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The Shell Smart Pump dispenses fuel without the customer leaving the vehicle at a Shell station in Elk Grove, Calif. Wednesday. The station is the test market for the robotic system.

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Local law firm faces 'disciplinary action'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

CUSHNIE's Law Office is facing a disciplinary action for violating the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Superior Court found that Douglas Cushnie and his associate Robert Jones were extending legal services to two clients who are opposing parties in a family dispute case.

Cushnie Office was representing Elizabeth Matsunaga in a case she had filed against her daughter-in-law Cynthia Matsunaga, who is represented by Bruce Berline.

Even before the court responded to Cynthia's motion to disqualify Cushnie's Office, Elizabeth had hired Anthony Long to replace Cushnie lawyers. This was after the court discovered Cushnie's professional relationship to the Matsunaga family.

The case originated from the complaint filed by Elizabeth last Jan. 10 against Cynthia for her daughter-in-law's failure to pay \$190,000 she had loaned to her son Frank and his wife, Cynthia.

The money was used for treatment of Frank's illness. Frank died in November last year.

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Ill crewman forces canoe voyagers to stop on Rota

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

TEN canoe voyagers on their way from Satawal island in Yap to Saipan arrived on Rota yesterday morning.

The stopover was necessitated when one of the voyagers, identified by the Carolinian Affairs Office as Milton Coleman Jr., reportedly got sick.

Earlier there was an unconfirmed report that the voyagers were held by the Immigration in Rota. Another report said the voyagers were not allowed to leave Rota because of the rough sea.

But Carolinian Affairs Executive Assistant Jesus Elameto

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NMI no place for unions-- Tenorio

Governor suspects labor unions behind Miller campaign

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio said Wednesday that labor unions may be behind U.S. Rep. George Miller's bill that would prohibit products from the CNMI to use "Made in USA" labels.

Tenorio said he doubts if Miller's (D-California) bill would be passed by the Republican-dominated Congress, "or at least I hope not," but added that it is still unclear whether the bill is a "brain-child" of Miller's "or the labor unions" are the ones forcing this thing on us.

Miller represents a working-class district, and is known to be a staunch advocate of workers'



Froilan C. Tenorio

rights.

"The CNMI is no place for labor unions," Tenorio said.

"It's no good. We need a free

market in order for our economy to survive."

Saying the time has come to end the wage and immigration abuses in the CNMI "that should embarrass all Americans," Miller is urging members of Congress to co-sponsor his bill, which would also "phase in" the federal minimum wage in the CNMI, and federalize the CNMI's "scandalous immigration program without jeopardizing the Immigration and Naturalization Service's activities elsewhere."

However, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas) in a recent privilege speech defended Tenorio's free market policies.

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Plans still afoot to bring Mayo, other US providers to Saipan

By Zaldy Dandan
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NOTHING has yet to happen with the administration's proposal to bring in Mayo Clinic to the CNMI, but Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said Wednesday he has not given up.

He said that although the Minnesota-based health maintenance organization is eyeing Hawaii as site for its Pacific region health center, the CNMI could still make an offer.

He added, however, that he

would be inviting not just Mayo Clinic, but other U.S.-based health organizations and hospitals.

Tenorio disclosed his plan to bring in Mayo Clinic last year upon learning Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano was also actively wooing the prestigious US hospital into putting up its regional hospital in the Aloha State.

The chief executive has since endeavored to compete for the facility.

The governor has repeatedly

stated that he is committed to the total privatization of the CNMI's hospital services which, according to him, could be better provided by the private sector.

The government, he said, has no business running a hospital.

Privatizing CHC's operations would mean enormous savings for the government, he said.

For fiscal year 1998 alone, the proposed budget for public health services amounted to

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GROUND BREAKING. PSS Commissioner William S. Torres leads the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new classroom at Oleai Elementary School. (See story on page 6).

S.Korea urges North to join peace talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - President Kim Young-sam said Thursday that proposed peace talks would provide impoverished North Korea with a way to avert famine and possible political unrest.

Kim used his speech at the 97th conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to urge the isolated communist state to join talks aimed at a formal peace settlement in divided Korea.

The United States and South Korea hope that North Korea will accept their proposal when officials from the three countries meet in New York next week.

The North's food shortages are becoming critical, officials say. This week, North Korea for the first time admitted that children were dying of starvation.

"Through the proposed meeting, North Korea will be able to gain political stability and promote its economic interests," Kim said. "I urge North Korea to respond in a sincere manner as soon as possible."

Kim's speech marked the opening of the six-day IPU conference in which 600 legislators from 115 countries will discuss global peace and economic development.

The legislators will discuss issues including Russia's objection to NATO's expansion and a joint proposal by Morocco and Egypt for debate on safeguarding the status of Jerusalem. Increasing women's participation in politics is another topic pushed by female legislators.

On Wednesday, Defense Secretary William Cohen said North Korea's food shortages could prompt

potentially explosive responses by its military. Cohen is visiting Seoul to discuss regional security.

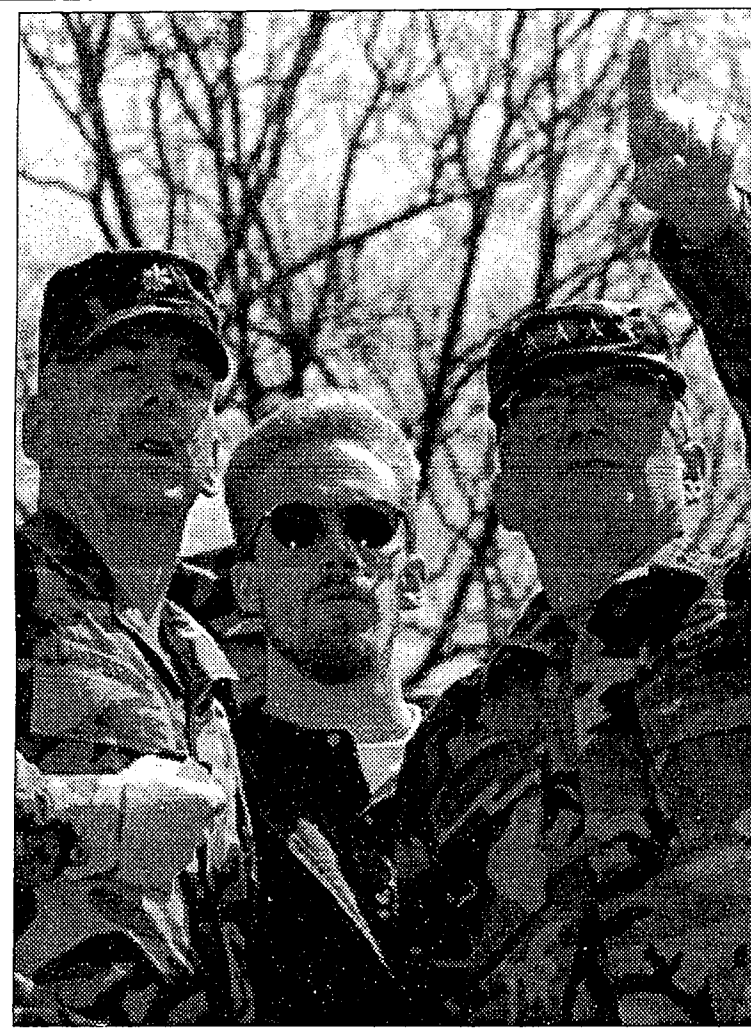
U.N. officials say the North could face famine in a month or two unless large-scale food aid is given. Recent visitors reported diseases spreading and people eating tree barks and grass roots.

On Monday, the United Nations appealed for \$126 million in emergency aid for North Korea for the next year, most of which would be used to feed its 2.4 million children under the age of 6.

Washington and Seoul have promised \$1.6 billion in humanitarian aid, but are withholding large-scale aid until North Korea enters the peace talks.

North Korea last week asked for a meeting of senior officials, during which it said it will make its official position known. The meeting will take place in New York around April 16, Seoul officials say.

In the proposed peace talks, the two Koreas will negotiate a peace agreement to replace the armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War. Washington and China will sit in as mediators.



Gen. John Shalkashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, points to the North Korean area while listening to LTC. James Laufenburg during his visit to the post guard in the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas at Panmunjom Wednesday. Shalkashvili arrived in Seoul Tuesday for security talks with South Korean government officials on the situation of the Korean peninsula. Center is a security officer.

AP Photo

Chinese military concerns US

By DAVID BRISCOE
WASHINGTON (AP) — China is working to become a major military power and will be able to produce 1,000 new long-range missiles within the next decade, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, meanwhile, said it would be "many, many, many years" before China has a first-class military. But he said China's past actions and other dangers in the region justify a strong U.S. missile defense system.

The Defense Department report, released by the House National Security Committee, predicts China will "continue to emphasize economic growth and economic modernization, rather than military might, as a foundation for national greatness."

But it says Communist rulers in Beijing are likely to build the

military "to the point where it can engage and defeat any potential enemy within the region with its conventional forces and can deter any global strategic threat to China's national security."

The report says China will continue to develop advanced military intelligence and reconnaissance capabilities, ballistic and cruise missiles, enhanced command and control networks, unmanned aerial vehicles, a rapid-deployment force and greater ability to deny the overall control of the seas that is key to U.S. Navy operations in the region. "China probably will have the industrial capacity, though not necessarily the intent, to produce a large number, perhaps as many as a thousand, new missiles within the next decade," the report said.

The security committee chairman, Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., characterized the Pentagon assess-

ment as the clearest official acknowledgment yet that China views the United States as its biggest threat to becoming a great power.

The report "reveals that the Chinese understand the need to create forces to offset the military advantages of the United States," Spence said.

He said if the Chinese were to establish a large missile fleet, it could "overwhelm any theater missile defense capability planned for this vital region and fundamentally alter regional calculations of the balance of power."

Gingrich, at a news conference with House members who accompanied him to Asia recently, described China's current military as "very obsolete."

"I don't think people should exaggerate either the size the

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Hong Kong plans restrictions

By DIDI KIRSTEN TATLOW
HONG KONG (AP) - Hong Kong's future government unveiled plans today to restrict political ties with foreigners, require police approval for protests and allow political parties to be banned.

It said it wanted to "strike a balance between civil liberties and social stability." But the Democratic Party called the proposals "flagrant violations of basic human rights."

Outgoing British Gov. Chris Patten said they would "undoubtedly tighten the screw on Hong Kong's civil liberties."

The proposed changes, outlined in a document released for

public comment, stem from recent moves by a China-appointed committee to roll back Hong Kong's civil liberties. The incoming government defends the moves as needed to bring Hong Kong's freedoms into line with the constitution China has written for it.

Patten, however, told reporters that the case for amending the laws "has not been demonstrated and cannot be demonstrated."

Under the proposals, people wanting to hold a demonstration after the July 1 return to Chinese sovereignty must seek police permission seven days beforehand, or 48 hours in spe-

cial circumstances, Michael Suen, policy coordinator for the future government, said at a news conference.

Demonstrators now must notify the police, but do not have to apply for permission.

Another change would prohibit groups that engage in politics from forming links with foreign political organizations.

Political parties would be barred from soliciting overseas donations, and could be banned altogether "in the interests of national security or public safety, public order or the protection of public morals."

Coupled with China's deter-

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Court rules on land dispute

By Ferdie de la Torre
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SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan issued yesterday a ruling in a 1995 land dispute case involving a Carolinian clan.

In an eight-page order, Demapan ruled that one-half portions of the subject Lots 1636 and 2004 NEW-RI in decedent Abel Rabaulman Olopai's name is not Carolinian family land.

Demapan said the court finds that the petitioners—co-administratrix Connie O. Igisomar and her siblings—failed to show convincing evidence that Abel engaged in fraudulent and wrongful conduct in procuring the two parcels of land.

The judge resolved the issues whether the lots is family land under Carolinian custom and whether Abel held one-half interests in the lots as a trustee to benefit himself and his siblings.

According to Demapan's order, Juan Olopai married Rosa W. Olopai, both Carolinians.

They had six children; Abel R. Olopai, Carmen O. Taitano, Benusto R. Olopai (deceased), Concepcion O. Igisomar,



Miguel Demapan

Margarita Olopai-Taitano, and Edwin R. Olopai.

Petitioners Igisomar and her siblings confirmed that their father Juan also had an illegitimate child, Amada O. Kaipat.

Abel passed away in Dec. 1994 and is survived by his spouse co-administratrix Carmel K. Olopai and six of seven children.

The original owner of Lot 1636 was Jacinto Olopai who gave it to his son Juan Olopai.

In 1963, Juan executed a Deed of Gift conveying all of his interest in Lot 1636 to his wife Rosa and Abel as tenants.

Petitioners assert that Juan's intention in conveying the lot to

Abel and Rosa was for them to hold it in trust for the family.

Igisomar testified that Juan conveyed all of his interest in the land in order to preclude his illegitimate child, Amada, from inheriting a share of the lot.

In 1982, Rosa's estate was probated and the plaintiffs consented to Abel's appointment as administrator because they trusted the latter.

Rosa's one-half interest in Lot 1636 was conveyed to her six children as tenants in common without any objections.

In 1962, Juan and Carmen Olopai a.k.a. Carmel O. Selepeo executed a Deed of Gift conveying Lot 2004 to Abel.

Petitioners assert, however, that because Juan and Selepeo trusted Abel to represent the family in land matters, they placed the lot in Abel's name to hold for the family in trust.

Petitioners also assert that Juan wanted to prevent Amada from inheriting in his share of the land.

In 1977, Abel conveyed, without his siblings' consent, one-half of Lot 2004 back to Selepeo so that she could give it to Amada.

Petitioners argue that the fact that Abel did not receive one-half of the war claim payments for the two lots demonstrates that he did not own the two lots personally, but, rather, held the lots as a trustee for the family.

Demapan in his decision said that Juan as a Carolinian was presumably knowledgeable of the traditional Carolinian land custom, but he did not follow it.

Rather, Juan's conveyance of all his interest to his spouse and oldest son as tenants in common was in direct opposition to the traditional Carolinian land tenure.

With regards to Lot 2004, Demapan said the lot was also not conveyed according to traditional Carolinian custom.

The judge ruled that a trust was neither expressed nor declared by Abel's father or his aunt Selepeo when they conveyed their respective interest in the lands to Abel.

Saipan hosts Crime Stoppers regional conference tomorrow

By Rick Alberto
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A BIG regional conference by Crime Stoppers International will take place tomorrow here, to be participated in by representatives from Canada, Ha-

wai, the Philippines, Guam, Palau, Pohnpei, and Yap.

"We're privileged to be hosting this first annual regional Crime Stoppers conference," said Martin F. Dueñas, vice chair of the NMI Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers, which began in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in September 1976, was established as a tripartite effort of the community, the media and law enforcement to effectively solve crimes.

The organization was introduced to Saipan in 1985 by Lt. Phil Dennis, then with the Guam Police Department, and Edward Manibusan, then the CNMI Public Safety director.

Dennis is now the regional Crime Stoppers representative, while Manibusan is now a judge of the CNMI superior court.

Dennis and Manibusan brought the idea to the Saipan Rotary Club, which was receptive. Rotary then established Crime Stoppers in March 1989 as its pet project.

Dueñas said they are limiting the number of participants in the conference to 100, although the opening ceremony at 9 a.m. is open to the general public.

Participants will include law enforcers and students from high schools and the junior high school.



Joe Villagomez

The conference will have Joe Villagomez, a noted addiction specialist, as keynote speaker.

Dueñas said they expect representatives from the Philippines where they will introduce the Crime Stoppers program.

Guam, Palau, Yap, Hawaii, Pohnpei and Canada will be sending representatives. Dueñas said. Other speakers invited to the conference include Dennis, Sgt. Margaret Tang of Hawaii Crime Stoppers, Robert W. Pearson of Guam Crime Stoppers, and Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Lino Tenorio.

The local Crime Stoppers is chaired by Manny Vilaga. Police Sgt. Arnold Sema serves as Crime Stoppers coordinator.



PHILIPPINE GROUP. The first group of tour agents and mediamen from the Philippines brought in by Continental Micronesia for a familiarization tour of Saipan pose for a souvenir photo yesterday at the La Fiesta Mall after a pizza lunch hosted by the Marianas Visitors Bureau. They were joined by La Fiesta Executive Vice President Kazunori Sadasue (left, second row) and MVB's Ed Diaz (second from left, second row). Photo by Rick Alberto

Bill to direct labor complaints to courts seen disruptive

By Jojo Dass
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THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration yesterday claimed the bill that would direct all labor complaints to the Superior Court is "obsolete," saying it could only disrupt "momentum gained in the speedy resolution" of these cases.

"There is no need for the bill... we're now keeping up with new cases and there already is a faster process (of hearing these cases). Timely resolution of complaints should not be a problem for us in the future," said DOLI Administrative Hearing Officer Lynn Asper.

DOLI, he said, is now closing an average of 1,200 cases a year as compared to 200 in 1994 when AHO was yet to be created.

"We're hearing 100 cases a month... resolving close to 100 for the same period," Asper said.

He said AHO hears an average of four cases a day except on Mondays when it handles about 10 "transfer-employment" cases, an average of two of which involves cases dating back to 1993 and 1994.

"But that's because most of the people involved have been missing for some time... or the papers were gone," Asper explained.

He said SC may need at least two years before it can catch up with the

cases should the bill eventually gains Gov. Froilan Tenorio's nod.

"The Superior Court will need an additional judge and someone familiar with labor cases," he said.

A ranking DOLI official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the bill "will set us back to where we were in 1994."

"There are about 600 cases with the AHO... you transfer them to courts and that would be an additional load."

It will be recalled that the Phil-

ippine Department of Labor and Employment, under the tenure of then Secretary Nieves Confesor, in 1995, moved to enforce a ban on the deployment of domestic helps, nightclub workers and other "high risk" employment groups after it found out that cases involving these workers have been pending for a period of about two years.

DOLE lifted the ban last year after the CNMI government vowed to initiate reforms addressing workers' concerns. The reforms include AHO's establishment.

The nine-member Senate passed House Bill 10-41 in an


unanimous vote last week.

The bill which has minor amendments is now being reviewed by the House which is expected to accept the Senate's proposed changes.

Tenorio is set to go through it once approved by both chambers. Introduced last year by Speaker Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), the bill would require non-resident workers to file labor complaints at the SC.

Those who fail to do so would have to pay \$500 for each day the case was not filed.

The bill claims DOLI's AHO has failed to resolve labor complaints "a timely basis."



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EDITORIAL

No reneging on Compacts

AFTER being told by the US District Court of Guam, in a recent ruling, to comply with the reporting requirements of the Compacts of Free Association, the federal government seems to have conveniently shifted to another new argument.

Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman is now suggesting that the law authorizing the Compacts really allows Guam and the CNMI to control the flow of Micronesians and may limit habitual residence.

So instead of keeping up with the responsibility of having to pay affected insular areas for the economic consequences of FAS migration, what the federal government is basically telling the insular areas is that free migration is not that free after all, notwithstanding the earlier commitments it made to the FAS states.

And of course, if migration is to be controlled by the island entities themselves, the US in a way will be relieved of having to deal with what could be huge reimbursement costs related to the Compacts.

One can appreciate the fact that the federal government has been in a cost-cutting mood and finances has been a core issue in most political battles within the national government.

But this does not in any way justify the high-handed manner in which the US has been reneging on its commitments to the islands.

It is not hard to imagine that with the US not adequately funding Compact impact, the insular areas are left with no choice but to control FAS immigration.

They have to do that, otherwise, they would have to contend with paying impact costs by themselves.

But the planned policy of the Tenorio Administration to place conditions on the entry and stay of Micronesians is tantamount to absolving the US of its obligations. Such an approach would only weaken the strongly-based argument put forth by Guam and Hawaii on the Compact impact issue. In effect, the CNMI will only be unfairly penalizing the FAS states for the federal government's failure or refusal to honor their word on the issue.

The result—no solution is reached; bickering develops—and the federal government could only watch from afar while Micronesian brothers argue among themselves.

