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## RP teachers may sue

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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AN ASSOCIATION of Filipino teachers has threatened to file a lawsuit against the Public School System in connection with the nonrenewal of contracts of 87 alien teachers.

According to the Marianas Association of Filipino Educators Inc., the education agency's action violated Public Law 10-4, also known as the alien hiring law.

"Our primary concern is that the justification you provided for

the nonrenewal of nonresident teachers appears very vague and highly questionable," the association wrote Education Commissioner William Torres. "Your claim that PL 10-4 restricts your office from renewing the contracts of nonresident teachers sounds like...a 'bad joke.'

The new alien-hiring law, the association said, recognizes that "that there is yet an insufficient locally available labor pool to supply the professional and technical needs of some of these Commonwealth entities."

Aside from PSS, PL 10-4 also covers the Commonwealth Health Center and the Public Auditors' Office, among other agencies.

Most of the 87 teachers who received notice of nonrenewal last April 4 were Filipinos.

These teachers will be replaced by US teachers recruited by PSS from the mainland, Hawaii and Guam.

The association, headed by Virgilio Abueme, said the teachers believe the education agency's move was a "retaliatory action" resulting from the "discrimina-

tion" case filed by Filipino teachers against PSS at the US Department of Justice two years ago. PSS and the CNMI government have agreed, through an out-of-court settlement, to pay the teachers \$2.5 million.

"We have suspected this all along," the association said, "and now firmly believe this to be real motive for the dismissal of the teachers, the majority of whom are Filipinos who have been directly linked with the DOJ case."

The group gave Torres an ultimatum. **Continued on page 6**

### NMI area code OK'd

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI will finally have its 670 area code included in the North American Numbering Plan, effective July 1, 1997, an administration official said yesterday.

Calling from Washington, special assistant for telecommunications Dave Ecret said the NANP administrator officially assigned Wednesday an area code to the Commonwealth following Teleglobe Canada Inc.'s formal withdrawal of its opposition to the CNMI's bid.

The inclusion of the CNMI in the NANP means telecommunication traffic between the Commonwealth and the United States would be counted as domestic calls.

The currently used international prefix 011 will be replaced by prefix 1.

Ecret said Teleglobe had tried to block the CNMI's request for its inclusion in the

NANP because "they were not familiar with the CNMI."

"They had no idea where CNMI was and they were afraid they might lose revenues," Ecret said.

After negotiations with Teleglobe officials, Ecret said the firm was finally convinced the CNMI could offer big business opportunities as far as long-distance calls are concerned.

"They were encouraged," Ecret said, "and finally agreed to go ahead with the CNMI's application."

Office of Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman said the inclusion of the Commonwealth in the NANP was a virtual recognition of the CNMI as part of the United States.

A press release from the Interior department said interior officials have been supportive of the CNMI's request as well as that of Guam.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, the news release said, **Continued on page 6**

### NMC study finds dropout rate for NMI scholars high

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THERE is a high dropout rate of government scholars studying abroad, a study conducted by the Northern Marianas College shows.

Agnes M. McPhetres, NMC president, said the study found that the "majority of the dropout or attrition rate is between the freshman and the sophomore year."

McPhetres made the disclosure to justify the NMC policy requiring students who are recipients of financial assistance from the government to take their first two years of study at the

college, unless the programs they want to pursue are not offered.

The policy was changed when the function of administering the scholarships was transferred to the Office of the Governor in October 1994.

Last Tuesday Scholarship Administrator Maggie C. Camacho opposed a proposed bill reverting back the Scholarship Office to the NMC.

At present, Camacho said, scholarship applicants are free to study in schools of their choice.

Previously, she said, students were not encouraged to go abroad. "In fact they were deprived of going to schools abroad unless

they did not have any courses here at NMC," she said. "It's not fair. I think the students and the parents have their choice of school."

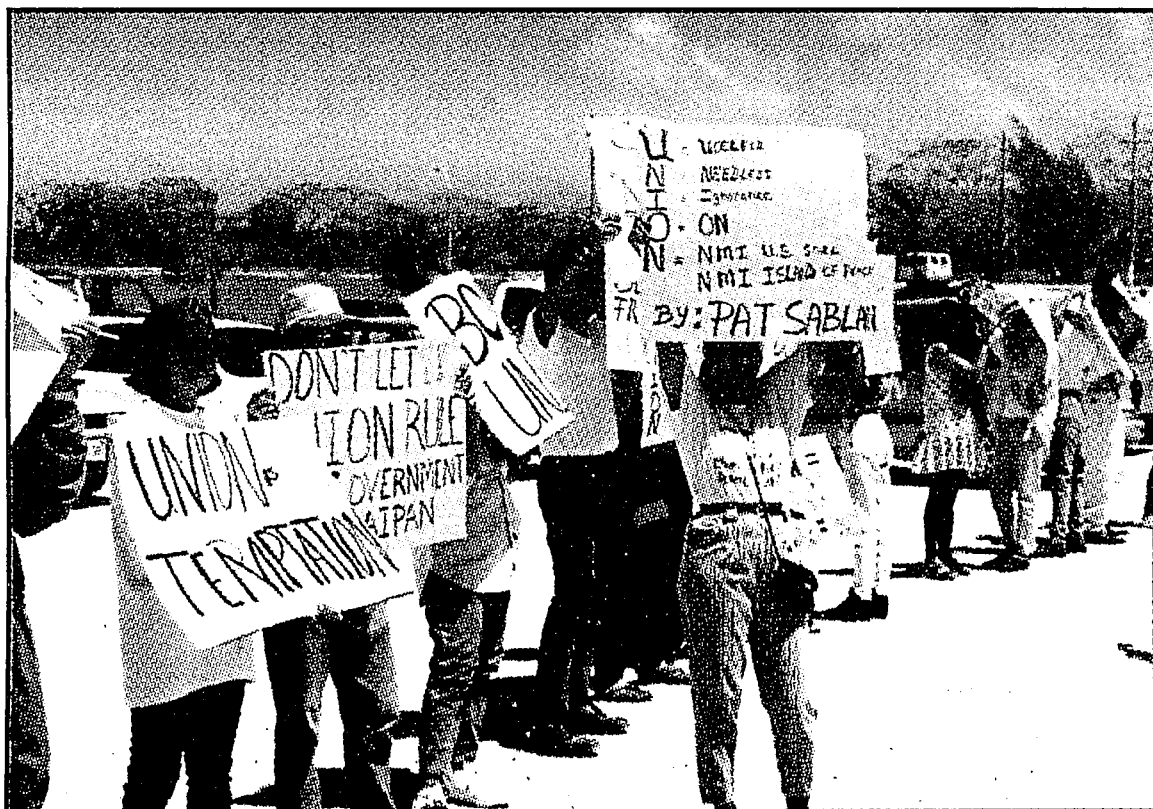
Yesterday, McPhetres said, "I don't think she (Camacho) understands what freedom of choice means, an academic freedom is."

She said that when a student is given financial assistance, "there is always a string attached."

"You are not just given money and told to do whatever you please," she said.

McPhetres said NMC records showed that over 90 percent of student dropouts occurred dur-

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Anti-union workers flash placards in front of the Labor and Immigration Department office yesterday. The group denounced the organized labor movement on Saipan for the "controversies" it has lately generated.

### Anti-union groups hold demonstration

A SMALL group of contract workers staged demonstrations yesterday morning. This time, however, it was not the usual group of labor activists, but workers from the other side: the anti-union.

The demonstrators, composed of about 20 local and Filipino workers, held the first rally in front of the Horiguchi building in Garapan, and drove up to the labor department grounds later.

The demonstrators were bearing placards booing the union. Some placards read "No to Unions," "We Want Jobs Not Unions," "Don't Let Union Rule."

In what was apparently a response to the controversial "Island of Abusers" placard flashed by unionists in an earlier rally, the anti-union workers came up with their own:

"Island of Peace."

The group's leader Pat Sablan said the workers would stage more rallies in the future.

"We feel that unions are de-

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### Weather Outlook

Mostly sunny with isolated light showers

# US, Japan strengthen ties

By ROBERT BURNS  
**TOKYO (AP)**—President Clinton and Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto signed a joint security declaration Wednesday that for the first time formally commits Japan to considering a military role outside its borders.

"The relationship between the United States and Japan is better and stronger than ever," Clinton said at a news conference with Hashimoto.

The U.S. president pledged to keep 100,000 American troops in the Asia-Pacific region to preserve peace and uphold U.S. interests.

## Clinton, Hashimoto reaffirm military alliance

Hashimoto strongly welcomed the commitment, calling the service of young U.S. soldiers a "precious" resource for Asia.

Documents signed by the two leaders reaffirmed the importance of defense cooperation and said Japan would continue to provide financial and other support for U.S. troops here.

Japan is committed to spending \$25 billion to support the troops over the next five years.

In the declaration, Japan formally committed itself to studying the sensitive issue of cooper-

ating more directly with defense allies.

Japan's U.S.-dictated pacifist constitution limits the military's role abroad to guard against a resurgence of World War II-style militarism.

Hashimoto said it is time the Japanese to think more seriously how those constitutional limits should define "what can be done, what cannot be done" in cooperating with U.S. or other friendly forces in crises.

With the Japanese and American flags whipping in the wind

U.S. military installations.

In a political gesture designed to guarantee harmony during the visit, the two countries announced that the U.S. military on Okinawa would give back 20 percent of the land it uses for training - a move triggered by outrage on Okinawa over a rape by U.S. servicemen.

Protests shadowed the three-day visit. Okinawan landowners tried to deliver a letter to the U.S. Embassy Wednesday denouncing the American military presence in Japan, but security guards and police turned them away.

As the two leaders met in an atmosphere of strong friendship, about 4,500 demonstrators shouted slogans and waved effigies in a Tokyo park to protest the U.S. military presence in Japan.

A cardboard effigy of Clinton was printed with the words, "Give me more land, more people, more money!"

In the joint news conference, Hashimoto said Japan wants the 47,000 American service personnel stationed here to remain.

Clinton said, "I believe that our presence is needed here as long as people have any fear at all that some countries might seek to dominate others," apparently referring to tensions between North and South Korea and between China and Taiwan.

"We are seen as a source of stability by our mere presence here," the president said.



Riot police with shields walk through flame of firebombs hurled from students during a street clash in Seoul Thursday. More than 500 students staged a protest rally, opposing Thursday's general election. AP PHOTO



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## RP halts monkey exports after discovery of Ebola

By OLIVER TEVES  
**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippines halted all monkey exports on Wednesday following the discovery of the Ebola virus in two Philippine monkeys in Texas, officials said.

"We will put a stop to any export of monkeys, even for research purposes, as a result of this incident," Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources Victor Ramos said.

Officials also disclosed on Wednesday that 12 workers at Philippine monkey farms were found to be infected with Ebola after a previous outbreak, but none suffered ill effects.

Ramos said the government would review export procedures for monkeys before permitting a resumption of foreign sales.

Currently, Philippine monkeys are only tested before export for tuberculosis, which Philippine officials claim is the only disease known to be transmitted from monkeys to humans.

They are also quarantined for 45 days and then inspected for general healthiness before government export licenses are granted.

The monkeys must also be certified as being products of captive breeding and not captured from the wild, said Victor Atienza, chief of the Animal Health Division of the Philippine Bureau of Animal Industry.

Texas health officials announced Monday that the

Ebola virus had been discovered in two monkeys out of a shipment of 100 sent to a Texas research center last month.

But U.S. health officials said the strain of Ebola is not the same type that killed hundreds of people in Africa and poses virtually no threat to humans.

The Texas Ebola strain is believed to be highly similar to the virus that struck a Reston, Virginia, primate center in 1989. Four people were exposed to the virus there but never got sick.

