

## Hasty passage for tax bill hit

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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MEMBERS of the local business community representing one of the biggest retail companies on Saipan have indicated dismay as to the manner the governor's tax reform measure was passed by both houses of Legislature over the weekend.

According to Duty Free Saipan President Playford Ramsey and Vice President David Hawkins, it was not fair for the Legislature to pass House Bill 9-250, the governor's tax bill, without fully explaining its ramifications.

The measure passed the House of Representatives Friday with a vote of 12-5 after a nine-member new coalition sympathetic to Governor Tenorio's call for quick action prevailed upon their colleagues to have it go through with amendments.

The Senate also responded affirmatively during a session the next day with seven members voting and two members opposing to get the bill through and bound for the governor's desk for signature.

The tax reform measure, along with the budget and other bills passed by the Legislature over the weekend, has just been transmitted to the governor's office yesterday afternoon.

Acting Governor Jesus C. Borjais set to sign such a bill early today, according to his Public Information Office.

"The public did not get the opportunity speak on the impact this measure will have on them. No one presented to the public in detailed form what this is going to do in terms of impact," said Ramsey when

interviewed Saturday while the Senate was in session.

According to Ramsey, a major tax reform package like the one passed requires that everyone be given an opportunity to see what the impact will be and that more analysis and explanation on where the money is going.

"It's been a tough year for the private sector. It has actually shrunk and it's not growing and yet we are seeing a 20% increase in the budget. That money is coming directly out of a shrinking private sector. That

puts more of a burden on the private sector when in actuality, government expenditures are growing and not being checked on an equitable level," said the president of one of Saipan's biggest retail company.

Ramsey was visibly concerned that the tax reform measure contains steep hikes in excise taxes meaning the retail industry may be taxed more of their goods. The bill also cuts down rebates at a higher rate for the higher income bracket.

"When the private sector economy shrinks, the tax base would shrink as



Playford Ramsey

well but there's nothing being done. I think you got to give the public the opportunity to understand the complexity of the tax proposal and the impact it has on them," said Ramsey.

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David Hawkins

**Low income earners are 'overtaxed' -- IG audit**

THE CNMI government had lost some \$23 million in would-be income tax revenues in 1994 due to its failure to revise its income tax laws, a federal audit of CNMI tax system said.

Such a failure also prevented the CNMI government from producing the tax revenues needed to fund governmental operations and to match federal funds for the FY 1994 CIP grant, the US Interior Department's Inspector General disclosed in an audit report, a copy of which was obtained by the Variety yesterday.

But moreover, it led to certain CNMI residents being taxed more than they should be.

"We concluded that the CNMI income tax system did not produce the additional tax revenues needed to fund operations and did not tax Commonwealth residents

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Members of the Chinese Association rehearse a traditional dragon dance in preparation for the celebration of the Chinese New Year set January 31st. 1995 is the Year of the Pig in the Chinese lunar calendar.

## Benavente relegated to a 'figurehead' role

Speaker concedes coalition now in control of House



Diego T. Benavente

AFTER A coalition of ten representatives composed of both Democrats and Republicans imposed its will on tax reform, budget and other measures, it has become apparent that Speaker Diego T. Benavente will have to contend himself with a "figurehead" role in the House of Representatives for the rest of his term.

Benavente himself made such assessment yesterday in the aftermath of last week's House realignment which saw a faction led by Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas "prevailing over" the previous majority's will.

"This is one of things I am discussing right now with the new minority — what our relationship will be with the new majority now that I have decided to stay on as speaker," said Benavente in an interview yesterday.

"We're trying to figure out what direction we can take if we can take any. There's still some definite things right now, I'm still speaker and members in my minority group still hold some chairmanships so bills sitting in their committees

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## Governor behind open gov't repeal

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has admitted playing a part in the introduction of House Bill 9-359, a bill in the House of Representatives to repeal Public Law 8-41, the Open Government Act of 1993.

In fact, he said he was the one who drafted it contrary to pronouncements made by the bill's author, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas, that the chief executive has nothing to do with the bill.

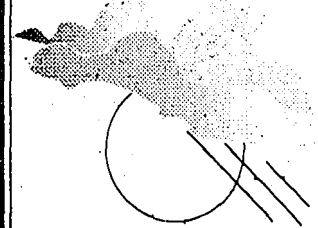
In a television interview Friday, Tenorio was quoted as saying he has had enough of the so-called "Sunshine Law," apparently irritated at the way the media and a Saipan attorney have gotten to scrutinize his travel habits.

"Let me just say that the media and some attorneys are going too far with this open government. Now

somebody wants to know where the hell I am going on my next trip.

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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated light shower.

# Rose Kennedy dies at 104

## Mother to a president, senators succumb to pneumonia

By ROBIN ESTRIN  
HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP) - Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the matriarch whose faith and quiet strength saw one of America's most prominent families through three generations of political triumphs and personal tragedies, died Sunday. She was 104.

Mrs. Kennedy died from complications of pneumonia at 5:30 p.m. at the family compound on Cape Cod, said Scott Ferson, a spokesman for her son Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Mother passed away peacefully today," the senator said in a statement. "She had a long and extraordinary life, and we loved her deeply. To all of us in the Kennedy and Fitzgerald families, she was the most beautiful rose of all."

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton extended their sympathies to the family.

Very few Americans have endured as much personal sacrifice for their country as Rose Kennedy," the president said in a statement. "She played an extraordinary role in the life of an extraordinary family."

She lived her life in the public eye, always in a supporting role: daughter of a congressman, wife of an ambassador, mother of a president and U.S. senators. For her, family was all.

She once described her life as a series of "agonies and ecstasies." The exhilaration of political success and the horror of violent death ran like twin threads through her long life.

Four of her nine children were killed in their prime - two in plane crashes and two by assassins' bullets. One daughter was retarded and a grandson died of a drug overdose.

She was a devout Roman Catholic, and her church helped her bear her sorrows. After President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963, she said, "I've learned to be brave and put my faith in the will of God."

"No matter what, God wants us to be happy. He doesn't want us to be sad. Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?" she said in a 1983 interview.

Mrs. Kennedy knew kings,

queens, presidents and popes. She spent her summers on Cape Cod in her home state of Massachusetts, and her winters in Palm Beach, Florida. She was a tireless worker for her sons' election campaigns in her middle years and continued to make public appearances until late in life maintaining her erect bearing and careful grooming.

Mrs. Kennedy had used a wheelchair since suffering a stroke in April 1984. At celebrations marking her 100th birthday, her only surviving son, Edward Kennedy, told a crowd of nearly 400 people, "In the chaos of our household, she was the quiet at the center of the storm, the anchor of our family, the safe harbor to which we always came."

Mrs. Kennedy was born in Boston on July 22, 1890, and tasted politics early, parading through the streets with

her father, John F. "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald, a congressman, Boston mayor and Democratic Party power.

Her wedding to Joseph P. Kennedy in 1914 was front-page news in Boston.

Kennedy amassed a fortune in banking, real estate and business holdings that grew to an estimated \$500 million by the 1980s. He held several federal jobs, including U.S. ambassador to Britain, but prompted controversy because of his wealth and isolationist views.

Mrs. Kennedy's husband suffered a stroke in 1961 that left him an invalid. Two years later, John was assassinated in Dallas. In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was gunned down after winning the Democratic presidential primary in California. And in 1969, a car driven by Edward Kennedy ran off a bridge, and a young aide, Mary Jo Kopechne, died. Later that year, Joe Sr. died.

Among the other children, the Kennedys' first-born, Joseph Jr., died when his plane exploded on a World War II mission. One daughter, Kathleen, died in a plane crash in 1948.

The others Eunice, Patricia, Jean and Rosemary largely stayed out of public life, although Rosemary's re-

tardation sparked family efforts on behalf of the disabled. On Mrs. Kennedy's 93rd birthday, the family presented a check for \$1 million to the home for the retarded in Wisconsin where Rosemary has lived for 40 years.

Eunice is married to Sargent Shriver, former director of the Peace Corps and Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1972; Jean was appointed ambassador to Ireland by Clinton; Patricia was divorced from the actor Peter Lawford, who died in 1984.

Mrs. Kennedy had 30 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren. One of them, Robert's son David, was

found dead of a drug overdose in a Florida hotel room in 1984. Another, President Kennedy's son Patrick, died shortly after birth.

Her grandchildren include the son and daughter of President Kennedy, who have been in the media eye ever since their father's funeral. John F. Kennedy Jr. is a lawyer, and Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, also a lawyer, has played an active role in family interests, such as the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

Another grandchild, William Kennedy Smith, made headlines in 1991 when a Florida woman accused him of rape. He was acquitted.

Several of Mrs. Kennedy's grand-

children have followed the family tradition of public service.

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, Robert Kennedy's oldest son, was the first of his generation elected to a major public office when he won a congressional seat in Massachusetts in 1986. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Robert's oldest child, is lieutenant governor of the state of Maryland, and Edward's son Patrick Kennedy, is a congressman from Rhode Island.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete. The family said services would be held later in the week in Boston and a wake would be held in Hyannis Port.



Veteran comedian George Burns smokes one of his patented cigars Thursday, in front of Cedars-Sinai Medical center in Los Angeles, where he was back on George Burns Road to see its intersecting cross-street dedicated as Gracie Allen Drive, in honor of his late wife and co-star. The dedication was timed in accordance with Burns' 99th birthday January 20th. (AP photo).

## New leads surface on art seized by Soviets in WWII

NEW YORK (AP) - In an extraordinary revelation, Russian officials offered new details about some of the millions of works of art, books and archives seized by the Soviet army in Germany during World War II. The New York Times reported Monday.

At a three-day international

symposium in Manhattan, the Russians showed slides of seven paintings including masterworks by Renoir.

El Greco and Goya - that disappeared from private Hungarian collections during the war.

Aleksei Rastorgoyev, an associate art professor at Moscow University, shocked his German colleagues with slides of prints missing from a Dresden museum, the Times said. He said the prints were found in the hands of private collectors in Moscow.

A Ukrainian journalist, Konstantin Akinska, revealed in 1991 that the Soviets secretly took millions of works of art, books and archives to the former Soviet Union. He said this week that Russian archives documented a secret program starting in 1943 to build a "supermuseum" with art looted from all over Europe, the Times said.

Talks between Germany and Russia on returning the artwork are at an impasse. The Nazis also plundered millions of works of art during the war.

The conference, "The Spoils of War," was sponsored by the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in Decorative Arts. It ended Saturday.

# Tenorio: Changes up in '95

ANTICIPATING that the upcoming congressional hearing could be "the toughest battle that this Commonwealth has ever faced," Governor Tenorio is going straight to the people of the Commonwealth with his thoughts on what the CNMI can expect from Congressman Gallegly and his colleagues.

In a three page prepared statement that will be reprinted in all local newspapers, Governor Tenorio began by thanking those in the legislature, particularly Vice-Speaker Mafnas and the Republican members, who helped pass his tax reform package and budget bill.

However, Governor Tenorio went back to a theme he has trumpeted for the last year, namely,

the threat by the U.S. Congress to "strip the Commonwealth of local control over taxes, minimum wage and immigration."

The Governor, while acknowledging that a start had been made in instituting local reforms, cautions Commonwealth residents that whatever has been done may actually be "too little, too late."

Governor Tenorio again repeated an all-to-familiar statement heard throughout the first year of his Administration: "I have also warned local lawmakers and the public that congressional concerns were real and not some imaginary threat from 10,000 miles away...The U.S. Congress made its concerns known for many years, but next to nothing was ever done by our leaders and the

previous administration to meet the growing discontent and anger back in Washington, D.C."

On the issue of continued federal assistance, the Governor said that we must begin to assume the cost of providing government service and stop relying on federal assistance. This is one area that both the Governor and Congressman Gallegly seem to be in agreement.

However, the possible loss of local over immigration matters is the strongest threat facing the Commonwealth's sovereignty under the Covenant. Governor Tenorio warns residents that any changes transferring immigration control from the CNMI to the Federal Government will be devastating. "Our fundamental

foundation as a people will be altered, and the political autonomy that we have enjoyed will be changed forever."

Perceiving that big changes are on the political horizon, Governor Tenorio said, "whatever our future relationship is with the United States of America, the blueprint for change will happen in 1995."

In closing, the Governor said: "We will always have our local political differences, but we must stand together in the face of this treat from Congress...I ask for your continued support and assistance in the days to come."



Froilan C. Tenorio

## Budget contains pay hike for Cabinet men

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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THE BUDGET appropriations bill passed over the weekend by both houses of Legislature for government operations in fiscal year 1995 contains provisions that will raise the annual salaries of ten high officials of government.

House Bill 9-358, H.D.4, was unanimously passed by the House of Representatives Friday and by the Senate Saturday based on a \$187 million resource projection from the governor.

The measure was transmitted to the Governor's Office yesterday afternoon and may be up for signing by acting Governor Jesus C. Borja by today.

When enacted, the budget appropriations bill would peg the salary of the Attorney General at \$70,000 per annum from the current salary level of \$54,000.

On the other hand, the secretary of Public Works, currently receiving \$48,000, will be paid \$54,000.

Also receiving pay increases

are the directors of Emergency Management Office, \$40,800 (from \$36,000); and Coastal Resources Management, \$48,000 (from \$43,200).

The Public Defender, whose \$52,800 annual salary has been long termed as "low," would now get \$56,000.

The Secretary of Public Health Services, who presently earns \$54,000 stands to see a salary between \$60,000 and \$80,000 if he or she holds an M.D. or a Ph.D.

