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PO1 Peter Aldan views the wrecked Toyota Camry that figured in last Thursday's vehicular accident. The lone fatality, Police Sgt. Joaquin K. Camacho, was a passenger in this car. Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## Cop dies in smashup

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

A POLICE officer was killed and six others were reported injured during a vehicular accident along Beach Road in Garapan shortly before midnight last Thursday.

The fatality was identified as Sgt. Joaquin King Camacho, 36, assigned with the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicle.

Camacho was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Commonwealth Health Center at 11:50 p.m., according to DPS information officer Maj. J. J. Castro.

Injured were Sgt. Jesus I. Deleon Guerrero, 38, of Kagman; Jose K. Camacho, 34, of Dandan; Juan Diego King, 35, of San Vicente; Jose Camacho Babauta, 36, of Gualo Rai; Park Young Hik, 50, of Chalan Kanoa and Park Young Ho, 9.

Except for Deleon Guerrero, all other victims suffered serious injuries and were last reported under observation at CHC.

Deleon Guerrero, of DPS Patrol Section, was reportedly treated and released from CHC for lacerations on the right hand.

Police said the incident, which was reported to DPS Thursday at

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## DL Cruz: 'Open market' better

By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMERCE department is battling for the creation of a committee, distinct from the executive and legislative branches of the CNMI government, to help draft business and immigration laws.

Commerce Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz has proposed that a Blue Ribbon Committee be organized between the CNMI government's executive and legislative branches "to cooperate in drafting and approving omnibus legislation."

Dela Cruz said the Committee, when created, will take a "coordinated and enlightened" positive approach to foreign investment, labor and immigration, and investment incentives for foreign,



Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

American, and local businessmen.

Foreign investment was frozen on Saipan until 1973, and was opened in 1982 after it has become a Commonwealth of the United States and the foreign investment law was abolished.

"During the past 14 years, we

have experienced huge growth, and have tried to deal with its effect piecemeal--it's called the band aid approach. That approach must stop," Dela Cruz said.

The commerce chief is citing new investment laws adopted by the CNMI government which "greet" foreign investors with "many restrictions, deposits and regulations with no real benefit."

He said Guam, which is only about 100 miles south of Saipan, is attracting the bulk of foreign investors because of "non-protectionist" laws that offer benefits and incentives.

"In Guam, for \$250,000, investors can get a green card and US citizenship after five years. Guam also provides incentives," he said in a newsletter published by the

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## Manglona outlines priorities



Paul A. Manglona

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
BONDS for capital improve-

ment projects, the improvement of CNMI-federal relations, the minimum wage, taxation and amending the current election laws will be among the priorities of the incoming 11th Senate, Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said.

Manglona, who will succeed lieutenant governor-elect Jesus R. Sablan to the Senate presidency in January, said the job ahead will be "challenging," but not difficult.

For the first time since 1993, the Republican Party will control both the Legislature and the Of-

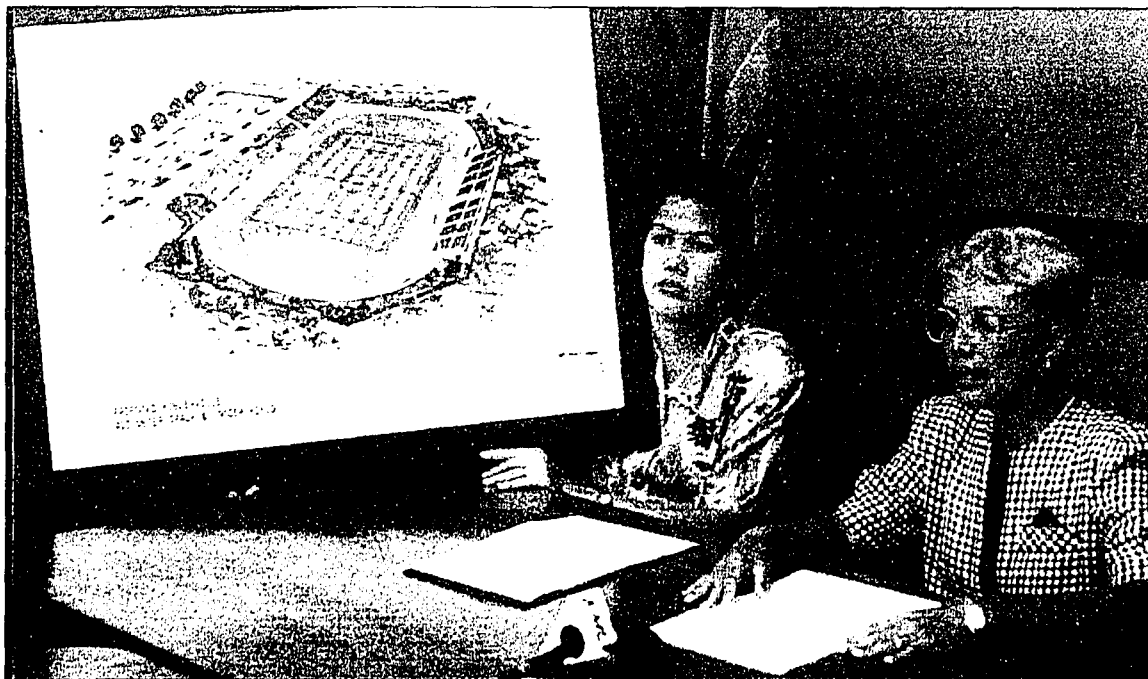
fice of the Governor, he said.

"It's going to be easy working with governor-elect Pedro P. Tenorio as we have the same agenda, the Teno-Pepero's 100-day plan," Manglona said.

Unlike in the past four years, he added, there will only be cooperation and not confrontation with the new administration.

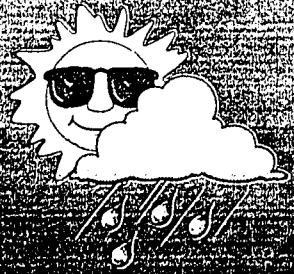
"The 11th Senate will have very capable members and we are all looking forward working with the House of Representatives and Speaker Diego

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Governor's Special Assistant for Youth Affairs Lupe Borja-Robinson (right) unveils plans for the development of a proposed 400-meter track and soccer field in Koblerville, during a press conference last week. Holding an artist's rendition of the field at left is Public Affairs coordinator Vicky Tudela.

## WEATHER Outlook



By Aldwin R. Fajardo  
Variety News Staff

AFTER the storm comes the light--and the cable TV. And for most households, the "light" and the cable services were not restored together at once after supertyphoon Keith bashed Saipan.

But bad news does not always strike three times. The good news is that the islands' two cable ser-

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# France backs US vs Iraq

By IAN STEWART

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)- French President Jacques Chirac said Sunday that a negotiated solution must be sought in the escalating crisis with Iraq, but pledged solidarity with the United States in its standoff with Saddam Hussein.

Chirac, in Vietnam to attend a summit of French-speaking countries, spoke by telephone Sunday with President Clinton.

"I told him of the solidarity of France with the United Nations and the United States in the crisis," Chirac told reporters before leaving for a brief visit to Malaysia.

The French president's support came hours after Clinton urged Russia and France to help him prevent

Saddam's "forces of destruction" from terrorizing the world with poison gas and briefcase bombs.

Chirac said Iraq must comply with United Nations resolutions, including weapons inspections.

The current crisis with Saddam began Oct. 29, when Baghdad decided to expel American weapons inspectors. Saddam said they were spies intent on extending U.N. economic sanctions imposed on Iraq since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The United Nations has refused to remove the Americans from its multinational team of weapons inspectors, which monitor Iraq's compliance with the 1991 U.N. order to destroy all weapons of mass destruction.

The American inspectors were



Sailors from Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Six watch as the final F-14B "Tomcat" takes off from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, Saturday before the aircraft carrier enters the Suez Canal. The ship has been ordered by President Clinton to join the USS Nimitz in the Persian Gulf. AP

thrown out of Iraq on Thursday.

"The current attitude of the Iraqi leaders is unacceptable," Chirac said. "I condemn these actions and say that Iraq has no other option but to cooperate with the international community."

Although Paris is lending its support to Washington, Chirac, like other allied leaders, said all diplomatic efforts must be fully exhausted before turning to force.

"The second message is that we all agree to keep on looking for a solution by diplomatic means," the French president said.

Washington has been pressing for support from its European allies in the latest dispute with Saddam. Clinton is also looking for a pledge of support from Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

France and Russia, both permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, have been reluctant to take an aggressive line against Iraq in the confrontation.

Amid rising tensions with Iraq, Clinton this week ordered the aircraft carrier USS George Washington to the Persian Gulf. It is expected to join the carrier USS Nimitz within a week.

## Iraq readies for feared US attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—Iraq's escalating crisis with the United Nations struck home with the average citizen Saturday, when thousands lined up at gas stations and grocery stores to stock up before a possible U.S. attack.

Warnings from Iraqi leaders fed the anxiety, along with the American decision to send the aircraft carrier USS George Washington to the Gulf to back up a large military force that already includes one carrier.

People gathered in offices, cafes and on street corners to exchange views on the crisis. Others filled markets or waited for hours outside gas stations after the rationing was announced.

"We have had enough of this. We are fed up," said Salem Hamdan, sitting in his car, waiting to fill up. Private cars are limited to a four-day quota of 10 1/2 gallons.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said moving the



An Iraqi man on Saturday chanting and offering himself as a human shield to protect presidential palaces from possible American air strikes. Hundreds of Iraqi families protested inside the al-Sejjod palace in Baghdad to show their solidarity and support for the Iraqi leadership. AP

George Washington — and Britain's decision to send its carrier, HMS Invincible, closer to the region — could only be intended as a warning to Iraq.

"This is a muscle flex. It is within the preparation to launch a new aggression against Iraq," he said at a news conference in Baghdad broadcast by CNN.

He denied, however, that Iraq was on a war footing, saying steps such as the gasoline rationing introduced Saturday were a precaution.

"We think it's one of the main targets of the American aggressors, that they will bombard oil refineries and oil storage tanks," he said.

Meanwhile, President Clinton on Saturday framed potentially horrible consequences.

Traveling in Sacramento, Calif., Clinton painted a picture of a future in which people like Saddam — if unchecked — use poison gas and briefcase bombs to terrorize civilians in subways and office buildings.

"I say this not to frighten you," he said in a luncheon speech to Democratic donors. But at the same time, he called on "every responsible world leader" to join him in stopping the threat posed by the Iraqi leader.

# CUC chair assuages staff

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

HEADS of government agencies and other appointed officials are expected to tender in their courtesy resignations this week in deference to the new Republican government taking seat in January.

At the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the warning of a possible shakeup has been flashed.

"There is already talk among the staff about 'who's in' or 'who's out' with the next administration," CUC board chair Benjamin A. Sablan told a board meeting Friday.

But Sablan put the incoming Pedro P. Tenorio (Teno) administration on notice to "respect our employees."

"Employees are to be respected, not tormented. It's business according to regulations and ethics," Sablan said, reading his "Chairman's Re-

## Asks Teno Administration to 'respect our employees'



Benjamin A. Sablan

port."

While admitting that the new administration will have leaders who hail from the same political party as the governor and Lt. Gov.-elect Jesus R. Sablan, the CUC board chair assured employees that "there is no 'witch hunt.'"

He pointed out that CUC employees "are hired and pro-

moted on merit, not political affiliation."

"Employees are fired because they can't handle the job, not because someone in the new administration wants their job," he said.

Also, he said, "contractors get work because they offer the best proposals, not because of political favors."

Sablan also expressed concern on the homes that have no power yet since super typhoon Keith struck hard Saipan and Tinian last Nov. 2.

He told the CUC management that he would like an evaluation of its typhoon operations.

CUC Executive Director Timothy Villagomez said those without power are the homes still making repairs or having their service entrance



Timothy Villagomez

inspected.

Sablan said the CUC should go out of its way how it can help families get their power

restored.

"Do we need to give them a list of supplies to go buy, and offer to help them fix the weatherheads?" Sablan suggested.

Sablan also suggested that the Department of Public Works be more involved in household electrical repairs.

"I'd like to see concrete recommendations that provide solutions for our customers rather than more grief. Times are hard enough," Sablan emphasized to impress on the CUC that it can be more efficient.

Sablan also urged managers to get information from their baseline employees to "study and learn from this disaster (Keith)."

## Babeldaob Island is waiting to be tapped

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

BABELDAOB, one of Palau's 343 islands and the second largest in the whole of Micronesia after Guam, is an island of great tourism and commercial potentials, the recently released Bank of Hawaii report on Palau said.

Palau's airport is located in this island, but incoming tourists and visitors are transported to Koror where the hotels and the commercial center are located. Babeldaob's inhabitants make up only 23.3 percent of Palau's 18,000 population, whereas Koror, comprising only 4.2 percent of the land area, has 70 percent of the total population.

Most of Babeldaob is practically untouched, the report, written by Wali M. Osman, said. The report was released Thursday.

"Once Babeldaob has its own infrastructure of roads, water, power and other needs of a modern economy, it will play a critical role in Palau's economic growth for decades to come," the report said.

It said golf courses, "which are strong tourism attractions, can only be built on Babeldaob without causing serious harm to the environment or excessive costs to the small economy."

At present Palau has no golf course, and is relying on its fame as the world's top diving spot.

The report said the 136-square-mile island is also ideal for commercial ranches to produce beef for the local and export markets.

Another activity the report suggested for Babeldaob: indoor production of aquatic species like shrimp, lobster and crab.

"Recently developed technology such as that used on the island of Hawaii to grow lobster and algae (a food supplement) in cold water drawn from ocean depths can make this possible," the report said.

Babeldaob is 20 miles long and 10 miles wide. In comparison, Saipan is 13 miles long and 7 miles at its widest.

## NMC bill heads to Senate

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff

A BILL that would establish a school of education within the Northern Marianas College and guarantee the college at least a \$6 million annual budget has been passed by the House of Representatives and now heads to the Senate.

Entitled the "Postsecondary Education Amendment Act of 1997," House Bill 10-476 would also "strengthen" the autonomy of the Northern Marianas College (NMC), and exempt the college from the government's salary ceiling.

In addition, the bill seeks to allow NMC's board of regents to invest donated funds or funds raised by NMC "in a manner that will yield a fair

and reasonable rate of return."

The bill also proposes to authorize the board of regents to negotiate loan guarantees or to issue bonds for any NMC improvement projects.

If the bill becomes law, NMC would get a guaranteed annual budget of \$6 million or 1 percent of the general revenues, whichever is greater.

Introduced by a former NMC regent, Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan), the bill is co-sponsored by nine other House members.

It states that NMC has received an endowment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is entitled to half a million dollar a year from the interest of Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT), but has

not received funds from the CNMI government for capital improvement.

Investing the trust funds, according to the bill, will enable NMC to build needed facilities.

Further, by establishing a school of education, the bill states that NMC can provide the Public School System (PSS) with teachers who are, at present, recruited outside the CNMI.

NMC has been providing associate degrees in education since 1983, and has been allowed by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges to provide the 300-level courses that lead to a baccalaureate degree in education.

## CPA Board decides on fate of \$140M bond issue today

By Aldwin R. Fajardo

Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Ports Authority Board will decide on a crucial meeting in Rota today the fate of the controversial \$140 million bond flotation, the Variety learned during the weekend.

Ports spokesman Frank Rosario said the CPA Board of Directors are expected to make a final decision on the bond issue in a meeting which will be held at the Rota International Airport conference room.

"...that's where we'll see what action the board will take whether or not we will go ahead and float this bond. This meeting is very crucial," Rosario said.

He said the meeting will highlight a report to the full board. "Who knows, this may be the beginning of the end of that controversial \$140 million bond," he added.

CPA Chairman Victor B. Hocog and other members of the



Victor B. Hocog



Froilan C. Tenorio

agency walked out during last week's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel when an executive of the North American Asset Management Corp., the firm which is drawing up the financial package, arrived at 9 a.m.

Rosario said the CPA Board would like to float the bond since this would enable the agency to do the funding and proceed with the improvement of the Tinian Airport at once.

"We need to float this bond or we will have to do the improvement by phases and wait for Federal funds. We need a lot of money for this project and that is the same money the CPA does not have," he said.

Rosario said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is providing financial assistance to Marianas airports annually, depending on the CNMI government's needs.

"We have to submit an application and they approve the disbursement of the funds. We compete with all the other airports throughout the United States for Federal funds and we always sit in for various projects," he told the Variety.

The CPA spokesman also said the major funds for the improvement of the Tinian airport, pegged at \$60 million, will be coming from the \$140 million bond flotation.

"And that all depends on whether the flotation of the bond is successful. Otherwise we have to await for Federal funds," he stressed, while adding that the CPA is competing with thousands of other US airports that need rehabilitation funding from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

"And given the situation in Washington D.C., the Federal government is tightening its belt when it comes to funding but we

compete..." he added.

Reports earlier claimed that Governor Froilan C. Tenorio was not very optimistic that the bond flotation will push through before his term ends in January next year.

Tenorio was quoted as saying that "there might not be a bond" before he steps out of office due to the apparent determination of the CPA Board to junk the proposal made by the Yu Corporation.

CPA officials earlier claimed that the deal being entered into by the CNMI government with the Yu Corp. was anomalous.

This was promptly denied by the private financing firm which said it can deliver the \$140 million as soon as the ports authority signs the pact.

Earlier, Tenorio said he has to make a final decision on the project before his term expires because he does not want to pass on an "unfinished homework" to the incoming administration.