The monkeys in both the Texas and Virginia outbreaks came from the same Philippine supplier, Ferlite Scientific Research Inc., Texas Health Department spokesman Doug McBride said.

The animals were macaque monkeys which are native to the Philippines, Ramos said.

Ferlite officials were not available for comment Wednesday.

After the Virginia outbreak, 12 out of 186 workers at four Philippine monkey exporting companies were found to be heavily infected with the virus, showing that the strain is transmissible, Assistant Secretary of Health Manuel Dayrit said.

But since the 12 showed no signs of illness, "there is no immediate public hazard," he said.

The Philippines exports an average of 2,000 monkeys a year to Europe, Japan and the United States, mostly for biological and medical research, Atienza said.

# Special election set for BOE seat

By Ferdie de la Torre  
*Variety News Staff*  
**THE SPECIAL** election to allow four voters to cast their votes for the position of Rota District No. 6 Board of Education representative has been set this Saturday.

This developed as the Superior Court denied yesterday a request for temporary restraining order

seeking to prevent BOE member Aniceto Mundo from participating in any education board meetings until the final poll results will be re-certified.

Pursuant to the court's order, Assistant Atty. Gen. William Ohle notified yesterday voters Gina Marie T. Aldan, Anabelle Atalig, Danny C. Charfauros, and John

A. Atalig that the election will be held at the Rota High School between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Ohle told the voters that they are qualified to vote by absentee ballot if they will not be on Rota during the election.

Education board candidate Marja Lee Taitano, through counsel Bruce Jorgensen, sought TRO

to "protect her and the general public from further deprivation, harm and humiliation."

In denying the TRO, Associate Judge Timothy Bellas explained that Mundo should be entitled at present time to conduct activities on behalf of the education board.

Jorgensen welcomed Bellas' decision saying the court has provided some positive guidelines which are the motive behind their move to seek TRO.

Bellas also denied the AG's request for one week extension of the election to give the government enough time to notified the voters.



Bruce Jorgensen

The BOE's scheduled meeting yesterday was cancelled following the hearing for Taitano's petition.

Mundo is in danger of losing his seat when Bellas issued an order last week calling for a special election as the court found

## Reyes drafting legislation to clarify intent of P.L. 10-4



Pete P. Reyes

**REPRESENTATIVE** Pete P. Reyes is coming up with legislation to clarify the Legislature's intent when it enacted Public Law 10-4 and to allow renewals for "necessary" non-resident teachers when their contracts expire.

In an interview with the Variety, Reyes said such a measure is necessary owing to the ongoing dispute among CNMI education officials over the fate of some 87 teachers who have received non-renewal notices.

Public Law 10-4 amended Public Law 7-45 to allow for continued hiring of non-resident workers for government jobs.

P.L. 7-45 previously prevented the hiring and renewal of non-US citizen employees after the September 30, 1995 expiration date.

But even as Public Law 10-4 allowed for continued hiring of non-residents, there was a provision included in it requiring government employers to certify that no US citizens could be found to fill up the non-resident's job.

Reyes, who is one of the co-sponsors of P.L. 10-4, admitted it is the Legislature's goal to replace the cur-

rent non-resident staff of government agencies with US citizens, but this should be achieved by attrition and in such a way there would be no disruption of services.

"The bill that I requested is essentially to clarify on an apparent misinterpretation by the AG. I understand they issued a legal opinion indicating to PSS that the amendment to P.L. 7-45 is meant not to allow PSS to renew non-resident worker contracts for teachers," said Reyes.

"If this is a legal opinion making reference to the P.L. 10-4, then that interpretation is seriously flawed because the primary intent of that bill which became law is to allow PSS to renew the contracts of expiring teachers," said the Saipan lawmaker.

Reyes made the clarification in light of the current controversy involving the imminent departure of some 87 teachers under the Public School System by the end of school year 1995-1996.

The teachers were given non-renewal notices by Commissioner William S. Torres in as much as replacement teachers from the US have already been hired from the US mainland, Guam and Hawaii.

"We will not deny that the intent of 7-45 to begin with is to ensure that US citizens are hired. That is the desirable goal. But it's possible that teachers are not being renewed and that US citizen teachers are not yet being recruited."

"What I am saying is that PSS better be careful how they deal with this situation because they cannot hide behind the public law. The law is very clear that it allows non-resident teachers to be renewed if the need is there," said Reyes.

The Saipan lawmaker questioned whether the replacement teachers are ready to go on board in the event of an exodus of non-US teachers. If not, he said there is no point in terminating teachers in big numbers.

"I would like to know where are the teachers. In the case of Tinian, they said they are actively recruiting and that's a lot different from they have been recruited. If the teachers are expiring in June and they are still actively recruiting replacements, I am concerned that students will face a situation inside the classrooms where they have no one to talk with, no one to face them in class," said Reyes.

"The students are my concern here. I don't care whether they use non-resident workers to teach as long as they get qualified teachers to do that. I don't like to hear excuses that they are recruiting and yet they already did not renew the contracts of teachers," said Reyes.

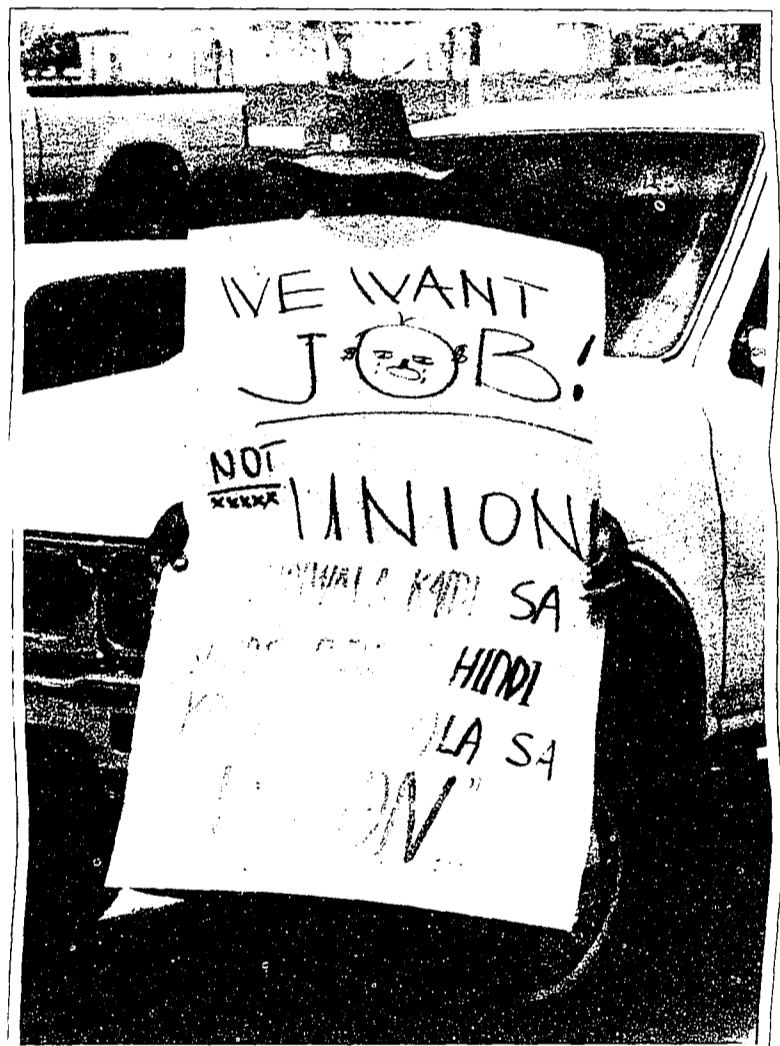
To clarify his point, Reyes said if a teacher's contract is expiring on July 31st, there should be a replacement teacher to begin on August 1st, so there would be a smooth transition and "teaching goes uninterrupted and students are not unduly penalized."

Reyes also cautioned PSS that the decision to send the teachers home should also be looked at taking into consideration the recent discrimination lawsuit filed by the US Labor against PSS.

"I am saying PSS better be careful because the consent agreement resulting from the PSS discrimination lawsuit may be invoked. That consent agreement is very clear. Anything that suggests a retaliatory action being taken against teachers for participating in the case could take PSS back in court," Reyes warned.

Asked if he sees an appearance of a retaliatory move on the part of PSS, Reyes said: "Absolutely."

"If the teacher is not renewed and there is no replacement yet as the case seems to suggest, then there is an appearance that possibly, they are not being renewed because of their actions in connection with the lawsuit," said Reyes.



FROM THE OTHER SIDE This Filipino contract worker is among the demonstrators who oppose the presence of unions in the CNMI. The demonstration is held in front of the labor department office. The message in the lower placard is translated as follows: We believe in God. We don't believe in unions.

# Borja proclaims Crime Victims Rights Week

**THERE** were 1,954 crimes against persons reported in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in 1995 alone. This was a 60 percent increase from 1994.

Of these, 10 homicides, 11 rapes, 17 robberies, 331 child abuse cases, and 1,585 assaults were reported. It is important to keep these numbers in perspective. These numbers represent only the reported crimes. Many crimes go unreported due to fear, disbelief, intimidation, and lack of support. It is estimated that 9 out of 10 rapes go unreported to law enforcement.

However, everyday the num-

ber of reported crimes increases. Unfortunately, over half of the reported assault victims are victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence is a continuing problem which can no longer be ignored. Silence is consent. Domestic violence is not a private family problem, it is crime.

The CNMI must recognize and support social services and law enforcement professionals and volunteers who are the front-line forces to battle the injustice of violent crimes.

The fact that the CNMI continues to establish new programs and enhance existing programs to address the problems of crime

victims is gratifying. However, we still have far to go before we eradicate the violence in our community.

A new day is dawning for victim justice in the CNMI, a day that begins with the sunrise of fair treatment, continues with participation and involvement in the justice process, and ends with a sunset of dignity and respect.

April 21 to 27, 1996 has been declared "National Crime Victim's Rights Week."

Crime Victims' Rights needs and concerns deserve the attention and support of the citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Now, therefore, I Jesus C. Borja, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 1996 as Victims' Rights Week in the Commonwealth. Let it be stressed that the Commonwealth commits our individual and collective resources to helping victims of crime and supporting victim service programs not only during this special week, but throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WEHREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 17th day of April 1996.



Jesus C. Borja

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## Conflicting Value System

STUDIES have been prepared by economic scholars from within and without the Asian/Pacific Region on the peculiarities of investing in island economies.

A particular study has pointed to the lack of land and natural resources, capital and labor in tiny island economies. These elements are usually found in continental or bigger island countries in Southeast Asia.

Scholars have also addressed the difficulties that investors face with island economies, the most problematical and highly costly of all being the politics associated with it—policy formulation.

They have also addressed the most difficult one of all—the conflicting western economic principles founded on “rugged individualism” and pacific island values that centers on well-being, communal obligations and sharing.

For purposes of our discussion, let us compare rugged individualism and communal sharing to illustrate the difference in value system. The former revolves around hard individual endeavor where one works independently. The fruit of one’s hardwork, i.e., money earned is put in a savings for that rainy day. There’s nothing wrong with it in that it is the very foundation which made America a great nation.

In the islands, our cultural traditions revolve around communal obligations and sharing. We share our catch and harvest with one another. Our way of life is in giving and sharing so necessitated by the extended family system. We take pride in being able to help by sharing. We are particularly compassionate and generous to a death in the family. We are even more generous in lending a hand—in kind or monetary—to family events like novenas and other social or community functions. We rather give than keep it in a savings account.

