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Dry season takes its toll on islands' crops

By Rick Alberto
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FEWER farmers participated in Saturday's 18th Annual Saipan Agricultural Fair, and this was attributed to at least three factors including the drought that has affected the quality of farm produce, organizers said.

William P. Cabrera, president of the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association, and John F. Borja, chair of the plant division committee, said the dry season was one reason why less than 20 farmers exhibited their agricultural products this year.

Borja also said some farmers opted not to plant because of the forecast typhoons in the past two months. The ty-

phoons, however, either did not come or were not strong enough to affect the plants.

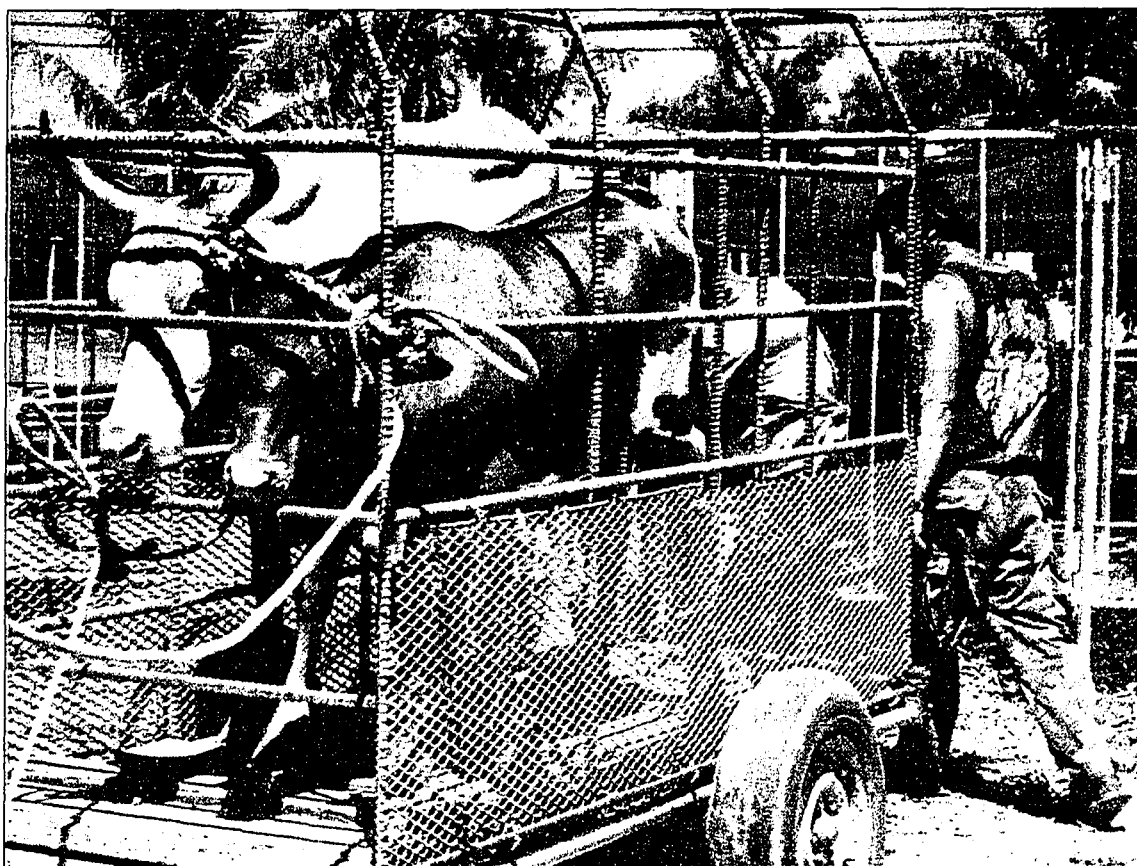
Bulls, cows, boars and other animals were also exhibited, as in the past.

In addition, Cabrera said the pest problem has affected some vegetables and fruits of farmers who did not participate in this year's fair.

The enthusiasm of people who came to gawk at the animals and farm produce has not waned.

Several fair goers stayed up to closing time at 3 p.m. to buy the exhibited vegetables and fruits. A few of the exhibitors, however, did not sell their products.

Cabrera said they will con-
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SHOW'S OVER. Two cattle are being secured by their owners in a cart as they are prepared to be brought back to the ranch after their exhibition at the Saipan Agricultural Fair Saturday in Susupe.

RP consul sets record straight on worker ban 'proposal'

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

PHILIPPINE government officials are still deliberating on what appropriate actions can be taken to uphold Filipino workers rights and welfare in the CNMI in light of an increase in the number of complaints against CNMI employers.

Consul Julia Heidemann denied reports (not in the Variety) that RP Labor Attache Jesus Varela recommended a total ban on the deployment of workers in CNMI.

"I have talked to him (Varela). It appears there's no such recommendation that has thus far been made. He said he couldn't make any proposals yet as discussions are still ongoing," said Heidemann.

"He (Varela) said the (Pacific Daily News) report misquoted Miss (Liberty) Casco on the ban. So I told the (PDN) reporter to get in touch with Miss Casco and get his facts straight," she added.

Casco, acting head of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration's Market Research and Standards Division, in that report, said Varela has proposed that a suspension on the deployment of all worker categories in CNMI be imposed.

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OPA: Cabrera allowed 'improper' purchases

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

FINANCE Secretary Antonio R. Cabrera "improperly allowed" the Judicial branch to make purchases without going through the Division of Procurement and Supply.

This according to Public Auditor Leo LaMotte.

In a letter to House Ways and Means Committee chair Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Saipan), LaMotte said the Judicial branch is bound by the requirements of the CNMI procurement regulations.

"It may not perform its own procurement functions, but should instead go through the Division of Procurement and Supply,"



Leo LaMotte

LaMotte said, citing sections from the procurement regulations.

He said it is improper for the Judiciary to make its own purchases, and for the Finance sec-



Antonio R. Cabrera

tary to exempt the Judiciary from the regulations.

LaMotte's letter was a response to a question raised during the ongoing budget hearings con-

ducted by Teregeyo's committee.

The question was on the propriety of the Judiciary branch administering its own procurement functions.

LaMotte said the Judiciary maintained that it has been exempted by Cabrera to go through the Division of Procurement and Supply.

But, according to LaMotte, the Judiciary did not satisfy the conditions set out by the regulations for such exemptions, and should thus not have been exempted.

There was no mention, however, of what action the Office of Public Auditor will take, if any, against the outgoing Finance sec-

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Babauta invites Young to visit NMI



Juan N. Babauta

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

RESIDENT Rep. Juan N. Babauta is inviting U.S. Rep. Don Young and the members of the U.S. House Resources Committee to visit the CNMI, and see the "significant changes" that has happened in the Commonwealth.

Young (R-Alaska) chairs the committee which has oversight jurisdiction over the CNMI and other insular areas.

Babauta, in his letter to Young, mentioned that the congressman

has agreed last year to visit the CNMI with the other members of the committee.

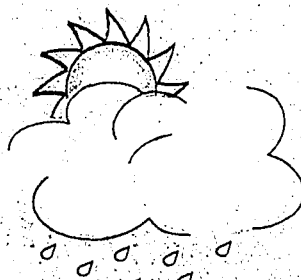
"Not since February of 1989 has the committee been to the Northern Marianas, and there are significant changes," Babauta said.

He added, "We are proud of the strides our Commonwealth has made since joining the United States."

Babauta's invitation came in the wake of U.S. Rep. George

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WEATHER Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers

Kurds warn Turkey

By SELCAN HACAOLGU
ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A Kurdish rebel commander has accused Turkey of occupying a buffer zone in northern Iraq and threatened attacks if Turkey does not withdraw.

"Suicide attacks will be carried out inside Turkey," Semdin Sakik, a senior guerrilla commander, said on Kurdish television.

He spoke with London-based MED TV on Friday; the text of the interview was made available to The Associated Press on

Rebel commander vows to stage suicide attacks

Saturday.

Suicide bombings by Turkish Kurds have claimed 10 lives in Turkey in the past two years.

Turkey sent an estimated 25,000-50,000 troops into northern Iraq on May 14 to in a bid to wipe out rebel bases used for cross-border attacks. Turkish troops have fanned out over a 200-mile strip extending 40 miles into Iraq and reportedly taken several rebel strongholds.

Sakik said the Turkish army was trying to occupy a buffer zone. Turkey said last fall it wanted to establish such a zone inside Iraq and Washington approved the plan.

MED TV said Turkish troops are setting up bases at the towns of Atroush, Sarsang and Sumall, about 35 miles from the Turkish border. It said the bases are encircled by barbed wire and mines.

This is the fourth year in a row that Turkey has carried out

a major spring offensive in northern Iraq. Each time the guerrillas have regrouped and returned to their strongholds once the Turkish troops were gone.

Iraqi Kurds established a de facto state in northern Iraq after the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The

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Egypt urges Israel to compromise

By JACK KATZENELL
JERUSALEM (AP) — With the backing of the United States and Europe, Egypt is urging Israel to suspend a controversial housing project to end the crisis in its relations with Palestinians, Israeli television reported Saturday.

Peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians stalled in March when Israel broke ground for a Jewish housing project at Har Homa, captured Arab land in Jerusa-

lem.

Meanwhile, an Israeli official denied reports Israel was ready to freeze construction.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is to meet Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday at the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

Israel television Channel 1 reported that Mubarak has proposed a five-point plan to revive negotiations:

- The Palestinians will resume cooperation with Israel over security and will do more to fight Islamic and other terrorism against Israel;
- There will be a "political solution" to the Har Homa issue beyond a mere suspension of construction;
- Israel and the Palestinians will resume talks on the next stage of Israeli troops withdrawals in the West Bank;
- They will also begin accelerated talks on their final

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Puerto Rico may ration water

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Water may slow to a trickle for many Puerto Rico residents as soon as Tuesday or Wednesday if rain doesn't replenish reservoirs, officials said.

For now, Water Authority officials are not planning to impose the severe rationing measures that island residents suffered in 1994, but they do

plan to reduce production at the filtration plant served by the main reservoir that supplies San Juan.

"We are preparing to begin the phase we think is necessary on Tuesday or Wednesday. But we don't expect that service will be interrupted and people will be without water," Benjamin Pomales, executive director of the authority, told

the newspaper El Nuevo Dia.

About half the 3.8 million residents in this U.S. commonwealth live in the San Juan metropolitan area. While the population has grown in recent decades, the main reservoir has not been dredged, despite several warnings by government engineers over the years that maintenance was

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P&S reconsiders MPI protest

THE PROCUREMENT and Supply Office has reconsidered its earlier decision to set aside the protest filed by Mariana Pacific Inc. against the awarding of contract for emergency classrooms to Demapan Engineering and Construction.

P&S Director Edward Palacios earlier declined MPI's request for a review of the contract awarding supposedly due to "untimely filing" of the complaint.

MPI vice president Owen

Walker wrote back to Palacios, asking the director to take another look at his protest.

Walker, citing a provision in the CNMI Procurement Regulations, stated that any protest shall be lodged within 10 days after the aggrieved party learned of the facts that trigger the complaint.

Walker lodged the protest on May 15, two days after the Department of Public Works announced the awarding of contract to Demapan Engineering.

"Our protest was not related to the due process of award, but to whom the award was to be made," Walker stated in his letter to Palacios.

Walker has said Demapan Engineering had been given "privileged treatment," and that it was "privity to other proposers' prices and schedules and this provides them a prior knowledge advantage."

He added: "If you had availed yourself the time to analyze our protest you would

have seen it was based on the pending award to Demapan and DPW did not publish this information until May 13, 1997 in the Marianas Variety."

In his May 23 letter to Walker, meanwhile, Palacios admitted that his office had erred in dismissing MPI's protest.

"Our denial was based upon the mistaken belief that the Secretary of the Department of Public Work's letter dated April 29, 1997 was transmit-

ted to you by fax on that date," Palacios said.

"We now reverse our prior determination and find that your protest was timely filed," the director added.

Palacios said all parties involved in the contract would be informed of his office's decision.

The \$2.7 million classrooms project, initiated by the Public School System, and being managed by DPW is funded by the federal government

Palestinian audit bares corruption



Yasser Arafat

By SAID GHAZALI
JERUSALEM (AP) — The Palestinian Authority has lost \$223 million, or one-fourth of the 1997 budget, to corruption and mismanage-

ment, Palestinian media reported Saturday, citing an audit ordered by Yasser Arafat.

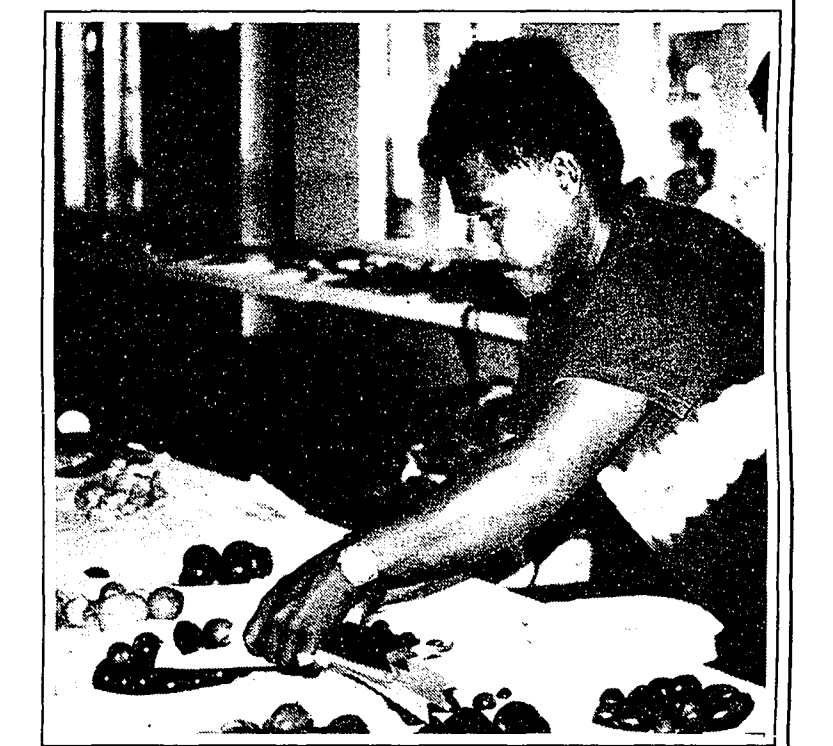
The 600-page report found that "serious financial and administrative violations were committed by most of the Palestinian Authority's ministries and other institutions," Al Hayat newspaper said.

It was not clear whether the audit covered a fiscal year or the entire period since May 1994 when Palestinian self-rule began in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A copy of the report was given to Arafat and was to be made public later.

The audit was carried out

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Agricultural Fair sidelights



WHAT IS A FAIR WITHOUT COTTON CANDY? Marianas Cable Vision Reporter Mary Ann Concepcion (left photo) was for a day a cotton candy vendor at the 18th Saipan Agricultural Fair Saturday. Above, Dennis Agcaoil, who works at the multi-awarded farm of Greg Calvo, takes the prize ribbons for safe-keeping. (See story page 1.) Photos by Rick Alberto

Landlord included in illegal discharge suit

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI government has included the landlord of a commercial building as co-defendant in a lawsuit over alleged illegal discharge of wastewater.

Special Assistant Atty. Gen. Richard Folta, counsel for the government, named Jose Aldan as among the three respondents in an amended complaint filed Friday in the Superior Court.

Earlier, Folta sued businessmen

Chung Mao Tsai and Fang Wu Nie for allegedly allowing the three-story Taiwan Center in As Lito to discharge wastewater from the septic tank onto the ground surface.

Folta in the original complaint sought an injunction enjoining Tsai and Nie from using the building for business or lodging purposes until they are in compliance with the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) septic tank and wastewater regulations.

In the new complaint, the govern-

ment lawyer also asked an injunction against Aldan being the owner and lessor of the premises lot.

"Aldan has been made a party because he owns the subject property. Under the cease terms sublessees are liable for DEQ approved wastewater disposal systems," Folta said.

Tsai reportedly owns the 2nd and 3rd floor of the building while the first floor belongs to Nie.

Folta said despite a DEQ administrative order and notice of violation letter sent last March 10 and

numerous meetings and follow-up inspections, the defendants still violate DEQ regulations.