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# Shiko Gakuen honors war dead



**rites at BANZAI CLIFF.** Pilgrims from Japan on their annual memorial rites for dead Japanese soldiers Saturday chant their prayers with closed eyes (top, left); Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio is thanked by a member of the Gakuen mission as he leaves after attending the ceremonies (top, right); religious leader Teruhiko Kawakami pours a bucket of sake on the wall of the memorial (left); and visitors from Saipan join the pilgrims in offering flowers to the spirits of the dead (above).  
Photos by Rick Alberto

## House acts on bill to repeal law on confiscated endangered species

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE of Representatives has passed a bill to amend a law that gives confiscated endangered species to the CNMI's senior citizens or the manankos.

Introduced by Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan) House Bill 10-474 now heads to the Senate which, since February, has sat on H.B. 10-336, a legislation that would have entirely repealed Public Law 8-19.

H.B. 10-474 states that the law is preventing the CNMI to get \$300,000 in federal funds for brown tree snake exclusion and control.

P.L. 8-19 allows the consumption of "endangered species," but this is in violation

of federal law, and has "disqualified" the CNMI from getting the funds.

H.B. 10-474 attempts to "solve this problem" by amending P.L. 8-19 to allow the Aging Office to receive only those species not included in the federal endangered list.

Since last year, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has been urging for the repeal of the law saying that it violates the federal Endangered Species Act.

In a Dec. 26, 1996 letter to the Legislature, Tenorio said P.L. 8-19 is preventing the CNMI from receiving grant funding from the U.S. Division of Fish and Wildlife (USDFW).

Repealing the law, he said, will make the CNMI eligible

to receive funds annually from USDFW to be used to benefit endangered species.

Tenorio said the CNMI Lands and Natural Resources Department could use the money to implement the brown tree snake program, and to allow the CNMI to apply the Endangered Species Act on an island-wide basis.

He said that since the law's enactment in 1993, the local DFW has never given any confiscated poached endangered species to the Aging Program.

Even if the law is repealed, Tenorio added, DFW would still be able to give confiscated wildlife to the elderly so long as the wildlife is not a federally-listed endangered species.

## SBA starts interviewing prospective loan applicants

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.  
Variety News Staff

THE SMALL Business Administration has started interviewing supertyphoon Keith prospective loan applicants for possible loans.

SBA Supervisory Loan Officer Stan Poe told the Variety Friday that the move was based on the expectation that a state of emergency declaration may come in the coming days.

"I expect that in the coming days, a declaration may come either from President Bill Clinton through the coordination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency or our agency," said Poe.

Poe said that based on its latest record, the figure of

Keith prospective applicants in Saipan and Tinian reached 391.

"Of that figure," said Poe, "there are 254 in Saipan and 137 in Tinian."

He said the number of prospective applicants increases everyday as interviewees keep coming in.

Poe advises applicants and interviewees to bring all the official identifications including supporting documents when transacting business with SBA representatives.

He said loans for physical damages should be filed before Dec. 12 while 'economic injury' loans will be until Jul. 29 next year.

# Soil erosion in Tanapag

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

SEVERAL houses at the Tanapag homestead area are now being imperiled by the rapid erosion caused by a creek, a part of which was used as a dumpsite by the remaining US forces shortly after the Second World War.

In an interview, Rep. Dino Jones, who has jurisdiction over the area, said he has received complaints from the residents who, apparently threatened by the erosion, have expressed alarm over their safety.

"The creek continues to erode the soil and now it is close to the houses," said Jones.

"This is definitely related to the (abandoned military) dumpsite," he stressed.

The erosion is believed caused by the three supertyphoons that have swept through the Northern Mariana Islands since August, the strongest of which was Keith which left nearly 1,000 homes on Saipan damaged.

Jones went to the site over the weekend to assess the situation.

His visit was prompted by calls made by concerned Tanapag resi-



Dino Jones

dents.

Government and the US Army Corps of Engineers are still reportedly locked in discussions over the clean-up of the abandoned dumpsite.

Helene Takemoto, a ranking US ACOE official, has said the dumpsite is not their jurisdiction as it is not in their list of FUDS.

USACOE is responsible for all clean-up drives on Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) in the Pacific.

It is currently cleaning-up a portion of Tanapag found to be contaminated with a cancer-causing toxic chemical that has leaked

from abandoned military capacities.

ENVIRONMENTAL Quality Director John I. Castro Jr., it will be recalled, has late last month said he is taking a four-man delegation of officials from the Environmental Protection Agency on a tour to the dumpsite in a bid to convince them of the need for the federal government to clean and rehabilitate the place.

He has also expressed confidence authorities may commit resources for the drive following the tour.

Castro, in a recent dialogue with federal officials said he has insisted that it is the U.S. government's responsibility to clean up the site despite its exclusion in the USACOE's FUDS list.

A recent government preliminary survey of the dumpsite confirmed the possibility of contamination caused by still-undetermined chemicals which were part of what had been discarded at the site by the U.S. forces.

The area, estimated to be a fourth of the Puerto Rico dumpsite in size, also has several World War II artifacts like mess kits and head gears strewn all over the place.

## Red Cross hails AmeriCorps

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.  
Variety News Staff

THE AMERICAN Red Cross is not the only private institution that endeavors relief operations in the typhoon-affected islands of the Northern Marianas.

AmeriCorps whose members have been on Saipan since Nov. 6, are working with the ARC volunteers in disaster relief operations by provid-

ing assistance to the displaced families.

Disaster Relief Director Selma Chastaine said the AmeriCorps volunteers make up what is called the Red Cross Rapid Response Corps.

"This Hawaiian-based disaster group," Chastaine said, "is one of the six RRC's scattered throughout the United States."

"In exchange for 11 months of ser-

vice to the ARC, AmeriCorps provides an educational award. When not on assignment, the RRC concentrates on strengthening communities by focusing on disaster preparedness and education," said Chastaine.

She said the Red Cross is very fortunate to have ambitious and talented people working side by side with them.

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JUAN B. TUDELA

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Furthermore, for those who assisted and stood by me in this endeavor, I am forever grateful and indebted to you for your hard work and sacrifices.

My congratulations to Mr. Jose Camacho Sablan for his successful bid for the mayorsip. I wish you good luck.

Once again, Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, Mesulang, Maraming Salamat Po and Thank You.

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## DEQ fears coral damage in Rota tanker incident

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE Division of Environmental Quality has deployed its marine monitoring team to assess the damage on Rota's coral reefs where an oil tanker ran aground Nov. 6.

"Extensive damage to living coral and the reef structure is likely to occur when the vessel is removed from the reef," said Susan Burr, marine biologist and the nonpoint source pollution coordinator for DEQ.

Burr said the multi-agency team went to Rota Friday to assess the natural resources before and after M/T Shogun is removed.

As of Friday, a salvage crew was still trying to remove the ship from the Rota harbor mouth, eight days after the incident.

The tanker was carrying about 5,500 barrels of petroleum products. It was on its way to Rota from Tinian.

About half of the barrels' contents has been suctioned off, and authorities hoped the unloading would lighten the ship, facilitating its removal. Burr said there has been no oil spill.

The Marine Monitoring Team is composed of Burr, Vince Eugenio and Glenn Arriola, all of DEQ; Carlos Kelebanang of the Coastal Resources Management; and Yurie Rich of the Northern Marianas College.

Burr said the team would also look into the surrounding corals to "see how healthy they are and how much coral there is, how many fish there are, what types of fish and coral there are."

"We're anticipating that when they move the ship off the reef, it's going to cause more destruction," Burr said.

"I'm sure part of the reef has been destroyed when the ship ran aground," she added.

## Burials in hotel project site date back to Latte period

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE burials unearthed in a hotel project in the Samoan Housing area in Garapan date back to the Latte Period, an archaeological study conducted by Swift and Harper Archaeological Resource Consulting for the developer has found.

A progress report on the archaeological investigations contrasted the burials found to those discovered at the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel site.

The burials at the site of the proposed Le Meridien Hotel were found to be oriented with their

heads to the north, southeast, east, and indeterminate, whereas the Hafa Adai burials were oriented to the west.

"The lack of systematic orientation and burial placement (in the Le Meridien project) suggest they (burials) are associated with the Latte Period and predate the Spanish Period," the progress report said.

The investigations also found a "surprising" number of burials within a relatively small sample area (Area B). "In some cases, earlier burials have been truncated by later burials. This suggests that large numbers of burials could be contained within a small

area....Burials...are situated close together or are overlapping."

In comparison, the Hafa Adai remains were interred in individual burial pits and occasionally within family groups, the report stated.

The report said there had been excavations of 37 backhoe trenches and three controlled areas excavated around trenches containing human remains.

In Area B, discovered were fragmented human bone, latte pottery, shell fish hooks, sling stones, tridacna adze, shell beads, marine shell, historic glass, Japanese ceramics, bricks, concrete, nails, plastic, and metal pieces.



**FINAL RITUAL.** Members of the Shikuo Gakuen mission wend their way in a procession to the Banzai cliff Saturday to end their three-hour memorial for the Japanese war dead. They threw flowers and holy water into the sea where hundreds of soldiers leaped to their death 52 years ago.

Photo by Rick Alberto

## HPO: Historical info available

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.  
Variety News Staff

INTERESTED individuals can soon gain deeper understanding of CNMI history, culture and tradition as the

Historic Preservation Office announced the availability of historic information to the public.

One of the documents is the 300-year old volume of Catholic priest's

writings entitled "History of the Mission in the Mariana Islands."

The piece was written by Rev. Peter Coomans, a Jesuit priest who arrived in Saipan in 1672.

HPO Officer Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero said a copy of Coomans' original report, written in Latin, was among the collections of Jesuit letters found in an archive in Belgium in the early 1990s.

"These documents were translated by Rodrigue Levesque—utilizing a grant awarded to the HPO by the CNM Council for Humanities," said Guerrero.

Guerrero said Coomans' account describes important events of the early mission period which other Jesuit priests attempted to convert Chamorro community to Christianity.

"Perhaps, of greater significance are Coomans' observations of previously unrecorded traditional cultural practices that include warfare, ancestor worship, social organization and architecture," he said.

He noted that the publication of Coomans' writings is part of HPO's continuing effort in disseminating important historical and cultural information to the public.

He added that those interested in obtaining a copy of the book are invited to visit the HPO office located at the Saipan International Airport.

# DOLI nabs escaped deportee



Thomas O. Sablan

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration is now keeping under custody a male Chinese national who recently managed to escape from the government's detention facility, it was gathered over the weekend.

Thirty-year old Xi Yuang He fled the day after he was ordered deported by the Superior Court in September. He kicked the facility's second floor window and jumped to freedom.

DOLI agents have since put his wife's residence under surveillance hoping, in vain, that he will show up.

DOLI Secretary Thomas O. Sablan has vowed to file criminal charges against Xi for neglecting a court's order on his deportation.

He has also stressed that appropriate actions will be taken against those who might have been coddling the overstaying Chinese worker.

Xi was nabbed by a beach in

San Roque Friday morning.

Xi's escape was the second incident since the detention facility opened this year.

Two other Chinese nationals have attempted to escape in April. One was caught while trying to cross the nearby Saipan International Airport's perimeter fence.

It was believed that Xi escaped to reunite with his wife, Feng Qui Chen.

The incidents have raised concerns from the Commonwealth Ports Authority who, it was gathered, is considering augmenting security in the area to stop future escapees from using the facility as their route.

Despite these however, Sablan said he is not beefing up security at the detention center, nor will he reprimand the seven immigration officers guarding five detainees, Xi included, when the escape happened.

"How can I reprimand the seven guys when the doors were locked? It's not that it's open and the guy (Xi) walked out," he explained.

"The guy took a risk by kicking the window and jumping off from the second floor (of the detention center)."

He also maintained that the facility is a mere staging area for deportees, and thus "should not be transformed into a maximum security place."

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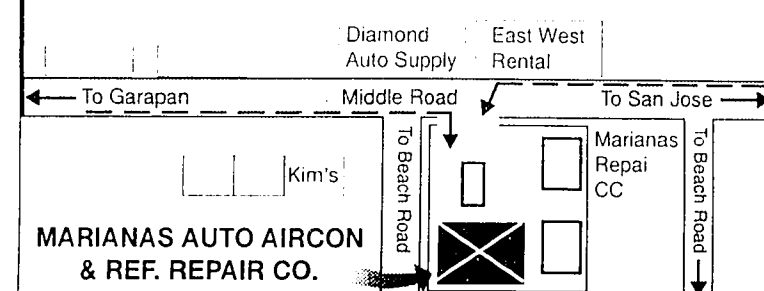
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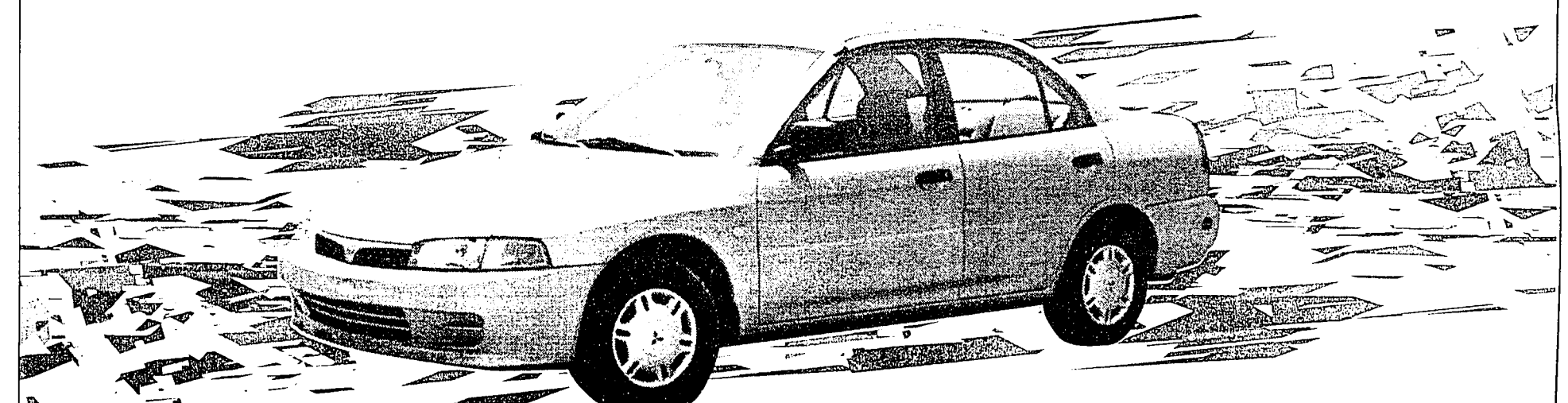
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## Another judge recuses from Teno eligibility suit



Miguel Demapan

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff  
SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan too has recused himself from presiding over the lawsuit questioning Governor-elect Pedro P. Tenorio's eligibility to serve a third term.

Demapan in his self-recusal order issued on Thursday said he found he has a conflict of interest after reviewing the pleadings of the parties involved in the lawsuit.

Demapan said a party in the case is a family member. He did not elaborate.

Following Demapan's recusal, the case will be transferred to Associate Judge Edward Manibusan, the next se-

nior judge in the trial court.

Manibusan was off-island on Friday, the Variety learned.

If Manibusan refuses to handle the case, Associate Judge Timothy Bellas may preside the matter.

Earlier, Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexander C. Castro recused himself because as the first indigenous Attorney General of the CNMI, he issued an opinion on the same subject matter contained in the lawsuit.

Castro then transferred the matter to Demapan, the next senior judge.

Castro in his order requested the other judges to address their ability to handle the issue as soon as possible.

If none of the full time judges are able to handle the suit, Castro said the case file shall be returned to his chambers so that he will "proceed" in accordance with the law.

Manases Borja and Eileen Babauta, through counsel Sebastian Aloit, sued Tenorio and Lt. Gov. elect-Jesus R. Sablan to end months of speculation over who would bring the issue to court.

The complainants contended that the CNMI Constitution's two-term limit applies to Tenorio who had previously served from 1982 to 1990.

## Castro leaving DPS post

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff

JOSE M. CASTRO is leaving his post as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, the Variety learned on Friday.

A DPS source said Castro tendered his resignation letter to Gov. Froilan Tenorio last week.

Castro, however, told the Variety on Friday he is not resigning but retiring effective this December 5. He did not elaborate.

Castro said he wants to spend time

with his family.

The administration of Governor Froilan Tenorio appointed Castro in Jan. 1994 to lead the DPS.

Prior to his appointment, Castro was police chief and had served the department for 20 years. He retired in 1989.

Cabinet members are expected to tender their resignations effective December following the elections of Pedro P. Tenorio and Jesus R. Sablan.

Other government officials may opt for early retirement to avail of retirement benefits.



Jose M. Castro

## Health care from a distance

**By Aldwin R. Fajardo**  
Variety News Staff

IMAGINE a doctor trying to diagnose a medical problem or supervising a surgical operation from a distance.

This scenario could have been possible only in one's imagination years ago but the search for new medical technologies and strategies are starting to make everything possible.

World health experts have been sitting down on discussions for the

application of modern interactive technologies for telehealth and telemedicine, according to World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima.

Nakajima pointed out that information and telecommunication technologies have equally important implications for health, adding that these are among the major driving forces in the current globalization for trade, economics and politics.

Public health and telecommunica-

tion specialists are discussing the possibilities offered by telemedicine, which make it possible to diagnose a medical problem and supervise a surgical operation from a distance.