Through the years, we have learned the essence and value of rugged individualism. It is a plus for anyone who can brave the sea of alienation by the very community he/she lives in. Individualism is a taboo in most island communities. Our modern lifestyle, however, has pushed and necessitated such transition albeit difficult at the social level. It is a difficult experience in that your own family would label you a miser. Essentially, you would have turned yourself into an outcast.

This transition occurred when we shifted from a subsistence to a money economy. It is, however, a slow process in that our tradition of communal sharing is deeply rooted in our people. Even young kids practice communal sharing and so there’s the likelihood that this tradition will perpetuate itself well into the next millennium. Is it a good value system as against rugged individualism? Perhaps time will only tell and further define the conflicting value systems of the western culture and pacific islands cultural traditions.

Throughout the pacific, we have heard a familiar chorus from employers of indigenous workers that the local people take extended annual leave to assist in family functions, i.e., death in the family, weddings, novenas, etc. This incident is difficult for expatriate employers to understand and deal with. For Anglophones and others, life goes on, and there are deadlines to meet or services to be performed which are often derailed by absenteeism so required by our tradition. I’ve heard this complaint on both sides of the equator and there’s hardly anything the other system could do to rectify it. It’s reality and life in the islands!

I remember working as a gas attendant in one of the few service stations then in the sixties. I had to take several days off to assist at a family funeral. All three days when I was off work was treated without compensation. So I went home a third of my bi-weekly earnings missing in that I didn’t work for it. I accepted the arrangement. When my supervisor found out that my absence was due to a death in the family, he paid me for all three days. I know that he would never be able to sleep well at night had he braved a decision contrary to our value system. He probably felt that I would hold it against him for the rest of my life.

I’ve seen in my own children how cultural sharing would be perpetuated down to other generations. When I buy an item for my son, he instantly asked: “How about buying some more for my sisters at home?” I was taken aback by his query in that it wasn’t something I expected from a young kid still mindful of benefits for his sisters. I knew then that no matter what happens in the future, they will always make sure that the others are taken care of in difficult or trying moments.

I knew equally well that if that kid grew up in another culture, he would have been contented if I bought him something he had to work for at the outset. He would never ask the same query that I should buy more so that his sisters would share and enjoy what he had been given. It wouldn’t make a difference for him. He has his needs met so why should he be concerned about the welfare of other members in the family. That’s the other culture.

Somehow, we would have to revive our value system. It is a must that we understand by heart “Our Ways” first before we can understand the ways of others. Communal obligation is that enduring social fabric that has kept us together for generations. It is deeply imbedded in our cultural tradition. It is our way of life. Therefore, it is vitally important that we have a sense of our time honored value system that has survived the test of time. It affords us the opportunity to have a clearer sense of tomorrow. Until we understand it by heart and how it has outlasted impositions of our various conquerors, only then can there be opportunity to assimilate how to sail the many faces of other cultures in what is now a multi-cultural Northern Marianas Community. Thanks.

CHAIER  
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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Pork spending is bipartisan sport

WASHINGTON—When President Clinton unveiled his latest budget proposal last week, Republican congressional leaders declared it “dead on arrival” because it does not cut enough spending. But those same congressional Republicans have larded up this year’s appropriations bills with \$12.5 billion in wasteful, pork-barrel spending pro because of foot-dragging on Capitol Hill—coupled with Clinton’s veto pen—Congress has only passed eight of the 13 appropriations bills for the 1996 fiscal year, already six months old. Those eight bills alone are packed with billions of dollars worth of “procedural pork”—money that’s appropriated in circumvention of the normal budgetary procedures.

It’s important to note that seven of those eight appropriations bills have an average of 11 percent less pork than last year. But those modest improvements are wiped out by the defense bill, which has so much pork (133 percent more than last year) that it may be in danger of coming down with trichinosis.

The rolling of the pork barrel is a bipartisan sport. There are just as many Democrats as Republicans who are guilty of gluttony. But the Republicans are in charge now, and they’re the ones who vowed to clean up this old staple of Democratic rule.

All of the pork is chopped up in the latest edition of the “Pig Book,” an annual feature from Citizens Against Government Waste—a nonprofit watchdog group chaired by Jack Anderson.

Here’s a sample of the pork on this year’s congressional menu:

—Ireland celebrated St. Patrick’s Day a little richer this year after a \$19.6 million congressional gift to the International Fund for Ireland. The fund is a perennial porker that was started years ago by the late House Speaker Tip O’Neill, D-Mass., as a way to fund job-creation on the Emerald Isle. Good intentions aside, it’s hard to justify at a time when millions of Americans are worried about their own job security.

—CAGW’s Fiscal Unfitness Award goes to Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., who secured \$10.4 million for a lavish new physical fitness center at a Naval shipyard in his district. There are already fine gyms within a five minute drive of the shipyard.

—Your tax dollars are literally being flushed away by Senate Appropriations Sub-

committee Chairman Conrad Burns, R-Mont. Among the \$21 million Burns secured for military installations in his state is \$681,000 for latrine additions at Fort Harrison. The project won CAGW’s Golden Throne Award.

—Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., unseated then-House Speaker Tom Foley in 1994 by vowing to reform Congress. Whenever Foley touted his access to the federal treasury during the campaign Nethercutt piously said Foley was playing the same old insider game.

But now Nethercutt has used his powerful new position as an appropriator to grab \$8.2 million for a dormitory at an Air Force base in his district. Same game, different congressman.

—The defense bill was also loaded with \$1 million for Brown Tree Snake research. The Brown Tree Snake, which is found only in Guam, is not considered life threatening to humans—and it does not have the ability to survive in North America.

—The fact that Fort Indian town Gap military base is slated to close did not stop Senate appropriator Arlen Specter, R-Pa., from grabbing \$9.8 million for its training and barracks facilities.

—Taxpayers were taken for a ride when the House added \$9.7 million to the transportation bill for the Jacksonville Automated Skyway Express extension project in Florida. The overall projected cost of this legendary boondoggle is \$34 million per mile. A Transportation Department official recently called it nothing more than an expensive “amusement ride.”

—The latest foray into pork politics by Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, earned him CAGW’s Lifetime Achievement Award. The \$2 million for road improvements in Hawaii that Inouye stuck into the defense bill gave him a grand total of \$67 million in bacon this year. CAGW tabulates that Inouye has secured a grand total of \$609 million in pork since 1991.

—Not far behind Inouye is Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. CAGW gave Stevens the American Expense Award (Don’t Leave Nome Without It!) for procuring \$282 million in pork since 1991. Stevens’ latest project—the High Frequency Aurora Research Project—is slated to receive \$5 million this year.

—The Senate added \$3.75 million to the agriculture bill for “wood utilization” research in six states from Maine to Oregon. Since 1985, \$35 million has been appropriated for such research.

## Torres seeks funds for teacher scholarships



William S. Torres

COMMISSIONER of Education William S. Torres announced that Justice Ramon G. Villagomez is joining forces with the PSS to advocate for reserving local scholarship funds expressly for Teacher Academy graduates planning to pursue careers as educators teaching in the CNMI.

Justice Villagomez and Commissioner will seek the support of Governor Tenorio, the Scholarship Office and the Legislature for committing scholarship funds tenable more CNMI youth to pursue their dream of acquiring a college education, a news release from PSS said.

Torres explained that going to college and graduating with a bachelor’s degree is a dream that Teacher Academy students share with their parents, their teachers and their Teacher Academy classmates.

The Commissioner stated that sixty-eight (68) Teacher Academy graduates are attending colleges and universities working toward attaining at least a bachelor’s degree so that they can become the next generation of teachers in the Commonwealth.

Torres added that another thirty-two (32) Teacher Academy students will graduate from high schools this June. He noted that this creates a pool of 100 CNMI Teacher Academy graduates who plan on being the next generation of Commonwealth teachers. The Commissioner added that the Teacher Academy Program truly is the long term solution to the

perennial need to recruit teachers from outside the CNMI.

The Commissioner stated that thirty-four Teacher Academy graduates are currently attending colleges and universities in California, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii.

He added that over half of these students are honor students have compiled a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The Commissioner added that the balance of the Teacher Academy students have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 higher.

The Commissioner stated that another thirty-four Teacher Academy graduates are attending NMC.

He explained that thirteen are full time students at NMC and the balance of twenty-one are part time students who are also working full time to support the cost of their education.

Torres commended the PSS Federal Programs Office for their efforts in finding an array of federal grants that have been used to support the Teacher Academy since its inception in 1991.

These grants are used to fund scholarships in the maximum amount of \$5,000 per teacher Academy graduate per year, to pay Teacher Academy students \$5 per hour for tutorials and serving as Teacher aides at the public schools when they are off-track and for incentive remuneration to Teacher Academy students who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Torres noted the need for more scholarship funds to support a greater number of Teacher Academy graduates to attend colleges or universities and acquire a bachelor’s degree.

“The choice is either to support and sustain the dream of our children to attain a college education and return to the Commonwealth to serve as teachers or to be satisfied to continue to recruit teachers from the outside and pay the high costs of recruitment, repatriation and housing that result from not making a commitment to our children who wish to be the next generation of teachers,” he explained.



Maria Pangelinan, chairperson for the 1996 Liberation Day festivities committee, speaks to members of Saipan Rotary Club seeking support and sponsorship for the candidates.

## Castro refuses to recuse self from Hillblom hearings

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro has refused to disqualify himself from presiding in Larry Lee Hillblom’s estate probate proceedings.

Castro denied yesterday a motion filed by the suspended estate executor Bank of Saipan asking the lower court to recuse him and law clerk John Furnari from presiding in the probate litigations.

The judge, however, commended the executor for bringing the issue as he ordered to preclude Furnari from any further participation in Hillblom hearings.

David R. Nevitt, counsel for the executor, claimed that Furnari made obscene gesture to executor’s administrator Joe Waechter who appeared in a TV newscast last March 4 at Rudolpho’s Restaurant.

In his motion, Nevitt said rules of conduct to a judge are equally applicable to his clerk.

Nevitt asked the court to consider whether Castro should exer-



Alejandro Castro

cise his discretion in favor of his official and undisputed extrajudicial statements to the media which were not flattering to one of the parties.

In that case, Lujan said the court denied the motion filed by the disgruntled party asking the disqualification of the judge because of the conduct of the law clerk.

After hearing both parties’ side yesterday, Castro said the court adopts the ruling in the *Corrugated Container* case that “a law clerk’s views cannot be attributed to the judge for whom the law clerk works.”

## Police probe ‘extortion try’

A 29-year-old man sought police help after three unidentified men allegedly came to his house in Capitol Hill and demanded money Tuesday afternoon.

The man said the suspects also threatened to kill him.

Public Safety Information Officer Cathy Sheu said the Criminal Investigation Section is currently investigating the case.

No other details were given. Meanwhile, the Superior Court has summoned an inmate to appear in court on April 29 for a hearing in

another criminal case filed against him.

Gregorio Ilo Teregeyo was charged with burglary and theft for allegedly entering another’s house and stole jewelry last Feb. 18.

Teregeyo is serving a two-year jail term after he was convicted of various criminal charges, mostly burglary and theft.

The court also summoned Rudy C. Sablan of Gualo Rai for allegedly stealing \$1,200 from two men between Nov. 14, 1995 and last Jan. 24.

The hearing was set on April 29.

In Rota, a woman identified as Marla Manibusan was charged with issuance of bad check and theft.

Court information showed that Manibusan issued a \$1,000 check for payment of money knowing it would not be honored by the drawee last Dec. 18.