The scenario unfolding concerning Compact impact is another example of how the US can assert its superiority over the hapless isles in utter disregard of how they may feel about the issue. It fortifies the notion that the mighty and powerful can have their way, regardless of the weight of their arguments.

If the US can employ a vacillating policy on Compact impact, then how can it expect the insular areas to keep up with a relationship that has been nurtured over the years out of mutual respect.

A practical and lasting solution is needed to put this issue to rest and reneging on commitments is not it.

The bottomline is, the US continues to be bound by its Compacts with the FAS people. On the other hand, the CNMI, Guam and Hawaii, being responsible members of the US political family, remains obligated to maintain its doors open for their Micronesian brothers.

Instead of giving in to the federal government's suggestion of controlled immigration, the CNMI should focus its energies on forcing the US to live up to the deal.

There are no two answers.

The only acceptable scenario is all sides keeping their end of the bargain in good faith.



Sakan Eleksion 1997

Ginen: John S. DelRosario, Jr.

ESTA i kabayeros siha ha tutuhon bumisita i plaset politika para pago na sakan eleksion. Kada kabayero gai kualidat ni ti siña tasoda' gi otro. Pot este na rason na kada botadot responsablidadña humusga haye gi entre i tres ni mañgarerera i propio petsona para i pueston gobietno.

Dididi' taftaf para ta guadog kabales disposision siha ni finatinas i tres kabayeros. Estake u halom i Julio na mes 'nai matutuhon i offisiat na estrakadan politika, mauleg deste pago adumididi' un' tutuhon kumahate todo i tres kabayero antes de u lebog i sadog politika. I tres señores para i pueston gobietno i sigiente: Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, ginen Gobietno as Pedro P. Tenorio yan Lt. Governor Jesse C. Borja.

Yangin makondakta i eleksion pago na haane, haye mohon gi hinason miyo i mas kapas na kabayero para gobietno gi hinalom otro sakan?

Gi katkuet kandidato, guaha kualidatña na mauleg para i pueston gobietno. I punto ni debi kada botadot presiso na u konsidera i haye gi halom i tres siña sumuhon i galaide' publikon Marianas pot para u lagse' kareraña gi halom katma yan napu? Maila' ta deka' un' rato kada kabayero.

I presente na gobietnota as Señor Froilan C. Tenorio solu primera na gobietno yangin un' atan madefenden direchon Marianas gumobietnan maisague'. Matatnga dumefende todo i finachochu' taotaota gi finkas pago ni ta gogosa gi menan Congresson Amerika yan maseha mano 'nai debi u tacho pot Marianas. Manhongge na ti debi u guaha kontribusion tax para todo empleao pareho ha' gi todo atos banda, bisnis yan gobietno. Dididi' kulan bastos pumalabra lao todo chechoña pot para una' libiano hinagong natibon este siha na islas. Lao debi u birague' tatte ya u limienda i telai ni ginen ha pokate yan taotaota.

Si Lt. Governor Jesse C. Borja i mas edukao na kabayero gi entre i tres komo ma'estudia abugao. Yangin eleksion gobietno dinetetmimina nu i dibate solamismo, ni uno siñatumbas i Lt. Governor Borja sa' primera paire gi este na offisio. Lao komprendiyon na gi todo kareran siyan publiko para iya hululo', guaha mas asunto na debi kada kandidato una daña kosake disente presentasionña gi hakeke konbinse na botadot siha. Kulan un' tolai, debi si Lt.

Governor Borja u hatsa ensegidas ennao na tolai kosake siña ha konduse i taotaota mone gi este na estrakadan politika. Lao taya' dinida na kualifikao para gobietno.

I ginen Gobietno as Teno' i menhalom yan eksperiensiao gi halom i tres ni mamalalago. Ti hasupag ya sen man-adahe gi todo disposision asuntun linahyan. Gi duranten i uttimo na tetminofia 'nai machuda halom giya Marianas todo klasen bisnis yan salape' ginen i mas mandañgkulo siha na kometsiante ginen hiyoñg. Ayo na hinalom napu ha tulaika i modun linala' natibo petmanente. Guaha bintaha yan disbintaha gi ayo na sakudida. Bintaha para i mangai tano' ni muna' ma' atkila finkas niha ya guaha inadahe. Lao infin, 'nai ha diñgo i pueston gobietno, ha poluye kantida na salape' (\$21 Miyon) para uson Marianas.

Lamegai na kuestion debi infaisen maisa hamyo pago antes de u buruka i airen Marianas ginen katkuet rikon. Ya maseha u fatto ennao na tiempo, debi un' eksisia antao na inebalua gi kada kabayero. Siempre u poduñg lamayot patte gi kaka' parentela. Na' triste, lao para talo sinkuenta años siempre u saga este na kustumbre gi halom botadot guine gi tanota. Siempre un' dia u faliñgo este na kustumbre 'nai mas i manhoben ni man edukao kritikatmente ha atan i kandidato yan i manmamamaila' siha na asuntun linahyan. Yangin checho' kandet 'nai paire hao, taya' bisnesmo umatrebe hao gi didog na checho' linahyan.

Gi este na biahen eleksion, debi u guaha lokue' mas inadahe gi haye para i 'elihe komo representasion miyo. Hagu' papa' todo i nina siñamo gi halom korasonmo kao magahet na i petsona ni para i 'elihe kapas para i pueston ni ha petsisige. Kao pot kinetbata si bingano osino sesso magasetna man-natata siha na asunto ni timan sustansiao muna' kualifikao matachoñg gi siyan publiko? Dios miho, yangin ennao na besis 'nai para ta elihe talo i manfatso pago na membron lehislatura, pot fabot tutuhon manman-usa kotbata sa' man-hita yan ennao na tropa.

Gaige i mañglo' este na pahina gi fina' katma antes de u palopu' hit un' metgot na pagyo. Trabiha kanifes mampas na attura 'nai hu pega i kuattan kuero ginen dadalag karabao. Todo i mumirese mabalas, siempre uchage dididi' mana' piliao. Yangin mauleg bidadamo, pues taya' siempre chathinassomo. Sen mas Si Yuus Maase!



Variations

Zaldy Dandan

'All too human'

Have you not heard of that madman who lit a lantern in the bright morning hours, ran to the market place, and cried incessantly: "I seek God! I seek God!"—As many of those who did not believe in God were standing around just then, he provoked much laughter. Has he got lost? asked one. Did he lose his way like a child? asked another. Or is he hiding? Is he afraid of us? Has he gone on a voyage? emigrated?—Thus they yelled and laughed.

—From F. Nietzsche's "Die froliche Wissenschaft"

IT IS EASY, perhaps even convenient, to dismiss the recent mass suicide in San Diego as something that should, at the very least, merit our pity—a shake of the head, a sigh, as if coins we flip to a beggar.

In the same perverse way why such movies as "Dumb & Dumber" were box-office hits, the death of 39 men and women who believed that a UFO behind a comet would soon take them to heaven merely confirms our "normality"; that we are not, unlike them, stupid.

Shortly after what the Washington Post termed as the "drama" at Rancho Santa Fe, the son of cult leader Marshall Heff Applewhite apologized to the relatives of his father's followers.

The son is a born-again Christian, which is why, according to him, he has "the real ticket to heaven."

Is he less "insane" than his dad was?

Any staunch atheist who should naturally be appalled by any religion, more so by one that believes that the One God of Three Persons actually came down to earth to be born in a manger, so He may be crucified and thus bring salvation to humankind—any such atheist would say that Applewhite's son is also deluded, but in a less unusual way.

For their part, true believers would consider the atheist abysmally ignorant, whose damned soul they would pray for.

Killing yourself for your religious belief, says UCSD associate professor Tanya Luhmann, is the extreme test of your faith.

Early Christianity, for example, had willing martyrs who would rather be the dinner fare for lions than recant their belief that the son of a Jewish carpenter was God.

During those days, the Roman aristocracy and intellectuals, comforted by their science, their philosophy and their gods, laughed at and "pitied" the members of the "Cult of the Nazarene."

Years and years later, however, a Roman emperor would claim seeing a "sign" from the Christian God, and soon enough, the cult became the state religion of the world's greatest empire at that time. Henceforth, it would be the Christians' turn to scoff at "cultists."

Still, says Luhmann, it is those Christian martyrs who should remind us that we can't take the easy route by saying that the San Diego cultists killed themselves because they were weirder than the rest of us.

"Just because a belief in [salvation through a UFO] seems...implausible you don't have the luxury of saying that the act of believing in [it] is fundamentally different from the act of believing in another."

It is not hard, she adds, for reasonable people to hold unreasonable beliefs. You can't prove them right, but you can't prove them wrong either.

UFOs, ETs? Richard Smoley, the editor of a New Age magazine, says these are but the postmodern equivalent to ghosts, angels and fairies—"the 20th century rebuilding of pagan pantheons."

In the case of the Heaven's Gate members, though we may find nothing but absurdity in their brand of spirituality, they were, in fact, "intune with their time." Says U.S. News's Erica Goode, "They designed Web sites. They got their cars washed. They wore Nikes."

Indeed, the line that separates religion and cult, faith and zealotry is so thin as to be almost blurred. All the world's major religions started out as "cults."

Goode says that today in the mainland U.S., there are some 3,500 "new religious groups" (the less pejorative term for cults).

All are characterized by a fascination with the impending end of the current millennium, a disenchantment with organized religion, and the isolation of later 20th century life.

Luhmann, who, for her doctorate fieldwork, got herself initiated in a group of "witches," says joining cults can be fun.

Members derive pleasure from knowing things nonmembers know nothing about. They acquire new ways of paying attention that help validate their ideas. And, more important, they are damn sure that they are the only ones who are to be "saved."

Applewhite, as Goode would put it, may be deluded in the finer points of astronomy, mistaken about the urgency of his situation, and unimaginative in his conception of alien life forms, but he offered universal goodies to his followers.

What Goode calls the craving to belong, the desire for orderliness and certainty, the wish to connect to something larger than oneself, the secret hope of finding an all-caring parent who offers protection and comfort—who would not like to have them?

And Applewhite, as the videotaped "testimonies" of his followers attest, was able to provide all these.

In the videos, Applewhite's "children" insisted that they were never brainwashed, that they were going to take their lives of their own free will, and that they would feel good doing so.

Unlike the 1978 carnage in Jonestown, Guyana, where those who resisted Jim Jones' order to drink cyanide-laced grape punch were forced to do so or were even shot, Applewhite's followers killed themselves eagerly.

In the end, though the Heaven's Gate members may have chosen an unusual—idiotic, some would say—means of affirming their faith, there was nothing strange behind their reason for doing so.

The San Diego episode will soon be a mere footnote, something that will be brought up when another cult-related tragedy occurs, but the yearning for a better existence will continue to haunt us, being humans, "all too human."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why ADA was enacted

Dear Editor:

IN his statements of position with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act, Charles P. Reyes, Jr., seems to have missed the point: certainly, accommodating persons with disabilities should be voluntary and done on a "charitable" basis (his usage, not mine). Unfortunately, the spirit of voluntariness and charity only goes so far, and our experience with our less able brothers and sisters has conclusively shown that it doesn't go far enough. That's why the ADA was enacted in the first place:

because voluntary compliance with standards of reasonable accommodation simply wasn't happening. The disabled were treated as second-class citizens, unable to enjoy the most fundamental protections that all of us as Americans are supposed to have: the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The ADA has started to change that.

So why should Charles Reyes (and the rest of us) have to pay for what ADA costs us? Because it's the right thing to do. Because we are our brother's (and

sister's) keepers. Because we are all a little poorer if even one of us is denied the opportunity to become a vibrant and productive part of society.

The merchant who has to widen a doorway or build a ramp can pass the cost on to his or her customers. I don't mind paying a few extra cents as a result. I don't mind having to walk a few extra feet so that there can be parking for the handicapped. That's part of the obligation we all have as members of the human race. It has very

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Charles' non-response to Ellena, Tim

Dear Editor:

MR. Tim Skinner has challenged me to respond to Ellena Sutton's letter. Please allow me to respond to some of his remarks as well as address Ellena Sutton's letter.

First, in response to his criticisms about my ridicule of Dr. Jack Angello, why does Skinner criticize me for attacking Angello personally? After all, it was Angello who attacked me first without reason.

Why does he blame me and not Angello? I presented the arguments;

Dr. Angello did not.

Tell me, does Mr. Skinner absolve Dr. Angello because he is Caucasian and I am not? Or does he absolve Dr. Angello and not me because he agrees with Angello and he disagrees with me? Is that fair? Is that just? Skinner should stop being either a racist or a hypocrite.

Either way, he appears extremely inconsistent—but I guess we should expect that from liberals.

Second, I did not respond to Ellena Sutton for several reasons. First, be-

cause Ellena Sutton didn't attack me personally like Angello did, so I am content to let her have her say, although I still disagree with her.

Second, because my response to Angello already included my arguments against the ADA and those who support it.

Third, because, let's be honest, Ellena Sutton's response was a complete emotional appeal. She made no solid logical arguments. She didn't even address my points at all. She merely tugged at the

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Embarrassed by Charles

Dear Editor:

MY NAME is Mariano K. Camacho, a graduate of Lassen Community College. I have spent 13 years in the T.T. and CNMI government. In 1990 I was voted by my peers as Government Employee of the Year. I am married and I pay my taxes.

In addition to being a full-blooded Chamorro, I also share the concerns most residents have about the future of our islands. I also have had a disability since birth. It is called "spinabifida." It is a condition where my spine did not

fully form before I was born. I have been in a wheelchair all of my life.

I must say that as a "local," I am truly embarrassed and ashamed by the things Mr. Charles P. Reyes Jr. has been writing about persons like myself, whose life, through no fault of their own, is more day-to-day difficult than his, even to do the most simple things.

I sincerely hope he never has the misfortune for him and his wife to have a child born with any birth defect. It is difficult, not just for the child, but also for the parents and brothers and sisters

who care for him.

Given a good loving and responsible family, the child can survive and thrive and become a productive member of his community.

However, judging Mr. Reyes' attitude from what he publishes in the newspapers, that able-bodied people are "not responsible" for the disabled, I would think that he would probably seek the "Communist Chinese Solution" for babies born less than perfect. They drowned them!! That handles the

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NMPASI's official response

Dear Editor:

THIS is the NMPASI official response to the letter of Mr. Charles P. Reyes, Jr. in the March 28 (Good Friday) edition of the Tribune. We submit it to you for publication because we cannot rely on the Tribune to do so.

Dear Mr. Reyes,

My name is Lydia F. Barcinas. I am the Executive Director of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy System, Inc. As such, it is my responsibility

to insure that our advocate and lawyer (Mr. William C. Campbell II) protect the rights of persons who, because of mental or physical disabilities, are unable to protect themselves. Another of our mandates is to educate the public as to their rights and obligations under the ADA. I think it would have been better for the public, yourself and the Tribune if you had bothered to take the time to learn something about persons with disabilities, the ADA statute, NMPASI and Mr.

Campbell before you wrote and published your article.

To correct the record:

1. You stated that the ADA "creates another sacred protected class entitled to preferential treatment in employment." This is simply untrue. Some elementary legal research would disclose that neither the act nor the caselaw provides any such "affirmative action." If you had checked with us, we would have been glad to answer your ques-

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Voyage: Message from past

Dear Editor:

ON Friday, April 11, most of Saipan will witness, either in person or on TV, the arrival of a canoe that some days ago set sail from the island of Satawal on a voyage into the past and future looking for the present.

And, as we witness the momentous arrival of a voyage steeped in history, in the joys and sorrows, the hopes and dreams, the birth, the death, the ending

to a new beginning, the beginning to a new ending of a people, we can be sure that these brave voyagers had risen and fallen with the waves to get to Saipan not only for themselves but for all of us so that Governor Tenorio's plan to conquer and divide Micronesians, to lay waste the bridge that connects and binds may not be allowed to continue.

If Governor Tenorio is part of the

welcoming committee on this day at the Carolinian Ut, I implore him to squint hard for a close look and to put both his hands across his eyebrows to block the sun out as he searches the horizon for the canoe, for there in the blue skies above and blue water below will be a timely message from the distant past and the future for the present.

JOE ASANUMA

Kudos to Labor and Immigration

Dear Editor:

THIS is an open letter to Secretary Thomas Sablan of Department of Labor and Immigration.

Too many government agency heads consistently lie to the public about the improvements that their agencies are attempting to make.

You and your staff are to be commended for making dramatic, positive changes in the timely release of work permits for foreign national contract workers.

On the Thursday after before

Good Friday, the firm for whom I work submitted documents for several new employees. The work and entry permits for these new staff members were released to us on April 9.

Your staff fully processed the documents for six (6) people and released them to their employer in eight (8) working days!!

No other Government agency has made the unprecedented turnaround in customer service exhibited by your leadership and the hard work

of your dedicated staff people.

I offer my congratulations to you and to your people for a job well done.

I would suggest to those inept, lazy, duplicious heads of other government agencies that they follow your example and that of your staff people.

Government agencies truly can work for the benefit of the people, and not to their detriment, when the head of the agency expects the best from his staff and is rewarded by receiving same.

DAVID M. KOCIT

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Torres: MHS cleanup not over yet

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

EDUCATION Commissioner William Torres said yesterday the Public School System and the Department of Public Works have not abandoned the cleanup program at Marianas High School.

"We are pursuing it vigorously," Torres said, as he tried to allay worries about the effect of mercury vapor at MHS.

He said members of the Pacific Environmental Resources, Inc., a chemical expert group from Guam, are now on island to continue the cleanup of MHS's chemical storage room where mercury substances spilled three years ago.

Torres was reacting to statements from some teachers who were alarmed by a laboratory report that says the exposure levels of mercury vapor at MHS exceed the "permissible limit" set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Torres said laboratory officials have told him that results of the analysis were "not really that alarming."

"People who don't understand technical matters should refrain from discussing these things. That's why we've hired experts and technical people to work on this matter," Torres said.

"We should let experts decide what is safe and what's not," he added.

The mercury spill took place three

years ago, but was given attention only after the Department of Public Health Services' sanitation office blew the whistle on the school's poor sanitation condition.

According to the report submitted

by Lab Safety Supply to PERI's manager David Taitano, the hallway near the storage room is exposed to mercury level that registered at 0.13 mg/m3, while exposure level at the storeroom showed a 0.09

mg/m3, exceeding OSHA's permissible limit which is 0.05 mg/m3.

The laboratory report alarms MHS teachers particularly those using the storage room.

Oleai to have new classroom

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

OFFICIALS and school administrators broke ground yesterday to signal the start of the construction of a new classroom at Oleai Elementary School.

The \$378,000 classroom project will be built by J.G. Sablan Construction.

Public School System Commissioner William Torres, and Public Works acting Secretary Martin

Mangiona said the project is expected to be completed in six months.

The Oleai classroom is not part of the government's \$60 million emergency classroom project, but one that was conceptualized in 1995. The fund was appropriated under Public Law 9-1.

The project is partly funded by the local government and the Department of Interior through the CIP fund.

Torres said it was only recently that the money was made available to PSS. Oleai Elementary School is one of

the three local public schools that were given a six-year accreditation term—the highest term that a school could get—by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

"The school is facing a bigger challenge now, and part of the challenge is to have more classrooms," Torres said.

Mangiona, for his part, promised that the emergency classrooms project is due to start soon.



Special education teacher Beth Lambert (right) does a sign language for students with hearing impairment, to interpret the speech being delivered by PSS Commissioner William Torres (in the podium) at Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony for a new classroom at Oleai Elementary School.

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Finals of Academic Bow tomorrow

SOME of the sharpest high school students in the Northern Marianas will be competing this Saturday for the privilege of representing the CNMI in the U.S. Academic Challenge Bowl.

This Saturday's CNMI High School Academic Challenge Bowl is the fifth and final competition in a series sponsored by the Public School System.

The Saturday's event, the CNMI high school state championship, is scheduled for 8 am - 12 noon at the seventh floor of the Nauna Building in Susupe, a news release from PSS said.