Telemedicine is also expected to give health workers in isolated areas instant access to the information they need.

The impressive possibilities of technology linking people across the globe were strikingly demonstrated by means of two live interactive transmissions between Moscow and Washington, respectively, and Geneva, during the recently held 1997 TELECOM Forum in Switzerland by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Nakajima said technological development is continually adding to telemedicine's potentials for health promotion and protection.

"Developing an adequate and affordable telecommunication infrastructure can help to close the gap between the haves and the have-nots in health care, though there are still a number of problems to resolve" the WHO chief emphasized.

These problems, he added, include the difficulty in finding electrical power supply in isolated areas, the very regions that have the most gains from telemedicine.

"There is also the always thorny question of the confidentiality of medical information," Nakajima said.

International standards for this kind of communications have yet to be established, while there are other ethical and legal questions which also arise, as well as the training and development of human resources.

However, the WHO said telemedicine will play an increasingly important role in the future, while adding that this field will continue to be the subject of close collaboration between the health sector and the ITU.

# Teno camp 'hopeful'

**By Jojo Dass**

Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR-elect Pedro P. Tenorio's camp yesterday expressed hopes the Board of Elections will "move quickly to certify the election results" saying any delay in the January 1998 proclamation may set back the new administration's program of action for the Commonwealth.

The move came following

last week's filing of a lawsuit against Tenorio and runningmate, Senate President Jesus R. Sablan, by supporters of incumbent Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio who claimed the newly-elected governor is constitutionally prohibited from taking another oath of office.

"We hope the Board of Elections will move quickly to certify the election to prevent

## AG files DOF countersuit

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has asked the Superior Court to issue an order discharging the Department of Finance from all liability in the alleged fraud involving a poker business deal.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Mary P. Williamson requested the court to restrain the defendants in the poker fraud lawsuit from prosecuting any action against Finance for recovery of over \$200,000.

Williamson sought court's order to have plaintiff and defendants settle between themselves the right to the \$2 million.

"Finance is in doubt and cannot safely determine as between said claims without great hazard to Finance and does not know to which of the persons Finance may pay the remaining money," said the government lawyer.

Businesswoman Jin Ja Song named Finance, NMI Star Corp., Luis P. Crisostimo, Jae Oh Yang, and Dae Ha Yang as defendants in the suit seeking to collect \$818,190 plus damages.

Song included Finance in the suit only to prevent the government agency from disbursing \$270,000 to any one of the defendants—NMI Star, Crisostimo, Jae Oh Yang and Dae Ha Yang.

Song in the complaint said the defendants, except Finance, convinced her to form a corporation to conduct a gambling business within CNMI.

When the plaintiff asked to take back her money, she was removed from the company and was assaulted by Jae Oh Yang, the complaint alleged.

According to Finance's counterclaim for interpleader filed on Friday, in June 1996 Finance received payment of \$270,000 from NMI Star for poker license fees.

With the denial of poker licenses, Williamson said NMI Star was refunded \$270,000 in July 1996.

On Oct. 18, 1996 Star filed a complaint in the Superior Court against Finance Secretary and Department of Finance.

As of Nov. 5, 1997, Williamson said Star had not cashed the check issued in July 1996.

"Purportedly the check was returned to Finance but we

harm to the public interest resulting from (the absence of) a smooth transition to the new administration," said the Republican Tenorio's campaign manager, Dr. Jose Villagomez, in a media statement.

"A delay caused by a Temporary Restraining Order," said the media release, "will mean decision-making will be impaired at a time when several critical issues affecting the CNMI government need decisive action."

These, according to Villagomez, include those on efforts to federalize local control of wages, labor and immigration, education and the economy.

"Delaying the transition process delays a change in the administration clearly called for by the CNMI voters," said Villagomez.

"Accordingly, delays will



Pedro P. Tenorio

and the court will respect the will of the people," he said.

Two taxpayers — Manases S. Borja and Eileen Babauta — through counsel, former gubernatorial adviser Sebastian Aloit, last week asked the court to bar Tenorio and Sablan from taking their oath of office saying the CNMI Constitution prohibits any person from serving more than two terms as governor.

Aloit said Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution disallows any person from taking oath of office as CNMI governor more than twice.

He said Tenorio is violating this prohibition since the latter has served as CNMI governor for two consecutive terms — Jan. 1992 to Jan. 1986 and from Jan. 1986 to Jan. 1990.

The court is seen to issue a TRO on the Republican Tenorio's proclamation.

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### Irian Jaya's hungry worry PNG officials

CANBERRA (Pacnews)—Drought relief officials in Papua New Guinea are concerned that large numbers of hungry villagers from Irian Jaya will cross the border into PNG in search of food. The drought has devastated food gardens in the Indonesian province and Agency reports from Jakarta quote the Indonesian minister for youth affairs, Hayono Isman, who's visiting the region, as saying that tens of thousands of people are facing famine.

Already the Australian Defence Force airlift has been extended to Irian Jaya refugees in the PNG Western Province border region. An influx of thousands of people from Irian Jaya would put further strain on the relief effort in PNG, but officials say they will treat all hungry people equally to the best of their ability....PNS

### Fiji salary increase

SUVA (Pacnews)—Civil servants in Fiji are set to receive a pay increase after a deal was reached by public sector unions and the Public Service Commission. The pay increase - to be backdated to January 1 - will be formalised when cabinet meets Tuesday next week. The Fiji Times reports.

Fiji Trades Union Congress secretary general Pratap Chand confirmed the settlement Thursday. He said the public sector unions were relieved by the settlement.

On the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) payments, the settlement provides that all unestablished posts and established posts in the ADO5 Civil Service grade, equivalent and below would receive three percent increases.

A 2.5 percent rise will be awarded to all established staff of the ADO4 grade, equivalent and above. COLA payments for 1998 and 1999 will also be at 3 percent for all established and unestablished posts....PNS

## Gov't seeks divine guidance

HONIARA (Pacnews)—The Solomon Islands Alliance for Change government is seeking divine guidance for the nation, its people, and leaders. Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulufa'alu says the government has designated this Sunday as a

day to re-dedicate Solomon Islands and its leaders so that they can lead the country in accordance with Godly principles.

Ulufa'alu says a special dedication service is being organised by the Solomon Islands Christian Association at the Anglican

Church Cathedral in Honiara. He says the dedication service will be broadcast live to the nation and churches throughout the country have been asked to hold similar prayer services for the government and members of parliament....PNS

## 'Ombudsman's Act can't be repealed without affecting constitution'

PORT VILA (Pacnews)—Vanuatu's ombudsman says the Ombudsman's Act cannot be repealed by parliament without changes to the national constitution.

Marie-Noelle Ferrieux-Patterson was commenting ahead of next week's tabling in parliament of a private member's bill seeking repeal of the Ombudsman's Act, Radio Vanuatu reports.

The bill by Port Vila and Melanesian Progressive Party MP

William Edgell will be debated when parliament meets in its Ordinary Session Monday.

Ferrieux-Patterson says the bill shows a conflict of interest and does not worry her. She says even if the bill is passed it would not affect its decisions. One of these decisions is for a number of former and current MPs of the ruling Union of Moderate Parties and MPP who voted to compensate themselves over one million vatu (\$US8,300) each to repay the money....PNS

## Logging pact to be reviewed

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands minister for forests, Hilda Kari, says she will have the technical agreement on logging operations in the country reviewed. She said the existing technical agreement between indigenous logging companies and their foreign partners was unfair on both the resource owners and government.

Under the current technical agreement any export duty on logs must come from the local partner's 45 percent share of the logging operation. Kari (Mrs) said this arrangement will seriously affect the local partners who as of last Tuesday had their remissions on log export duty cancelled, and now have to pay the 35 to 38 percent duty on their minority shares.

She said she was surprised that such agreement should have been entered into in the first place and questioned why foreign partners in the joint ventures should not pay export duty as well....PNS

## Niue postal code for sale

SUVA (Pacnews)—Niue is selling its national postal code, NU, to companies worldwide that cannot get an Internet address ending in ".com" or the name of another country. The Daily Post quotes AFP stating that because Niue is a little-known country, its Country Code domain name carried little national identity outside its borders.

NU Domain, the company selling the addresses, said in a media release that addresses ending in ".NU" offer an ideal solution, in their opinion, for companies seeking to establish their online presence....PNS

## Bill seeks compulsory voting in Fiji

SUVA (Pacnews)—A bill which will make voting and voter registration compulsory in Fiji has been sent to the Supervisor of Elections office for comment. And the Supervisors of Elections office and the Electoral Commission will embark on a public awareness campaign on the new voting system early next year, The Fiji Times reports.

But Supervisor of Elections Walter Rigamoto says the timing of the campaign will depend on the passing of the Electoral Bill, 1998 which is expected to happen early next year. The bill will encompass existing laws and changes under the Constitution Amendment Act including the new voting system.

Rigamoto (Mr) says people who do not register or vote would be liable to pay a maximum fine specified in the draft bill....PNS

# Camacho denies getting backpay



Luis S. Camacho

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

PERSONNEL Management Director Luis S. Camacho yesterday clarified that he has also yet to receive the backwages mandated by a 1991 law that allowed a 14-percent across-the-board increase in government salaries.

The move came following complaints from several public sector

workers who alleged that the government official has actually been already paid of the retroactive provisions of the law.

"What I got was the corrected pay level as mandated by law," explained Camacho, referring to the salary hike he received as Administrative Officer of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in 1995.

Documents obtained by Variety showed that Camacho's salary was increased from \$35,000 a year to \$38,600.

The increase, Camacho said, was part of adjustments done following his promotion.

"It (adjustment) was mandated. Everyone's pay has gone up already. What we are working on now is the retroactive payment which also is mandated under the same law," Camacho stressed.

Camacho has earlier expressed hopes the estimated \$10 million that will be needed for the retroactive

payment "will be released as soon as possible."

Gov. Froilan Tenorio, shortly before the Nov. 1 electoral exercise, has approved the release of the funds, a move seen by several government employees as a mere tactic employed to lure votes for the elections.

With the electoral exercise over and Tenorio having only barely two months left in office, several affected government employees have reported

edly become wary that the funds may never actually be worked out.

Camacho has also repeatedly failed to give an estimate as to when the employees will actually receive their long-delayed backwages.

A week before the elections, OPM said government was in the "final stages" of its computations and processing of the fund.

An inter-agency body was formed to come up with an accurate figure on

how much each of the eligible government employees will receive.

The process, it was gathered, was being prolonged by computations being made on the inclusion of premium payments — night differentials among others.

Public Laws 7-31 and 8-6 mandated a 14-percent across-the-board salary increase with retroactive provisions dating back to May 19, 1991, the day it was enacted.

There is an estimated 1,800 government workers are eligible for the backwages.

## OPM, Gov.'s Office confer about 'ghost employees'

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE OFFICE of Personnel Management is conferring with Gov. Froilan Tenorio on steps that will be taken "to correct what is needed to be corrected" regarding the case of the two Tinian-based govern-

ment employees found to be residing in Hawaii, OPM Director Luis S. Camacho said.

"We are putting something together," said Camacho of the on-going government probe.

He refused to divulge details of the initial findings.

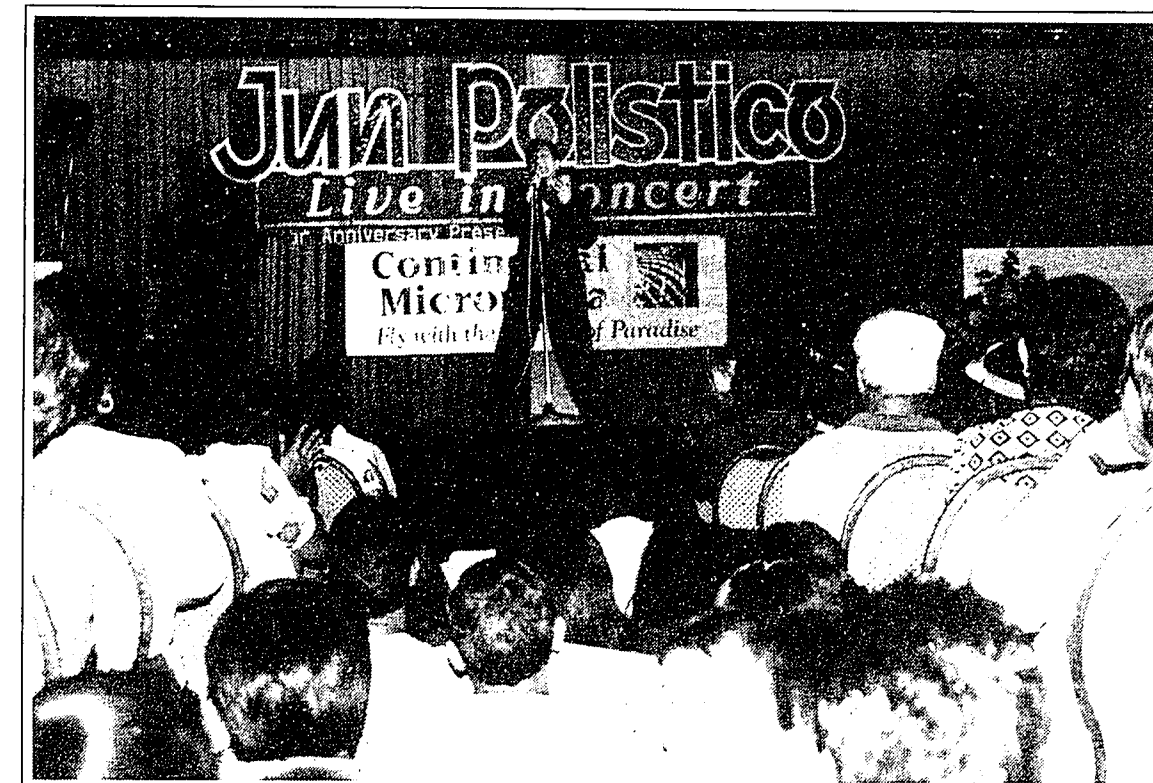
Camacho assured though that OPM, through the Office of the Governor, "will fix things up." Camacho, in his recent letter to Frederico M. de la Cruz, OPM Special Assistant for Tinian Affairs, said he is seeking personnel action against a certain Gerry J. Castro and Warren F. Villagomez. The two were hired on Aug. 26 this year.

The OPM letter said government has "confirmed" that the two are not anymore on Tinian.

The employees have also reportedly failed to coordinate with the CNMI Hawaii Liaison Office raising suspicions that they have been involved in an irregular activity.

The two could face administrative actions which may include permanently being denied employment in the public sector.

The investigation, OPM insiders said, was prompted by complaints raised against Castro and Villagomez.



Philippine artist and balladeer Jun Polistico performs a song number at the concert during KSAI's 10th year anniversary celebration held Saturday at the Diamond Hotel.

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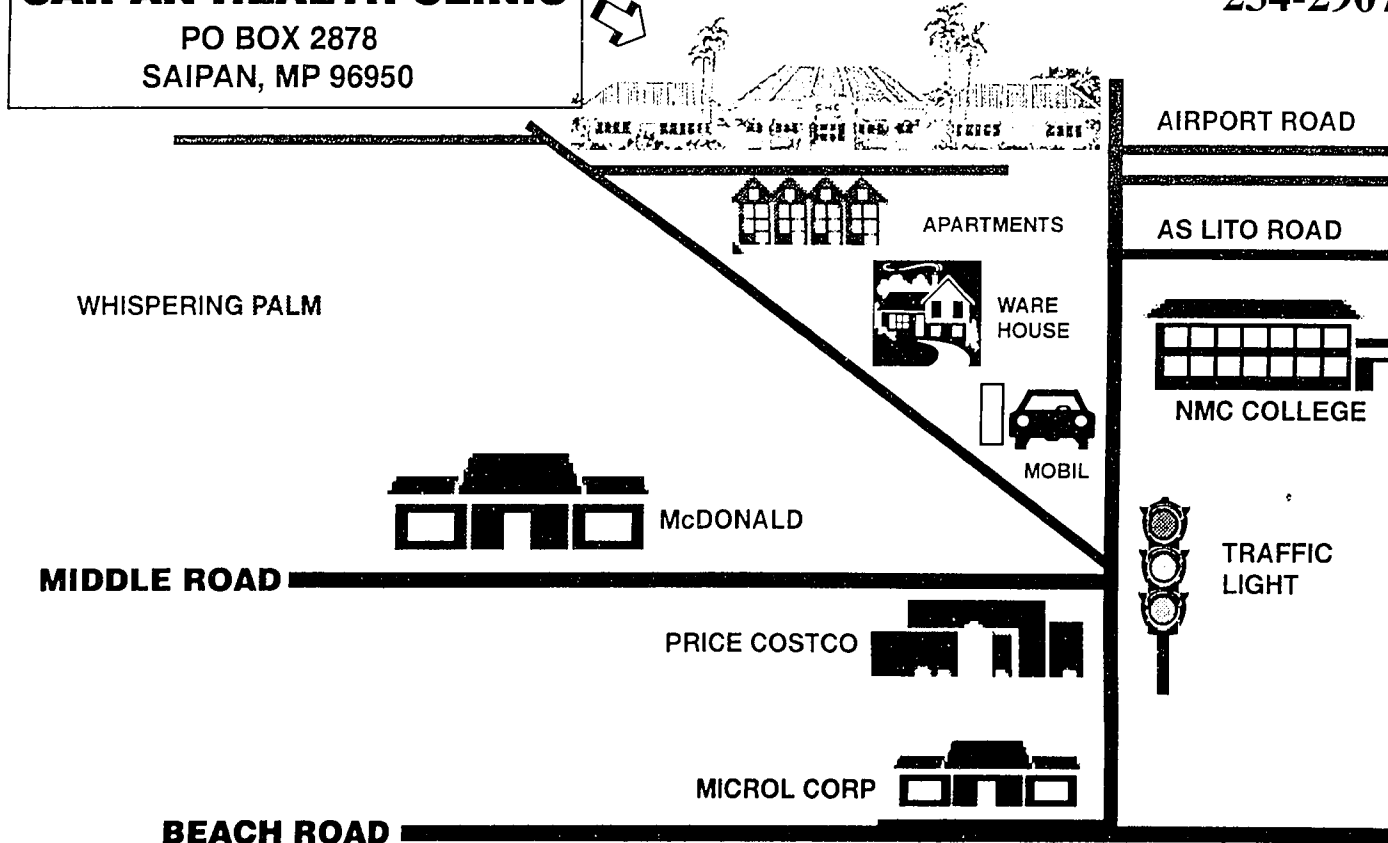