On the same day, the defendant also allegedly stole \$1,829.29 cash belonging to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (FDT)

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# \$11.3 M earmarked for infrastructure

PRESIDENT Bailey Olter signed into law Congressional Act No. 9-55 on April 8, appropriating the sum of \$11,300,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1996 for infrastructure needs, transportation systems, and other economic and social projects in the four States in

the FSM. President Olter told Speaker Fritz that he is concerned about the administration of the section which appropriated \$750,000 for Chuuk power generation upgrade-matching funds (funds available on a one-for-one matching basis.) Olter said that prior experience with such matching grants has not been good; the

national government usually ends up shouldering most of the burden. He insisted on deposit of funds from the state into a separate account with FSM's own funds and equally charge against the state into a separate account with FSM's own funds and equally charge against the state and national contributions in that account which contribute to some legal problems, according to the Office of the

Attorney General. After consultation with the Attorney General and Budget director, Olter concluded that the only way he can be reasonably sure of enforcing the intent of Congress is to withhold obligation of FSM funds unless and until the state of Chuuk establishes that it has already obligated funds in an amount equal to what the FSM has been asked to obligate.

In other words, the state must always spend first. Under the new law, \$5.5 million goes to Chuuk, \$2.5 million for Yap state, \$1.1 goes to the State of Kosrae and \$2.2 million for the State of Pohnpei to be used only for election District No. 1 & 3. A separate law, Public Law No. 9-051, gave Election District No. 2 (Kitti and Madolenihmw) \$1.8 million for the same purpose provided for in Public Law No. 9-052.

## Tongan editor given suspended sentence

THE Tongan newspaper editor and another man who were found guilty by the magistrates court of angering the police minister, Clive Eawards, have been given suspended sentences.

The editor of the Tonga Times, Filokalafi 'Akau'ola, was given an 18 months suspended sentence and Siosifa Filini Sikuea received 12 months suspended on good behaviour, Radio Tonga reports. Sikuea was the writer of the letter advocating democracy which was published by the Tonga Times. Both were found guilty by the court Monday.

In handing down his decision, Magistrate Tapueluelu says the court found the content of Filini Sikuea's letter to have been untruthful and misleading. He added that the Times of Tonga acting editor 'Akau'ola should have checked his facts before publishing the letter. Tapueluelu says 'Akau'ola's action was unethical, and he warned that the newspaper has a duty to provide truthful and factual information and not to mislead the public.

The defence lawyers, however, gave notice today of their intention to appeal the sentence to the Supreme Court....Pacnews

## Fund lack halts restoration of services in Bougainville

THE Papua New Guinea government has confirmed that lack of funds had forced a halt to the restoration of services on Bougainville. The Department of the Prime Minister and the National Executive Council confirmed this in a brief prepared for Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan for a press conference Sunday, Post-Courier reports.

Senior officials say in the

three-page brief, the Department of Finance must realise the importance of restoring services in Bougainville and release the much-needed funds for this purpose. The department also says moving the administrative headquarters from Buka to Arawa is "not an immediate consideration due to security and infrastructure reasons".

But Arawa could still be

used as a centre from which government services could be restored in central Bougainville.

Senior officials also felt that there was "a lot of misreadings into the national government's decision to lift the ceasefire".

They say most people thought that the government had abandoned all its plans on the peace and reconciliation initiatives....Pacnews

## NMI . . . Continued from page 1

had endorsed Guam and CNMI's inclusion in the numbering plan invoking the recently passed telecommunications law.

"The Telecommunications Act

of 1996," Babbit pointed out, "requires that island consumers receive telecommunications and information services comparable to US urban areas."

For his part, Stayman said "similar area code service for the islands and mainland US helps avoid confusions and is an upfront signal to the world that Guam and the CNMI are American."

Stayman added: "OIA is glad it could play a role in educating the various parties on the merits of

the area code proposal."

Meanwhile, Ecret said the immediate action of the NANP administration expedited the assignment of the code by eight weeks.

The next step, Ecret said, would be the laying down of government plans and preparations related to the CNMI area code assignment.

With the implementation of the area code in July, Ecret said, the Micronesian Telecom Co. and other local carriers will have enough time to modify their switch and upgrade their equipment.

## RP . . . Continued from page 1

matum, telling the education chief "not to give any more excuses."

If Torres does not respond by April 15, the association said, "we will go ahead and file a lawsuit in court."

The group said DOJ attorney Steven Royster is helping the group in preparing the legal action "to seek redress for what we believe is an unjust act committed against all nonresident teachers."

## Anti . . . Continued from page 1

stroying peace on this island," Sablan said.

A contract worker, who is

currently unemployed, said union activities are reducing "unemployed" workers' chances of getting jobs.

"We're the ones badly affected by these activities," the worker said. (MCM)

## Malaria incidence in Solomons one of worst

THE Western Pacific regional director of the World Health Organization, Doctor San Tae Han, says the incidence of malaria in Solomon Islands is one of the worst in the world. As an example, Han said that in 1992 nearly every one in the country was affected by malaria once a year, and in some cases twice a year, SIBC reports. He says that with an extensive malaria control program the government had undertaken in the past few years, the incidence of malaria has gone down by half of what it was in 1992.

But he says malaria is still a major health problem in Solomon Islands. Han says that it would need total participation from the government, communities, families and individuals to bring malaria down to zero level.

However, he reaffirmed the commitment of his organization to achieving this target.

WHO provides over one-million Solomon dollars (\$US285,000) each year for the malaria program in Honiara and Guadalcanal province. ....Pacnews

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# Therapists 'run away' from employer

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THREE physical therapists "ran away" from their employer who allegedly totally disregarded their employment contracts.

Two therapists—Maerilyn Mohammad, 27, and Agustina Borondia, 26, escaped last March 18 and sought assistance from the Philippine Consulate.

Two days later, the third therapist, Maria Cherry M. Guiriba, 30, was "rescued" by officers from the Department of Public Safety, Labor and Immigration.

The therapists, represented by lawyer John Cool, filed a labor complaint against Emmanuel Silvino, reportedly a director and part-owner of Mega Plus International Therapy Services, before the Division of Labor.

The complainants have sought back wages and transfer.

In a telephone interview yes-

terday, Silvino denied all the accusations of the therapists. Silvino said the three used to be contended working with their company but some people just tried to "brain wash" them.

He cited that Borondia had just renewed her contract.

Silvino mentioned, among other things, that the therapists each received \$650 monthly salary, worked for only four hours a day, and given one bedroom each.

To settle the case, Silvino said the company is willing to get them back and give their demands.

The trio told the Variety that Silvino violated their employment contracts by forcing them to work out of their category like janitorial and household works before and after their tour of duty without commensurate compensation.

The complainants mentioned that other violations and "abuses" include improper

payment of wage, confinement, lack of pay records, unpaid over time, poor housing condition, and withholding their documents.

Under their contract, the therapists said they were supposed to receive salary at \$2.75 per hour basis.

Instead, Silvino gave them \$500 monthly salary.

The complainants said out of \$500, they actually received \$351 monthly because their employer deducted \$24 for payment of Pag-ibig premiums (housing program in the Philippines), \$100 for food, and \$25 CNMI tax.

They said under the contract, their work days should be from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. or a total of 40 hours with one day off per week.

However, the therapists said Silvino forced them to work from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 12 hours per day.

They said they were not allowed to go out of the employer's premises during

their day off.

Worse, the therapists said their employer obliged them to attend church weekly which they were not associated with.

They said four of them, including their employer's housekeeper, shared in one small room with only one double deck made of wood.

"We were not provided with our own keys to the bedroom. We were deprived of our privacy," said Mohammad.

The workers said their employer took their passports, work and entry permits. They were made to sign blank forms and their signatures were forged.

They also noticed that the management had engaged in malpractice citing that they wanted full treatment to some patients who actually only have minor cases.

The trio said they were scared to complain because their employer would subject them to verbal abuse and give them memorandum.

Mohammad and Borondia said while on their way for

home care service, they ran away from the company driver and sought assistance from the Philippine Consulate.

Officers from DPS, Labor and Immigration then went to Mega Plus office in Fina Sisua upon learning that Guiriba, who also wanted to escape, was still there.

Silvino volunteered to bring Guiriba to Immigration for investigation.

It was gathered that the trio entered CNMI using business permits as arranged by their employer.

Mohammad arrived on May 21, 1995, Borondia on Aug. 20, 1994 and Guiriba last March 2.

Mega Plus conducts physio-occupational therapy survey on the patients with disabilities on island.

Physical therapists administer manual therapeutic to improve or maintain muscle function, applying precise amounts of manual force and guide patient's body parts through selective patterns and degrees of movement.



Physical therapists (from left) Maerilyn Mohammad, Maria Cherry Guiriba and Agustina Borondia at a friend's house where they are temporarily staying after running away from their employer.

## Japanese Society of the CNMI elects new set of officers

THE JAPANESE Society of the Northern Marianas held its regular board meeting on Friday, April 12, 1996 at Mariana Resort Hotel, and unanimously re-elected the following Board of Directors:

- President, Koki Narita (Pres./Gen. Manager, Tasi Tours)
- Vice President, Hisashi Baba (Asst. Gen. Manager, Hotel Nikko Saipan); Minoru Harada (Asst. Gen. Manager, Saipan Grand Hotel)
- Treasurer, Koji Otani (Gen. Manager, Pacific Development Inc.)
- Secretary, Norio Yamada (Gen. Manager, Tropical Laundry), newly elected secretary.

Also elected on same day were the Heads of various departments as follows:

- Cultural and Welfare Department, Takeo Kitami
- Public Relation and Liaison Department, Kaishun Nishigaya
- Youth Group Department, Setsu Taniguchi
- Athletic Department, Takeshi Nomura
- Educational Department, Etsu Ishikawa
- Female Group Department, Yuko Kobayashi

The term of the newly elected Board of Directors and Head of each Department will be for one (1) year, effective April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997. Term of office coincides with Japanese govern-

ment and all Japanese companies fiscal year.

The main objective of the Japanese Society is to continue the development of acquaintances and opportunity for services; to develop ethical standards in businesses and professions; and to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and friendship amongst the people of the Commonwealth and as well as business acquaintances.

The Japanese Society's involvement with the local community last year was when they participated with the July 4th Liberation Parade, a very colorful float, staged the annual Autumn Festival at the Sugar King Park.

