

CHC gets new doctors

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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THE COMMONWEALTH Health Center is getting new doctors, as part of government efforts to improve the delivery of healthcare services in the Northern Mariana Islands, it was disclosed.

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said CHC will be having a new emergency room doctor and a psychiatrist. He said DPHS is also in the process of finalizing the contracts of three more physicians who will be stationed on Tinian and Rota.



Joseph Kevin Villagomez

"There are three more who will be coming so we are expediting the processing of their contracts. We are hiring more physicians to better meet the medical needs of our people in the CNMI," Villagomez said.

He also said the health department is deferring family practitioners for Rota and Tinian because of the urgency in the need for new medical practitioners in the islands, especially on Tinian where population is increasing.

"We are finalizing one contract for a new doctor for Tinian; Rota has two physicians right now,"

the health chief told reporters.

He said the Department of Public Health is finalizing the contract of the second physician who will be stationed on Tinian "and we are working on the third one too."

"That goes also for Rota," he added.

At the same time, Villagomez said the South Pacific Council has reiterated its commitment to helping the Northern Marianas in providing healthcare and medical services, including training programs for CHC and DPHS staff.

He said the Council is planning

to bring in health and medical experts to the Commonwealth.

The health secretary also mentioned that his department is sending one of its staff to attend the workshop and training on cancer registry which will be held in New Caledonia.

The US Department of Health and Human Services is intensifying efforts to address the health needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by developing a new strategy on advocacy and educational campaign.

Dr. Clay E. Simpson, Deputy

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New laws to raise user fee, create wage board

By Zaldy Dandan
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GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio on Friday signed into law legislation that would create a more credible minimum wage review board, and increase the garment manufacturers' user fee from 3.5 to 3.7 percent.

In his letter to the Legislature, the governor said the wage review board bill, or S.B. 11-46, is "long overdue."

Introduced by Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), the bill, which is now Public Law 11-22, still has "technical problems," Tenorio said, "but I understand amendments to address the problems will be forthcoming."

The new wage review board will "address the weakness of the former board," which was described as "ineffective," and is therefore abolished.

The new board will be "more broadly representative of the general public" and "provide for a much greater federal participation in the (CNMI) wage review process."

In signing the user fee hike bill, which is now P.L. 11-23, Tenorio said he "applauds" the Legislature "for the expeditious passage of this bill."

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More students may have to pay for meals in school



Rita H. Inos

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THE INCOME eligibility guidelines for free school meals for the August opening of classes have been raised by as

much as \$78, according to an official of the Public School System's Food and Nutrition Services Program.

This in effect could mean more students previously eligible for free meals will have to pay for food this school year.

Last year's \$1,739 monthly income guideline for a family of four, for example, is now raised to \$1,783, or an increase of \$44. Thus, if a student's family with four members earns less than the set income guideline, he or she may avail of free breakfast and lunch in school.

Those students whose families can earn more than the income guidelines will have to pay their breakfast and lunch at

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Guam-CNMI task force to go after human smuggling

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

A JOINT CNMI-Guam task force, which will be assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is being formed to monitor the alleged smuggling of Chinese nationals and illegal drugs from the Commonwealth to the US territory.

In an interview with reporters Friday, Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares said the creation of the task force was recommended by a US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) official, whom he failed to identify.

"We are forming another task force," said Zachares.

"We will be issuing a special agent who is assigned with the Federal Bureau of Investigation task force and who will be working with a special agent on Guam," said Zachares.

The agents, he said, will be coordinating with the Department of Labor and Immigration's

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Protest action in the Philippines



Members of leftist organization stage a picket Friday in Quezon City, opposing the on-going discussions on the Visiting Forces Agreement between the Philippines and the United States. The protesters denounced the visit as an incursion on the country's sovereignty. Placard at right reads "Eráp (President Estrada) Mercado (Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado) Before, anti-US bases; Today, US puppets."

Sex scandal rocks Taiwan's cabinet

By ANNIE HUANG
TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan's Cabinet has been shaken by a power struggle that surfaced last week when the intelligence chief publicly accused the justice minister of bringing up a false charge of attempted rape to discredit him.

The news media have reported intensively on the rape allegations as they uncovered bitter factional strife within the government.

The United Evening News cited unidentified officials as saying Sunday that the Cabinet has decided to replace both men this week to save the government's public image.

The episode began last month when a National Assembly deputy accused Cheng Chuan, acting chief of the Bureau of Investigation, of fondling his friend's daughter on a business trip to France three years ago when he offered to treat her throat illness by giving her a massage.

Cheng is known to have mastered a traditional Chinese massage treatment, but the deputy quoted the 19-year-old woman's father as saying Cheng failed in an attempt to rape her only because of her mother's timely return to the hotel.

A government investigation team said in a report last week that it found no evidence of attempted rape or sexual harassment, but accused Cheng of misconduct for having touched sensitive parts during the massage.

On Thursday, Cheng called a news conference to say the whole incident was a plot by Justice Minister Liao Cheng-hao to bring him down because he had rejected Liao's requests to appoint his own allies to key positions at the bureau.

Liao denied the charges and accused Cheng of "smeared his superior."

Colleagues said Cheng had claimed to hold a doctorate of law from the University of Paris but was never able to prove it.

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10 dead in clan war in Philippines

BASILAN, Philippines (AP)—Sporadic heavy fighting between two powerful clans has killed 10 people, left at least 60 houses burned and forced many residents to flee a small southern Philippine island, officials said Sunday.

Local civilian and military officials were trying to negotiate a truce to stop the clashes, which started Wednesday on Bubuan Island off Basilan province, said army Col. Glicerio Sua, who is based in the province.

Sua said supporters and members of two families led by Hadji Faizal Abdulkarim and Hadji Abdurahman Ahalul started attacking each other with rifles, grenade launchers and dynamite for reasons still unknown.

Sua and other local officials said at least 10 people on the two sides have been killed and an undetermined number have been injured.

Body of suspected North Korean spy found in the beach

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A body clad in a diving suit was found on a beach on South Korea's east coast Sunday and the military believed it is that of a North Korean spy.

"By the various equipment and personal belongings found, it appears certain that the body is that of an armed North Korean agent," the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

The statement said the body was found on a beach near Donghae, 195 kilometers (117 miles) east of Seoul, and the military increased land and sea patrols in the area.

Quoting military doctors, the statement said the body was believed to have been dead "24 hours to 48 hours" when it was found.

The body was found along with

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Stronger Commerce Dept. sought

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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IN EFFORTS to minimize the presence of nuisance investors in the Northern Mariana Islands, a legislator on Friday disclosed plans to give the commerce department investigating powers.

House committee on commerce and tourism chair Rep. Oscar Babauta said reports on the presence of businesses that are operating without permit from the government, warrants the need for a "stronger" Department

of Commerce.

Babauta said he is looking at introducing a legislation that would give DOC enforcement authority as far as tracking down illegal businesses in the Northern Marianas.

Commonwealth Development Authority chair Juan S. Tenorio, last week, said unlicensed businesses operating in the Northern Mariana Islands are adding up to the adverse effects of the Asian financial turmoil and slumping tourism industry to the local economy.

"If only all business transactions made in the islands are registered to the government, we will be able to see more revenues filling up the public coffers," Tenorio said.

Babauta said there is an alarming need to give the commerce department the authority to conduct a trackdown of nuisance investors who were able to secure permit from the agency.

He said he has been informed that nuisance investors have been able to secure business permits from the gov-



Oscar Babauta

ernment. He also said there were some instances when policies of the Department of Commerce were not

properly enforced.

"In recent series of meetings held between my office and staff of the Departments of Commerce and Labor and Immigration, I have discovered some instances where policies of the DOC failed in some ways as it pertains to rules and regulations, statutory provisions implementation," Babauta said.

He said there is a need for an internal trackdown of business permits issued by the department whether these are all accounted for.

"One of the projects that I am looking at is reforming the depart-

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AGO, I&S sign payment agreement

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office and I&S were scheduled to sign Saturday an agreement stating that the CNMI will pay the Japanese advertising agency for its work in promoting the islands as a tourist destination.

The payment will be made 60 days after the agreement is signed.

Variety sources said AGO's Sally Pfund and Mark Williams, and representatives from I&S and the Marianas Visitors Bureau (MYB) are the signatories to the agreement.

It was not known how much AGO

has agreed to pay I&S, whose \$3.5 million contract with MYB for fiscal year 1998 was not signed by then governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

His successor, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, recently expressed hope that the controversy surrounding I&S's contract would be resolved "without going to the court."

The governor was reacting to reports that I&S may sue the CNMI over the agency's unpaid promotional work.

He said the CNMI will pay its obligations if AGO says it should.

The governor earlier asked AGO

to review the actual costs incurred by I&S in promoting the CNMI from Oct. 1, 1997 to the time that AGO asked I&S to "cease and desist" early this year.

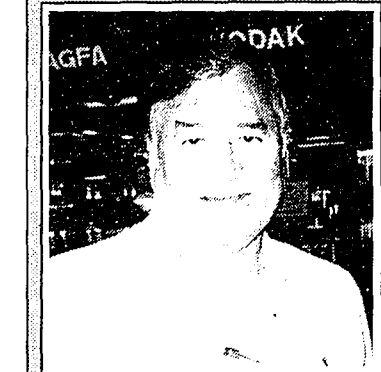
Since 1992, MYB has been retaining I&S to promote the CNMI in Japan as a tourist destination.

The agency proposed a \$3.5 million contract with MYB, which approved it late last year.

But the contract was never signed by Tenorio's predecessor, and some administration officials and lawyers claim that the CNMI has no obliga-

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Gov't may yet resort to deficit financing, says W&M chairman



Karl Reyes

By Aldwin R. Fajardo
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THE GOVERNMENT may soon resort to deficit financing to support the bureaucracy should the present economic condition persists, a lawmaker said over the weekend.

House committee on ways and

means chair Rep. Karl Reyes said although the CNMI administration is keeping its expenditures tied with the revenue projections, there may come a time when it has to do deficit financing.

Deficit financing, according to the legislator, is when the government spends more than what it has, or it forks out money without cash flow.

"Personally favor that worse come to worst, we go on deficit financing and go on that level until the good years come by. That is the time when we start replenishing what we spent over the previous years," Reyes told Variety.

He said with the declining revenue collection, the government is likely to spend more than what it has.

"And we will try to spend on that level where there are more expenditures than income."

Reyes said under this scheme, the government can try borrowing money to physically have the cash flow while creating a deficit because of the drop in revenues.

He said it is like a checking account where the government issues post-dated checks and funds the account from other loans before the checks are cleared. "It is really a deficit, the cash flow is not there."

He stressed that the government, so far, has not signified intentions to resort to the deficit financing scheme because it is keeping its expenditures tied with what is currently available.

"But I would say that if the government has not paid its previous liabilities or contracts and purchases or things like that, these will remain outstanding and since the govern-

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Cohen wants CNMI to set date for 902 talks

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

PRESIDENT Clinton's 902 representative wants the CNMI to set the date for the resumption of the Covenant Section 902 discussions between the federal and commonwealth governments.

Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan, who heads the CNMI's 902 panel, said Friday that Interior Department deputy solicitor Edward B. Cohen "is all set to go," adding that the commonwealth team, for its part, will have a meeting this week to decide when to hold the talks.

Both the federal and CNMI panels have agreed to hold the discussions in the commonwealth.

The CNMI panel has also expressed willingness to take up local labor, immigration and garment industry

issues during the discussions, as requested by Cohen.

"But that doesn't mean we will agree with (Cohen) on these issues," Sablan said, referring to the Clinton administration's earlier proposal to use the 902 talks in discussing the gradual extension of federal immigration and minimum wage laws to the islands.

The CNMI position, Sablan said, remains "solve local problems locally."

He added that the CNMI will raise other issues during the talks.

"As I've said before, our main focus is to heal the wounds and strengthen relations in accordance with the Covenant," he said.

Cohen, in a recent letter to Sablan, said he will visit the CNMI "in the

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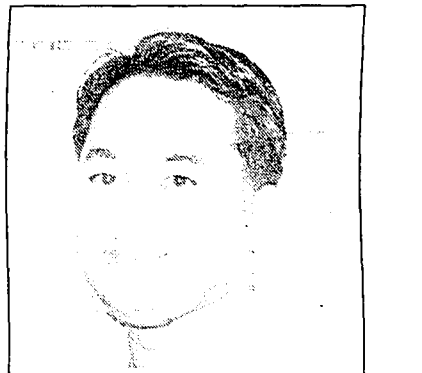
Gov't may float bond to get matching funds

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI's master plan for capital improvement projects, which is the first step toward acquiring at least \$33 million in federal funds, will be out in December.

At the same time, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's special adviser for finance and budget said Friday that the administration is willing to float bonds just to come up with local matching funds for the federal monies.

Mike S. Sablan said the federal capital improvement projects (CIP) funds, which is an \$11 million annual grant for a seven-year period, is crucial in the administration's efforts to revive



Mike S. Sablan

the economy.

However, besides coming up with a master plan to identify priority projects, the CNMI is also required to match the federal funds, which is now considered a

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Bill to require gov't housing recipients to pay \$100 a mo.

By Zaldy Dandan
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REPRESENTATIVE Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Prec. 1, Saipan) has introduced a bill that would require all government housing recipients to pay a \$100 monthly fee, which would be used for the maintenance and renovation of the houses.

House Bill 11-243 proposes the establishment of a revolving fund

for the upkeep of houses currently occupied by CNMI government contract employees.

Tenants would be required to hand the \$100 to the CNMI Treasury at the end of each month.

Government contract employees paying for the rent of privately owned houses would be exempted from the \$100 fee.

The bill also proposes that the

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Three young women show off the billboard in their pick-up bed yesterday in support of the gubernatorial team of Sen. Angel Santos and Jose Terlaje. Hundreds of vehicles lined up in Piti and Asan for the start of the islandwide motorcade.

Photo by Maxine Hillary

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JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

FDA's inventory does not compute

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

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

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

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

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

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

When Capitol Hill Republicans wanted to know what became of the equipment, the FDA's Michael Friedman explained that it was simply an accounting mistake and promised that everything would be resolved soon.

That was last year. This year — late last month — a new IG report was released claiming that the FDA still can't account for its computers.

As one HHS official explained, in a massive understatement: "This will be the pivotal year in resolving these property problems. We will find out if (the reason for the missing equipment) is fraud or bookkeeping errors."

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

MEDICARE FRAUD — When Barbara Whitney of Iowa went to see her doctor to get her annual flu shot, she was told to come back another time because the shot they had planned to give her was found to be defective. Whitney did as she was told, and she received her shot on a second visit.

But after receiving her bill in the mail, she noticed that Medicare had been charged for both visits. She reported the error, and investigators found that Medicare had been double-billed for every senior in her area who had gotten a flu shot.

Whitney single-handedly saved Medicare more than \$1 million. That was one of several stories told by Vice President Al Gore last month at a gathering where he announced that he and President Clinton were instituting a new program that would reward folks like Whitney for rooting out waste and fraud in Medicare.