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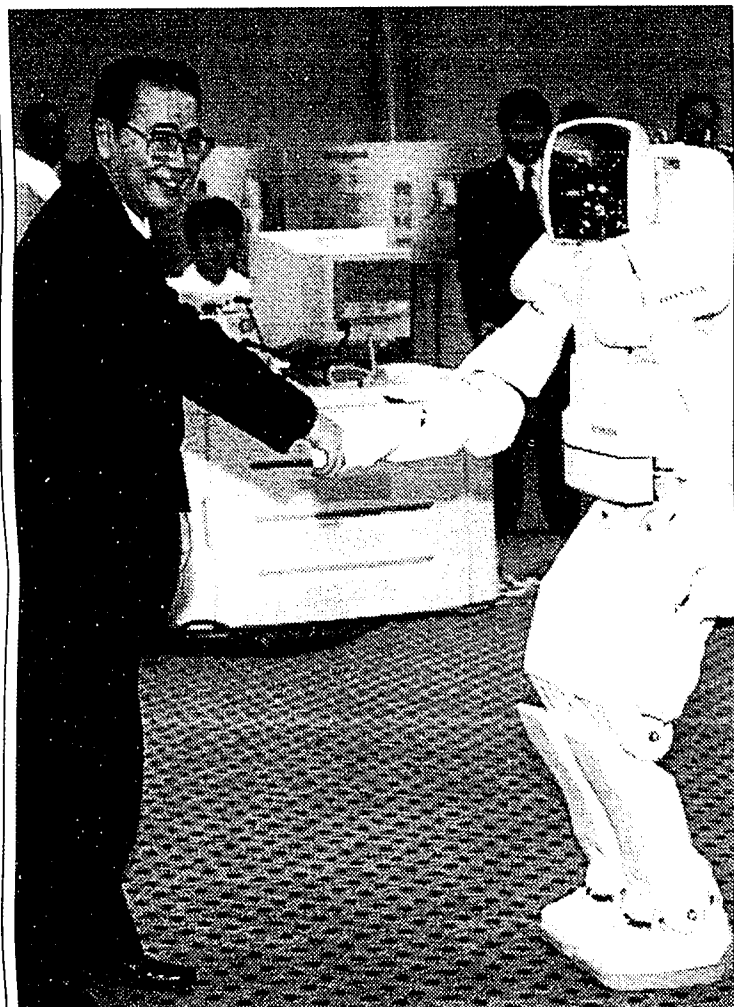
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## China's Li Peng meets P3



Chinese Premier Li Peng shakes hands with P3, a robot developed by Honda, after the robot spoke to Li with welcome message in Chinese during Li's visit to the Honda Technologies Center in Tokyo Thursday. Cling closer ties between China and Japan, Li said that differences in political system should not hamper relations between China and its trading partners. AP

## Survey shows increases in Asia-Pacific airfares

SINGAPORE (AP) - Airfares on routes originating in the Asia-Pacific region have risen significantly over the last 12 months, according to a report released Wednesday.

Average economy fares are 5 percent higher than a year ago, while both business class and first class are up 4 percent, said the American Express Asia Pacific Airfare Index, which issues quarterly updates.

It cited several factors, includ-

ing high inflation in several Asian countries, congestion at some airports and bilateral agreements reducing competitive pressures on some routes.

The pattern is expected to continue over the next six to 12 months, the report said.

However, the most recent quarter did see a reversal in a trend for first and business class fares to increase more rapidly than economy and excursion fares, which was resulting in

a growing differential between the two segments.

The report said economy and excursion fares rose by 2 percent in the last quarter, while business class and first class fell very slightly.

It credited a new type of fare on Singapore routes that is slightly restricted but cheaper, and a new fare system that was introduced April 16 on Australian domestic routes after the merger of first class and business class.

## Japanese official: Bureaucracy is the enemy of disaster relief

HONOLULU (AP) - Government bureaucracy is "the worst enemy of disaster relief," according to a Japanese official who was involved in the 1995 Kobe earthquake rescue effort.

Atsuyuki Sassa, former director general of Japan's Security Affairs Office, said rescue officials had access to more than 1,000 helicopters, but because they lacked proper landing permits, only one patient was transported by emergency helicopter that first day.

Government agencies followed time-consuming procedures used to

get permits during nonemergencies, Sassa said. More helicopters were eventually used, but they could have had a greater impact if a crisis management plan had been in place, he said.

Problems that followed the earthquake were worse than necessary because Japan lacked a national agency like the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, which coordinates federal assistance to state and local government, Sassa said.

Oklahoma City Mayor Ronald

Nowick said his city was fortunate to have established an emergency management institute less than a year before the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

It helped that various agencies' emergency roles were clear, he said.

Sassa and Nowick spoke during the 24th Biennial Conference of Japan-America Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Presidents, which concluded Wednesday in Waikiki.



A toy shop clerk Mariko Kawaguchi, 20, displays "Petgotchi" which is currently on sale at 1,000 yen (US \$8) at Japan's toy shops Saturday. Petgotchi is similar to Bandai's super-hit "Tamagotchi" but designed and produced by a different firm. AP

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## According to Malaysian minister East Asia relations with India to improve

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Ties between India and East Asia will grow in all fields because of India's rapid economic growth, Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Wednesday.

"As India's economy grows steadily, economic interaction between South Asia and East Asia is bound to accelerate," Abdullah said in his keynote address at the seminar on "India and ASEAN: The Growing Partnership for the 21st Century" organized by the government's Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

In his speech read by Deputy Foreign Minister Leo Michael Toyad, Abdullah said relations between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and India relations would be characterized in the near future by greater economic, political, intellectual and cultural cooperation as part of efforts to promote regional trade and economic cooperation.

Abdullah said a rapidly grow-

## Ways to stop menopause reportedly found

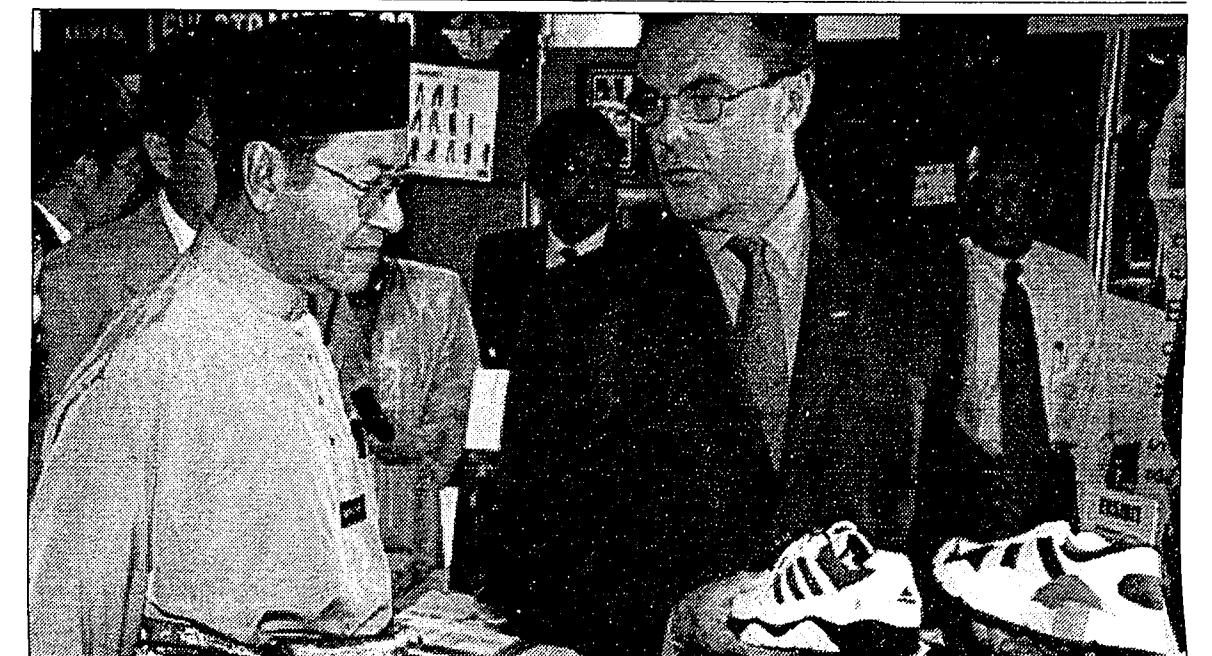
LONDON (AP) - Scientists experimenting with mice have found a way to keep cells in ovaries from dying and thus block the onset of menopause, London's Sunday Times reported.

Scientists at Harvard Medical School discovered that an application of two chemical agents called fumonisins-B1, a fungal toxin, and sphingosine-1-phosphate, stops cells in the ovaries from dying, the newspaper said. The research will be published next week in the scientific journal Nature Medicine, the newspaper said.

The research is still at the experimental stage, the report noted, but project leader Jonathan Tilly said the results with mice were so good the technique could be used on women right away.

"Hormone replacement therapy will become a thing of the past because the implant would preserve ovarian function," Tilly said. "The results are so striking that in a perfect world we would take it into clinics right now." Under hormone replacement therapy, many women take estrogen, a natural reproductive hormone, to help them avoid hot flashes during menopause. Women also take estrogen after menopause to prevent heart disease and osteoporosis.

The scientists were trying to preserve fertility in cancer patients. Cancer treatment often makes young women infertile, stopping the ovaries from producing estrogen and bringing on early menopause.



Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, left, is being briefed by Adidas' managing director Udo Eimer, right, on the differences between a genuine and a fake shoe when Mahathir officiated the World Consumer Day celebration in Kuala Lumpur Friday. AP

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# US House OKs foreign aid hike



Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, left, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott talk to President Clinton on the phone from Capitol Hill following the 1997 recess of the Senate Thursday in Washington. AP

By DAVID BRISCOE  
WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. House passed major foreign affairs legislation early Thursday that reverses declines in foreign aid but fails to pay U.N. arrears or fund a new international financial emergency fund.

The bill, expected to pass the Senate on Thursday, increases foreign aid for 1998 to \$12.8 billion, \$500 million over current funding.

The compromise bill, passed 333-76 just after midnight, was stripped of its most-contested provisions, including anti-abortion language, \$1 billion for U.N. back dues and \$3.5 billion in credit for the International Monetary Fund's new emergency assistance program.

But, with strong appeals from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Treasury Secretary James Rubin, some lawmakers said the U.N. and IMF funding could be revived in separate legislation Thursday.

The administration considers both critical at a time when the United States is rallying a tough U.N. stance against Iraq and dealing with currency crises in Asia.

Albright also sought inclusion of

provisions worked out with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms to reform the State Department, abolishing U.S. information and arms control agencies and consolidating their work into the State Department.

The bill keeps funding for international family planning at the current level of \$385 million - Clinton asked for \$500 million more - while eliminating the provisions that would have barred any funding to groups that perform abortions in other countries or lobby for their legalization. That provision had prompted a veto threat from President Bill Clinton.

House passage of the slimmed-down bill came as Albright and Rubin spent more than two hours in House Speaker Newt Gingrich's office talking about the need for U.N. funding and support of the IMF lending.

Some of the time was spent on the phone to the White House. Both Cabinet members brushed off reporters' questions afterwards. "We're doing our best," said Albright.

"I am concerned about the fact that there is a very real possibility that Congress will adjourn this week without approving legislation we need to fund important aspects of our foreign policy," Albright said in a speech earlier in the day.

Nonetheless, congressional Democrats supported the compromise and said privately that they expected Clinton to sign the foreign aid bill as the best he could get.

The foreign spending bill also includes:

- A first-time cap of \$5.4 billion on aid to the Middle East, retaining \$3 billion for Israel and \$2.1 billion for Egypt, and including a new allotment of \$225 million for Jordan.

- \$1 billion for World Bank lending to the world's poorest countries, well above the amount passed by either house and equal to the administration's request.

- \$770 million for former Soviet States, \$130 million below the president's request but \$145 million more than the current level. Half of aid to Russia would be withheld unless it ends cooperation with Iran on missile development.

- \$700 million for refugee aid.
- \$650 million for child survival and disease-prevention programs.

- \$680 million for Export-Import Bank credits, \$50 million more than the president's request.
- \$250 million for a South Caucasus Regional Fund, including \$92.5 million for Georgia, \$87.5 for Armenia and \$12.5 million for Nagorno-Karabagh.

- \$230 million for international narcotics control efforts.
- Full \$222 million funding for the Peace Corps.

- \$19.6 million for the International Fund for Ireland.
- A \$6 million cut from military aid to Greece and Turkey.

- Increased funding for the Western Hemisphere by 5 percent, or \$20 million, over the president's request.

- Funds at or near requested levels UNICEF (\$100 million), the Asian Development Bank (\$163 million) and the Inter-American Development Bank (\$76.4 million).

- Prohibition of aid to Cambodia and the Palestinian Authority (unless a presidential waiver is issued.)

# China frees top dissident

BEIJING (AP)-China's most prominent pro-democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng, was released from prison Sunday and left for the United States, his sister told Hong Kong Cable TV.

The release of Wei, who has spent all but about six months of the past 18 years in prison, came less than two weeks after Chinese President Jiang Zemin returned from a state visit to the United States.

Chinese officials had denied suggestions they would release Wei or other dissidents as a goodwill gesture, describing the prisoners as common criminals.

There was no immediate comment from the Chinese government.

Wei left aboard a flight to Detroit, his sister Wei Shanshan said in the cable TV interview from her home in Germany.

Chinese leaders usually are happy to see dissidents go into exile, where they frequently sink into obscurity. But none has ever been as high-profile as Wei, who has been mentioned for years as a leading contender for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Wei, 47, suffers from chronic high blood pressure and heart and stomach ailments as a legacy of his captivity.

Recently, he has been placed under 24-hour watch by fellow prisoners in a cell with one glass

wall that made him feel like a zoo animal, according to the New York-based group Human Rights in China.

Human rights groups appealed to U.S. President Bill Clinton before Jiang's trip in late October to demand the release of Wei and other dissidents.

Human Rights Watch welcomed Wei's release but cautioned it should not be seen as a sign of major improvements in Chinese human rights.

"When they need to offer a concession for political reasons, they release someone they should never have arrested in the first place," the group's executive director, Sidney Jones, said in a statement.

Wei was first arrested in March 1989 in the crackdown on the "Democracy Wall" pro-democracy movement.

A former soldier and electrician, he was one of dozens of youngsters who mimeographed underground political journals and posted essays on a public wall in Beijing dubbed the Democracy Wall.

The crackdown shocked Western governments that had regarded then-leader Deng Xiaoping as a reformer and more tolerant than Mao Tse-tung, his predecessor.

Sentenced to 15 years in prison, Wei was released in 1993 during China's bid to host the 2000 Summer Olympics. He was

re-arrested a few months later and was sentenced in 1995 to 14 years in prison on charges of subversion and conspiring to subvert the government.

During his brief freedom in 1993, Wei said he had "absolutely no regrets" about being held behind bars for so long.

although he has lost more than half his teeth and developed a heart ailment because of the harsh prison conditions.

"Everyone now knows that lack of democracy has seriously thwarted Chinese social development," he said in a 1979 essay "What Do We

Want: Democracy or New Autocracy?"

"Today's democratic movement springs from the longings of the people. The goal is to reform the social system and avoid any Mao Tse-tung-type dictatorship," Wei wrote.

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## We Need a Breakthrough to Cut Crime in the CNMI

I wish I could report, as can New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, that the CNMI has experienced a sharp and unprecedented drop in crime across the board, but I cannot.

In 1995, New York showed murders dropping 25 percent and steep declines in other crimes and that was for the fourth straight year. Other big cities such as Houston, San Diego and Chicago were reporting similar figures. That's the year we hit 10 murders around here.

As you might expect, criminologists, police officials and politicians in the states are all working overtime to explain this development and to figure out how to make it a permanent state of affairs. Unless, as some are predicting, a very sharp increase in the number of crime-prone teenagers within the next ten years turns this trend around, the question that is being asked is, "What are we doing right?"

In the CNMI, with a persistent drug problem and crime rising across categories,



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the question being asked and not just by professionals is, "What are we doing?" And it's a valid question.

The efforts of my administration to upgrade and professionalize our anti-crime forces have included a major initiative with the Baltimore Police Department to improve the investigative skills of our Department of Public Safety. The CNMI is a much more complex place than it was only a few years ago and the investigation of serious crimes committed here is that much more difficult.