The defendants continue to release wastewater from the building onto an adjacent lot, which contains a failed septic system drainage field and ponds of wastewater, he added.

The lawyer stressed that allowing the flow of wastewater creates an imminent and immediate danger to the public health and welfare.

3 Tinian men charged with burglary, theft

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE Attorney General's Office filed on Friday charges against three men who allegedly burglarized and stole items from a vehicle on Tinian last November.

Donovan SN. Borja, Brent H. Borja, and Patrick A. Tudela were charged with burglary and theft.

Donovan Borja and Tudela were also charged with criminal mischief and receiving stolen property.

According to the complaint filed by Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan Lane on Nov. 15 or 16, 1996 on Tinian, the defendants burglarized a vehicle and took car stereo equipment and speaker system.

Lane said Donovan Borja and Tudela damaged the vehicle during the course of burglary and theft.

Donovan and Tudela also "received, retained or disposed of property (stereo and speaker) of another knowing that it has been stolen."

The three defendants were summoned to appear in court on June 13.

Meanwhile, the government charged a man who beat and threatened with an air rifle another person last Jan. 31 on Tinian.

Luis C. Cepeda was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

The court asked Cepeda to appear and answer the charges on June 13.

DOLI asked to explain alleged hiring of 'tourist'

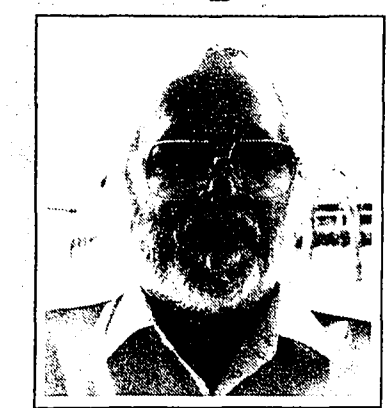
By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration has been put on the spot regarding a work permit issued to an allegedly inexperienced Tinian Express captain who recently entered the CNMI as a tourist.

In an interview with reporters, Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said he wants DOLI Secretary Thomas O. Sablanto to explain why Tinian Shipping Co. was allowed to bring in a tourist to work as a skipper.

"I want to know why the company hired a captain who came here as a tourist and who, allegedly, is not certified by the US Coast Guard," said Torres.

Hazel G. Fernandez, who graduated as Master Mariner, Torres said,



Stanley Torres

has already filed a case before the US Department of Labor against his employer for alleged unfair labor practice.

Fernandez, who reportedly is be-

ing paid \$10 an hour, arrived in the Commonwealth last month. His employment started April 29.

"I don't know how long has he (Fernandez) been skipping boats. But I know that rules and regulations require a minimum of two years experience. And I understand, this boat was just introduced in the Philippines in 1996. And he is a fresh graduate" said Torres.

"I am after the system. Why was the company allowed to bring in a tourist and put him (Fernandez) into work when he is not eligible to work yet? He was here as a tourist and had his working permit fixed," he stressed.

The Variety tried but failed to reach the company's management for comments.

Sablanto was busy on an official meeting and could not be contacted for reactions on the matter either.

Bringing in Filipino workers as tourists, it was gathered, has become a rampant practice among CNMI employers who do so to skip what Philippine Consul Julia Heidemann herself has said as the "bureaucratic red tape" hampering speedy processing of employment documents.

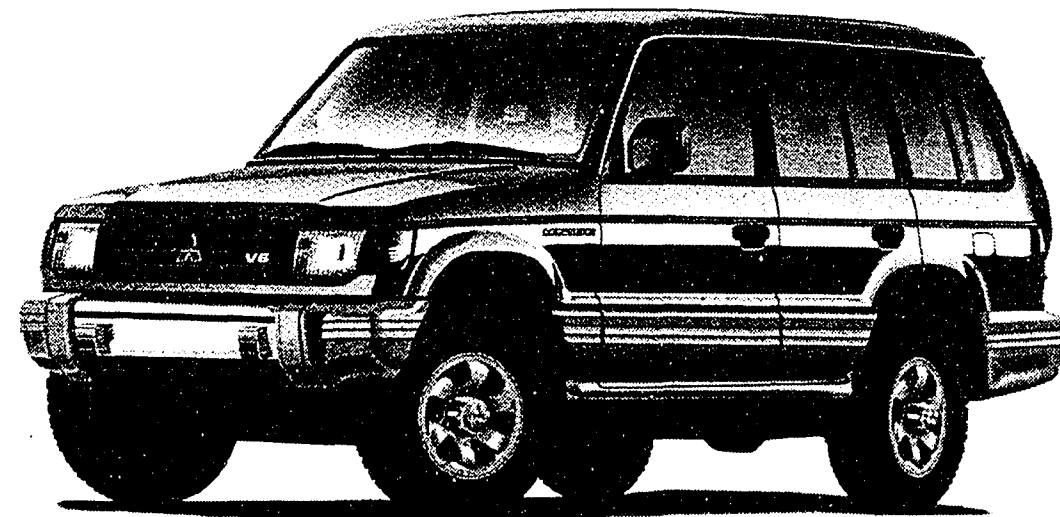
These employers, it was further gathered, bring in "tourist-workers" in an apparent bid to also save themselves from signing employment contracts with the Philippine government.

Such contracts require them to provide free board and lodging to their employees.

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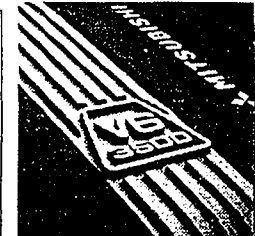
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'Solution to naked Chinese communication not cops'



David M. Cing

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

SENATOR David M. Cing yesterday said communication, and not the police, is the solution to the Chinese workers' "habit" of taking off their clothes at the beach.

Cing (D-Tinian) said instead of "advising" Tinian residents to report to the police any public indecency incidents involving Chinese workers, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio should ask Tinian Dynasty Casino Hotel executives to send an interpreter to Tinian.

"Somebody who knows the Chinese language should come here and orientate the Chinese workers about the laws of the CNMI, the culture and traditions."

He said Tinian Dynasty, as the employer of the workers, should be held responsible for the "problems" their workers are causing on Tinian.

Cing added that there is an interpreter on Tinian who

could help, but Tinian Dynasty should pay for the interpreter's services.

"I don't want to give trouble to an investor," he said.

"But arresting those poor workers won't solve anything. I want to find solutions not additional problems. (This problem) is annoying but I don't want to make a big deal out of this."

Cing said a recent incident involving seven Tinian men beating up a Chinese worker may have something to do with the concerns he is raising.

"Beating up anyone is against the law, and that is why we have to find a quick solution to this problem," Cing said.

Governor Tenorio and acting Attorney General Robert Dunlap II on Thursday urged Tinian resident to report to the police any "sightings" of naked Chinese workers loitering at the beach.

Cing on Wednesday told the Variety that the people of Tinian are complaining of Chinese workers taking off their clothes at the beach even with children around.

The workers are also said to be picking up fruits from trees in private residential areas, and seem to be "unafraid" of cars whenever they cross the roads.

There are an estimated 200 to 300 Chinese on Tinian working on the ongoing construction of Tinian Dynasty Casino Hotel.

The Variety was unable to reach Tinian Dynasty executives for a comment.

Kurds...

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Turkish Kurdish rebels took advantage of the power vacuum to set up bases there.

Arab countries have demanded quick exit of Turkish troops from northern Iraq and

Italy has urged Turkey to seek a political — not a military — solution to the Kurdish problem.

The guerrillas from the Kurdistan Workers Party have been fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey for 13 years. The war has killed 28,000 people so far.

Palestinian...

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by the Public Monitoring Department, which operates out of Arafat's office.

"The report is detailed, with many names," Jarar Kidweh, the director of the Monitoring Department, told Palestinian TV. He said copies would soon be given to legislators.

Kidweh said said appropriate measures will be taken in few days to stop "the bleeding of irresponsible spending."

Arafat's spokesmen, Marwan Kanafani and Nabil

Abourdeneh, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The findings were likely to raise concern among foreign donors, who have pledged some \$2.5 billion in aid to the Palestinians over the five-year period ending in May 1999.

Foreign aid trickled in slowly when self-rule began three years ago because of concerns over lack of accountability.

The corruption has angered many Palestinians.

Other audits being done also indicate high levels of corruption, according to the people preparing the reports.

Puerto...

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needed.

As a result, sediment has reduced the storage capacity while demand has increased.

causing shortages whenever the Caribbean island hits a dry spell.

A drought in 1994 led to severe rationing, with residents getting water service for eight hours every other day during the strictest rationing.

Murkowski panel lines up S.210 for Senate discussion

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE ORGANIC Act amendments bill for Guam and other insular areas is now awaiting floor action by the U.S. Senate, according to the Office of Insular Affairs' newsletter.

S. 210, introduced by Sen. Frank Murkowski, was approved May 21 by the Senate committee on energy and natural resources, OIA reported in the May 22 issue of OIA Flash Fax reported.

"Floor action on the part of the Senate is expected in the near future; no comparable bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives," OIA said.

S. 210 seeks to amend the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact

of Free Association Act.

One of the salient features in the bill is the proposal to give the State of Hawaii and other affected insular areas the responsibility to do an assessment report on the impact of immigrants from the freely associated states.

The existing treaty provides that preparation of Compact impact is a job of the Department of Interior—a setup which was affirmed a few months ago by the District Court of Guam.

Another significant provision in S. 210 also proposes to give the Guam government greater access to excess U.S. lands.

The bill also seeks to retain the powers of the governors of Guam and Virgin Island while on official travel. This proposal anchors on a theory that the presence of modern communi-

cation technology would make it possible for the island leaders to run their offices while travelling.

Other proposals in the bill are as follows:

- To allow a five-year extension of food program for the four atolls in Marshalls that were affected by the U.S. nuclear testing program. The food program covers Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap and Utirik;

- To divide the land grant university in Micronesia into three separate institutions, one in each freely associated state;
- To extend federal housing eligibility to FAS citizens on Guam; and

- To create Commissions on the Economic Futures of American Samoa and Virgin Islands.

Jones: Don't judge CNMI employers

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

IT IS "undemocratic" to presume that employers are guilty of violations when workers file complaints against them, Rep. Dino Jones said.

Reacting to Variety reports of a 66 percent increase in the number of complaints filed by Filipino workers against their employers, Jones said such protests still have to undergo proper litigation before it can be established that the employers are indeed committing offenses.

Philippine President Fidel V.

Ramos, apparently concerned on the increase, has called for high-level talks among officials of the Manila-based Department of Labor and Employment.

Labor Attache Jesus Varela has been called to Manila to shed light on the matter.

"Does it mean that an employer, upon the filing of a complaint, is already guilty? That's unfair," he stressed.

"The fact of the matter is democracy. You go to a hearing where you have to defend the complaint or pursue the complaint," he added.

"That's an undemocratic way of seeing things. To say that the defendant is guilty if a case is filed against him," he further said.

Consulate records showed that some 374 Filipino workers, mostly domestic helps and night-club workers, have, in the first quarter of this year, filed a total of 151 complaints against their employers, the bulk of which involved alleged unpaid salaries and long working hours.

The figure is 66 per cent higher than the same period last year where 91 cases involving 178 workers were documented.

Egypt...

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peace agreement; — Israel will temporarily suspend construction in the Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

King Hussein of Jordan also supports the Egyptian plan, Channel I said. Mubarak met the king Saturday at the Jordanian Red Sea port of Aqaba.

Egypt has said a precondition for resuming Israeli-Palestinian negotiations is Israel's agreement to suspend the Har Homa construction for six months.

Netanyahu has proposed a compromise for a temporary suspension of work at Har Homa once ground-leveling is

complete, Channel I reported. During the suspension, housing would be planned for Arab residents of Jerusalem.

The offer was made at a meeting Friday in Jerusalem between Netanyahu and Mubarak's envoy Osama el-Baz, the television said.

But a senior aide to Netanyahu who was present at the meeting denied the report Saturday.

"Israel did not offer suspension of construction at Har Homa," said Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh. "The building at Har Homa will continue."

Naveh said, however, that Israel does have some new ideas about building for Arabs in Jerusalem.

Israel radio reported that the U.S. State Department is also

drawing up a plan for the "technical suspension" of the Har Homa project — apparently a face-saving device for Netanyahu, who ordered the construction to assert Israeli sovereignty over all Jerusalem.

The proposal would be submitted to Israel during the next shuttle mission by U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross, the radio said.

The Har Homa ground-breaking in mid-March sparked several weeks of Palestinian stone throwing protests in the West Bank and Gaza.

An Israeli planning commission Friday approved plans for 3,400 apartments at Sur Baher, an Arab neighborhood of Jerusalem adjoining Har Homa.

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Pay hike bills come with election season—Torres

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

REPRESENTATIVE Stanley Torres, echoing a similar position on the matter by Personnel Management Director Luis S. Camacho, said moves to hike government workers' salary is an electoral strategy meant to corner the public sector vote come the November polls.

"In almost every election year, there is a move to hike salaries," said Torres in an interview over the weekend.

"It's almost routine... it's common," he added.

The finance department estimates that \$25.6 million is needed to fund government salary hikes provided under three bills now pending before the Senate.

No clear funding source has

been identified for the hikes.

House Bill 10-103 proposes raises for elected and appointed officials while HB 10-218 adds five 12-step pay levels to the current salary schedule.

House Bill 10-359, for its part, increases salaries for elected and appointed officials at levels slightly lower than HB 10-103.

It also revises the present salary scheme to allow an approximate 10 percent across the board increase.

Camacho, in earlier interviews, has said government should first satisfy retroactive provisions of a 1991 salary adjustment law before it may proceed with enacting a new one.

The new salary hike bills, Camacho said in his recent letter to Sen. Paul A. Manglona,

Chairperson of the House Committee on Salary Adjustment, is a "political ploy that creates unfair expectations on the part of the government workforce and obligates future funding with no clear idea of when it will be made available."

The OPM said at least \$7 million is needed to pay back an estimated 1,300 government employees who have been with the public sector when the Commonwealth Compensation Adjustment and Salary Act was enacted in 1991.

Each of these civil service workers, according to Mathilde Rosario, OPM Classification and Compensation Division chief, is entitled to \$5,000.

She said the Legislature has yet to appropriate funds for the purpose.

Student loses jewelry in Hands Across Island

A STUDENT complained that her jewelries were stolen when she joined the Public School System's "Hands Across the Island" program on Wednesday.

The 14-year-old student from Marianas High School claimed that her backpack containing gold necklace, gold ring, and wristwatch was stolen.

The victim said she left the backpack inside MHS classroom when she participated "Hands Across the Island," event which highlighted PSS "CNMI Reads Program."

In other police report, a 27-year-old man was arrested for allegedly physically assaulting a 25-year-old man in Chalan Kanoa

Thursday. Investigation showed that MD Zakariamiah punched the victim in the face several times after an argument.

The victim suffered minor injuries, police said.

In Garapan, a 45-year-old man said a car stereo was stolen at Tedco Company Thursday morning.

No arrest was made yet.

In Chalan Kiya, a woman assaulted another woman during an argument over drinking water at their barracks Thursday night.

The victim suffered minor injuries.

The police placed the case under further investigation. (FDT)

Eight students to represent NMI in Fukuoka convention

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

EIGHT elementary school graders from Saipan, Tinian and Rota have been selected to represent the CNMI in the 9th Asia-Pacific Students Convention to be held in Fukuoka, Japan, in July and August.

The students will be leaving on July 26, according to Jack Diaz of the Marianas Visitors Bureau, which coordinates the annual selection of the students to this exchange program. Diaz said the MVB selects the schools from which the students would be selected, rotating the schools yearly, and leaves the selection of the student representative to the school.

Although the names of the students have not been disclosed, the student representatives, according to Diaz, come from Saipan International School, Grace Christian Academy, Koblerville, Tanapag, William S. Reyes, Gregorio T. Camacho, Tinian, and Rota Elementary Schools.

Diaz said the main criteria for the selection of the students are their academic performance, sociability, and popularity with their classmates and other co-students.

Students selected are in the 10-11 age bracket.

The convention-study tour will end Aug. 6, Diaz said, adding that the program is like a mini-UN where students exchange ideas about their respective cultures, customs, and the environment, among other things.

The students spend their first four days in the youth center and the remaining days with their host families.

The CNMI students will be chaperoned by MVB's Rita Benavente.