The announcement received little attention — but deserves a whole lot of it. The Clinton-Gore program, the veep explained, will reward Medicare recipients 10 percent — or a maximum of \$1,000 — of the money they save from fraud and waste they report.

Medicare and Medicaid fuel the third-largest cash outlay in the federal budget, after Social Security and defense spending (not counting the interest on the national debt).

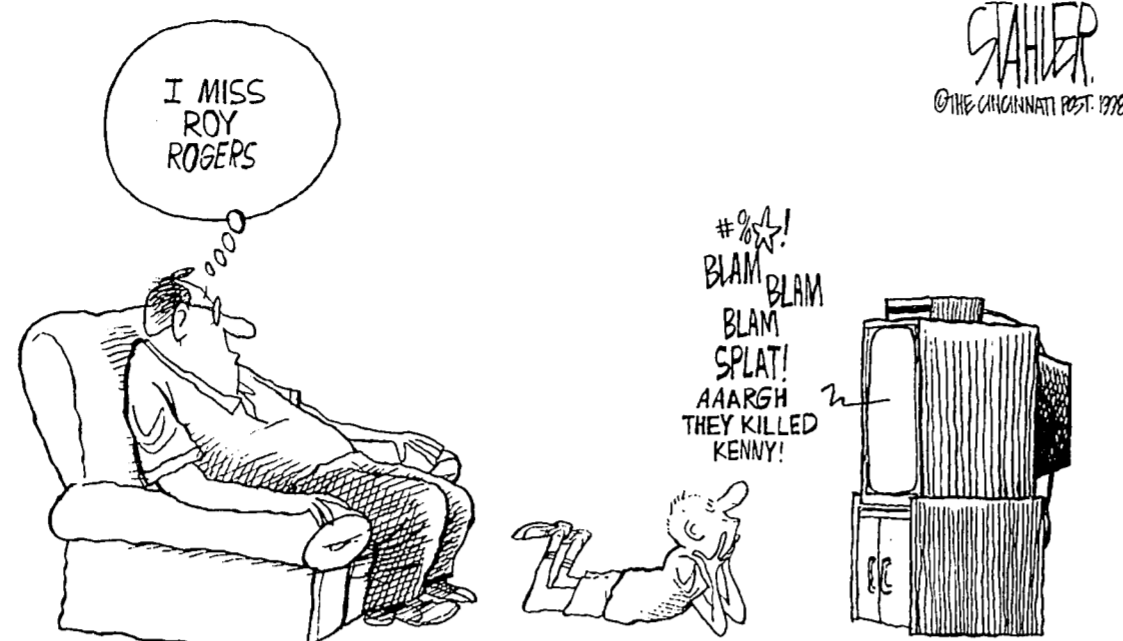
If we have one objection to the Clinton-Gore plan it's that it doesn't go far enough; the rewards for those reporting Medifraud shouldn't be capped at \$1,000.

TELLING STATISTICS — Number of states where all consumer fireworks are banned: Ten, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, which spent last Wednesday blowing up watermelons and crash-test dummies on the National Mall to illustrate the dangers of fireworks.

Estimated annual deaths resulting from fireworks: "About one," according to John Conkling of the American Pyrotechnics Association. The deaths, ironically, usually occur when something goes wrong at a professional display, and the victims are usually members of the firing crew.

Number of deaths per year from firearms in 1995: 35,957, according to the Centers for Disease Control. This includes homicides and suicides as well as 1,225 deaths deemed "accidental."

Number of states where all firearms are banned: Zero. a



Info tech corner

Internet offers broad voiceway

By David T. Hughes
For the Variety

WHEN I first began covering the Internet and Worldwide Web almost five years ago, one of the first "gee-whiz" applications I talked about was Internet Phone. The New Jersey based corporation had just come out with the product and I was enthralled with it.

Using their InternetPhone software, or one of the wanna-be copies, it was possible (still is) to just download a copy of their software from www.vocaltec.com and talk to other users on the Internet if they too had a sound card. This was classic Buck Rogers stuff, and I spent many an hour talking to folks all over the world suffering through lags, scratchy sound and a lot of other bother.

Having spent a lot of time in the old Citizens Band Radio craze of the 60's and 70's I was at ease with the low sound quality. A police scanner was my constant companion for over 20 years as a line journalist, so I am quite adept at making sense of what others might consider electronic gibberish.

Admittedly, only another propeller-head such as myself could love those early versions of what has now been dubbed "IP telephony."

Now, all that has changed. Vocaltec's Internet Phone 5 and other such programs by such heavyweights as Microsoft, sound just as good as a regular telephone call. Many of the programs are cross-platform, meaning users of one type of computer, such as Windows, can talk to folks using a Macintosh and UNIX.

The programs' costs have also come down. Vocaltec offers their program with two licenses so two friends can get on, or parents and their child in college. Heck, Microsoft gives Net Meeting away for free as a part of their Windows 95/98 operating systems.

Five years is several lifetimes when it comes to Internet Technology. Vocaltec and other IP telephonic corporations haven't rested on their laurels. Most of the new programs not offer computer-to-computer voice communications. Now, those same programs allow users to hook up cameras to their computers and have videoconferences with friends or even in business.

Another company called Connectix has profited from the Internet phone phenomenon. Their little eyeball-shaped television cameras have become quite familiar to everyone.

The little cameras now are priced well under \$150 and

can be easily attached to any computer using a printer port.

While I don't travel anywhere near the teen world, I understand they use Internet telephony and the little eyeball cameras a lot to talk to each other even across town.

Also, many new computers also have a video-input port. Just plug in your home video camera and use it.

When I first began writing about this stuff, I was told by a Bell Atlantic executive that they just "ignored it" because so few people had access to it. Folks from AT&T said essentially the same thing, but about a year later they and other long distance carriers were before the Federal Communications Commission asking that Vocaltec's program and other clones of it be banned from the Internet. That failed, as did the contention that Internet Service Providers be regulated as long distance telephone services.

I predicted a long time ago that IP phone type programs would eventually result in lower-cost long distance and my editors laughed at me. Now, I get the grin because both Bell Atlantic and AT&T have announced they will be installing IP-based LD service. They predicted that within a few years most normal long distance would go this way, making rates go even lower.

Using Internet telephony is simple. Just download the 9 Megs of software from Vocaltec or turn on the Microsoft included Net Meeting. Look around in that junk box and find an old microphone (the better the mike, the better the sound transmitted), plug it in to the "microphone in" plug on your sound card. Follow directions from the respective software provider and you're in business. Look for the online directory to find someone to talk with.

I still say these IP telephone-video programs can be a godsend to students at college or family members who have moved away. Lots of long distance money can be saved and closer family ties can be maintained by using them.

Outside of the costs involved in hardware and software acquisition (worst case under \$200).

If you use IP telephony programs in an unusual manner or have a neat story to pass on about how you use the services, email me at dhughes@ncc1701.net. I'll share your experiences with other readers.

Clarification

On our July 8 article entitled "Sablan: \$61M in Covenant funds remain unobligated," we inadvertently misplaced the eighth paragraph which should actually come after the fourth paragraph. It should read: "No additional matching funds from the CNMI government were needed to release the \$61 million unobligated Covenant funds, appropriated to the CNMI under the first and second agreements." Our apologies — Ed.

Zachares to meet with Young during D.C. trip

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

LABOR and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares left Saturday for Washington D.C. to meet with US Rep. Don Young on matters of federal concerns in the CNMI.

"I guess it is going to be open to any type of discussions. I don't think it will be limited," said Zachares during a luncheon meeting with members of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), Friday.

Zachares said he is going to Washington D.C. "to answer some questions on what efforts have been made since this administration" began instituting reforms.

"It is going to be a face-to-face dialogue. What act has been ongoing and continue to be done and what we've planned in the future," said Zachares.

The meeting, observers said, is also expected to tackle a recent study commissioned by the Of-



Mark Zachares

fice of Insular Affairs (OIA) which detailed accounts of government inefficiencies.

The report submitted recently by Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, discussed a range of issues from workers' unpaid wages, substandard living quarters provided for by

"greedy" landowners, racial hate crimes, prostitution and the transshipment of illegal products to the isue.

Young (R-Alaska) Chairs the US House Committee on Resources which has oversight over the CNMI and other insular areas.

Tenorio has written Young a letter assuring him of his administration's commitment to resolve labor and immigration problems through stricter enforcement of local laws.

Tenorio said his government is "determined" to continue necessary labor and immigration reforms.

Zachares will be in Washington D.C. for four days.

The meeting is seen to further inform the US Congress on the developments that have transpired in the Commonwealth over the past several months.

Asset seizures come near \$300,000 mark

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

GOVERNMENT is nearing a \$300,000 mark over assets seizures in the past month and a half, Labor and Immigration Mark Zachares said, Friday.

In an interview with reporters, Zachares added the Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) has finally found a fulltime prosecutor in Aaron Williams.

Williams will work on criminal cases filed against erring employers and nonresident workers.

"I think," said Zachares, it (asset seizures) is a valuable tool." The seizures are being done against individuals found violating immigration laws — harboring and hiring illegal nonresident workers.

Zachares explained the seizure of assets believed used in connection with violations of immigration laws is mandated by Public Law 9-5 which was enacted in 1994.

Zachares assured there are no constitutional questions on the efforts.

At least two karaoke bars, a garment factory, a number of construction firms and some private individuals have been subjected to asset seizure since last month.

These include the Club 1004 which is located at Koresko Hotel in Koblerville. Zachares has said Club Boss, another karaoke bar situated along Middle Road faces a similar move.

The Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI) has also recently seized some \$80,000 worth of garment during a raid at the American Langente Corporation following the arrest of illegal workers.

The firm, however, managed to get back the confiscated products on a \$60,000 chipped in by Lagente's customers — Jin Apparel among them.

The move to seize erring individual's assets is unprecedented in the Commonwealth's labor and immigration history.

DOLI-DPS to form joint task force against prostitution

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

LABOR and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares, on Friday, said "preliminary discussions" are ongoing with Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram Jr. on the reactivation of an anti-prostitution drive.

Zachares made the announcement following last week's enactment of Public Law 11-19 which imposes strict prohibitions against prostitution, loitering and patronizing prostitutes.

"I have preliminary discussions with Commissioner Ingram to reinvent or reignite a task force with them as different from the past," said Zachares.

He said authorities will increase efforts in Garapan and San Jose area.

"We will again patrol the streets... this will be ongoing for quite a while until the message is out," said Zachares.

"We will not tolerate prostitution on street corners, in downtown Garapan, in downtown San Jose or wherever it may be," he added.

Prostitution, according to Zachares, is not a "conducive environment for the mainstream of our tourists."

The Department of Labor and Immigration (DOLI), late last year, started doing nightly foot patrols, inspecting establishments and checking out persons hanging around street corners of the tourist area.

Recent figures showed that there were nearly 500 foreign nationals, most of them Chinese, arrested and sent home.

However, groups of female Chinese nationals can again be seen soliciting from tourists along hotel street and at Garapan's street corners.

A joint DOLI-DPS task force, officials said, could "really clean downtown Garapan of prostitutes and pimps."

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Land owner sues bank

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
A LAND owner filed on Friday a lawsuit against City Trust Bank to block the transfer and clear the title of his disputed land in San Antonio.

Ignacio Villanueva, in a complaint for quiet title, asked the Superior Court to issue a decree to settle all adverse claims to his subject land property.

Villanueva, through counsel Michael Dotts, sought court's declaration that he owns fee simple title in the 945 square meters of San Antonio lot, which is improved with a commercial building.

Villanueva said he is entitled to the quiet and peaceful possession of said premises.

"Defendant and all persons claiming under defendant, has no estate, right, title, lien, mortgage, or interest in or to the real property or any part thereof," said Dotts

in the complaint.

The complaint said that adverse claims on interest in the land constitutes a cloud on Villanueva's title to the property.

Dotts said the City Trust's claim is that it holds a mortgage to a leasehold interest in the property.

Dotts said Villanueva disputes that any interest is held by City Trust in the property because the lease that was mortgaged was lawfully terminated and ceased to exist.

The mortgaged interest that defendant claims expired with the termination of the leasehold interest, said Dotts.

The lawyer said City Trust is attempting to sell the terminated lease, through a foreclosure of the mortgage, "or is otherwise attempting to transfer title or possession to plaintiff's property."

Dotts asked the court to permanently enjoin City Trust, and all

persons claiming under defendant, from asserting any adverse claim to Villanueva's title to or possession of the land.

Dotts stated that if the Bank fails to have transferred any interest in the land to any person upon discovery of the identity of

the alleged transferee, Villanueva will amend the complaint to have the alleged transferee as a party defendant.

Accident victim sues for damages

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
A VICTIM of a vehicular accident in 1996 has sued two firms and a bus driver to collect \$100,000 in damages.

Ignacio R. Cruz, through counsel Theodore R. Mitchell, named as defendants in the lawsuit Koreana Tours Bureau, Century Insurance Co., and Elvin Ilal Nicky.

According to the complaint filed on Friday in the Superior Court, the accident happened along a public highway in Garapan on July 11, 1996.

The complaint said Nicky was operating a bus owned by KTB when he negligently drove the vehicle into a pickup truck driven by Cruz.

As a result of Nicky's negligent driving, the complaint said, Cruz suffered fear, shock and other injuries.

"At the time of the collision, Nicky was driving the KTB bus, within the scope of his employment with KTB," said Mitchell in the complaint.

The lawyer said the negligence of Nicky, who was acting within

the scope of his employment by defendant KTB, "was the proximate cause of the injuries suffered by the plaintiff."

As a result of the negligence, Mitchell said, the plaintiff was forced to incur and did incur expenses for medical treatment and hospitalization.

He added that because Nicky and KTB were insured by Century Insurance Co., Inc., Century is directly liable to the plaintiff for the injuries and expenses resulting from the driver's negligence.

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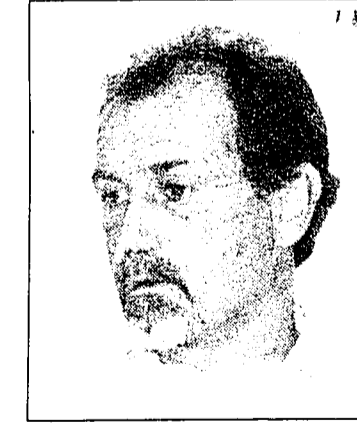
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio (right) and Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan (left) join CNMI judges and justices, Juan T. Lizama, John A. Manglona and Edward Manibusan of the Superior Court and Miguel Demapan and Alex Castro of the Supreme Court. Photo by Sonnie Sablan

Pierce discusses industry concerns in Washington

SAIPAN Garment Manufacturer's Association (SGMA) Executive Director Richard A. Pierce recently concluded meetings in Washington DC with federal officials, concerning the garment industry and the role it holds in the economic and political relationship between the CNMI and the federal government.