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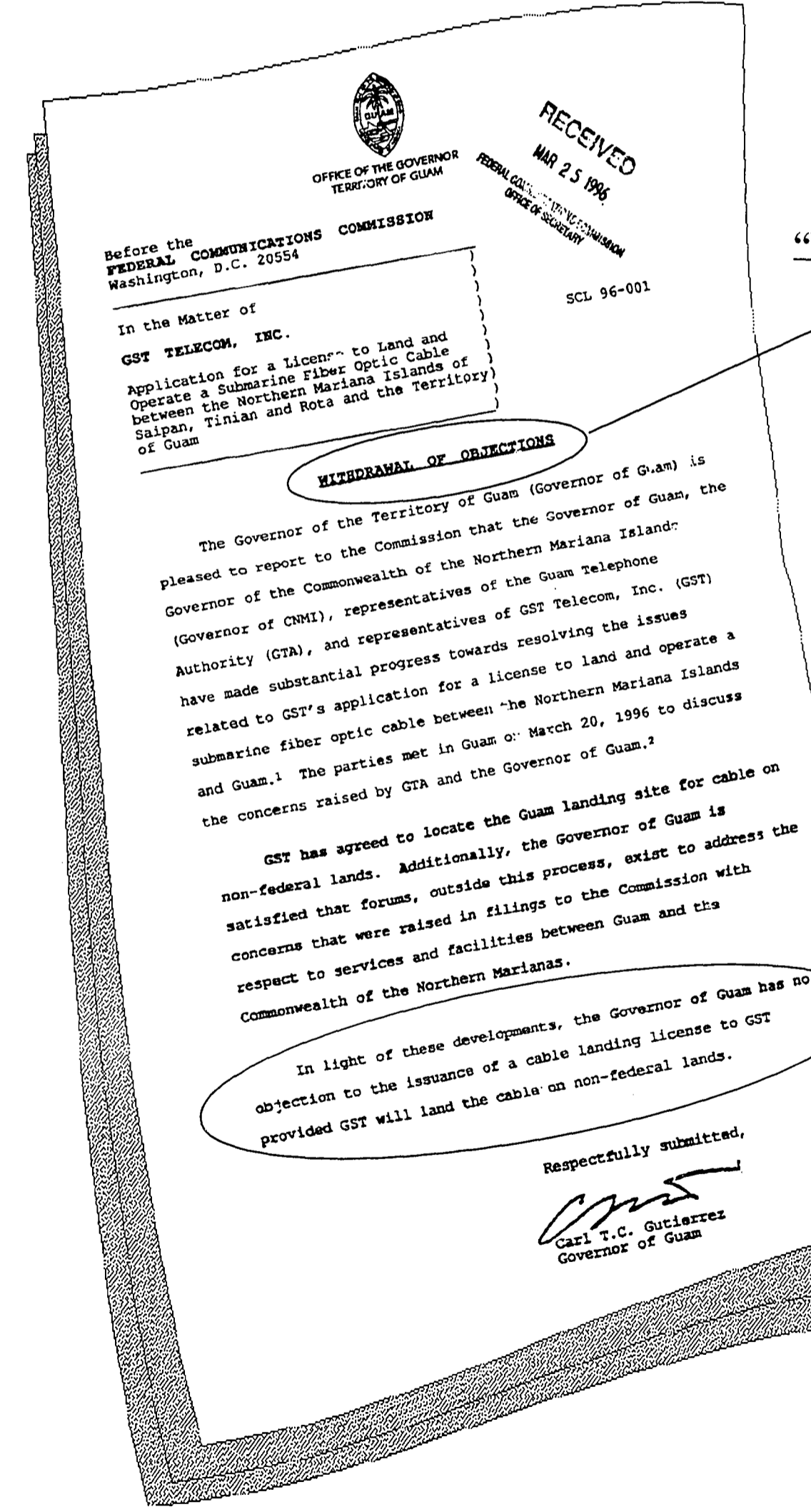
of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Earlier this year, the Government of Guam filed objections with the Federal Communications Commission regarding the proposed undersea cable between the Northern Marianas and Guam. In the spirit of cooperation, and as part of my commitment to Gov. Froilan Tenorio, these objections have been withdrawn. For the benefit of the people in both our communities, Guam's final comments to the FCC are published here and now for public view. As a matter of record, let the facts speak for themselves.

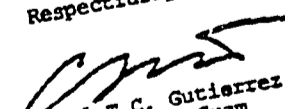
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**CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ**  
Governor of Guam

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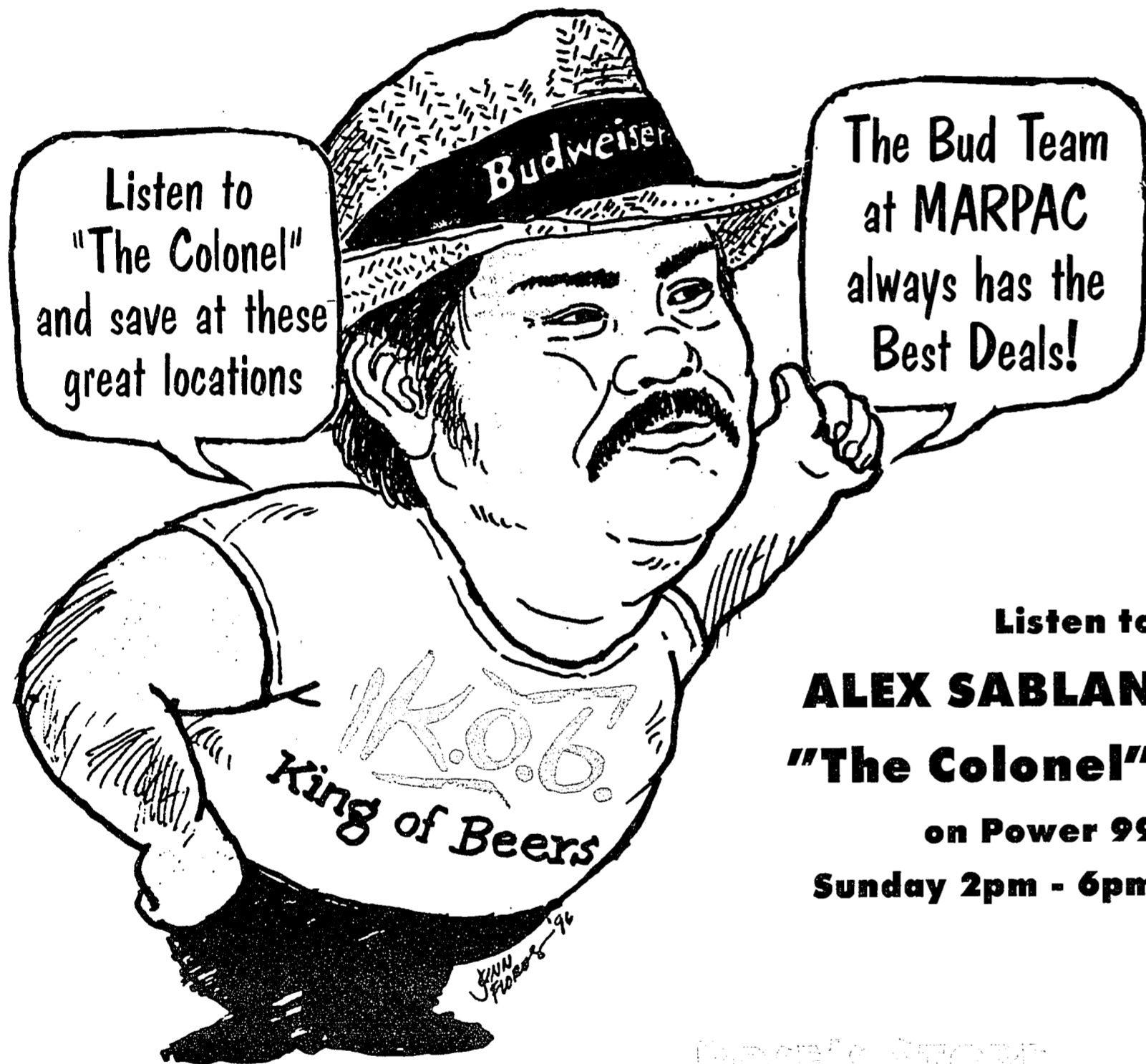
"In light of these developments, the Governor of Guam has no objection to the issuance of a cable landing license to GST provided GST will land the cable on non-federal lands."

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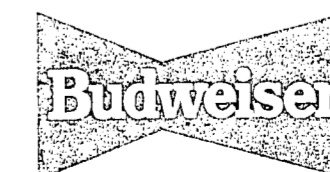
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Nightly rosary will be held at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita Aldan in Sadog Tasi at 8:00 pm beginning Wednesday April 10, 1996. Daily masses will be offered 6:00 am at Kristo Rai church.

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

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

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

Please join us.

Thank you  
The Family



## Israel, Hezbollah group trade long-range fire

By HUSSEIN DAKROUB  
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Israeli warplanes rocketed Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut and the south and struck at Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp on the sixth day of an onslaught that has defied diplomatic efforts to secure a truce.

Despite Israel's massive attacks, the mobile guerrillas fired more volleys of Katyusha rockets from hideouts in the valleys of south Lebanon into northern Israel on Tuesday, drawing yet more Israeli air and artillery strikes.

The United States was trying to broker a truce based on a 1993 arrangement under which Israel and Hezbollah refrained from targeting civilians, but Syria and France, two key players in Lebanese politics, said they were pessimistic about an early cease-fire.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette met with Israeli leaders and Syrian President Hafez Assad and said the French were working on their own initiative,

but gave no details.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said the U.S. proposal would be "difficult to accept" and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he was holding out for an air-tight agreement.

"We don't want to wake up in the morning and get rockets for breakfast," Peres said.

According to Israeli and Egyptian media reports, the plan calls for an agreement between Israel and the Lebanese government and demands the disarming of Hezbollah and other armed groups in Lebanon. The agreement would be guaranteed by Syria.

The United States also is proposing that Hezbollah pledge not to fire Katyushas at Israel's northern settlements, the reports said. Israel would declare itself ready to withdraw from south Lebanon as soon as the Lebanese army is ready to protect the border.

Forty-six people have been killed and 167 wounded in southern Lebanon and northern Israel

since the week-long exchange of long-range deadly trade.

The overwhelming majority of the casualties were Lebanese civilians. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, said only one guerrilla has been killed.

Five civilians, including a 2-year-old girl, were killed and 20 people were wounded Tuesday.

An attack before dawn on the Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp near the port of Sidon was the first on a Palestinian target since Israel began the offensive.

The three Cobra gunships fired six rockets, gutting the house of Palestinian guerrilla leader Col. Munir Makdah, who escaped unhurt, police said. Two of his bodyguards and one of their wives was wounded.

Makdah opposed the 1993 peace accord between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel and broke from the group to form his own militia. He later allied with Hezbollah.

Israel hopes its raids, which have forced 400,000 refugees - 10 percent of Lebanon's population - to flee north toward Beirut, will pressure Lebanon and Syria, the dominant power in the country, to disarm Hezbollah.

For years, Hezbollah has attacked Israeli troops and fired rockets at northern Israel in an effort to drive Israeli troops from a zone in southern Lebanon that Israel controls in hopes of curbing cross-border attacks.

Israel's air force and artillery also struck villages in southern Lebanon and suspected guerrilla bases and infiltration trails on the edge of the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in the east.

## Boy, 6, sets house on fire for 2nd time

LUTZ, Florida (AP) - A six-year-old boy who made headlines three years ago for taking the family car for a midnight spin is in trouble again: He set his house on fire - for the second time.

No one was injured in the latest fire, which Mikey Sproul started by lighting a candle that fell onto his bed, Hillsborough Fire Chief Bill Kaplan said Monday.

His mother, Paula Sproul, was awakened by a neighbor's screams, and dropped Mikey and his baby sister onto a second-story bedroom window to a neighbor before jumping to safety.

"The fire pretty much consumed everything," Kaplan said.

At age 3, Mikey took the keys to the family's silver Mercury automobile and drove down U.S. 41, a major north-south artery, smacking four vehicles and then veering into a ditch. "I go zoom," he explained.

A month later, he lit his bedroom curtains with a cigarette lighter. The ensuing blaze destroyed the Sproul's three-bedroom house and hospitalized Paula's then-husband, Mike Sproul, with burns. The Sprouls have since divorced.

## Unabomber suspect's defense says:

# Publicity preempts fair trial

By BOB ANEZ  
HELENA, Montana (AP) - Theodore Kaczynski's lawyer asked a judge to block the prosecution of the Unabomber suspect, saying that U.S. government leaks have jeopardized his chances for a fair trial.

Michael Donahoe said Tuesday the release of information from unidentified federal sources demonstrates a "lynch-mob mentality" on the part of federal investigators.

The result was a "lethal media blitz" that "poisoned the entire population of grand jurors within the United States against Mr. Kaczynski," he wrote in his motion.

Donahoe, one of two court-appointed attorneys for Kaczynski, said the prosecution should be halted until the court can decide whether the leaks will prevent a fair trial. "The government should not be allowed to proceed before various grand juries through-

out the country that have been permanently poisoned by the government's outrageous conduct in disclosing to the media the highly incriminating nature of evidence taken from Kaczynski's cabin," Donahoe said.