Completing the list of those to get pay hikes under the FY 1995 budget bill are four of the governor's closest advisers, namely:

- the special assistant for Programs and Legislative Review, from \$43,200 to \$45,000;
- the governor's legal counsel, from \$48,000 to \$60,000;
- the special assistant for Management & Budget, from \$48,000 to \$54,000; and
- the special assistant for Administration, from \$48,000 to \$54,000.

## Lewis named Interior's new Inspector General

PRESIDENT Clinton has nominated Wilma Lewis, a former resident of the U.S. Virgin Islands and current Interior Associate Solicitor for General Law, as the new Inspector General of the department.

The post requires confirmation on the U.S. Senate. If confirmed, Lewis, 38, would become the chief independent monitor of the department's activities. Interior has an annual budget of \$7.2 billion and 70,000 employees.

The IG office currently has 300 employees and a budget of \$24 million. Lewis has been associate solicitor for the past two years. Before coming to Interior, Lewis spent seven years in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, where she served as lead counsel in civil matters on behalf of the federal government.

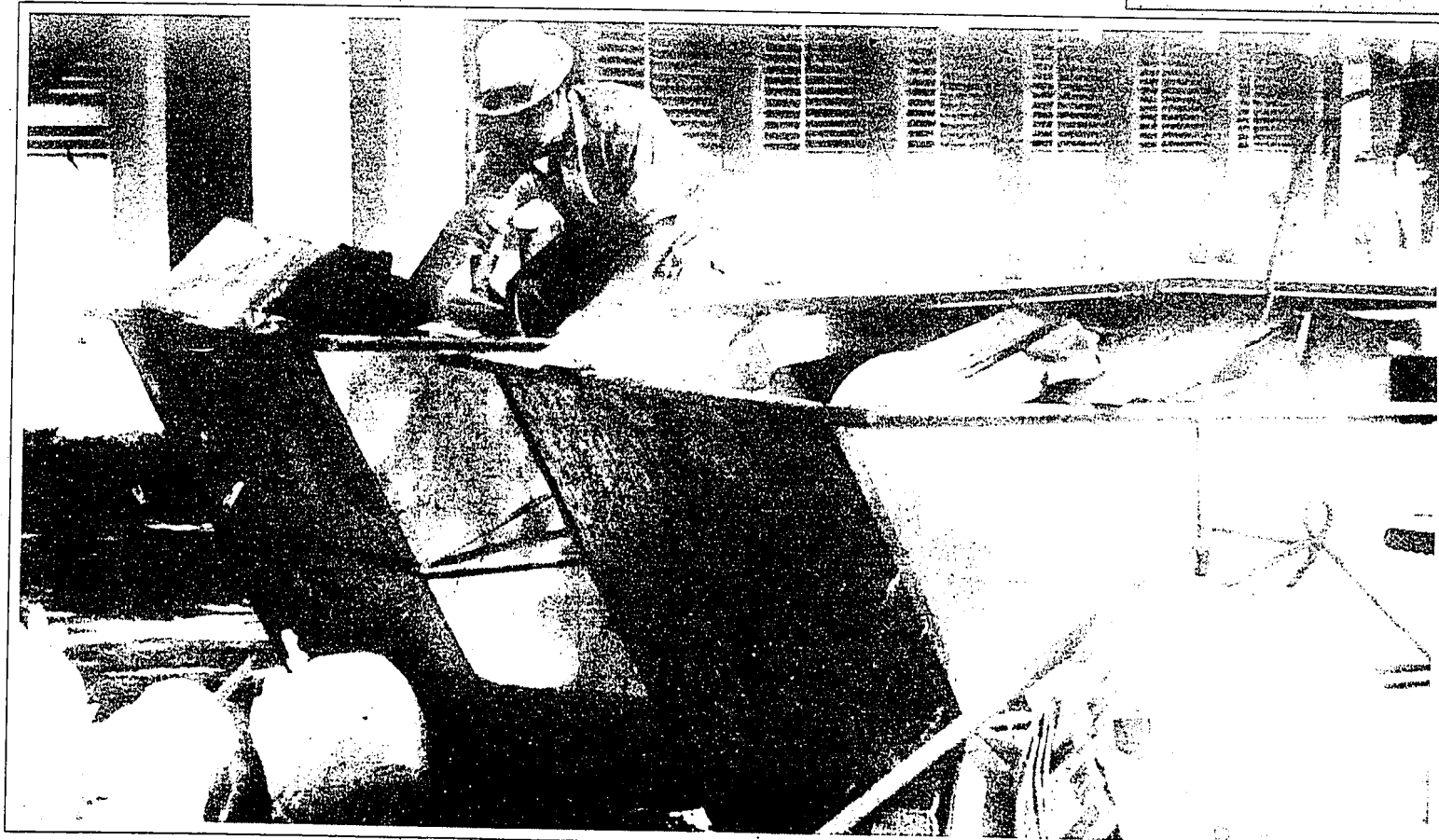
Lewis grew up on St. Thomas where she attended high school. She worked for a time with the Washington law firm of Steptoe and Johnson after graduating from Swathmore College in 1978 and Harvard Law School in 1981.

The IG is responsible for investigating reports of mismanagement and abuse and makes regular reports to department heads and Congress. The IG also has the responsibility for monitoring the expenditures of federal money in the U.S. territories. The former IG, James Richards, retired in March, 1993.

## NMI to benefit in OTIA grant

AMERICAN Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands and the freely associated states are the recipient of a \$1 million Interior grant that will tie them into PEACESAT emergency satellite communication system that is expected to withstand typhoons and other natural disasters. FEMA is contributing \$400,000 for geodesic domes to protect the com-

munications equipment. The emergency satellite communications network is part of the OTIA's Hazard Mitigation Program, which has provided \$13 million in assistance for a range of projects intended to "harden" essential public facilities against potential storm and earthquake damage.



Mike Ilayada, maintenance person at the Garapan Elementary School, gets ready for a daily chore, taking care of the school's trash. The island's waste disposal problem has continued as plans for a sanitary landfill have yet to take off.

## Parents Coalition on Cable Forum

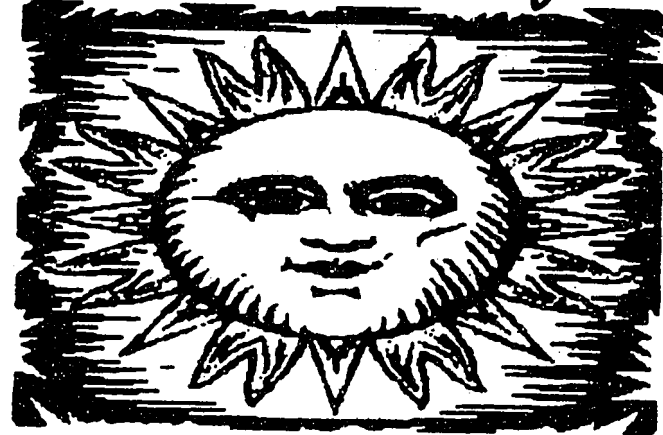
A NEWLY formed group called "Parents Coalition in Education" will have three of their members appear on Cable Forum tonight with Host Jeff Evans. The members who will appear are the Chairman of the Parents Coalition Pete Castro, their spokesperson Roman Benavente and member Pete Nakasukasa.

The members will explain the formation of the coalition as well as their goals and objectives. Their main concerns are the well being and education of our children while in school.

Topics of discussion will include overcrowding at public schools and possible solutions as well as C.I.P. funding for the Public School System.

Cable Forum can be seen every Tuesday night from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm on Saipan Cable TV Channel 12. Viewers are encouraged to call in with any questions or comments they may have for guests appearing on the show.

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Deste finaton Españot, Aleman, Japonés yan pago Amerikano, i mañainata man asustene gi todo mattiro ya man akubre gi todo nesésidat maseha man hinatme nu este siha na nasion kuarto sientos años malofan.

Fuera de metgot na sensian yan espiritun dinaña i solu tale ni gumuot yan sumustene linala' niha' guenao siha na tiempo, kustrumbren natibo i para ufan arikonose uno yan otro gi haanen diskanso (Dameñigo) osino haanen gupot siha. Ti ayo ha' 'nai man a' arikonose an guaha chinatsaga osino achake gi familia.

Gi todo kinalamten, mañge na dinaña' sa dankulo na sensian komunida guaha gi korason kada uno gi entre siha. An guaha checho' bisino tat komo para uma hatsa petmanente na fanliheñg familia, madalalag ya ma ayudaye amano siña deste ogaan esta' i minachom adao. Todo dinaña yan finachochu', pot para benefision membron komunida.

Este na kustumbren natibo *sige de mumaliñgo*. I taotaota ha diñgo i kuadron publiko sa' esta tiyafia manadan estotbu. Gao'ña matachoñg gi menan television umega' programaña sa' muñgague' maestotba. Mas mumetgot esta i sensian *maisa* ke hagas kustumbren natibo 'nai seso guaha dinaña' ya sige ta abiba i ma' lag na sensian kooperasion. Machom adumidididi' i sensian komunida yan kooperasion ya esta kada uno sige ha espihan maisague'.

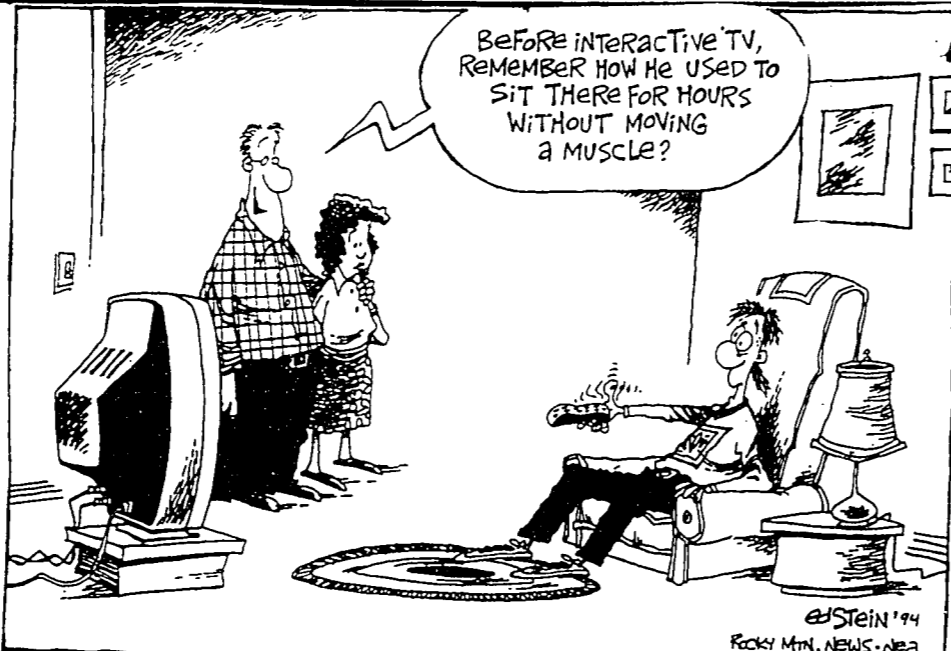
Gi 'nai fatta sensian komunida yan dinaña, mafañago otro kustumbre sa' sumuha lokue' checho' yinease' gi korason. 'Nai sumuha este na sensia giya hita, mas magtos i hagas gumuot yan sumustene hit komo natibon este siha na islas. Magtos lokue' i hagas ta practitika 'nai seso man arikonose hit komo familia yan petmanente na guadian este i tano'ta. Tafa' kustumbre i basta hit man ma-okupa ni otro maseha sainata, cheluta osino na' mase' na bisinuta.

Gi hilo' este i nuebo na kustumbre, i para tafan arikonose mampos apataao yan separao ya mumaliñgo sensian inatuñgo yan inakomprende gi entalota. Gigon man alie' hit, iya monana i para tafan ma-ekuñgog sa' i opinionta et mas paire ya solu ke matatiye 'nai siña hit mañaoan manman ayuda. Sige i dibaten hinesguan ya uttimofia tumai bale i ma intendet na dinaña pot para uguaha inatuñgo yan sano na disision ginen i grupo. Estague' masusesede ya baiho faisen hamyo ni taotaoho na maila ta atetuye tumulaika i sensian *maisa* tatte gi sensian dinaña.

Mañge sensian dinaña gi entalo' taotaota. Ya uniko remedio 'nai siña tana' metgot yan fitme este na pisu gi kustumbreta i para ta exsisia seso gi halom gima'ta. Pot ihemplo, gi entre semana tareha kada membro checho'ña. Gi minachom adao, rikonose kao man makomple ennao siha na tinago'mu. Mas propio este gi duranten sena. Faisen kada uno kao ha komple i tinago' miyo na dos. An chachogue, na komprende sin un espanta sa' hafa na debi ufan osge gi hafa matago'ña. Siempre adumidididi' ha tutuhon kumomprende hafa sustansiaña man osge. Ginen este i patgon 'nai hana' memetgot umadelanta sensian responsabilidadat.

I oran sena et mas propio gi entre semana sa' kanaha' estague na ora 'nai ancho mas tienpon miyo muna' fan daña i familia gi halom dose (12) oras gi haane. Komo saina, debi unna' fan matachoñg gi un sentada pot para un tanom gi sensian niha sensian dinaña familia. An cheton este na finanaguemo, siha lokue' i famaguon ha simiento este na leksion giya siha ya ha practika giya siha mismo. Ha kontinua i mauleg na finana' gue gi famaguon niha. Ginen este 'nai sige mas fumitme i talen sensian familia yan komunida—dinaña—gi entalo' taotaota. An Sabalo yan Dameñigo, na guaha ha' talo aktibidat familia pot para inna' guaha dinaña giya hamyo mismo.