After a courtesy call upon Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta to Washington DC, Pierce had meetings and discussions with Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman and Debbie Subera-Wiggin, Stayman's Policy Advisor and T.E. Manase Mansur, the US House Committee on Resources' Advisor on Insular and International Affairs.

"SGMA had a good exchange with Mr. Stayman. We presented



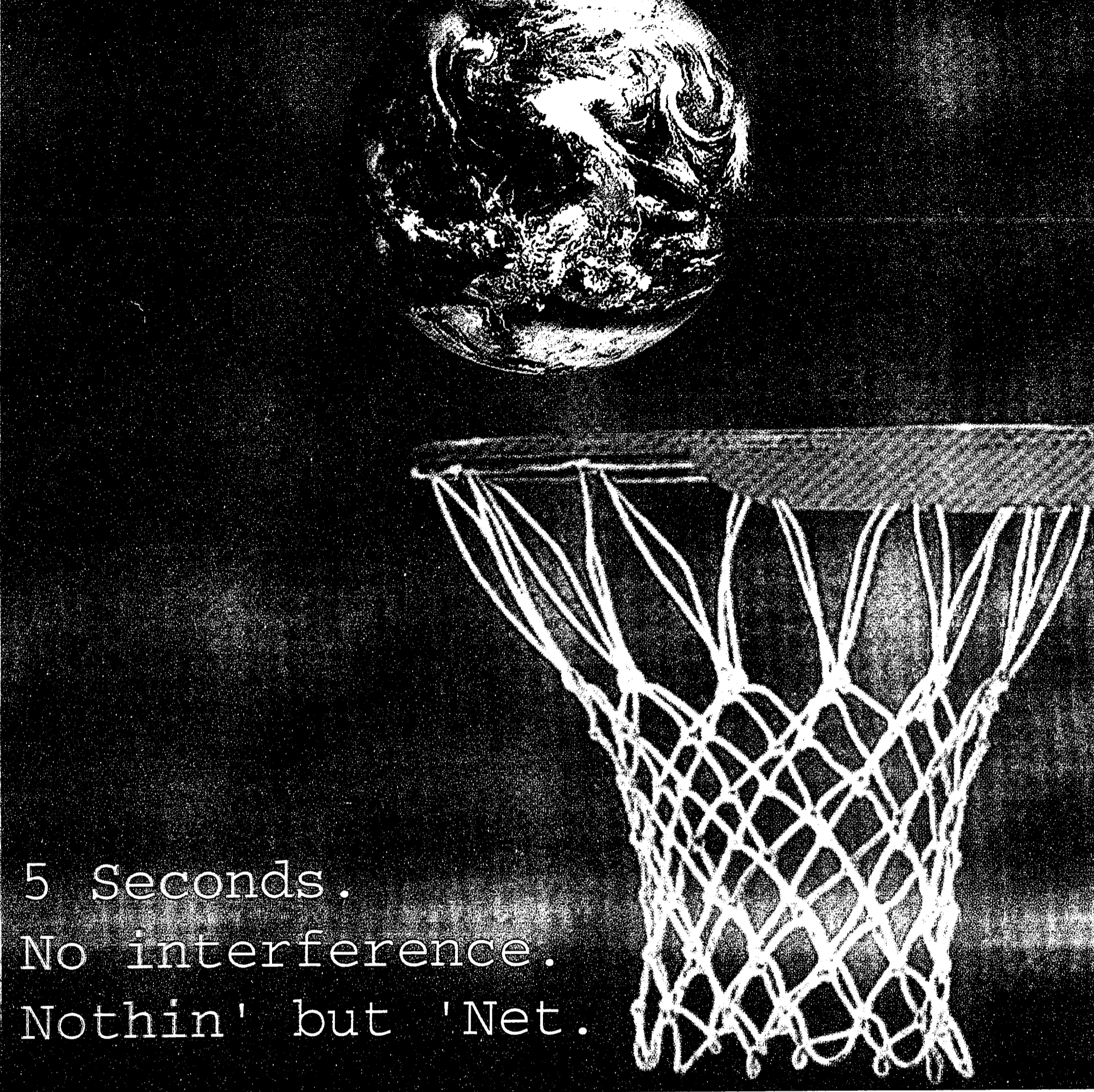
Richard A. Pierce

our side to the Interior presentation of garment industry economics, and what it could afford, that Mr. Stayman publicized on his latest trip to Saipan, and I believe he now sees better the incongruity in his claims of industry profit and Canadian tariff parallels," said

Pierce in a news release. According to Pierce, Stayman seemed impressed with SGMA's proposal to implement its Code of Conduct and hoped to have it be for more than "show."

"The meeting held with T.E. Manase Mansur was frank and productive. Mr. Mansur sounded very much like his Chairman Don Young and Young's letter to Governor Tenorio, in inspiring the CNMI Government and business leaders to seek their own solutions to existing CNMI problems," Pierce said.

Calls were also made upon the Chinese Embassy to meet with their Commercial Counsel, and with the U.S. Labor Dept. to discuss the incorporation of federal Wage & Hour and OSHA offices for consultation within the External Monitoring Systems of the SGMA Code of Conduct.



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Student Art exhibit slated

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff
STUDENTS who have participated in the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture's summer art workshop are now ready for their first exhibit on July 16.

According to Jodie Rankin, painting instructor, the students will exhibit paintings of crab, flame tree and other objects designed through banana leaf-stalks.

Says Rankin, "The kids are having a lot of fun doing their own artwork. But for instructors like me, we must

have a lot of patience because the kids sometimes ask questions that are not part of what you were doing and teaching."

Students Roxanne Ariola and Hazel Michling will exhibit masks.

Bead art instructor Zillah Wabul says that the kids in her class are very talented and creative.

Says she, "These kids really know how to mix the colors together. Some kids made an elaborate design that we are going to use also at the exhibit this week."

The exhibit opens on July 16, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.
In September, CCAC will also

mount the Micronesian Crafts Exhibits and the CNMI Heritage Month. And music lovers should

not miss the Conton Isla Concert that CCAC will be hosting from August to September of this year.

American Memorial Park on-line

CHUCK SAYON, National Park Ranger-in-Charge of Memorial Park in Saipan, announces the new Internet website for American Memorial Park.

The public is invited to virtually visit the park's natural features, war monuments, and recreational facilities online at <http://www.nps.gov/amme>.

The site is part of the U.S. National Park Service's main website, and contains important visitor information, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events at American Memorial Park.

The website includes carillon recordings, World War II videos, commemorative speeches, and interview with World War II veterans.

A main feature on the website is the Court of Honor and Flag Circle, the focal point of the park.

Inscriptions from the Court of Honor can be viewed, and in a few weeks the engraved names of servicemen who died in the Battle of Saipan and the Philippine Sea will also be available online.

Another unique feature is the World War II Virtual Museum. Although the actual museum building is temporarily closed, internet browsers can

view displays and photographs.

Knowing what is happening in the park is now easier than ever! A Calendar of Events is also available on the website, so the public can stay informed and join in many park events open to the public.

The website was designed over a one-year period, with the credit going to the volunteer work of Bill Bezzant. Assistance to the website was given by National Park Service staff of Chuck Sayon, Kimberly Uychara, Jennifer Decker, and Ed Wood, and Jerry Facey of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee.



Helping Hands. Jay Perez of IT&E presents a \$1,000 check to Adolph Sgambelluri last Friday to help defray the cost of restoring the Asan Memorial at the War in the Pacific National Historic Park that was vandalized last month.
Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

Winners in Express Padala raffle

PCIBANK recently gave away a total of P5.5 million in tax-free cash prizes to lucky beneficiaries of the

Bank's overseas remitters in the just concluded "Kash-Swerte" Sa PCI Express Padala raffle promo.

A total of 300 winners in the six monthly draws won P10,000 each and 5 winners in the grand draw held last May 26, 1998 won P500,000 each.

There were 4 winners of P10,000 each whose remittance transactions originated from Guam Savings and Loan Association namely: (1st monthly draw) - Luzminda D. Mirasol & Celeste Badar; (2nd monthly draw) - Marites A. Cadar; and (3rd monthly draw) - Salvador Young.

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CNMI off to Cheju '98 event

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff
THE CNMI delegation is set to leave today for Korea to

participate in the First World Festival for Island Cultures to be held in Cheju Island from July 18 to August 13.

The CNMI delegation is headed by Alvaro Santos, deputy director of the Marianas Visitors Authority

Deputy Director, along with cultural performers MC Barrio Band and Mixed Culture.

Twenty-five islands have been invited to take part in the world event. The CNMI was the only Micronesian island invited by the organizing committee of Cheju '98.

About 90,000 visitors are expected to show up.

Other CNMI artists who will participate in the event are Antonio Pailug, who will showcase canoeing, Douglas Rankin for the banana art painting; Vicky Olopai for beadwork making and Balbina Wabul for coconut frond weaving.



Alvaro Santos

Miss CNMI Helene Lizama will represent the Commonwealth in the Miss World Island Festival Pageant.

Equal Employment Opportunity training presentation July 16th

THE SOCIETY for Human Resources Management (SHRM), CNMI Chapter will be hosting a spe-

cial Equal Employment Opportunity training presentation on Thursday, July 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Giovanni's in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

An outreach delegation, from the EEOC San Francisco Regional District, to include Adria Shipley, and

investigator with the Honolulu office will discuss federal employment discrimination laws, the mission and functions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Commission's future plans for expanded education, outreach and enforcement.
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Oversight hearing

THE Committee on Telecommunications chaired by Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero will hold an oversight hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legislative Public Hearing Room.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss regulation of rates and quality of service of telecommunications and cable providers on island.

For more information call 472-3416/18.

Guam calendar

Items for Community Calendar

• Guam Narcotics Anonymous Hotline
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• Al-Anon Meeting
Sundays - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
St. John's Academy, Room 20
Upper Tumon, Guam
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• CODA Meeting
Mondays - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse
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• Al-Anon Meeting
Wednesdays - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Naval Hospital, Room J108
Agana Heights, Guam

• 12-Step Study
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• Al-Anon Meeting
Thursdays - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
St. John's Academy, Room 20
Upper Tumon, Guam
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• Al-Anon Meeting
Fridays - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Naval Hospital, Room J108
Agana Heights, Guam
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• Al-Anon/CODA Meeting
Saturdays - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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Marina dispute heats up

By Haldee V. Eugenio
Variety News Staff

AT LEAST three insurance firms have expressed their unwillingness to cover for typhoon-related damages boats moored at the newly-developed Outer Cove Marina, it was learned.

This, despite the Marine Revitalization Corporation's (MRC), claim that the new marina is "safe."

The Allied Marine Surveyors, said in a letter sent to the Century Insurance Co., Ltd. that the new marina provides only minimal protection from sea action in the northeast side, and can only be considered effective in fair weather conditions.

Noel Slapp of the Allied Marine Surveyors said the new marina offers no protection from wind for any vessel moored inside.

He said that any storm passing close south of Saipan, over Saipan, or north of Saipan will result in winds emanating from the northeast, then swinging

At least 3 insurance firms shun coverage for boats

through north to the northwest. "We cannot recommend the Outer Smiling Cove Marina as a suitable storm mooring. When completed as proposed, it will be suitable as a fair weather mooring only," Slapp's letter indicated.

During a recent meeting of commercial boat owners, captains and their legal counsel Atty. Rexford Kosack, Slapp said that Century Insurance Co., Ltd. expressed its agreement with the result of the study by the Allied Marine Surveyors.

MRC's vice president Anthony Pellegrino, however, said that the new marina is "absolutely, positively safe" and it does not need another breakwall.

"Insurance companies do insure boats to stay in the marina, contrary to what Tasi Tours' attorney has said.

"Marina surveyors say it's safe, the Coast Guard has never declared it unsafe and in fact, the Coast Guard has praised the marina," Pellegrino said. (See related story)

Worldwide Insurance, in another letter, said that reinsurers have received reports from recognized experts that the outer marina will not afford the same protection

from typhoon winds and associated tidal surges that the inner marina offers.

"We would not be prepared to allow cover for typhoon-related damages for vessels which are moored at the outer marina," said the letter.

The insurance firm, however, said that it will be open to hearing any argument in favor of the new marina, provided it is from experts in the field of marine surveying.

Allied International Insurance Services also expressed its concerns at the "relative safety" of the new marina.

In a letter, the insurance firm said that in its proposed form, the outer cove marina will not give the same shelter and protection from tidal surge and wind as that which is afforded by the inner smiling cove marina in the event of a typhoon.

"Accordingly, we now must regretfully advise that we have taken a firm decision not to insure vessels against typhoon-related damage if such vessels are to be moored at the outer smiling cove marina," said the letter.

The insurance firm added that its stance on the issue will not change until such time as it can be convinced that the protection against typhoon damage is "the same, if not better than at the existing smiling cove marina."

"This decision follows opinions expressed by a number of maritime experts in Micronesia," the letter added.

Kosack said that his clients refuse to transfer to the new marina developed by the Marine Revitalization Corporation due to lack of safety facilities.

He said that his clients would not consider moving out to the new marina until it has breakwater, seawall with windbreak, floating docks, among others.

Commercial boats are used for transporting tourists and local residents to Managaha and other islands, as well as for fishing, water sports, sunset cruising and other marine recreations.

Boat and passenger safety were also the main concerns of a top official of the US Coast Guard with regards to the Outer Cove Marina.

In his letter to MRC Vice President Anthony Pellegrino, Capt. R.J. Asaro, Marianas Section Commander of the US Coast Guard said that the plan to move the boats to a safer area in case of a typhoon sounds feasible but the viability of the plan is still under study.

Asaro pointed out the Coast Guard would not be held liable for the securing method of a vessel in a storm, or any damage to a boat or facility resulting from a failed mooring system.

Pellegrino said that MRC's pockets are already empty to build breakwaters.

He, however, said that as soon as MRC finishes paying back the Bank of Hawaii for the money borrowed to develop the new marina, building breakwaters will be a priority.

Pellegrino answers back vs. opponents

MARINA developer Tony Pellegrino lashed back at opposing boat owners and their lawyer claiming they are misleading the public about the new marina project.

"First let's be honest here. The motivation for the attacks on the new marina are purely economic. Commercial boaters are hogging spaces in Smiling Cove from local people who want to dock their boat there," Pellegrino said in a news release.

He stressed Smiling Cove was not commercial interests, it was built with tax dollars for non-commercial boaters for local people who like to fish and boat.

"Local people are pushed onto a waiting list while commercial boaters enjoy the marina for very low fees. That is unfair. Smiling Cove is cheaper than the marina and the commercial boats are pretending the marina is unsafe as a subterfuge. They really just do not want to pay their fair share," he said.

Also Pellegrino asserted the marina is absolutely, positively safe and it does not need another breakwall.

According to him, marina surveyors say it is safe, the Coast Guard has never declared it unsafe and the Coast Guard has praised even the marina.