"In Mr. Kaczynski's case, the possibility that he could ever be afforded anything that might remotely resemble that (fair trial) process has been forever lost."

U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell did not immediately rule on Donahoe's petition, which sought a delay in any grand jury proceedings against Kaczynski.

A federal grand jury will hold its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday in Great Falls and is expected to hear evidence against Kaczynski. The lone charge filed against him thus far makes no mention of the Unabomber attacks



Theodore Kaczynski

that killed three people and injured 23 over the past 18 years.

Lovell scheduled a hearing Friday to consider whether to pursue Donahoe's motion by calling witnesses, and told both sides to prepare written briefs.

Kaczynski, 53, was arrested April 3 after federal agents, tipped off by his suspicious brother, began searching his mountain cabin near Lincoln.

Leaks about the case began appearing as soon as a search of Kaczynski's home began April 3. Most claimed that evidence collected there tied Kaczynski to the Unabomber bombings.

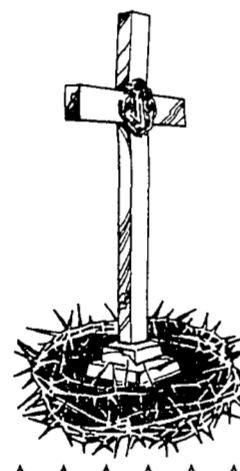
Donahoe's motion also requested a hearing to question Justice Department officials about what they have done to prevent leaks. He also asked Lovell to dismiss a charge of possessing bomb-making materials, and requested the return of hundreds of items taken in a search of Kaczynski's cabin.

Should the government contend it is not responsible for the leaks, Donahoe said he will put reporters on the stand and ask them to identify their confidential sources.

## Death and Funeral Announcement

### JOAQUIN LEON GUERRERO SABLAN

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



In his death he now joins his **Parents:** Jose R. and Concepcion LG. Sablan;  
**Parents in-law:** Joaquin and Juana Tenorio

**Brothers and Sisters in-law:** Alexandro LG. and Fidelia C. Sablan, Francisco LG. Sablan, Carmen S. & Domingo Barcinas, Antonia S. & Jose Camacho and Vicente LG. Sablan

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Brother and Sisters in-law: Jose LG. & Maria B. Sablan, Antonia LG. Sablan

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

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

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

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

Interment services will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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# Christopher pushes US plan to end Israel-Lebanon war

By ROBERT BURNS  
**TOKYO (AP)** - Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in phone calls to three Arab leaders Wednesday, pushed a U.S. initiative for ending the fighting between Israel and Lebanon.  
 Working on the problem as President Clinton began a summit meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, Christopher talked with his counterparts from Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, spokesman Nicholas Burns said.  
 "We are trying to use our influence to stop the fighting," Burns said without divulging details of the American plan.  
 Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported from Beirut Tuesday that the U.S. blueprint proposes that Hezbollah pledge not to fire Katyusha rockets at Israel's northern settlements while Israel give assurances that it is not after Lebanese land and is ready to withdraw its forces as soon as the Lebanese army is

prepared to protect the border.  
 "I want to repeat myself: We do have a point of view here. There is one party that caused this recent round of fighting to break out," Burns said, referring to Hezbollah. "And that is why we are focusing our efforts on Syria and others who have influence over Hezbollah."  
 The spokesman said Hezbollah should make the first step toward resolving the conflict by halting its rocket attacks, which Israel has countered with airstrikes. All told, 46 people have been killed including three Hezbollah guerrillas and 166 wounded on both sides since the hostilities began Thursday.  
 "We are going to pursue this over the next day or two," Burns told reporters. "I don't know if and when we're going to be successful. I would not lead you to believe that would be today."  
 "Certainly, what we would like to see is an agreement by Hezbollah to stop the rocket at-

tacks. We believe that if Hezbollah agrees to do that in good faith, there is reason to believe that Israel would also be willing to comply.  
 Our view all along for the past week has been that Hezbollah started it."  
 Burns declined to explain specifics of the U.S. initiative.  
 "We have put forward some ideas, a kind of comprehensive set of ideas," he said.  
 "What we don't want to do is indicate what those ideas are because our ability to actually get an agreement, I think, is going to be a function of how well we can keep this confidential frankly between the parties over the next day or two."  
 Burns said that while the United States has no diplomatic relations with Iran, and has not had direct contact on the matter, the Iranians know Washington wants it to use its influence on Hezbollah to promote a cease fire.

# Holocaust heirs said to be deprived of deposits

By GWEN ACKERMAN  
**JERUSALEM (AP)** - An Israeli official said Tuesday he had strong indications that Swiss banks handed unclaimed deposits of Jewish Holocaust victims to European governments rather than to the rightful heirs.  
 The claim by Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg came on Holocaust Remembrance Day, which marks the killing of 6 million Jews by the Nazis during World War II.  
 The Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress have been trying to force Swiss banks to disclose what happened to the money deposited by Jews who were later killed in the Holocaust.  
 The Swiss Bankers Association said in September that it had uncovered around \$32 million in today's terms in unclaimed accounts from 1933 to 1945. However, Jewish groups have accused the banks of hoarding up to \$7 billion in assets.

In recent months, investigators working on behalf of various Jewish groups have discovered documents on bank deposits in previously closed archives in Eastern Europe.  
 "The more documents we discover, the more we know," Burg told The Associated Press in an interview.  
 Many Jews persecuted by the Nazis were believed to have smuggled their money out of Nazi-controlled territory to Swiss banks under the penalty of death. Nazis also deposited money and assets seized from Jews into Swiss banks, Jewish groups have said.  
 Burg said documents discovered recently indicate that Swiss banks handed some of the unclaimed funds to European governments after World War II instead of trying to find the rightful heirs.  
 "It is a solid suspicion, it is more than an educated guess," Burg said Tuesday. "But we are not yet there with full proof."  
 Israel Radio reported Tuesday that the Swiss Bankers Association has agreed to set up an independent committee to determine the value of the Jewish Holocaust victims' deposits.  
 In a letter to Edgar Bronfman, chairman of the World Jewish Congress, the association said Jews would sit on the commission and would decide which charitable foundations would receive the funds, the radio said.  
 Burg said there were no estimates yet on how much money may have been transferred by the Swiss banks to governments in Eastern and Western Europe after World War II.  
 "We are now at the level of principle, which means full disclosure, full transparency to the information, not the details of money," Burg said.  
 The search by heirs to the assets has been complicated by the Swiss banking secrecy law and the fact that depositors were sometimes unable to pass along the details of the accounts before they died.  
 Some deposited their assets through intermediaries, hid their identity with numbers or made a community deposit through the town rabbi.  
 Burg charged that Swiss banks further complicated matters by destroying documents.  
 "The Swiss admitted in a letter to one of the Nazi collaborators from Romania that they destroyed details and information about certain accounts," Burg said. "It was an epidemic."  
 However, new documents found in eastern Europe are offering lists of depositors that will help boost claims, Burg said.  
 "The quantity of names becomes the quality of the arguments," he said.  
 Switzerland and its banks have made previous attempts to satisfy Jewish claims, including the 1962 handover of 9.5 million francs (\$7.9 million at 1996 rates) to Swiss charities for Jews and refugees.

# After 40 years EU parliament gets no respect

By JEFFREY ULBRICH  
**STRASBOURG, France (AP)** - Nobody pays much attention to the European Parliament.  
 So the nearly 40-year-old institution hired a public relations firm to find out why.  
 The answer the folks at Hill and Knowlton came up with was, in short: The European Union's 626-member assembly doesn't do much that interests the public.  
 For many people, in fact, the Parliament is little more than a traveling medicine show stuffed with powerless windbags and washed up politicians having a final feed at the public trough.  
 That is distressing to some, who see it as a potential balancing force as the Europe Union's only directly elected body and the only one truly representing the whole political spectrum of the EU's 370 million people.  
 "People think it should be a copy of national parliaments ... and when they discover it's not, they think it's not worth much," says the Parliament's president, Klaus Haensch of Germany.  
 Wilfried Martens, the former Belgian prime minister who heads the center-right European Peoples Party grouping in the assembly, admits: "There is a certain skepticism about our ability to act."  
 Thus, with the EU beginning a year-long review of its policies and institutions, the Parliament is looking to expand its powers.  
 The assembly is one of the three major institutions of the 15-nation European Union.  
 The others are the Council, which consists of one minister from each of the member states,

and the Commission, the EU's executive body. The Council can meet on any level - as a council of foreign ministers, or agriculture ministers, or at the top prime ministers and presidents. The Commission consists of 20 appointees independent of national governments.  
 Originally, the European Parliament was purely consultative. Now, it has veto power over the EU budget and membership of the Commission.  
 It also shares decision-making power with the Council in some areas. If Parliament rejects a Council decision, that rejection can only be overcome by a unanimous vote of the Council. In other areas, such as treaties with third countries, the Parliament can prevent the adoption of a Council proposal.  
 "The biggest problem is connecting with the people of Europe, making them see the role we play and the relevance of that role," says Pauline Green, a former London police officer who heads the 221-member Socialist group, the largest in Parliament.  
 Perceptions aren't helped by the assembly's unusual operations. It meets one week a month in Strasbourg, a Rhine River city in France's Alsace region. It also meets several times a year in Brussels, Belgium, where the EU's administrative agencies are headquartered.  
 Parliamentary committee meetings are held in Brussels, too.  
 Adding to the confusion, much of the Parliament staff is based in Luxembourg, which is about halfway between Brussels and Strasbourg.

For each session, steel footlockers crammed with files and papers are trucked to Strasbourg or Brussels. Workmen haul them down the long corridors of Parliament office buildings and plunk one in front of each door, giving the place the look of a post army barracks.  
 "The traveling is much tougher than I thought," said Charlotte Cederschild, a new member of Parliament from Sweden. "There is little time for reading, so much work has to be done at night. I didn't sleep much when I was a

member of the Swedish Parliament. I never dreamed I would get less."  
 Members of Parliament are paid the same salary as lawmakers in their home countries, plus travel and office expenses, so pay varies from individual to individual.

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A human rights activist shows to motorists driving down the Paris's Champs Elysees avenue a placard reading "Li Peng, stop your tank" during a demonstration held by Amnesty at the start of the Chinese Premier Li Peng visit in France, the first since Beijing's 1989 crackdown on a pro-democracy movement. Police quickly broke up the demonstration, detaining about 50 whistling activists. AP Photo

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*In Cambodian countryside*

# Farmers prefer planting 'pot'

By SOM SATTANA KOH WATSVAY, Cambodia (AP) - To travelers passing by on Route 1, nothing distinguishes this quiet island from the rest of Cambodia's verdant countryside.

Only those stopping for a closer look might notice what grows here-marijuana.

Local farmers have chosen to honor the law of economics over the law of the land by planting the illegal drug, which earns them much more than any other cash crop.

Koh Watsvay - the Island of the Pagoda with Mango Trees - lies in the Mekong River about 15 kilometers (nine miles) east of the capital, Phnom Penh. Local people began farming here in the 1960s, but only in the dry season because it is usu-

ally flooded from June to October.

Papaya, castor bean, corn, red pepper, tobacco, cucumber and pumpkin used to be the crops favored by local farmers.

Then they got an offer to try something new.

"Some Cambodians connected with Thai businessmen encouraged farmers to grow marijuana by giving them a higher price than for other crops," said Heng Pao, chief of the narcotics police in Phnom Penh. "The marijuana is smuggled to Thailand and the Netherlands."