Students from Marianas High School, Rota High, Tinian High, Marianas Baptist Academy, Grace Christian Academy and Northern Marianas Academy are expected to compete.

The two individual scorers in each of three categories will earn spots on the six-member CNMI state championship team that will likely compete in the U.S. national competition. The three categories are: math/science/arts/music/humanities and social science/language.

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Decreasing US support worries DPHS

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

DEPARTMENT of Public Health Services Secretary Dr. Isamu J. Abraham has expressed concern over the decreasing fed-

eral assistance to the Pacific Basin's health system.

Abraham in his memo to all DPHS staff stated that the U.S. Federal Government has provided financial and technical

assistance to the region for decades, but it has already begun to decrease.

The federal assistance, the secretary said, will likely continue to do so.

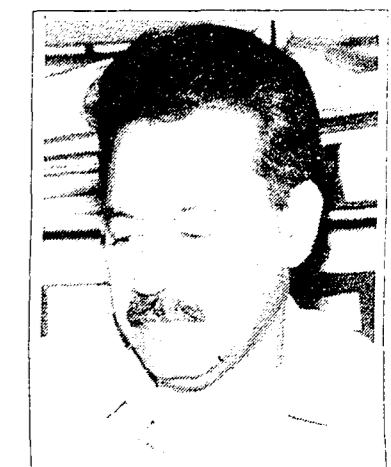
To address the problem, new ways of dealing with the health system will need to be developed, he said.

Abraham requested his staff to assist him in preparing to respond in discussions on current state of the Pacific Basin Health Care in the Commonwealth.

The secretary also sought assistance in terms of health training projects, initiatives for local practitioners, and recommendations to develop a strategy for program planning and health initiatives in the Pacific Basin.

Abraham designated health staff members to work closely with him during the upcoming Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, study tour in the CNMI.

The study is being supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department of Health and



Isamu J. Abraham

Human Services.

Abraham said the Committee to study the health systems in the US Associated Pacific Basin is set up by the Institute of Medicine Division of Health Services.

The US Associated Pacific Basin is composed of CNMI, Guam, Palau, American Samoa, FSM, and Marshall Islands.

DOLI records: Recruiter barred already from bringing workers

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

PETER LUCAS, the local businessman who allegedly facilitated the entry of about 21 suspected Filipino "tourist-workers," was already facing an order temporarily holding him from bringing prospective workers in the CNMI, it was gathered.

Records at the Department of Labor and Immigration showed that Lucas was found to have failed to pay at least three month's salaries for two Bangladeshi workers who was earlier granted employment under the former's firm, the Petrina Enterprises.

He also failed to apply for the necessary permits for the two, identified as Kazi Mohasin and Anamul Hasan.

Docketed as Labor Case 95-320 and 356, the records further showed that Lucas was ordered to pay the workers but was only able to put up with the first installment of the payment schedule, the amount of which was not specified.

"The complainants should be awarded the balance due from Mr. Peter Lucas and he should be temporarily barred from employing non-resident workers until the complainants are paid accordingly," ruled Linn Asper in his administrative order on the case issued, Nov. 27, last year.

Lucas was ordered to pay each of the Bangladeshis a total of \$366 in unpaid wages. He has, thus far, failed to comply with the ruling.

The foreigners were, for their part, granted employment to GTS Security operated by a certain Vicente J. Sema.

Lucas, on January 26 this year, brought in 21 Filipino workers who entered the CNMI as tourists.

He allegedly promised to provide them high-paying jobs.

He however sent back 14 of the Filipinos last Feb. after failing to keep up with his pledge.

The remaining seven fled

Bikinians seek nuclear safety check for IAEA

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety

MAJURO—An international scientific team will visit Bikini Atoll early next month to conduct an independent check on radiation levels at the former American nuclear test site.

Bikini leaders said that they requested help from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to evaluate U.S. Department of Energy findings concerning radiation levels at Bikini in line with proposals now under consideration for cleanup and resettlement of the atoll.

A U.S.-funded nuclear cleanup is now in the planning stage for Bikini. U.S. scientists, who have conducted environmental studies at Bikini since the early 1970s, report that the islands can be cleaned up so that the islanders can return to live there safely. The U.S. tested 23 nuclear weapons at Bikini from 1946 to 1958, including "Bravo" the largest U.S. hydrogen bomb ever exploded. Bikini islanders have repeatedly sought reassurance from independent scientists to verify the findings of U.S. government scientists before moving forward with cleanup plans. The U.S. has provided a trust fund of about \$110 million for cleanup and resettlement work at Bikini.

The IAEA team will arrive in Majuro in early May and spend a week on Bikini collecting a variety of soil, plant and lagoon sediments samples that will be checked for radioactivity.

They have been asked to corroborate U.S. findings of radiation levels in the environment, including measuring doses that people would receive from breathing air at Bikini and eating foods grown on the atoll. The survey will also look at levels of plutonium and americium in lagoon bottom sediment.

Leaders from Bikini visited IAEA headquarters in Vienna in late 1995 to request ongoing IAEA involvement in monitoring cleanup and resettlement programs at Bikini.

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Woman nabbed for 'shabu'

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A 30-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested yesterday for two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute it.

Concepcion Babauta Petersen made her initial appearance before the federal

district court yesterday during which Judge Alex R. Munson assigned an attorney to defend her.

According to the testimony of James L. Ayuyu, a member of a joint local and federal drug enforcement task force, Petersen sold less than a gram of crystal methamphetamine,

more popularly known as "ice," to a confidential source of the US Drug Enforcement Administration on May 30 last year.

The source, according to Ayuyu, was given a ziplock bag containing ice by Petersen.

Power outage to hit feeders 1 & 3 Sunday

THE PUBLIC is hereby informed that there will be a power outage for Feeders 1 and 3 on Sunday, April 13, 1997 from 9:00 am and to 5:00 pm. Areas affected will be

Puerto Rico, Middle Road, Navy Hill, Garapan, Gualo Rai, Chalan LauLau, Chalan Kiya, San Jose/Oleai, Susupe and partial Chalan Kanoa.

The power outage is necessary so as to allow the Power Distribution crew to relocate power poles and primary conductors on main power lines, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said in a public advisory.

The power line crew will try their best to finish their relocation work early to minimize unnecessary disruption and to restore power sooner than 5:00 pm.

The bag with the ice was then given to Ayuyu.

Ayuyu said that the substance was sent for analysis to the DEA Western Laboratory and that the analysis showed the substance was 100 percent pure d-methamphetamine hydrochloride.

Ayuyu claimed Petersen again sold ice, also less than

one gram, to a police informant at the Lower Base on July 3 last year.

The analysis of the substance resulted in 99 percent purity of d-methamphetamine hydrochloride, Ayuyu said in his statement.

Petersen will undergo a preliminary examination later this month.

Woman in child abuse, theft case enters plea agreement

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A WOMAN who was accused of stealing an air conditioner and abusing a child entered yesterday a plea agreement with the government.

Angeline Ada Benavente and her counsel Deputy Public Defender David Juarez signed a plea negotiation with Assistant Atty. Gen. Nicole Forelli.

Under the agreement, Benavente will plead guilty to burglary and child abuse charges. In return, the government will recommend the dismissal of the remaining theft charge.

The government will ask the court to sentence Benavente to five years in jail, all suspended.

Among the terms and conditions of the suspended sen-

tence is that the defendant shall perform 300 hours of community work service within two years.

Benavente shall seek appointment at the Commonwealth Health Center for an initial evaluation as to whether she is an appropriate candidate for counseling.

Failure to do the conditions of the agreement shall constitute a violation of the suspended sentence that requires the defendant subject to probation revocation proceedings.

Court information showed that on Aug. 5, 1996, Benavente with co-defendant Jose Cruz Aldan unlawfully entered a storehouse for GenPro International and stole an air conditioner.

On July 30, 1996, the defendant also slapped her 14-year-old daughter on the head.

Judge allows witness to testify in Chamorro

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

GUAM Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III has allowed the lawyers to question in Chamorro any witness during a trial in a lawsuit against Associate Justice Pedro M. Atalig and six other persons.

Lamorena in his pre-trial order allowed the attorneys for any party to question the witness in Chamorro citing it is a recognized language in the Commonwealth.

Lamorena, however, permitted the use of such language if the witness can communicate better in Chamorro. Otherwise, the judge said, the trial shall be conducted in English.

Lamorena set the trial on Rota on Jan. 12, 1998 at 10 a.m. which will begin with

the selection of a jury.

The judge requested all parties designate and disclose all expert witnesses who are expected to testify in their case by filing a list on or before May 5, 1997.

The Attorney General's Office filed in June 1996 a \$4-million suit against Atalig and six other persons over an alleged land grab on Rota.

Lamorena had denied Atalig's motion to dismiss for improper value as he (Lamorena) ruled that the trial be held on Rota.

Lamorena said there is no legal justification for dismissing the complaint as it would only result in delaying the case.

The Guam judge handles the case after Superior Court judges had recused themselves.

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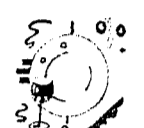
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Phase I of Tinian High project gets clearance

ACTION taken by the Public School System and the Department of Public Works this week has cleared the way for the completion of phase I of the Tinian High School project, PSS said in a news release.

Phase I is 85 percent complete, but issues involving funding and contractual obligations stalled the project's completion for several months, it added.

The remaining 15 percent of phase I, which includes completion of vocational education, science and agriculture classrooms, will be completed through an arrangement with the company that bonded the phase

I project contract.

Issues involving the original contractor—Guernero Brothers Inc.—were settled this week, the board said.

Board of Education Chairman Don Fanel hailed the action as good news for the people of Tinian, saying that if all goes according to plan, the construction of the additional classrooms could be completed by the opening of School Year 1997-98.

The resumption of construction comes along with an assurance that Tinian vendors who are still owed money for materials and supplies will be paid what is due.

Connie Adams to present painting to JKPL director

CONNIE ADAMS will present her watercolor painting "Books Tell Tales" to the Library Director, Paul Steere, today, April 11, 10:30 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Commissioned especially for the library, it bears the words "Books Tell Tales" and features five island creatures and of course, their "tails," a news release from the Library said.

A new poster based on the painting, honoring National Library Week, and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library have been printed by MTC, and will be available free on tomorrow

April 12, and for the rest of the week. The posters are free and all community members are invited to take one.

Other activities during the National Week include the presentation of the book keys to Okinawa Culture and a video tape of Saipan in the 1930's donated by the Micronesian Repatriation Association of Okinawa.

On Tuesday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. Choken Ginoza, chairman of the association, will present at the materials to the library and therefore, the community.

Flea market organized to benefit Joeten-Kiyu Library

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A FLEA market being organized by two Japanese women could be just the venue you need to discard recyclable items like outgrown clothes, toys, books and appliances that you don't need anymore.

By not just throwing them but instead selling them to people who may still find them useful, you would also be helping the Joeten-Kiyu Library.

Etsuko Kinoshita and Mayumi Kamiya, who are friends, thought of organizing what they call a recycling market to "reduce waste and preserve our scarce resources."

In fact, they're calling not only on vendors who have used items or old stocks but also on those who have home-made products to sell.

Kinoshita said that they had noticed that many people who have recyclable items left lying in their closets eventually throw them because they do not have people to give them to or don't have any sale outlet.

"We do not want to just throw our assets into the dump.

The clothing getting too small for you could fit someone, and the china you do not like could be useful to someone," Kinoshita and Kamiya said.

Kinoshita said the flea market, which will be on April 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Joeten-Kiyu Library parking lot, should also be a good selling venue for those leaving the island.

A seller can now reserve a space for \$10, which will be donated to the library.

In addition, a seller gives a

\$10 donation for the library if he or she realizes a sale of up to \$100; 10 percent if reaches \$100.01 to \$1,000; and \$100 (maximum donation) if the sale is more than \$1,000.

The organizers have given a list of items that can possibly be sold, including TV set, microwave oven, iron, flower base, scissors, towel, tray, calculator, alarm clock, floppydisk, and T-shirt.

Interested vendors can call Kinoshita at tel. 234-3690, ext. 1820; or Kamiya at tel. 288-5124.

Last day of registration for Flame Tree Festival

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture would like to notify all interested artists, craftspeople, food vendors, community organizations

groups that registration for the 16th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival is open up to this Friday, April 11, 1997 only. All participants requiring booths and all performers who wish to be noted in the printed program must register with the Arts Council by this deadline.

Registration forms are available at the Arts Council office by the Capitol Hill post office. A site map with all booth locations is posted at the office and all participants requiring booth space

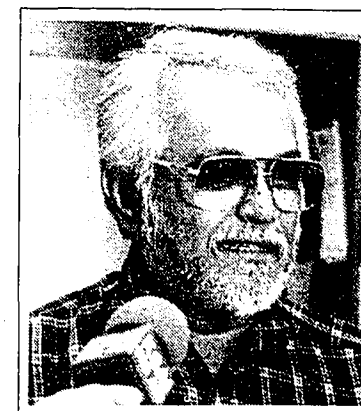
must mark their selected space on the map.

The 16th Annual Flame Tree Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11, 1997 at the American Memorial Park, west of the belltower along the beach side pathway. The Festival is sponsored by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, major corporate sponsors DFS Saipan Ltd., Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc., IT&E Overseas, many private donors and the American Memorial Park administered by the National Park Service.

For further information, you may contact at the Council Office at telephone 322(9989)

Lawmakers urge leadership:

'Reject Bird Island lease'



Stanley T. Torres



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

FOURTEEN of the 27-member Legislature are urging the rejection of a "secret lease agreement" Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio signed with Bird Island Development, Inc. for a hotel and 18-hole golf course resort project at the San Juan-Kalabera area.

The 40-year lease agreement involves 135 hectares of public land, and was signed on March 1, Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind.-Saipan) told the Variety yesterday.

Torres said he and the other signatories oppose the lease agreement "on the grounds that first priority for that public land should be given to the more than 2,000 homesteaders with pending applications, or landowners with pending land exchanges."

The letter stated that land should also be set aside for indigenous people to practice traditional and cultural farming.

"Our people should come first," the legislators said in a letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan).

"(T)his is not a political issue. It is a matter of setting our priorities."

Torres told the Variety that the legislators who signed the letter are all "very pro-business and pro-investors."

However, he said the way the transaction was handled "was not to the best interest of the CNMI and its people."

Aside from Torres, the signatories to the letter are Senate Vice President Paul A. Mangiona (R-

Rota), Sen. Henry DLG. San Nicolas (R-Tinian), Sen. Juan P. Tenorio (R-Saipan), Vice Speaker Jesus T. Atiao (R-Saipan), Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (Ind.-Saipan), Rep. Melvin O. Faisao (R-Saipan), Rep. Crispin I. DL Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Maria T. Peter (R-Saipan), Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan), Rep. David M.

Apatang (R-Saipan), Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Saipan), Rep. Oscar M. Babauta (R-Saipan) and Rep. Joaquin G. Adriano (R-Tinian).

The copy of the lease agreement, which requires the Legislature's approval, was sent yesterday to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Tenorio, an April 2 letter to Sablan and Benavente, said the project will be worth \$50 to \$60 million, and will "provide an almost permanent benefit to" local people.

"Our future generations will be the ones to enjoy the long-term benefits, together with the improvements on the public land once the leases terminated," he said.

No 'scare-tactics' for governor

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is not into "scare-tactics" and will never "bully" government employees to vote for him, his spokesperson said yesterday.

Mark Broadhurst was reacting to a Borja-Sablan campaign official who told the Variety Wednesday that about 70 percent of government employees are supporting their team, but are not coming out in the open "for fear of reprisal."

The campaign official, who requested anonymity, cited former lands and natural resources secretary Benigno M. Sablan as an example.

Broadhurst said he will not "dispute" the arithmetic of the campaign official, but added that it is a lie to say that Tenorio is

"scaring" government employees into voting for him.

"The governor is not into that, but when it comes to his cabinet, if you don't support the man who put you in, you should, of course, get out."

As an appointee of the governor, a cabinet secretary should be loyal to the governor, Broadhurst said.

"Mr. Sablan was even the chairman of the governor's party, and to expect that he be retained as cabinet secretary despite his running against the governor is plain audacity," he said.

After giving up the chairmanship of the Democratic Party, Sablan was named by Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja to be his running mate, and had to resign from the cabinet upon the "request" of the governor.



Mark Broadhurst

Borja wanted to challenge Tenorio in a primary, but the party leadership decided against it.

The Borja-Sablan team then announced that they will run as independent candidates.

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SVES teacher receives US Presidential award

REBECCA Tabingo-Sablan, a teacher at San Vicente Elementary School, will receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the highest academic award given by the National Science Foundation.

"I was so excited when I learned I won the award," says Sablan, who teaches second grade.

Sablan was recognized for her novel teaching method she calls "thematic technique."

"This is method where a different subjects areas are integrated with one another," she explains.

For example, she says, teaching or learning about plants can be a subject of biology, math, reading, and language.

She also won the award for her "hand-on" technique where students are given first hand experiences of the things they learn in their classrooms, and read from the books.

She takes them to the botanical garden to give students a better understanding about the science of plants. She also invites experts in medicinal plants to her classroom to talk about herbal matters.

The NSF gives the award in recognition of achievements and accomplishments in the field of science and mathematics.

Sablan will receive an official award letter from the Division of Grants and Agreements.

The school will receive a grant of \$7,500 which will be spent under Sablan's direction over the next three years for improving the school's science and mathematics programs.

The presidential award program is administered for the White House by the NSF Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education.

Sablan will leave for Washington in June to receive her award and meet other presidential awardees from other states and territories during the awarding ceremony.

"This award will certainly further broaden my teaching career. At the same time, I'm sharing this with the school," says Sablan, a native of Baguio City, Philippines.

"Having this chance to travel to Washington is another rewarding experience for me," she says.

Sablan has been in the field of teaching for 16 years, and has been teaching at San Vicente Elementary School for 10. (MCM)



Rebecca Sablan: Cited for excellence in Math and Science.

Japanese Society elects new officers

THE JAPANESE Society of the Northern Marianas held its regular meeting last April 8, at Saipan Grand Hotel, and unanimously elected members of its new Directors, a news release from the Society said.

The new officers are:

*President: Masaru Yoshino, President of Pacific Development Inc.

*1st Vice President: Takeo Kitami, Vice President of Kan Pacific

*2nd Vice President: Norio Yamada, General Manager of Tropical Laundry

*Treasurer: Shigeo Matushima, Front Office Manager of Hafa Adai Beach Hotel

*Secretary: Yoshiharu Nakamura, General Manager of Saipan TV Production.

Also, elected on same day were the Head of Each Department as follows:

*Cultural and Welfare Department: Taketomi Akiuchi

*Public Relations and Liaison Department: Kaishun Nishigaya

*Youth Group Department: Yoichi Yamane

*Educational Department: Etsu Ishikawa

*Athletic Department: Takeshi Nomura

*Female Group Department: Kazuko Sugasawa

The term of the new Board of members will be one (1) year, effective April 1, through March 31, 1998. Term of office coincides with Japanese Government and all Japanese Companies' Fiscal Year.

The main objectives of the Japanese Society is to continue the developments of acquaintances and opportunity for our services; to develop ethical standards in businesses and professions, and to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and friendships among the people of the commonwealth, and as well as business acquaintances.

Coral Reef Life Form of the Week

Cone shells



The Striated cone

THIS week's YOOR Life Form are the Cone shells. Cone shells are mostly tropical snails of the genus *Conus*, in the Phylum Mollusca. Cones eat other marine animals. Cone species are identified mainly by the coloration and sculpting of their shells.

Most coral reef cones specialize on food items within one of three general groups. They may be classified as worm eaters, mollusc eaters, or fish eaters. Fish eating cones are easily recognized. The openings of their shells have a wide gape that enables them to swallow small fishes whole.