"All of us know about boaters whose boats were moored in the



Tony Pellegrino

marina area in years past when we had typhoons. None of them sank or were damaged. It is as easy to turn a boat in the marina as it is in the Smiling Cove," he said.

Also, Pellegrino said it is ridiculous for these large commercial boaters to say this new marina will hurt tourism.

"In fact, the marina is so beautiful it will attract tourism and encourage more local business people to compete against Tasi Tours and others. The bottom line is that these commercial boaters want a free ride in a marina intended for local recreation use. It was not until after we spent over \$3.5 million that they started to complain about make-believe safety and insurance problems. It is time for these tour operators to give back to the public and to support the CNMI's new marina," he said.

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New Superior Court Judge John A. Manglona takes his oath from Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio as his wife Mona and other family members look on. Photo by Sonnie Sablan

Hotel protests seizure of its karaoke equipment by DOLI

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A HOTEL has protested the government's seizure of karaoke equipment allegedly used in connection with employment and harboring illegal aliens.

Ki Yun Ho, general manager for Saipan Koresco Resort Club, pointed out that the confiscated items are properties of the hotel and not of 1004 Club's.

Ho, however, informed Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Goldberg, counsel for the Division of Immigration Service, that items like cigarettes, liquors, cups, and glasses indeed belong to Chang Hyun Corporation or known as 1004 Club.

The AGO and Immigration, through Goldberg, recently filed a petition seeking the forfeiture of the hotel's karaoke equipment and personal items which were seized

during an immigration enforcement operation.

Goldberg said the karaoke equipment was seized in connection with the operation last May 22 at Club 1004 located at Koresco Hotel in Koblerville.

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

The government lawyer stated that the petition was filed as part of the Commonwealth's "zero tolerance" policy of strict enforcement of immigration laws.

Ho, in a letter sent to AGO on Thursday, explained that Chang Hyun Corp., which operated the Club at the Hotel's 4th floor, is a separate independent entity.

Fejeran sues man over unpaid water tank

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

BUSINESSMAN Benigno T. Fejeran has sued a man demanding damages for alleged nonpayment of a water tank which was purchased six years ago.

Fejeran, through counsel Bruce Berline, named Manuel Castro as defendant in the suit for alleged breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and fraud. Fejeran asked the Superior Court to issue an order declaring Castro in breach of contract for nonpayment of debt.

Fejeran also demanded damages for fraud. According to the complaint filed on Thursday, in 1992 both parties entered into a written sales contract in which Fejeran would provide one unit 3,000 gallon water tank and water tank base to Castro.

It was agreed that Castro would pay Fejeran \$3,451.50 in 26 installments of \$75 for such items.

Berline said Castro, however, failed to pay for the water tank and water tank base, which resulted in the accumulation of defendant's debt to Fejeran.

Berline in the complaint said Castro acknowledged a debt of \$3,451.50 to plaintiff when he executed the sales contract, promising to pay the balance of his account in installments.

Castro re-acknowledged his debt when he made his one and only payment of \$75 on July 24, 1992, said the lawyer.

Berline added that Castro intentionally defrauded Fejeran by promising to pay for the equipment and supplies.

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France to close its nuclear test sites in 2 Pacific atolls

MELBOURNE (Pacnews)—France is reportedly set to close its nuclear test centre on the Pacific atolls of Mururoa and Fangataufa at the end of the month.

French Army Lieutenant-Colonel Lusson says the two sites have been cleaned up but will remain a closed military installation, Radio Australia reports.

He said some buildings such as office blocks, the desalination plant and incinerator will be demolished.

Colonel Lusson said the only structures to remain after July 31 will be an anti-cyclone sea defence well, a port, an airstrip and five concrete bunkers used to protect observers during nuclear tests.

He added that around 30 French legionnaires would remain on the atoll to prevent any unauthorised landings.

France conducted 193 underground and atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in Polynesia between 1966 and 1996.

Elsewhere in the Pacific Donor nations call for a change in approach

SUVA (Pacnews)—Development donors in the region are calling for a change in the approach to funded projects, according to the director of Pacific Island Development Programme (PIDP) at Hawaii-based East-West Centre, Dr Sitiveni Halapua.

He chaired the Pacific Island Countries and Development Partners (PIC/PAC Partners) meeting in Nadi, Fiji Thursday.

Halapua said during discussions, donors aired their dissatisfaction with the current 'project approach' used by Forum Island Countries (FICs) focussing on outcome rather than implementation.

He said, now donors want FICs to switch to the 'process approach' where they play a bigger role in decision making.

Giving an example, Dr Halapua said a project will be funded if donors know its benefits and who will make key decisions.

They say donors should understand a successful project funded in Papua New Guinea, does not necessarily mean that the same project will have similar results in Niue.

Commenting on the meeting, the World Bank's senior economist, Dr Hillarian Codippily says Pacific governments pay too much attention to providing employment instead of improving the standard of living and

the quality of life of their people. The World Bank instead calls for government activities to focus on core functions, such as health and education and improving public sector accountability.

It also recommends better public expense policies such as public tendering for infrastructure development.

The World Bank has also called for FICs to implement planning and budgetary procedures within a frame work of medium-term development programmes.

This implies that national budgets are to be prepared for the next 3 to 4 years, providing governments with a more realistic account of their financial position than the annual budgets currently being used.

According to the Taiwanese premier, Vincent Siew, his country will further promote development projects for Tonga in these areas.

Premier Siew and his wife, some cabinet ministers as well as reporters from Taiwan were in Nuku'alofa for the 80th birthday celebrations of King Taufa'ahu

Tupou IV. In an audience with the King, Siew said his government is very honoured that King Taufa'ahu has accepted an invitation to visit Taipei.

Meanwhile, Siew also praised the cordial relationship between the Taipei government and the Kingdom of Tonga, which now enters into its 26th year.

Tonga, Taiwan strengthen ties

NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)—The governments of Tonga and the Republic of China on Taiwan have vowed to further strengthen their mutual cooperation in a number of fields.

They include agriculture, technology, fisheries, small business ventures as well as cultural exchanges, Radio Tonga reports.

3 Pacific nations upgrade Customs

CANBERRA (Pacnews)—Three Pacific island countries, Samoa, Fiji and Vanuatu are to have their customs departments upgraded, resulting in simpler procedures and greater efficiencies.

The three countries are to introduce a new customs processing system known as ASYCUDA, which stands for Automated System for Customs Data.

The new system is expected to reduce trade costs, make customs

clearance procedures both simpler and more rigorous, and produce more accurate and timely trade data.

It's also expected to make it easier for customs officers to detect illegal shipments, including illicit drugs.

At present, customs agencies in most Pacific island countries process import and export documentation manually, leading to inefficiencies and increasing trade costs.

The introduction of the automated systems will dramatically speed up customs clearance and reduce the scope for fraud.

Australia's assistant treasurer, senator Rod Kemp, who attended this week's Forum Economic minister's meeting in Fiji, said on his return to Canberra that Australia would provide \$Aus6.5m (\$US4m) over three years to introduce the new automated customs processing system to Samoa, Fiji and Vanuatu.

Vanuatu task force learns of bad debts of state firms

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—Vanuatu's Comprehensive Reform Programme task force has learned of 3 billion vatu (\$US22 million) of bad and doubtful debt on part of the state lending institutions, the National Bank of Vanuatu, Development Bank of Vanuatu and Vanuatu National Provident Fund during a two-day conference which ends today in Port Vila.

This was revealed by the project manager for the Restructuring of Financial Institutions, Franklin Kere when advising of the steps being taken to restructure the two

banks and manage state assets of these organisations.

He says over 50% of the institutions' loans were bad or doubtful debt.

Finance Minister Sela Molisa when responding to a query on whether the country will face the same problems after the CRP is in place, says the government has stopped political interference in the institutions.

He says a new board will be appointed for the National Bank and four people will be brought in to establish lending policies, including a managing director.

Japan boats held by Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian border guards detained four Japanese fishing vessels off the disputed Kuril Islands and escorted them to port for investigation, a news agency reported Saturday.

ITAR-Tass, citing the border service, said the firstboat was stopped on Friday off Tanfil'yev Island, which lies a scant 15 miles north of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

Later, authorities said, three other boats were detained near Iturup Island with fish aboard. All four vessels were taken to the Russian port of Yuzhno-Kurilsk for questioning.

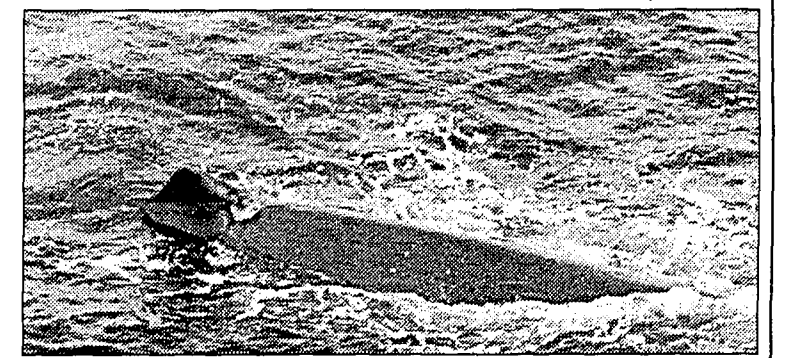
The incident comes amid reports that Japan is considering financial assistance to Russia to help ease its economic crisis.

Russian Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko is to begin a visit to Tokyo on Monday. Russian President Boris

Yeltsin spoke by telephone with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, but it is unclear whether the boating incident was discussed.

Such incidents are common in the Kuril Islands, which Russia claimed after World War II.

Japan has demanded the islands back, and they have become the chief irritant in relations between the two countries.



A whale, with an injury to its back, is seen on the surface of the sea off Tomiura, Japan south of Tokyo Thursday. The whale collided with a fishing boat, carrying 14 people. AP

Thai monk gets criticized over Buddha statue

By Thakina Khaikaw BAN PHO, Thailand (AP) — A statue of the Buddha that some Thais call inspired but others find offensive may cost the monk who had it built his job.

The 33-foot-high statue in Chachoengsio province, 19 miles east of Bangkok, depicts the Buddha standing with his right foot atop a large globe of the world.

Phra Khru Sopsitakun, the 61-year-old abbot of Sanamchan temple, has said the statue was inspired by a dream he had and represents the Buddha protecting the globe while spreading his teachings.

Academics, other monks and government officials dispute his vision, condemning the statue as bizarre and offensive to the Buddhist religion.

Several have described the pose as "aggressive," a concept contrary to Buddhist teachings.

Phra Mahajern Surako, a monk who is director of the Buddhism Research Institute at the country's main institution of higher religious learning, said the pose is not one of the 60 accepted styles of the Buddha's image.

He and other critics said such a pose could create an uneasy feeling among people rather than help them achieve peace of mind.

"It may be against the Buddhist principles that teach followers to be modest," said Woraphong Vechamaleononda of the Thai Inter-Religious Commission for Development, a nongovernmental organization.

The religious affairs department of the Education Ministry sent a team to the temple Saturday to interview the abbot.

Ministry officials have said the controversial statue could be demolished and the abbot kicked out of the monkhood if it is found to be contrary to religious regulations, the newspaper The Nation reported Saturday.

"Posing with one foot on the globe is like sneering at the world," Education Minister Chumpol Silapa-archa was quoted saying.

"There is no such thing in either the Buddha's teachings or in our traditions."

The monk's devotees, however, feel he has done nothing wrong. Thanom Heng-somboon, 45, a temple attendant for 23 years, believes the statue has no ill impact on Buddhism, but rather demonstrates the goodwill of the abbot in spreading the faith.

Solomons to collect more in fishing fees

HONIARA (Pacnews)—The Solomon Islands government will now be collecting more than double from fishing permits and licence fees from Taiwanese fishing boats.

This follows the signing Tuesday of a bilateral fishing agreement in Honiara between the Taiwanese Premier Vincent Siew and Solomon Islands Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulufa'alu.

Under secretary for fisheries Albert Wata says this was the best fishing agreement any Pacific Island country has ever struck with Taiwan.

Under the new agreement, Solomon Islands will be collecting more than \$US200,000 annually for fishing permits and licences for 20 Taiwanese fishing boats.

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This was the year Solomon Islands and Taiwan had established diplomatic relations.

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Indonesia party elects reformer

By Irwan Firdaus
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's ruling party overwhelmingly elected a new reformist chairman on Saturday, further severing former President Suharto's ties to power while promoting democratic change.

The vote, the first of its kind in the Golkar party's history, was a major boost for the leadership of new President B.J. Habibie, who has promised more democracy for the world's fourth most populous nation.

The action formally ended Suharto's role as the party's chief patron.

His key supporters were expected to be purged from the ranks

of the party, including two of his wealthy children, who with their father are fighting off allegations of corruption.

"Suharto's power is now over politically," said Rizal Ramli, an analyst with Econit, a Jakarta-based think tank.

Saturday's election of Akbar Tanjung came at the end of a



B.J. Habibie

three-day special congress of Golkar members held less than two months after violent protests forced Suharto to step down, ending 32 years in power.

Akbar, a member of Habibie's Cabinet, won 17 out of the 27 votes cast by party delegates.

Rival candidate Edy Sudradjat, a retired army general and a former defense minister backed by supporters of Suharto, attracted only 10 votes.

Akbar is a close Habibie aide and was the president's personal choice for the party chairmanship.

Within hours of his victory, party officials said Akbar had formally dissolved Golkar's board of patrons, headed by Suharto.

Until now the body had been instrumental in deciding party policy.

The officials said Suharto's eldest daughter, Tutut, a former Cabinet minister, would be replaced as a junior party chairwoman.

Second son Bambang would lose his job as party treasurer.

"There is no place for the Suharto family in the new Golkar," said Sarwono Kusumaatmaja, a former environment minister.

During his three decades in power, Suharto blatantly used Golkar to dominate a largely symbolic form of parliamentary democracy that legitimized his authoritarian rule.

Some have speculated that he had wanted to maintain his influence within Golkar to protect his family's huge business interests in the face of an ongoing corruption investigation.

However, Saturday's ballot appears to have ended any chance of that.

Although the party has millions of members and remains organizationally and financially strong, there are doubts about its future as new parties are founded ahead of promised free elections next year.