Hu komprende na megai gi taotaota sige man afaisen hafa masusesede na mampos hit esta man apataao yan separao lao uno hit ha' na taotague. *Ilegho na mañgonfotme hamyo na gaige este na diskuido giya hita mismo sa' ta sede dumisplanta sensian dinaña ni sensian maisa sa' mas kobiñiente para kada uno.* Ginen este na diskuido na sumen makat man afagcha hinasota sa' apataao yan separao besis 'nai takeke tuñgo amano 'nai gaige hinason taotaotá gi maseha hafa na asunto. Sige man machatge hit ni taotao hifoñg sa' ni hita mismo tisiña ta aregla hamlom mismo gima'ta. Afañelos, maila tanae' animo i para tana' talon umabiba kustumbren dinaña sa' solu este na koyentura 'nai siña man asustene hit uno yan otro. Si Yuus Maase.



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## Russians willing to sell embalming secrets

WASHINGTON—Communism may be dead, but there's a "body" of evidence that suggests its rulers will never be forgotten. In four different countries, the bodies of expired Communist leaders are kept under glass for all of the world to see. Lenin remains in his tomb on Red Square; Mao Tse-tung has a spot at the southern end of Tiananmen Square; Ho Chi Minh rests for public viewing in a Hanoi mausoleum; and the latest to join the pantheon Kim 11 Sung, has a new place in Pyongyang.

Lenin started it all 70 years ago. He wanted to be cremated and buried in St. Petersburg. His wife tried to carry out that wish when Lenin died in 1924, but Joseph Stalin wanted to put Lenin on permanent display to buttress his own power. The "Immortalization Commission" was formed with all the urgency of the Manhattan Project. The Egyptians and other cultures had their mummies, but no nation in modern times had tried to preserve a body for permanent display. Embalming Lenin through traditional methods was not an option because his arteries had been severed. Embalmers normally drain the body of fluids and replace it with formaldehyde through the arteries.

What the Russians did to preserve Lenin has been a state secret until recently, when Moscow released some of the details in keeping with its new era of glasnost. A more complete account of the Lenin, as well as the Mao, preservation were revealed to our associate Dale Van Atta by Russian and Chinese officials during visits to Moscow and Beijing in 1991 and 1992.

According to officials at the Laboratory of Biological Structures in Moscow, the key to the Lenin preservation is a chemical bath that takes about 60 days every 18 months. The primary chemicals are glycerol and potassium acetate. Some 70 percent of Lenin's body is inflated with these chemicals. The body is wrapped with rubber bandages to prevent the liquids from leaking out through the pores in Lenin's 124-year-old skin.

Another key is keeping the temperature inside the glass enclosure at 69 degrees and the humidity at 70 percent. The flesh-type hue of Lenin's body is accomplished by a special light filter in his tomb, and twice a week his face and hands get chemical touch-

ups. (His brain was shipped to the Institute of the Brain where it was sliced into 31,000 pieces for close inspection. Notelltale signs of extraordinary intelligence were discovered Russian officials confided to us.)

Until the fall of communism, lines would snake through Red Square as Soviet citizens waited for hours for a glimpse of the body. But in the last several years, it is down to a relative trickle of individuals and foreign tourists.

Even though statues of Lenin symbolically fell during the collapse of the former Soviet Union, removing his body from the square has been deicer. Russian President Boris Yeltsin has twice called for its removal, but has balked at actually ordering the removal since Communists and nationalists had such a strong showing in the December 1993 parliamentary elections. Yeltsin fears it would create more negative reaction than he could afford, whereas now the body is relatively ignored.

Mao Tse-tung's tomb has also received a dwindling number of visitors over the years. Mao requested cremation, but was ignored after his death in 1976. China's relations with the Soviet Union were hostile, so the Chinese couldn't tap the Soviets for any tricks of the trade. We do know that argon gas is used in the Chinese preservation process, and Mao's face is painted.

Ho Chi Minh became the next Communist leader to be embalmed when he died in 1969. The Soviets were called in as the only experts, and Ho got the Lenin treatment. In fact, the body is still taken periodically from its perch in an Hanoi mausoleum to Moscow for the special chemical bath. According to Western diplomats, the tears and affection shown at his tomb far exceeds the dwindling interest in Lenin and Mao.

Kim 11 Sung ruled his country for 46 years until his death last July. Russian experts again have been called upon, and the preservation has reportedly proceeded well. With so recent a death, none of the grieving are yawning in Pyongyang. Visitors to the tomb are seen sobbing uncontrollably.

The real sign of the times in all of this is that what was once a closely guarded Soviet state secret is now available for a price. Our sources say the North Koreans paid \$300,000 for the Russian secret. To non-Communist citizens, the Russians are reportedly willing to share the specifics for \$250,000 and up.

# \$1.5M up for NMI Immigration

OTIA has awarded the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) a \$1.5 million grant to purchase and install a computerized immigration tracking and identification system, the OTIA Flash Fax reported.

The CNMI government developed the design of the system, known as the Immigration Identification and Documentation System (IIDS), with the assistance of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The initial phase of the system will produce and track all permits for foreign workers. Subsequent phases will include tracking for immigration arrivals and departures to and from the CNMI. It will provide the CNMI government the means

to better enforce local labor and immigration laws and regulations and make policy. The system will also enable the CNMI authorities to produce tamper-proof identification cards which will serve as a foreign labor permit and an annual immigration registration for foreign workers in the CNMI. The system will also enable CNMI officials to rapidly ascertain whether non-resident foreign workers have departed after their labor permit expires. Those who have remained illegally in the CNMI would be

subject to deportation. CNMI officials plan to implement the initial system by mid-March, 1995.

The IIDS is a key element of a joint CNMI-Federal effort to address foreign labor abuse problems in the Northern Marianas. Other major components of the joint effort are improved training for CNMI labor immigration personnel, and additional assistance from the U.S. of Labor and the U.S. Department of Justice in enforcing applicable federal labor laws.

## PBDC meeting set for Feb. 1

THE PACIFIC Basin Development Council will hold its annual meeting February 1-2 in Washington, D.C. A reception will precede the annual conference January 31 at the U.S. Botanical Gardens.

The Council made up of the governors of Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and America Samoa, is aimed at promoting economic development in the American Pacific.

## Hyatt Funfest drive gets on

THE HYATT Regency has established a special fund for one worthy local non-profit organization. The monies generated are from Hyatt's upcoming 3rd annual Tropical Fun Fest to be held on April 22.

Tropical Fun Fest is a unique community event sponsored by the Hyatt Regency and other local corporations, Fun Fest features four wacky recreational games such as the Alu'u Raft Race and the Kaduku Obstacle Course.

Any interested no-profit organization wishing to be the recipient of the funds generated from Fun Fest is encouraged to pick-up an application at the Club Elan in the Hyatt Regency or call Scott Pitts at 234-1234 ext. 25 for more information. Application deadline is Wednesday, February 15.



Two fire fighters from the Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) Fire Division were promoted as Assistant Fire Chiefs at the Saipan International Airport. They are Joseph B. Babauta (7th from left), Assistant Chief for Training and Administration, and Mario A. Mendiola (4th from the right), Assistant Chief for Operations. Both were presented with pins by Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja (5th from left) and CPA Board Chairman Victor B. Hocog, (2nd from the right). Others in the photo are: (L-R) CPA Executive Director Carlos A. Shoda, Deputy Executive Director Joe B. Aldan, Board members Juan T. Guerrero and Manuel D. Muna, Borja, Rafaela O. Perry, Babauta, Mendiola, Board member George A. Sablan, Hocog, and Fire Chief Stanley C. Torres. (CPA Photo).

## Summer institute for educators available

THE CNMI Council for the Humanities has announced the availability of numerous opportunities for all Educators, Teachers, Education Administrators, Librarians and other Education Staff to attend Summer Education Institutes beginning June 1995 and continuing into August. All of these summer institutes are in the U.S., and most provide stipends of varying amounts.

Subjects range from: Rethinking Europe/ Rethinking World History, 1500-1750; Japanese Culture and Civilization; The Written Text and Human Dialogue; Renaissance and Shakespearean Staging; American Wars in Asia: A Cultural Approach; The Thirties: American Literature, Art and Culture in Interdisciplinary Perspective; to Institutions of Enlightenment: The Invention of the Public Sphere.

All of the above programs are restricted to college and university faculty. However, there are a variety of other programs which are primarily K-12 teachers, librarians and other education personnel. These include: History Research Training Institute; Fellowships for Teachers and Librar-



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# Palau to repair vital bridge

By Sarah Clayton

REPAIRS of the sagging Koror-Babeldaob Bridge may begin as early as March, project engineer Karl Rockwell of the Design En-

gineering Office said Friday. The office has received bids from three contractors in Guam and is now waiting on the go-ahead from the project's funding source, the United States Department of In-

terior, before making its final choice.

Under consideration are Black Micro Corp., Fletcher Pacific and Concrete Constructions. They are the only companies to submit complete bids by the January 18 deadline. The lowest bid and apparent winner of the project is Black Micro at \$1.8 million. Fletcher Pacific came in second with \$1.9 million and Concrete Constructions trailed with a bid of \$2.2 million.

To take a higher bid, the government must have a pretty good

reason for turning down the lower bids, Rockwell said. This round of bids is the second for the bridge repair.

In the first round last year, all bids came in at around \$3.7 million, well over the \$1.8 million DOI grant allocation for the actual repairs. DEO engineers, surprised at the size of the bids, examined the original problem and found that the contracted design engineer, Abam Engineers of Washington, had underestimated the costs of some of the specialized materials needed and

that the scope of the repair was just too big, Rockwell said. As a result, they reduced the scope of the project—instead of repairing the bridge to give it 84 trouble-free years, they are shoring it up for 20.

While there is no danger of the bridge collapsing, it would eventually become impassable if it is not pulled up, Rockwell said. The cantilever bridge, which is essentially two half-arches that meet at the top, has fallen victim to the force of gravity.

## Fiji labor leader defends his rival

FJI's Labor party parliamentary leader, Mahendra Chaudhry, went to the defense of political rival Jai Ram Reddy at a cane farmers' rally in Ba on Saturday, indicating that both leaders wanted to work together now on common issues in parliament, Fiji times reported Monday.

Chaudhry, who is the National Farmers Union general secretary, has urged growers to keep party politics out of the March Sugar Growers Council election. Reddy's National Federation Party is fighting the election through the Fiji Cane Growers Association.

Chaudhry said he had a lot of respect for the leader of the opposition after a farmer had attacked Reddy at the NFU rally on Saturday. The farmer had criticized Reddy's contribution to cane farmers and the Indian community at large.

Chaudhry said the FLP and the NFP leaders were determined to work together on common issues in parlia-

## HIV, Hepatitis testing resumes in Palau

By Sarah Clayton

THE NATION has come through more than eight months without testing for HIV and hepatitis B unscathed. Chief Laboratory Technician Santos Borja reported Friday. Belau National Hospital began testing its backlog of blood samples last week.

So far, all the tests for HIV, which causes AIDS, are negative and only 10 percent of those for hepatitis B are positive, Borja said. But there are still more samples to be checked, he added.

There has been only one reported case of AIDS here, and the national average for hepatitis B infection is estimated to be between 20 and 25 percent. The

country has been without the reagents to test for the deadly virus since last April and those for detecting hepatitis B since October.

The situation has caused some concern among health officials that the human immunodeficiency virus might be spread through emergency transfusions during the period. Normally, blood is tested for the virus before being given to a patient. Although the lab could not conduct the proper checks during that period, it did collect a sample from each and every blood donor, Borja said.

In the last week, technicians have been tackling the eight-month backlog, conducting 133 tests for hepatitis B and 421 for HIV, he said. There is about 180

HIV tests left to go, he noted.

Borja indicated confidence that the problem would not arise again. He said he has a six-month supply of the reagents and has already received funds for an order he placed in October. The shortage occurred as a result of a purchasing mix-up with the reagents supplier Abbott International of Sydney. "Somebody dropped the ball—someone on our staff I think," Health Minister Masao Ueda said.

While the order for the reagent was placed with Abbott last May, hospital employees failed to recognize in time that there was a problem, he said. Ueda added that steps are being taken to ensure that supplies do not run short again.

The problem was amplified because the hospital does not have a large store of blood for emergency transfusions. That means that every time a patient needs a transfusion, the hospital must call on citizens to donate blood.

However, for the last eight months, the hospital has had to rely on lists of previously tested citizens for the emergency supply of blood, he said. While the stopgap measure provided some protection against the spread of hepatitis B and HIV, which is primarily transmitted through sexual contact and transfusions, there is no guarantee a donor has not been infected since the last test, Borja noted.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

## A Message From Governor Froilan C. Tenorio to the People of the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

January 22, 1995

I wish to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to the Democratic and Independent members of the House and Senate for their continuing loyalty and support in this past week. I also want to thank Vice-Speaker Mafnas and those Republican members who came together to pass this vital necessary legislation.

The intense deliberations of this past week show that cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Branches of government can be achieved. We have a new tax law; we have our first budget since August 1992; and, most important, we have ended the deadlock on many of our most pressing problems. This has given us the resolve to move forward to meet a very difficult, challenging agenda in the U.S. Congress.

As you are aware, I will be in Washington, D.C., for what will be the toughest battle that this Commonwealth has ever faced. U.S. Congressman Elton Gallegly has introduced an Omnibus Territories Act which proposes to strip the Commonwealth of local control over taxes, minimum wage and immigration. This is a grave challenge indeed.

Even before I came into office, it was becoming very clear to everyone that time was running out for instituting local reforms. I had hoped that our government could move quickly to institute reforms, and so convince the Congress that we could responsibly govern ourselves. Now, after more than a year, we have finally made a start. But we must be very honest with ourselves. It may be "too little, too late." I only hope that is not the case.