Cones use a harpoon-like, modified tooth at the end of a long "proboscis" to inject powerful, paralyzing venoms into their prey. The victim is then pulled in, using the proboscis, and swallowed whole. The harpoon darts of cones are unique to each species and can be identified by their cones.

The activity of the venoms also varies among species. It is specific to the type of prey. Fish eating cones have the most powerful venoms as might be expected. Each cone venom consists of a number of toxins, each with a specific activity against the type of organisms upon which the cone preys. Research is being directed at understanding the role of each component toxin, in relation to the venom's action as a whole. Such understanding of specific components' activities upon specific types of tissues is already leading to the use of at least one of these components as a pain-killing drug.

The venom of all species of cones have some effect on humans: some may be fatal, while others may have a sting like a bee sting, or the bite of a spider. The venoms of fish-eating cones are probably most dangerous to humans, although even mollusc eating cones have been reported in Micronesia as causing fatalities. Envenomations have incurred by fishermen or collectors who

put a living cone in their pockets, or even from unknowingly eating a living cone raw. All cones are best left completely alone!

The specialization of coral reef cones stands in sharp contrast to temperate cones, which are more general in their preferences. This specialization of predators on specific prey organisms in just one aspect of the spectacular complexity of relationships between species in the coral reef community. Cones are but one example of coral reef organisms that specialize on specific food items. This specialization is in stark contrast to the situation in temperate marine communities? like that of California coast, where cone species, *Conus californicus*, feeds on a broad range of prey items.

Interestingly, the crab, *Calappa hepatica*, common on the reef flats of the CNMI are specialized predators of *Conus* spp. Recent research suggests that a diversity of species in a community is important in maintaining a stable community. In a community as complicated as that of the coral reef, a human impact on one species might easily affect other organisms, in ways that we might never have imagined at all.

Our reefs are beautiful and fascinating. The fragility and complexity of coral reefs, typified in the specialized predator and prey relations of *Conus* spp. demands that we humans, take special care to protect the biodiversity of our reefs.

As you encounter the fascinating cones, please bear in mind that the sting of some species may be fatal; and if you are a shell collector, please show respect for these important members of the coral reef community. As you do, remember that you are showing respect to the entire coral reef community upon which we depend for food and medicines. Coral reefs also protect our shoreline from waves, and are an important attraction for tourism.



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Presidential awardee to guest on 'Usapang Pinoy'

SAIPAN Cable TV live talk show co-host, Ma, Claudette Gasmen-Peters yesterday announced that Ramir O. Trinidad, a winner of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics will appear as guest on the CNMI's only Filipino talk show, Usapang Pinoy, this Sunday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

Trinidad is a mathematics teacher at the Marianas Baptist Academy since 1987. He teaches algebra, calculus, physics and computer courses to grades 7-12.

Trinidad was nominated to receive this year's citation by his students, and

GCA student tops Geography Bee, DC-bound

GRACE Christian Academy seventh-grader Rolando Dans Jr. won the annual Northern Mariana Islands Geography Bee last Friday, holding off strong challenges from students of Tanapag Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High School, PSS disclosed in a news release.

The competition, held at the Aqua Resort Club on Saipan, came down to the last question with Dans and Tanapag Elementary fifth-grader Andrew Moses tied.

To win the competition, Dans correctly answered the question, "What is the name of Libya's most populous city, which comes from the Greek word that means 'three cities'?"

The answer was Tripoli. Sheila Quiatichon, an eighth-grader at Hopwood finished a close third. The other participants were Ken Ichihara of Koberville Elementary, Collen Macduff of Mt Carmel School, Shy Maravilla of Marianas Baptist Academy, Clarence Masiwemai of Calvary Christian Academy, Roman Palacios of Saipan Community School, and Cedric Pitor of San Vicente Elementary. The competition was open to qualifying school-level champions, who could come from grades 4-8.

Commissioner of Education William S. Torres, who was on hand for the event, said all of the students who participated in the Geography Bee should be considered winners because they all demonstrated not only knowledge and abilities, but also "guts and determination."

As the NMI state champion, Dans won the privilege of representing the CNMI in the U.S. national Geography Bee in Washington, D.C. That event is scheduled for sometime in May.

Finals...

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The first four events in the series were team competitions—two in the junior high school division and two in the high school division.

The last junior high school competition, held on April 5, was won by the team from Grace Christian Academy, with Marianas Baptist finishing second and Calvary Christian Academy taking third place.

In the last high school academic challenge competition, held on March 22, the teams from Northern Marianas Academy and Grace Christian ended up tied for first place after a challenge to the answer to one question was upheld in favor of Grace Christian. Marianas Baptist took third, while Marianas High finished fourth in that event.

The first high school academic challenge, held on Feb. 22, was won by the MHS team.

For more information, contact PSS Vocational Educational and School-to-Work Program Specialist Patrick Tellet at 664-3726.



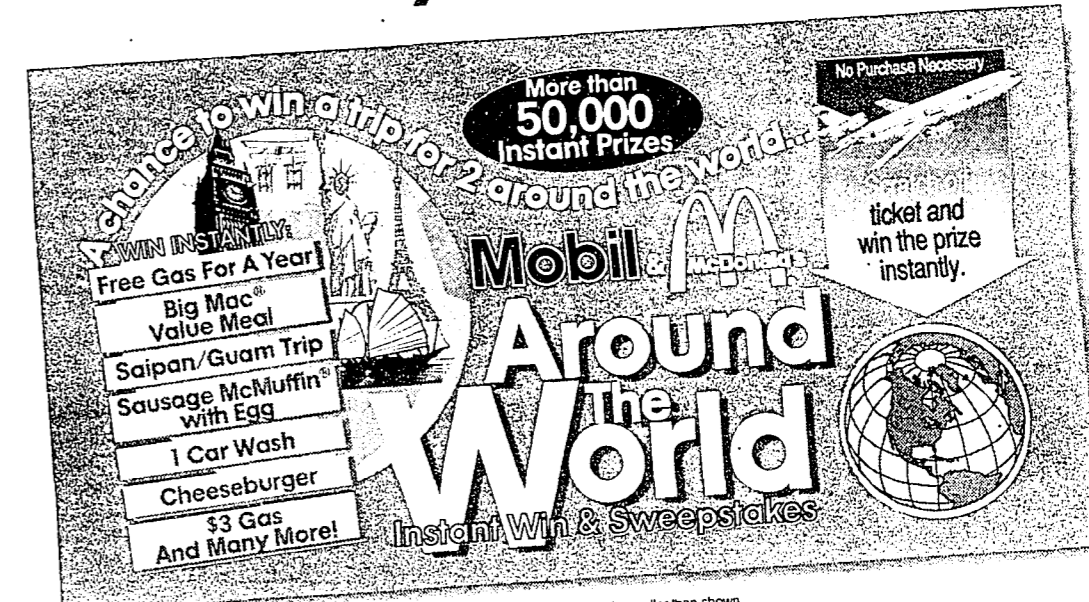
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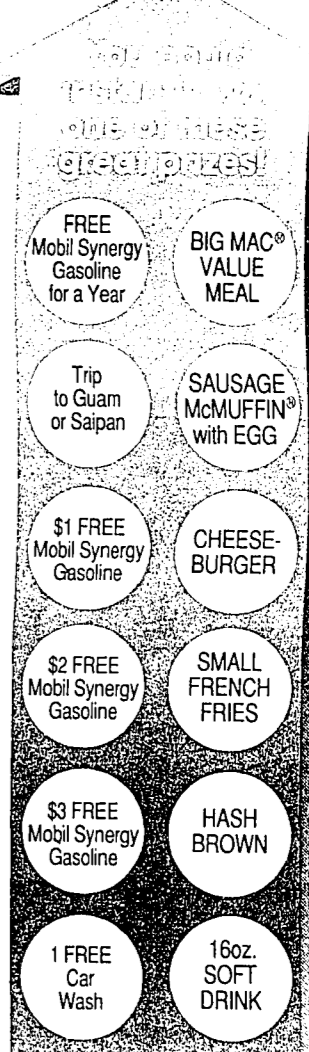
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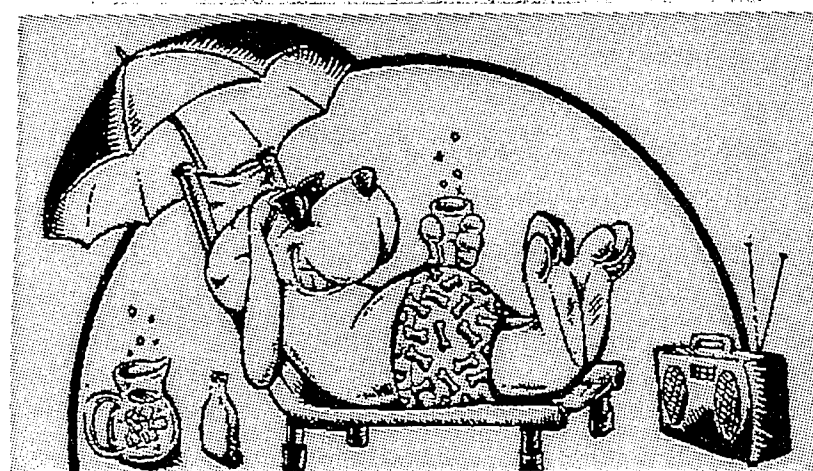
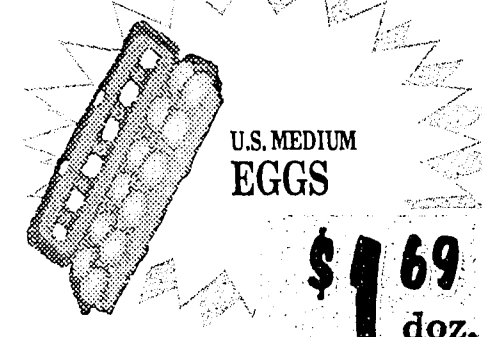
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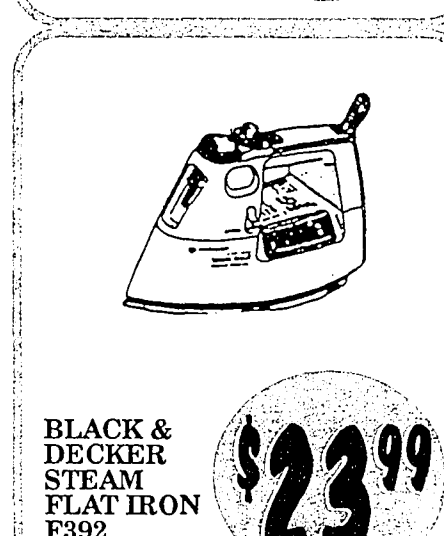


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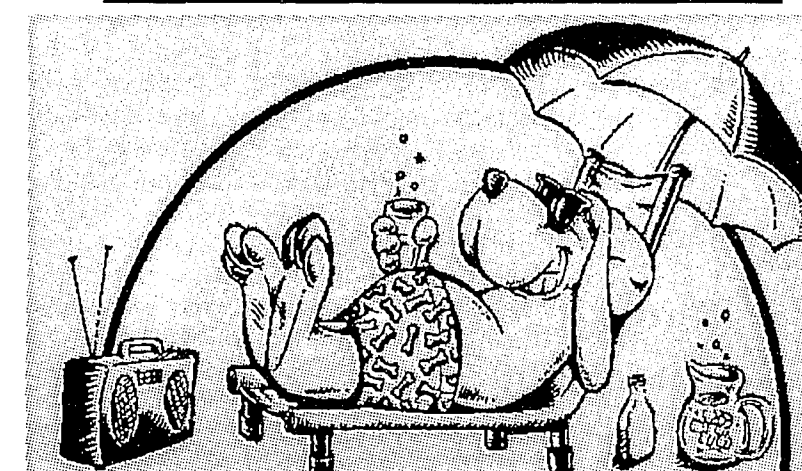
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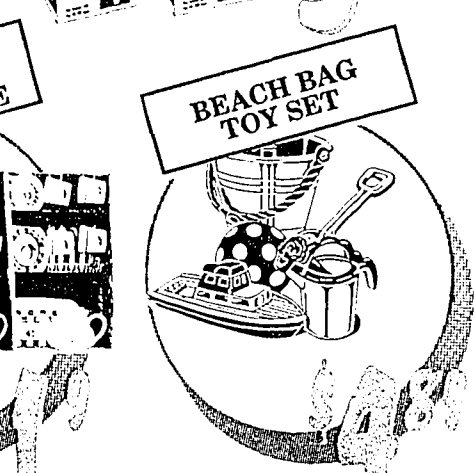
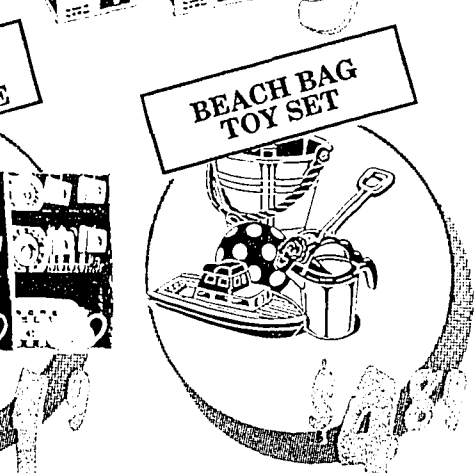
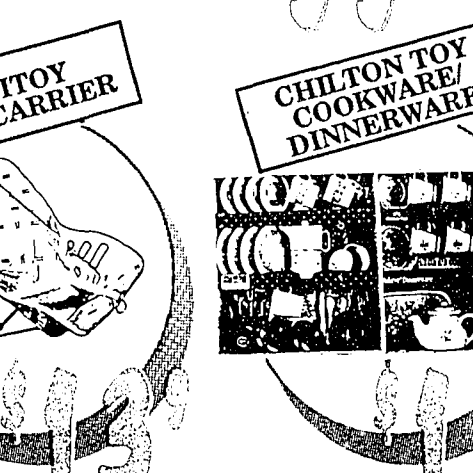
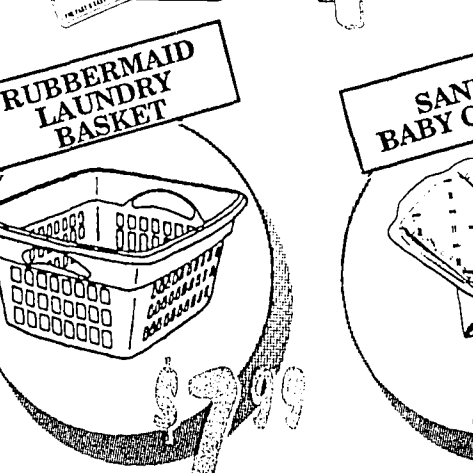
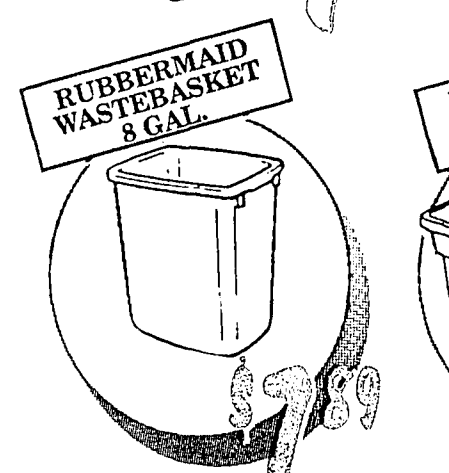
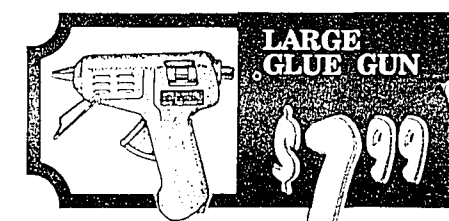
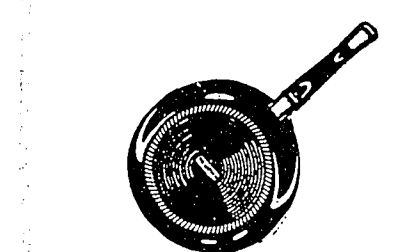
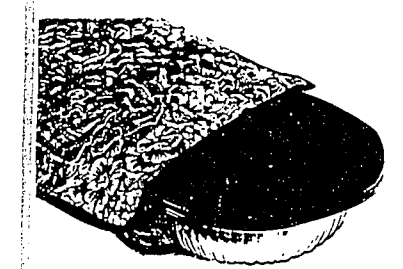
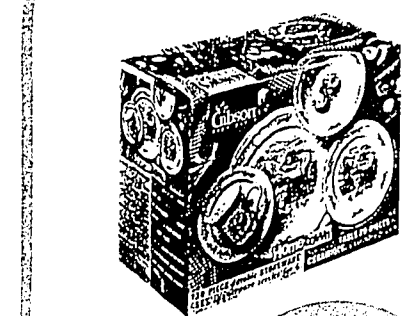


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Chan may have had interest in Sandline

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—The Andrew Commission of Inquiry in Papua New Guinea heard Wednesday that former Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan may have personal interest in the Special Forces Unit of the Defence Force and Sandline International.

Sacked Defence Force Commander Brigadier-General Jerry Singirok told the inquiry that the transfer of functions of the special forces unit to the Prime Minister's Department was for the convenience of the Prime Minister, NBC reported.

The special forces unit was created in 1995 to take on strategic roles but was later given to task of carrying out Bougainville operations. During cross examination Singirok said the unit was posted to Bougainville under the direction of Sir Julius Chan. He said while he had reservations about its lack of training and skills, the unit was engaged on the island because the

political direction had already been given.

The sacked PNGDF commander said Sir Julius planned to establish a "palace guard" to protect himself and other senior politicians.

Singirok told the inquiry that he was concerned about Sandline International chief executive Tim Spicer's direct contact with certain politicians. He suggested corrupt dealings in the Sandline contract during cross examination by Councillor assisting the Commissioner Lan Molloy.

Asked if he had any form of evidence to this suggestion, Singirok replied that the issuing of satellite telephones to the benefit of certain politicians was a clear case. He also said the fact that the then Defence Minister Mathias Ijape called him Bro with proposals for becoming a rich man if he engaged Sandline, speaks volumes in itself.

Regional News Update

Fiji expands tuna fishing

SUVA, Fiji (AP)—Fiji is expanding its lucrative tuna fishing revenues by increasing the number of commercial fishing licenses from 80 to 150 boats, the Cabinet said Thursday.

A South Pacific Commission study showed that fishing in the 500,000 square mile (1.29 million sq. km.) zone could be doubled

without endangering stocks.

An enlarged local fishing fleet will fish for the Asian sashimi trade and a government-owned cannery.

In the last five years, Fiji has become a major supplier of fresh tuna for the sashimi trade in Japan, Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast, with exports last year worth nearly

US \$30 million.

The Cabinet said the growing sashimi markets in Japan, South Korea and the United States are being expanded by newly established direct air services.

About 60 locally owned and U.S., Chinese, and New Zealand boats now fish under contract to Fiji-headquarters traders.

New tsunami warning system

HONOLULU (Pacnews)—A new tsunami—or seismic sea wave—early warning system has been tested successfully thirty-two miles south of Honolulu.

Starting on the sea bottom, at a depth of two-and-a-half miles, the test's collection of sophisticated electronic equipment was con-

nected to a floating surface buoy.

From there, the effects of a mock earthquake were transmitted to a satellite and then on to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center at Ewa Beach, near Honolulu. During a PACNEWS Honolulu Bureau interview, Dr. Charles McCreery, Director of the International Tsunami Information Center, called the test "a complete success."

When fully implemented, he said the Real-Time Tsunami Reporting System will eliminate blind spots in the current Pacific Ocean warning system of over 100 tide-gate stations, where "killer waves" can escape moni-

toring for as long as 40 to 50 minutes.

The new system, which will be capable of providing tsunami data every five minutes, also is expected to decrease false tsunami alarm reports, as occurred in Hawaii in 1986 and 1994.

The first of six of the new permanent warning devices is scheduled to be installed off Alaska's Kodiak Island next July.

Five more are planned, primarily in the northern Pacific, where island monitoring stations are not possible.