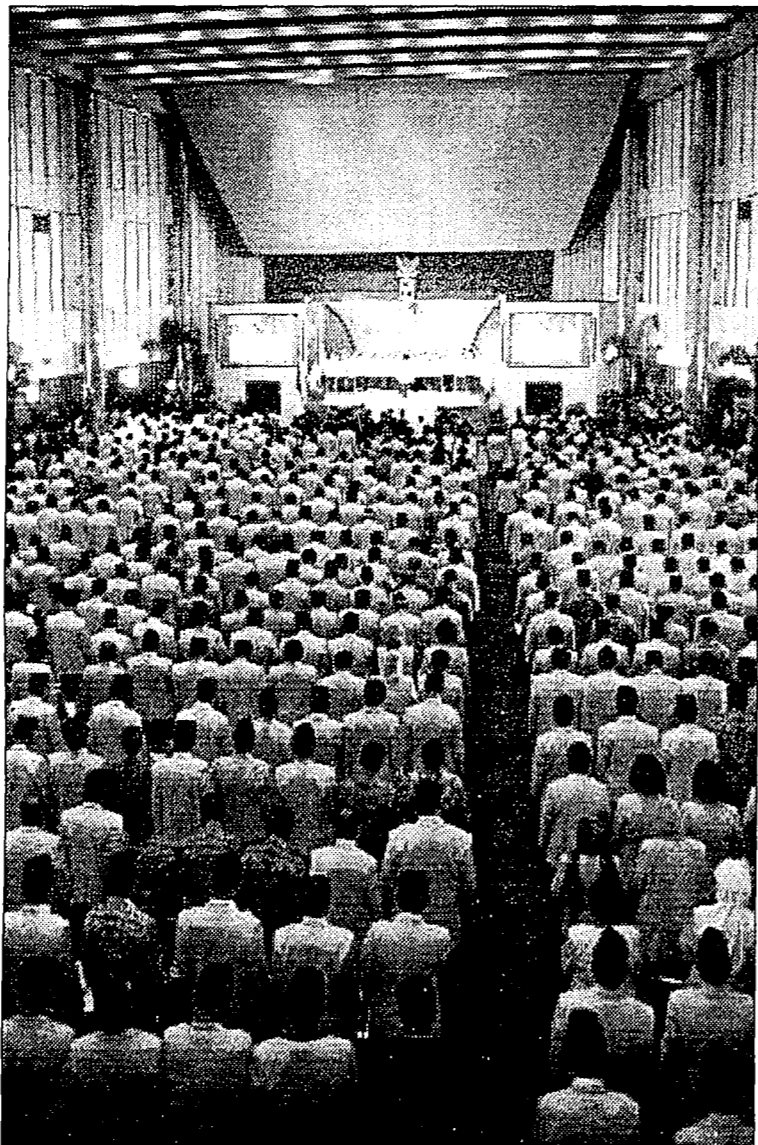
"I promise to improve and reform Golkar and rid it of nepotism, corruption and collusion," Akbar told reporters.

Saturday's ballot was the first time Golkar delegates were asked to vote for a new party chief since it was formed in 1964.

In the past, chairmen were chosen by Suharto and a small group of advisers and then endorsed by the party machine.

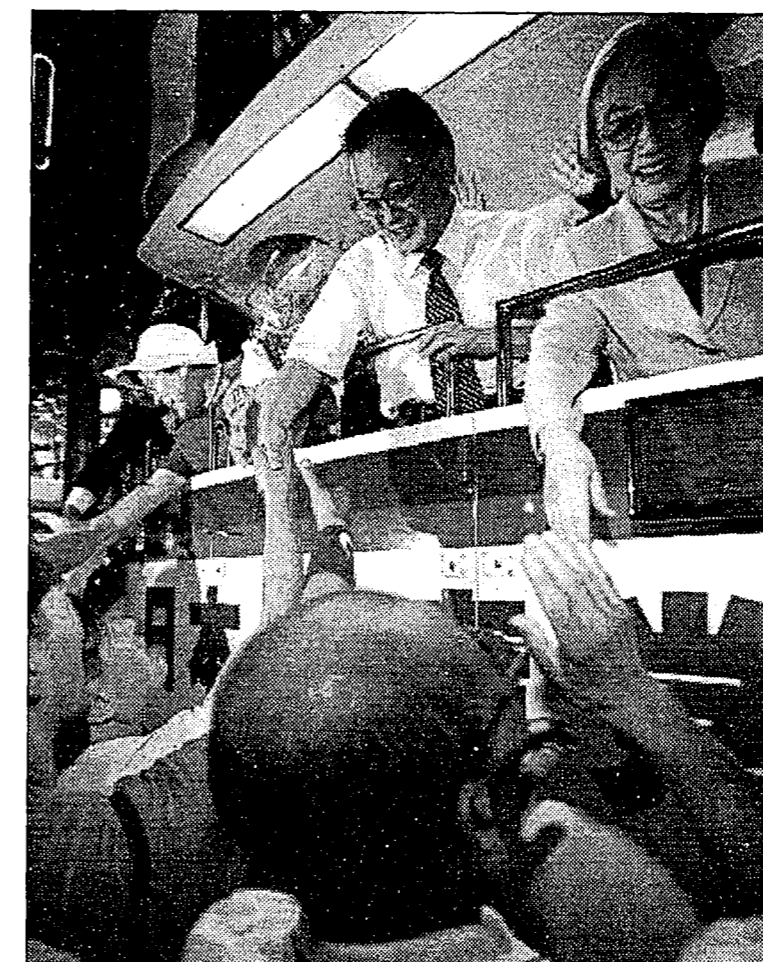
Analysts said Suharto's followers, many of them retired generals, had sought to slow down political reform to protect the positions they had gained under Suharto.

Akbar's victory followed a strong call for reform made by Habibie in a speech to the congress on Thursday.



Members of Indonesia's ruling political party, Golkar, stand as they sing the national anthem at the opening of the party congress in Jakarta Thursday. The party chose a noted reformer as new chairman discussed Indonesia's crushing economic crisis. AP

Japan holds elections



Japan Communist Party leader Tetsuzo Fuwa, center, and his wife Nakako Ueda, right, reach out to greet supporters Friday during a campaign stop in Tokyo. Sunday's elections of members to Japan's upper house of parliament are widely seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. AP

By ERIC TALMADGE
TOKYO (AP) — Voters turned out in unexpectedly high numbers Sunday for parliamentary elections seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's efforts to pull Japan out of its worst recession since World War II.

The bigger turnout could mean trouble for Hashimoto — analysts have predicted that more votes could mean more ballots cast in protest against Hashimoto's ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

At stake are half the 252 seats in the Parliament's upper house.

Hashimoto's Liberal Democrats are in no danger of losing their hold on power because of their strong majority in the lower house and Hashimoto himself was not up for re-election.

But the elections are an important test of whether voters hold Hashimoto and his party responsible for the Japan's economic malaise.

If the ruling party does poorly, Hashimoto will be under intense pressure to resign.

By mid-afternoon, 30.15 percent of Japan's 99.4 million registered voters had cast ballots, up 3.29 percentage points from the same time during the last election, according to the Home Affairs Ministry.

Polling was scheduled to continue until 8:00 p.m. (11:00 GMT) — two hours longer than usual due to concerns over falling voter turnout in recent elections.

The results of about 90 percent of the votes were expected by 1 a.m. Monday (16:00 GMT Sunday).

Sunday's elections are the first in the upper house since Hashimoto came to power in early 1996.

With record-high unemployment, rising bankruptcies, and party members tainted by bribery scandals, the ruling party had geared up for a rough ride.

partners to pass legislation.

It had previously worked with two much smaller parties — the Socialists and another liberal group — in a rather precarious coalition.

Finding a willing partner may be more difficult in the future.

Both of the LDP's previous coalition partners have distanced themselves from the ruling party, and are now fighting to survive.

The decline of the Socialists, which until a few years ago was the LDP's only serious rival, has been met with the rise of a new

opposition group headed by a charismatic liberal, Naoto Kan.

Kan's Democratic Party held 38 seats in the upper house going into the election.

But Kan's personal popularity has been clouded by the party's vague stance on major issues.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice that the NMHC is soliciting proposals from licensed companies in the Commonwealth engaged in providing building maintenance services to provide, on an "As-Needed Basis", maintenance of its Central Office and Section 8 Housing Units in Saipan.

Sealed proposals will be received until 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 13, 1998 at NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The proposal documents, which are available at NMHC's Office, shall be signed by the owner or authorized agent of the firm, and shall be enclosed in an envelope which shall be sealed and clearly labeled, "BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL". Companies shall be responsible for the placement of its firm's name and address on the outside proposal envelope.

NMHC hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, handicapped/disabling conditions, or national origin.

Proposal Specifications may be obtained at the NMHC Office in Garapan, anytime between the hours of 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Questions or additional information may be directed to Edith Fejeran, Office Manager, at 234-6866/9447.

NMHC reserves the right to waive any information and to reject any and all proposals in the best interest of NMHC.

MARYLOU S. ADA
 Corporate Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 RFP-98-0060

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus R. Sablan, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Department of Finance's Division of Procurement and Supply, are soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms for repair and renovation of the Department of Youth Service's North and South Emergency Shelters on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Scope of Work for the above may be picked up at the office of the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. at 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All Proposals must be in a sealed envelope marked RFP98-0060, submitted in duplicate to the Office of the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or before 2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 17, 1998, at which time and place all proposals will be opened. Any proposal received late will not be accepted.

The project funded by Emergency Shelter Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the Commonwealth Government and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation must comply to local and federal government guidelines with respects to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 and the labor standards provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI, Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Document.

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Clinton: More anti-drugs funds

By Sandra Sobieraj
WASHINGTON (AP) — Tests of criminal defendants in 23 major cities showed Saturday the nation's drug problem is regional and generational, as the use of "speed" rebounds in the West and Southwest and cocaine loses its appeal among young troublemakers.



President Bill Clinton speaks during a rally to announce a comprehensive national anti-drug communications campaign in Atlanta Thursday. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, center, and Barry McCaffrey, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, right, look on.

In light of the findings, President Clinton released \$32 million to help local officials tailor anti-drug strategies.

The grants announced in Clinton's weekly radio address followed a nationwide \$1 billion government anti-drug ad campaign launched Thursday.

Clinton also pushed Saturday for Congress to provide an additional \$85 million to expand mandatory drug testing and treatment programs for probationers, prisoners and parolees.

Of the federal money released Saturday, \$27 million will be used to create special drug courts in 150 jurisdictions.

More than 270 drug courts already exist around the country, combining supervision with sanctions, testing and drug treatment to coerce nonviolent criminals to come clean.

"To stop the revolving door of crime and narcotics, we must make offenders stop abusing drugs," Clinton said.

He noted that in some cities, drug-court participants have recidivism — or repeat offender — rates as low as 4 percent.

An additional \$5 million in federal money was released to six cities with documented problems of methamphetamine abuse.

Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Minneapolis and Little Rock, Ark., are getting grants to tailor enforcement and prevention efforts to the peculiarities of methamphetamine use.

"There is no single national drug problem. We have lots of very different local drug problems," said Jeremy Travis, director of the National Institute of Justice, research arm of the Justice Department.

The grants came as the institute's Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring program, or ADAM, showed a rebound in methamphetamine — or "speed" — use in Western and Southwestern cities.

Where use among arrested people fell in these cities between 1994 and 1996, 1997 testing for the aggression-inducing stimulant put its use back close to 40 percent of adults arrested in San Diego; 18 percent in San Jose, Calif.; 16 percent in Phoenix and Portland, Ore.; and 10 percent in Omaha, Neb.

By contrast, crack cocaine use continued to wane in Manhattan, with 21 percent of arrestees testing positive last year compared to 77 percent in

1988. The ADAM survey also found cocaine is not as popular with young defendants as it used to be.

In Detroit and Washington, just 5 percent of those aged 15-20 tested positive for cocaine use, compared with almost 50 percent of those 36 and over.

In the late 1980s cocaine use among those arrested for crimes reached 80 percent and higher.

"The younger brother looks at what's happening to his older brother, who is now either in jail or a crackhead, ... and says, 'I don't want that to be me,'" Travis said.

Marijuana use appeared to be leveling off among male criminals.

Fifteen of the 23 survey sites reported drops in marijuana use by the younger group, including substantial drops of between five and nine percentage points in Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Omaha, Phoenix

and Washington.

Some cities reported slight increases in pot smoking by arrested women.

Heroin is finding a younger client base in New Orleans, Philadelphia and St. Louis, the only three sites where heroin abuse was more likely among the 15-20 age group than the older one.

"These findings reinforce the need to be able to monitor the drug use problems at the local level, to provide policy makers with specific

guidance about how their programs and interventions are succeeding," said Dr. Jack Riley, the ADAM program's director.

The program exists in 35 cities — 23 that reported in 1997 and 12 new ones — and is due to expand by 2000 to 75 or 80, including every U.S. city with populations greater than 200,000.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes (June 18, 1998)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE (information only)
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. Financial Affairs
 - Adoption of Financial Statement
 - 2. Seaport Facilities
 - 3. Airport Facilities
 - 4. Personnel Affairs
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - 1. Project Status Report
 - 2. Airport Traffic and Earnings Report, 1996 & 1997
 - 3. Airport Fuel Storage Tank/Pipeline for Saipan and Tinian
 - 4. Funding for Drainage System for Port of Saipan
 - 5. Update on Tinian Airport and Seaport Projects
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Revocable Permit 02-98 (J.M. & Associates)
 - 2. Grazing Permit (Juan M. Guerrero)
 - 3. Grazing Permit (Joaquin V. Guerrero)
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/Antonio S. Camacho
Chairman, Board of Directors

July 9, 1998
Date

Lott: Democrats are stalling

By Alice Ann Love
WASHINGTON (AP) — Stalling by Democrats may make it difficult for Republicans to enact new tax cuts and pass other important legislation this year, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Saturday.

"I want you to know in advance what we're up against—so you won't be surprised by some political shenanigans that seem to be already in the works," Lott warned in the GOP's weekly radio address.

Pressure is mounting for Congress to pass spending bills before the government's budget year ends Sep-

tember 30.

Republicans also would like to pass legislation addressing drugs, juvenile crime, job training, education, abuse of bankruptcy laws and religious persecution abroad.

Lott said he even wants to add more tax cuts to the agenda but said the crucial spending bills make "easy targets for any faction that wants to tie up the Congress in knots."

Last week, the Republican leader pulled one spending bill off the Senate floor when Democrats tried to attach as an amendment legislation they say is needed to protect Ameri-

can consumers against restrictive plans.

Without mentioning that incident, Lott said the Democrats' "goal is to create a legislative logjam. ... a logjam that can only be broken by giving President Clinton more of your money to spend."

Lott blamed the president for the congressional "slowdown," saying a preoccupation with foreign visits and Rose Garden ceremonies distracts Clinton's attention from important matters on Capitol Hill.

"In all my years in government, I

cannot remember a time — except during the final months of the Watergate tragedy — when the president of the United States was so disengaged, so personally removed from the work of the Congress," Lott said.

"Whatever the reason, President Clinton has chosen to become a bystander to the hard work of advancing the nation's business."

Early this year it was Democrats crying foul, with accusations that Republicans were dragging their heels on tobacco legislation and campaign

finance measures.

Both bills ended up in the congressional waste bin.

But Lott said under Republican leadership, the Congress has been able to cut taxes and balance the budget, as well as overhaul the Internal Revenue Service.