Around the mainland, the 'community policing' concept is getting some of the credit for cutting the crime rate. Like

many other good ideas, this is actually the old-fashioned notion that every citizen must be involved in the effort to keep order in their communities. I am pleased that our DPS has been working hard to educate citizens on how to deter crime and how to help our police officers better do their jobs. Of course we'll need to give this program time to demonstrate whether or not it's effective.

Another wrinkle on community policing that I've mentioned in this column before, might work very well in the CNMI if we're willing to make changes in our lives. In New York City, policies now in effect, give zero tolerance to criminal acts that were once

ignored by the police. Drink or loiter on the street, get into a fight or urinate on the subway platform and you go to jail in New York. The theory is simple. If you ignore these things, the feeling of disorder and insecurity rising among law abiding citizens who have to witness them eventually makes crime worse. I think this has some real application in the CNMI, where we have traditionally bent over backwards to overlook or excuse misbehavior in the community. Certainly we wouldn't have our present outrageous number of burglaries if more people in our community reported what they know and observe to the police.

Of course, we had better get organized and build new prison facilities, because it appears we must get certain people off the street if we are going to cut our crime rate.

Most accomplishments don't result from some miraculous new policy or innovation, but as the result of common sense and hard work. A recent New York Times headline read, "N.Y.C.

Reports a Big Drop in Crime in Jail of All Places." Maybe it comes as a surprise to some editor, but jails can be very violent and drug-ridden places, including our very own overcrowded facility in Susupe. So how did authorities cut the violence rate by 80 percent as the jail population soared? First, they searched thousands more prisoners a month as well as hiring a couple of thousand more corrections officers. They also tracked gang members by computer, increased arrests of prisoners committing crimes in jail and put red tags on violent inmates. It certainly can't have been cheap for the taxpayers, but keeping order effectively generally doesn't come at a bargain price.

The drop in crime was certainly very good news for Mayor Giuliani, who just got re-elected. I would have liked to report similar news, not to mention being re-elected, but I hope that a future administration in the CNMI will be able to do so.

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The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1997, and Section 601.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

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Colleagues of four American nationals, who were working for Union Texas Petroleum, putting wreaths on coffins at Karachi airport Saturday before they were shipped to the United States. Four U.S. nationals and a Pakistani driver was killed by unknown gunmen last Nov. 12 in Karachi. AP

## Bodies of Americans repatriated

DOVER, Delaware (AP) - The steel gray coffins carrying the bodies of four American oil company workers killed in Pakistan arrived in Delaware on Sunday.

The plane carrying the bodies landed at an air base in Dover about 1:30 a.m. (630 GMT). A plane is scheduled to return the bodies of the Union Texas Petro-

leum workers to Houston on Monday, a spokeswoman for the company said.

The bodies were loaded onto the charter flight from Pakistan Saturday after a brief ceremony at the airport.

The attack Wednesday also killed the American's Pakistani driver.

The killings were believed to be in retaliation for Mir Aimal Kasi's conviction Monday in the slayings of two CIA workers in Virginia. Kasi is Pakistani.

In a warning issued by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad the third this week Americans were urged to avoid unnecessary travel to the nation and to keep a low profile.

### Twenty killed by alcohol poisoning

BOMBAY, India (AP) - A weekend drinking spree at an illegal bar in western India left 20 villagers dead of alcohol poisoning and another 20 seriously ill, doctors said Sunday.

The victims, all farm laborers from the rural district of Khalapur, 150 kilometers (90 miles) south of Bombay, began vomiting and going into convulsions after drinking home-made liquor Friday night. Seventeen died Saturday morning in Khalapur, and three died Sunday at hospitals in Bombay.

Dr. Smita Chawla of Sion Hospital, one of three hospitals where 49 survivors were being cared for, said the liquor had been adulterated with poisonous methyl alcohol. She said 20 of those hospitalized were in serious condition.

"I will never drink again. I have seen my neighbors dead," said Ramesh Kadar, one of those hospitalized.

Village elder Yashdev Khandar said farmworkers gathered every evening at an illegal bar in Khalapur to drink cheap homemade

liquor. Police on Sunday were searching for the bar owner, who fled Friday night.

In 1993, more than 100 people died in a similar incident in Bombay. Alcohol poisonings are common in rural India and poor urban areas, where bars sell affordable but often improperly prepared liquor.

### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES

#### Workshops for Governmental Boards and Commissions and for Nonprofit Boards

The CNMI Council for the Humanities is sponsoring a series of workshops for members of government and nonprofit boards and commissions.

The workshops, organized and presented by the National Center for Nonprofit Boards in Washington D.C., focus on four areas essential to the successful operation of government and nonprofit boards.

These are:

- Financial Responsibilities
- Legal Obligations
- Management of Conflict of Interest
- Accountability

The workshops are scheduled for December 4th (full day) and December 5th (half-day). Fees: \$195.00/person or \$185.00/person (discounted fee for 5 or more).

Last day to register Nov. 26. Registration forms are now available at the Council's office.

If you or your board members are interested in attending these workshops, please call Evelyn Calvo at telephone No. 235-4785.

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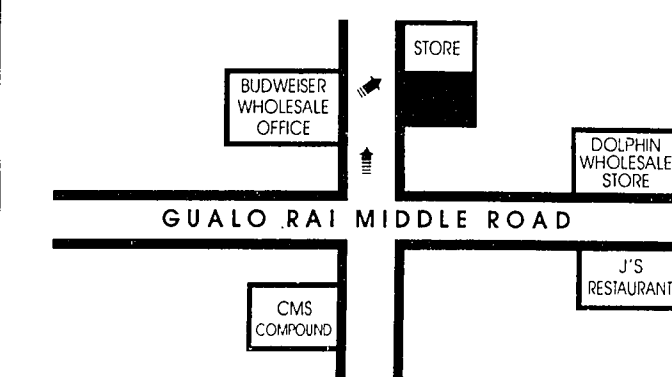
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# Albright plans ME visit



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, right, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat walk to their microphones to face the media at a hotel in Berne, Switzerland Saturday. Arafat and Albright had a bilateral meeting on the troubled Middle East.

By George Gedda

BERN, Switzerland (AP) - The Iraq crisis prompted Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to plan unscheduled visits Sunday to Saudi Arabia and two other "front-line" states that face the greatest potential risk from Iraq.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Saturday that Albright's hopscotch tour along the Persian Gulf also will include Bahrain and Kuwait.

The visits come at a time of a continuing U.S. military buildup in the Gulf region. Rubin said the consultations will not involve discussions of possible military deployments but will focus on "the importance of maintaining a policy of containment of Iraq."

Albright indicated initially at a news conference only that she planned an unscheduled stop in Saudi Arabia, which served as a base from which a U.S.-led coalition waged war on Iraq six years ago to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

Albright responded to war-like statements in the government-controlled Iraqi media by calling them "highly irresponsible."

"Threatening us is not the answer," she said, imploring President Saddam Hussein once again to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

A senior administration official said President Clinton spoke Saturday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on how to maintain U.N. Security Council unity in the search for a diplomatic solution in Iraq. They agreed each would phone other world lead-

she said.

Arafat thanked Albright for her involvement in the process and committed himself to making progress.

"We will continue to do all our best to continue the peace process," he said.

He also called on Israel to fulfill 34 commitments which he said have not been fulfilled.

A reporter asked Arafat about the state of his health, noting that his eyes appeared watery, his skin pale, his speech slow and that his

lower lip trembled as he spoke.

Arafat smiled and made light of the question, saying he has had an eye problem since an airplane crash and had little sleep the night before. He thanked the reporter for his expression of concern.

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# Burma reshuffles gov't

**RANGOON, Burma (AP)** — Burma's four top generals consolidated their power Saturday in the form of new ruling council, promoting several mainly ceremonial posts.

The changes contained no indication the military was ready to

relinquish any of its absolute authority.

A brief announcement Saturday said the 21-member State Law and Order Restoration Council, or SLORC, which has been in power since September 1988, had been dissolved.

In its place, a 19-member group called the State Peace and Development Council has been created. The new council is made up of the four top generals and 15 commanders of the various military regions of Burma.

Throughout SLORC's eight-

year rule, its leaders repeatedly have insisted that its current form of military rule was only a transitional government. Yet, the regime has never made any further moves toward establishing a civilian government.

The reshuffling comes as the military government has recently hardened its stance against pro-democracy leaders, particularly 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

The military leaders on Saturday also announced the formation of a 14-member Cabinet and a separate 14-member advisory board. Eleven members of SLORC's previous Cabinet were given positions on the advisory board, but the government announcement carried no details on the role and relative power of each body.

The four generals who remain firmly in control of the country are: Sr. Gen. Than Shwe, the chairman of SLORC; Gen. Maung Aye, the vice-chairman; Khin Nyunt, secretary-one and head of military intelligence; and Gen. Tin Oo, secretary-two.

The ruling council contains two newer faces in Burmese power circles: Gen. Win Myint, who was given the title of secretary-three, making him the fifth most powerful general, and Gen. Tin Hla, who heads the newly formed Ministry of Military Affairs.

Although the junta opened Burma to foreign investment in the early 1990s, the economy is in a sharp decline, with inflation running at about 40 percent and the currency, the kyat, rapidly losing value.

Most trained economists have left the country rather than live under military rule.

The government released Suu Kyi from six years of house arrest in 1995, but it has periodically clamped down on her activities — especially in the last few weeks. On Thursday, Suu Kyi's car was surrounded by riot police for 11 hours, and she was not allowed to meet party members.

Suu Kyi and top leaders of her political party could not be reached for comment as the government has cut their phone lines.

The SLORC succeeded an earlier military regime in 1988, suppressing pro-democracy demonstrations by killing thousands of protesters. Suu Kyi, daughter of independence hero Aung San, rose to head the democracy movement.

In 1990, her party won a landslide victory in national elections, but SLORC ignored the result and jailed, harassed and drove into exile many of the winning candidates.

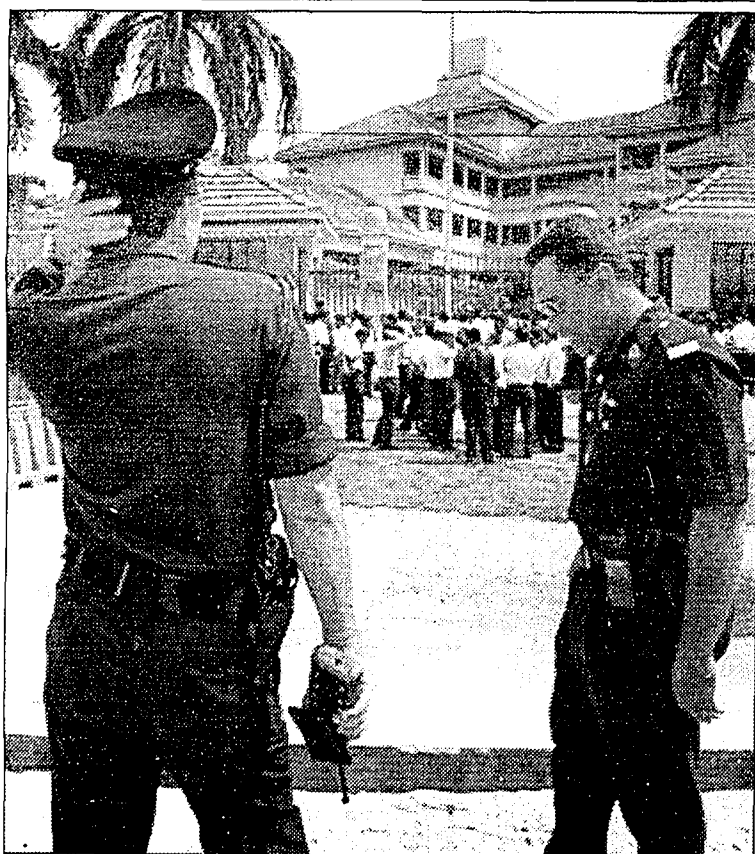
The London-based human rights group Amnesty International estimated last political opponents in prison, many from Suu Kyi's party.

## Malaysian royals visiting Kuwait

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — The Malaysian king and queen left Sunday for Kuwait, where they will try to strengthen ties between the two nations.

During their three-day visit, Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku

Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah will meet with the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and other officials as well as visit a museum, the national news agency Bernama reported.



Policemen stand watch outside the U.S. embassy in Kuala Lumpur Thursday. Anti-U.S. sentiments were roused when there were calls in the US Congress for Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad to resign for his anti-semitic views. AP

# Israel, Jordan ink deal

By EILEEN ALT POWELL

ISRAEL and Jordan signed Sunday the first business deal of this year's Middle East and North Africa economic conference in Qatar, agreeing to create a special industrial trade zone in Jordan.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright presided over the ceremony and called the deal "a milestone in the implementation of peace and a tangible demonstration of the benefits of peace."

The signing was the first event of the three-day conference, which was to be formally opened later Sunday by Qatar's emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Just six Arab states less than a third of Arab League members accepted Qatar's invitation to send political delegations to the Doha

conference, which Israel also is attending.

America's top Arab allies in the region, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, are staying away, both angered by what they see as Israeli intransigence in the peace process. Some 1,300 businessmen from more than 60 countries are attending.

The agreement signed Sunday creates a "qualified industrial zone" in the northern Jordanian city of Irbid. There, companies set up by Israeli and Jordanian businessmen will be allowed to export their products to the United States duty free.

The deal still must be approved by the U.S. Trade Representative's office in Washington, but American officials said this was expected soon.

Albright said that the agree-

ment showed "American commitment to help and support the partners in the Middle East peace process, not only with words but with concrete action."

She said that some 1,500 people already were working at the Irbid zone and predicted that the new

deal would generate many more jobs.

Few other deals were expected at the conference since the other so-called "peace partners," Egypt and the Palestinians, are boycotting the meeting.

The deal was signed by Natan

Sharansky, the Israeli minister of industry and trade, and his Jordanian counterpart, Hani Mulki.

Sharansky credited Israeli and Jordanian businessmen with making the zone possible, saying they "showed us politicians the right way of building cooperation."

## Middle East leaders chided for not pursuing peace pacts

By GEORGE GEDDA

**DOHA, Qatar (AP)** — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Sunday the Middle East peace process is in danger because leaders of the region "have failed to take the actions required to realize the possibilities of peace."

Albright spoke in remarks prepared for a Middle East economic conference in the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar that largely is being boycotted by Arab nations as a protest against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Commenting on the situation in Iraq, Albright said the

United States would remain unwavering in its determination to induce President Saddam Hussein to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

Instead of fulfilling U.N. requirements, she said, "Saddam Hussein has lied, delayed, obstructed and tried to deceive."

Only six Arab countries besides Qatar sent representatives here: Tunisia, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Mauritania and Yemen.

Other Arab nations are boycotting in a demonstration of hostility toward Netanyahu, whom they blame for the impasse in the Arab-Israeli peace process. Israeli is being represented by its minis-

ter of industry and trade, Natan Sharansky.

Albright chided the absent Arab nations for suggesting that their boycott somehow punishes Israel.

"The effort to increase regional economic cooperation is not as some people seem to feel a favor to any particular nation," she said.

Despite the poor turnout of Arab officials, U.S. officials were not inclined to write the conference off as a failure. The administration pointed to the expected presence of some 1,300 business representatives, including 150 Americans.

## NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



### INVITATION TO BID DPW98-ITB-003

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for construction of a toilet facility at the Dandan Baseball Field on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The existing baseball field at Dandan will be improved with construction of a toilet facility. The successful bidder will be responsible for supplying all necessary materials, as required in the Plans and Specifications.

The Department of Public Works has prepared plans and specifications which are available at the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan. The Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan.

This project is funded by the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) under its Community Development Block Grant allocated to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of a contract for this project is contingent from NMHC-CDBG for using HUD funds.

Bids must be marked "DPW98-ITB-003". One (1) original and three (3) copies of bids must be submitted to the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, November 21, 1997.

All responses to this ITB should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the bidder in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

The bidder is required to submit with his/her bid, 1) a copy of CNMI-based, current business license; 2) updated financial statement; 3) listing of existing and past projects including completion dates; 4) certification of tax compliance from the Department of Revenue and Taxation; 5) written confirmation from a reputable bonding firm as to the company's capability to obtain bond insurance and performance and payment bond; 6) copy of Builder's Risk and Workmen's Compensation coverage; 7) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued work permits; and 8) listing of equipment(s).

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Attention is further called to 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, must be paid on this project.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfections in the said bids, if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the government's best interest. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ JUAN S. TENORIO Date: 10/22/97  
Chairman of the Board  
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

/s/ STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX Date: 10/22/97  
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS Date: 10/22/97  
Director of Procurement & Supply

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council will hold its general meeting on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Office of the Aging conference room in Garapan. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome/Introductions
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes from the SRAC's Third Quarter Meeting on July 2, 1997
- V. Old Business
  1. OVR Staff Development Training
  2. Status of Policies and Procedures Subcommittee
  3. Changes of OVR's Organization (Duties/Responsibilities of OVR Staff)
  4. Financial Status Report
  5. Status of Consumer Satisfaction Survey
  6. Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Report
- VI. New Business
  1. Status of OVR State Plan
  2. SRAC Annual Report
  3. SRAC Membership
  4. Election
- VII. Setting of Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but requires accessibility such as large print or sign language interpreters, must call 664-6537/6538 (voice) or 322-6449 (TDD). Advance notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/ ANNA YAMADA  
Acting Chair

## NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ACCOUNTANT II

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting employment applications for the position of Accountant II for its Central Office in Garapan, Saipan.