For one solid year, I have worked hard to persuade the legislature to enact local laws that have been long overdue. And, repeatedly for one solid year, I have also warned local lawmakers and the public that congressional concerns were real and not some imaginary threat from 10,000 miles away. Specifically, I have warned the legislature that tax increases were necessary to warrant the continuation of federal funding under the Covenant. We could not expect to rebate such generous portions of our taxes and continue to have indefinite federal funding. This is the simple truth, the new tax bill is reasonable. If you have doubts then ask someone you know who has lived in the United States and has paid taxes at the federal level.

The U.S. Congress made its concern known for many years, but next to nothing was ever done by our leaders and the previous administration to meet the growing discontent and anger back in Washington, D.C.

To those critics who claim that these measures were rushed through, I say that we have been without a budget bill for three years! Even the budget bill that was passed yesterday should have been passed last year. As for tax reform, different versions of tax reform had been before the Legislature since 1993.

The previous administration claimed that the passage of tax reform was a high priority, but intense lobbying by special interests and other problems prevented action in the legislature. These same special interest groups exerted considerable pressure aimed at derailing this measure. Certain of the local media must assume responsibility for the climate of hysteria and misinformation that was generated throughout the debate of these issues. Thankfully for all, they did not succeed.

I have long felt that self-government means taking control over one's destiny by weaning ourselves voluntarily off federal funds and federal programs and placing the responsibility for providing our needs squarely on ourselves. We must begin to assume the cost of providing government service. We cannot continue to rely on federal assistance. On this one issue, I agree one hundred percent with Congressman Gallegly.

But Mr. Gallegly also wants to take away local immigration control. This law, if enacted, would have a devastating, lasting impact on the future of the CNMI. Our fundamental foundation as a people will be altered and the political autonomy that we have enjoyed will be changed forever.


I will not stand for this. I will resist any attempt that threatens to dilute our control over local immigration. As I have repeatedly stated, "the Congress will have to fight for this one!"

Congressman Gallegly's hearing on January 31 may well be the most crucial test the Commonwealth has ever faced. I believe that whatever our future relationship is with the United States of America, the blueprint for change will happen in 1995.

I ask for your continued support as we journey down this very long and difficult road. We will always have our local political differences, but we must stand together in the face of this threat from Congress. The past few days have shown that we can do this when we try.

Again, my warmest thanks to all those who have stood strong through these difficult times. I ask for your continued support and assistance in the days to come.

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equitably in that low income taxpayers were subjected to excess taxation and were denied the earned income credit," the audit report said.

The audit found that the CNMI had not reduced the impact of the Wage and Salary Tax on lower income wage earners and had not repealed the Territorial Income Tax law that excluded low income wage earners from receiving the earned income credit.

As a result, under Commonwealth tax law, low income taxpayers who would be exempt from paying income taxes in the United States were subject to taxation and were denied the earned income credit.

The audit, which covered a review of income tax revenues for the period October 1, 1990 through December 31, 1993, was conducted by the federal agency from October 1993 through April 1994 to see if the tax system is capable of producing funds to keep government going. It found that the CNMI government failed in that respect.

Currently, the government is said to have accumulated an operational deficit of about \$40 million. More than half of that amount could have been addressed if the audit estimates of \$23 million in realizable income tax revenues were correct.

The Commonwealth Code states that the purpose of the tax act is to provide adequate funding for government services, programs and operations. In addition, the CNMI Constitution requires that the government retire any operating deficit during the second consecutive fiscal year from the year incurred.

During fiscal years 1991 through 1993, the tax system was said to have failed in producing \$36.2 million in tax revenues needed to prevent a shortfall in government operating funds.

According to the audit, these revenue shortfalls occurred because the Commonwealth had not enacted legislation to offset the \$10.3 million decline in annual income tax revenues brought about by a downturn of the

economy from FY 1991 to 1993. "According to the report, the current tax law works to the advantage of high income individual and corporate taxpayers and to the disadvantage of middle and lower income taxpayers.

This occurs because the Commonwealth relies on the Wage and Salary Tax and Gross Revenue Tax as the primary sources of revenues rather than the Territorial Income Tax, which is more progressive.

Another reason cited was because the system does not allow payment of the earned income credit.

To correct the conditions noted, the IG recommended that the governor prepare an updated economic analysis to determine the amount of revenues needed both to balance the budget and provide funds to match federal CIP grants and the estimated tax revenues that would be produced by alternative tax reform bills.

"We also recommend that the governor take appropriate action to increase tax revenues and provide a more equitable tax system," the IG said.

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Responding to the audit in an October 27 letter to then acting Assistant IG for Audits Marvin Pierce, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio said he concurs with the finding that the CNMI income tax system did not produce sufficient revenues to prevent a shortfall in government operating funds and that greater equity is needed in the system as a whole.

However, he said his administration has rethought its position regarding the earned income credit and concluded that it remains an inappropriate way to achieve that equity.

"The EIC is essentially a transfer payment and would even result in negative income tax (or welfare payment) for some of our residents and those of our alien workers who have children in the Commonwealth," said Tenorio.

he said the EIC would also undermine the government's attempt to build a participatory democracy, in which even low income residents know that they contribute to the process and that government services do not come for

free," he added.

A tax reform bill to do away with the inequities of the system is currently awaiting the governor's signature by today. Among its features will be a reduction in rebates and rate increases meant to raise additional revenues to retire the deficit and to enable government to fend for operations.

**Benavente**

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could still be legally taken to the process," he added.

According to Benavente, since the Mafnas coalition has already got the majority number, they, not him will be in control of the House.

"I may just now be a figurehead speaker. In fact, I made that clear in my previous speeches that I wanted to resign precisely because I don't want to be that," Benavente said.

Benavente earlier last week said he will be stepping down as speaker if the ten-member coalition had its way in railroad critical pieces of legislation that have not been given adequate study by members.

During last Friday's session, however, Benavente opted to remain speaker so as to maintain whatever power is left to make a difference in the House.

"In light of what has happened, what the Senate has been doing, and the bills that Mafnas is introducing like that to repeal the Open Government Act, at least by me sitting up there controlling the sessions there are still things we can do," said Benavente.

"There are some stuff I will be able to control while in the office of the speaker like getting the right information out to the general public. This is still definitely a plus we could benefit from. So even as figurehead, there is still a lot more good I can do than if I were to step down and allow things to just go through the way they want it," said the speaker.

An example the speaker pointed to was when Mafnas tried to prevent Rep. Pete P. Reyes from delivering a privilege speech during Friday's session and he as speaker allowed the speech to continue.

"If I had not been there and Mafnas stood up, they probably would not have allowed Rep. Reyes to speak. At least as speaker, I could ensure the process goes through," said Benavente.

The new majority of the House is now composed of Mafnas and Republican Representatives Malua T. Peter, Benjamin A. Sablan and Joaquin G. Adriano; and Democratic Representatives Vicente T. Attao, Ramon Dela Cruz, Alvaro Santos, Mameito Maraita, Herman T. Palacios, and Vianney B. Hocog.

The new House minority will now be composed of Benavente, Reyes, and Representatives Manuel A. Tenorio, Ana S. Teregeyo, Jesus T. Attao and Oscar Babauta.

**Drive With Care**

**Bureaucracy slows Kobe relief**

**By MARI YAMAGUCHI**  
**TOKYO (AP)** - A team of French doctors arrived in quake-stricken Kobe to help care for the more than 26,000 injured. Instead, they ended up entangled in a web of Japanese bureaucracy which critics claim has slowed relief efforts and cost lives.

Three physicians, two nurses and a medical specialist from Doctors of the World reached Kobe on Sunday, five days after the quake which killed nearly 5,000 people.

But the group's Japanese coordinator, Yasuko Arai, told The Associated Press that the team will not be allowed to perform surgery, administer injections or other professional work because they have no Japanese medical license.

Because of the legal restrictions, there is little they can do except offer advice to Japanese doctors, Arai said.

"Their activities are quite limited," she said. "They came all the way from France, but at this point, there is little they can do medically."

The Japanese Foreign Ministry said the government had received offers of assistance from 42 countries, the European Union and two United Nations organizations.

As of Monday, however, only 12 offers had been accepted, including those from the United States, France, Britain, Australia, Thailand, China, South Korea, Finland, Brunei, Jordan and Mongolia.

Critics in the Japanese media and parliament have faulted the government of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama for responding slowly to the devastation. Former Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu claimed in a speech Monday that the relief effort had been bogged down in bureaucracy.

The story of Doctors of the World serves as an example.

Arai said she contacted several government agencies on the day of the quake to offer services of Doctors of the World. But she could find no one who could make a decision.

"The French doctors said they wanted to come even if the Japanese government doesn't officially approve of their medical practice," she said.

Instead, Doctors of the World linked up with the Asian Medical Doctors Association, a private organization headquartered in Okayama, whose members are working at evacuation shelters in Kobe.

On Monday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Kozo Igarashi noted the legal restrictions on foreigners practicing medicine in Japan. But he said the government would ask for foreign medical help "when necessary."

"We could have saved more lives if the Japanese government had allowed us in earlier," she said. "They are certified doctors back home. We wish the government would demonstrate more flexibility in times of emergency like this."

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**Real estate speculation costs 3.5% of the GNP**

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Rampant real estate speculation over the past decade has saddled Taiwan with at least 810,000 unsold houses that could be worth 3.5 percent of Taiwan's gross national product, a government agency said Monday. The Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics said the uninhabited houses could cost 200 billion Taiwan dollars (U.S. \$7.5 billion) a year in depreciation and interest losses.

"We are horrified by such waste in resources," the agency said in a statement.

"If the capital were invested in more productive businesses, it could have created tremendous wealth for society."

Real estate speculation went wild in the mid-1980s when Taiwan's double-digit growth rate created vast wealth in search of investments with quick profits. Housing costs in some areas have doubled or tripled.

Despite stagnant sales, officials say, housing prices remain so high that most people cannot afford to buy or rent them.

**Hawaii to improve health care system**

A FEDERAL judge in Hawaii approved a state plan to improve its mental health care system after calling the current conditions at the Hawaii State Hospital an embarrassment of the people of Hawaii, Hawaii Public Radio reported Monday.

The new agreement calls for hiring more nurses, raising salaries and acting against patients who abuse staff and vice versa. It will cost nearly \$7 million US dollars over the next two and half years.

To keep the ratio of staff to patients down, the hospital will admit only the people who have no alternative services. The agreement includes the appointment of a hospital superintendent and a compliance officer from the governor's office to monitor the agreement once its in place.

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# Simpson case opening statements Monday

**By MICHAEL FLEEMAN**  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** - In the past seven months, he has been perhaps the most talked-about man in the United States: O.J. Simpson former football star, actor and murder suspect.

But after all the hype, all the television coverage, all the commentary from Harvard Law School professors and late-night television comedians, Simpson finds himself Monday in the same position of countless criminal defendants before him: hoping to convince a jury that he is innocent.

Starting with Monday's opening statements and progressing through the next few months of testimony, lawyers for the first time will detail their dramatically different cases.

It's a crucial time. Both sides will make promises and plant ideas, trying to make powerful first impressions and earn trust.

"The presumption by most

criminal lawyers is that jurors make up their minds after opening statements, and the trial is there just to confirm or refute their original idea," said Harland Braun, a longtime criminal defense attorney in Los Angeles.

Orenthal James Simpson, 47, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the June 12 knife slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Simpson, one of the greatest players in American football history, may be the most famous person charged with murder in U.S. history. Media attention was intense immediately after the killings as police hinted that Simpson might be a suspect.

That media attention exploded when an arrest warrant was issued and Simpson eluded police. He was captured during a slow-speed freeway chase that was broadcast live nationwide.

Television cameras will be

present again as opening arguments in his trial are carried live on U.S. networks.

Prosecutors intend to portray Simpson as a man whose true self is nothing like the friendly screen image or the hero on the football field. Rather, prosecutors will allege, Simpson was a mean, abusive, violent husband who finally turned killer.

They plan to argue that evidence such as blood, hair, clothing and fibers some of it analyzed under the most sophisticated scientific procedures around all point to Simpson's guilt.

Defense attorneys will argue there is a reasonable doubt that Simpson is guilty, suggesting there are several possible scenarios for the murders, including a drug hit, and that authorities in their zeal to nab a big-name suspect ignored evidence that could have pointed otherwise.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, defense team

leader Johnnie Cochran Jr. said he didn't know if the jury will ever know who committed the murders, but "they will feel there are other people with a motive, some who may have been seen at the scene that night."

**Parliament opens with opposition seats empty**

**By FARID HOSSAIN**  
**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)** - The House of Representatives opened a new session Monday, but no major legislation was planned now that most opposition lawmakers have resigned from Parliament.

The opposition benches were empty as President A.R. Biswas made his speech in the house.

Last month, 147 opposition lawmakers resigned from the House in a 10-month dispute with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, de-

manding her resignation and a new election under a caretaker government.

Even the seven opposition lawmakers who refused to resign failed to show up Monday.

Mrs. Zia enjoys a majority support in the 330-member House and the next parliamentary election is not due until 1996.

But no major legislation was planned in this session, which lasts until the first week of February.

The lawmakers only are expected to discuss the speech by President Biswas, which urged the opposition to use Parliament as the central forum to resolve all national problems.

"Parliament should have been dissolved after the resignation by opposition lawmakers. It has no legal standing," said Mohammad Nasim, a spokesman of the opposition.

Opposition parties planned anti-Zia demonstrations in Dhaka later in the day. They also called for general strikes on Tuesday and Wednesday, coinciding with a conference of foreign investors.