Buyers pay between 3,000 and 5,000 riels (\$1.20 to 2) a kilogram, a local official said. In a country where the annual per capita economic output is just \$215, the temptation proves ir-

resistible.

Hun Lorn and his three daughters own just under two hectares (four acres) of land on the five-square-kilometer (two-square-mile) island.

"We can earn much money from selling our marijuana, which is easy to plant and fetches a high price," said Lorn, 59. He said his family was able to earn the equivalent of \$900 dollars from marijuana in the past year.

Marijuana, a traditional seasoning in Cambodian cuisine, used to be sold openly at many local markets. It became an exportable - if illegal commodity - only after a 1991 peace agreement ended two decades of civil war and a socialist economy was transformed into a free market one, encouraging foreign investment and trade.

Cambodian drug police estimate that in Kien Svay district alone, where Koh Watsvay is located, 20 hectares (50 acres) are planted with marijuana. The crop is also found in many western provinces, and especially in the southwestern province of Koh

Kong, where it can easily be transported by boat to neighboring Thailand.

Marijuana is only part of Cambodia's drug problem. The country appears to be used increasingly as a transit point for heroin from the Golden Triangle, the jungle region where Burma borders Thailand and Laos. The area is the source of about two-thirds of the heroin sold in the United States.

Since setting up a police narcotics squad in November 1994, the Cambodian government has seized hundreds of kilograms (pounds) of illicit drugs and arrested almost 100 people, including more than 30 foreigners.

The crackdown on marijuana has focused on Koh Kong, where in December a task force of 100 policemen and soldiers uprooted 32,000 plants over a seven-hectare (17 acre) area. In other raids alone, where Koh Watsvay is located, 20 hectares (50 acres) are planted with marijuana. The crop is also found in many western provinces, and especially in the southwestern province of Koh

Kien Svay district authorities have not arrested the Koh Watsvay

farmers but have warned them to stop growing the drug or face punishment of 10 to 15 years in prison. Meanwhile, they are targeting the buyers of the marijuana crop.

"The farmers will not grow marijuana again if their customers are stopped and scared off by our police," said the district chief, Maing Pich. He said officials had seized about 900 kilograms (1,980 pounds) of dry marijuana since March this year.

Few of the island's farmers are actually getting rich by growing marijuana. Most continue to live in thatched, one-room shanties and dress in ragged clothes. Their diet consists of rice, fish and other traditional peasant fare.

But Nou Soeung, 44, said he was unhappy being told to stop farming the crop.

"Planting marijuana has become the main business as well as a necessity for us on the island," he said.

"If it is prohibited, what kind of crops do the authorities suggest we grow, and who will buy our products?"

## Slain Welsh backpacker had a paralyzing spinal wound

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - A Welsh backpacker slain by Australia's worst serial killer was stabbed 14 times in the neck and chest, including a spinal wound that would have paralyzed her, a pathologist testified Wednesday.

Dr. Peter Bradhurst told the New South Wales Supreme Court there also was a gag tied around the mouth of Joanne Walters and a probable ligature lying around her neck.

"The ligature suggested to me an attempt at strangulation or possibly some form of restraint," he said.

The doctor was giving evidence at the trial of 51-year-old highway worker Ivan Milat, who has pleaded innocent to murdering Walters, 22, and Clarke, 21 from England; Melbourne couple Deborah Everist and James Gibson, both 19; German solo traveler, Simone Schmidl, 21; and German couple Anja Habschied, 20 and Gabor Neugebauer, 21.

Their bodies were found covered in branches and twigs

in the Belanglo State Forest, in the New South Wales southern highlands, between September 1992 and November 1993.

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## NMC ...

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ing the first two years of study.

"If you sent this money out during the freshman and sophomore (years), the government of the CNMI lost the economic value of that money," she said.

"Also, the students are not economically prepared to go there (abroad), probably in some instances sociologically, psychologically (and) educationally (too)," she added.

She pointed out that many of the students going abroad took developmental courses that "they could have taken here, and the money stays at home."

For this academic year the Scholarship Office is sponsoring the studies of some 300 students. It also funds the studies of about 500 students at the NMC.

"When she (Camacho) talks about no freedom of choice, I

don't really know what she means. I think what we're trying to do is to guide the students so that when they go (for further studies), they could succeed," she said.

McPhetres said it is a waste of money sending students abroad to take courses, like speech, which are offered at the NMC.

"If they go to California, or Guam, or Palau, or Hawaii to take speech, the first two years is the same everywhere. So I don't know what freedom of choice they're talking about."

McPhetres said that "if they (in the Scholarship Office) do their homework and do the analysis of the students going abroad, they will see that the Commonwealth is wasting its money by sending students that will very likely drop out in the first two years."

She said the NMC board of regents was just being "prudent" by "using the taxpayers' money wisely and that's why they came out with that policy (of requiring

scholarship grantees to study at the NMC during the first two years.)"

McPhetres also pointed out that she had never heard of a state giving a scholarship to a student to study in another state. "Government would give scholarship to go to their own university. The governor of California will not give (scholarship) to his own people to go to Florida, for example...Saipan is very unique."

She said the present policy is a drawback to the old trust territory mentality, when the government gave financial assistance for people to go abroad for higher education because there was then no college here.

"That mentality continues to be carried through and we now have a college. They still think that they have the right to go some place at the expense of the taxpayers here. They still feel it's a right. Maybe people don't understand the definition of freedom," she said.

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### CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-531

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,  
-v-  
EILEEN I. BABAUTA and ELIZABETH S. CAMACHO, Defendants.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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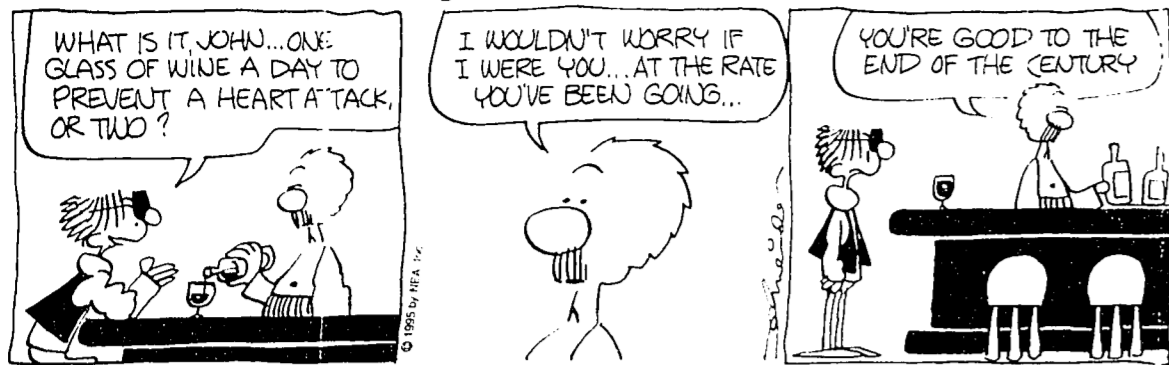
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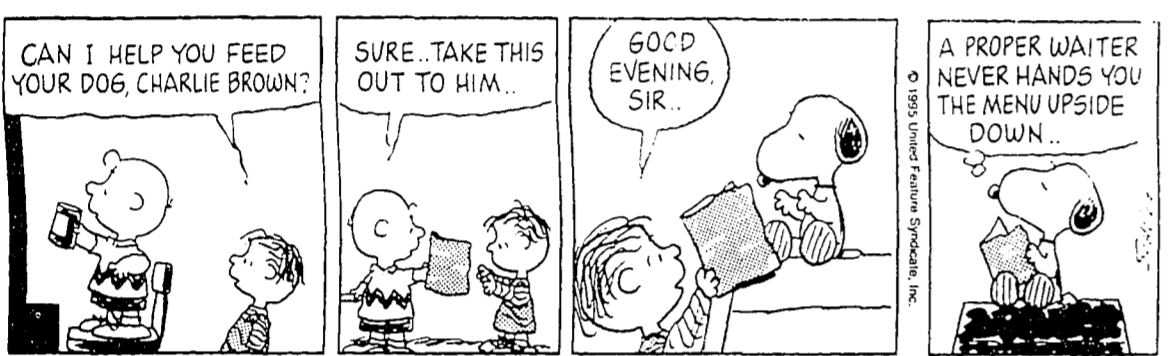
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are an expert conversationalist. You know how to draw even the most reluctant participant into the center of any discussion...

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may get a slow start today, but you can pick up the pace in no time and get things moving in the right direction. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You will know how to get a little more thrill out of even the most routine events today...

DATE BOOK

April 18, 1996. James Woods (1945), actor, is 51. Wade Anderson (1946), basketball player, is 50. Rick Moranis (1957), actor, is 39. Eric Roberts (1958), actor, is 37.

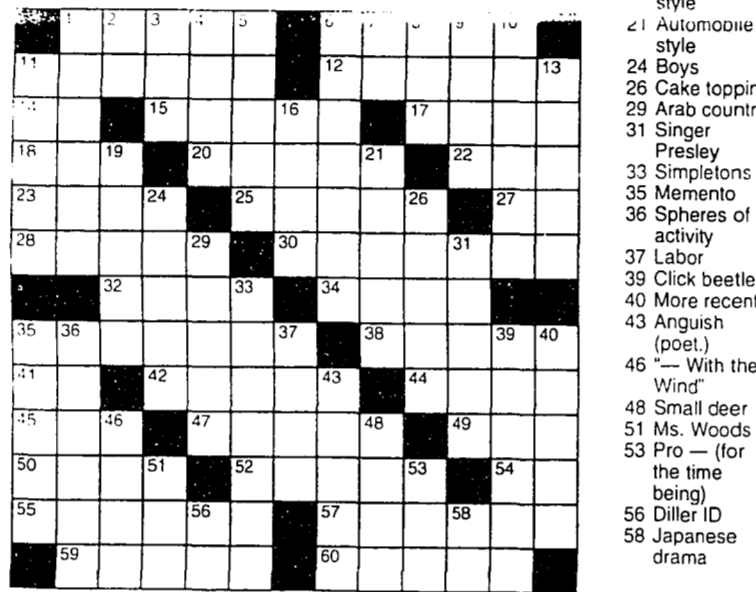
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In the 1800s, Dr. Christian Eijkman discovered that beriberi could be prevented by substituting brown rice for white rice. TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

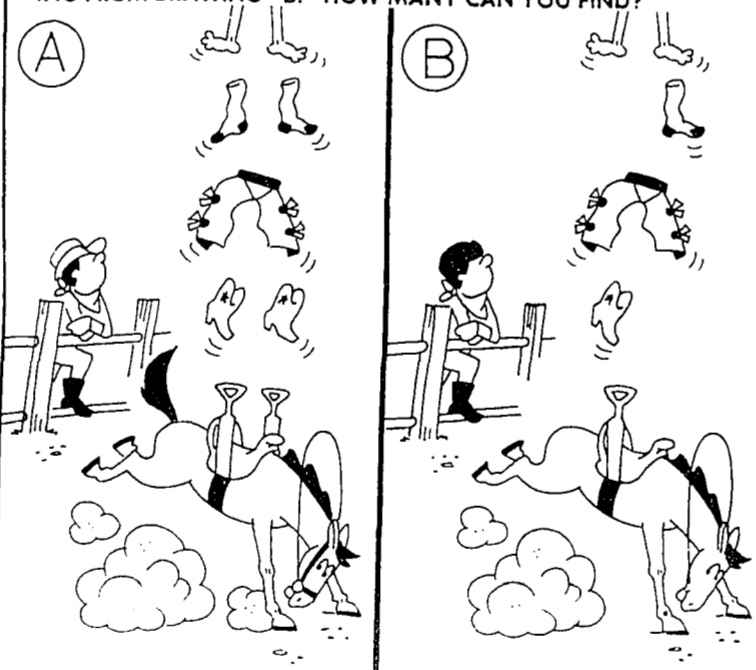
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Cubs down Reds, 6-3

CHICAGO (AP) - Steve Trachsel won in his first appearance of the season and Leo Gomez hit a two-run double in a six-run sixth inning Tuesday, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Cincinnati Reds 6-3. Trachsel allowed two hits in six innings, walked five and struck out four. He had spent two weeks with Double-A Orlando because the Cubs started the season with a four-man rotation.