The total cost of the project will be about two-million US dollars.

Kiribati local flights halted

TARAWA (Pacnews)—Air Kiribati's domestic flights have been temporarily halted due to the grounding of the airlines' two aircrafts while its third plane has been grounded for sometimes with engine problems.

The grounding was made following an annual survey carried out by the Fiji-based UK Civil Aviation advisor Mike Whitel on the

aircrafts' airworthiness, Radio Kiribati reported.

Kiribati Civil Aviation Director Benitera Tabokai says the results of the survey will be released after Whitel submits his report on the planes to the airline.

He says normal flights will resume after the airline has taken steps to meet other civil aviation requirements with its planes.

Samoa wharf to get facelift

APIA (Pacnews)—Western Samoa's main port of entry at Matautu will receive a new facelift after Monday's signing ceremony of the work's contract between the minister for public works, Luagala Levaula Kamu and winning contractor Ah Liki construction.

The contractors according to Kamu will build in the next

six weeks a permanent park on the wharf site to hold all incoming and outgoing containers to the cost of 45,000 US dollars.

Included in the work's contract is the construction of a proper water drainage system on the main wharf where recent heavy rains showed problems with its earlier drainage systems.

Info leaks being probed

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister, Kilroy Genia has ordered an investigation into the leakage of information to a daily newspaper of recent changes by the National Executive Council on the appointment of Papua New Guinea Heads of missions overseas.

Genia expressed disappointment about the leakage of such important decision by the government and directed his departmental head to work closely with officials from the Department of the Prime Min-

ister and National Executive Council to investigate the source of the leakage, NBC reported.

He said the newspaper report ahead of necessary arrangements from concerned foreign government is contrary to accepted international practices.

He also said Papua New Guinea Heads of Missions with their families have served and represented the country well sometimes under difficult circumstances and therefore deserved to be advised of changes through proper channels.

Islanders find diabetes cure

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO—Marshall Islander Andrew Bilimon, a long-time diabetic with kidney problems, has eliminated his diabetes without the help of any medications.

Bilimon is one of an increasing number of Marshall Islanders who are turning to diet and exercise to control their diabetes.

"Since I joined this program last September, my blood sugar level has been normal,"

Bilimon told a large group of hospital patients, doctors and nurses participating in a newly launched campaign to fight the growing diabetes problem in the Marshalls.

The Ministry of Health is embracing a behavior change program to combat diabetes, hypertension, and other illnesses that was pioneered by the Newstart lifestyle program at the Weimar Institute in California. "This program works," Bilimon said.

Diabetes is the number one

reason for hospital admissions in the Marshall Islands, according to doctors. It accounts for kidney failure, heart problems, blindness, amputations, and a host of other ailments, according to Dr. Franklyn House, a physician with the Canvasback medical program based in California who was in Majuro to assist the Ministry of Health with implementing its diabetes-eradication program.

House said the problem is getting worse, not better. Statistics show that diabetes is "a crisis for the Marshall Islands," he said.

Bilimon emphasized that people with diabetes shouldn't depend on doctors to cure the illness because the solution is in their own hands "particularly now that the formula for curing diabetes" essentially a combination of diet and exercise, is now available from the Ministry of Health.

Bilimon told the hospital au-

dience that only half of his kidney functions properly, so he must prevent it from getting worse by keeping his blood sugar levels normal.

"If my blood sugar level is high, my kidneys will get worse," he said. "During my first day in the program (last year), I learned that if I exercise and eat the right diet, I won't have to take medications," Bilimon said, adding that for the past six months, he hasn't used any diabetes medication.

"Fruits and vegetables are best," he observed. Foods like breadfruit, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, etc. and products with a lot of "fiber," such as brown rice and whole wheat bread are good, too.

The diet and exercise program isn't easy in fact, Bilimon said "it's tough but it's for the benefit of your health." Since he began regular exercise and eating good food late last year, he not only

feels better but he has "peace of mind" that he will live longer and be healthier.

Ministry of Health officials in the Marshalls report that in the early 1950s, the earliest date that figures are known for diabetes, only three individuals were identified as having diabetes, and they were in their 60s.

"During the 1960s, diabetes began showing up in people in their 40s," House said. "Now it's not uncommon to find it among people in their 20s." House said there were at least two amputees at the hospital who were well under 30 years old.

"If this isn't brought under control, we'll start to see teenagers who are diabetic," he said.

A factor on the side of prevention is that there is almost no "type 1" diabetes here, which means that virtually all diabetes in the Marshalls is controllable with proper diet and regular exercise, House said.

Kwajalein missile range faces more funding cuts

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

KWAJALEIN—The U.S. Army's Kwajalein missile range in the Marshall Islands must find ways to cut its operations costs, or Washington will make the cuts itself, a top Army official said on Kwajalein.

The Marshall Islands Journal reported Thursday (April 10) that Brig. Gen. Robert E. Armbruster, the deputy commander of the Army's Space and Strategic Defense Command, said on Kwajalein that there are only two choices: "People on-island must come up with cost reductions, or another study team will soon make choices for us."

Kwajalein is the "catchers-mitt" for long-range missile launched from California. Kwajalein is about 4,200 miles southwest of the U.S. It is also the center for advanced computer, radar, telemetry and missile field testing for theater missile defense. Since late last year, the Army has conducted a series of tests involving missile launches from Wake Island and Aur Atoll into Kwajalein, where rockets are launched to intercept the incoming missiles.

Armbruster gave no specifics of the impact the impending budget cuts could have on employment of Marshall Islanders at the missile range. But the clear message is that Kwajalein's budget is going to be cut by October 1.

More than 1,000 Marshall Islanders work at service and maintenance jobs at the base. Army figures show that the base contributes approximately \$25 million to the economy of the Marshall Islands through land lease payments for use of islands in the atoll, salaries paid to Marshallese, and taxes on American workers.

Armbruster said that Kwajalein must cut its costs so that the savings can be used to fund future Kwajalein operations. He complemented the base for doing "a good job" in developing cost effective operations and "a great job" in test execution.

"But the budget environment in the United States is severe," he said. "We must

find more effective ways to do business. If we choose not to do it, it will be done to us."

Armbruster said that "each person at the range should think how we can free up dollars that we can then use for the operation" of Kwajalein.



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21 killed in RP fighting

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—Fighting between Muslim rebels and soldiers on a southern island has killed at least 21 people, the military said Wednesday.

The fighting on Basilan Island, 15 miles south of Zamboanga, has killed two government sol-

diers and at least 19 members of the Abu Sayyaf rebel group since Friday, officials said.

Rebel leader Akmad Sallih refused to confirm the military's report, but civilians fleeing the fighting outside Lantawan town said the number of casualties was

even greater.

Tensions between the government and another rebel group, meanwhile, disrupted peace talks on Wednesday. Representatives of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front refused to attend talks on a permanent cease-fire in Cotabato

City, 150 miles to the east.

Rebel leader Ghadzali Jaafar said his group was awaiting results of an investigation into the March 16 shelling of an Islamic school that killed 10 girls and their teacher in Maguindanao province.

Rebels allege the military shelled the school inside Camp Abubakar, the rebel's regional headquarters. The army denies

responsibility, saying the rebels themselves misfired a rocket launcher.

Abu Sayyaf and the larger Moro Islamic Liberation Front are the last two Muslim rebel factions still fighting the government. The front is a breakaway faction of the Moro National Liberation Front, which reached a peace agreement with the government last year.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW97-RFP-009

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the architectural and engineering design and construction management of the Kalabera Sanitary Landfill Project on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The sanitary landfill will be sited, designed and constructed to ensure full compliance with applicable federal and CNMI environmental regulations. Specifically, the new sanitary landfill must be designed in strict conformance with USEPA regulations promulgated under the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle D, Part 258, as amended.

Proposals will include the following and be limited to not more than twenty-five (25) pages of technical presentation:

1. Updated Standard Forms 254 and 255;
2. Design Approach and Methodology;
3. Time Frame for the Proposed Work; and
4. Fee Proposal in a separate sealed envelope

A detailed Scope of Work is available on or after Wednesday, March 26, 1997 at the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) at 60 percent of the cost, with 40 percent matching funds provided by the CNMI Government. The award of a contract for this project is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

Proposals will be evaluated by a DPW Evaluation Committee and a selection will be made based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and proposed staff (20%);
2. Experience on similar projects (20%);
3. Proposed project approach (20%);
4. Time frame for the design work (10%);
5. Completeness of the proposal (10%); and
6. Cost (20%)

Proposals must be marked "DPW97-RFP-009". One (1) original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted to the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, April 30, 1997.

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

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

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director of Procurement & Supply

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RFP: 97-0107

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the CNMI Procurement and Supply Office are soliciting proposal acquisition of medical equipment for the Commonwealth Health Center.

Specification may be picked up at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. All inquiries regarding this RFP will be directed to Mr. Jose Ichihara, Medical Supply Officer, (670) 322-8980-84, Facsimile number (670) 322-8987.

Proposals will be evaluated, rated, and selection made according to the following criteria and according to applicable Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Procurement Regulations:

1. Prices (CIF/FOB Commonwealth Health Center)
2. Equipment compatibility/capability to interface with equipment/system currently at CHC
3. Warranties on maintenance, parts and labor
4. Maintenance and repair parts/component support
5. Training on equipment use for medical staff
6. Delivery or Performance Schedule
7. Equipment Acceptability
8. Payment Terms

Interested parties must submit five (5) copies of their proposals in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 97-0107" no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 1997, to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Department of Finance, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950.

The CNMI government reserves the right to make single/multiple awards, to reject any or all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, to negotiate with all qualified offerors, or to cancel in whole or in part this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the government.

/s/ DR. ISAMU J. ABRAHAM
Secretary of Health

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director, Procurement & Supply

Bat species discovered in Subic freeport forest

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Scientists have discovered a tiny bat and two new rodent species in the 27,000-acre rain forest inside the Subic Bay Freeport, officials said today.

The species were first discovered in the course of a state-sponsored biodiversity project at Subic, formerly the largest U.S. overseas naval base, now converted into an industrial estate and tourism center.

Researchers from the Department of Science and Technology claim that the finger-sized bats, about 2.4 inches tall, belong to the

family of the Tylonycteris pachypus or Lesser Flat-headed bats, said Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chairman Richard Gordon.

They were found in an area of dense vegetation consisting mainly of small bamboo plants, he said.

Of the two rodents, one belongs to Chrotomys family and the other to the Phloeomys pallidus family, scientists said.

A full report on the discoveries will be presented April 22-25 during a wildlife convention, Gordon said.

Summer in Manila



A group of young boys enjoys the cool water of Manila Bay along Manila's Roxas Boulevard. Crowds still flock to these shores during the summer, despite high water pollution levels, as a cheap and convenient way to beat the summer heat in the city. AP Photo

Ex-envoy hits anti-Americanism

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety

MAJURO—Anti-American sentiments expressed by a Marshall Islands senator in the company of President Imata Kabua as reported by the New York Times last week, "do not represent the feelings of

the majority of Marshallese," said Majuro Senator Wilfred Kendall yesterday.

The anti-American comments were featured in a New York Times story under the headline: "Resentment in the South Seas: Yankee, go home. Send cash."

The former Marshall Islands ambassador to Washington, D.C. said that from his long experience in the U.S. capital, he knows how much damage the New York Times article has done to the Marshall Islands and its relations with the U.S.

It gives ammunition to opponents of aid to the Marshall Islands in the Congress, as well as many governments that are lobbying the U.S. to increase aid to their countries, he said.

"All responsible people here should react negatively to this story," he said. "Clearly, those involved in the story and the author do not represent our views."

He termed the anti-American comments, irresponsible.

Prior to resigning his Washington post in late 1995 to stand for election to parliament, he was the longest-serving ambassador from the Pacific in the U.S. capital, having been the Marshalls' ambassador since the mid-1980s.

Kendall said that the writer of the story, Times Tokyo bureau

chief Nicholas Kristof, also did an injustice to the Marshallese people by making a sweeping statement that Marshallese are anti-U.S. when he was here for only several days and obviously hadn't talked to many people.

The anti-U.S. comments play right into the hands of people on the Hill (in Washington) who want to cut back funding to the Marshall Islands, Kendall said. "There are a lot of new faces on the Hill who have no historical ties to the Marshalls," he said. "This type of comments give them ammunition against the Marshall Islands. It can really hurt us. It will take time to defuse the current backlash in Washington to the story, he said. "There's a lot of work to do to get our image back," he said.

SPC will study the impact of longline fishing in Marshalls

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety

MAJURO—An assessment of the impact that commercial longline fishing is having on fish stocks in the Marshall Islands will be conducted by the South Pacific Commission.

Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority director Danny Wase said the study by the SPC will likely start in late 1997.

The study was requested by the Marshall Islands as a result of concern expressed by the Marshalls Billfish Club about what many Majuro fishermen see as the negative impact of large-scale commercial fishing operations on the supply of billfish, tuna and other species that sportsfishermen hunt

for. The Marshall Islands is actively promoting itself as a sportsfishing tourist destination. In late March, the first in a series of package tour of American anglers spent a week fishing in and around Majuro.

The Marshalls Billfish Club has reported a reduction in the catches during tournaments sponsored in Majuro since commercial longlining started in the early 1990s.

The Marshalls began large scale tuna exports in 1991, with the basing of a fleet of Chinese and Taiwanese longline vessels in Majuro. Taiwan company Ting Hong now operates the Marshalls tuna export operation.

Statistics provided by the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority show that in 1996, 1,704 tons of tuna

was exported by Ting Hong. That was up from the 1,321 tons in 1995. A total of 1,729 tons was exported from the Marshalls in 1994, the records show.

Wase said that currently Ting Hong has only 42 fishing boats based in Majuro, half its previous number. Ting Hong boats pay a \$10,000 per boat license fee to fish in the Marshalls for one year. Wase said MIMRA is concerned with the decline in the number of fishing vessels based locally because it means revenues going to the government are down from 1995 and last year.

Wase described the license fee as being about five percent of the value of the catches that these boats take from the Marshalls.

Fiji, Vanuatu resume dialogue

SUVA (Pacnews)—A five-member government delegation from Vanuatu is in Fiji's capital Suva for second round consultations with the Fiji government on a Fiji/Vanuatu Bilateral Trade Agreement. The three day meeting which

began on Monday included factory visits and discussions on the legal text of the agreement, the Daily Post reported.

Vanuatu's delegation is led by the first secretary at the ministry of trade, commerce and industry while Fiji's is

being led by Josaja Maivusaroko, the acting permanent secretary for commerce, industry, trade and public enterprises.

The first round of talks was held in Port Vila in February this year.



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Pakistan, India break ice

By DILIP GANGULY
NEW DELHI (AP) - India and Pakistan broke through decades of tension Wednesday when their foreign ministers agreed to continue talks on problems that have brought their countries to war three times.

It was the highest-level meeting between the belligerent neighbors

in seven years, and held out the promise of a relaxation of hostilities.

"It was our first one-to-one meeting and I am very satisfied with it. I wanted to break the ice, so that future talks and negotiations can carry on in the same atmosphere," Pakistani Foreign Minister Gauhara Ayub Khan said after the hourlong

meeting with I.K. Gujral, his Indian counterpart.

The foreign secretaries — the top diplomats of each country — agreed to hold a second round of talks on the dispute over the Himalayan territory of Kashmir and other issues that have bedeviled relations in the last 50 years.

Those include thinning out the forces facing each other on the Siachen glacier — the world's highest battlefield at 19,000 feet — and trade relations.

No date was set for the second round of talks, to be held in Islamabad. The first round in New Delhi ended March 31.

Khan hoped the meeting would be held before a summit meeting of the seven South Asian countries in the Maldives in May.

Khan was in New Delhi to attend the meeting of foreign ministers of the 113-member Nonaligned Movement. He stayed on for a breakfast meeting with Gujral.

"We have built confidence with each other," Khan said. Gujral, after seeing off his guest, told reporters he had "very warm and friendly meeting and I endorse everything that he said."

But the two countries disagree on what should be discussed when. Pakistan says Kashmir is the core of their problem and must be addressed

first. India says that because Kashmir is the toughest issue, it should be dealt with later so that progress can be made on easier matters.

India controls two-thirds of Kashmir and Pakistan the rest. The two countries have fought two wars over the control of Kashmir after they won independence from Britain in 1947. The last war was in 1971, when India helped East Pakistan secede to become Bangladesh.

Many Kashmiri Muslims resent the rule by India, a predominantly Hindu nation of 950 million people. A rebellion that began in 1989 has killed about 16,000 people so far.



Pakistani Foreign Secretary Shamsud Din Ahmed, left, shakes hands with Indian Foreign Minister Inder Kumar Gujral after the two met in New Delhi. The meeting, the first in three years, signals the renewal of ties strained by the claims of both countries to the Himalayan territory of Kashmir. AP Photo

UN bans genital mutilation

By ERICA BULMAN
GENEVA (AP) - The heads of three U.N. agencies called Wednesday for a global ban on female genital mutilation, but said it could take three generations to wipe out the practice.

"Our joint plan provides the crucial

momentum to once and for all eliminate female genital mutilation, a dangerous and potentially life-threatening procedure that affects millions of girls each year," said Carol Bellamy, executive director of UNICEF, the U.N. children's organization.

Bellamy, who is American, said pressure is needed everywhere "to ensure every girl's right to a safe and healthy life."

An estimated 130 million women have had the procedure in dozens of African, Middle Eastern and Asian nations where the centuries-old custom is observed by Muslims, Christians and others.

The practice also has spread as emigrants from those areas move to Europe, Australia, the United States and Canada.

A number of countries have taken steps to restrict the practice. A law passed by the U.S. Congress in September outlaws genital mutilation on girls under age 18.

The procedure, typically performed on girls between 4 and 12 years old, can range from cutting the hood of the clitoris to more drastic removal of the clitoris and tissue at the entrance to the vagina.

The procedure, also known as female circumcision, can cause hemorrhaging, scar tissue, large cysts, sexual difficulties and problems in childbirth.

In cultures where it is accepted, it is normally performed by traditional practitioners with crude instruments and usually without anesthetics.

The U.N. plan to publicize the harmful effects of the practice in the countries where it is commonly performed. Target groups will include doctors, politicians, religious and village leaders, as well as traditional healers.

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Iraq defies UN sanctions

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Defying U.N. sanctions, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein sent an airliner full of Muslim pilgrims to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for devotions at Islam's holy cities.

The Iraqi Airways jet with 104 people aboard landed without incident at King Abdulaziz International Airport in this Red Sea port. The Saudi interior minister said two fighter jets were sent to intercept the Iraqi plane after it entered the kingdom's airspace without clearance.

But it was allowed to proceed once it became clear the passengers were pilgrims. Saudi officials said little could be done to stop Muslims from making a hajj — the pilgrimage to the Saudi cities of Mecca and Medina — even those defying a ban on flights from Iraq.

It was the first international flight dispatched by Saddam since the U.N. Security Council banned flights in and out of his country after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

In New York, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, called the flight a "flagrant violation" of U.N. sanctions. He said the United States, which monitors the Persian Gulf region with ships, aircraft and sophisticated equipment, would demand a strong statement from the Security Council condemning it.

Saddam was following the lead of Libyan ruler Moammar Gadhafi, whose country also is under a U.N. air embargo. Gadhafi has played to Islamic sympathies by flying Muslims to the Saudi pilgrimage.

Each time, the Security Council has ruled the flights in violation of sanctions but issued only mild rebukes.

Both Libya and Iraq charge the sanctions violate their religious rights. Libya is under a flight ban to try to force it to surrender two Libyans wanted for the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet that killed 270 people.

It remained unclear what route Wednesday's flight took from Rashid Air Base, just south of the Iraqi capital. Iraq is not supposed to send planes into the so-called "no-fly zones" patrolled by U.S. and allied forces over northern and southern Iraq.

U.S. Air Force officials declined comment on whether the plane had

entered one of the restricted zones.