The struggle between the government and the opposition has paralyzed the passage of important legislation, and general strikes have begun to further weaken the poor nation's economy.

The opposition accuses Mrs. Zia's government of corruption and incompetence, charges she denies.

**Earthquake relief flight arrives Osaka**

**TOKYO (AP)** - A Northwest Airlines relief flight for Japanese earthquake victims arrived in Osaka, Japan, on Monday with about 100 tons of donated goods worth \$ 2.5 million.

Doyg Killian, director of international communications at Northwest headquarters in Eagan, Minn., said the jumbojet freighter carried medical equipment, disposable diapers, tents, fruit juice, soap and other relief supplies.

The donated goods were gathered by AmeriCares, a private disaster relief group. Northwest provided the plane, and flight and ground crews donated their services, Killian said.

He said the cost to the company was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars but could give no figure.

Killian said it was the first relief flight to Japan from the United States and, as far as Northwest officials could determine, from anywhere in the world since the earthquake last Monday.

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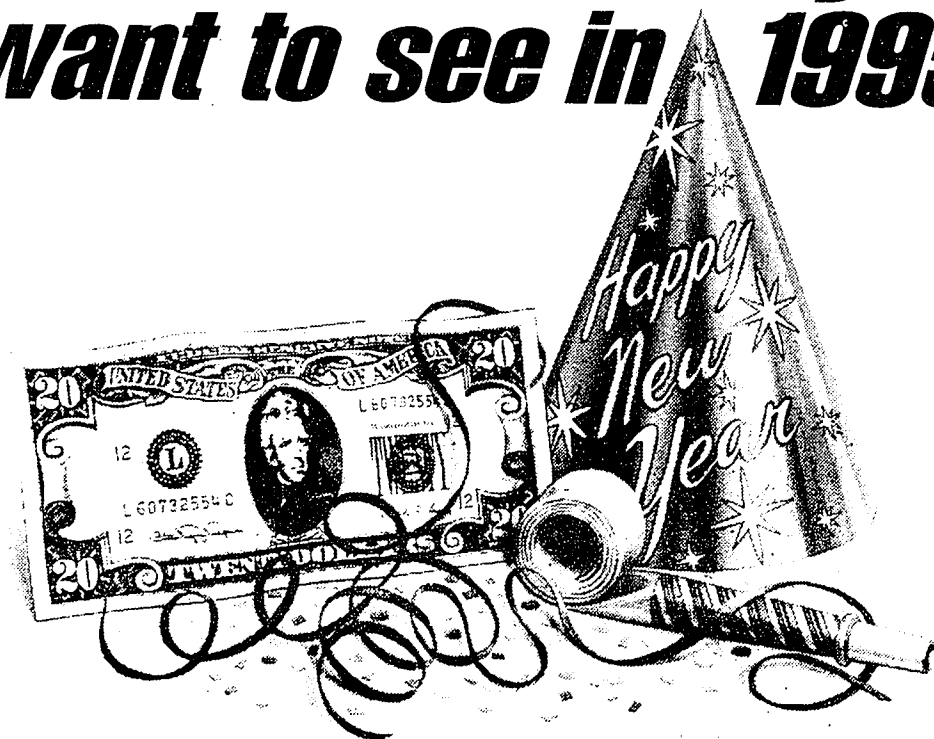
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# Computer intrusion gets rampant

NEW YORK (AP) -High-tech intruders are using a new trick to break into computer systems, leaving 20 million users of the global Internet vulnerable to eavesdropping and rip-offs, The New York Times reported Monday.

Computer experts are warning that the intruders could copy or destroy documents or even work undetected by masquerading as an authorized user.

A federal computer security agency was to outline ways to prevent the intrusions on Monday, the Times said.

The first known attack using the technique was on Dec. 25 against the computer of Tsutomu Shimomura, a well-known computer security expert at the San Diego Supercomputer Center, the paper reported.

Shimomura said the culprit took over his computer for more than a day and electronically stole

a large number of security programs.

Several attacks have been reported since then, but the exact number is unknown.

Officials of the government-backed Computer Emergency Response Team said the new assaults are a warning that better security precautions must be taken before businesses dive into the Internet.

By the end of the year, it's expected that florists, supermarkets, credit card companies and banks will be advertising on the Internet, and unless new steps are taken, the intruders could steal credit card numbers, merchandise and money.

The response team at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh plans on Monday to post an advisory on the Internet, alerting users to the attacks and urging them to use security programs, the Times said.

"Essentially everyone is vulnerable," said James Settle, a former FBI computer crime expert who is now an executive at the Inet Corp., a computer security firm.

The intruders fool computers into believing that a message is coming from a trusted source.

By posing as a familiar com-

puter, an attacker can get access to protected computer resources and seize control of what was considered a well-guarded system.

Classified U.S. government computer systems are not thought to be at risk because they are not directly connected to the Internet, the newspaper said.

The Internet originally was created by academic researchers to share computer data easily.

The Times said the security warning to be issued Monday will include a list of brands of computers that can use a program to guard against the hacking method, known as "Internet protocol spoofing."

# Vietnam biggest export processing zone a flop

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - Vietnam's biggest export processing zone is a failure because no foreign firms are willing to invest in building factories there, an official report announced Monday.

Authorities in the northern port of Haiphong now want to sell the

\$150 million property, the state-run Vietnam News reported.

The paper gave no reason for Haiphong's inability to attract interest in the planned zone, which the city started to develop in 1993 as a magnet for foreign investment. Local officials said inadequate funding and a lack of com-

mitment from the venture's foreign partners were partly to blame, the News reported.

The zone is owned jointly by Haiphong, the International Group of Hong Kong, and South Africa's Texteel 88 Corp.

Vietnam has licensed seven export processing zones so far, but a lack of good roads and other infrastructural problems at some of the sites have hindered their development even as the country touts its attributes to prospective investors.

Vietnam hopes to attract at least \$45 billion in loans and investment by the end of the decade. It seeks more than half of the amount from overseas sources.

Japan's Nomura Group agreed last September to invest \$120 million in a second zone in Haiphong. City officials said at the time that Nomura's financial strength made it a reliable partner for the project, which they expect to begin this year.

# Hasty... Continued from page 1

"When you make changes, you have to show the impact to everyone of such changes. This was not done. The hasty passage is not good. You are not giving the people time to understand it. It is a very complex issue so it's very important that you explain to the people in advance what the deduction is going to be on their next pay check. People are not going to find out until they get their next pay check and then they're gonna question why," said the DFS president.

When asked for comment on the manner the tax bill was passed, Hawkins in a separate interview, said there is really a concern about the whole legislative exercise.

"Rep. Hofschneider said it best - Nobody in the Legislature is a tax expert - and yet they pulled this bill out of the log that have been prefiled several months ago. I don't know if anybody even the tax experts know what's in the bill and yet it's on its way to the governor," said the DFS vice president.

According to Hawkins, the long term effect of the new tax system will not be imminent yet but that negative effects would slowly become noticeable.

"They will collect more dollars today and for the next year. But in the next couple of years, revenues will start to go down because of behavioral change. People will not spend as much, tourist also would not spend as much because what they can buy two of here in December, they might be able to buy only one in August," said Hawkins.

"It's not good for business. The Chamber has worked for several months with the House on tax reform. Business is not against tax increases but only against heavy increases. We want a moderate increase so business can assume the new tax rates and get used to and digest it. This is too big, too fast and

nobody has a real understanding as to what's happening," said Hawkins of the bill.

Giving emphasis on behavioral change, Hawkins stressed that people will do business differently if the tax bill is enacted.

"Items will become more expensive due to inflation. Taxes are inflationary. It will become more costly to do business here and how does that help in the long term for investment" he queried.

David M. Sablan, a former Planning and Budget chief and now a top official of a hardware retail company said there may be a need for government to generate more revenue.

"We have to face the fact that this government needs revenue not only to cure the deficit but also to operate. For the past three years we did not have any kind of revenue to operate on a meaningful basis," said Sablan in another interview.

He also expressed some concerns about the tax bill but maintained that with a few amendments it could have been fully acceptable.

"There are some flaws in the legislation as I see it now, but generally, it's a workable instrument," said Sablan.

According to the former Planning & Budget chief the measure is basically the same bill worked on by the tax task force during the Guerrero Administration with minor changes.

"It is substantially the same one recommended two years ago. So people have had a chance to read that. Now it is known as House Bill 9-250 but essentially it is the same bill substantially," he said.

"I have been talking to different sectors of the community on their concerns and I am happy to say that several members of the Legislature are very receptive to these concerns," said Sablan.

# Governor... Continued from page 1

I don't know why that should be," said Tenorio in an interview with the broadcast media Friday.

He was apparently reacting to a January 13 letter sent him by Saipan lawyer Ted Mitchell requesting a copy of travel authorization papers relating to the trip or trips the governor was planning to make from January 17 through February 7.

Tenorio has been planning to go off-island on a personal trip after which he flies over to Washington, D.C. to attend a hearing called by Rep. Elton Gallegly's Subcommittee on Territorial and Native Indian Affairs.

Mitchell is the attorney representing Jeanne Rayphand in her taxpayer lawsuit questioning some of the governor's past expenditures.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Mitchell said the reason why he requested information about the governor's travel plan was that the latter was supposed to appear in a deposition on the Rayphand case between January 21 and January 28. Government lawyers have said the chief executive would not be available on those dates as he will be off-island.

"Under the statute, we are entitled to see and obtain a copy of those documents not later than January 23rd. But it would be a lot simpler for both of us if, in the spirit of 'Open Government' you would have one of your staff fax us the documents instead," Mitchell said in his letter.

Explaining his request, Mitchell said people have the right to know where the chief executive is going and when he's coming back.

"When he chose to be in public office, the governor's whereabouts has become at all times a matter of public importance. Everyone has the right to know where he is and when he'll be back, that should never be a secret," said Mitchell.

But apparently, the governor thinks otherwise as the Friday TV interview may have indicated.

Asked if people have a right to know where he is, Tenorio said not necessarily.

"Will I have to tell them all my trips? This is just going too far, asking me where the hell I'm going. Right now I am telling you I am going to DC next week and if the Legislature passed that bill (H.B. 9-359), I'll sign it," said the governor.

Meanwhile, the governor's admission that he is behind the bill to repeal the Open Government Act directly contradicts Vice Speaker Mafnas' denial of Tenorio's involvement in H.B. 9-359.

In an interview with this reporter Thursday, Mafnas said the governor was not behind his move to repeal Open Government Law.

"The Open Government Act has been abused by the local media. The island media has become more like a 'mom & pop store,' and I don't believe the public should be continuously abused through the use of the Sunshine Law," said Mafnas in that interview.

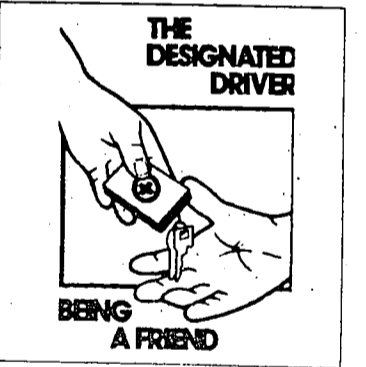
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# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FY 93 HOME PROGRAM

This is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) formerly the Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA), will be accepting HOME Program rehabilitation loan applications for rehabilitation and repair activities of residential dwelling units owned and occupied by very low-income families. Grants will also be made available, but only in situations where assistance and proven lack of financial resources for loan repayment.

Under the HOME Program, low-interest (3%) loans of up to \$10,000.00 with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years will be available for, but not limited to, construction of water catchment tanks; sewage disposal system; installation of special equipment for handicapped and/or disabled household member(s); installation of additional window(s) for adequate ventilation; repair or replacement of deteriorating plumbing system; repair or replacement of hazardous electrical system; and construction of additional room(s) to alleviate overcrowding.

- The following requirements must be met, as a minimum, to be eligible for financial assistance:
1. Combined gross annual income of all persons 18 years or older, must be less than or equal to, 50% of the median area income;
  2. Must have fee simple or at least a forty (40) year leasehold on the property; and
  3. Property to be assisted must be principal residence.

The time period for acceptance will begin on January 10, 1995 and end on February 10, 1995, or for period of time to allow for the receipt of the first eight (8) rehabilitation loan applications, whichever comes first. Recipients among those applicants determined eligible for assistance, will be selected at random by a drawing of lots.

Those interested in obtaining a rehabilitation loan application or a copy of the HOME Program "Program Description", should contact the NMHC Central Office at telephone nos. 234-6866/7670/7689 or 9447; Tinian residents call 433-9213; and Rota residents call 532-9410.

It is NMHC's policy and commitment that "Minority and Women-Owned Businesses" be given equal opportunity to compete for contracts for rehabilitation and repair work on properties assisted with HOME funds.

/s/JOHN M. SABLAN  
Corporate Director

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# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FY 94 HOME PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$294,000 of HOME Program funds to the CNMI for FY 94, of which \$250,000.00 will be used for rehabilitation and repair activities on residential dwellings units owned and occupied by very low-income families.

Rehabilitation activities include, but not limited to, the following: Construct or repair sanitary water and waste disposal system, together with related plumbing and fixtures; alter interior and/or exterior of unit to provide greater accessibility for disabled and/or handicapped household members; repair or replace deteriorating plumbing system; construct additional room(s) to ensure adequate living area for all household members; repair or replace deteriorating or damaged roofs; repair or replace hazardous electrical system; and other assistance necessary to preserve the dwelling unit in a safe, decent, and sanitary condition.

The "Program Description" for the FY 94 HOME Program is available for review by interested persons upon request at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) formerly the Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) Central Office on Saipan and NMHC's Field Offices in Tinian and Rota.