"If you keep a sharp eye on the legislative action — or inaction — behind the headlines, you'll be able to figure out who's trying to score one for the American people — and who's just trying to run out the clock," he said.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1), the Division of Public Lands is hereby giving notice of its intended action in connection with the leasing of certain public land in Marpi, Saipan. As required by the afore-cited section of the public land law, this notice shall appear in this paper for a period of 8 days, and any interested party of the general public may submit comments, data, views, arguments of alternative proposals to lease the subject public land, within 15 days of this announcement, after which time the Division of Public Lands shall not accept any comments or proposals from any interested party. This eight-day notice shall commence 7/9/98 and end 7/20/98.

As further provided in 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1) (A) to (E), the following pertinent information is required to be published:

- A. The public land property to be leased is located in Marpi, the southeast corner adjoining the former Naval Radar Tracking Station. The land parcel is more particularly described as Lot No. 009 C 03, containing an area of 625 square meters.
 - B. The proposed Lessee is Saipan Cellular and Paging.
 - C. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Hans Mickelson, General Manager of Saipan Cellular and Paging.
 - D. Lot 009 C 03 will be leased for the purpose of constructing and maintaining structural facility necessary for the operation of a transmitter antenna for cellular telephones, including other related telecommunication equipment.
- The term of the proposed lease is for five consecutive five-year periods, for a maximum period of 25 years.
- The annual rental for the five-year period was negotiated after an appraisal of the subject lot was made. The minimum annual rental as negotiated will be \$7,800. The annual rental for each successive five-year period shall be based on eight percent (8%) of the fair market value of the subject lot, as required by 2 CMC § 2677 (d).
- A complete copy of the proposed lease may be obtained at the Division of Public Lands, located in the JTV Commercial Building at As Lito, Saipan.
- E. No alternative proposals for the leasing of lot 009 C 03 has been received by the Division of Public Lands.
 - F. The Director of the Division of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 7/23/98 at the Division of Public Lands' office at As Lito.

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- C. I Maproponen na atkilon manegosio entre as Mr. Hans Mickelson, Manehanten i Saipan Cellular Paging.
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Sangi alieéwal me bwángil mille 2 CMC § 2675 (f) (1), nge Divisional Public Lands ekke arongar toulap igha ekk... mángly bwe ebwe adkilaalo ehgus faluweer toulap iye elo Maschapi, Saipel. Igha eflí bwe milka e ghommwolo meloi Alleghul Toulap, nge arongorong yeel nge ebwe loowow lól simbung walará (8), aramas kka re tipal nge emmwel schag re bwe ischitw meela mánge mangoróng, ipeer me ngare yaar abawbay reel liiwel pomw kka re bwe adkilaay faluweer toulap yeel, lól seigh me limrá (15) sángi igha e toowow arongoróng yeel, mwiil nge Divisional Public Lands ressóow bweiwoghólo milka e atooloolong sángir aramas ngare school busines. Arongorong ye w. Jlaral nge ebwe bweleta wóol 7/9/98 ngal 7/20/98.

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Abortion is dividing GOP, says Nebraska lawmaker

By Kevin O'hannon
GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — Rep. Doug Bereuter stunned delegates to the Nebraska Republican convention Saturday by saying too many party members are using Christianity for political gain and making abortion too much of a cornerstone issue.

"Question no individual man or woman's religious sincerity, but ... a lot of people got religion lately when it seemed to be especially good politics with certain voting blocs," the 10-term congressman told the 450 convention delegates.

"That is called exploitation and it leads to further cynicism and distrust of all who cite their religious views or act upon them."

Bereuter said the abortion issue has become so prevalent in the party's rhetoric that it is alienating voters in Nebraska and nationwide.

"I am pro-life by commitment," he said.

"As important as that issue is ... it is clear that the average Nebraska Republican voter does not believe this issue should absolutely predominate over all others.

"Have we permitted this issue to tear us apart?"

"A large and growing number of Americans see the two

parties as sidetracked on peripheral issues — some group's social-religious concerns or moral agenda — instead of getting those Americans what they want: the tools and opportunity to pursue the American dream," he continued.

"I like you a lot, but I'm telling you, as a group at least, you are not representative of the average Nebraska Republicans."

Bereuter, who has served Nebraska's 1st District since 1978, emphasized that he still thinks religion has a place in the party, as long as Christianity is not the only one acceptable.

"Christianity is a keystone of my personal life," Bereuter said.

"Yet I must tell you that I wince every time our prayers at Republican gatherings are overtly Christian and exclusionary of Jews, Moslems, Hindu or the Asian religions that are practiced by our fellow Americans."

While some delegates applauded Bereuter and congratulated him after the speech, many sat quietly in their chairs as he exited the ballroom.

Bereuter said afterwards that his speech was the result of "just a collection of thoughts over a period of time."

"There are ... things ... that I can say now that other people can't say that need to be said," Bereuter said.



Austin Welter-Mayne, lower left, shows Vice President Al Gore that he is four-years-old as he and his sister, Adrianna, 3, get a close-up visit when Gore arrived at the Dubuque, Iowa, Regional Airport Thursday. Launching a spirited and partisan assault on Republican leaders, Gore said Democrats will "buck the historical trend" and seize at least partial control of Congress in November.

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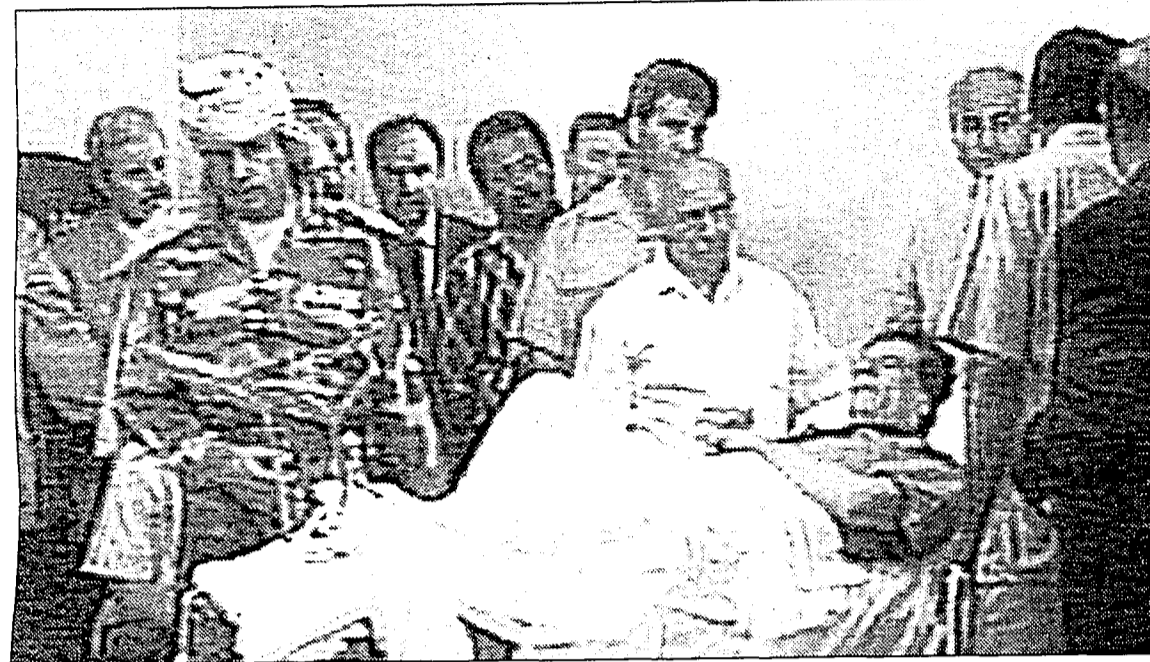
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Arafat visits Gadhafi



Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi welcomes unidentified dignitaries from his hospital bed in Al-Bayda, Libya last Monday in this image taken from Libyan state TV. Gadhafi was to undergo surgery late Monday after he fractured a bone near his hip when he tripped and fell while exercising. AP

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat traveled Saturday to Libya to visit ailing Col. Moammar Gadhafi, traveling by land via Tunisia because of the U.N. air embargo on Libya, according to Palestinian sources.

Arafat's visit to Gadhafi, who had surgery Monday on a broken hip, follows that of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the presidents of Chad and Niger earlier in the week.

Arafat's adviser in Gaza, Marwan Kanafani, told The Associated Press that the Palestinian leader planned to "wish Gadhafi well after his leg surgery."

The Palestinian leader was forced to take a roundabout route because of the air embargo imposed in 1992 on Libya — unlike Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who flew to Tripoli Thursday after getting special authorization from the United Nations.

It was the first time the world body had authorized such a move for a world leader.

The U.N. Security Council imposed the embargo on Libya in a bid to force Gadhafi to turn over two Libyans wanted for the 1988 bombing of an American airliner over the Scottish town of Lockerbie. The crash killed 270 people.

Palestinian sources in the Tunisian capital said Arafat traveled by land Saturday afternoon to Libya from the island of Djerba, 300 miles southeast of Tunis. Djerba, a vacation resort, has a land link to Libya.

Arafat then headed for Gadhafi's residence in al-Bayda, 865 miles east of the capital, an editor at the official Libyan news agency JANA in Tripoli told The Associated Press.

The JANA employee, reached by telephone from Cairo, said he did not know whether Arafat was flying to al-Bayda.

In announcing that it had authorized the Mubarak flight, U.N. officials in New York said no such permission had been granted to the presidents of Chad and Niger, who arrived days before Mubarak.

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Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, center, is escorted by bodyguards as he walks to a mosque in Ramallah for Friday noon prayers. Arafat dispatched a Palestinian delegation for talks in Washington to discuss the stalled Mideast peace process. AP

Islamic Jihad holds rally

By Ibrahim Barzak
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hundreds of followers of the militant Palestinian group Islamic Jihad, chanted "Death to Israel and America," and burned both nations' flags at a rally Saturday in the Gaza Strip.

Also Saturday, the weekly newspaper of the Islamic Jihad party was back on the streets across Palestinian territories after a hiatus of more than two years.

Leaders of the Islamic Jihad, which opposes peace with Israel and has claimed responsibility for deadly attacks against the Jewish state, made fiery speeches, threatening renewed violence and holy war.

"(Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu understands the language of pain. Who can inflict pain on him more than the sons of Islamic Jihad and Hamas," Abdullah Shami, head of the Islamic movement in Gaza, told the crowd.

Twenty masked men dressed in all-white marched with Islamic flags and pictures of dead leaders.

They burned two Israeli flags and one American flag, while members of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian police force guarded the area.

Arafat cracked down on the Islamic movement in March 1996 after a series of terror attacks claimed by both Islamic Jihad and the larger militant Hamas group killed dozens of people in Israel.

Both groups, who serve as Arafat's main opposition in Palestinian politics, have gradually been allowed to return to activities.

The Islamic Jihad's newspapers Al-Istiqal, or Independence, launched in October 1994, was ordered closed as part of the crackdown.

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Zoo bear kills girl in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A bear in a zoo in southern Iran pulled a 4-year-old girl into its cage and killed her, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported Saturday.

Samira Ahmadi and her 16-year-old brother, Dariush, were walking past the bear's cage on Thursday when the animal pulled her in through the food slot, the agency reported.

Workers at the zoo in the city of Hormozgan were unable to force the bear to let go of her, the agency reported.

Firefighters called to the zoo sprayed the bear with a water hose until they were able to recover the body.

Mayor of Tehran claims innocence

By Afshin Valinejad
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In the closing session of his corruption trial, the mayor of Tehran on Saturday proclaimed his innocence and asked the court to consider all that he had done for the Iranian capital.

"As mayor of Tehran, I earned 10 trillion rials (\$3.3 billion) for the Islamic Republic and spent 10 trillion rials for it," Gholamhossein Karbaschi said.

"With such great sums, some mistakes have to be accepted," he said. "But I never stole anything."

Karbaschi has been accused of embezzling millions of dollars in public funds and using some of the money to finance last year's election campaign by President Mohammad Khatami.

The trial, which has gripped Iran since it opened a month ago, is widely seen as an attempt by hard-liners in the ruling hierarchy to topple key officials allied with the moderate Khatami.

Karbaschi ran Khatami's election campaign last year.

Karbaschi reminded the court of his work in improving Tehran, where he has reduced pollution and built parks, roads, sports and cultural centers.

Judge Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejaei said Karbaschi's services would be taken into account in the verdict, which is expected in about 10 days.

But "if a manager breaks the law, his services do not preclude him from prosecution," said the judge — who is also the prosecutor.

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reduced prices.

For the last three years, the PSS charges \$0.50 for every breakfast, and \$0.75 for lunch of students from families with incomes that exceed the federal guidelines.

"For certain kids whose families don't meet the income guideline, or who have food stamps, they will automatically have free breakfast and lunch. The rest of the kids will get those at reduced prices," FNS Nutritionist Tina P. Goodwin told the Variety.

Other private schools, including Mt. Carmel, Sister Remedios and Joshua Generation International Academy, also avail of the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP).

PSS Commissioner Rita H. Inos said many parents have the capability to help PSS with the meals of their children in school.

"I don't have fear that kids don't

have resources for their food because many of the parents give a dollar everyday to their child. They can set aside 50 cents of that for a nutritious meal, and that, I would suggest," said Inos.

Goodwin pointed out that the actual cost of every meal is \$2.22, and other students pay only \$0.75 or \$0.50. The NAP, through the federal funds, pay for the rest.

"I don't think you can find as much nutritious foods than we give the students at reduced price or for free," Goodwin remarked.

However, she said that despite the PSS's strict compliance with the US Dietary Allowance Program Aide, some parents think their children are not given the right food that they need because it only costs cheap.

"I think there's a stigma that because it is inexpensive, it should not be very good. Actually, we're very regulated and we provide more nutritious food than they can buy somewhere else.

"In fact, a study reveals that kids who eat at school (through NAP) are actually healthier than those who bring their own food, no matter what income brackets they come from," said Goodwin.

The PSS serves around 12,000 meals a day for 180 days. About 10,000 of these meals are served on Saipan alone. The rest goes to Tinian and Rota.

Furthermore, 80 percent of PSS elementary school children avail of the NAP. In high school, however, the student participation in the program is less than 30 percent.

"When they grow older, they want more freedom. But we are trying to improve that," said Goodwin.

Goodwin added that it is only on Saipan where students either get the meals for free or reduced prices. In Guam and other US territories, students either have free, reduced or fully paid breakfast and lunch.

"Since we did not choose to ship food commodities from other places, we opted for just more money from the federal government. That amount we give to the kids in the form of nutritious foods," said Goodwin.

On Saipan, students pay for their meals on a daily basis, while in Rota and Tinian, students can pay one or two weeks in advance for the whole week's meals.

Guam . . .

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(DOLI) resident directors on Tinian and Rota.

"We will be monitoring that (smuggling activities)," said Zachares.

Zachares said the the task force's creation, being done through the coordination of the FBI, is still in its preliminary stages.

He said more discussions have been slated on the matter upon his

return from an official visit to Washington, D.C.

It will be recalled that several months back, labor and immigration operatives nabbed a female Chinese national at the coast off Laulau beach apparently waiting for the boat that will take her to Guam.