Memorial Day ceremony set today at Susupe park

THE CNMI celebrates Memorial Day today in honor of America's fallen heroes.

The celebration, to be held at the CNMI Veterans Memorial Park in Susupe, will start at 9 a.m.

The Division of Veterans Affairs invites members of the community especially veterans, as well as families and

friends who have lost their relatives during the war to grace the event.

Wreaths presentation will highlight the program.

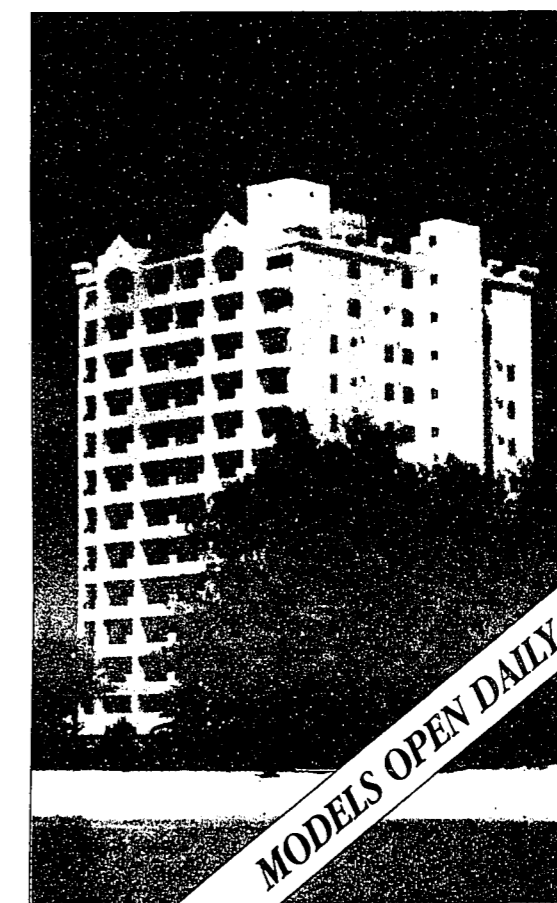
Food, refreshments, and live entertainment will follow at noontime after the program.

For questions, call the veterans affairs office at 288-1150.

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3 more BPL nominees named

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
WITH former Labor and Immigration secretary Raynaldo M. Cing "out of the picture," three new names have been recommended to fill in the slot reserved for Tinian on the Board of Public Lands.

Sen. David M. Cing (D-Tinian) on Friday submitted the names of Estanislao A. Hocog, Joseph M. Mendiola and Manuel P. Villagomez to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio for his consideration.

Hocog is a former resident

head of the Community and Cultural Affairs Department, Villagomez is a former senator, while Mendiola is the former chair of the Tinian Gaming Commission.

Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona earlier recommended former secretary Cing, the senator's brother, to be Tinian's BPL director, but both the senator and the governor said the younger Cing may have a "conflict of interest."

The chair of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointment and Governmental Invest-

tigations, Senator Cing announced Thursday that public hearings for four BPL nominees will be held on Tinian this coming Wednesday, May 28.

The four, who were recently nominated by the governor, are Marian Aldan-Pierce, to represent Saipan and the women; Tomas B. Aldan of Saipan; Pedro J.L. Igitol, to represent Saipan and the Carolinians; and Cristobal S. Inos of Rota.

Tenorio said Thursday that he has withdrawn Efrain S. Taimanao's name as Rota's BPL director after learning of the

latter's "conflict of interest."

He added that the original nominee for Tinian, Richard U. Hofschneider, is already working for the government, which disqualifies him to serve in the BPL board.

Tenorio said he has asked former Tinian mayor Ike Quichocho to serve in the board, but "(Quichocho) said he has plans in the future that might put him in conflict with BPL."

The BPL board will have three directors from Saipan and one each from Tinian and Rota.

Senators have said that they will immediately confirm Tenorio's nominees to BPL, whose existence the governor vowed to challenge in court.

However, Tenorio yesterday said the Attorney General's Office is doubting whether such a lawsuit could be filed.

Public Law 10-57, which created BPL, stripped the governor of his authority over public lands, and transferred it to the board.

With still no board, all public land transactions are on hold.

Marshalls, FSM presidents to meet with US Interior officials

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
THE RECENTLY installed presidents of Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia will meet next month with Office of Insular Affairs Director Allen P. Stayman and other officials of the Department of the Interior, according to OIA's May 22 newsletter.

President Imata Kabua of Marshall Islands and President Jacob Nena of FSM will be in the eastern U.S. to at-

tend events at the United Nations General Assembly and will meet with Interior officials during their trip, OIA Flash Fax reported.

"The presidents will be visiting the Department of the Interior for the first time in their roles as presidents," OIA said.

The meeting between the island and federal officials is expected to take place on the second week of June, but OIA said the exact date has yet to be determined.

OIA did not indicate the

agenda of the meeting.

Kabua was elected to the presidential office last February.

Nena became full-fledged president of Marshall Islands on May 8 upon expiration of the 120-day waiting period established by FSM Congress for ailing president Bailey Oter to return to his office.

It was reported that the severity of Oter's illness, resulting from a stroke last July, makes it impossible for him to resume his official responsibilities.

OIA readies regs on visits to new US 'turf'

NO PEOPLE, very little land, and no fresh water. That's a pretty accurate de-

scription of Navassa, which lies about thirty miles off the coast of Haiti, according to the OIA Flash Fax.

The currently uninhabited island is not new to the United States—the U.S. has claimed it continuously since 1857—but it is new to the Office of Insular Affairs. (It formerly was with the U.S. Coast Guard).

Navassa has had a checkered past. In the early days it was a pirates' hideout, but given the lack of potable water, they did not stay there very long. Haitian fishermen have been known to dry their catch there, and Haiti still lays claim to the islet.

The U.S. acquired Navassa through the operations of 19th Century's Guano Act, which said that an American entrepreneur wanting to mine solidified bird droppings from an otherwise uninhabited, unclaimed island could do so, and that the U.S. would claim islands that were, in fact, mined for this once highly-valued fertilizer.

Navassa was so mined, for decades, under the grimmest of working conditions; once the Americans lured into this

desolate island carried out the ultimate industrial action—they murdered their bosses.

OIA is currently working out the regulations for visiting the island, which is 100% controlled by Interior. Several individuals as well as group have expressed interest in visiting the island.

Anyone who wants to land on the island—which no OIA staffer has yet done—he or she has to bring a vessel up to one of the island's cliffs and clamber up a rope ladder of unknown vintage. There are some ruins of the old mining camp and the now-deactivated Coast Guard lighthouse, but there is no other place to take shelter.

The draft regulations for visitors are based on those used by Fish and Wildlife for its Pacific islets. The underlying notions are dual: 1) OIA wants to make sure that only the physically hardy and well-prepared attempt a visit; and 2) the agency wants to make sure that the current ecosystem is not damaged by the introduction of exotic plants and wildlife.

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Marshalls opposition senator:

'No to nuclear waste'

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety
MAJURO-Importing nuclear waste is not a solution to the economic woes of the Marshall Islands, an opposition elected leader said in Majuro.

The country needs to look at its range of options-including foreign aid donors who can assist and come up with a comprehensive development plan, not embark on a plan to import nuclear waste, said Senator Alvin Jacklick, who represents Jaluit Atoll in the Marshalls Nitigela (parliament).

"We cannot just come out and say that nuclear waste will resolve our economic problems," Jacklick said.

Jacklick is especially concerned that little information about nuclear waste plans of the government is being made public.

"The person on the street doesn't know much because the leaders don't discuss it publicly," he said, adding that if people know what is happening, they "will say no to nuclear waste." He said he is organizing an anti-nuclear waste organization. "Since outsiders are trying to influence the Marshall Islands to bring in nuclear waste, it's time for Marshallese to establish an organization to oppose it," he said.

He believes that the government has no mandate for negotiating nuclear waste disposal in the Marshall Islands. A referendum should be held to determine the support that nuclear waste has in the Marshalls. "In the absence of a vote, "government officials have no mandate to talk about nuclear waste storage here," he said.

What's more important than nuclear waste is for the Marshalls to focus its efforts at developing a productive economy so that when the treaty with the U.S. guaranteeing aid to the islands ends in four year, the Marshalls will be in a better financial position. "We need to work together to create incentives for development," he said. "So that our donors see renewed economic development in the Marshall Islands, that we're trying to improve the economic situation. Then they'll help us more."

Jacklick said he believes that most leaders here know the impact that nuclear materials can have-the Marshall Islands was ground zero for 67 American nuclear tests and islanders continue to suffer the

health effects of exposure to nuclear fallout-but the leaders are "blinded" by the dollar signs they see.

He asked whether the promoters of nuclear waste are motivated by a desire for economic development or to become millionaires overnight? As an example, Jacklick said the attitude expressed by American Alex Copeson, who is promoting nuclear waste storage for either Palmyra or Midway islands, is typically arrogant, with total disregard for the islands and people. He is just interested in what he can make off a deal for nuclear waste storage, Jacklick said.

Moreover, how will the government-and the people of the Marshalls-benefit from nuclear waste storage when most of the money will go to

the landowners where the facility is located. "If the government taxes them, then there'll be some benefits," he said. "But the government's three percent gross revenue tax is peanuts for the government."

Jacklick said Marshall Islanders should consider that nuclear waste storage will have repercussions that go far beyond money issues. It will disrupt Marshallese custom and tradition, he said. A major activity like establishing a nuclear waste facility will replace the local lifestyle with another activity, he said.

"There will be restrictions on use of islands-people won't be able to fish or visit the islands, people may have to be relocated, and there will be new 'landowners' who will have control of the area," he said. Just look at Kwajalein to see how a major facility has affected the Marshallese community living on Ebeye Island, he said. The Army missile testing base at Kwajalein caused "big changes in the way of life."

Whether these are for better or not, time will tell. But I will let the 12,000 people speak about whether or not they are having a good time living on 80 acre Ebeye Island."

Ebeye has been described as the "slum of the Pacific," and despite modest improvement since the mid-1980s, remains one of the most crowded urban centers in the region.

Air Pacific told to explain deal

SUVA (Pacnews)—The Fiji government has demanded an explanation from Air Pacific after the French denied they were contributing 45 million Fijian dollars (US \$32.2m) worth of parts for the Boeing 737 aircraft bought by the national airline, the Fiji Times reported.

Following the controversy over Air Pacific's refusal to buy the European made Airbus, the national airline had given government an assurance that France would benefit from its Boeing purchase because Boeing would buy 32.2 million US dollars worth of parts from France.

Prime minister Sitiveni Rabuka says it was grossly irresponsible of Air Pacific to mislead the government, that is if it had deliberately done so.

In a letter to Rabuka, Tuesday, French ambassador Jacques Jolivet rejected the claim by Air Pacific as "untrue".



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Elsewhere in the Pacific

Official warns on economy

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—Papua New Guinea's acting finance secretary, Issac Lupari, who was appointed to the top post only last week, has wasted no time in sounding the warning bells on the economy. Lupari revealed that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has suspended its program with PNG pending the outcome of the Fund's own investigations into the Sandline expenditure, The Independent reported. He said the IMF wants to sat-

isfy itself that the Sandline expenditure totalling over 50 million kina (US \$36 million) and taken out of appropriations from government departments and recurrent expenditure programs, could be accommodated in the program ceilings and without breaches of program commitments. Lupari also said the World Bank loan two, totalling 50 million US dollar and which was expected to commence disbursements next month will

now be delayed until much later in the year. He said the World Bank has forced the delay to carefully observe how the Sandline and other concerns are managed, before re-starting consultations with the new PNG government after the elections. Lupari warned that there was a need to continue maximising revenue collections while restraining expenditures to targetted levels, if overall program targets are to be achieved and more importantly if overall macro economic stability is to be preserved.

Fiji president: Changes to Constitution are okay

SVVA (Pacnews)—President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara has assured Fiji that there was nothing to fear in the proposed changes to the 1990 constitution. He said that Fijian customary and land rights were never at risk since the Wakaya Letter written and signed on 17 January 1963, the Daily Post reported. The letter was written by the then five members of the Legislative Council, Ratu Sir Kamisese; Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau; Semesa Sikivou; Ravuama Vunivalu; and Ratu

Sir George Cakobau. Legal advisers were AC Read and John Falvey while RM Major was the financial adviser. He said the letter had formed the basis of constitutional development in Fiji. Addressing the Lau Provincial Council in Mualevu, Ratu Sir Kamisese said that the revision of the 1990 Constitution was a constitutional requirement. "There is no need for concern as Fijian rights are well protected," he said.

Marshalls to go ahead with nuke waste plans

SUVA (Pacnews)—Greenpeace is disappointed the Marshall Island's government has decided to go ahead with a feasibility study to establish a nuclear waste facility on one of its islands. Marshall Island's cabinet minister, Litokwa Tomeing, announced Thursday that a US company, a subsidiary of Babcock and Wilcox, had been hired to conduct a feasibility study which is expected to take two years to complete. Greenpeace's Bunny McDiarmid said conducting a feasibility study does not make a bad idea into a good one. "Storing nuclear waste on a low lying coral atoll in a region prone to cyclones and considered the most

vulnerable to climate change is not solving the world's nuclear waste problem", she said. Marshall Islands is the only country in the region that has not signed the Waigani Convention that bans the import or radioactive waste into Pacific Island countries. The Marshalls government had responded to regional and local opposition by giving assurances that a local referendum would be conducted as well as a feasibility study. The referendum is still to be carried out.

Miss American Samoa gives up her title, crown

PAGOPAGO (Pacnews)—The reigning Miss American Samoa, Tuputea Fanene has given up her crown for a wedding ring. Fanene has announced that she is getting married this summer. It's the first time in the history of local beauty contests that a reigning local queen has given up her crown. Fanene was second runner up in last year's Miss South Pacific Beauty pageant. July Skelton, who was first runner up in last year's local beauty pageant is now the new Miss American Samoa. July will be very visible during the South Pacific Mini Games, not only as an official hostess, but as a member of the local netball squad.

New Vanuatu ministers

PORTVILA (Pacnews)—Vanuatu prime minister, Serge Vohor has appointed a foreign minister and a minister for agriculture in his new coalition cabinet. Vital Soksok became the new minister for foreign affairs, and not the former prime minister, Maxime Car-

lot Korman as earlier reported. Soksok, however, replaces Willie Jimmy who now takes the ministry of finance and Amos Andeng becomes the new minister for agriculture. The two new ministers were sworn in at a ceremony at the prime minister's office Wednesday night. He says once enacted, the newly elected president of the Honiara Town Council, Robert Wale could become the first mayor of Honiara in its city status as Honiara City Act would give more autonomy to the Honiara Town Council which is currently governed by the Local Government Act.

