeaten Miller Bears on the 4th of July, the Angels (4-0) will have to stay in top form as they take on the PacSports Cardinals (3-1) Friday night.

Saturday night's game features the Keico Mustangs, who are coming off an embarrassing 53-0 slaughter by the Kraft Eagles, taking on the Pepsi Giants. The Miller Bears will try to rebound on Sunday against the Eagles.

Mobil is on a ride like no other team in MFL history. The closest team to this type of dominance would be last year's Angels team, which fell to the

Bears in the semifinals.

The Angels look to complete the first round robin with a win over the Cardinals — and with convincing fashion.

Mobil has pummeled the opposition by a 123-0 margin. The offense is running on all cylinders with the MFL's best quarterback Sean McCoy running the show and newcomer Scott Persing wrecking havoc all over.

Persing leads the league with 525 rushing yards, more than four other teams' total rushing yards.

The Angels defense lives on aggressiveness and quickness. There is no player in the top ten tackles other than safety Kenny Lujan. The de-

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Michelob-Bigis leads

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

MICHELOB Bigis has taken over the top spot in the overall team standings of RP Basketball League as it defeated Budweiser-CMS 106-97 at the Civic Center court, Sunday.

The game between Michelob and Budweiser was a very close match in the first half.

But Michelob's trigger shooter Banjo Basila maintained a strong defense while putting up 22 points on the first half of the play.

Budweiser's Richard Pambid and Eddie Rosario alternately an-

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Golf tourney this weekend

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

THE Un Korason Foundation is inviting interested golfers to come and participate at its fundraising golf tournament at the Lao Lao Bay Golf Course on July 11.

The foundation is a non profit organization that was formed for the purpose of raising funds for

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