Rota, it has been reported, has also become a take off point for illegal immigrants to Guam.

Most of these illegal immigrants were reportedly Chinese workers who saved nearly \$1,000 to pay for the ride to Guam.

Ying Tsong-wen, has backed Cheng as part of maneuvers to place the Investigation Bureau back under the national security wing.

Ying has denied it.

Returning Friday from a trip to three South Pacific nations, Premier Vincent Siew said he regretted the development and promised to punish officials who had engaged in any wrongdoing.

Sex . . .

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The Investigation Bureau was responsible for cracking down on political dissent during the martial law era. But following Taiwan's democratic reforms, it has shifted its focus to criminal investigation.

Newspapers said the chief of the National Security Bureau,

Terenio's proposal to allow the CNMI to impose restrictions on the "automatic" granting of US citizenship to children of nonresident parents; and the ownership of the Northern Marianas's submerged lands.

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very near future" to begin a new round of 902 discussions.

Last year, then governor Froilan C. Tenorio suspended 902 discussions, describing it as "useless."

This was after the Clinton administration announced support for a "federal takeover" of local immigration and minimum wage policies without, Tenorio noted, going through the 902 process.

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Twenty quarters and the Angels have yet to give up a single point.

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Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, said the DHHS has started to develop a strategy for meeting the health and human service needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Simpson said the initiative is the result of advocacy and educational efforts of community-based and national Asian Americans and Pacific Islander organizations.

The health official said national and community leaders and experts in Asian American and Pacific Islander health developed sets of agency-specific recommendations, in two major DHHS-supported conferences.

The implementation of the action agenda will involve sustained, collaborative efforts within the DHHS, and between the federal government and community-based organizations.

New . . .

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A "compromise" bill, H.B. 11-244 was introduced and passed after the House leadership failed to agree on the absolute quota provision of the original bill, H.B. 11-139, which called for both a hike in user fee and the "attrition" in the number of alien workers in the industry.

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Prec. 2, Saipan) told the Variety that the House leadership will continue to push for an attrition legislation.

Commenting on the user fee hike, Saipan Garment Manufacturer's Association (SGMA) executive director Ri-

chard A. Pierce said in a statement, "It is reckless to endanger an industry that we're all becoming more dependent upon."

In an earlier interview, Manglona said the passage of the two bills proves that the CNMI can address local labor and immigration problems without waiting for the federal government to step in.

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Angles . . .

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Tim Shiroma field goal.

Minutes later after a defensive stop, the Angels struck again.

This time with super-talent Scott Persing, who went off-tackle left, froze two defenders with two quick jukes and scampered into the end zone for an 80-yard touchdown to make it 10-0 midway through the first quarter.

"You can try to contain him every single carry," teammate Mike Willessaid.

"But he's bound to break your back with one big run. He's the complete package. He's fast, he's strong and he's got the moves."

After halftime, Mobil's top defense quickly stopped PacSports' initial drive before taking over and driving for another score.

Persing capped off the drive with a five-yard run, leaping and soaring into the endzone from the four-yard line.

That touchdown was his league-leading sixth of the season, surpassing teammate Bobby Degregorio.

The Angels defense, on the other hand, came up big time and time again.

The Cardinals threatened to break the scoreless streak as they moved into the Angels' 12-yard line twice in the second half, but both drives resulted in turnovers as Kevin Rivera recovered a Darryl Brown fumble and linebacker Benjie Pangelin intercepted a Brown pass to end the other threatening drive.

Mobil promptly orchestrated a 92-yard drive in the following minutes, capped off by fullback James Buckman pushing his way to a three-yard score.

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He said officials have been trying to make peace between them, but "if they do not stop, we're going to hit whoever blocks our way."

Basilan Governor Wahab Akbar said at least 60 houses, mostly grass

huts, have been burned since the fighting began, forcing about 100 residents to flee and local officials to suspend classes on the island, about 910 kilometers (564 miles) south of Manila.

The two families have been at odds since the early 1980s due to a land dispute and the alleged

killing of a son of Ahalui by one of the Abulkarims, local officials said. Nobody knows what touched off the latest encounters, they added.

The island of about 5,000 mostly impoverished fishermen is reportedly a drop-off point for smuggled goods in the southern Philippines.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Supplemental Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on June 30, 1998, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: real property situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract No. 027 T 02, containing an area of 25,001 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 027 T 00 dated February 10, 1976.

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Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the Plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

Enforcement of Auction Sale. a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the Plaintiff, in care of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, Plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction. b. Court Approval Required. Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted.

Changes of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders, by constructive notice.

DATED, this 6th day of July, 1998.

JOHN B. JOYSNER, Auctioneer

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

JOSE T. CHARFAUROS and MARY C. CHARFAUROS, Plaintiffs. CONSTANZA M. FLEMING, Defendant. Civil Action No. 96-1294

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Supplemental Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on June 30, 1998, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: real property situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract No. 027 T 02, containing an area of 25,001 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 027 T 00 dated February 10, 1976.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 14, 1998, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the obligation of each bidder to inspect the property. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed.

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ment through a legislation to provide more enforcement authority as far as tracking down illegal businesses," he stressed.

Babauta was asking the Public Auditor to look whether or not business permits and licenses were issued in accordance with existing rules and regulations. He stressed that business

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tion to pay a "non-contract." Last February, the Variety reported that the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking into the possible liability of MVB officials who told

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ment doesn't have the cash flow to pay it now, technically it is a deficit," he pointed out.

Reyes said he would rather see this route than the government laying off employees because it is unable to pay their salaries. "I am just hoping that we don't fill vacant

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"difficultly" due to the government's cash-strapped condition.

"That's why we're considering floating bonds," Sablan said. He added that the administration is currently working with the Commonwealth Development Author-

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director of the Office of the Personnel Management will administer the revolving fund and have

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forcement efforts in the Commonwealth.

Members of SHRM and visitors will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Frank Gibson, society president, emphasizes the value of this pro-

owners and managers have to produce a set of documents before any license or permit to operate is issued.

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

Underground economy refers to business transactions that are

I&S to continue promoting the CNMI even without a signed contract.

I&S was willing to withdraw from the contract after then governor Froilan C. Tenorio said he would not sign it, but was assured by MVB officials that it would be approved eventually.

positions." He added that no matter what the government does, the income has to be there to support the payment of the employees' salaries, adding that furloughing workers in public offices will have an adverse impact in the local economy.

"I hope we have all the income to support the amount of salaries because it is very important to

ity (CDA) to "explore various bond options."

Sablan said there has also been several meetings and consultations with interested financial institutions. "We will try to avoid the problems encountered in the past," he said, referring to the controversies in the previous administration's attempt to float bonds last year.

Sablan did not give a specific

spending authority.

Meanwhile, the chair of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Prec. 3, Saipan), has called for a session tomorrow.

gram.

"I'm sure you have seen the recent advertisements in the papers notifying workers with complaints to come see them while they are here in Saipan. Knowledge of federal employment discrimination laws and the compliance requirements is vital to all employers and management staff.

This session will provide information on the Civil Rights laws, the Age

not reaching government taxation and there's a lot.

At the same time, Babauta disclosed that the Korean Association in the CNMI has reported that more than 100 Korean businesses in the islands have already closed shop.

He said most of these businesses were operated down the tourist district, adding that the tourism outlook for the Northern Marianas remains bleak.

CNMI is believed to have contributed to the 40 percent increase in the islands' tourism during the past six years.

Industry analysts have conceded that without a Japan-based agency, CNMI will face difficulties in attracting Japanese tourists, who are the islands' "main market."

have our people working and earning money. Once they stop earning, that will be disastrous because there will be no multiplier effect," he said.

He explained that people will not be spending which may mean more difficulties to retailers who are more likely to also furlough employees. "Nobody is buying, nothing moves...we will have a very poor economy."

amount for a bond proposal, but noted that the CNMI can match federal CIP funds on a "per project basis."

Of the \$77 million in federal funds earmarked for the CNMI—\$11 million a year, for a seven year period (1996-2002)—\$33 million has already been appropriated.

The \$33 million represents the funding for fiscal years 1996, 1997 and 1998.

It will be the delegation's first special session.

Composed of Saipan's 16 members of the House of Representatives and three senators, the delegation deals with legislation affecting Saipan and the Northern Islands only.

Discrimination Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Equal Pay Act.

It will explain how these relate to both resident and nonresident employees and job applicants, and will provide an excellent opportunity for employers and human resource professionals to learn what an organization should be doing to avoid EEO complaints."

All SHRM members and other human resources and management professionals are encouraged to attend.

This presentation is open to members and non-members alike, without distinction.

Although there is no cost for the presentation, \$80 per person must be charged by SHRM for the venue, the refreshments provided by Hyatt and the locally reproduced packet of materials.

Both members and non-members are requested to contact Pearl or Rheta at the Hyatt Regency human resources office at 234-1234 or fax at 233-0182 to confirm reservations.

Due to limited seating, reservations should be made as early as possible.

Attendees should also inform Pearl or Rheta if they wish to attend a follow-on luncheon after the training session.

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01 HOUSE WORKER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: NICK B. LOSTE, dba Saipan International General Goods and Services Tel. 288-1822/(7/20)M27204

01 AUTO ELECTRICIAN-Salary: \$3.05 per hour 01 AUTOBODY REPAIRER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: SAIPAN AUTO SUPPLY CO., INC. dba Sasco Service Plus/Quality Builder Tel. 234-8379/(7/20)M27208

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01 QUALITY CONTROL CHECKER-Salary: \$3.05-3.75 per hour Contact: YANG JIN COMPANY dba Yang Jin Buying & Trade Information Service Co. Tel. 233-5062/(7/20)M27202

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01 CIVIL ENGINEER-Salary: \$4.00 per hour Contact: ROLAND G. JASTILLANA dba Arjay Construction Tel. 234-8779/(7/20)M27241

25 PATTERN GRADER CUTTER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: UNITED INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION Tel. 235-6888/(7/27)M27284

02 ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: SAM CORPORATION dba Sam Electronics Tel. 234-5419/(7/27)M27286

02 WAREHOUSE WORKER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour 01 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: GUANGDONG DEV. CO., LTD. Tel. 288-2288/(7/27)M27287

01 ELECTRO MOTOR WINDER-Salary: \$3.05-3.80 per hour Contact: JRS ENTERPRISES CORPORATION dba Electro Haul Int'l. Tel. 234-0692/(7/27)M27289

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01 AUTOBODY REPAIR-Salary: \$3.30 per hour 01 AUTO PAINTER-Salary: \$3.40 per hour Contact: B & R CORPORATION dba Beach Road Auto Repair Shop Tel. 234-7184/(7/13)M27130

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01 SALES REPRESENTATIVE-Salary: \$1,500.00 per month Contact: MECHILLE CORPORATION dba Tongyang Carpet/BIF Furniture Tel. 234-1361/(7/13)M27307

01 GAS STATION ATTENDANT-Salary: \$3.05 per hour 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.05-4.25 per hour Contact: LORRAINE A. BABAUTA dba 20th Filling Station Tel. 234-6191/(7/13)M27132

02 SALES CLERK-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: ISLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION dba Dollar Rent A Car, IDC Shell Tel. 288-5151/(7/13)M27133

01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: JIN APPAREL, INC. Tel. 234-3252/(7/13)M27129

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01 WAREHOUSEMAN-Salary: \$3.05 per hour 01 DELIVERY PERSON-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: M & P CORPORATION Tel. 234-1362/(7/13)M273078

01 MARKETING MANAGER-Salary: \$550.00 per month Plus commissions/housing \$550.00/ \$80.00 Gas Monthly Contact: SAIPAN SUNSET CRUISE, INC. Tel. 234-8230/(7/13)M273094

01 DECKHAND-Salary: \$3.75 per hour 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$4.00 per hour 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$4.00 per hour Contact: E TOURS INC. dba Saipan E Tours Tel. 235-8815/(7/13)M273096

01 MECHANIC (AUTO)-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: MOTION AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR CENTER, INC. Tel. 235-3481/(7/13)M273095

01 LAUNDRY WORKER-Salary: \$3.05-4.00 per hour Contact: FABRICLEAN OF CNMI, INC. dba Marianas Cleaners (7/13)M273097

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.05-6.35 per hour 02 WAITRESS, SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$3.05-5.20 per hour 01 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT-Salary: \$3.05-3.50 per hour 01 CLEANER HOUSEKEEPING (HOUSECLEANER)-Salary: \$3.05-3.45 per hour 01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05-4.90 per hour Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel Tel. 234-6601/(7/13)M273093

01 SEWER HAND-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: MARIETTA C. ARII dba Denmar's Boutique & Dress Shop Tel. 235-2744/(7/13)M27134

01 COMPTROLLER-Salary: \$50,000 per annum Contact: UNITED MICRONESIA DEV. ASSN., INC. Tel. 322-8632/(7/13)M27135

01 PRIVATE DUTY NURSE-Salary: \$650.00 per month Contact: KWEEK'S ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. 234-7243/(7/13)M27136

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.05-4.65 per hour Contact: ARTHUR S. ANULAO dba Arthur's Enterprises Tel. 234-0692/(7/27)M27288

03 SPORT INSTRUCTOR-Salary: \$1,250.00 per hour Contact: SEASHORE INC. Tel. 234-5549/(7/27)M27291

01 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary: \$3.05 per hour Contact: D.J. ENTERPRISES dba Nestor I. Jose Tel. 234-7148/(7/27)M27292

01 TRAVEL COUNSELOR-Salary: \$1,150.00 per month Contact: CNMI TRAVEL AGENCY, INC. Tel. 235-6712/(7/27)M27328

02 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary: \$3.75-5.50 per hour Contact: FRANCISCO CRUZ CABRERA dba Kasamiento "Wedding World", Design Florist, Cabrera's Funeral Services, Mariana's Academy of Music and Arts, OLOPH-CH Tel. 234-6582/(7/27)M27282

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$5.20 per hour Contact: MIKE'S MANUFACTURING, INC. dba Mike's Jewelry Tel. 233-7250/(7/27)M27281

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01 ELECTRICAL DRAFTER-Salary: \$1,300.00-1,400.00 per month Contact: ENOC ELECTRICAL INC. dba EMCE Consulting Engr. Tel. 322-1364/(7/27)M27283

01 PLUMBER-Salary: \$3.25 per hour Contact: PACIFIC MICRONESIA CORPORATION dba Dai-ichi Hotel Tel. 234-6412/(7/27)M27325

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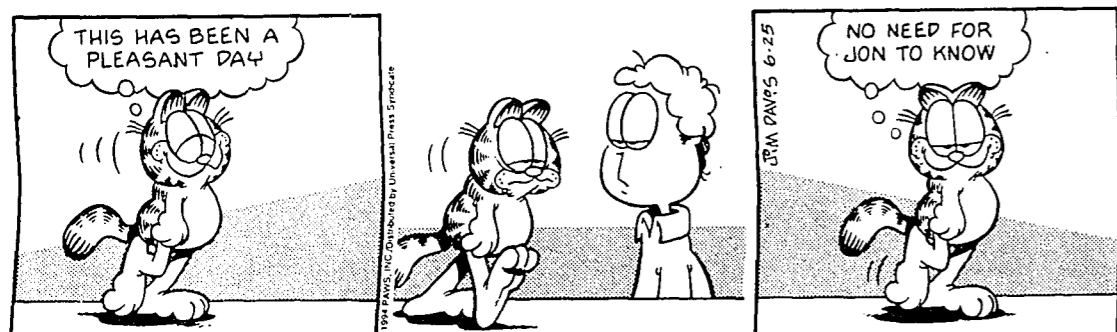
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF HEIDI LYNN T. SABLAN. A minor child. FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 98-0201 NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 13, 1998, at the hour of 8

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

Born today, you are able to balance the intellectual and emotional aspects of life almost perfectly. Because you're such a well-rounded individual, you should be able to succeed at whatever you attempt to do. An individual who attracts a great deal of attention, you usually prefer to go about your business in a state of ignorant bliss — unaware of those who admire you.