Mavericks...

Continued from page 20 Carter said. Perot is the son of Dallas billionaire and former presidential candidate Ross Perot. Hicks is a Dallas businessman and investor who owns the Dallas Stars of the National Hockey League.

Sister Remedio fund raising tourney set

SISTER Remedios Early Childhood Development Center and the Saipan Golfers Association is hosting 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to benefit its students. The two days Golf Tournament is expected to be a success. Prizes include (cash) \$12,500 Hole-In-One wins for each day and prizes for each category. The Tournament Awards Banquet will be held at the Pool Side at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club in which a live band will be available for players entertainment.

April Ace of Month

Table with columns: Name, Out, In, Gross, HCP, Net. Lists winners of the April Ace of the Month tournament for Saipan Golfers Association.

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Ex-ASU heptathlete files \$12M lawsuit

PHOENIX (AP) - A former Arizona State University heptathlete has filed a \$12 million lawsuit against the International Amateur Athletic Federation in an effort to overturn a four-year drug suspension. U.S. District Judge Earl Carroll granted 27-year-old Gea Johnson a 10-day preliminary injunction Monday that allows her to compete this weekend in California to reach the qualifying standard for this summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

FBI...

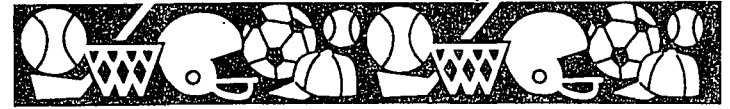
Continued from page 20 police, said she understood from the FBI the operation was drug-related. CNN reported the search was part of an ongoing narcotics investigation.

Bulls...

Continued from page 20 a near certainty as the victories piled up through the winter. With three games remaining, the Bulls can set an even higher standard of regular-season excellence. Hundreds of Bulls fans made the 90-mile (145-kilometer) drive to Milwaukee and bought tickets from scalpers asking \$200 per ticket.



# SPORTS



# Bulls break NBA record

**By CHRIS SHERIDAN**  
**MILWAUKEE (AP)** -The Chicago Bulls stamped a big 70 on a season of superlatives Tuesday night. It just wasn't the decisive win they wanted. The Bulls barely got past the lowly Milwaukee Bucks with a 86-80 victory and didn't exactly look like the most dominating team in NBA history. Still, the win made Chicago 70-9, breaking the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers' record of

69 wins. The Bulls shot just 39 percent, didn't get a spectacular game from any of their superstars and needed a scoreless final four minutes from the Bucks to get it done. "We didn't really play our kind of basketball," said Michael Jordan, who had 22 points. "Somehow, our defense kind of got hot and we were able to hold them down." Some of the Bulls have already

called themselves the greatest team in NBA history, a boast that's sure to be debated. They'd get a good argument from anyone using Tuesday night's performance to judge. The Bulls were out of synch all night. Jordan shot just 9-of-27 from the field, missing all his shots in the final four minutes when Chicago struggled to pull away. His biggest play, however, was block-

ing a 3-point attempt by Johnny Newman with 16 seconds left that could have pulled the Bucks within one. Instead, Steve Kerr was fouled, made two foul shots and the outcome was sealed. The Bucks didn't even play defense in the final six seconds, allowing the Bulls to walk off their court hugging and hand-slapping, their season-long quest finally fulfilled. Scottie Pippen and Luc Longley had 16 each for Chicago, and no one else reached double figures. Vin Baker led Milwaukee with 28 points, but the Bucks had five of their 10 turnovers in the final four minutes as the Bulls' pres-

sure turned out to be too much. "One thing we committed to in the locker room before the game was if they did get 70, they wouldn't get it easy," Milwaukee's Terry Cummings said. "I didn't expect us to get blown out tonight." It's been a season almost beyond comparison for the Bulls, a run of success unlike any that's been seen in the NBA's 49-year history. They won their first 37 home games, setting a mark for most consecutive victories at the start of a season and most spanning two seasons (44 straight). The possibility of breaking the Lakers' 24-year-old mark became

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## Mavericks reportedly sold to group headed by Perot Jr.

**DALLAS (AP)** -The Dallas Mavericks have been sold to a group led by Ross Perot Jr., according to news reports Tuesday. KDFW-TV and radio station KLIF, both flagship stations for Mavericks broadcasts, reported Tuesday that Mavericks owner Don Carter had reached an agreement to sell the club to the Dallas developer. Citing unidentified sources, KDFW reported that Carter plans to retain 20 percent inter-

est in the club and had returned an eight-figure "earnest money" check to Thomas Hicks, Perot's reported competition in bidding for the National Basketball Associated club. However, the station reported that Perot may invite Hicks to buy a minority interest in the team, with Perot retaining 50 percent. No official announcement is expected until early Thursday, KDFW reported. "The deal is in the hands of the attorneys," Carter said prior to

Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers. "As soon as they get through with it, there'll be a press conference." Carter said his primary concern is receiving an assurance from the new owner that the franchise will remain in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "I'm satisfied with the work my attorneys have done and the guarantee that the team won't leave the Metroplex,"

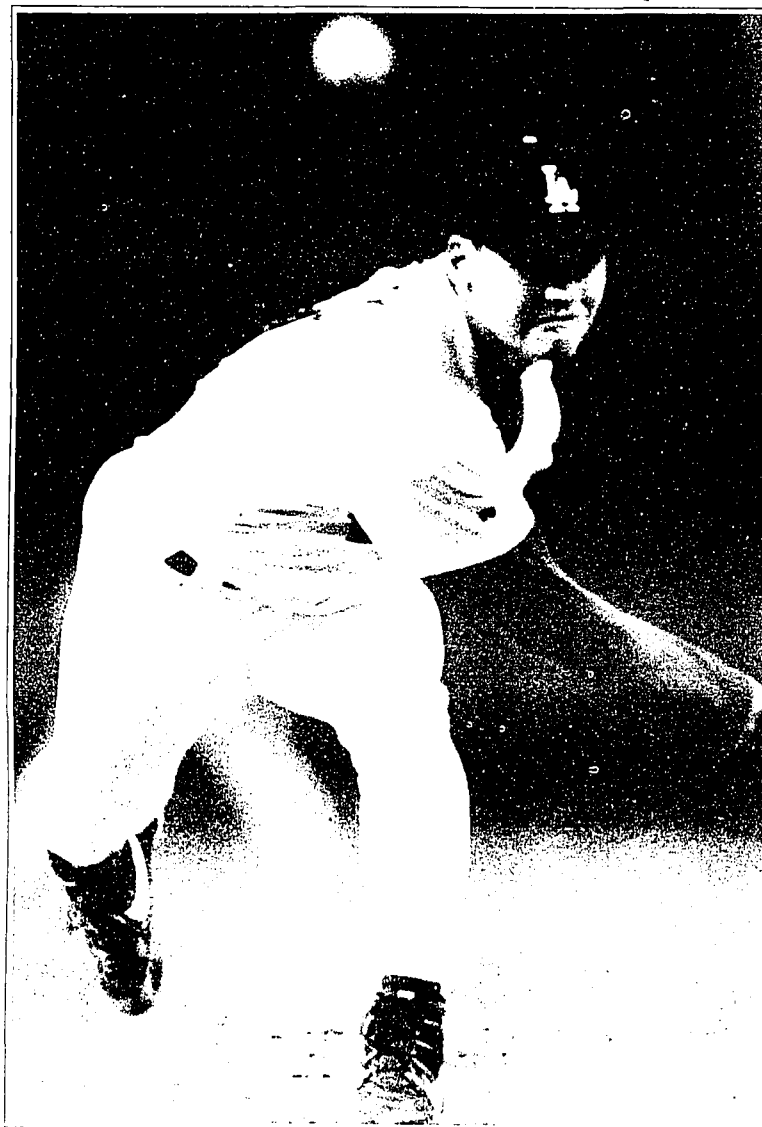
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## Glazers notch first game of the season

**THE KAUTZ Glass Glazers** behind Mike "Rock" Guerreros four RBI's and Ken Kalen's 4 for 6 with four runs scored won their first game of the season with an eighth inning 16-6 shut-out over the Kiyu Elite and left the Elite the only winless team in the league. First Baseman Greg Camacho of the Glazers and Jess Quitano of the

Elite both had an RBI single in the first two innings for a 1-1 tie. Dennis Camacho's two-run single and Mike "Rock" Guerrero's two-run triple highlighted Glazers seven runs outburst in the next two innings for an 8-1 lead. But the Elite cut the lead in half with three runs in the bottom of the fifth highlighted by Dennis Renguul's RBI triple aided by two errors. Tony Camacho and Mike "Rock" Guerrero's two run single led the Glazers eighth runs rally in the next three innings for as commanding 16-4 lead. The Elite managed to pick up two runs in the bottom of the eighth but were one run shy of reaching the ninth and final inning due to the ten-run mercy rule. The Glazers now stand at 1-3 and the loss dropped the Elite to 0-3. Winning Pitcher: Roy Magofna (1-2) Losing Pitcher: Dominic Chong (0-3).

Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Chan Ho Park throws in the first inning against the Florida Marlins, Thursday in Los Angeles. Park, who is Korean, is making his first start at Dodger Stadium. (AP Photo)

## FBI searches NBA star's residence

**By BRIAN WITTE**  
**POTOMAC, Maryland (AP)** -The FBI searched Alonzo Mourning's home and made one arrest, but the agency said the Miami Heat and former Georgetown basketball star was not a target of the investigation. A car and boxes of records were confiscated during the 2 1/2-hour search, but because the search warrant has been sealed, no other information could be released, said FBI spokeswoman Susan Lloyd. Courtney McFee, a spokeswoman for Montgomery County

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## CNMI Government Men's Slowpitch Softball League

Standings as of 4/13/96

### A-Division

Team	Win	Loss
CUC High Voltage	5	2
Retirement Fund Outlaw	4	2
Governor's Office	4	2
DEQ	4	3
CHC	3	3
D.O.F.(Finance)	2	3
Labor & Immigration	2	4
Legislature	1	6

### B-Division

Council Enforcers/Marpac	6	1
PSS Sluggers	5	1
DCCA	4	1
Fire 47 Tamers	4	3
Mayor's Office	3	4
DPW	2	4
NMC	1	6
D.L.N.R./Quarantine	0	5

### Saturdays Game results: 4/13/96

- 6:00 p.m. Finance 8 vs CUC High Voltage 15
- 7:00 p.m. Fire 47 Tamers 23 vs NMC 5
- 8:00 p.m. DEQ 13 vs Legislature Lawmakers 9
- 9:00 p.m. Council Enforcers 25 vs Mayor's Office 13

### Tonights Game: 4/16/96

- 6:00 p.m. D.C.C.A. vs PSS Sluggers
- 7:00 p.m. Governor's Office vs Department of Finance
- 8:00 p.m. Retirement Fund Outlaws vs Labor & Immigration
- 9:00 p.m. Quarantine/DLNR vs DPW

### Thursday's Game: 4/18/96

- 6:00 p.m. DCCA vs DLNR/Quarantine
- 7:00 p.m. CHC vs Governor's Office