**Duties & Responsibilities:** Reports to the Chief Accountant, creates spreadsheets to record loans, aging reports, etc.; updates and maintains loan ledgers; prepares and distributes notices of delinquencies; communicates with loan clients; acts as official timekeeper; reports all taxes to proper agencies; runs errands as assigned; and performs other related duties as assigned.

**Starting Salary:** PL 30-1, \$22,576 per annum—higher salary considered and commensurate with qualifications of applicant.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Graduation from a recognized college or university with a Degree in the field of accounting, finance or business management plus two (2) years of work experience in the financial field or institution. Experience with computer and accounting software programs, loan servicing and payroll preferred; possess a current CNMI driver's license; a good command of English, verbal and writing skills.

**Note:** Applicants must substantiate educational background by submitting an official school transcript or degree, and provide a recent police clearance. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** NMHC is committed to providing equal employment opportunity for all persons regardless of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability.

Interested applicants can pick up an NMHC Employment Application Form at the Central Office in Garapan. Applications must be submitted to Edith C. Fejeran, Office Manager, at NMHC no later than close of business on Monday, November 17, 1997. For further information, call 234-9447/7689/6866 or write to P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950.

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## NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ACCOUNT CLERK

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting employment applications for the position of Accountant II for its Central Office in Garapan, Saipan.

**Duties & Responsibilities:** Reports to the Chief Accountant, acts as cashier and receives payments and issues receipts; acts as custodian of the Change and Petty Cash fund; initiates preliminary replenishment of PC fund; responsible for documents and check delivery runs and errands; files and maintains all financial documents; and, performs other related duties as assigned.

**Starting Salary:** PL 21-1, \$15,105 per annum—higher salary commensurate with qualifications of applicant considered.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High School graduate or GED plus two (2) years experience in handling cash and dealing with the public; experience with computer, possess a current CNMI driver's license; a good command of English, verbal and writing skills.

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# Somalia death toll hits 2,000

By Haroun Hassan  
MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Heavy rain pounded Ethiopia again Saturday, feeding the overflowing rivers that have killed some 2,000 people and are threatening to create an inland sea in southern Somalia.

A month of flooding has inundated large areas of southern Somalia between the Ethiopian border and the Indian Ocean.

High water has wiped out the freshly harvested staple crop of sorghum and left hundreds of thousands homeless and hungry.

The death toll is rising so fast that aid agencies can only guess at the carnage.

David Neff, CARE's director for Somalia, said any estimate below 2,000 dead "has got to be conservative."

He said the Juba River, which originates in Ethiopia and runs south to the Somali port of Kismayo, is now eight miles wide at some a creek in

the American Midwest," Neff said.

The Red Cross has been making twice-a-day deliveries of high-protein biscuits and plastic sheeting, landing at the few airstrips in Somalia that were still above water.

Pilots have spotted families stuck for days in trees.

Many other bits of high ground will be completely wiped out if the floods rise just a few feet more, said spokesman Josue Anselmo.

Ten more days of rain are forecast for Ethiopia, also the origin of the overflowing Shabelle river.

According to the Somali Flood Response office, an estimated 210,000 people have fled their homes, and there was fear that the Juba and the Shabelle might merge to create an inland sea covering 60 square miles.

The U.N. World Food Program said more than 148,200 acres of prime farm land was underwater.

"Somalia just reaped its best sorghum harvest in years," Anne Mulcahy of Save the Children lamented. "The floods have ruined miles north of Mogadishu, said the local governor, Col. Nur Mohamed Mohamud Shirbow.

Rising waters also threatened the regions of Hiran, Lower Shabelle, Gedo, Bak, Bakol, Middle Juba, Lower Juba and Middle Shabelle.

Flash floods submerged 90 percent of the town of El-Waq on the Somali-Kenyan border Thursday night, killing at least 125 people and forcing 17,000 others to flee to higher ground.

Another 84 towns also had to be abandoned. The Juba River rose 6 1/2 feet between Thursday night and Friday morning, Anselmo said, washing out the airstrip in Buale, 90 miles north of Kismayo. The airstrip at Belet Huen, on the Shabelle at the Ethiopian border, also was underwater.

UNICEF spokeswoman Lynn Geldof said agencies had

received pledges of about half the \$9.6 billion needed.

Somalia has had no central government since January 1991, when armed factions ousted late dictator Mohamed Siad Barre, then turned against each other.

Many donor countries are reluctant to return to Somalia, where their missions were attacked and robbed beginning

in 1992 by warring militia during a three-year U.S.-led effort to help famine victims. Most agencies pulled out in 1995.

Patrick Berner, head of the Red Cross delegation for Somalia, said the situation had changed from a conflict to a natural disaster. "We cannot close our eyes," he said. "People are dying every day in Somalia."

## COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-97-X-317 submitted by Calvary Christian Academy through their representative HK Pangelinan & Associates for the construction of the Calvary Christian Academy School which includes; 12 classrooms, toilet facilities, kitchen and dining room, and offices.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 6:30 pm at the San Jose Elementary School Cafeteria. A second and final notice of this public hearing will be published at a later date.

The public is invited to attend and to submit written comments and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

MANUEL C. SABLAN  
Director  
Coastal Resources Management

## Mrs. Clinton pushes more Russia aid

By Laurie Keltman  
YEKATERINBURG, Russia (AP) — The United States should give more attention and money to newly independent republics as they emerge from the shadow of the former Soviet Union, Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday.

"I don't think it (the U.S.-Soviet relationship) is starting to fray," as critics have charged," the first lady told reporters in President Boris Yeltsin's snowy hometown of Yekaterinburg. "I think it's maturing."

The United States should help the republics deal with their internal problems as they lay political and economic foundations in this post-Soviet era, Mrs. Clinton said.

"Do I think personally that there should be more attention paid to how we in this transition? I do," Mrs. Clinton said during an interview at the American consulate here.

"We spent trillions of dollars in the Cold War. And now that we no longer are poised against one another, I think we should be doing all that we can to assist Russia to become as successful as possible," she said.

"To me, that includes not only government-to-government relationships business-to-business relationships and citizen-to-citizen relationships."

But some members of Congress and humanitarian groups say proposals to help the republics should not be approved until human rights records and government corruption are improved, problems during private meetings with government officials.

"I got the sense that there had been progress," Mrs. Clinton said. "There is an awareness of the goals that are being pursued and a clear understanding of where people are falling short and some sense of what needs to be done."

In Russia, per capita income hovers around \$3,400 a year, with nearly a quarter of the population living

below the poverty line, according to State Department statistics. Nine percent of Russians are unemployed.

During the first interview of her eight-day tour through corners of the former Soviet Union seldom traveled by Westerners, Mrs. Clinton said Americans should be patient during this transition period for the newly independent republics.

She acknowledged that her carefully mapped tour through the most advanced medical facilities, the best preserved historic sites and most elite student centers reflects the rosier side of life in the region.



Hillary Rodham Clinton

## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the Policy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation that the CUC merit hiring system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution and Statutes regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin.

JOB VACANCY NO: 98-009  
CLOSING DATE: 11/24/97

OPENING DATE: 11/10/97

POSITION TITLE: Secretary I

DUTIES: Takes and transcribes dictated materials such as correspondence, memorandum and reports. Keeps managers' calendar (schedule appointments and meetings). Types reports from rough draft into final forms. Reviews and checks documents, reports, records and forms for accuracy and completeness. Composes and types correspondence, also answering routing requests for information. Sets and oversees the filing system, and revises system as necessary. Assists in preparation and maintenance of Personnel Actions such as recruitment, etc., as assigned. Follows up personnel actions, travel authorizations and vouchers, and travel advance payments as assigned. Receives and logs incoming and outgoing mail and other materials, routes to appropriate personnel after review of Chief or Assistant Chief, and records forwarded documents. Receives telephone calls, takes messages, greets visitors. Ensures sufficient flow of office procedures and stock of office supplies. Performs other related duties as assigned by Supervisors.

LOCATION: Materials Management Division, CUC, Saipan

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: HS graduate with two (2) years experience in secretarial position or related field. Applicants will be tested on basic English, word processing and data base skills.

STARTING SALARY: \$13,703 - \$16,651 per annum, depending on experience.

This announcement closes on November 24, 1997. Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office. Copy of diploma and/or official transcript and recent police clearance must be attached.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

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JOB VACANCY NO: 98-010  
CLOSING DATE: 11/24/97

OPENING DATE: 11/10/97

POSITION TITLE: ACCOUNTANT IV (GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTANT)

DUTIES: Maintains the general ledger on the OrCom System. Coordinates A/P, A/R, Payroll, Fixed Assets, Work Orders, Treasury, Billing and Inventory module managers to ensure all modules are closed and distribution reports are submitted on a timely basis. Maintains/ subsidiary ledgers on all balance sheet accounts not maintained by other modules. Ensures that all subsidiary ledgers are reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis. Revises the General Ledger Chart of Accounts in the OrCom System, if necessary. Also, creates or changes the financial statement controls & formats in the OrCom System as directed by the Chief Accountant. Prepares monthly, quarterly and year end financial statements for review of the Chief Accountant. Performs monthly bank reconciliation of all bank accounts. Provides accounting support to external and internal auditors during audits. Performs other duties as assigned by the Chief Accountant.

LOCATION: Comptrollers Office, CUC, Saipan

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: BS/BA degree from an accredited college or university with a major in accounting. Five (5) years general ledger accounting experience, preferably with a governmental or private utility or company equivalent to the size and scope of CUC. Two (2) years experience preparing complete financial statements for review by management. Must be proficient in electronic spreadsheets and word processing. Must meet both minimum education and experience requirements and pass qualifying accounting tests. Copy of degree, official transcript, and police clearance must be attached to the application.

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\$22,576.96 - \$27,437.44 Per annum

The salary given will be determined by the qualification of the appointee.

This announcement closes on November 24, 1997. Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office. Copy of diploma and/or official transcript and recent police clearance must be attached.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.



## Commonwealth I Sangkattan Siha Na Islas Marianas Dipattamenton Hotnalero yan Imigrasion Dibision Setbisiun Manempleha

P.O. Box 1007  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Tilifon: (670) 664-2085/86  
Fax: (670) 664-3183



## NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU

I Dipattamenton Hotnalero yan Imigrasion un Cabinet-level na eskalera dipattamento ni dibidi entre singko ni mamprisinsipat siha na dibision: i Dibision Hotnalero, Dibision Imigrasion, Dibision Setbisiun Administrasion, Dibision Hotnalero yan Sisteman Aidentifikasion yan Dokumento Imigrasion yan i Dibision Setbisiun Man Empleha. Kada dibision kinabesasayi ni Direktot ni gage gi papa Sekretarium Dipattamenton Hotnalero yan Imigrasion, ya mañeñetbe sigon gi minalago' i Gobetno.

I Direktot Setbisiun Manempleha as Siñot Joseph B. Dela Cruz, ha na 'fanmanhahasso' i pupbliku hinerat, espisiatmente i RESIDENT WORKERS, (tat komu i taotao tano', Siuidanon U.S., Siuidanon Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands yan Republic of Belau) na i Dibision Setbisiun Manempleha guiya responsaple para u asigura i ma emplehan-fiha i Resident Workers gi Praibet siha na Bisnis gi halom i Commonwealth. Este ha engklulusu i para u ma priberniyi ayudun riniferen cho'cho', i ma settefikasion na ti siña i mambakante siha na cho'cho' manma sodda'i ni manresidente siha na hotnalero, i minanehan programan emplehao siha, priñebiyen teknikat siha na ayudu yan i ma satban hafa guaha na yinaoyao gi entalo' i manemplepleha yan i Resident Workers.

Para mas infotmasion yan ayudu, put fabot bisisita i Ofisinan-mami gi Dipattamenton Hotnalero yan Imigrasion, Mina' Dos Bibenda, Afetna Square, Sengsong San Antonio osino a'agang maseha hayi na taotao Setbisiun Manempleha gi tilifon numiru 664-2085 pat 664-2086 osino gi Fax 664-3183.

## Depattamentool Aweeweel Schóól Angaang Llól CNMI me Schóól Tooto Angaang Llól CNMI Bwal Eew Peighil Bwulasiol Angaang

## ARONGORONGOL TOWLAP

Depattamentool Labor me Immigration nge ebwal lo eskeleral Cabinet-nil Gobietno nge eyoor limoow ráaráál: 1) Peighil Bwulasiol aweeweel Schóól Tolong Tooto Angaang Llól CNMI, 2) Peighil Bwulasiol Schóól Tolong Wóól Falúw, Wóól Falúw, 3) Peghil Bwulasiol Atministarasion, 4) Peighil Bwulasiol Aidentifikasional meeta, me 5) Peighil Bwulasiol Schóól Angaang Llól Gobietno me Bisnis. Eew me eew bwulasiol kkaal nge eghal eyoor aschay samwool ye re ghal ira bwe Direktood ye e lo faal Seketariyal Depattamentool Aweeweel Schóól Angaang Llól CNMI me Schóól Tooto Angaang Llól CNMI nge sekeretariya yeel nge e angaang llól tippal Gobietno.

Direktoodul Peighil Bwulasiol Schóól Angaang Llól Gobietno me Bisnis nge Samwer ye Joseph B. Dela Cruz ye e mwuschel ebwe amengi ngeliir towlap me far schókka re tooto angaang falei ye re ira bwe resident workers (Schóól falei, U.S. CITIZENS, schóól Federated States of Micronesia, schóól Republic of the Marshall Islands me schóól Republic of Belau) ye Peighil Bwulasiol Schóól Angaang Llól Gobietno me Bisnis e kke apayú bwe bwulasiyo yeel nge angaangil schagh private mille emmwel rebwe amwuri bwe rebwe scheli resident workers le angaang. Rebwe scheliir reel rebwe abwáárló iya igha eyoor angaang, bwungúwól bwe angaang we nge esóór schóól falei ye emmwel ebwe toolong llól, me amwuri fetel angaang kka eyoor me ikka aramasal falúw emmwel rebwe toolong, alisir schóól angaang me bisnis me bwal lepateer schóól angaang me schóól atarabwaaghoor.

Ngare eyoor maas tipómw me rebwe scheliigh, au ghal lól llól bwulasio kka llól Depattamentool Aweeweel Schóól Angaang Llól CNMI me Scheoól Tooto Angaang Llól CNMI, Aruwowwal Bibendaal Afetna Square, San Antonio ngere faffaingi inaamwo bwulasiyo kkaal mellól tilifona kkaal #664-2085 ngere 664-2086 ngere yááyá FAX INQUIRIES llól 664-3183.

## Commonwealth of the Norther Mariana Islands Department of Labor and Immigration Division of Employment Services

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Labor and Immigration is a cabinet-level department with five main divisions: Division of Labor, Division of Immigration, Division of Administrative Services, Division of Labor and Immigration Identification and Documentation System and Division of Employment Services. Each Division is headed by a Director who is directly subordinate to the Secretary of Labor and Immigration, and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Director of Employment Services Mr. Joseph B. Dela Cruz would like to remind the general public, especially RESIDENT WORKERS (Locals, U.S. Citizens, citizens from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of Belau) that the division of employment services is primarily responsible for securing employment for resident workers with the private sector in the Commonwealth. This includes providing job referral assistance, certifying that job vacancies cannot be filled with resident labor, coordinating employment programs, providing technical assistance, and resolving disputes between employers and resident workers.

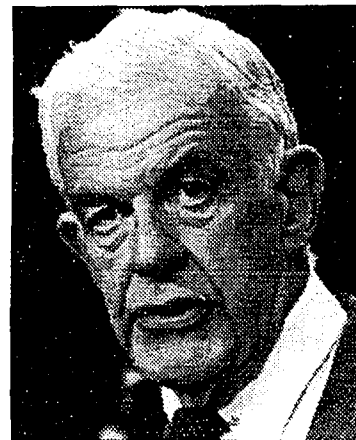
For more information and assistance, please visit our office at the Department of labor and Immigration, 2nd floor, Afetna Square, San Antonio Village or contact any of the employment services personnel at telephone numbers 664-2085 or 664-2086 or Fax Inquiries to 664-3183.



# New US envoy to Japan

By Todd Zaun  
TOKYO (AP) — Former House speaker Thomas Foley arrived Saturday in Tokyo to take his post as America's ambassador to Japan, calling relations between the two countries "the key to a peace-

ful and prosperous 21st century." Foley, who held the top House post for six years, was



Thomas Foley

Tokyo's Narita airport. "And when friends and allies find these solutions, there are no losers — both sides win," he said.

While Washington says its relationship with Japan is a top priority, it was slow to pick a replacement for Ambassador Walter Mondale, who left Tokyo more than 10 months ago.

During the hiatus, relations were smooth. But as Foley arrives in Japan, old tensions are beginning to mount over trade and the way Japan runs its economy.

Economists say Japan is trying to export its way out of an economic slump, despite calls from the United States to spur domestic consumption instead.

a popular choice in Japan, where politicians have hailed his solid connections in Washington and his knowledge of the country.

The 68-year-old lawyer, who led more than a dozen congressional trips to Japan during nearly three decades in the House, arrives as Tokyo's ballooning trade surplus is causing tensions with Washington.

Foley said it would be his job to ensure that the two economic powers continue cooperating on a broad range of problems, including trade, security and the environment.