Before leaving Iraq, the pilgrims — 40 women and 64 men, all over the age of 50 — were honored at a government ceremony.

Two sheep were slaughtered on the tarmac — an Arab custom to

safeguard travelers — and their blood was smeared on the jet's fuselage.

"We are happy with this gift from President Saddam Hussein to be the first to break the sanctions," said one of the passengers, Awatif Jaffar el-Baghdadi.

The Iraqis were allowed to complete passport formalities after the plane landed, said Prince Nayef, the Saudi interior minister. The empty plane later returned to Baghdad.

Islam requires Muslims to make the hajj to Saudi Arabia at least once

in a lifetime, if they can afford it. About 2 million Muslims make the pilgrimage each year. Nearly 1 million people have arrived in Saudi Arabia from abroad this year, the official Saudi Press Agency said Wednesday.

Chretien chides US for UN debt

By HARRY DUNPHY
WASHINGTON (AP) - Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien chided the United States on Wednesday for failing to pay the more than \$1 billion it owes the United Nations. Chretien said he would happily welcome the organization in Montreal if anyone wants to move it.

"It's inappropriate and it's wrong for the one who has the biggest debt to use it to get its way," Chretien said. "We pay our bills monthly, and I don't like it."

Chretien, on his first state

visit to the United States, told the National Press Club that Canada strongly believes the United Nations is the best mechanism for resolving international conflicts because nations were jointly responsible for its decisions.

He said it was unfortunate that the United Nations could not respond more quickly when international peacekeeping forces were needed because it was short of cash.

During his visit, the Canadian leader sought U.S. financial support for a Canadian-led U.N. peacekeeping force in Haiti. Canada has

said it is willing to stay in Haiti beyond the scheduled mandate, which ends July 31.

He urged the United States to resist the temptations both of isolationism and unilateral action.

"Canada has always been a great supporter of the United Nations and of a multilateral approach to dealing with problems of international affairs or international trade," he said. "This is particularly important in the post-Cold War world."

Chretien also said the financial benefit to New York City's economy from hosting the United

Nations outweighs the annual dues the United States pays the organization.

"It's a big business, the city gets a good return and I would be happy to take the United Nations in Montreal tomorrow," he said to laughter.

President Clinton has promised to pay the \$1 billion-plus debt to the United Nations. But Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wants the United Nations to make certain "benchmark reforms" before any payment is made.

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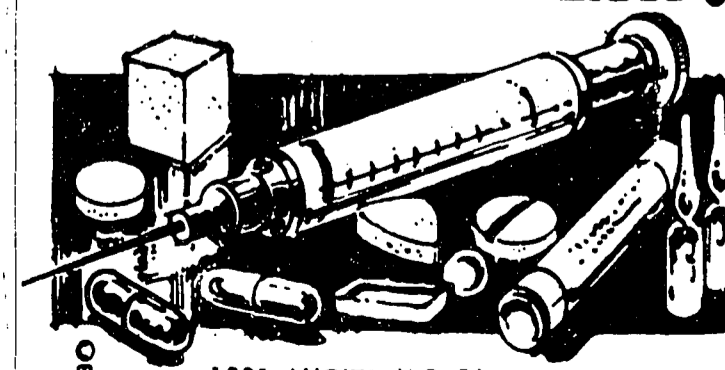
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Spare parts arrive on Mir

By MAURA REYNOLDS
MOSCOW (AP) — Fuel, fire extinguishers and spare parts have arrived at the aging Mir space station, allowing an American astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts to repair the systems that allow them to breathe.

NASA says the repairs are

critical, but the Russians, eager to protect the image of their space program, have portrayed them as less serious.

Mir has had a rash of bad luck in the last 1 1/2 months: a fire in February, followed by the failure of the main oxygen system and a partial power outage caused by trouble with

the system that keeps the station pointed in the right direction.

Last week, the primary system to purge carbon dioxide overheated, forcing crew members to rely on a backup air purification system. At the time, they were trying to fix a problem that sent the temperature in the main living module soaring to an uncomfortable 86 degrees.

The 11-year-old orbiting space station was only designed to last five years.

The accidents come at a time of deep tension between the space agencies of Russia and the United States. NASA is angry over the Russians' failure to deliver on time a critical piece of the new international space station. The potential for danger to their astronaut also heightens feelings over the situation aboard Mir.

The Russians are eager to protect their reputation. Space in general and the space station in particular are one of the few technical areas in which the Russians remain among the world's best.

NASA tends to be open about its programs and the

lives of the astronauts in space. Russians conduct their space program on a more military footing, with a minimum of openness and a focus on technical issues.

The Feb. 23 fire is a prime example. Russians described it first as a "micro-fire" that caused no damage and was doused in seconds. NASA later said it was bad enough to fill the station with smoke.

The Progress-34 ship that docked Tuesday with Mir brought three fire extinguishers to replace those used to put out the fire, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. NASA said it also brought sealant to fix pinhole-sized punctures in the coolant pipes of the air purification system.

The failure of the main oxygen-generating system is undoubtedly serious. NASA calls it critical, noting the station is using backup systems both to generate oxygen and to clean the air of carbon dioxide. They are concerned that there was only an eight- to nine-day supply of canisters for the carbon dioxide system before the cargo ferry arrived with more.

In the few statements they

have made, Russians have stressed that the backup systems are working fine and the station has a two-month supply of oxygen. Its cosmonauts are planning to remain aboard until August.

Even if all goes wrong, the crew can always evacuate the station and use the attached Soyuz capsule to return to Earth.

NASA astronaut Jerry Linenger, the fourth American to live on Mir, is supposed to return to Earth in mid-May. NASA officials have said that if they are not comfortable that the Mir is performing well, they may decide not to replace him.

Linenger expresses confidence in the station.

"I feel safe up here," Linenger said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "It's not like I stay up at night thinking what might go wrong."

But some of his bosses might be.

"I'm still confident we can make it to the end," NASA manager Frank Culbertson said last week of keeping Americans on Mir though mid-1998. "Obviously there are concerns, and there is a chance that we might not."

Winds delay trip tracing Earhart



Texas millionaire Linda Finch waves before departing in her Lockheed Electra 10E from Luis Munoz Marin airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Finch left San Juan bound for Venezuela in an effort to duplicate Amelia Earhart's attempt to circumnavigate the globe 60 years ago. AP Photo

By PETER MUELLO
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Stiff headwinds on Wednesday grounded a Texas businesswoman seeking to retrace the round-the-world flight Amelia Earhart began 60 years ago.

San Antonio millionaire Linda Finch postponed her takeoff from the Brazilian coastal city of Natal, about 1,300 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

"She's waiting for headwinds of less than 15 knots. They were about 15 to 20 knots today," Joe da Silva, a local representative of

United Technology International Operations, said by telephone from Natal.

That may not be too strong a wind for today's planes, but Finch is flying a restored Lockheed Electra 10E, a duplicate of Earhart's twin-engine propeller plane. And her next stop is across the Atlantic Ocean in St. Louis, in the West African nation of Senegal, 13 hours and 1,727 nautical miles away.

"A strong wind would leave her very little safety time, less than an hour," da Silva said. "The preoccupation is that she'll fight headwinds all the

way and not get there."

Finch will try to take off Thursday afternoon, he said.

The 46-year-old businesswoman left Oakland, Calif., on March 17, the same day Earhart took off in 1937. She plans to make 30 stopovers during a 21-month voyage.

Finch is seeking to retrace Earhart's 1937 trip, which nearly made her the first woman to circumnavigate the globe.

Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, vanished near Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean after completing 22,000 miles of a planned 24,557-mile journey.

Weapons treaty stalled



Bill Clinton



Jesse Helms

By DAVID BRISCOE
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's hopes to get Senate ratification next week of a 161-nation chemical weapons ban were stymied Wednesday as Sen. Jesse Helms said he plans more hearings on the accord.

After what appeared to be the end of hearings, Helms accused the administration of continuing to "stone-wall" on the treaty, which he said "in its present form, is not good for the American people."

Clinton, meanwhile, invited several senators to his White House residence for a private briefing on the pact, which takes effect April 29 with or without U.S. ratification. If the U.S. doesn't ratify the treaty

Helms, R-N.C., in a brief interview, declared his intention to hold more hearings of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which he chairs.

"They're not going to push me around," Helms said, denying that any deal had been worked out with Democrats to bring the treaty to an early vote.

"They were alarmed yesterday at the White House," he said. "That's why they sent Madeleine up here."

At Tuesday's hearing, the administration wanted Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to make only a brief statement before his committee, Helms said. But he demanded that she submit to questions, which she did.

Wednesday's three-hour, sparsely attended hearing featured two panels of former military and political officials—one group for and one against the treaty, which would outlaw production and stockpiling of chemical weapons.

Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick said the makeup of the

treaty's governing board needs to be changed because it does not guarantee a seat for the United States or other countries that have the most chemical weapons technology.

Retired Gen. Brent Scowcroft, former national security adviser, said U.S. interests would be best served by ratifying the treaty and working within it to correct flaws. He also said he'd talked earlier in the day with former President Bush who reiterated his support for the pact.

Meanwhile, two sets of behind-the-scenes negotiations were going on over Senate ratification of the accord.

One was between Helms and his party leader, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, over whether to allow the treaty to go to a vote. Helms said he had talked several times with Lott about the treaty.

Lott on Tuesday backed off from what he and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., both described as an agreement to bring the treaty to a vote before it takes effect. Lott later said he had not guaranteed there would be a vote but said he still hoped for a quick decision on how to proceed.

All Senate legislation requires the consent of all members before a vote can be scheduled.

The other negotiations involve Helms, treaty supporter Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., and administration officials. That focuses on provisions of the ratification legislation.

Democrats released a list of what

Daschle called "egregious conditions" or "killer amendments" proposed by Helms. They would:

—Require that Clinton certify that the convention is "effectively verifiable." The administration says it has high confidence that it can detect any violations of military significance but could not make such a blanket certification because monitoring capabilities are limited.

—Amend treaty articles to eliminate a provision for sharing chemi-

cal weapons defense technology and restricting trade in chemicals. The administration rejects anything that requires amendments to the treaty, which took years to negotiate.

—Require treaty ratification by Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, North Korea and China before U.S. ratification takes effect. The administration says that would give those countries veto power over U.S. participation in the important treaty.

2nd American youth arrested in So. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A second American youth has surrendered in the stabbing death of a South Korean man, police said today.

Eddie K. Lee, 17, of New York City, turned himself in Tuesday after U.S. military authorities and South Korean police began searching for him as a suspect in the April 3 killing, police said.

He was formally arrested today on murder charges.

Police identified Lee as a son of a Korean-born American civilian employee working for the U.S. military in South Korea.

Lee and another American boy, Arthur Patterson Jr., 17, of Colorado Springs, Colo., were accused of fatally stabbing Cho Choong-pil, 22, a

college student, during a fight in the restroom of a Burger King restaurant. Today, police referred Patterson to the Seoul District Prosecutor's Office for indictment on a murder charge.

A third American boy was questioned but cleared of involvement, South Korean police said.

Under a 1966 agreement, the U.S. military has custody of American military personnel accused of crimes until they have been tried in Korean courts and exhausted all possible appeals.

South Korean police get custody of civilian workers for the U.S. military and their family members if they are accused of serious crimes, but the U.S. military may request custody if an investigation supports a suspect's claim of innocence.

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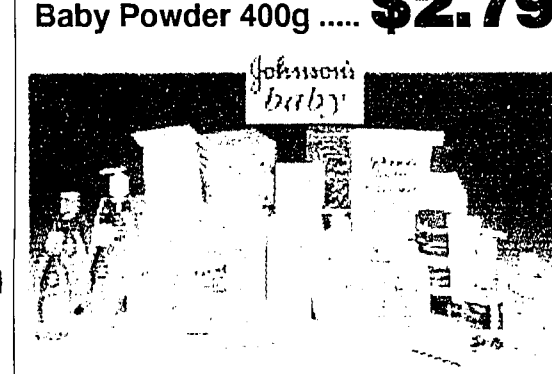
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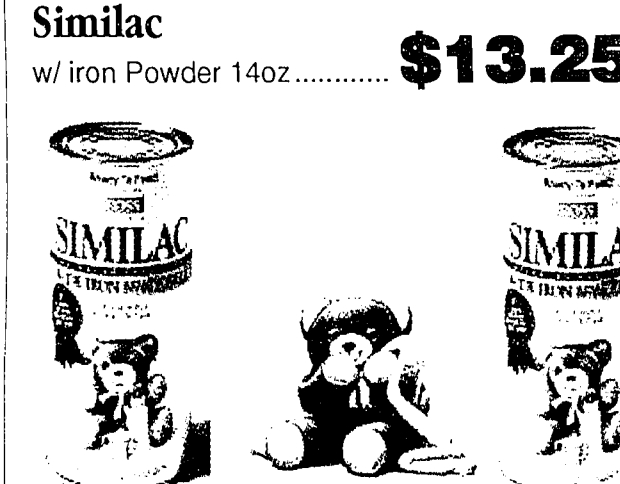
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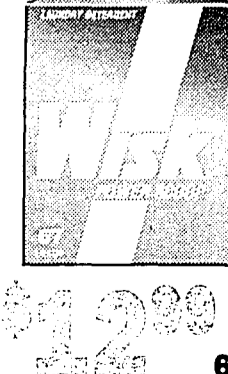
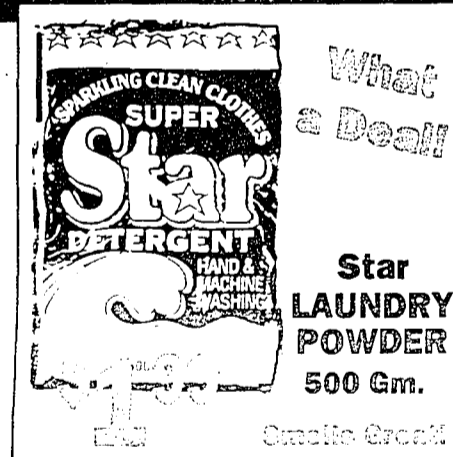
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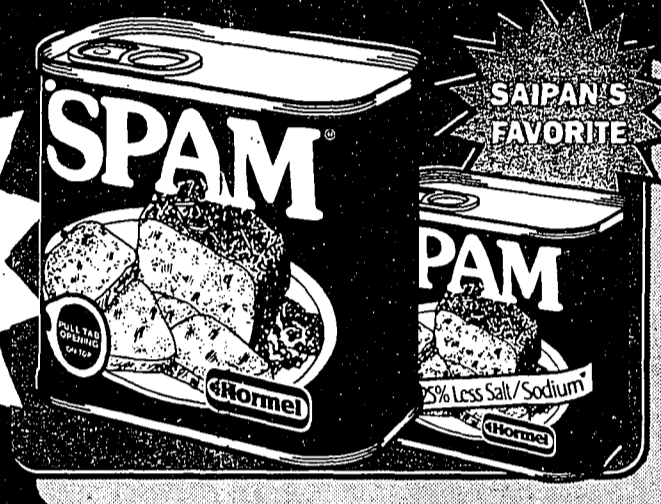
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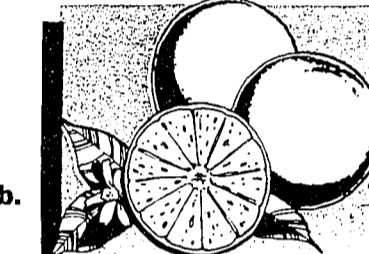
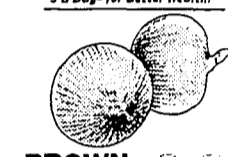
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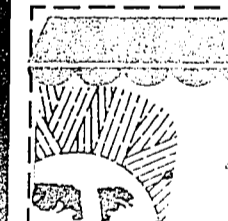
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UN: South Asia poorest region

By KATHY GANNON
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—South Asia is the poorest and most illiterate region in the world, yet its governments divert scarce resources to buying weapons instead of alleviating poverty, a U.N. report charged today.

"The South Asia region has

been sinking fast into a quagmire of human deprivation and despair," said the 153-page report, released at the end of a three-day seminar on development in South Asia.

It offered a litany of statistics that showed the region's deprivation:

- More children go to bed hungry every night in South Asia than anywhere else in the world, including sub-Saharan Africa.

- An estimated 134 million children work in South Asia. Many of these children work over 15 hours a day and are often physically abused.

- Of every 100,000 children born in South Asia, nearly 600 mothers will die. In some areas it is even higher: Bangladesh has 850 maternal deaths and in Bhutan has 1,600 mothers dying.

- The World Bank estimates that the region contains 40 percent of the world's absolute poor—those who live on \$1 a day.

- India spends \$10 per capita on defense and Pakistan \$26 per capita. On health and education, India spends \$14 per person and Pakistan \$10.

The report defines South Asia as Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives.

Mahbub-ul Haq, the author of the report and founder of the Pakistan-based Human Development Center, said the reasons for South Asia's slide include political instability, bad governments, corruption and lawlessness.

"The most frightening aspects of the current Indo-Pakistan confrontation is the rapid acquisition

of modern weaponry by both countries," the report says.

The two political powerhouses in the region, India and Pakistan, are believed to have the capability to build a nuclear bomb.

Haq's report recommends that South Asian governments provide primary schooling for 126 million children, basic health care for 690 million people, safe drinking water for 770 million people, adequate nutrition for 87 million children and family planning services for 287 million married couples.

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Leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party Tony Blair with his wife Cherie amongst crowds of supporters and the media in Northampton Market Square on day one of his official campaign tour. Blair holds a substantial lead in opinion polls as campaigning for the May 1st general election gets into full swing. AP Photo

Major backs controversial lawmaker

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister John Major, whose Conservative Party's re-election campaign has been dominated by accusations of sleaze, today gave guarded support to a legislator accused of corruption.

Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, also backed lawmaker Neil Hamilton.

"He is a good candidate and no-

body is perfect," Lady Thatcher, prime minister from 1979-90, said during a campaign trip to the southern English town of Dorset.

On Tuesday night, party activists in Tatton, Hamilton's wealthy parliamentary district in northwest England, endorsed his nomination for the May 1 national election by a 2-1 majority.

Hamilton, one of 10 Conserva-

tive legislators under investigation, is accused of taking money from businessmen in return for raising issues in Parliament.

The decision by Hamilton's supporters means the corruption issue will likely run through the campaign, and was widely seen as a blow for Major, who is battling to close the Labor Party's huge lead in opinion polls.

Major said the Tatton district Conservatives had the right to select Hamilton, adding, "I hope people will vote for him."

"Only if and when he is shown to have misbehaved—then he should face the House of Commons, and the House of Commons should decide how to respond," Major said at a news conference at party headquarters in London.

Opposition parties are not fielding candidates in Tatton, leaving Hamilton in a straight fight with a former BBC war correspondent, Martin Bell, who is running as an independent anti-corruption ticket.

Bell said today that he had resigned from the BBC, ending a 35-year career.

"I woke up this morning and I said 'I am in a difficult position and I am putting them in an impossible position,'" he said.

Gingrich offers tax reform

By ROB WELLS

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Newt Gingrich offered an ambitious agenda for tax reform Wednesday, saying he favors eliminating capital gains and estate taxes.

"I favor a zero tax on savings and job creation," Gingrich, R-Ga., told a press briefing on tax reform. "We're for zero tax on death benefits."

"We are going to have a tax cut this year. We hope the president signs against. We favor very low taxes," Gingrich said.

Gingrich's comments were made after he was criticized by conservatives for suggesting last month that a tax cut could be delayed this year while Congress first works on balancing the budget. Since those comments, Gingrich has repeatedly empha-

GOP warns military readiness is needed

By JIM ABRAMS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Today's military is plagued by overworked and undertrained personnel and would be hard-pressed to carry out another Gulf War-type operation, the chairman of the House National Security Committee said Wednesday.

Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., in a report on military readiness, said the current policy of cutting back on personnel while committing U.S. troops to more peacekeeping missions has seriously undermined the military's war-fighting capabilities.