Honiara to get city status

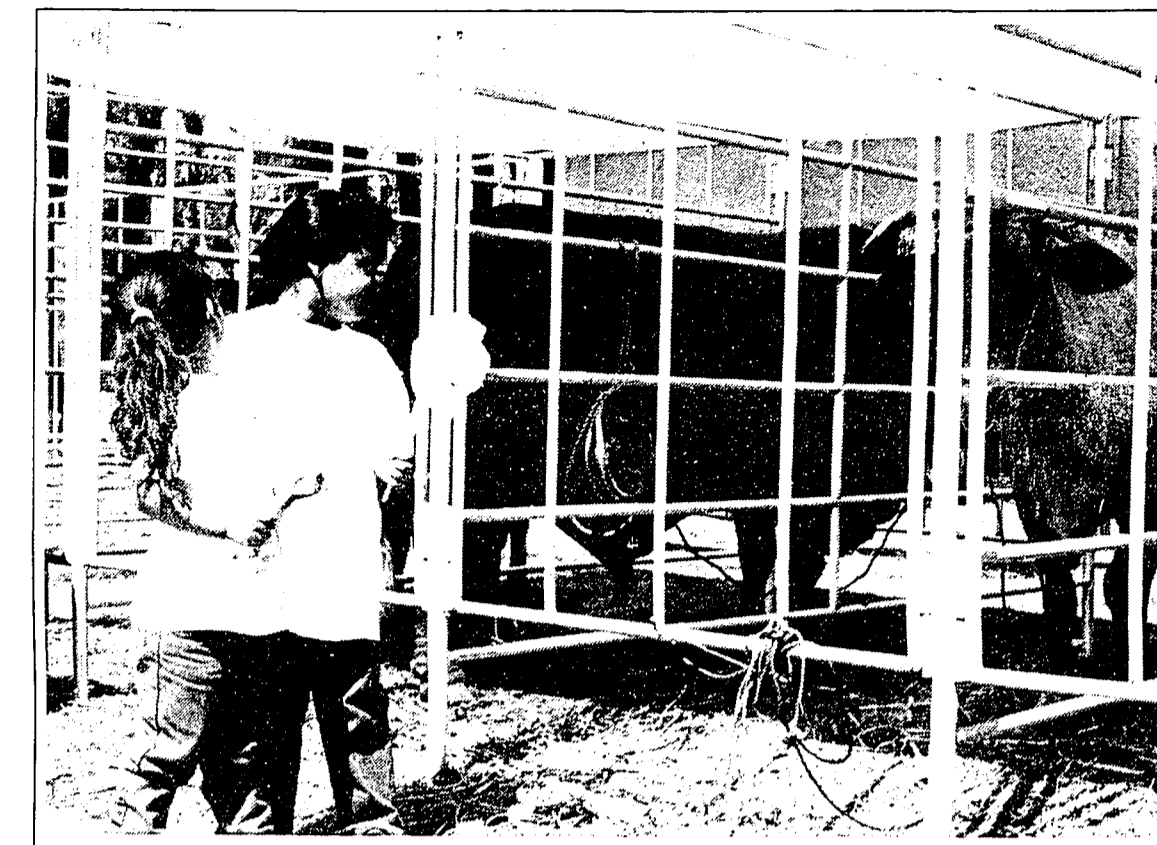
HONIARA (Pacnews)—The Solomon Islands capital, Honiara may soon attain city status. Honiara town clerk, Joseph Hasiaiu says moves are now being taken to finalise a draft bill which will be put to cabinet before it can be tabled in parliament, SIBC reported.

\$9M Japan grant to bring electricity to 4 Palau states

A **POWER** grant from the Japanese government, amounting to about \$9 million will bring electricity to four states of Palau, namely Ngardmau, Ngaraard, Ngiwal and Ngarchelong, all located in the island of Babeldaob. According to a release from the Palau Office of the President, the states are the four remaining ones which have no power. The provision of electricity to the four states is contained in the exchange of notes made between Palau President Kuniwo Nakamura and Japanese Minister-Counselor to the Republic of Palau Susumu Yamagishi last May 19.

The Malakal power plant, meanwhile, will be expanded to make it a reliable source of electricity. The expansion project will also be funded with an \$11-million from the Japanese government. A ground-breaking ceremony was recently held for this project. "As we work to expand our economy, we must also expand our infrastructure to ensure that the quality of the lives of our citizens improves," Nakamura stated at the ground-breaking ceremony. Yamagishi, for his part, pledged Japan's continued support for Palau's aim to be economically self-sufficient.

-- Rick Alberto



Jessica R. Babauta and her younger sister Nancy enjoy eating cotton candies as they look at the cows on exhibit during Saturday's 18th Annual Saipan Agricultural Fair at Susupe Civic Center. —Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

MVB staffer to undergo UH training on travel industry

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A **STAFF** member of the Marianas Visitors Bureau has been accepted to undergo a four-week Executive Development Institute for Tourism training at the School of Travel Industry Management, University of Hawaii 'i at Manoa.

Martin F. Dueñas, MVB community programs coordinator, will leave on June 2. "I'm very excited to have been selected. I hope to gain much from this training program and to learn more about the tourism industry," Dueñas told the Variety. Dueñas will be the fourth MVB staffer to undergo this training program, as part of the tourism agency's staff development. The Executive Development Institute for Tourism, or EDIT, has been designed to serve the educational needs of executives and professionals involved in international tourism. EDIT participants can hope to improve their management skills through the exchange of professional experiences. Participants also increase their awareness of social, cultural, environmental, and economic aspects of tourism policy decisions. Among the subjects to be tackled in the 1997 EDIT are public policies in tourism; tourism and transportation; international tourism laws and regulations; strategic management and human resources; technology and tourism; market research and analysis; and tourism marketing and promotion. Organizations that have sponsored participants in past EDIT trainings include the Australian Tourism Commission, Fiji Visitors Bureau, Guam Visitors Bureau, Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism, Korea National Tourism Corp., Philippine Tourism Authority, Singapore Tourism Promotion Board, and Tourism Authority of Thailand.

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Sablan sues his lawyer



Nicolas C. Sablan

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
A BUSINESSMAN has filed a \$3-million suit against a lawyer who allegedly failed to exercise duty as his counsel in a certain civil case.

Nicolas C. Sablan named Atty. Antonio M. Atalig as defendant in a civil suit filed Friday in the Superior Court.

Sablan, who represented himself in the complaint, demanded for judgment in the sum of \$125,000 and \$250,000 for exemplary damages.

The Variety tried but failed to contact Atalig to get his side.

Says attorney breached duty as counsel in case

According to the businessman, in 1993 he was living off island and gave a power of attorney to Dave C. Sablan.

Sablan said Dave, who served as his attorney in fact, then hired the law offices of Atalig to represent him in all legal matters pending in the Commonwealth.

Sablan said he made confirming telephone calls and faxes to Atalig.

One of the matters Atalig was retained to handle was a divorce case and later criminal case No. 93-49 and civil action No. 93-0015, said Sablan in the complaint.

The plaintiff said the lawyer agreed to handle the cases.

Atalig was told to deny the allegations in the complaint of civil action No. 93-0015 and to set the case for trial, Sablan pointed out.

As a result of the attorney-client relationship created, the businessman said Atalig had a duty to represent him "with the reasonable care, skill and diligence ordinarily possessed and exercised by other attorneys in the community in similar circumstances."

The plaintiff, however, stated

that Atalig failed to enter an answer or do anything in the case to represent his interests.

As a result, Sablan said, a default judgment was entered against him for \$125,000.

"Specifically, my injury includes the loss of the verdict and

interest on the judgment," he said.

"Defendant's failure to timely file a response or do any other work on the case was a breach of defendant's duty to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence on my behalf."

Sablan said the judgment

against him was a proximate result of Atalig's breach of duty.

Sablan said Atalig failed to return phone calls or correspondence and failed to timely answer the complaint he (plaintiff) had suggested.

The lawyer then concealed the results of the case after it was lost, the plaintiff added.



Hawaii Senator Daniel Akaka (center, sitting) meets with visitors, from left, Frank Solomon, Ben Camacho, Jerry Facey, Marino Bells, Kenchy James, Tom Kijiner, Francisco Taitano (from ResRep Office) Hubert Yamada and Noriwo Ubeda.

Prior Service board members visit D.C.

THE PRIOR Service Board of Directors visited Washington D.C. earlier this month to seek future funding for the program, a news release from the Resident Representative's Office said.

The group, led by Chairman Ben Camacho and Administrator, Jerry Facey, was joined in Washington DC by Francisco Taitano from the Resident Representative's office and Frank X. Solomon, an advisor to the fund.

The visit was a follow-up to another one earlier this year by the Chairman and Administrator.

The timing of the visit was considered critical because the leadership from the three Freely Associated States were also in Washington to hold economic discussions with the US Government.

The presence of NMI delegation provided an opportunity for the board to brief them on the financial condition of the fund and to request continued support for future funding for the program.

The briefing was held in the Resident Representative's office and members from each of the Governments including the CNMI Representative were in attendance. Each of the

Governments committed to support the Board's efforts.

While in Washington, the Board also held a series of meetings with US Senators, Congressmen and Congressional staff as well as Department of Interior Officials.

They obtained promises of support from Senators Daniel Akaka and Daniel Inouye, Congressman Neil Abercrombie, Del Robert Underwood, among other key members.

The group took note of Akaka being especially gracious in taking time out of what was a busy Congressional week to personally meet with the group.

During discussions, the Board emphasized that the funds were not being requested to benefit the individuals who worked for the various US Government Agencies during the period 1944 through 1968.

While it is too early in the Congressional appropriation process to determine if any additional funding would be made available this year, the Chairman and other Board members believed that they were successful in presenting the case for the 4,141 beneficiaries of the program.

Moderate cleric wins Iranian presidency

By ANWAR FARUQI
TEHRAN, Iran - Mohammad Khatami is not expected to bring fundamental changes to Iran. But his victory in the presidential election is a setback for the hard-line mullahs who have ruled since 1979.

The moderate cleric won a convincing victory as president in an election seen as a rejection of expanding Islam's role in people's lives.

Khatami's opponents had depicted him as a pro-Western cleric not sufficiently committed to the revolution. Khatami supporters say he wants good relations with Western nations - with the exception of the United States.

Khatami won almost three times as many votes as Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri in balloting Friday that drew a record turnout of nearly 30 million people.

The former culture minister who built up broad support among Iranian youth is unlikely to lead to any drastic changes in the country's Islamic fundamentalist bent. But it should serve to restrain the conservative faction inside a clergy that has ruled the country since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Khatami is not expected to cancel or decree a dramatic relaxation of the current restrictions - just apply them with less fervor. And that was enough for voters to turn out in record numbers - more than 90 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.

"We haven't been able to breathe with all these restrictions, and I hope that Mr. Khatami will make things better," said Ali Najafi, an office worker.

An array of restrictions ranging from bans on dating and satellite dishes to a strict public dress code for women - they are allowed to show only their faces - help the Shiite Muslim clergy assert its authority over Iran's 60 million people.

The 54-year-old Khatami will succeed President Hashemi Rafsanjani, who steps down in August after completing his second four-year term. Rafsanjani, too, was billed as a moderate when he took office. But he had little success easing restrictions at home or improving Iran's image abroad.

Khatami, a middle-ranking cleric, won 20.7 million of the 29.7 million votes cast in Friday's election, while Nateq-Nouri received 7.2 million votes, according to the final results announced on state radio and television. Two other candidates won fewer than a million votes each.

"I give my warm congratulations to Mr. Khatami," Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said in a message read on state radio.

Ibrahim Yazdi, head of the outlawed Freedom Movement, said Khatami's wide victory was a wake-up call to the powerful clergy.

"This is a protest vote and a referendum," said Yazdi, whose group wants the ruling mullahs to grant Iranians basic freedoms.

He said people were "fed up with the situation."

Many Iranians had suspected that the conservative clergy backing Nateq-Nouri would do everything possible to stop a victory by Khatami. Senior, influential clerics, who have considerable sway over Iran's deeply religious population, declared it forbidden to vote for Khatami. And Khamenei, the country's supreme leader, had tacitly supported Nateq-



Mohammad Khatami

Nouri.

Even before the final results were announced, many had started celebrating Khatami's victory. Four Khatami supporters on motorcycles

carried posters of him as they weaved through Tehran's notorious traffic. In several parts of the capital, people passed out sweets - a traditional form of celebration.

Mohammad Nejadi, a 23-year-old hotel worker, carried three huge boxes of sweets strapped to the back of his motorcycle. "I'm taking them to work, where everyone voted for Mr. Khatami."

During his 11 years as culture minister, Khatami enlivened Iranian cinema and literature, but he was forced out in 1992 by Nateq-Nouri's hard-liners, who accused him of being too permissive.

By gaining the support of Iran's youth, Khatami has succeeded in bringing into the Islamic fold a generation not even born at the time of the revolution. More than half the country's 60 million people are younger than 18.



A Tehran resident reads a magazine in Tehran Saturday. Moderate Iranian cleric Mohammad Khatami won over conservative Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri. AP

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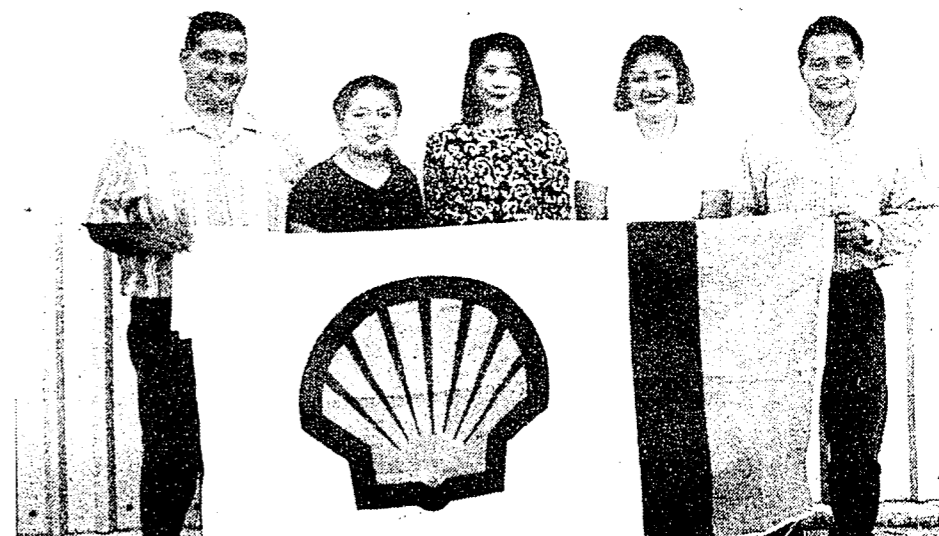


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Korean food talks stall

BELJING (AP)—An offer by South Korea's Red Cross to send 40,000 tons of food to starving North Koreans hit a snag Saturday when the communist country suddenly demanded 100,000 tons, a South Korean spokesman said.

Red Cross negotiators from the two countries were also split after two days of talks on how to deliver the aid, as well as how to label it. But they agreed to have dinner Saturday night and

meet again Sunday.

The negotiations demonstrate the mutual suspicion between communist North Korea and capitalist South Korea, even on something as vital as food aid. Both countries' Red Cross groups have close ties to their governments, which have been enemies since their 1950-53 war.

The United Nations estimates that 4.7 million North Koreans—a fifth of

the population — are in danger of starvation this summer without massive food aid. A European Union diplomat in Seoul said Saturday that no food is reaching remote areas, where it is most needed.

"In particular, the eastern parts of the country, which are far away from main ports and main centers where food aid has been shipped, are in dire need," Tue Rohrsted, head of the EU

Delegation in Seoul, said at a news conference.

Rohrsted accused North Korea of denying hunger experts access to the hardest-hit areas and instead offering "staged presentations in flooded areas."

In Beijing, a South Korean Embassy spokesman, Chang Moon-ik, said North Korean Red Cross negotiators surprised their South Korean counterparts Saturday by abruptly asking for 100,000 tons of aid to be delivered by the end of June.

"This morning, the North Koreans suggested, no, demanded that the quantity be raised," Chang told reporters.

On Friday, South Korean Red Cross secretary general Lee Byung-woong proposed sending 40,000 tons of corn and other grains and food to the North — enough to feed about 500,000 people for half a year. That is 3 1/2 times the number of people the international Red Cross is currently reaching.

Lee said the North Korean delegation had agreed to that proposal. Chang acknowledged that the talks

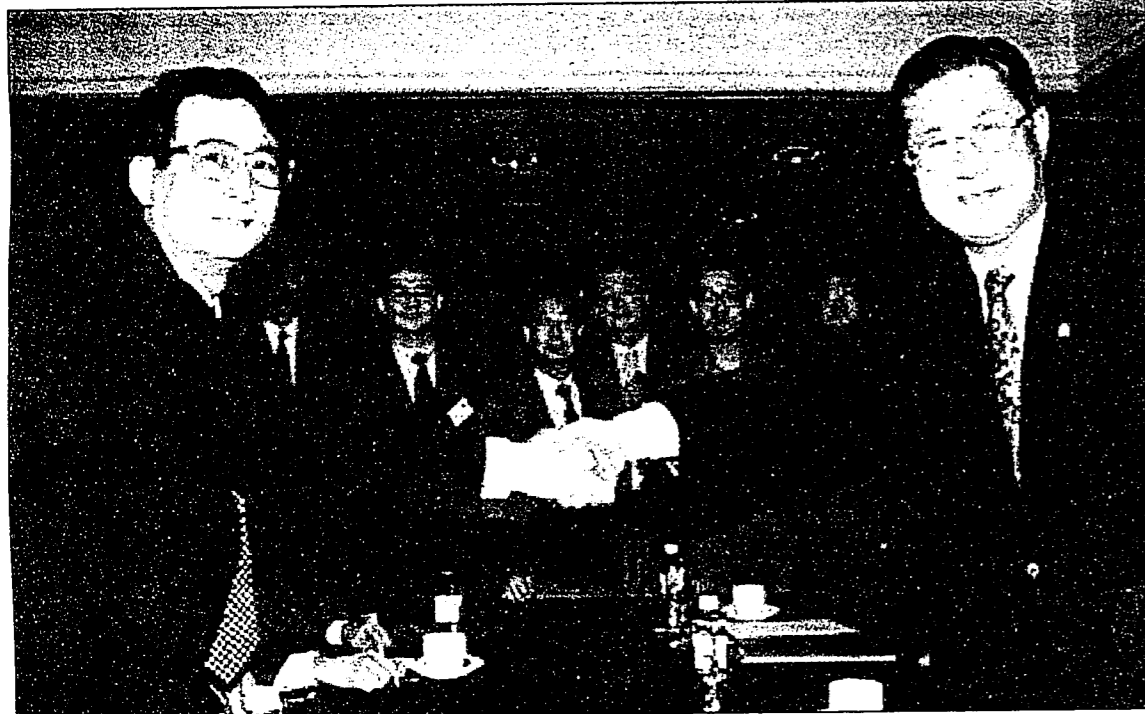
also had stalled over two key South Korean demands: the routes to transport the food from the South and whether aid packages would carry the names of private South Korean donors.