You enjoy fun and games, and go about your work with a kind of youthful exuberance rare among adults. As far as you're concerned, there's never enough work; you're always on the lookout for a new project to jump into. You are likely to marry only once.

Also born on this date are: Harrison Ford, actor; Jack Kemp, statesman; Erno Rubik, inventor of the Rubik's Cube.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 14
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Role-reversal will allow today to develop unconventionally — and you'll find yourself on top before you know it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be looking forward to a break in your routine, and you may even have one planned. There is much to ad-

dress before then, however.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You've spent far too much time trying to place the blame for an unfortunate development. Strive instead to heal the wounds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Personal issues are likely to arise today and demand that you pay direct attention — sooner, rather than later. Don't wait too long!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone is eager to get to know you in a new way, and today he or she is likely to extend an invitation you find hard to resist.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — There's no point in thinking today's issues are none of your concern. Make them your business, and play a more direct role!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your plans may have to be put on hold for a time today while you tend to a surprise development made possible by the actions of a rival.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Employment issues arise again today, demanding you address them in an improved and more creative fashion. Do so, and a new door will open.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A new friendship is likely to develop soon, and decisions you make today will

determine the nature of the entire relationship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may have to go without something you've come to depend on today, but you'll discover you have viable alternatives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something you've been looking forward to for some time draws nearer today, and you must focus on finalizing your preparations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is a good day to show off your management skills. The more you delegate to others, the better. Evening brings a chance to shift gears.



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ACROSS

- 1 Extraneous
- 6 Transports
- 11 Deranged
- 12 Bearlike
- 14 Brood
- 15 Bill of fare
- 17 — cummings
- 18 Edmund O'Brien TV series
- 19 Actress
- 20 Sun, talk
- 21 At home
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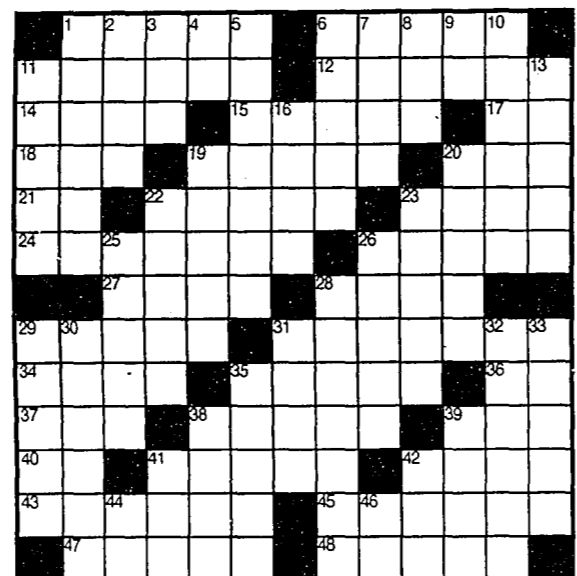
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- 6 Tosses
- 7 Comedian Johnson
- 8 Utilize
- 9 Roman 51
- 10 Scoffs
- 11 New Delhi's locale
- 13 Scary
- 16 Saloon drinks
- 19 — "la vista, baby!"
- 20 — system
- 22 Uses the phone
- 23 Records
- 25 Expression of apology
- 26 Maniple
- 28 Rest period (hyph. wd.)
- 29 Surrendered
- 30 — numeral
- 31 Only
- 32 Trophies
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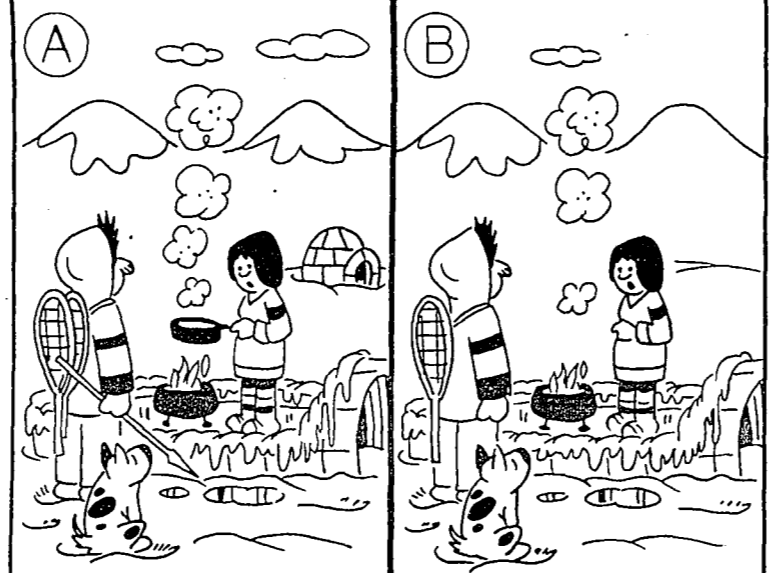
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First annual Un Korason golf tourney



Joe "Kamikazi" Camacho (right) receives his first place trophy and free gift from Mark Flores, organizer of the Un Korason golf tourney and owner of the Field's.



Winners from the first annual Un Korason golf tournament pose for a picture at a banquet at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Photos by Sonnie Sablan

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hike and scampered 15 yardsto Keico's 4-yard line.

That resulted in a 10-yard touch-down reception from Fejeran.

The Mustangs made the first scoring threat midway through the opening quarter.

During the drive, Keico's Joey Cruz hung on to a 24-yard catch over the middle in which he was blasted by Pepsi safety Ignacio Borja in the most vicious hit of the season so far.

That helped set up a 31-yard field goal attempt by Craig Wade, well within his range.

But Giants defensive end Gerard Cabana came through the line and blocked the kick with his chest, picked up the ball and raced the other way for 47 yardsto give Pepsi good field position.

The change of events led to a Gumataotao 25-yard field at the end of the first quarter to make it 3-0.

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ons. In the 4x100m relay, the group of Frank Mizutani, Tony Ichituo, Tony Piteg and Wayne Pua dominated the race with 42.79 seconds. While for the women's division, the group of Amanda Weindl, Betsy Cepeda, Tammy Cruz and Olivia Tebued

The Giants made it 10-0 prior to halftime on a short route by Quichocho for a 3-yard scoring reception.

Fejeran, playing the entire game for the first time in his short career, had admirable numbers at 14-25-1 for 111 yards.

More importantly, though, he showed signs of a seasoned veteran with some crisp passing and a calm demeanor.

Meanwhile, the Giants defense displayed the type of play of the invincible defense of old.

Cabana was huge with two sacks, a blocked field goal and a team-high 6.5 tackles.

The defense also picked off Keele five times.

Keico has yet to win its first game and has been shut out in two straight.

Running back Marcus Aguon had a bright night with 49 yards on 10 carries.

The Mustangs defense did come up with four sacks on Fejeran.

won the game after the opposing team was disqualified.

This track and field event was a fundraising project of the CNMI Track and Field delegation. The event was participated by different CNMI athletic teams such as the Saipan's Amateur Volleyball Association, the Women's Basketball Team, and the baseball, rugby, track and field, wrestling, and softball teams among others.



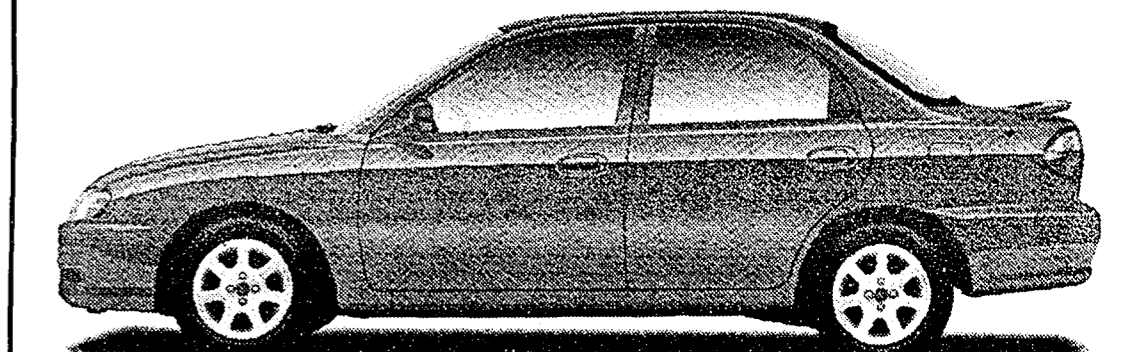
Eun Jung Lee finishes first in the females' 200m dash at the National Track and Field Championships held at the Susupe oval. Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

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SPORTS



NMI Track & Field Championships:

Weindl, Iakopo top sprinters

By Louie C. Alonso
Variety News Staff

AMANDA Weindl and Stan Iakopo are Saipan's newest running sensations as they ruled the Men and Women's 100 meters in last Saturday's 5th National Track and Field Championship.

Weindl made a new personal record by finishing the race with 13.02 seconds. Iakopo for his part, finished the race with 11.16 seconds.

For other events, Jack Gabriel finished first at the Men's 400m run by breaking the 1994 personal record. Gabriel's record is 52.97 seconds, setting a new Saipan's personal record. Second place is Tony Ichio with 53.75 seconds and third place is Stuart Smith with 1:04.67.

For Men's Javelin, Wayne Pua

placed first with 45.22 meters, Faeca Talalemotu is second with 44.20 and Tony Rogolifoi on third with 43.50.

For Women's Javelin, Emiliana Quitugua came first with 31.50 meters. Vanessa Mobil placed second with 29.55 meters and Nicole Wabol gets the third spot with 23.75 meters.

There was no female participants in the 1500 meter race. Jack Gabriel finished the race with 4 minutes and 35 seconds. Robin Eugnio came after with 4:44.38. And Stuart Smith placed third with 4:46.82 in the race.

For the 200 meter run, Eun Jun Lee tops the Women's Division with 30.80 seconds. Tammy Cruz followed with 31.07 and Olivia Tebuteb came close and grabbed the third spot with 31.36 seconds.

For the Men's Division in the 200

meterrace, the top three winners have broken all the personal records in Saipan. Wesley Inawo finished the race first with 23.81 seconds, followed by Tony Piteg with 24.15 seconds. Third place is Soni Ponehe with 24.84 seconds.

Wayne Pua again tops the Men's Long Jump and broke the CNMI personal record in the event by having a 6.97 meters. He was followed by Tony Piteg who according to the event's announcer, had participated in an event in Athens, Greece. Piteg finished with 6.60 meters. Third spot is John Ogomuro with 6.49 meters.

For Women's Long Jump, Connie Camacho jumped the longest with 3.97 meters.

Julie Tokyo came close with 3.91 meters while Betsy Cepeda got the



CNMI javelin thrower Wayne Pua tosses the iron some 45.22 meters during Saturday's qualifying round for the 5th National Track & Field Championships at the Ada oval.
Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

Guam MFL action:

Angles shutout Cardinals

By PATRICK LUJAN
For the Variety

Hagatna— The Hal's Mobil Angels are playing in a totally higher level than the rest of the Miller Football League as they finished the first round undefeated at 5-0 with yet another shutout, 24-0 over the playoff-bound PacSports Cardinals Friday night at Wettengel Field.

The Angels haven't skipped a beat since opening the season with a 46-0 punishment over the Kraft Eagles.

The win over the Cardinals completes the first-round dominance of the regular season before the league heads into a three-game shortened second round prior to the playoffs.

Mobil got on the board quickly

as quarterback Sean McCoy hooked up with seldom-used receiver Cleon Johnson - normally a safety - for a 45-

yard bomb on the Angels first play of the game to set up a 28-yard
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Scott pershing of Hal's Mobil Angels tears apart the defensive efforts of the PacSports Cardinals during Friday Night Miller Football League at Wettengel Field in Dededo.
Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

third spot with 3.80 meters.

In the 800 meter race, Robin Se grabbed the lead with 2:11.1. Came close was Gabriel White who finished the race with 3:07.52. Ben Seman finished third with 3:12.46. Eun Jung Lee finished the race for Women's 800 meter with 2:53.55.

Emiliana Quitugua broke her own personal record of 10.61 in 1993 with her present record of 11.11 meters in Shotput. Second place is Nicole Wabol with 9.91 meters and third is Vanessa Mobil with 9.35 meters.

Iaega Talalemoto tops the men's division in Shotput event. Talalemoto finished with 13.54 meters. Jojo Attao came second with 11.50 meters and Sidro Tebuteb with 10.45 meters.

In the Discus event, Jojo Attao finished with 39.10 followed by Faeca Talalemotu with 36.90. Sidro Tebuteb came third with 36.40.

In the 10,000 meter run, Stewart Smith finished the race with 37 minutes and 44 seconds against Dick Sharer with 41 minutes and 6 seconds.

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Quichocho sizzles as Giants nip Mustangs

By PATRICK LUJAN
For the Variety

HAGATNA— He used to play quarterback in high school.

His primary position is wide receiver in the Miller Football League.

Saturday night, Craig Quichocho did it all for the Pepsi Giants as the defending MFL champs kept the Keico Mustangs winless with a 17-0 shutout at the Wettengel Field.

Quichocho, coming along as one of the better receivers in the league, caught two touchdown passes from rookie quarterback Eric Fejeran, picked off a Billy Keele pass on a rare defensive position and ran a critical 15-yard field goal fake which set up his second touchdown of the night.

In a span of a few minutes late in the third quarter, Quichocho pulled off all the right moves.

Head coach Loring Cruz placed him in the defensive secondary for the first time this season and Quichocho immediately stepped in front of a Keele pass and returned it 53 yards into the Mustangs 20-yard line.

On fourth-and-long, kicker Vince Gumataotao came on to increase the lead to 13-0. Instead, Quichocho - who is the holder - got up to run after the

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Fun run before the sun. Several hundred runners take the streets in Tumon early Saturday morning for the Guam Jaycees and Guam Diabetic Association-sponsored 5K fun run.
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