"It will also be my responsibility to ensure that when we do disagree, as friends and allies we can speak frankly, and ... work for solutions that serve both of our peoples," he said in a statement on his arrival at

Foley's ties to Japan are partly based on trade. His home state of Washington is a major exporter to Japan of airplanes and lumber. A 1993 agreement to open Japan to apples grown in his state was initially cheered but later deemed a failure.

While Foley may know well the difficulties faced by U.S. exporters, some worry that close ties with Japanese politicians and business leaders mean he won't be as tough as his predecessor in trying to pry open the Japanese market.

Foley was first elected to the House in 1965, and was chosen Speaker in 1989. He lost his seat in the Republican landslide in 1994.

Since that defeat, he has been associated with Aiken, Gump, Strauss, Jauer and Feld, a Washington, D.C., law firm.

## 6 killed as plane, copter collide, crash

TOULOUSE, France (AP)—A rescue helicopter leaving the site of a plane crash today hit a cable during takeoff, slamming into the ground and killing both the pilot and co-pilot, police said.

The small private plane, carrying two adults and two children, apparently crashed after striking a bird in flight and went down just before noon near the Pic du Midi Observatory in the Pyrenees mountains in southwest France, the regional police department said.

All four on board were killed in the crash. The rescue helicopter flew into a cable as it was leaving the scene about a half-hour later. The pilot and co-pilot tried to make an emergency landing, but they were killed by the force of the touchdown.

A doctor and paramedic who flew to the scene in the helicopter were not aboard when it took off.

The police department did not release the victims' identities, and there were no other details immediately available.

# Troubled Yamaichi to split

TOKYO (AP)—Cash strapped Yamaichi Securities Co., one of Japan's top four brokerages, will split its business operations in three and gradually shut down its overseas branches, Kyodo News agency reported Sunday.

The decision is an attempt by Yamaichi to restructure so that it can become more profitable ahead of government-orchestrated reforms in the financial sector that

will intensify competition by the turn of the century.

Effective next April, Yamaichi will divide into one part that will oversee services for corporate clients, another that will be in charge of services for individual customers, and a third for management, said Kyodo, citing unidentified industry sources.

The payroll will be reduced by 2,500 to 5,000 by March 2000,

Kyodo said. Yamaichi will also gradually shut down most of its 31 overseas outlets and instead link up with foreign securities firms, it said.

Yamaichi's financial woes are part of an overall economic slump dragging down the Japan's stock

market and threatening the health of its financial institutions.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the benchmark Nikkei Stock Average fell 2.23 percent to its lowest point in more than two years Friday, closing the week at 15,082.52.

Like the other "Big Four" se-

curities, Yamaichi is under investigation for alleged illegal payoffs to a racketeer.

Yamaichi's former president and five other Yamaichi officials have been arrested in the payoff scandal, which has also embroiled Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank, a major bank.

## Cop . . .

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11:22 p.m., happened when two cars—a Hyundai four-door sedan and a Toyota Camry—collided along Beach Road in front of Island Garden in Garapan.

Initial investigation showed that the Hyundai driven by Hik who was with the nine-year-old boy Ho as passenger was traveling southward.

The Toyota Camry, driven by Sgt. Deleon Guerrero with four passengers—Sgt. Camacho, Jose Camacho, King and Babauta—was

headed north.

Police said the Camry, however, lost control and encroached on the southbound lane, resulting to the collision with the Hyundai.

Police officers and emergency medical technicians arrived and transported the victims to CHC.

The fatality was occupying the front passenger seat. The Camry sustained extensive damage on the right side portion. The other vehicle was damaged on the front.

Investigators are looking into possibility that alcohol and speeding had contributed to the accident. Police placed the incident under further investigation.

## Cable . . .

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vices networks in the Marianas said they are offering discounts for the entire period cable services were disrupted.

This was learned by the *Variety* in an interview with officials of Saipan Cable TV and Marianas Cable Vision during the weekend.

Earl Warren, direct sales manager of the Marianas Cable said MCV will not be charging subscribers during the time services were put off.

"There's no way subscribers can be charged... (Charging will start) only when the service is put back again. That's the better part of the MCV policy," Warren said.

He added that subscribers will not be billed from the time the typhoon disrupted cable services until it has been restored by the company.

He also said they will be coordinating with the Commonwealth

Utilities Corporation (CUC) on the official restoration of power in specific areas to verify their records on cable re-installation.

"We have records on downed cable lines and our teams have already started working on disrupted services," Warren stressed.

Saipan Cable TV, at the same time, yelled out a big "no" when asked if they would be charging subscribers during the time cable services were down.

Saipan Cable Sales Marketing Manager Warren Grimes said they have been notified by their subscribers on disrupted services and "we have already verified these complaints."

Grimes said time duration of disrupted services will be discounted on the billings of Saipan Cable subscribers.

"Subscribers will have to tell us if their cable lines are out or if they don't have power yet. But we still have to check with CUC and our own records to verify these," Warren told the *Variety*.

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## Message of Appreciation

We the family of the late **IGNACIO OGO PANGELINAN** "Pangie" extend our heartfelt appreciation to all relatives and friends stretching from Saipan, Rota, and Guam for the support and comfort expressed to us during our time of mourning and sorrow. The thoughtfulness, kindness, sympathy, and prayers extended to us deeply touched our hearts.

A special gratitude is extended to the Bishop and Clergy, Shalom Choir, Commonwealth Health Center, Ambulance Response Team, Air Force staff, Governor's office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Mayor's Office, Department of Public Safety, our Tacha, Ms. Rita M. Celis (Lily), and to all those relatives and friends too large to mention for the assistance and support during our most trying time.

The Christian Mass is to be offered on Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa. Dinner will be served immediately after the mass at the above residence.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

CHILANG PANGELINAN and Children

## PUBLIC NOTICE

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

2ND FLOOR, MORGAN BUILDING, SAIPAN  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS 96950  
TEL. NO. 234-6623/7320/3970 • NOVEMBER 17, 1997 • FN: PNO897AA.29

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE RECEIVED APPLICATION	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. IRIE, INC.	10/15/97 SMS-97-X-295	STORAGE ROOM	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/14/97)
2. TRANSAMERICA CORP.	10/17/97 SPm-97-X-298	STORAGE	LOWER BASE	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (11/14/97)
3. COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY	10/17/97 SSm-97-X-299	LIFSTATION UPGRADE	SAN ANTONIO	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (10/17/97)
4. LA MODE, INC.	10/20/97 SMS-97-X-305	GARMENT FACTORY AND STAFF HOUSING	AS LITO	MAJOR SITING	CERTIFIED COMPLETE (11/10/97)
5. MARIKO M. FAUG	10/21/97 SMS-97-X-306	COMMERCIAL APARTMENT	TANAPAG	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (11/06/97)
6. AQUA RESORT CLUB SPN	10/22/97 SSm-97-X-309	EROSION PROTECTION	ACHUGAO	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW
7. MAGAZINE MAGAZINE	10/23/97 SSm-97-X-309	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (10/28/97)
8. HYATT REGENCY SPN	10/25/97 SSm-97-X-310	SAND RECLAMATION	MICRO BEACH	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (10/31/97)
9. FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK	10/25/97 SMS(A)-97-X-311	SIGNBOARD	GUALO RAI	MAJOR SITING AMENDMENT	APPROVED (10/30/97)
10. MGM DIORVA SPN LTD.	10/30/97 SMS-97-X-312	GARMENT EXTENSION	AS LITO	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW
11. RIC TOURS, INC.	10/31/97 SSm-97-X-313	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/07/97)
12. HOTEL NIKKO SAIPAN	11/05/97 SSm-97-X-314	BEACH RESTORATION	SAN ROQUE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/07/97)
13. MARIANAS VISITORS BUREAU	10/03/97 SSm-97-X-315	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/07/97)
14. MANASSAS S. BORJA	11/05/97 SSm-97-X-316	ACCESS BOARD	TALAPOFO	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW
15. CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL	11/05/97 SMS-97-X-317	CLASSROOMS OFFICES	CHALAN KIYA	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW
16. HIT TOURS, INC.	11/07/97 SSm-97-X-318	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/07/97)
17. MABU CORP.	11/07/97 SSm-97-X-319	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/10/97)
18. TERRY W. EAGLESON	11/07/97 SPm-97-X-320	DRYDOCK	SEA PLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (11/12/97)
19. PAC DEVELOPMENT INC.	11/06/97 SPm-97-X-321	DRYDOCK	SEA PLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (11/14/97)
20. KINGFISHER CORP.	11/10/97 SSm-97-X-322	ACCESS ROAD REPAIR	KINGFISHER GOLF	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW
21. M & F CORP.	11/12/97 SSm-97-X-326	FILMING	TINIAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/13/97)
22. MARIANAS VISITORS BUREAU	11/12/97 SSm-97-X-327	FILMING	ROTA SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (11/13/97)
23. NIKKO KIRAKU SAIPAN CO., LTD.	07/30/97 SMS-97-X-223	WESTIN RESORT SAIPAN	SAN ANTONIO	MAJOR SITING	CERTIFIED COMPLETE (11/05/97)

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) calendar days of publication of this notice. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinators. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in CRM Regulations, Section 8 (c).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### QUALIFICATIONS:

A Bachelor's degree (preferred) in the arts or arts-related field and/or business administration. May consider minimum of five years related experience in lieu of degree. Must have knowledge of and experience with Samoan, Chamorro and Carolinian cultures. Proven ability in:

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- 2) Knowledge of non-profit management issues
- 3) Coordination of fund-raising
- 4) Planning, budgeting, and resource development
- 5) Experience in monitoring and evaluating program processes and results using measurement criteria
- 6) Knowledge and skill in the use of technological database

### POSITION SUMMARY

The Executive Director is appointed by the CPAC Board of Director and is directly accountable to this body for all administrative, educational, promotional, developmental and operational affairs of the CPAC office.

### PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

Position would require selected applicant to be based in Honolulu. Personal mode of transportation a must. Salary negotiable.

APPLICATIONS/RESUMES MUST BE DIRECTED TO AND  
RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING  
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25, 1997:

E.D. SEARCH  
P.O. BOX 2252 CK,  
Saipan, MP 96950  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JANET U. MARATITA, Defendant.

### Civil Action No. 97-0024 NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION SALE

Following an unsuccessful first auction sale in this matter, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendant, Janet U. Maratita, in the following described real property, located on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be sold at a second auction sale:

**REAL PROPERTY-Rota, CNMI**  
Tract No. 22089-1-4 (part of Tract 22089-1 as described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3005/89, the original of which was recorded on January 17, 1989 as Document No. 89-164 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office) containing an area of 929 square meters. Tract 22089-1-4 is shown as the shaded portion on the preliminary map attached, as Exhibit A, to the January 9, 1994 Warranty Deed to Janet U. Maratita.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 1997**, and if the property is not sold on Saipan, at the Department of Public Safety Office on Rota at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 1997**. If the property is sold on Saipan on November 19, 1997, the auction sale will be canceled on Rota.

The auction sale shall be subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Reserve.** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
2. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
- b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

3. **Minimum Bid.** The minimum bid for any property listed in this notice shall be the total amount of principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs of sale due and owing CDA by the defendants or the appraised value of the property - whichever is less.
4. **Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

5. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale 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 any buyer constructive notice.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1997.

/s/ COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## DL Cruz . . .

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Department of Commerce.

Dela Cruz said the most recent examples of statutes with good intent were Public Laws 10-44 and 10-9, which were passed and re-passed over the "governor's veto despite his concerns over problems they created."

But he added that these laws are not the only "bad" ones on the books, adding that there are many with provisions that conflict with each other and other which creates confusion among investors.

He stressed this kind of policy has led to bankruptcy wherever it was tried, including the United States. The commerce secretary also said restrictions will not solve the problem.

"The world trend today is for free trade zones, and leveling the playing field for competition. The CNMI needs competition and open markets, not protectionism and stifling restrictions," Dela Cruz said.

He said CNMI is faced with a problem on how to diversify and develop an island economy at a steady pace that will not strip the Marianas of its culture and resources.

## Manglona . . .

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T. Benavente (R-Saipan)," Manglona said.

As agreed by the Republican senators in a leadership meeting last Nov. 5, Manglona will be the Senate president with newly-re-elected Senate Majority Leader Thomas P. Villagomez (R-Saipan) as the new Senate vice president.

Villagomez will also continue to chair the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee.

Senator-elect Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) will move into the Senate majority leadership and chair the Fiscal Affairs Committee, while Tinian's David M. Cing, the lone Democrat in the leadership, will remain as the chair of the Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation Committee.

Rota's Edward U. Maratita, who returns to the Senate after his failed 1993 reelection bid, will be the legislative secretary.

A member of the 1985 Constitutional Convention, Manglona was first elected to the Senate in 1987 and won reelection in 1991 and 1995.

He was the majority leader from Jan. 1992 to Jan. 94, and again from May 1994 to Jan. 96 before being named as the Senate vice president.

Manglona will be the fourth Rotanese—after Julian S. Calvo (1986-88), Benjamin T. Manglona (1988-90) and Joseph S. Inos (1990-92)—to become Senate president, the CNMI's third highest elective position.

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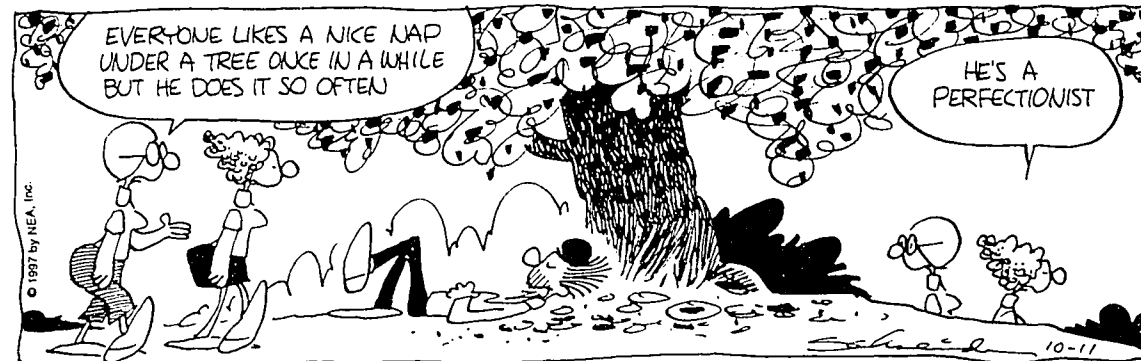
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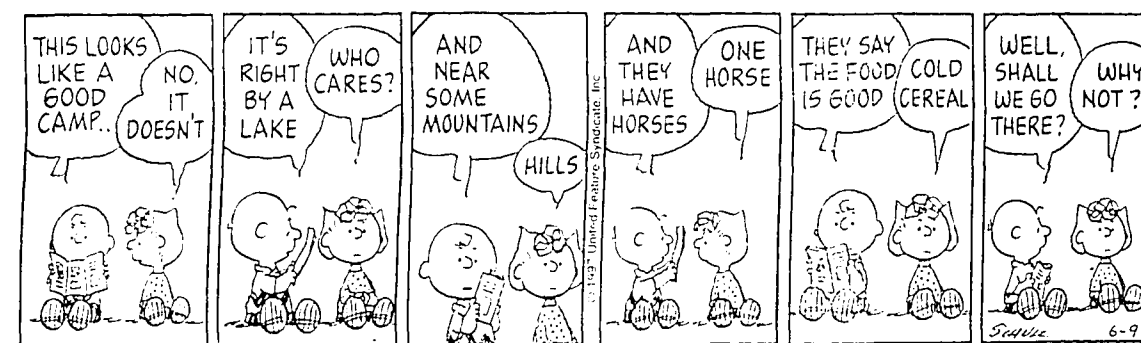
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During Marco Polo's 13th century stay in China he served as a city mayor.

The basic monetary unit of Greece is the drachma, and its chief fractional unit is the lepton.

Oklahoma is the Sooner State.

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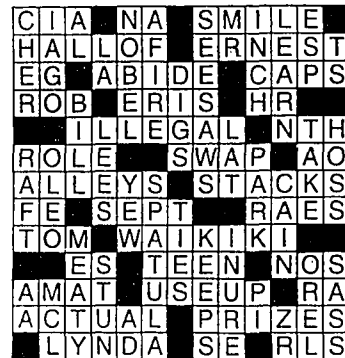
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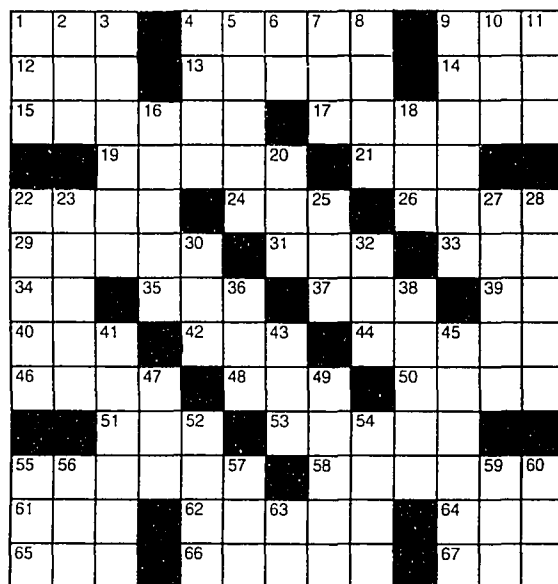
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# Crafter wins Australian Open

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** - Australia's Jane Crafter led from start to finish and survived a late challenge by South Korea's Kang Soo-yun to win the Australian Women's Open on Sunday.