South Korea wants North Korea to open up more ports and, more contentiously, to allow food to be trucked across the heavily demilitarized zone that divides the North and South.

An international aid worker who has closely followed the negotiations and who spoke on condition of anonymity said the North Korean Red Cross had rejected deliveries through the border village of Panmunjom.

The sight of South Korean trucks bearing marked boxes of aid across the demilitarized zone would be humiliating for North Korea, which preaches self-reliance, and too difficult to conceal from its people.

Seoul is believed to be under domestic political pressure to aid North Koreans on the edge of famine. Yet it also does not want that aid to be seen as benefiting the North Korean government.



South Korean Secretary-General of the Red Cross Lee Byung-Woong, right, shakes hands with his North Korean counterpart Paek Yong Ho during the resumption of their talks Saturday in Beijing. The Koreans are discussing food aid to North Korea which is threatened by famine. AP

Party chief back in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Communist Party chief Do Muoi has returned to Hanoi after his official visit to Burma was cut short by ill health, Vietnam's state-run news agency reported Sunday.

The official Vietnam News Agency made no mention of the 80-year-old leader's condition. However, he was seen on Burmese television walking without assistance as he departed from Rangoon on Saturday.

"The outcome of our useful talks has again affirmed our determination to boost our traditional friendship," the news agency quoted Muoi as saying before he left.

Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam accompanied Muoi to Burma.

Despite growing criticism from the West over Burma's military regime, Vietnam remains silent about that country's human rights record. Muoi's visit came amid a fresh crackdown on opposition activists.

Muoi led a 65-member delega-

tion to Burma, which arrived Thursday at the invitation of Than Shwe, head of the ruling military junta. He was the highest ranking Vietnamese official to visit Burma since revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh visited in February 1958.

During his stay in Burma, Muoi was feeling tired and uneasy, said Burmese officials, who insisted on anonymity. They were unable to provide any other details about his health.

At home, Muoi has been maintaining a hectic schedule, traveling extensively throughout the country to discuss party policy and recruit potential candidates for the upcoming National Assembly elections.



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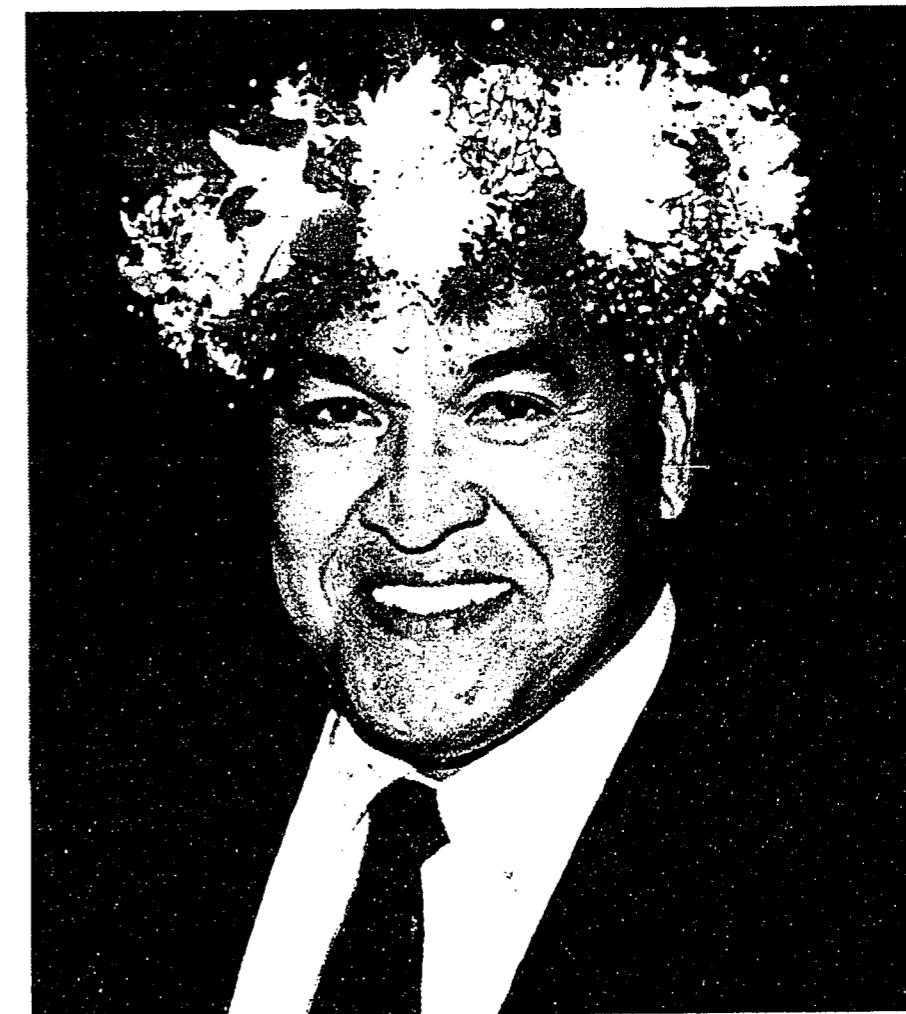
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Firefighter Richard Grauf carries a child, who was later pronounced dead, from the scene of a fatal house fire in Reading, Pa. Saturday. The blaze claimed the lives of Karen Martin, 39, and three of her grandchildren. A girl spending the night at the house, Jasmin Stevenson, 8, also died, police said. AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMER JOB

(05/19/97)

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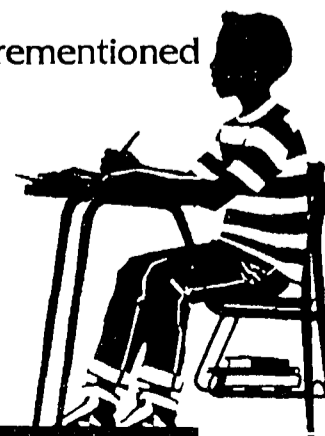
Furthermore, priority consideration will be accorded to U.S. and CNMI Residence, who are economically disadvantaged pursuant to the Poverty Income Guideline. Therefore, all Applicants must possess U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, or other legal documentation such as adoption papers.

Deadline for submission are as follows:

Saipan June 20, 1997 Tinian June 13, 1997 Rota June 11, 1997

To ensure fairness, application will not be accepted after the aforementioned established date per island.

Felix Nogis
FELIX NOGIS
 JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



READING, Pa. (AP) — A fire started by a pot of food left on ab stove raced through a row house early Saturday, killing four children and a woman.

Three people escaped the 5:20 a.m. blaze in this eastern Pennsylvania city, 65 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

"It's one of the worst fires we've had as far as multiple fatalities," said First Deputy Fire Chief Michael J. Moyer. "The house is totally destroyed."

Karen Martin, 39, died in the blaze with three of her grandchildren, Tyrell Martin, 6; Shakiyla Martin, 5; and 3-year-old Laquan Walker. A girl spending the night at the house, Jasmin Stevenson, 8, also died, police said.

The children were found on the third floor; the grandmother died at the foot of the stairs on the first floor. All died of smoke inhalation.

Karen Martin apparently returned home about 4:15 a.m. and started cooking, then either fell asleep or forgot about the food, Moyer said.

Shavanna Martin, 22, mother of three of the dead children, escaped with a 2-year-old child and a friend by climbing out a second-floor window and walking across porch roofs, police said.

One firefighter who tried to revive the children took injury leave because of the emotional stress.

"He's taking it very rough," Moyer said. "You think of your own kids and you realize these kids aren't going to be going to picnics this weekend or play ball across the street. It's particularly tough."

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79 die in Borneo riot, fires

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — As many as 79 people died in a pre-election riot Friday on the island of Borneo, including an estimated 75 trapped in a shopping mall set ablaze by arsonists, the

Dinamikan Berita newspaper quoted police as saying Sunday. Dozens of charred skeletons were found in the ashes of the Mitra Plaza shopping center in Banjarmasin, about 900 ki-

lometers (560 miles) north-east of Jakarta, the national news agency Antara reported Sunday. Four other people died elsewhere in the city during Friday's violence, it said.

The exact number of dead was not known on Sunday morning as rescuers were hampered by heat still emerging from the burned-out shell of the mall.

The city, along with many other parts of Indonesia, was rocked by civil unrest on Friday, the last day of a violent monthlong campaign period for parliamentary elections next Thursday.

Antara said an official report by the city's police chief Lt. Col. Friedy Tjiptodi estimated that more than 60 had died.

The human remains were found in groups near what had been exits from the mall on the second floor, it said.

Police fear they will find more victims on the mall's third and fourth floors, which were too hot to search on Saturday night.

Dozens of families have reported missing relatives, Antara said.

Firefighters found the first human remains after the fire was extinguished late Saturday.

The Jakarta newspaper Suara Pembaruan said hospitals in Banjarmasin treated

more than 100 people for injuries.

Red Cross officials said fires also swept through a hotel and several other shopping malls along with at least 130 houses and other buildings.

A Golkar office was also ransacked and set alight.

Rioting erupted on Friday in clashes between supporters of the ruling Golkar party and the rival Muslim-dominated United Development Party.

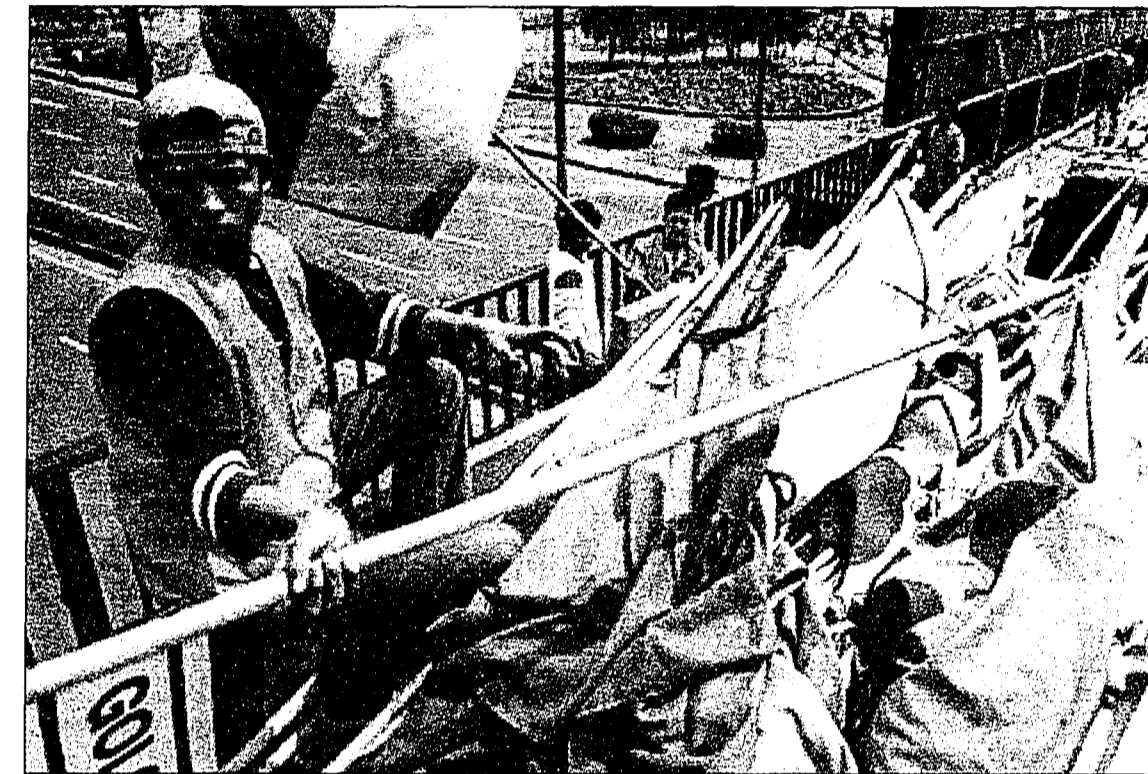
Similar fights triggered riots in other parts of the country, including the capital Jakarta, on Friday.

Troops and police fired rifles and tear gas to break up stone-throwing mobs which attacked building and cars.

Police confirmed that four people were killed in Pasuruan, a riot-torn town 370 kilometers (230 miles) east of Jakarta.

An official five-day "cooling off" period, during which election campaigning and political rallies are banned, began Saturday.

No further unrest was reported on Sunday morning.



Workers remove election campaign banners along a Jakarta street Saturday. Official election campaigning for the Indonesian national elections finished Friday and a 5-day cooling off period is imposed before the May 29 ballot. At least 80 people have been reported killed in the month long campaign for national elections. AP

New toy from Japan popular with shoppers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Consumers are snapping up a new toy pet that barks, eats, plays and sleeps.

The Tamagotchi is marketed by Bandai America, the company that developed another Japanese import, the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.

Since they were introduced in Milwaukee two weeks ago, hundreds of Tamagotchis have sold for \$19.99. On sale, they go for \$14.99.

"I don't think there are any left in Milwaukee at this time," said John Koska, manager of the south side Toys R Us. "People are crazy about these things. That goes for adults as well as kids."

Demand has been so strong that the toys are sold out at Toys R Us

and Kohls Department Stores, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported in Sunday's editions. Hundreds of rain checks have been issued.

With 5.5 million sold in Japan and 3.5 million in the United States in the past three weeks, Tamagotchis already are more popular than Tickle Me Elmo, 2 million of which have been sold since last fall, the Journal Sentinel said.

Tamagotchis are no bigger than a silver dollar. The tiny, oval-shaped display screens are affixed to key chains. In the center of the screen is the pet. It could be one of 40 kinds of creatures, including a dog, a cat, a snake and a rat.

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2 HK airlines ground fleet

HONG KONG (AP) - Two Hong Kong airlines grounded their fleets of Airbus 330-300 airplanes for the second consecutive day Sunday due to safety concerns over their Rolls-Royce engines, the airlines said.

Cathay Pacific canceled 15 flights and Dragonair six flights. On Saturday, the two airlines grounded 15 flights.

Cathay Pacific said in a statement that the canceled flights represented 11 percent

of the airline's Sunday operations.

Dragonair, which is partially owned by Cathay Pacific, will ground three more flights Monday, said airline spokeswoman Anna Lo.

Both airlines said they have rescheduled other flights or arranged alternate routes for passengers.

Hong Kong's Civil Aviation Department ruled last week that A330-300's may not fly more than an hour's distance from the nearest airport.



Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways and Dragon Airlines grounded their fleets of Airbus 330-300 Saturday, due to safety concerns over their Rolls-Royce engines. Cathay grounded 11 aircraft while Dragonair grounded four pending checks. AP

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Apology from Australia PM can stir reconciliation, says aboriginal leader

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Prime Minister John Howard could advance Aboriginal reconciliation by apologizing for the removal of indigenous children from their families, an Aboriginal leader said Sunday.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation chairman Pat Dodson told the Channel Ten TV that it was not a question of

feeling guilt for the policy implemented by earlier governments.

But there was no doubt the policy implemented by earlier governments had hurt many people, and the entire Aboriginal society in Australia.

From 1910 until the early 1970s, about 100,000 Aboriginal children were forcibly taken from their parents in the misguided belief that Aborigines were a doomed race.