NMHC, on behalf of the CNMI Government, will provide financial assistance under the HOME Program primarily through low-interest (3% fixed rate) loans of up to \$25,000.00 with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years. Direct grants will also be made available, but only in situations where the applicant(s) demonstrates a critical need for financial assistance and proven lack of financial resources for loan repayment.

- The following requirements must be met, as a minimum, to be eligible for financial assistance:
1. Combined gross annual income of all persons 18 years or older, must be less than or equal to fifty-percent (50%) of the median area income;
  2. Applicant(s) must have fee simple title or at least a 40-year leasehold on the property to be assisted; and
  3. The property to be assisted must be principal residence of the applicant(s).

The time period for acceptance of rehabilitation loan applications will begin on February 6, 1995 and run for a period of time until we determine that at least \$250,000.00 of loan and/or grant funds are exhausted and/or committed. All applicants will be determined on a "first-come, first-served" basis, provided they qualify.

Those interested in obtaining a rehabilitation loan application or additional information about the HOME program should contact NMHC's Central Office at telephone numbers 234-6866/7689/9447 or 7670; Tinian residents call 433-9213; and Rota residents call 532-9410.

It is NMHC's policy and commitment that interested "Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MBE/WBE)" be given equal opportunity to compete for contracts for rehabilitation and repair work on properties assisted with HOME Program funds.

/s/JOHN M. SABLAN  
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# Stocks plunge as dollar rises

**TOKYO (AP)** -Share prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange plunged in mid-afternoon trading Monday as selling was accelerated by worries over the extent of last week's disastrous earthquake.

The U.S. dollar stayed higher against the yen. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average shed 767.68 points, or 4.07 percent, to 18,072.54 points as of 2:00 p.m. (0500 GMT). On Friday, the index had lost 235.52 points, or 1.23 percent, closing at 18,840.22.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was down 53.33 points, or 3.65 percent, to 1,406.07. The TOPIX had slipped 24.11 points, or 1.63, to 1,459.40 on Friday.

Traders said investors, especially foreign investors, remained under a continuing mood of pessimism from the Jan. 17 earthquake in western Japan that killed nearly 5,000 people.

Mitsuru Kanno, an analyst with Wako Securities, said foreign selling was centered on high technology-related issues such as electronics and autos, industrial sectors that were forced either to suspend or reduce operations due to damage to their facilities near Kobe or traffic disruptions.

Some Japanese institutional investors also remained bearish as the extent of damage from Tuesday's earthquake was predicted to widen in the disaster-stricken region, traders said.

In Tokyo, Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Mitsuhashi, in opening remarks to his first quarterly meeting of central bank branch managers, said the central bank will continue to work together with the Ministry of Finance to provide adequate financing to the Hyogo Prefecture region that was devastated by the earthquake, which had a 7.2 magnitude.

# Millions reported to sign petition vs firecrackers

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** -More than half the families in Vietnam have defied centuries of tradition and signed a pledge not to set off firecrackers, an official report said Monday.

At least 45 million people say they'll respect the first nationwide ban on firecrackers, even as the Lunar New Year festival called Tet customarily the biggest pyrotechnical event of the year draws near, the Quan Doi Nhan Dan (People's Army) reported.

Police across the country collected the signatures as one of many tactics the government is using to enforce the ban. Security officers

have also confiscated tons of firecrackers and fined violators.

Official media reported last week that the Ministry of Culture and Information shut down the Hanoi People newspaper for printing a story suggesting the ban might hurt people who made firecrackers for a living.

Vietnamese traditionally light strings of powerful firecrackers to celebrate funerals, weddings and office openings. For several days around Tet, which falls next on Jan. 31, Vietnamese have lit mountains of firecrackers to scare off evil spirits threatening bad luck in the new year.

Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet

decided to outlaw the production and use of firecrackers after 71 people died in accidents from the explosives while celebrating Tet in 1994.



**FERDINAND "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., right, son of the late Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, explains a point during a one-on-one interview with the daughter of former Philippine President Corazon Aquino, Kris Aquino, in her television program, Monday, Jan. 16, 1995. Corazon is outraged that her estranged daughter kissed Marcos on prime-time TV after the 30 minute interview. Corazon is Marcos' bitter rival and accuses him of masterminding the murder of her husband. (AP/PHOTO)**

## SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

Antonio P. Agulto and Josephine B. Agulto, on or about April 5, 1983, gave and delivered to the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, acting on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, United States of America, a Deed of Trust, upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 5, 1984, under Document 16669 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the said Trustor to the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, acting on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, United States of America.

The Deed of Trust and this Amended Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

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The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default the Mariana Islands Housing Authority issued its Notice of Default on April 29, 1994.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mariana Islands Housing Authority will, on January 27, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Corporation (formerly Mariana Islands Housing Authority), Garapan, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$55,000.00, total amount due to FmHA loan and MIHA's expenses.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check and shall be paid within 72 hours from the time of sale.

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. DATED this 14th day of December, 1994.

By: /s/Corporate Director  
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

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On this 14th day of December, 1994, before me, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, personally appeared Juan M. Sablan, duly authorized representative for the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same on behalf of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first written above.

/s/Notary Public

BENJAMIN B. SEMAN  
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My Commission expires on the 26th day December, 1994

# Business/Finance

## China to lose to Singapore in finances

**SINGAPORE (AP)** -China's emerging financial sectors could pose some competition to Singapore, but will lose out because of their weak accounting and legal system, Finance Minister Richard Hu was reported Monday as saying.

"You can't produce a new financial center overnight," he said in an interview to the Straits Times newspaper.

"Similarly for Taiwan. They also have problems on the legislation side. We have patiently built up these things since 1968. It is a long time," Hu said.

Still, Singapore's financial sector must keep its costs down if it wants to stay ahead of competition from new centers such as Labuan, Taiwan and Shanghai, he said.

Financial markets spend the largest amount on overseas telephone bills, where costs can be cut down, he said. Other areas where savings can be made are in backroom operations such as cost of running computers and processing data.

"In the case of China, its great advantage is a large domestic market. But the great disadvantage of course is their accounting systems and their legal systems... are still not in place," he said.

Hu added that the growth in finance and electronics, the other main sector, is expected to level off this year, helping ease immediate worries of wage inflation.

Singapore's economy has been growing by nearly 10 percent over the last two years, well above the normal sustainable non-inflationary rates of growth, which is between 6 percent and 7 percent.

## PATA moves to Singapore permanently

**SINGAPORE (AP)** - A premier travel industry group for the Asia-Pacific region has chosen Singapore as the permanent base to host its annual trade show, officials said Monday.

The board of directors of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, or PATA, announced the decision on Sunday in Manila, said Mak Ying Kwan of the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board.

PATA, a 41-year-old association of more than 2,000 members, includes private companies such as hotels, travel agencies and airlines, besides state-run tourism boards and governments of member countries.

Until now, PATA rotated its annual "Travel Mart" in different cities every year. The mart is used to promote services and to strike deals between members and their counterparts from other continents. For instance a travel agency from Australia would link up with a travel agent from Europe to handle his clients for group tours in this region.

Singapore was chosen as a per-

manent site because of its good infrastructure, strategic location and easy accessibility, said Ms. Mak.

The "Travel Mart" will be jointly hosted by PATA, Singapore Tourist Promotion Board and Reed Exhibitions Private Ltd. They will sign a formal partnership agreement in New Zealand in April 1995, Ms. Mak said.

## Singapore official to tour RP

**SINGAPORE (AP)** - An investment and trade mission headed by a Cabinet minister left Monday for a five-day tour of the Philippines to explore business opportunities.

The 34-member mission, organized by the Economic Development Board and Trade Development Board, will visit Manila, Subic Bay and Cebu, a government statement said. It will be led by Trade and Industry Minister Yeo Cheow Tong.

The Philippines-Singapore Business Council, set up in October 1994, will hold its first meeting during the visit to discuss areas of cooperation between private sectors from the two countries.

The statement said Singapore's investments in the Philippines are on the rise worth \$69 million in 1994 compared to \$42 million in 1993.

Singapore's interests in the Philippines include banking, logistics, property development, software, manufacturing, infrastructure, telecommunications, tourism, hotel and consultant services.

Total bilateral trade between January to November 1994 amounted to about 3.3 billion Singapore dollars (\$ 2.2 billion). Imports from the Philippines reached 2.2 billion dollars (\$1.5 billion) and exports totalled 1.1 billion dollars (\$753 million).

## Malaysian bank may operate in Vietnam

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** -Vietnam has authorized a Malaysian bank to open its first branch in the country, while also approving two representative offices for Germany's second largest bank, an official report said Monday.

Malayan Banking Berhad, known as Maybank, received approval in principle last week to open a fully operating branch in the Vietnamese capital, the state-run Vietnam News reported. The paper gave no indication of when Maybank was likely to obtain the actual license necessary to do business.

Ten banks owned wholly by foreigners already operate branches in Vietnam. The most recent arrival is Citibank of the United States, which began accepting deposits last Thursday. Vietnam also has three joint venture banks with partners from Indonesia, South Korea and Malaysia.

Dresdner Bank of Germany will open two representative offices, one in Hanoi and another in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's biggest city and financial center, the paper reported. Deutsche Bank, also of Germany, already has such offices in both cities and hopes soon to open a branch itself.

## Automobile industry in China looks promising

**BEIJING (AP)** -Car ownership and car production in China will rank among the first in the world in the next 15 years, according to a national meeting on policy in the automobile industry.

The industry is expected to generate an annual output value of more than 1 trillion yuan (\$119 billion) in the year 2010, the official Xinhua News Agency reported late Sunday.

The Chinese government has made the automobile industry one of the most important sectors in national economic development. Experts at the conference pre-

dicted China would have at least 50 million motor vehicles in the year 2010, of which 50 percent would be sedans. It is expected to produce 6 million vehicles that year, 70 percent of them cars.

That compares with last year's production of 1.38 million automobiles including 250,000 sedans. Car ownership in 1994 was 10 million.

The experts disclosed that the government plans to invest an additional 100 billion yuan (\$11.9 billion) in the auto sector by the year 2000.

According to the plan, the government will concentrate on the production of machine parts and will not approve any projects for production of complete automobiles until 1997.

## China eyes Aviation research

**BEIJING (AP)** - The China Aviation Technology Import and

Export Corp. is conducting research with foreign firms to develop new models of Chinese planes and produce parts for foreign planes, the official China Daily said Monday.

It is now conducting research with Russia, Pakistan and some Western countries to develop the S-7 plane, an upgraded version of the F-7, said Li Zhoushu, the firm's executive vice chairman, but did not provide any details on the plane's development.

The company already makes and assembles major parts for some large aircrafts, including the Boeing 737 and the MD-90.

It has joined foreign firms in producing MD-82 airplanes, K-8 training planes, EC-120 helicopters and MPC-75 feeder planes, the report said.

"The international cooperation has created favorable conditions for improving the design level of China's aviation industry and helping the country develop new types of planes," Li said.

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- A citizen of the CNMI/USA (This is a local hire position)
- Strong work ethic and customer service orientation
- High level of responsibility as a team player
- Demonstrated Excellent organizational/office skills
- Experience with Computer systems/software & willing to learn
- College degree preferred

Qualified and Interested individuals may submit a resume and application to the Chamber of Commerce office, 1st floor Family building in Garapan, or contact the Chamber office by phone at 233-7150.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The proposed project call for the construction of a two (2) storey 12 classrooms frame high school building, a library, toilet rooms and administrative offices. The project also calls for the demolition of a portion of the existing high school building, grading, a new parking lot, new and/or upgraded utility connections and construction of an underground water catchment system.

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.

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 1995 at 6:30 pm at the Mt. Carmel High School. This is the second and final notice of this public hearing.

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

/s/MANUEL C. SABLAN  
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# KOREA

# Kobe struggles to its feet

By DAVID THURBER  
**KOBE, Japan (AP)** -Stress and hardship frayed the nerves of earthquake survivors, but this shattered port city on Monday was also showing new signs of life.

Schools were reopening, basic services were being restored and a huge cleanup was in full swing. The death toll in Japan's second-deadliest quake this century neared 5,000. More than 150 were still missing and more than 26,000 injured, as of midday Monday.

Sporadic rain fell Monday, raising fears of landslides and building collapses and hampering efforts to find anyone else alive in the rubble. Local television Monday reported 103 landslides had occurred.

The rain on Sunday was so heavy it grounded relief flights, and added to the misery of those living in tents and makeshift shel-

ters. Another recurring ordeal was aftershocks. A strong one shook Kobe overnight, and another hit just before dawn.

No injury or damage was reported, but the aftershocks tend to terrify survivors, and shelters echo with cries of fright when a strong one occurs.

More than 1,000 aftershocks have been reported since Tuesday's devastating earthquake.

About half of the area schools re-opened Monday, but most not for full day and most in areas that were relatively lightly affected by quake.

The principal of one grade school, Michiru Yoshida, asked the student body to observe a minute of silent prayer. Some of the children were crying as they bent their heads.

While youngsters headed

back to school, more and more adults were returning to work, especially providers of essential services.

"I was thinking about retiring soon, but I want to do my best until our town returns to normal," said Noboru Nagahata, 65, the president of Kobe's gas utility. "I worked 27 hours straight."

Masaru Uehara, who works for the phone company, NTT, said workers were sleeping in the office in their chairs, because it can take hours to get to work.

But transportation and other basic services were rapidly being restored. From Monday, there were buses linking those rail lines that were up and running. Every ward office and relief center has

free telephones for people to use.

Along Route 2, one of the main east-west roads, virtually every telephone pole was knocked over by the quake. Now new ones have been installed, and rows of cherry pickers lifted workers reattaching wires.