"The reality is that years of declining defense budgets, a smaller force structure, fewer personnel and aging equipment coupled with an increase in the number of peacekeeping and humanitarian operations are stretching U.S. military forces to the breaking point," Spence said.

"We couldn't today do another Persian Gulf-type operation" with the same efficiency that marked the 1991 war effort, he said.

Deputy Defense Secretary John

White said he was "surprised" by Spence's report. Readiness has been the Clinton administration's "number one priority," White said, calling the U.S. military "an extraordinarily ready force."

"We took 889 people out of Albania last month without any injuries or any difficulties, because that force was ready to do that," White said. "We're in Zaire prepared to do the same thing if necessary."

Spence's report was compiled from committee staff visits to more than two dozen military installations in the United States and Europe over the past seven months. Democrats on the committee did not participate in writing the report and said much of its conclusions were based on anecdotal findings.

Among those findings were that 125 Army infantry squads—equal to a division's worth of fighting power—were unmanned, that quality and amount of training have deteriorated and that shortages of mid-grade, non-commissioned officers exist in all of the services.



Newt Gingrich

spoken this year in pushing for tax reform.

"I think they've learned their lesson... They were backing off on tax cuts. They were treating it like the Washington game of business as usual," Forbes told an audience at the conservative Heritage Foundation. "And they paid a price for it. And if they retreat again, we will fight them again, every inch of the way."

Several bills introduced in Congress this year would scale back the 28 percent tax on capital gains, but few go as far as the position stated by Gingrich. Some bills would reduce the bite of estate taxes, which can reach as high as 55 percent but few call for eliminating them altogether.

Gingrich's recent assertiveness on taxes pleased Steve Forbes, the magazine publisher and former GOP presidential candidate, who has been out-

spoken this year in pushing for tax reform.

"We will vote on a tax cut even if President Clinton opposes it," he said. "We will give the president a chance to veto the tax cut... and be on the side of bigger government and higher spending and higher taxes."

Gingrich appeared at an event supporting a constitutional amendment to make it harder to raise taxes by requiring a two-thirds vote. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, is scheduled to come to the House floor for an April 15 vote.

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Application forms are available on the Ports Police office located on the first floor or at the Administration Office on the second floor of the Arrivals building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated Police Clearance dating back five years. The deadline for submission of applications is April 18, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call CPA at: 664-3500.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers' Compensation Commission, are hereby giving notice that the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fund Conference Room, Saipan.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Adoption of Agenda
- C. New Business
 1. Presentation of Actuarial Valuation
- D. Next Meeting
- E. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Civil Service Commission hereby gives notice that the Board will meet on Thursday, April 17, 1997 and Friday, April 18, 1997. The Board will convene at 9:30 a.m. on both days, at the Commission's Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Additional information concerning this hearing is available at the Commission's Office, Building No. 1211, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The Commission may also be reached at phone numbers 322-4363 adn 322-6954 or fax number 322-3327.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Hearing on appeal of adverse action of Memorina R. Olopai
- IV. Announcement
- V. Adjournment

/s/ **EUGENE A. SANTOS**
Chairman
Civil Service Commission

DNC case delves into drug cash donation

By PEGGY HARRIS
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—An Arkansas lawyer was charged Wednesday with laundering \$380,000 in drug money and funneling some of it to the Democratic National Committee in 1992 and President Clinton's 1993 inauguration.

Mark Cambiano pleaded innocent to all 31 federal money laundering and conspiracy counts involving cash from a methamphetamine ring. The indictment does not say whether Cambiano has any link to Clinton. His name does not appear on a list of recent overnight visitors to the White House.

U.S. Attorney Paula Casey stressed that the people who received money from Cambiano didn't know the donations were dirty. She said the 41-year-old lawyer wasn't involved in drug trafficking, but moved the money for her to keep it from being tracked.

"The only comment I have is not guilty," Cambiano said as he left

court. "You hear that all the time, but in this case, it's really true. I'm not guilty."

The indictment said Cambiano, a defense attorney who specializes in death row cases, transferred \$20,000 from his bank account to the DNC around July 10, 1992, and transferred \$9,770 around Jan. 7, 1993, to the Presidential Inaugural Committee General Fund.

DNC spokeswoman Amy Weiss Tobe said attorneys would look into the donation and see whether it needed to be returned. The DNC has returned several questionable donations made during the 1996 presidential campaign.

Cambiano also used part of the money to buy real estate, put in a swimming pool, pay off a loan used to pay taxes, and pay off his home mortgage, the indictment said.

Casey said Cambiano's alleged activities surfaced during a drug trafficking investigation of alleged ring leader Willard Burnett and a county

sheriff, who have both pleaded guilty in the case. Cambiano laundered drug money for Burnett and former Conway County Sheriff James Carl Poteete, she said.

Poteete admitted in December that he caused a bank to fail to report a cash transaction of more than \$10,000.

Prosecutors said Poteete took \$11,000 from Burnett to buy land for him, but split the purchase into \$2,000 and \$9,000 increments. Had the entire purchase price gone through one agency, the lending company would have been required to tell the Internal Revenue Service about the transaction.

Burnett has pleaded guilty to drug charges, conspiracy to escape, money laundering, and conspiracy to commit capital murder in the death of David Cains, an informant who died before he could testify in the 1991 drug trial of a Burnett nephew.

Cambiano, of Morilton, was released on a \$25,000 bond. His trial date was set for May 27.



Vincente Ojinaga, a Bataan death march survivor, places a wreath on the monument outside the Bataan Memorial Building during a memorial service Wednesday in Santa Fe, N.M. Ojinaga was 24 when U.S. troops surrendered and was a prisoner for 3 years 4 months and 27 days. AP Photo

US Army to court-martial 2 sergeants on sexual charges

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Two U.S. Army sergeants will face courts-martial on charges of rape and other crimes against 18 women soldiers in one of the most serious sex abuse scandals for American forces in Germany.

Sgt. 1st Class Julius Davis of Fayetteville, N.C., and Sgt. Paul Fuller of Columbus, Ohio, will be arraigned Friday on charges of rape, sodomy and other crimes at the Darmstadt military training center, the army said Wednesday.

No date has been set for their courts-martial.

Davis, of the 440th Signal Battalion in Darmstadt, and Fuller, assigned to the 77th Maintenance Company in Babenhause, have been confined since Feb. 8 at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim.

Both men are also accused of obstruction of justice and intimidation of victims or witnesses during the five-month investigation of charges by 21 women that they were sexually attacked or harassed at Darmstadt.

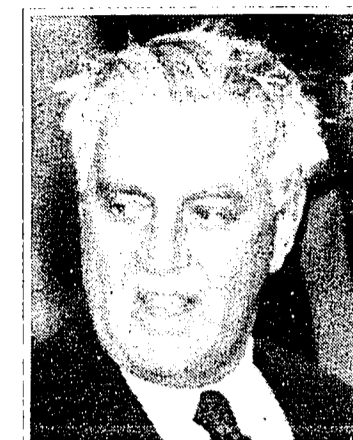
The Darmstadt training center, 25 miles south of Frankfurt, is where newly assigned soldiers are instructed on local customs and life in Germany.

Another man, Staff Sgt. Robert Robinson of the 596th Maintenance Company in Darmstadt, has been charged with fraternization and mistreatment of a soldier at the training center, but no decision has been made on whether he will be court-martialed, the Army 5th Corps statement said in a statement. His hometown was not given.

Some of the acts the three men are accused of allegedly occurred after claims of sexual misconduct were leveled at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland in November. Those accusations led to a broad investigation of sexual harassment and rape of women soldiers in the U.S. Army.

The Darmstadt training center's commander, 1st Sgt. George Watlington, of Greensboro, N.C., was reassigned in February to the 233rd Base Support Battalion. He has not been charged with any crime, according to David Court, Watlington's civilian lawyer.

However, the U.S. military's unofficial newspaper Stars and Stripes said Watlington is still under investigation for possible dereliction of duty.

Mondale to Japan: Apologize

Walter F. Mondale

By BARRY SCHWEID
WASHINGTON (AP)—Japan's leadership in the world would be strengthened if the country made a full apology for its actions in World War II, former U.S. Ambassador Walter F. Mondale said Wednesday. "They need as a nation to speak more clearly," Mondale said, while also complimenting Japan for its close ties with the United States.

Japanese prime ministers have made statements of apology, but the Diet, which functions by consensus,

has never been able to get all legislators to agree, he said.

"There are elements in Japan who do not want to confront what went on in World War II," he said.

"And yet," he noted, "we've gone from bitter enemies to have one of the most successful relationships in the world."

Mondale, in accepting an award from Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, made a point of declaring a need for Japan to "face history" honestly and directly.

As the American ambassador in Tokyo from August 1993 to last December, Mondale helped negotiate several U.S.-Japan security agreements, including a resolution to the controversy over the U.S. military presence in Okinawa. He also worked on trade agreements and promoting educational exchanges between the two countries.

For the most part, Mondale spoke glowingly of his experiences in Japan, its officials and the Americans who served at the U.S. embassy in Tokyo and in consulates and cultural centers around the country.

Taiwan: China pressured Mauritius to cancel visas

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Under pressure from China, Mauritius has canceled visas for 25 reporters and city councilors accompanying the mayor of Taiwan's capital to a conference, the official Central News Agency said Tuesday.

Taipei Mayor Chen Shui-bian and 14 city officials received visas and left Monday night for the 33rd conference of the International Union of Local Authorities, but six councilors and 19 reporters were barred after "Mauritius bowed to Beijing's pressure," CNA said.

Taiwan's Ministry called it a "deplorable incident," and a city government official said the visa cancellations violate an IULA resolu-

tion guaranteeing full participation for all members.

Taiwan and Mauritius have no diplomatic relations, but like most countries, the Indian Ocean island state recognizes Beijing.

China considers Taiwan a breakaway province, and seeks to isolate its government internationally. Chen also will visit Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Swaziland, all of which recognize Taiwan.

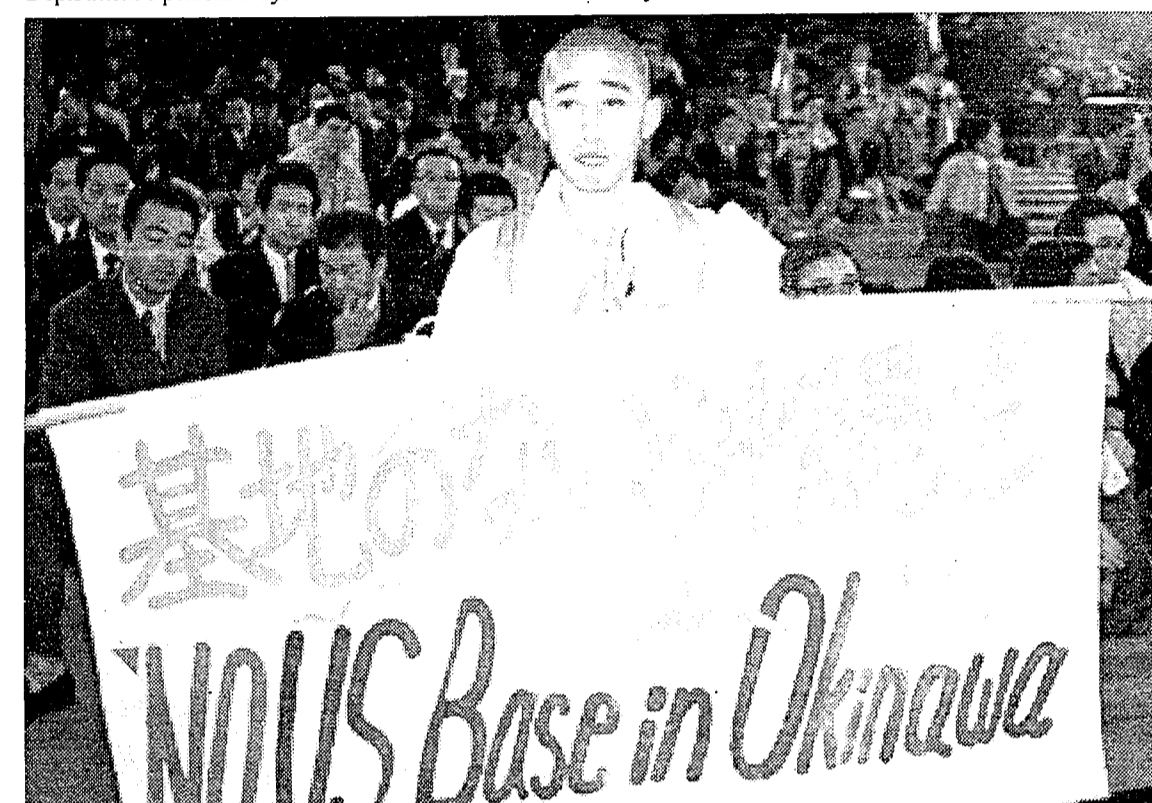
Meanwhile, Foreign Minister John Chang returned from a low-profile visit to the Philippines, another country that recognizes China, not Taiwan, the Foreign Ministry said.

But he complained that too many young Foreign Service officers were abruptly transferred to other posts and career officers were forced out of the service by the "glob"—the State Department's personnel system.

And he said that a "starvation" budget was shrinking U.S. foreign policy operations to a dangerous level and hurting "our diplomatic capability."

Mondale served 12 years in the

Senate, representing Minnesota. He was elected vice president in 1976 and was the losing Democratic presidential candidate in 1984, when President Reagan won a second term.



A Buddhist monk holding a banner reading "No US Base in Okinawa" attends a rally at Tokyo's Hibiya Park Wednesday last week. About 2,000 people marched through Tokyo to protest American military bases on Okinawa and legislation that would make it easier for Japan's government to force Okinawans to renew leases for U.S. base land. AP Photo

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INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SUBMIT COMPLETED

APPLICATION BY APRIL 14, 1997 TO:

Division of Public Lands, DLNR, P.O. Box 10007
Capitol Hill Main Office, Saipan, MP 96950

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMREQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP 97-005

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Food Service Management Companies for the operation (preparation, delivery, serving, and clean up at school cafeterias) of the School Breakfast and Lunch Program at Rota, Tinian, and Saipan schools for school year 1997-98.

The proposal must address the essential requirements to furnish breakfast and lunch to students attending certain schools on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. A copy of the RFP package and additional information are available and may be picked up at the Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan during regular working hours except holidays. For more information, all interested party may contact Mr. Jess Sanchez, Food Services Administrator or Ms. Tina Pham, PSS Nutritionist of the Food Services Program at telephone numbers 664-3709/0618. All proposals must be sealed and facemasked "RFP97-005, Food Services Privatization" and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., April 28, 1997.

A pre-bid conference will be held on April 09, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan.

All questions pertaining to this RFP must be submitted in writing Attn: Tina Pham, FNS Nutritionist, Food Service Program, 4th floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 4:00 p.m., April 07, 1997. Written questions may be fax to (670) 664-3717. Written response to all questions will be issued out during the Pre-Bid Conference.

A non refundable fee of \$25.00 U.S. Dollars must be attached to the proposal prior to proposal submission. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Public School System and made payable to the Public School System's Treasurer. The bidder is required to submit a copy of his business license.

The Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple awards or to reject any and all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the Public School System.

WILLIAM S. TORRES
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**Request for Proposal
"COFFEE SHOP"**

Saipan LauLau Development, Inc. (SLDI) is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for the operation and management of the Coffee Shop, located at the Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort in Kagman, Saipan. Proposing party should be a bona fide resident of the CNMI, and the granting of this concession is subject to the approval of DPL or DLNR.

Interested parties can obtain proposal specifications and further details at The Law Offices of Vicente T. Salas, located above HITA Travel in San Jose, Saipan. Proposals must be submitted in duplicate and in a sealed envelope marked "Coffee Shop", addressed to Mr. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 1309, Saipan, MP 96950. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 1997. SLDI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, and to waive or amend any defect in said proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in its best interest.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
"Pro Shop"**

Saipan LauLau Development, Inc. (SLDI) is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for the operation and management of the golf Pro Shop, located at the Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort in Kagman, Saipan. Proposing party should be a bona fide resident of the CNMI, and the granting of this concession is subject to the approval of DPL or DLNR.

Interested parties can obtain proposal specifications and further details at The Law Offices of Vicente T. Salas, located above HITA Travel in San Jose, Saipan. Proposals should be submitted in duplicate and in a sealed envelope marked "Pro Shop", addressed to Mr. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 1309, Saipan, MP 96950. Proposals must be received on or before April 18, 1997. SLDI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, and to waive or amend any defect in said proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in its best interest.

**Vietnam leader
asks Rubin's help**

Do Muoi

By IAN STEWART
HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — The Communist Party chief has asked U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to help Vietnam cope with the wartime legacy of Agent Orange.

Rubin met with Do Muoi on Tuesday, the final day of his three-

**Joint Thai-US
military
exercises to
be held in May**

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Five thousand U.S. troops will join 10,000 of their Thai counterparts in joint exercises across Thailand May 6-23, the U.S. embassy in Bangkok said Thursday.

The 16th annual Cobra Gold joint training exercise — the largest U.S. Pacific Command exercise this year — is aimed at strengthening Thai defense and demonstrating U.S. commitment to peace and stability in the region, an embassy statement said. Thailand has been America's strongest ally on the Southeast Asian mainland. The Thais, however, have also been bolstering their relations with China.

The training exercise will include joint land and air operations, naval, amphibious and special operations.

Thailand has total troop strength of 275,000, and its army is one of the better equipped in the region.

**169 executed
in Ukraine
in year 1996**

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine executed 169 convicts in 1996 despite having pledged to phase out the death penalty when it was accepted into the European human rights body in November 1995.

Ukraine temporarily halted executions after it joined the Council of Europe, but resumed them several months later.

Interior Ministry officials released the 1996 figure Tuesday.

Efforts to abolish the death penalty here have met with fierce opposition from lawmakers in parliament as well as citizens frightened by the rise in violent crime following the Soviet collapse.

day visit to Vietnam. The contents of the meeting were made public today by Vietnam's tightly controlled media.

"The use of the chemical still affects its victims 22 years after the end of the war," Muoi was quoted as saying by the English-language Vietnam News.

U.S. forces dumped Agent Orange, a chemical defoliant, on wide tracts of Vietnamese territory, trying to clear away the canopy of foliage under which they suspected communist guerrillas sought shelter.

Since then, a growing number of reports have raised questions about the long-term health effects on humans and wildlife exposed to Agent Orange.

It was not clear what kind of help Muoi was requesting from Rubin, but Vietnamese officials in the past have suggested the United States should provide financial assistance for people they say are suffering from side effects of Agent Orange.

Vietnamese officials say Agent Orange has been the cause of countless birth defects in children born to parents exposed to the chemical.

Scientists have offered no evidence linking children's defects to Agent Orange, but American soldiers and Vietnamese civilians directly exposed to the chemical later have complained of cancer and other health problems.



Robert Rubin

A prominent U.S. physician studying the effects of the chemical on people has been unable to compile data collected in Vietnam two years ago.

Research data, blood samples and food samples collected by Dr. Arnold Schechter were seized by customs officials in 1995 at Noi Bai International Airport in the capital, Hanoi.

Schechter was trying to establish a link between Agent Orange and birth defects in Vietnam. Schechter works with the State University of New York Health and Science Center in upstate New York.

Up until 1971, U.S. planes sprayed about 12 million gallons of the defoliant over parts of southern and central Vietnam. The total load included about 375 pounds of dioxin, a cancer-causing toxin found in Agent Orange.

Japan sales tax hike

A commuter pays for a packet of chewing gum to a sales clerk at a Tokyo subway station shop bearing new price tags as the national sales tax rose to 5 percent Tuesday. The government said the hike, up from 3 percent, was needed to speed a package of administrative and financial reforms and pay of Japan's burgeoning elderly population. AP Photo

Officials 'lied' on plant fire

Ryutaro Hashimoto

By YURI KAGEYAMA
TOKYO (AP) — Nuclear power officials have acknowledged lying to the government about making sure a fire was out at a reprocessing plant that was later hit by an explosion.