A "stolen generation" was created. Light-skinned Aboriginal children were seized and handed out to white families for adoption. Dark-skinned children were put in orphanages.

The assimilation policy has been detailed in a major inquiry by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in a report expected to be introduced in Parliament Monday, coinciding with the opening of a three-day national conference on reconciliation.

Asked whether Howard should use the conference opening to apologize for the policy, Dodson said: "I think he has a tremendous opportunity to apologize over the way in which the previous governments of this country have implemented the policies that led to the removal of Aboriginal children and the disruption that that caused to not only those people who were involved, but to their families, disruption to the whole Aboriginal society."

"This is a great moment, this is a great chance, this is an opportunity where we can go forward simply by a word that acknowledges that this happened, these are the facts, this happened in Australia."

"There is no question about having guilt associated with that. It's about the responsibility for the activities that this nation has caused to the indigenous people," Dodson said.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission report is understood to recommend compensation be paid, that the government apologize,



John Howard

and that an annual memorial national day be inaugurated.

Federal Attorney-General Daryl Williams said last week the government believes compensation is inappropriate.

Dodson said the removal policy was a total denial of Aboriginal culture and identity, and bordered on genocide.

"I saw with my own eyes lying in the bush two kids chased down by welfare and taken away to Croker Island in the Northern Territory. They were quite well looked after by their parents by our standards," Dodson said.

"These were judgments made from ethno-centric perspectives and made out of superiority, and made out of a view that we had no rights to be who we were."

There was a need for an official acknowledgement and apology, and to determine the best kind of restitution.

"If you consider the monetary terms then it might well be people that want some assistance for decent headstones for their families or a way of finding out where their mothers came from, or their fathers, or their country," he said.

"It's not a matter of people putting their hands out. This is a matter of justice, this is a matter of morality, this is a matter of this nation coming to terms with its history and of providing the appropriate form of compensation."

Talibans complete Afghan 'takeover'



Taliban fighters congratulate each other Saturday as they captured Mazar-e-Sharif from northern Afghan warlord Rashid Dostum. With the Islamic army in control of the city, Afghanistan was virtually united under one regime for the first time since the Soviet army left in 1989. AP

By KATHY GANNON MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) - With the Taliban religious army's takeover of this northern city, Afghanistan is virtually united under one regime for the first time since the Soviet army left the country in 1989.

Jubilant Taliban religious fighters riding tanks, firing guns into the air and chanting "God is Great" captured this stronghold of a northern warlord on Saturday, the last obstacle in their three-year campaign to create a strict Islamic state.

Taliban soldiers ripped down giant posters of warlord Rashid Dostum from traffic posts, pillars and public buildings as the remnants of his army fled toward the Uzbekistan and Tajikistan borders, about 55 kms (35 miles) to the north.

Some Taliban soldiers fired submachine guns into the air and at pictures of Dostum, whose crumbling empire had been the last significant resistance to the encroaching band of former seminary students.

Troops in jeeps, tanks and personnel carriers chanted "God is Great" as they rumbled through the mostly unpaved streets just before dusk. Male residents looked on glumly; women melted into the shadows and their homes.

On the lead tank was Gen. Malik Pahlawan, Dostum's second-in-command whose defection to the Taliban on Monday marked the beginning of Dostum's downfall.

Scattered shooting was heard as the victors sought out snipers from small lanes between the dusty mud or raw brick buildings.

The Taliban victory was a boost to Pakistan, which had supported the group amid the chaos of feuding Afghan mili-

tias that followed the ouster of the Soviet-backed regime in 1992.

But Saturday's advance could bode ill for Central Asian republics to the north, which had backed Dostum in the hope that he would shield their Muslim populations from the Taliban's influence.

In a statement issued through the ITAR-Tass news agency, Russia pledged to intervene if fighting spread to former Soviet republics who belong to a loose federation known as the Commonwealth of Independent States.

"The Russian leadership states that if the CIS border is violated, the mechanism of the CIS collective security treaty will be immediately activated," the statement said.

The Taliban foreign minister quickly sought to quell fears of further conquest, the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan reported.

"I assure the world and neighboring countries that the Taliban government is strictly adhering to a policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries," Mullah Mohammed Ghous said in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

Earlier Saturday, Pahlawan seized Dostum's home town and western military headquarters at Shebergan. The commander of Dostum's air force, Gen. Jamil, and three other pilots flew their fighter planes to Kabul and defected; they were joined later by more pilots who arrived by helicopter.

The fall of Shebergan put Mazar-e-Sharif within reach, just 80 miles across an open, desolate plain and unprotected against an attacking force.

The only provinces still outside Taliban control were Takhar, parts of Kunduz and

Baghlan, and the northwestern province of Badakhshan, which was held by Ahmad Shah Masood, the defense chief of the government ousted from Kabul last year.

The Taliban, which grew out of Afghan refugee camps, began their march across Afghanistan three years ago from their base in the south, capturing territory from local warlords and guerrilla forces usually without a fight. They reached the capital, Kabul, on Sept. 27.

In the areas they control, they have imposed a severe version of Islam that bars women from working, bans alcohol and most light entertainment, and forces men to pray in the mosques.

Until Saturday, Mazar-e-Sharif was the only major city in the country where a woman could walk on the street without a veil from the crown of her head to her toes.

As the Taliban forces approached Mazar-e-Sharif, panic spread through the city. Hundreds of people clogged the streets trying to flee. Soldiers in camouflage uniforms seized cars at gunpoint to escape. Officers turned their tanks and headed for the city's exits.

Dostum escaped Friday to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, a spokesman said in Islamabad. Uzbekistan had propped up his regime for years by selling him cheap power and goods.

In Kabul, Air Force Gen. Yousuf Shah told reporters that he had quit Dostum's camp "because (Dostum) wants to dismember Afghanistan."

"All the people in the north are revolting against him because they are happy with the Taliban," the pilot told reporters at Kabul airport.

Shah left his wife and children in Dostum's northern territory.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of LARRY LEE HILLBLOM, Deceased.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-626-D

ORDER TO APPEAR TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN HEIRSHIP INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LARRY LEE HILLBLOM

It is hereby Ordered that any person claiming to be an heir to the Estate of Larry Lee Hillblom, deceased, file a petition so alleging pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of this Court no later than sixty days after May 6, 1997, the first publication of this Notice.

No claim of heirship will be accepted by this Court after said date, and any person not timely filing an appropriate heirship claim within the time frame stated above shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of assets under the jurisdiction of this Court. This Order applies to all persons including infants, minor children and adults. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to limit any defenses available to the Executor of the Estate, the Will beneficiaries, creditors or other claimants to such heirship petition or claim, including but not limited to the defense that such claims are already barred for failure to timely file.

Any person filing a claim pursuant to this Notice must pay all of his or her own costs, including but not limited to attorney's fees, relating to the claim. Any claim filed is subject to adjudication before this Court and is subject to opposition by other claimants, the beneficiaries and the Executor of the Estate.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
INVITATION FOR BID
IFB 97-0013**

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All bids must be submitted in duplicate, sealed in an envelope and facemailed "IFB97-0013", and submitted to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than June 20, 1997, at which date, place, and time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A non refundable fee of twenty five dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, a cashier's check, or other forms acceptable by the Public School System and made payable to the PSS Treasurer. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit.

The Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple award or reject any or all bids if it is to the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to this bid announcement may be directed to the Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3701.

/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

**PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
INVITATION FOR BID
IFB 97-0014**

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bidding from interested firms for the proposed renovation of William S. Reyes Elementary School Building "B". Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., June 23, 1997 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or other forms acceptable to the government and may be payable to the PSS Treasurer, CNMI Public School System, located on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business license as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bid documents will be available on or after May 21, 1997 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. A non refundable payment of Two Hundred (\$200.00) U.S. Dollars is required for each set of the bid documents. A pre-bid conference for the aforementioned project will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time, June 05, 1997 at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan.

All prospective bidders are requested in writing to submit all questions pertaining to the bid documents two days prior to the pre-bid conference in which time and place are specified above. All questions must be submitted directly to the PSS, CIP Coordinator Mr. Clemente Sablan at the Department of Public Works, Technical Service Division at Lower Base, Saipan and may be contacted at telephone number 322-9426 extension 51.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth. All documents received shall be the sole property of the Public School System, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specification "Invitation For Bidders" page 1-2 paragraph No. 5 Bid Guarantee.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all bids to the best interest of the CNMI Public School System.

/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

**State Board of Education
Public School System**

**INVITATION FOR BID
IFB # 97-0010**

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bidding for the procurement of classroom furnitures for various schools. Specification requirements will become available on or after May 19, 1997 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan during regular working hours except Holidays.

All bids must be sealed in an envelope and facemailed "IFB97-0010" and submitted in duplicate to the Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, June 19, 1997, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A non refundable fee of twenty five dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars may be a cashier's check, certified check, or other forms acceptable by the Public School System and made payable to the PSS Treasurer. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit. The PSS has the right to award on a single or multiple award and to reject any and all bids if it is to the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to this bid may be directed to the Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3701.

/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

**Unlikely suspects in
Central Park slaying**

By PHILLIP L. VELEZ
NEW YORK (AP) - Two teenagers stabbed a real estate agent at least 30 times and tried to chop off his hands so police couldn't use fingerprints to identify him before dumping

him in a lake in Central Park, prosecutors said. Daphne Abdela, 15, also ordered her boyfriend, 15-year-old Christopher Vasquez, to "gut the body so it would sink" in the lake, prosecutor Carolyn Streicher said Saturday.



Daphne Abdela stands next to her lawyer George Weinbaum as she is arraigned at Manhattan Criminal Court Saturday in New York. Abdela and Christopher Vasquez, both 15 and students at private New York City schools, are accused of killing a 44-year-old man in Central Park.

The teen-agers - Vasquez is a former altar boy and his girlfriend the adopted daughter of a millionaire - are charged with murder and robbery, accused of killing Michael McMorrow, 44, while drinking beer in the moonlight.

Prosecutors revealed details of the slaying at a court appearance by Abdela on Saturday. Her attorney said she would plead innocent; Vasquez was expected to be arraigned Sunday.

McMorrow's head was nearly severed, his hands all but chopped off in the Friday morning attack. His stomach was gashed open and he was stabbed at least 30 times. Friends say he often went to the park to party.

The teens were arrested soon after Friday morning's slaying at Abdela's apartment building on posh Central Park West. Police say they found the teens rinsing off blood in a laundry room.

Police say Abdela called 911 anonymously after telling doormen at her building that she was bloodied in an in-line skating accident.

The New York Times reported that Abdela and McMorrow had met in a substance-abuse rehabilitation program. Police said Vasquez stabbed McMorrow following an argument over the girl. They have not detailed Abdela's alleged role.

Vasquez was an altar boy and a Boy Scout whose father has worked as a doorman and as a carpet store manager.

Records indicate the girl's adoptive father, Angelo Abdela, is an executive at CPC International Inc., a food service company in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Both teens attended private high schools in Manhattan.

It was the first murder in the park since Sept. 17, 1995, when a jogger was beaten to death. That case remains unsolved.

**Woman guilty
of poisoning and
shooting hubby**

DENTON, Maryland (AP) - Jurors rejected the self-defense claims of a woman who poisoned her husband's food with lead for a year before fatally shooting him, convicting her of second-degree murder.

Carolann Pollard, 40, of Federalsburg, could face up to 30 years in prison. A sentencing date wasn't immediately set.

Prosecutors sought a first-degree murder conviction, which carries a sentence of life without parole, but jurors decided Saturday that the shooting of James Pollard wasn't premeditated.

"I don't think it's fair she got off with second-degree murder because I think she planned it from the very beginning," said Brenda Morris, Pollard's sister. "Her family will get to see her. No one's ever going to get to see my brother again."

Mrs. Pollard was also convicted of poisoning her husband's food on several occasions with lead powder, a substance which may have caused him severe headaches and other health

**3 Disney employees file
discrimination lawsuit**

TAMPA, Florida (AP) - Three employees of Walt Disney World have filed a discrimination lawsuit, accusing the giant amusement park of passing over minorities for management jobs and using a computer program to target white employees' resumes.

The lawsuit filed in federal district court in Tampa claims Disney discriminates in how it hires, promotes and sets wages. It seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

An analysis of Disney's employee pool, which was prepared for the company, shows that most minorities perform "menial jobs" in laundry, custodial and housekeeping areas, the lawsuit charges.

The lawsuit by three black workers also accuses Disney of using a computer program called Resumix System, which is designed to search out "key words" in resumes that are particular to whites.

"Since the Resumix System is based on a majority white culture and it searches for key words widely

used within that culture, it discriminates against African Americans," the lawsuit said.

Disney spokesman Bill Warren declined comment on the lawsuit.

"But generally, Walt Disney World is committed to providing equal opportunity to its employees, which we feel is reflected in both our policies and our practices," he said.

The plaintiffs are Mary Hightower, Patrice Palmer and Franklin Allen.

Ms. Hightower, a consultant in the Human Resources Department, alleges she has been passed over for managerial positions. Ms. Palmer, a secretary with Disney Worldwide Services, alleges she has not had the same opportunities for pay raises, bonuses, promotions and advancement as white employees in the same positions.

Allen, an audio-visual employee, says he doesn't earn as much as white workers in similar jobs.

**Gulf War vets rap
gov't 'indifference'**

By GENE KRAMER
WASHINGTON (AP) - With chants of "new war, same lies," U.S. Gulf War veterans who accuse the government of indifference to their health problems joined forces Saturday with activists still pressing for a final accounting of American servicemen lost a generation ago in Indochina.

They came together on the National Mall for a Memorial Holiday weekend of oratory, songs, fund raising and petition signing.

The largest single group of nearly 100 marched to the Lincoln Memorial across the Arlington Memorial Bridge from Virginia after a journey, mostly on foot, begun April 20 at

Melbourne, Florida, 900 miles (1,450 kilometers) to the south. Others converged on the capital by motorcycle.

Many wore shirts emblazoned "Operation Thunderstorm," a name symbolizing the linkup of veterans of "Operation Desert Storm," official designation of the Gulf campaign, with "Rolling Thunder," the Vietnam activists' annual motorcycle march on Washington scheduled for Sunday.

"How are the Gulf veterans supposed to believe anything any more than the Vietnam veterans believe anything?" guitar-strumming Michael Martin, a Vietnam veteran from Texas, asked in a ballad he sang

at the Memorial steps.

Martin helped found "the Last Patrol," an organization campaigning for "truth and accountability" on such issues as Agent Orange, Gulf War Syndrome, exposure of Gulf combatants to toxic substances and alleged abandonment of POWs in Indochina.

Another organization, Americans for Truth, asked people on the Mall to sign open letters to President Clinton demanding treatment for Gulf veterans complaining of radiation sickness from uranium used in coating antitank missiles as well as the armor of tanks and armored vehicles.

US Air Force Gulf War general dies

SHALIMAR, Florida (AP) - Gen. Robert D. Russ, who headed the U.S. Air Force tactical unit during the Persian Gulf War, died Friday of cancer. He was 64. Russ was commanding officer of the 120,000-member Tactical Air Command, now known as the Air Combat Command, at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, before

he retired in March 1991.

He delayed his retirement several months because of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and stayed on until Operation Desert Storm drove the Iraqis out.

Russ was considered the father of the F-15E Strike Eagle, a bomb-carrying version of the F-15 Eagle air-to-air fighter, which was used in war-

time for the first time in the Gulf War.

He flew 242 combat missions during the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1968, including 50 over North Vietnam. His F-4 Phantom II was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, but a helicopter crew rescued him and his weapons officer.



A Los Angeles city firefighting helicopter drops water on a brush fire Saturday in the Mt. Washington area of Los Angeles. More than 150 firefighters and two water-dropping helicopters were assigned to the brush fire that blackened about 20 acres.

Woman tells taxman she's not dead

DARTMOUTH, Nova Scotia (AP) - A 73-year-old woman is upset with Revenue Canada for not checking for a pulse before declaring her dead.

Flora Burke is very much alive after doing battle with the federal department which, believing she had died, tried to collect a \$176 rebate from her estate.

"I'm getting bloody fed up trying to get myself resurrected," she said Friday.

"My ulcers are working overtime, but I'm not dead yet."