Crafter, who led at the end of every round, shot a final round 70 to finish 13-under on the par-73 Yarra Yarra

course. Fellow Australian Joanne Mills was three shots behind in second following a 68.

Soo-yun, who turned professional in April, briefly held the lead in the final round with five straight birdies but fell back to third at nine-under with a 71. Crafter won U.S. dls 36,750.

Australia's leading player Karrie Webb, who is second on the LPGA money list going into the season-ending Tour Championship in Las Vegas, lifted her spirits with a final round 68.

Webb was critical of her form before this event and had no chance after battling around in 74 and 75 on the opening two days.

"I was hitting the ball a lot better today," Webb said. "It's slowly got better over the last two days."

Webb said she struggled with her putter over the tournament then had difficulty with her irons as "everything went haywire."

"It was just one of those weeks...I think I could have been in contention," Webb

said. Webb is still searching for her first victory on home soil. Last year she became the first female to win U.S. dls 1 million in a season.

She has won U.S. dls 947,356 this season and trails money list leader Annika Sorenstam by U.S. dls 129,433.

# Rose Bowl still up for grabs

By **RICHARD ROSENBLATT**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** - Rose Bowl madness rules.

In the Big Ten, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin are out, and guess who's left? No. 1 Michigan and No. 4 Ohio State, which meet in Ann Arbor next Saturday. And in the Pac-10?

Let's put it this way: No. 13 Washington's out and there's a three-team scramble between No. 9 UCLA, No. 14 Washington State and No. 15 Arizona State.

First, the Big Ten: At Madison, Wisconsin, Chris Howard had touchdown runs of 1 and 4 yards on a snowy day to lead the Wolverines (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten) to a 26-16 victory Saturday over No. 23 Wisconsin (8-3, 5-2), which played without the injured Ron Dayne.

With a win over Ohio State next week, and Michigan is 7-1-1 the past nine years, the Wolverines would complete their first perfect regular-season since 1971 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1993.

At Columbus, Pepe Pearson

ran for two touchdowns and Ahmed Plummer returned an interception 83 yards for a score as Ohio State coasted to a 41-6 win over Illinois (0-10, 0-7).

If the Buckeyes beat the Wolverines, and Penn State wins out to create a three-way tie for the league title, Michigan gets the Rose Bowl bid unless Ohio State is ranked No. 1 or No. 2. In that case, Ohio State goes to the Rose.

If Penn State loses one of its remaining games, then the Buckeyes go to Pasadena.

Now the Pac-10: At Pasadena, California, Cade McNown was 16 of 23 for 320 yards and three touchdowns and for another as UCLA (8-2, 6-1 Pac-10) beat Washington 52-28 for their eighth straight win.

At Pullman, Washington, Ryan Leaf threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a third as Washington State (9-1, 6-1) beat Stanford 38-28, the fifth straight loss for the Cardinal.

At Tempe, Arizona, Michael Martin rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns, including an 83-

yard run in the third quarter, as No. 15 Arizona State (8-2, 6-1) beat Oregon 52-31.

No one controls its own destiny here, while defending champ Arizona State, which played Oregon on Saturday night, needs the most help. The deciding games are: Washington State at Washington and USC at UCLA next Saturday and Arizona at Arizona State on Nov. 28.

If the Cougars, Bruins and Sun Devils end up in a three, or four-way tie (with Washington), Washington State goes to its first Rose Bowl since 1931. If there's a two-way tie, UCLA goes over Arizona State, Washington State over UCLA and Arizona State over Washington State.

# Arirang...

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The Chamolinians fought Victory for third place in the tournament in the sixth game, but Victory emerged the victor, 4-3.

Kim, Ho-Hyung had two goals for Victory, while Choi, Yong-Woon and Baik, Song contributed one goal each. David Duenas again scored twice for the

Chamolinians, and Ike Taitano scored once.

In the championship round, Arirang defeated an exhausted Havoc team, 4-1. Kim, Gi-Yeong scored twice for the champions, Yoon, Yun-Bok scored once, and Kim, Sung-In also scored once. Ken Slack scored the sole Havoc goal.

Gene Chagaris was named MVP for the women's division, and Kim, Gi-Yeong for the men's division.

# Westwood...

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just two weeks ago won the Volvo Masters in Spain.

"I didn't feel too great going out and didn't feel I was hitting the ball that well but I managed to hold on to it and win," he added.

"It's very easy when you start with a three-shot lead to think you can just stay one ahead, but suddenly people like Jumbo start making eagles.

"I just had to play my own game and take it one hole at a time," he said.

O'Meara mounted the first serious challenge of the final round. He shot four birdies on his opening 10 holes, briefly tying Westwood atop the leaderboard at 15 under after the Englishman completed an even-par front nine with two birdies and two bogeys.

But O'Meara then shot two

consecutive bogeys, missing the green on the par-4 15th and three-putting on the par-4 16th on his way to a closing 69.

"I was disappointed because I felt like I had it pretty much under control and had the opportunity to win but unfortunately I missed a couple of shots on the back nine," O'Meara said.

Oe Ozaki then moved within one shot of the lead with three consecutive birdies from the 14th. His challenge faltered on the 192-yard (175-meter) par-3 17th, where a poor chip shot from the back of the green cost him a bogey, but a birdie on the final hole gave him a 69.

Jumbo Ozaki, seeking his sixth victory this season, challenged with an eagle three on the 517-yard (470-meter) par-5 final hole.

The eagle, his second of the day, gave Jumbo a final-round 68, forcing Westwood to par the last hole to win.



John Daly, right, of Rogers, Ark. confers with Fuzzy Zoeller's caddy, Kayce Kerr, on the 14th green during the second round of the Shark Shootout, Saturday in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Daly and his partner Zoeller finished the second round in third place with a seven-under-par, 65 and 14-under-par for the three day tournament. AP

# Jazz...

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Luc Longley added 15 points for the Bulls, who are 6-4 heading into a season-long seven-game road trip that will keep them away from the United Center until Dec. 5. Chicago is 0-3 on the road.

Derek Anderson scored 12 points for the Cavaliers, who shot 37 percent and committed 27 turnovers in registering their lowest point total of the season. Timberwolves 105, Spurs 94.

In San Antonio, Kevin Gamett scored 26 points, Tom Gugliotta scored 23 and the two showed no fear of taking on San Antonio's big men as Minnesota beat the Spurs.

# Musashimaru...

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But the 234-kilogram (515-pound) Konishiki then planted his heels at the rim, slowly twisted his rival around and forced him out. Konishiki is 4-4 and Kotoryu 6-2. Sekiwake (junior champion) Tochiazuma improved to 5-3 in a one-sided oyster of equally ranked Takatoriki (1-7).

Komusubi (junior champion second class) Akinoshima (4-4) prevailed in a long seesaw battle with No. 1 maegashira Tamakasuga (3-5), toppling him backward at the rim.

Maegashira No. 8 Kotonowaka

took advantage of a slip in No. 12 maegashira Yamato's belt hold to shove out the American, George Kalima (3-5). Kotonowaka is 5-3. Sekiwake Dejima (5-2) lost by default to No. 2 Maegashira Tochiononada (4-4) after withdrawing Sunday with an ankle injury from Saturday's bout. The Japan Sumo Association said the injury is expected to require at least two months of treatment and rest.

Hawaiian-born Yokozuna Akebono is sitting out the tournament with a knee injury. Akebono, or Chad Rowan, suffered a torn cartilage in his left knee during the previous tournament in Tokyo in September.



## SPORTS

# Arirang, Fubar '97 NMI soccer champs

ARIRANG and Fubar emerged as the Northern Marianas soccer champions in the men's and women's division, respectively, last Nov. 9 during the 1997 Northern Marianas Soccer Federation Open Tournament, played in the Hopwood Junior High

School field.

The day-long affair featured seven games. Seven teams competed—two in women's division and five in the men's division.

In the first game, Havoc defeated the Chinese Dragon team, 5-1. Chris Guerrero scored five

goals and Ken Slack scored one goal for Havoc. Qian Yao scored for the Chinese Dragon.

The second game was the women's championship. Fubar and the Saipan Jets went head-to-head in what was a scoreless game until the last two minutes.

Just before the game ended, Gene Chagaris scored on a shot that stunned players and spectators alike, giving Fubar the 1997 women's championship, 1-0.

In the third game, the Chamolinians blanked the Chinese Dragon, 4-0. David Duenas scored twice, and John Wayne and Dennis Camacho scored one apiece.

The fourth game saw Arirang shut out Victory, 5-0. Kim, Soo-Hong scored four goals, and Kim, Sung-In scored one.

In the fifth game, Havoc blanked the Chamolinians, 7-0. Chris Guerrero scored four more goals, Matt Mehler had two, and Ken Slack one.

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Havocs' Eric Hillstrom (right) and Mark Mehler (partly hidden) vie for the ball with a Chinese Dragon (No. 09) during their soccer game.

## Jazz stops Mavericks

**Jazz 85, Mavericks 77**  
IN DALLAS, Karl Malone scored 26 points and made two clutch baskets late in the game to thwart Dallas' comeback attempt.

Greg Foster, Howard Easley and Jeff Hornacek all had 10

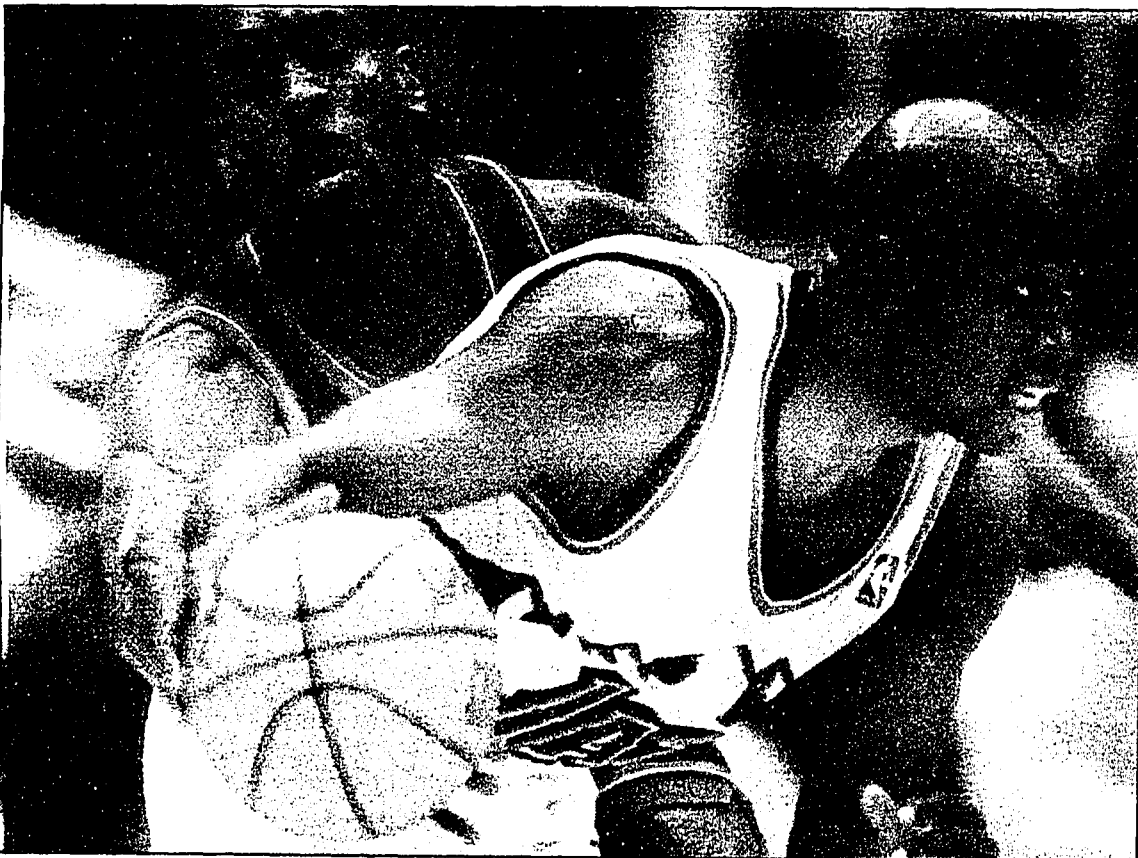
points for the Jazz, who have won three straight to move over .500 (5-4) after a 2-4 start.

Michael Finley had 21 points, A.C. Green added 13, and Erick Strickland 12 for the Mavericks, who have lost momentum after opening the season 3-0.

**Bulls 79, Cavaliers 70**

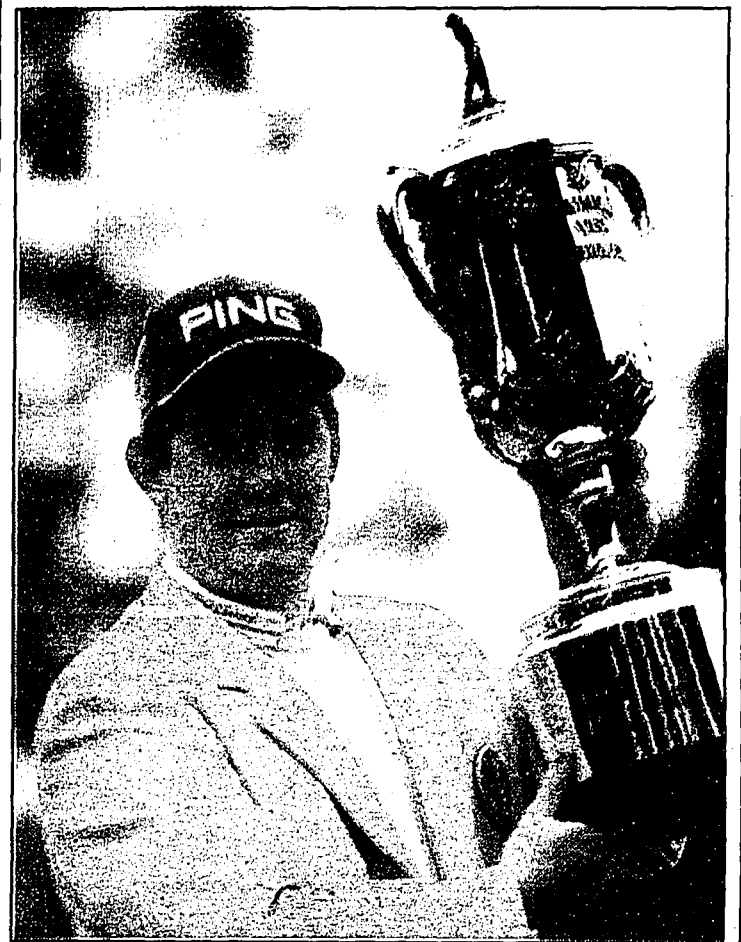
In Chicago, Michael Jordan scored 27 points and Dennis Rodman pulled down 18 rebounds as Chicago avenged one of its most embarrassing losses in years by beating Cleveland.

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Seattle SuperSonics guard Gary Payton tries for a behind-the-back steal on Utah Jazz guard Jacquie Vaughn in the third quarter Friday in Salt Lake City. Payton failed, allowing Vaughn to head for the basket. The Jazz beat the Sonics 110-104. AP

## Westwood defends Japan title



England's Lee Westwood proudly displays his trophy after winning the Taiheiyo Masters Sunday. Westwood, starting the final round with a three-shot advantage, had a four-day total of 16-under 272. It was his second straight Taiheiyo Masters title and his second victory in Japan. AP

**GOTEMBA, Japan (AP)** - Englishman Lee Westwood held off challenges from two of Japan's Ozaki brothers Sunday and defended his title with a one-shot victory in the Taiheiyo Masters.

Westwood's final-round 71 left him at 16-under-par 272. Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki and Naomichi "Joe" Ozaki tied for second at 273.

American Mark O'Meara and Japan's Toru Suzuki tied for fourth at 274.

The victory was worth 27 million yen (dls 214,000) from a purse of 150 million yen (dls 1.19 million).

"I'm delighted to have come back and retained the trophy, which is never easy to do," said the 24-year-old Westwood, who

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## Musashimaru, Takanonami still unbeaten in Grand Sumo

**FUKUOKA, Japan (AP)** - Ozekis (champions) Musashimaru and Takanonami both won decisively Sunday, maintaining perfect records after eight days in the 15-day Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament.

Musashimaru, or Fiamalu Penitani from Hawaii, used arm strength to bat Ozeki Tochinowaka (2-6) to the side and send him stumbling out of the ring after brief maneuvering in which neither wrestler got a belt hold.

Takanonami needed only about one second to shove down No. 4 maegashira (senior wrestler) Kotonishiki (4-4) by the neck in a sidestepping leapfrog move at the

opening charge.

Yokozuna (grand champion) Takanohana overwhelmed No. 3 maegashira Oginishiki (2-6) at the opening charge, improving to 7-1.

Ozeki Wakanohana miscalculated his opening charge against No. 3 maegashira Kaio, who slipped to the side and wrenched out Takanohana's older brother with the leverage from a two-arm grip on Wakanohana's arm. Both now are 5-3.

No. 14 maegashira Konishiki, or Salevaa Fuauli Atisanoe from Hawaii, absorbed a lightning charge by equally ranked Kotoryu.

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## Amigos Golf Club meeting

THE Amigos Golf Club is calling a special membership meeting today at the Carolinian Utt to address some very important

matters. All members are urged to attend this meeting. Bring your favorite beverage and chaser.

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