Many houses that were leaning perilously have been braced up, and dangerous areas are roped off. Teams of workers were going house to house with clipboards, gathering damage reports.

Although many of the victims have demonstrated remarkable calm and solidarity in the face of the crisis, stress was taking its toll as some were overwhelmed by what they had experienced.

Akio Haritori, 56, lost a teen-

age daughter in the collapse of his house.

"My daughter's voice, 'Dad, dad, please help me!' sticks in my ear. It just doesn't go away," he said, wiping his tears. "I feel so sorry that I couldn't save her."

Once the relief at having survived wore off, many were wondering what would become of them.

"It's really difficult for a person like my age to think about what to do next," said Tomoko Furanaka, 59. "I think this is as much as we could endure."

Japan's NHK public television aired a list of counseling centers in the quake area that would offer hotline counseling to quake victims.



Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama greets a quake victim at a school serving as a makeshift shelter, Thursday, Jan 19, 1995 in Kobe, Japan. Murayama visited the quake damaged area Thursday and said the destruction "was much worse than I had expected". The death toll from the catastrophic earthquake has surpassed 4,000 making the quake the deadliest in Japan in more than 70 years. AP photo.

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- Assist in the preparation of financial statements, i.e., trial balance, profit and loss statements, budget expenditure reports, update ledgers.
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Applications must be a four year graduate from a U.S. accredited university with a major in business administration or accounting, or a high school graduate with up to five years of progressive experience in accounting or bookkeeping.

Applications must accompany an updated original clearance dating back five years. Application forms are available at the CPA Main Office on the Second Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. For more information, please contact the CPA Office at Tel: 234-8315/6/7. The deadline for submission of application is January 27, 1995.

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 The officers, directors and owners of the applicant are Edward H. Poppe, Frances W. Poppe, David L. Price, Edwin K.W. Ching and Michelle Townsend.  
 A copy of the application, amendments and related materials are on file for public inspection at the Law Offices of James H. Grizzard, 2nd floor to the Macararas Building, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan.

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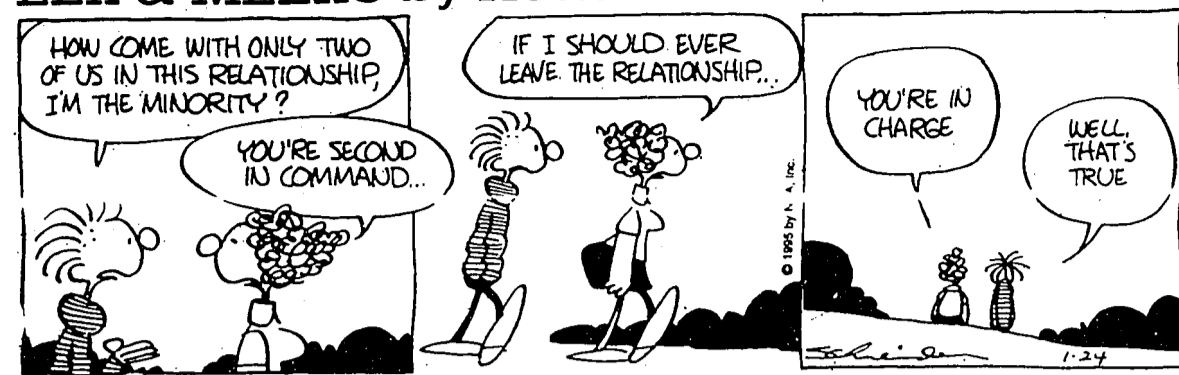
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**POSITION VACANCY**  
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 The Executive Director is ultimately responsible for the overall operations of the programs/activities of the agency, and the supervision of all employees. The Executive Director is directly responsible to the Board of Directors of the agency.  
 Basic Requirements:  
 MSW or MA/MS degree in relevant field preferred; or at a minimum,  
 BSW or BA/BS in relevant field plus five years supervisory experience;  
 Minimum two years experience working in social services;  
 Excellent writing and speaking abilities;  
 Grant writing experience helpful.  
 Applications and position descriptions may be picked up at the Karidat office in Chalan Kanoa from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Deadline for submission of applications in Friday, February 3, 1995.** For more information, contact Mary Guerrero at 234-6981 or 235-5074.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-94-X-209 submitted by Efrain F. Camacho Consulting Engineers and Architects on behalf of Nakamoto Development, Inc. for the construction of the Garapan Hotel in Garapan, Saipan.  
 The proposed project calls for the construction of a four-hundred seventy (470) room resort hotel, restaurants, swimming pool, banquet facilities, health club, tennis courts, beachside park and parking area, administrative offices, shops and other amenities.  
 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.  
 The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria.  
 Please contact the Coastal Resources Management at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.  
 /s/PETER J. BARLAS  
 Deputy Director  
 Coastal Resources Management

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you possess remarkable physical stamina and coordination. You will probably rely on these attributes often in your personal affairs and your professional endeavors.

You can be rather solitary at times, but more often you enjoy all that the social scene has to offer.

Also born on this date are: Ernest Borgnine, actor; Neil Diamond, singer; Mary Lou Retton, gymnast; Oral Roberts, evangelist.

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

your daily guide.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25**  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Take care not to let your interest in others go too far today. Resist the temptation to offer unsolicited advice.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Your sensitivity may be overshadowed by your desire for efficiency today. Conflict may result in your home.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You may find yourself doing what is surprising or even forbidden today simply to win reactions from a new audience.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Self-control will be essential throughout the day. Common sense will tell you when you can let go — but it will be later than you anticipate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You won't react well to even the slightest failure today. In the end, you're sure to think it's someone else's fault!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You mustn't allow yourself to attempt strange or untested procedures today. Conventional, tried-and-true methods can work well.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Avoid insisting on anything today

Gentle persuasion can work wonders for you — particularly when it's a matter of changing someone's mind.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Though you usually tend to think realistically and intellectually, today you may fall through certain emotional cracks.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You have become a bit too self-absorbed lately. Avoid narcissistic decisions today — or others are sure to turn away from you when you need them.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Once you've given yourself fully to a project today, you're not likely to be dissuaded for any reason. You may even be blind to dangers.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You will rely on ever-changing scenery today to boost your energy and enthusiasm. Include a few friends in an exciting new plan.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You may be keenly attuned to what your body is telling you throughout the day. Trust your instincts to direct your actions.

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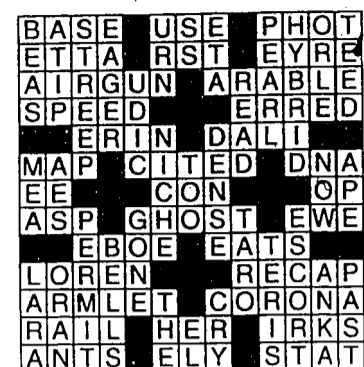
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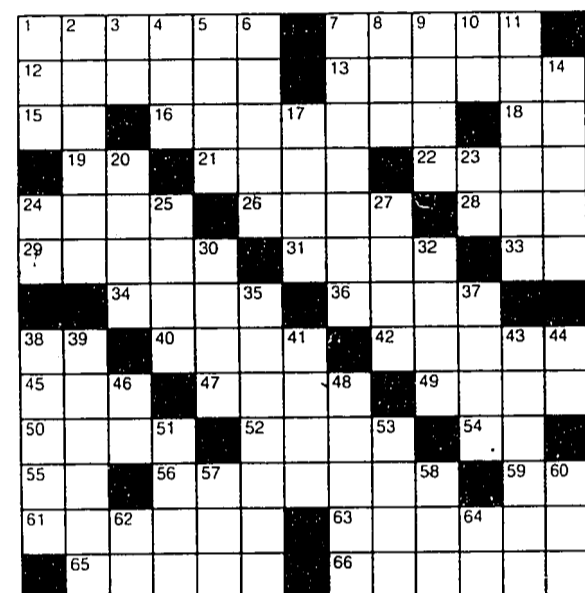
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- 47 Peruse
- 49 Foray
- 50 Flesh
- 52 Semi-precious stone
- 54 Lisa Marie's mom (inits.)
- 55 Apiece (abbr.)
- 56 Boxed
- 59 Agave plant
- 61 Panoramic
- 63 Male aviators
- 65 Hair dye
- 66 Strata

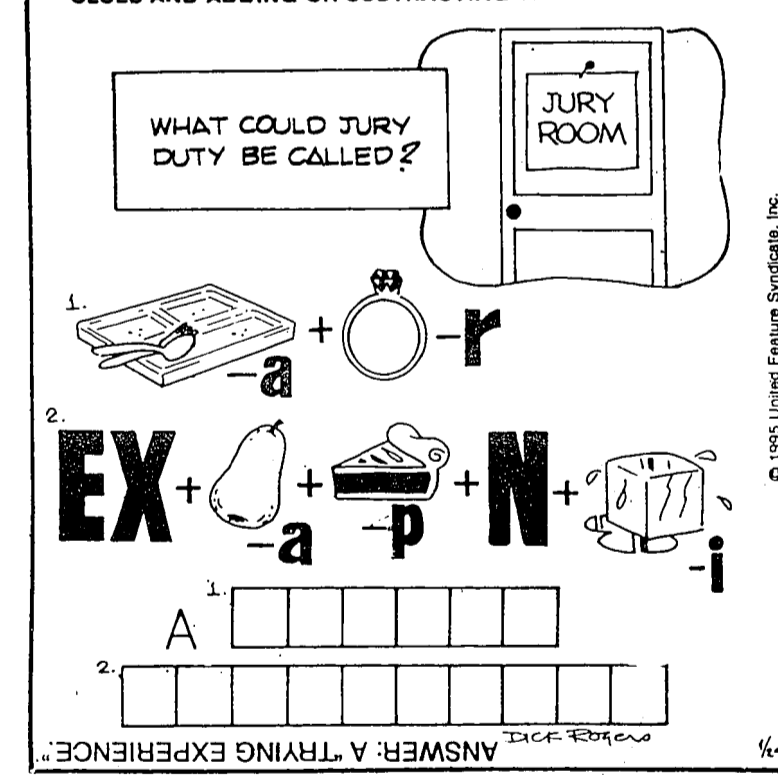
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- 1 "Alley —"
- 2 Over-decorative
- 3 Commercial
- 4 — Gulager
- 5 — Do it again
- 6 Bar legally
- 7 Pipe
- 8 Before
- 9 Babylonian deity
- 10 Selenium symbol
- 11 — Borgnine
- 14 Hebrew festival
- 17 Pertaining to the dawn
- 20 Shudder of fear (Scottish)
- 23 Savannah's St.
- 24 Is (Sp.)
- 25 Preposition
- 27 Stadium covering
- 30 Presses for payment
- 32 60 minutes
- 35 Auto executive Lee
- 37 Shawl
- 38 — At Sea
- 39 Whiten
- 41 California city
- 43 Sieve
- 44 Mister ID
- 46 Asimov —
- 48 — cavity
- 51 Between N.C. and Ark.
- 53 "Star Wars" princess
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# Major League teams scramble for players

By RONALD BLUM  
NEW YORK (AP)- Major League Baseball teams spent the weekend searching for replacement players.

The Toronto Blue Jays held tryouts in Florida and California, and the Angels signed nine players after a three-day camp. California's camp attracted 1,300 potential replacements, including 987 on Friday.

"It was just mind-boggling," team spokesman John Sevano said. "Our scouts had never worked with those kind of numbers."

California signed nine players from the camps to minor league contracts. Toronto had more than 200 people try out Saturday in Dunedin, Florida. About 160 more were at Pierce College in Los Angeles on Sunday. They weren't too picky.

"What position do you play?" associate scout Bob Warner asked one.

"What do you need?" the eager young man answered.

"I believe they're in a position where they're getting kind of desperate," said 23-year-old pitcher Greg Santos, a construction

worker from Simi Valley. "And the way the strike's going, it doesn't look like anything's going to happen right now. So, they've got to try something."

Atlanta said it already has signed 25 replacements. But the Braves won't identify them until spring training.

"It's going to be bizarre enough without singling those guys out for targets," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said.

Toronto and Montreal have more problems than most teams. The Canadian government said Friday they couldn't use non-Canadian replacements.

Baseball's chief labor lawyer said Saturday that the Expos will ask the Canadian government for an exemption that would allow them to use Americans as replacement players at Olympic Stadium.

"We're relying on two Canadian lawyers, one who works with the Blue Jays and one who works with the Expos," said Chuck O'Connor, the general counsel of management's player relations committee. "The Montreal club is in the process of working on an exemption. The difficulty you

have in Canada is that the law is the law."

While both teams have problems with Canadian immigration law, the Blue Jays also have problems with Ontario provincial labor law. The province prohibits the hiring of replacement workers.

O'Connor thinks there is a way around that but said Blue Jays president Paul Beeston doesn't want to take advantage of the loophole.

"The preconditions in Ontario are that you have a secret-ballot strike vote and you vote the entire 40-man roster," O'Connor said. "We know they had an open clubhouse vote and that they didn't poll the entire 40-man roster."

O'Connor said John Labatt Ltd., which owns 90 percent of the team, is against using the loophole.

Toronto has said it may play regular-season games at Grant Field in Dunedin, Florida, the Blue Jays' spring training base. The ballpark seats 6,218.

The Expos said they are unsure of what the team would do if it can't bring replacements into Canada.

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Tudela's 8 points, and the 9-point total of Joe Tudela, James Diaz and Jay Morasheta kept the Sunrisers close to the Sunrisers, 50-46 in the first half.

On the Pepsi side, in the second half, Peter Camacho, Tony Susuico, Edsel Mendoza and Tony Diaz continued the firepower provided at the top of the game by Winsor Peter, Robert Quitugua, John Palacios and Susuico.