Burke realized something was amiss on April 18 when a letter arrived from Revenue Canada re-

questing a \$176 rebate installment be returned. The letter was addressed to her estate.

"I guess I thought it was a bit humorous at first, but that changed pretty quick."

Burke eventually was told a computer error was to blame.

Roy Jamieson, a Revenue Canada spokesman, admitted it's not the first time someone has been declared dead prematurely.

"Typically, this type of mistake occurs if a spouse dies."

Burke's husband died in Edmonton in March. The couple separated six years ago.

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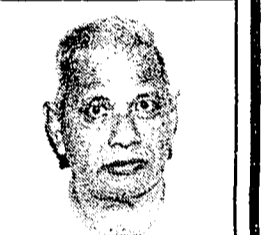
Cub Scout Dalen Fultz pauses to read the inscription on a headstone in Louisville, Ky., Saturday. Scouts from the Lincoln Heritage Council have been placing approximately 10,000 flags at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend since 1984.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Vicente Reyes Cabrera

Born: June 02, 1940

Lovingly known to his family and friends as Ben Tian, was called to his eternal rest on May 19, 1997 at age of 56.



In his death, he now joins his wife: Juliana T. Cabrera, mother: Maria R. Cabrera, father: Antonio C. Cabrera, father-in-law: Vicente I. Taitano, mother-in-law: Abelina M. Taitano, brother: Juan R. Cabrera.

Survived by his: Children: Maria Cecilia C. Roppul/Jesus (dec.); Antonio & Nieves Cabrera, Patricia C. & Antonio Reyes, Connie C. & Jack Iginio, Joseph T. & Leocordia Cabrera, Evelyn C. & Roque Camacho, Edwin T. & Dina Cabrera, Raymond Santos & Jennifer Santos, Piding & Jerome Andres, Lucy C. & Erik Leung.

Brothers & Sisters: Sabino R & Vergie Cabrera, Ando R & Vicky Cabrera, Angie C. & Isidro Sablan, Isabel C. & Alfredo Taitano, Darling C. & Joe Muna, Loring C. & Joe Cruz.

He is additionally survived by numerous grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nephews & nieces.

Last respect may be paid on Monday, May 26, 1997 from 4:00 p.m., at his residence in Puerto Rico. Funeral mass will be offered at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 1997 at Kristo Rai Church. Burial will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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

GUAM SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. JUAN M. SANTOS and JOSEPHINE C. SANTOS, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-564 FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 21, 1997, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: real property situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract 21841-4 (part of original Tract 21841, A.H. 306A), containing an area of 676 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/ Cadastral Plat No. 2038-80, the original of which was recorded September 30, 1980, as Document No. 10777 at the Land Registry, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 13, 1997, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Maitman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. The property described above is presently located at Agingan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. It is the obligation of the bidder to inspect the property. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and as its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account of error.

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

b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off; and (3) to reject any liability whatsoever thereby; and (4) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

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

d. Disputes. The undersigned may re-submit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

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

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

d. Removal or Storage of Personal Property. The successful bidder shall have one (1) working day after court approval of the sale to remove any personal property purchased from the place of sale. After the expiration of this 24-hour period, the successful bidder shall bear the entire risk of loss of or damage to such property, and shall be liable for all expenses of caring for and/or storing such property.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice. DATED, this 6 day of May, 1997.

/s/ JOHN B. JOYNER, Auctioneer

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF: JENNIFER BACONES GREGORIO, minor,

BY: JULIAN NEKAI TAMAN and ALICIA GREGORIO TAMAN, Petitioners.

ADOPTION CASE NO. 97-29

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on June 19, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Superior Court of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minor.

Dated this 21 day of May 1997.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA Attorney for Petitioners

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF: AEROLL REYES NAZARE, minor,

BY: REYNATO M. NAZARE, and CORAZON RODRIGUEZ NAZARE, Petitioners.

ADOPTION CASE NO. 97-30

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on June 19, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minor.

Dated this 21st day of May 1997.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA Attorney for Petitioners

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

In the Matter of the Petition of: TERENCE JORDAN CAMACHO AGUON, a minor,

For Change of Name, By: MARIA REMEDIO C. CAMACHO, Petitioner.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-540-E

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 12, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., the petition of Maria Remedio C. Camacho, to change her son's name to TERENCE JORDAN CAMACHO will be heard in the above-entitled court.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

It takes only five seconds to Fasten your Seatbelt and that five seconds may worth a lifetime...

Congo protest dispersed

By TOM COHEN KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Congo's new leader said Saturday that elections will be held within two years, but his chief of staff immediately suggested the timeline was not firm.

The confusion underscored the mixed signals coming from Laurent Kabila and his aides since rebel forces took Kinshasa last weekend, driving out despot Mobutu Sese Seko and assuming leadership of the country formerly known as Zaire.

Visiting a hospital in his first public appearance in the capital since assuming power, Kabila told CNN that elections would come after a two-year transition period.

But within minutes, his chief-of-staff, Moise Nyarugabo, was backtracking. "That's not wrong, but it's not exactly right," he told The Associated Press.

The mixed signals were typical of a week in which Kabila's alliance asked members of Congo's other important political coalition to join his government but rejected its leader, and allowed protesters to march freely on Friday then arrested them Saturday.

Even those closest to Kabila seem unclear about his intentions: On Tuesday, his finance minister Mwana Nanga Mawampangasaid Kabila was still committed to elections in 12 months. It was the first anyone heard of that deadline.

Complicating Kabila's transformation from rebel leader to political leader was the second straight day of street demonstrations by supporters of opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi.

Troops loyal to Kabila broke up the protests, taking away their placards and detaining several people.

The several hundred protesters, angry that Tshisekedi has been denied a role in Congo's new government, chanted: "Kabila, assassin."

Soldiers allowed a smaller pro-Kabila demonstration to proceed.

Another ominous sign for the opposition was the troops' insistence that journalists covering the event hand over film and tape.

Babauta...

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Miller's (D-California) renewed efforts to impose federal control over the CNMI's immigration and minimum wage policies, and the "bad press" the Commonwealth is getting from major national publications.

Miller is the ranking Democratic member of the committee which he used to chair prior to the Republican victory in the 1994 congressional elections.

Miller recently filed a bill that would prohibit the CNMI from

using "Made in USA" labels on its garment products, and would federalize the CNMI's immigration and minimum wage.

While libertarian and conservative publications in the mainland have been publishing articles praising the CNMI's economy, the influential Washington Post recently came out with a news story highly critical of the CNMI's economic, labor and immigration policies.

The U.S. edition of the Reader's Digest, for its part, carried in its June issue a special report on the alleged widespread labor abuses

in the CNMI.

Citing the Hay Group report on local wage policies, CNMI leaders have said that a federal takeover will only ruin the Commonwealth's economy.

The CNMI, they claimed, will only be more dependent on the federal government's handouts.

On the allegations of labor abuses, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio have pointed out to his administration's labor and immigration reforms as "proof" that the CNMI will not tolerate any labor abuses.

RP consul...

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Varela has repeatedly voiced concern on the labor situation in CNMI saying the condition is necessitating a "rethinking" of the Philippine government's policy on the deployment of workers to the Commonwealth.

Such "rethinking," he said in earlier interviews, may include the possibility of imposing a ban.

Philippine President has called for the ongoing discussion on the CNMI labor situation following a 66 per cent rise in the number of complaints filed by Filipino workers against their respective employers.

Consulate records showed that there were 151 complaint cases involving a total of 374 Filipinos in the first quarter of this year as compared to the 91 cases filed by 178 workers for the same period last year.

Unpaid salaries and long working hours comprise the bulk of these complaints filed mostly by domestic helps and nightclub workers.

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Cabrera is set to move out of the Department and head a task force on Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's flat tax rate proposal.

The Judiciary recently made controversial purchases of brand new cars for Supreme Court Chief Justice Marty W.K. Taylor and the Superior Court judges.

Taylor is set to get a \$44,000 Lincoln Towncar, while Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex C. Castro reportedly got a \$37,000 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Newly-appointed Associate Judge Virginia S. Sablan, for her part, received a \$25,000 Nissan Maxima.

All the cars are brand new. The Supreme Courts spent \$123,000 for the new cars, which also include a \$16,000 Hyundai Sonata for the Judiciary's administrative staff.

Dry season...

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sult with the farmers and ranchers to determine what is the best month to hold future fairs. The fair has always been held in May, a dry month.

One of the most awarded exhibitors in the fair was Greg Calvo, who owns a two-and-one-half-hectare farm in As Lito. He received a total of 23 prizes (11 first prizes, 10 second prizes and two third prizes) for his bananas, string beans, ampalaya, okra, tomatoes, eggplants, radish, Chinese cabbage, pechay, and long squash.

The first prize won \$30, second prize \$25, and third prize \$20. Local commercial farmers like Calvo sell their produce to hotels and big stores like Joeten, Payless and Meitetsu.

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SUMMONS TO: MARIA B. KAMIYAMA

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Carlsmith Ball Wichman Case & Ichi, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Carlsmith Building, Capitol Hill, P.O. Box 5241 CHR, Saipan, MP 96950, an answer to the Complaint For Quiet Title and Slander of Title which is hereby served upon you, within twenty-one (21) days after the last publication of this Summons, exclusive of the date of publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: April 30, 1997 /s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GUARDIAN FOR THE PERSON AND THE ESTATE OF: TYRON BORJA ERMANG, a Minor Child, BY: THOMAS ULDEKEL ERMANG, Petitioner. CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-562E

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the above-named minor child by THOMAS U. ERMANG, as Petitioner, has been filed with the above entitled Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court, in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A HEARING of said Petition for Appointment of Guardian will be held in Courtroom "D" of the above-entitled Court on June 12, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as thereafter. Dated this 22nd day of May, 1997.

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The inventor of the rear-engine vehicle definitely put the cart before the horse.

The person who is always right is

one of two things — brilliant beyond compare or owner of the company.

Nothing really changes. What's now called "networking" used to be called back-fence gossip.

A chum who gambles can't wait for the next world. Any place named "pair o' dice" must be swell.

Considering what the stuff will buy these days, there's not much joy in a money-back guarantee.

Calling a spade a spade will never get you a job in the bureaucracy,

where they're known as manually powered excavation aids.

Laziest fellow we know says he'd love to have a job running an elevator with push-button controls — in an empty building.

Our neighbor calls his wife "the landlord." She takes in every rumor in the neighborhood.

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According to an advocacy group called Citizens Against Waste, the federally funded National Institute of Mental Health has spent \$4.7 million to study slang terms used by New York City Puerto Ricans and \$1.4 million to study the brain circuits which control receptive sexual behavior of the unisex whiptail lizard.

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Bloated abdomens are a symptom of protein calorie malnutrition.

If your cat resists getting her nails cut, try massaging her feet to accustom her to the touch.

Earth Tip: Many Americans buy flea collars for the nation's 100 million dogs and cats. Few realize however

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The Fourth of July proves deadlier to public phones than any other day. Each summer, as many as 10 percent of New York City's 94,000 public phones are damaged by M-80s and other explosives.

Three of Theodore Roosevelt's four sons were killed in wars.

Predictions for the 1960s at the 1939-40 New York World's Fair included: People do not care much for possessions. Two months of paid vacation is

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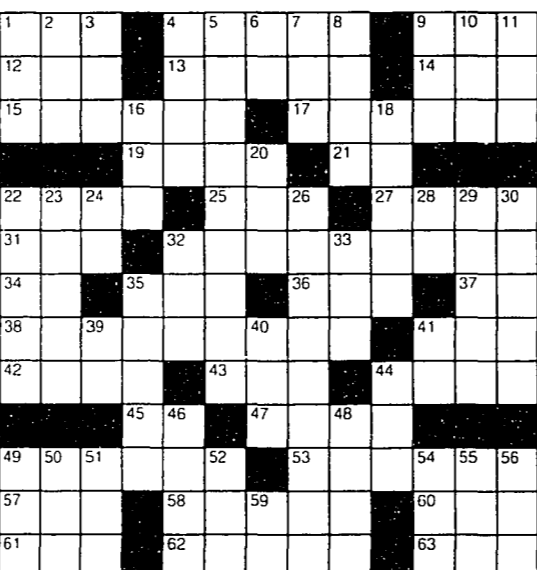
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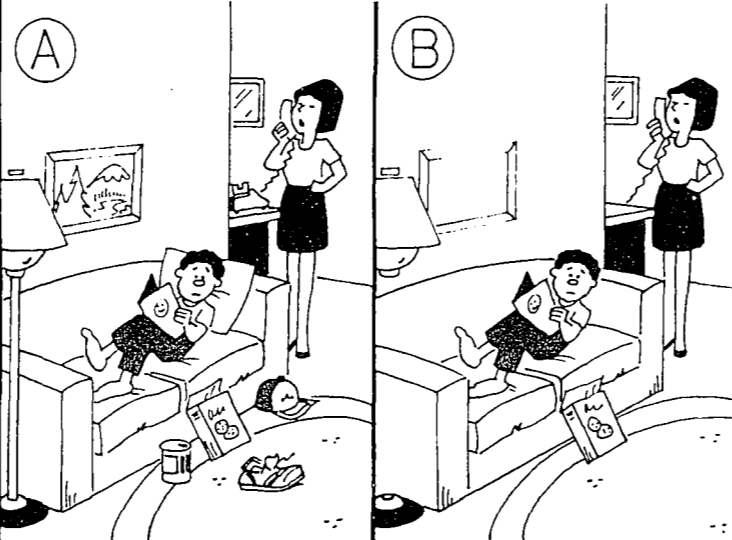
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SSA's Fastpitch League

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1997 Men's Major Baseball League

BATTING LEADERS: (Based On 25 Or More Times At Bat) as of 5/23/97
Compiled by Frank D. Palacios

Player	Team	AB	HIT	BATTING
Jeff Callahan	Aces	31	16	.516
Nick C. Guerrero	Brewers	29	14	.483
Ben Hocog	Aces	31	14	.452
Frances George	Brewers	31	13	.419
Ralph Yumul	Brewers	35	14	.400
Tony Camacho	Brewers	30	12	.400
Bob Lizama	Wheels	37	14	.378
Wilber Ada	Glazers	32	12	.375
Ed Kapileo	Aces	43	16	.372
Ron Benavente	Wheels	33	12	.364

Runs:
(19) J. Callahan, (15) R. Yumul (14) Bob Lizama

Doubles:
(4) Nick Guerrero, R. Yumul, J. Acosta, Jojo Attao (3) T. Camacho, J. Ayuyu, Jerome Attao, J. Salas, P. Celis

Triples:
(5) John Reyes (3) Ben Hocog, Frank Pangelinan (2) Twelve Players

RBI:
(17) Nick C. Guerrero, (16) Ed Kapileo, (14) John Reyes, (11) F. George, Jerome Salas, Jeff Callahan, R. Benavente

"Pitching Leaders"

Player	Team	G	Inn	ER	Hit	W/L	ERA
Jeff Callahan	Aces	7	21	4	22	3-0	1.71
Chris Nelson	Aces	5	30	6	22	3-0	1.80
Ryan Kenen	Palau	7	33	11	28	1-3	3.00
Joe Guerrero	Brewers	9	61	25	61	6-3	3.69
Elmer Sablan	Wheels	8	50	21	63	4-2	3.98
Roy Magofna	Glazers	6	19	8	26	0-0	3.78
Bill Camacho	Aces	3	18	8	22	3-0	4.00
E. Ngiraidong	Palau	3	13	8	16	1-1	5.54
Melvin Sakisat	Sunrisers	3	12	8	18	1-0	6.00
Ray Guerrero	Wheels	4	16	12	23	1-1	6.75

Strike-Outs:
(41) Chris Nelson (38) Elmer Sablan (34) Ryan Kenen

Callahan...

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prised the rest of the league's top 10 batters with their batting averages of .378, .375, .372 and .364 respectively.

In the pitching derby, Callahan's earned run average (ERA) of 1.71 enabled him to overtake teammate Chris Nelson for the lead.

Callahan, who also leads the most runs department with 19, gave up 22 hits that resulted to four earned runs in the 21 innings he manned the mound for the Aces.

Nelson forms the other side of the dreaded UMDA pitching rotation with his ERA of 1.80. The former leader yielded 22 hits and six earned runs while pitching for 30 innings in the five games he played for the Aces.

Nelson, however, kept his lead in the most strikeouts category with 41, or three SOs more than his closest pursuer.

Team Palau's Ryan Kenen, de-

spite playing idle, improved from fourth to third overall with his ERA of 3.00. Kenen gave up 28 hits and 11 earned runs in 33 innings.

Miller Lite's Joe Guerrero is in fourth after giving up 61 hits and 25 earned runs to norm an ERA of 3.69.

Elmer Sablan of the defending champion Toyota Wheels and Kautz Glass Glazers' Roy Magofna are tied for fifth with similar 3.78 ERAs.

Sablanyielded63hitsand21earned runs in 50 innings while Magofna surrendered 26 hits that resulted to six earned runs in 19 innings.

Bill Camacho, Everette Ngiraidong, Melvin Sakisat and Ray Guerrero round off the other contenders in the pitching race.

In other categories, Nick C. Guerrero, Yumul, J. Acosta and Jojo Attao share the doubles lead with similar four apiece.

John Reyes kept his hold of the lead in the most triples with five while Nick C. Guerrero is all alone on top the RBI race with 17.

S'risers...

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going to the sixth.

The two teams traded two runs in the final inning to round up the scoring.

John Paul Reyes took the win after striking out nine of the 29 batters he faced in going the full distance for the Sunrisers. Flores gave up nine hits, four walks and four runs (two earned).

Anthony Dela Cruz led San Vicente's offensive by going 3 of 4 from the plate with one run aside from knocking in two RBIs.

Peter Tenorio drove in two RBIs while Anthony Manibusan, Jerome Sablan and Frankie Hocog added one RBI apiece as the Sunrisers won their fourth game in six outings.

Saralu led Tanapag's losing cause by going 2 of 4 with one run.

Tanapag fell to its fifth loss in six games.

Aces vs Glazers Boxscore

Aces	POS	AB	R	H	RBI	Brewers	POS	AB	R	H	RBI
Mark Toves	CF	4	2	2	0	Mike Guerrero	SS	4	2	2	1
Steve Coleman	SS	5	2	1	0	Dean Camacho	2B	5	2	1	1
Ben Hocog	3B	4	5	3	1	Paul Camacho	1B/RF	4	3	2	3
Ed Kapileo	1B	6	1	1	3	Wilber Ada	3B/P	6	2	3	2
Jeff Callahan	P	5	2	2	3	Ken Kalen	CF	3	2	3	2
Joe Camacho	C	6	1	2	2	Joe Celis	C	4	1	1	1
Steve Eason	LF	4	0	1	0	Dennis Camacho	LF	5	1	0	1
Bryan Lettinga	2B	4	1	0	0	Ben Castro	RF	0	0	0	0
Ed Diaz	RF/CF	4	1	3	3	Edwin Taitano	D/H	0	0	0	0
Mabel	RF	1	0	0	0	Chris Camacho	P/1B	4	1	0	1
Syl Ada	LF	1	1	1	0	Roy Magofna	P	3	0	0	0
Gene Palacios	2B	1	0	0	0	Eddie Sablan	2B	2	0	0	0

Base on Balls: (3) K. Kalen, (2) B. Hocog, P. Camacho, J. Celis, (1) M. Toves, S. Coleman, J. Callahan, E. Diaz, M. Guerrero, Dacan Camacho, Dennis Camacho, C. Camacho

Strike-Outs: (3) Dean Camacho, (2) W. Ada, Dennis Camacho, C. Camacho (1) J. Celis, R. Magofna, E. Kapileo, Jeff Callahan.

Stolen Base: (4) S. Coleman (3) K. Kalen (2) B. Hocog (1) M. Toves, S. Eason, E. Diaz, M. Guerrero, R. Magofna, C. Camacho

Sacrifice Hit: (1) M. Guerrero

Errors: (5) Chris Camacho (3) Dean Camacho, Steve Coleman (2) Jeff Callahan (1) Ken Kalen, Wilber Ada, Joe Camacho.

Doubles: (2) Paul Camacho (1) J. Camacho, W. Ada, K. Kalen

Triples: (2) Ben Hocog, (1) M. Toves, Dean Camacho, W. Ada

Home Run: (1) Jeff Callahan (In-Park)

"INNINGS"

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	Error	LOB
Aces	3	5	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	16	16	6	8
Glazers	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	8	14	2	10	11

Pitcher	Team	INN	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	WP	DEC	ERA
Jeff Callahan	Aces	5/13	2	0	6	1	1	0	2	7	1	W	
Steve Coleman	Aces	2	4	4	2	0	1	0	4	2	0	-	
Ed Diaz	Aces	12/3	8	2	4	2	1	0	4	2	0	-	
Chris Camacho	Glazers	11/3	8	6	3	0	1	0	6	0	2	-	
Roy Magofna	Glazers	11/3	8	6	3	0	1	0	6	0	2	-	
Wilber Ada	Glazers	3	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	

Aces...

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final out of the ballgame.

The Aces were in complete control of the ballgame until the top of the ninth before the remarkable comeback bid by the Glazers. They scored the game's first nine runs after three complete innings then extended the lead to 11 after racking four more runs, highlighted by Jeff Callahan's inside the park homerun, in the top of the sixth, 13-2.

The Glazers broke through the scoring column after Mike Guerrero and Dean Camacho

crossed the homeplate. Kautz Glass scored four more in bottom of the seventh but the Aces racked three of their own for a comfortable 16-6 advantage.

Three Aces knocked in three RBIs apiece to lead UMDA's offense. Ed Diaz went 3 of 4 while Callahan went 2 of 5 as the duo drove in three RBI apiece. Ed Kapileo made up for his anemic 1 of 6 effort from the plate by racking three RBI of his own.

Overall, the Aces struck for 16 hits in 45 plate appearances for a .355 batting average while the Glazers connected on 12 hits in 40 for a .300

performance. Callahan picked the win after retiring seven batters while giving up six hits, including one triple and one double, two walks, and two unearned runs in five and 1/3 innings.

Ken Kalen led the Glazers' offense by going 3 of 3 from the plate with two runs and two RBIs. Paul Camacho knocked in three RBIs while Wilber Ada drove in two.

Chris Camacho absorbed the loss after giving up three hits, eight runs (six earned) and six bases on balls in one and 1/3 innings.

The loss dropped the Glazers to 4-3 in the overall team standings.

Cards...

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fourth innings.

Just as the Falcons threatened once more, the San Antonio racked two more runs in the bottom of the fourth to increase their advantage back to three, 9-6.

In the changeover, Tanapag went scoreless while the Cardinals added what proved to be the insurance runs.

In the final inning, the Falcons rallied but their efforts went short as they could only score four runs allowing the Cardinals to escape with the victory.

Jonathan Cepeda took the win after giving up eight hits, nine runs (three earned) and four walks while fanning out six batters in five innings.

Dennis Pua, Andave

Camacho and Bradley Aliksa went 2 of 4 respectively to lead the Falcons' losing stand.

D-9ers 14, YCO/BK 2

Johny Jones proved to be an excellent reliever at the mound as the defending champions San Roque D-9ers trounced YCO/BK, 14-2, for their 10th consecutive win in as many games.

Jones, who replaced strikeouts leader and starting pitcher Jonathan Camacho at the mound, gave up just one hit to keep the Youth Servicestar as the only winless team in the 1997 season.

Camacho, working full time as a hitter, went perfect from the plate by going 3 of 3 with a homerun, back to back doubles and knocked in one RBI in leading San Roque's offense.

Camacho belted his homerun in the first inning then racked two consecutive

doubles in his next two stints at the plate.

Leading by six, 7-1, San Roque went for the 10 run mercy rule by blasting seven runs in the third inning to end the ballgame.

Jets 21, Little Padres 4

Batting leader Jack Manibusan went 3 of 3 with three runs and drove in three RBIs as the Dandan Jets proved too much for the Little Padres, 21-4 in the last game.

Manibusan reaffirmed his reputation the league's top hitter by leading his team to its eighth victory in 11 outings.

Manibusan likewise took the win after retiring six batters while giving up three hits, six bases on balls, four runs (all earned) while manning the mound for the Jets.

Byron Kaipat absorbed the loss after he yielded nine hits, seven bases on balls and 14 runs (10 earned).

SPORTS



1997 CNMI Little League

Cards edge Falcons, 11-10

Team Standings	W	L
American Division		
San Roque D-9ers	10	0
Dandan Jets	8	3
SA Cardinals	6	4
Tanapag Falcons	5	5
CK Little Padres	4	6
Kagman Braves	3	8
YCO/BK YSS	0	10

By Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff
 THE SAN ANTONIO CARDINALS scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning last Saturday to score a close 11-10 victory over the Tanapag Falcons last Saturday in the American Division of the 1997 CNMI Little League at the San Vicente Elem. School Ball Park.

In the second game, defending champions San Roque D-9ers coasted to their 10 straight win by beating the YCO/BK Youth Servicestar, 14-2 while the Dandan Jets notched their eighth win in 11 games by drubbing the CK/Moylan's Little Padres, 21-4 in the final game of the afternoon.

Cards 11, Falcons 10
 In the most exciting game of the

day, the San Antonio Cardinals leaned on Steven Suzuki's 3 of 4 performance and Bobby Castro's three RBIs to nip the Tanapag Falcons by a lone run.

The Falcons scored three runs in the opening inning but the Cardinals countered with four of their own to take a one run lead.

After Tanapag tied the ball game in

the changeover, San Antonio struck for three runs in the bottom half of the inning to take the driver's seat once more, 7-4.

The Falcons managed to cut the deficit into a single run, 6-7, by holding the Cardinals scoreless in the bottom of the third while scoring one run each in the top of the third and

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1997 Saipan Men's Major League

Aces nip Glazers, 16-14

Team Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
UMDA Aces	9	0	1.000	0
Miller Lite Brewers	6	3	.667	3
Toyota Wheels	5	3	.625	3 1/2
Kautz Glass Glazers	4	3	.571	4
Team Palau	2	6	.250	6 1/2
Sunrisers	1	6	.143	7
Typhoons	1	7	.125	7 1/2

By Frank M. Palacios and Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff

UMDA ACES survived a blazing Kautz Glass Glazers' last inning comeback last Friday night to post a 16-14 victory and keep their unblemished slate intact in the 1997 Saipan Men's Major League Baseball at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

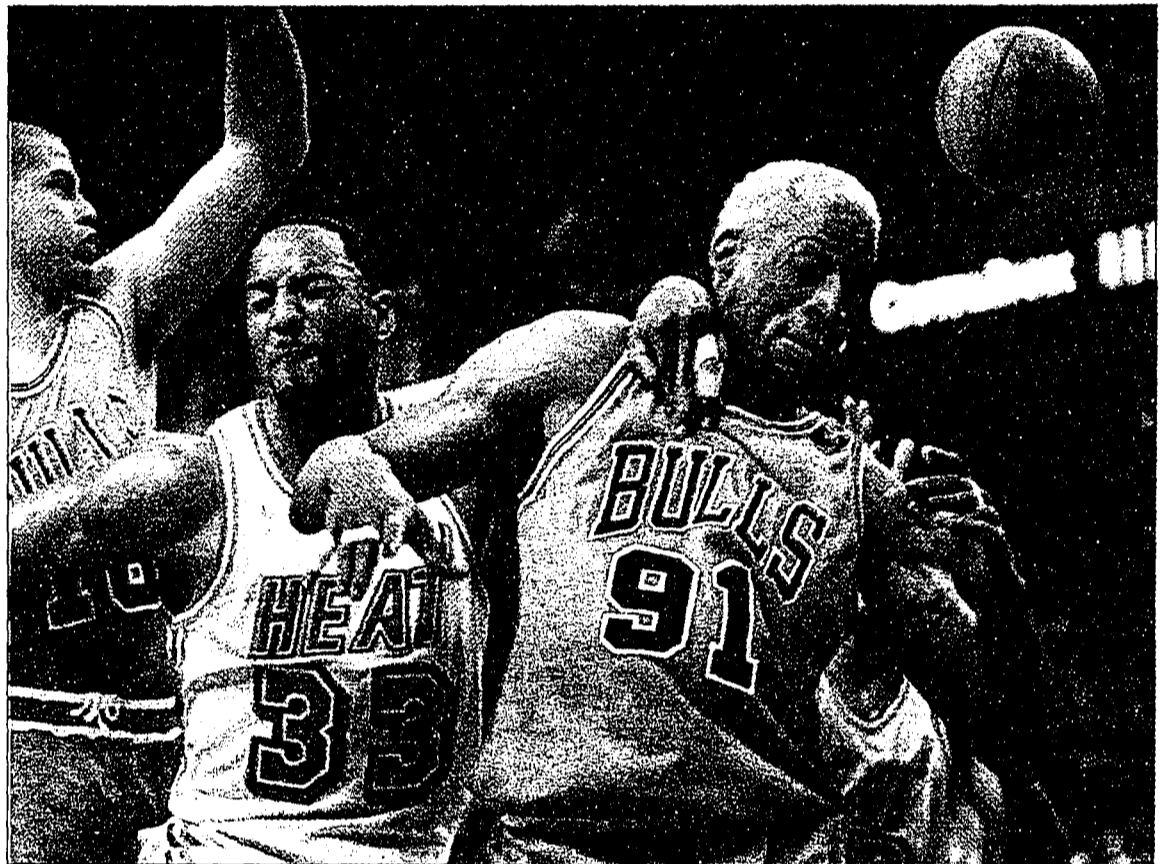
The Aces appeared to be headed to an easy win after holding a 16-6

advantage going to the bottom of the ninth inning. The Glazers, however, showed a remarkable fighting spirit in making their own half of the ninth the longest half for the Aces in the entire tournament.

With Paul Camacho, Chris Camacho, Dennis Camacho and Mike Guerrero knocking one RBI after another as the Glazers came within two runs of sending the ballgame to an extra inning.

The Aces' scrambling defense in the end enabled UMDA to escape from a monumental collapse and preserve the win, their ninth in as many games. Ed Diaz ended the Kautz Glass' endgame blitz by tagging out Dennis Camacho for the

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Miami Heat's Alonzo Mourning (33) and Chicago Bulls Dennis Rodman (91) get physical under the basket in second half action Saturday, May 24, 1997 in Game 3 of the NBA Eastern Conference Finals in Miami. The Bulls won 98-74. AP



Long Drive—Herman Cruz surveys the greens before hitting a drive in this bit of action yesterday in the 1997 2nd Annual Tournament of Champions at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort. Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat

Sunrisers beat Braves

Team Standings	W	L
SV Athletics	3	1
SV Sunrisers	4	2
Tanapag Braves	1	5

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THE SAN VICENTE Sunrisers bounce back from a sorry defeat last week by drubbing hardluck Tanapag Braves last Thursday night in the 1997 CNMI Big League Baseball at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

The Sunrisers took an early 7-0 lead after three complete innings before the Braves managed to score a run in the ballgame.

JJ Saralu and Jess Taitano reached home in the top of the fourth to end Tanapag's scoring drought.

San Vicente, however, dampened the Braves' comeback bid by scoring another run in their own half of the inning then held Tanapag scoreless in the changeover to post an 8-2 lead

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1997 SML's statistical race

Callahan regains lead in 2 major categories

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JEFF CALLAHAN of the undefeated UMDA Aces regained the top spots in the batting and pitching categories of the 1997 Saipan Men's Major League at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

In the latest statistics compiled by Frank D. Palacios, the league's chief statistician and special adviser, Callahan belted the ball 16 times in 31 attempts to finish the week on top the batting race with a .516 norm to wrest the lead from erstwhile leader Nick C. Guerrero.

Guerrero watched his .583 average dipped to .483 after going 0 for 5 in his last game. The Miller Lite Brewers' shortstop had 14 hits in 29 attempts at bat to drop to second overall.

Callahan's teammate, Ben

Hocog jumped from seventh to third after racking 14 hits in 31 plate appearances for a .452 hitting norm.

Frances George leads two other Brewers in the next three slots on the batting race with a .419 average.

George climbed from sixth to fourth after slamming the ball 13 times in 31 swings while Ralph Yumul and Tony Camacho are tied for the fifth and sixth slots with similar .400 averages.

Yumul dropped to two notches below from his position last week after going 1 of 5 in his last game for an overall performance of 14 hits out of 35 attempts at bat.

Camacho, on the other hand, belted the ball 12 times in 30 plate appearances to tie Yumul.

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