Susuico and Palacios converted 8 points apiece, Peter connected

14 points and Quitugua scored 6 points in the first half.

As Peter, Quitugua and Palacios were later recalled off the court, Susuico and Diaz padded their performance with 10 more points apiece in the second half.

Mendoza had 100 percent accuracy from the stripe. He connected three-for-three, followed with three jumpers for a total of nine points in the second half.

Pepsi's Camacho did his share of keeping the Sunrisers at bay with three jumpers, as Peter, Quitugua, Ed Diaz, and Steve Coleman combined 13 points.

Sunrisers would have placed

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the said prizes, lots of consolation prizes still await them during the raffle date.

The event will be held on March 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$20.

The Budweiser No-Tap tournament is open to everybody.

Part of the proceeds from the tickets will be set aside for the CNMI youth bowlers, and the other proceeds will be allocated for league banquets.

awards and other tournaments and activities of the association.

Rebusada, who is in his 6th year as PBA president, said that the tournament is just one of the PBA events MarPac Budweiser is expected to support for the whole year.

Earlier, PBA officials and MarPac Promotions Manager Tom Garcia agreed in principle to hold joint projects for the bowlers. The first concrete move after

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on the second day of the tournament his second straight Grand Slam first-round loss after falling at the same stage of the U.S. Open in September.

"I wish I had an excuse," said Becker, who had teamed with Huber to win the Hopman Cup mixed teams event in Perth 10 days before.

"I wish I could say something. I had a bad night or something was wrong. No, everything was perfect

before the match.

"I cannot give you any explanations or excuses. I have to go home and think about what happened and then I can tell you maybe in a couple of weeks."

Stich, who beat Becker to win the 1991 Wimbledon title, had come to Melbourne refreshed after shunning the mega-rich Grand Slam Cup to take an end-of-season holiday. It made little difference.

the Pepsi team in hot water had the Sunrisers shown 100 percent accuracy at the foul line.

The win placed the Pepsi team at pace with FT/SNE and Bud Light team with 2-0 win-loss slate at the top of the chart.

The Sunrisers missed 7 out of the 20 attempts at the stripe which spelled the difference in the game as the Pepsi was able to put a 7-point margin at the end of the game.

The All-Star team outscored the Sunrisers by 10 points in the two and three-point area, but the Sunrisers outscored Pepsi by three points at the stripe. (AAPD)

the said agreement which was arrived at last week is the upcoming no-tap event in March.

Rebusada said, it will be the first time MarPac Budweiser will consider sponsoring PBA's whole 1995 tournament sponsorship package.

The event is called no-tap tournament in reference to a 9-pin down strike by a bowler.

A bowler who knocks down nine pins need not tap the last pin. In the no-tap tournament, a 9-pin knock down is considered a strike. (AAPD)

He bowed out to Czech Karel Novacek 7-5, 6-2, 6-4, complaining the closing of the National Tennis Center's retractable roof because of rain had better suited his opponent.

"You have good days and you have bad days but, still, on those bad days you should be able to work yourself through and try to win the match," said Stich.

"I'm very disappointed No question about it. But I can't change it and I have to move on to the next tournament, the next event."

# Saipan tankers to see action in Guam

Saipan Swim Club (SSC) Swimmers will go back to Guam this week to compete in an invitational swim meet which will be held at the Agana Pool.

Some sixty swimmers will compete on January 27th and 28th in the ABC invitational meet but the exact numbers of swimmers who will attend the meet will be finalized this week.

SSC coach Bill Sakovich said the local swimmers will compete "out

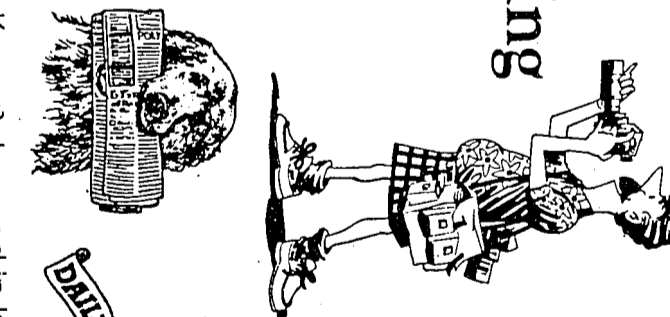
of satisfaction to compete and improve their swimming skills."

The seasoned coach who has developed many good swimmers, past and present, in regional competitions, said the Guam meet is not in any way part of the SSC preparation for any regional games.

The swimmers will compete in age categories starting from the 8 and under as well as in higher age brackets and in all styles. (AAPD)



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# SPORTS



## Pepsi beats Sunrisers, 99-92

The Pepsi All-Star team registered its second win after defeating the Sunrisers, 99-92, in latest action at the 1995 Lite beer island-wide basketball tournament Thursday night at the Ada gym in Susupe.

Pepsi has yet to encounter a loss.

Pepsi Coach Tony Rogolofoi gave more playing time to his non-first five players in order for

them to gel better and develop in preparation for the Tahiti South Pacific Games in August.

"There are no excuses for us (why the advantage was close). The Sunrisers played their best. At least we won the game," said Pepsi standout, Edsel Mendoza.

The Pepsi first five, composed of Winsor Peter, Mendoza, Robert Quitugua, Tony Susuico and Peter Camacho, had less time in

court in Thursday's action unlike in the first game, where most of them stayed in court most of the time.

"I played only for about six minutes and was fielded again later in the first half. But I believe, the coaching staff has a positive reason why they did so. One possible reason is (the coaching staff wants) to be fair so everybody will improve in the team,"

Mendoza added.

The first five players were fielded in the opening of the game but most of them later spent most of their time on the sideline.

George Masga and Jerry Benavente led their team in the offensive. Masga posted 24 points,

15 points in the first half and 9 at the bottom of the game. Benavente pooled a 22-point total, 14 at the top and 8 points more in the second half.

The efforts of Masga and Benavente, backed up by Tom

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## Bwbiwis over Nails in sudden death tiff

The Bwbiwis team pounded the Nails team to its first defeat in the continuation of the 1995 World Organized Rocball Tournament yesterday.

The Nails team succumbed to the Bwbiwis team, 29-28, during overtime, in a sudden death match-up at the Marianas High School grounds in Susupe.

The Nails had the upper-hand in the first set when it routed the Bwbiwis team in a scratch set, 13-3.

But the Bwbiwis team managed to get back at the Nails squad in the second set when it posted a scratch set 12 to 2 and tied the score at 15 all.

It was a close match in the fight for the third and decisive set. Both teams put up a good fight and settled in a tie as each team scored 14 points for a total of 29 points tie at buzzer time.

With the score tied at 29 all, Bwbiwis served the ball which resulted into a sideout, providing the Nails team an opportunity to serve the ball in the remaining minute of the game.

"Unfortunately, the Nail server served the ball off-course," tournament director and statistician James W. feger said.

"It was the first time that a team —

with a score tied with another team—lost during an overtime period because of a bad serve," James W. Feger added.

Four aces, five xunks, twelve kees and a goal were posted in the game.

Overall heavy hitter was Asty Suda of the Nails team. He scored one ace, two xunks and two kees. The heavy hitter for the winning team was Kiem Eisne. He scored one ace, two kees and a goal.

An ace is a 2-point score by a server when the served ball is knocked off the court by a player in the opposing team who was first to touch it.

A kee is a 2-point score by a goalie who scores a goal point.

A xunk is a 2-point score by the server when the player in the receiving team fails to deflect the ball or when the ball touches the receiving team's court untouched.

A goal is a 3-point optional play in which the scoring team has the option to add the points to its score or subtract it from its opponent's score.

The win by the Bwbiwis team tied their team with the Nails, Western Carolinian Club and the No Fear squad with 1-1 win-loss slate.

On top of the first round initial overall standings, are the Chronics,

Talofa and the Super Blood Sisters teams with 1-0 win-loss performance.

Tin Kun, the Bad Boys and the Hardcore teams are tied with no-win, one-loss rating.

The Jammers will flex its muscles today, against the Islanders. (AAPD)

### Triathlon deadline reminder

The organizers of the Saipan Island Triathlon which will be held on January 29th, would like to inform interested triathletes that this is the last week to sign up for the event.

The race will include competitors from Japan, Guam and the Commonwealth.

Prizes will be given away for the top triathletes. The event will culminate with a brunch at the PIC where door prizes will be given away.

Application forms are available at Pacific Trading, Marianas Cable Vision, Hot 98 FM radio station and Rudolph's restaurant.

For more information, please call Al Hogenauer at 234-8950 or 234-2376 or John Hoffman at 322-2060.

## No Germans remain in Australian Tennis Open

By JOHN BROCK  
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—No Steffi Graf. No Boris Becker. No Michael Stich or Anke Huber.

The quarterfinals of the Australian Open are without a German player, the first time that has happened at any Grand Slam for more than a decade.

Steffi Graf's injury-forced withdrawal before a ball was hit provided a sour start for the German contingent at the year's first Grand Slam tournament.

A bad first week which saw Becker beaten in his opening match and Stich fall in the third round ended Sunday with Huber's 6-2, 6-4 fourth-round loss to Mary Pierce of France.

There were 23 Germans 12 women and 11 men in singles at the Australian Open. It is the first time since Wimbledon in 19-4 that no German has made the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam.

"What should I feel about it?" said Huber, 20, the highest-seeded German in the women's field at

No. 10, who had beaten French Open runnerup Pierce in their last three meetings.

"I don't think about it, actually. I tried not to think about it. Next time there will be maybe five or six in the second week."

Graf, the defending champion, was forced to pull out of the Open after straining a calf muscle while practicing in Florida.

Becker, a two-time Australian Open winner, was beaten by American Patrick McEnroe

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## Budweiser 'No-Tap' tourney prize-filled

More than \$4,000 worth of prizes in cash and in kind await the Philippine Bowling Association (PBA)-organized 1st Budweiser Annual No-Tap bowling tournament in March at the Saipan Bowling Center in San Jose.

PBA president Jess Rebusada said that major tournament sponsor MarPac Budweiser will give away \$ 1,000 to the best bowler in the event.

A round trip ticket to and from Manila will also be given away.

On top of the cash prize, Budweiser will also give PBA \$500 for the association to add in any of the cash prizes or use the money in purchasing raffle prizes for the event.

Budweiser will donate a trophy to the top bowler.

The second prize winner will receive \$ 700, \$ 300 awaits the third prize winner, \$ 200 for the fourth placer and \$ 100 for the fifth placer.

Bowlers who will not make it to the top five finishers will have the chance to win prizes during the raffle draw after the tournament.

Five prizes will be given away to the lucky non-finishers. The round trip plane ticket to Manila, goes to the first prize winner.

A color television will be given to the second prize winner, video cassette recorder for the third prize winner, camera for the fourth winner and radio cassette for the fifth prize winner.

If a bowler will not win any of

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### Philippine Bowling Association-12 season

as of week #22 of 24 - 1-21-95

pos	Trn#-Team Name	won	lost	pt	gb	pins	ave	sgm/srs
1	12-Mark Shark	58.0	30.0	659	-	63688	965	945/2605
2	1-Fun & Games	57.0	31.0	648	1.0	64226	973	972/2715
3	8-RB Electrical	52.0	36.0	591	6.0	64298	974	939/2725
4	10-Budwiser	48.5	39.5	551	9.5	63503	962	980/2672
5	11-D'Mixers	46.5	41.5	528	11.5	64391	976	927/2565
6	2-New Builders Inc.	43.0	45.0	489	15.0	63145	957	904/2561
7	5-Dollar Up	41.0	47.0	466	17.0	63781	966	989/2685
8	3-R.V. Enterprises	40.0	48.0	455	18.0	63838	967	949/2621
9	6-CME Inc.	40.0	48.0	455	18.0	62870	953	888/2406
10	7-Saipan Shooting Range	39.5	48.5	449	18.5	62915	953	933/2585
11	4-Mary's Bakery	35.5	52.5	403	22.5	62766	951	897/2534
12	9-KAS Suwaso	27.0	61.0	307	31.0	60326	914	933/2531

Last Saturday's Results  
Fun & Games d. Mary's Bakery 4-0  
R.V. Enterprises d. Budwiser, 3-1  
CMS tied Mark Shark, 2-2  
RB Electrical d. KAS Suwaso, 4-0  
Shooting Range tied New Builders, 2-2  
Dollar Up d. D'Mixers, 3-1

Game Schedule For Sat. 1/28/95  
KAS vs CMS Inc.  
Mary's Bakery vs RB Electrical  
New Builders vs Dollar Up  
R.V. Enterprises vs Shooting Range  
Budwiser vs D'Mixers  
Fun & Games vs Mark Shark

High Game Scratch

1. Eparwa, Dong	247
2. Rebusada, Jess	244
3. Lim, Jun	238
4. Talavera, Robert	229
5. Ferraz, Rey	225

High Game with Handicap

1. Eparwa, Dong	271
2. Lim Jun	267
3. Rebusada, Jess	259
4. Ferraz, Rey	257
5. Manacop, Simon	252

High Series Scratch

1. Talavera, Robert	619
2. Rebusada, Jess	612
3. Eparwa, Dong	610
4. Manacop, Simon	594
5. Lamson, Wendy	580

High Series with Handicap

1. Eparwa, Dong	682
2. Manacop, Simon	678
3. Rebusada, Jess	657
4. Cabigao, Rene	652
5. Talavera, Robert	640

Top Scores For Bowler Of The Month Of December 1994

Bowler Name	Wk#	Series
1. Eparwa, Dong	22	610
2. Manacop, Simon	22	594
3. Caceres, Ed	21	583