The disclosure late Tuesday dealt another serious blow to Japan's nuclear power industry, which has been plagued by accidents and charges of mismanagement.

The government sent a team from the Science and Technology Agency to the site today to investigate the cover-up.

Officials have said the radiation released in the March 11 fire at Tokaimura plant, 70 miles north-east of Tokyo, was not dangerous. At least 37 workers were exposed to low-level radiation, one-2000th of considered safe for a year.

Still, it was the worst nuclear plant accident in Japan ever.

The quasi-governmental Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corp., also known by its Japanese abbreviation of Donen, oversees the nation's nuclear power program. It said in its official report that the fire in the plant was confirmed as extinguished at 10:22

a.m.

But Donen President Toshiyuki Kondo told reporters the confirmation was actually never carried out.

"We thought there were no lies," Japanese media quoted a teary-eyed Kondo as saying. "We want to start a thorough review from scratch."

Ten hours after the fire broke out at the plant's waste-handling facility, there was an explosion in the same area.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Highly radioactive plutonium is stored and made into pellets in other buildings at the same compound.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto was outraged. "I am so angry I am left without words," Hashimoto told the Kyodo News agency.

Anti-nuclear lobbyists in Japan said the latest cover-up showed that Donen could not be trusted.

"Donen wants to minimize the accident and evade responsibility," said Hideyuki Ban of the Tokyo-based Citizens' Nuclear Information Center. "Donen is always covering up things. We need to get rid of Donen once and for all."

Donen suffered another major embarrassment in December 1995 when it was forced to apologize for an accident at a prototype fast-breeder nuclear in Tsuruga, 220 miles west of Tokyo.

No one was injured in that accident, a sodium leak in a secondary cooling system, and no radioactivity leaked out. But Donen came under fire for concealing videotape footage that showed the extensive damage to the Monju reactor, which remains shut down.

The fire last month at Tokaimura also appears to have been mishandled.

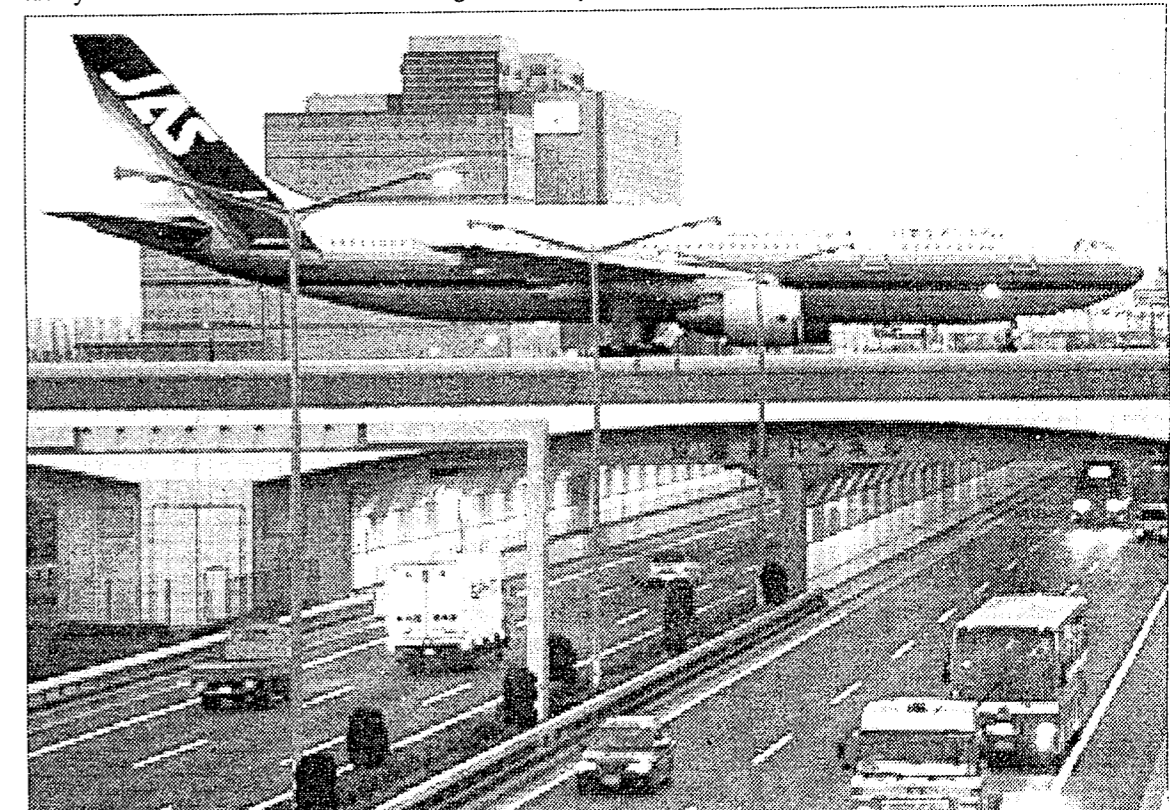
After discovering the fire, plant workers waited for orders from officials in another building for several minutes before turning on the sprinkler system. Then the workers waited

more than 30 minutes before contacting the local fire department.

Science and Technology Agency spokesman Nobuo Fujishima said the government planned to bring in

outside experts to review how Donen was being run.

"We plan to get down to the facts. We truly regret what happened," he said.



A Japan Air System Airbus-300 crosses a bridge at Haneda International Airport in Tokyo. Airplanes using a new runway that opened on a reclaimed land in Tokyo Bay must cross the bridge connecting the air terminal and the 3,000-meter runway which enables the facility to handle an additional 40 flights a day starting July. AP Photo

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The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-97-X-104 submitted by Chan Industry Corporation through their consultant EMPSCO-Engineering for the construction of Capitol Hotel and staff housing project located in Garapan, Saipan.

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

The public hearing is scheduled for April 24, 1997 at 6:30 pm at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan. A second and final notice of this public hearing will be published at a later date.

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

MANUEL C. SABLAN

Director

Coastal Resources Management

US to Mobutu: Step down

By GEORGE GEDDA
WASHINGTON (AP) — With Zaire plunging toward anarchy, the Clinton administration stepped up pressure Wednesday on President

Mobutu Sese Seko to arrange for a democratic transition, declaring that his 32-year rule is becoming "a creature of history."

The White House and the State



Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko greets a soldier outside his residence in the Zairian capital of Kinshasa during an interview. AP Photo

Department both issued forceful appeals for a negotiated settlement as rebel battlefield gains continued and as Mobutu fought for his political life, sacking a popular prime minister who defied him.

Asthouas of protesters marched in the capital of Kinshasa, the U.S. warship Nassau remained off Zaire's coast in the event the 500 Americans in the country need to be evacuated. An official suggested Wednesday an evacuation will be ordered if fighting spreads to Kinshasa.

Also on hand to help in an evacuation are 1,200 U.S. and European soldiers who have set up camp in the Congo, across the river from Kinshasa. Other forces are stationed in Gabon.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the situation in Zaire is being viewed with concern because what happens in that nation, with borders on nine other countries, affects the

entire Central African region.

While calling on both sides to seek a settlement, the administration's comments were directed mostly at Mobutu, one of the world's longest reigning dictators and a former U.S. ally who fell from favor once the Cold War ended.

"The era of Mobutu is over," said Burns. "Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history," said presidential press secretary Mike McCurry.

He said the "status quo is no longer tenable given the dire conditions that exist for the people of Zaire." The administration is pinning its hopes for a settlement on U.N.-sponsored talks in South Africa between rebel leaders and government officials that recessed this week after four days. A communique suggested both sides agree on the need for a transition process leading to democratic elections.

Burns urged a resumption of negotiations as soon as possible, agreement on an immediate cease-fire and progress toward a comprehensive settlement.

"There must be a transition," Burns said, adding that it is "fairly clear" that Mobutu is no longer in control of the economy or the political institutions of the country.

Burns also expressed alarm about the humanitarian situation in eastern Zaire, where, he said, "great numbers" of Rwandan refugees have died. He blamed both the Zairian rebel leaders who control the area and the Rwandan government, which is "dithering and delaying" on allowing repatriation of the refugees.

Citing U.N. estimates that 120 refugees per day are dying, Burns said, "Surely we cannot stand by and allow this to happen without public comment."

Who will run Zaire gov't if Mobutu quits

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — With the White House increasing pressure on President Mobutu Sese Seko to leave office, the question is: Who would run Zaire?

Under Zaire's transitional constitution, the president of parliament would step in as head of state until elections could be held.

Since the president of that parliament, known as the High Council of the Republic, was ousted two years ago, the two vice presidents — one representing Mobutu, the other the opposition — would run the presidency together.

But that constitution was annulled and the 740-member High Council, comprised mostly of Mobutu supporters, was ordered dissolved by Prime Minister Etienne Tshisekedi last week. Tshisekedi was fired by Mobutu on Wednesday, a week after his appointment.

Even as the White House is declaring "Mobutu is about to become a creature of history," Washington is not sure it wants rebel leader Laurent Kabila in charge either.

Kabila has repeatedly expressed his desire to topple Mobutu and prepare the country for a democratic transition. He has said he would agree to be president for a short time if that's what the people wanted. But he has also said he would not welcome outside observers or other political parties.

"I'm not very clear as to the democratic intentions of Mr. Kabila," Rep. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, senior Democrat on the House International Relations subcommittee on Africa, said Tuesday.

And Mobutu, who has managed to keep himself in power for 31 years by terrorizing and pitting his opponents against one another, has never appeared close to stepping down.

Just last week, when asked if he would run for the presidency that was supposed to be contested this year, he replied: "Nothing stops me."

Soldiers seize Zaire PM

By DONNA BRYSON

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — President Mobutu Sese Seko tried to reassert control over his crumbling country Wednesday, firing the prime minister shortly after soldiers seized him during a protest march. An army general replaced him.

Defense Ministry spokesman Leon Kalima said the changes were ordered because of "the gravity of the situation." Soldiers fired tear gas today to break up a march by thousands of Prime Minister Etienne Tshisekedi's supporters and there were reports rebels had entered — and possibly captured — Zaire's second-largest city.

The White House today urged Mobutu to resign and go into exile. "Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

Kalima said the new prime minister, Gen. Likulia Bolongo, the defense minister and former army chief of staff, was "well-suited to calm" the situation.

Rebels have captured the eastern third of Zaire in a seven-month campaign to end

Rebels aim for capital

By DONNA BRYSON

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Soldiers firing tear gas broke up an anti-government protest march Wednesday and seized the prime minister before he could move into his new office.

Six soldiers forced Etienne Tshisekedi into a four-wheel drive vehicle and drove him away after he had arrived at the prime minister's office to assume the post to which he was named last week.

Marchers took to the streets in defiance of Mobutu's announcement Tuesday that a nationwide state of emergency was in place and political rallies would be banned. Mobutu also appointed military governors throughout his crumbling country, the eastern third of which has fallen to Laurent Kabila's rebel army.

The announcement followed Kabila's claim earlier Tuesday that his troops were just 160 miles northeast of the capital, near Bandundu, and would press on to Kinshasa to end Mobutu's nearly 32-year dictatorship.

The rebels, Kabila said, also will advance to Kinshasa to depose Mobutu and recover diamonds looted by retreating Zairian troops when they fled Mbuji-Mayi.

Lubumbashi, 950 miles southeast of Kinshasa, would be a big prize. Zaire's mining minister, Banza Mukalay, estimates 80 percent of Zaire's \$300 million in annual export earnings comes from area copper, cobalt and other minerals.

Mobutu's nearly 32-year dictatorship. Mobutu spent most of that time in Europe recovering from treatment for prostate cancer, returning only last month to try to reassert control. He appointed Tshisekedi last week to replace a prime minister ousted by parliament for mishandling the rebellion.

Since then, Tshisekedi had moved to undermine Mobutu by ordering Parliament dissolved, annulling the constitution and offering Cabinet posts to representatives of Laurent Kabila's rebel army.

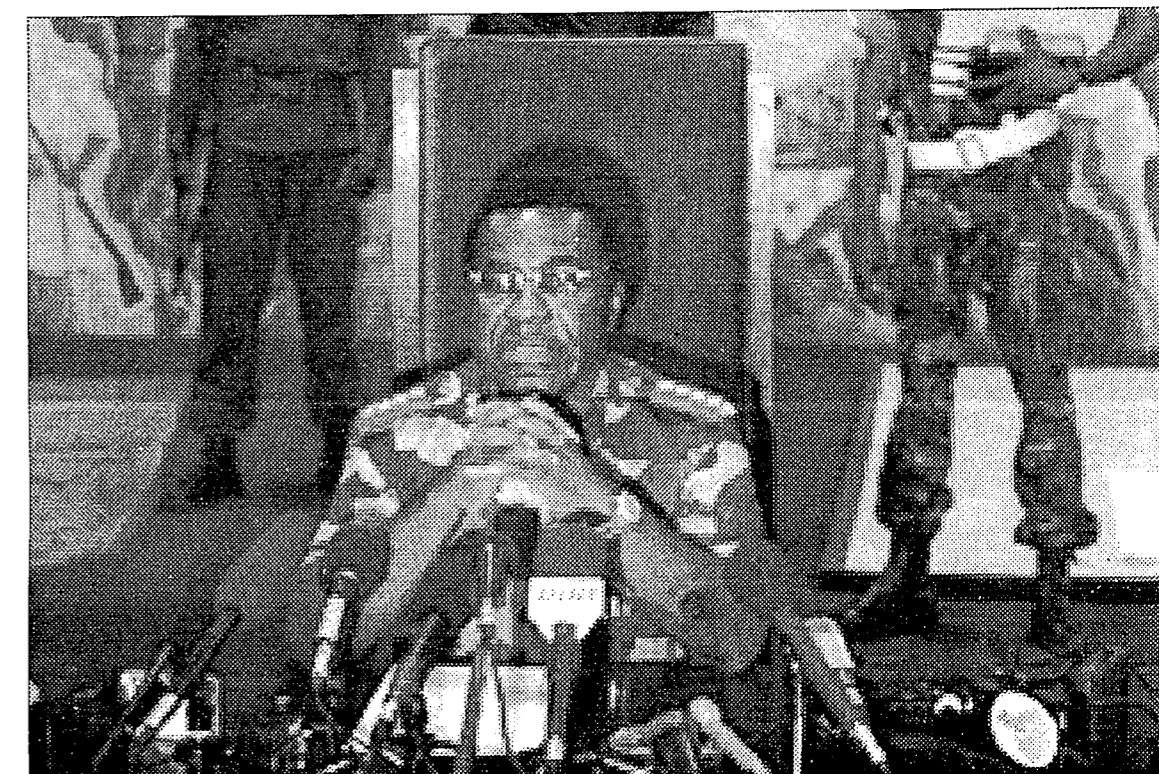
His moves angered the lawmakers who had nominated him to become prime minister. Today, Tshisekedi tried to lead thousands of supporters to the prime minister's office and assume control.

Hundreds of troops fired tear gas at the marchers — whose numbers had swelled to 10,000 by the time they reached his office. They seized Tshisekedi when he arrived, flashing a victory sign.

"Mr. Tshisekedi was brought to his home for his own safety," Kalima, the defense ministry spokesman, said. "He is not under house arrest."

Tshisekedi said his moves were aimed at speeding up democratic reforms and bringing an end to the war, but colleagues said he had overstepped his boundaries. Government anger toward Tshisekedi grew as supporters of the prime minister marched each day this week, calling for Mobutu's ouster.

The appointment of an army



Newly appointed Prime minister of Zaire, General Likulia Bolongo, speaks to the press after President Mobutu Sese Seko gave him the chair of Etienne Tshisekedi who was seized and removed from office Wednesday. AP Photo

general to head the government indicated the severity of the crackdown announced by Mobutu on Tuesday night, when he proclaimed a state of emergency across the country in the face of rebel advances toward the capital.

Kabila claimed Tuesday that his troops were just 160 miles northeast of the capital, near Bandundu, and would press on to Kinshasa. Kalima, the defense ministry spokesman, denied the rebels were near Bandundu but said a small group of Mobutu opponents in the city had circulated a statement announcing support for Kabila.

A resident of Lubumbashi, Zaire's second-largest city said today the rebels had entered and were exchanging gunfire with Zairian soldiers. Thierry Mwangwe, a car rental agent in Lubumbashi, said he and other civilians in the southeastern city were in hiding. He had no other details.

At the rebels' headquarters in Goma, a commander identifying himself as Mufu said the rebels control Lubumbashi. The reports could not be independently confirmed.

Kabila admitted that rebel troops had encountered stiff opposition from Mobutu's President-

tial Guards near Lubumbashi, but he said the government soldiers "will be defeated. There is no doubt about that."

Kabila has rejected the offer of Cabinet seats and says he won't be satisfied until Mobutu is ousted. After taking the diamond-mining center of Mbuji-Mayi on Friday, the rebels were focusing on Lubumbashi, capital of the southeastern copper- and cobalt-rich Shaba region.

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APPLICANT	DATE RECEIVED APPLICATION	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL SUPPLY INC.	02/20/97 SMS-97-X-59	QUARRY OPERATION	SAN VICENTE	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (04/08/97)
2. V.S. CORPORATION	03/11/97 RSM-97-X-83	PLATFORM STAGE	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
3. ROTA PUBLIC WORKS	03/13/97 SPIM-97-X-87	DOCK REPAIRS	ROTA HARBOR	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
4. YOLANDA C. BREO	03/16/97 SSM-97-X-65/66	VENDOR OPERATION	BEACH ROAD, SAN JOSE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
5. PUBLIC WORKS, ROTA	03/20/97 RSM-97-X-100	PONDING BASIN	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
6. ROTA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	02/18/97 RSM-97-X-101	PAVILION	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
7. DPW, ROTA	03/21/97 RSM-97-X-102	HUTS	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
8. L&T GROUP OF CO.	03/25/97 SMS-97-X-103	STAFF HOUSING	LOWER NAVY HILL	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW*
9. CHAN INDUSTRY	03/26/97 SMS-97-X-104	CAPITOL HOTEL AND STAFF HOUSING	GARAPAN	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW*
10. PARKS & RECREATION	03/28/97 SSM-97-X-105	CLEARING	MARINE BEACH	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/02/97)
11. ZOOM	03/27/97 SSM-97-X-106	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
12. HIT TOURS, INC.	03/27/97 SSM-97-X-107/108	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
13. EXPRESS MANUFACTURING INC.	03/31/97 SMS-97-X-109	GARMENT FACTORY STAFF HOUSING	PUERTO RICO GUALO RAI	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW*
14. JIM CRENSHAW	03/31/97 SPIM-97-X-110	DRYDOCK	SOUTH SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (04/03/97)
15. AMERICA DOUBLE ONE ENT.	03/31/97 SPIM-97-X-111	WAREHOUSE	TANAPAGE	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW*
16. CLYDE N. AGUION	03/31/97 SSM-97-X-112	CONCERT ACTIVITIES	SUSUPE	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
17. ATOMS CO. LTD.	04/01/97 SSM-97-X-113	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS MANAGAHAS.	SHORELINE APC LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED (04/03/97)
18. SAIPAN CREWBOATS	04/02/97 SPIM-97-X-114	DRYDOCK	SOUTH SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (04/03/97)
19. GOOD DAY COORD.	04/02/97 SSM-97-X-115/116/117	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/04/97)
20. MOBIL OIL MARIANA INC.	04/01/97 SPIM-97-X-118	FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM	LOWER BASE	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	UNDER REVIEW*
21. RIC TOURS, INC.	04/03/97 SSM-97-X-119	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/04/97)
22. SCHOLAR PUBLISHING	04/03/97 SSM-97-X-120	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/04/97)
23. MARIANAS VISITORS BUREAU	04/04/97 STRSM-97-X-121	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/08/97)
24. BIG DOG CORP.	04/07/97 SPIM-97-X-122	DRYDOCK	SOUTH SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (04/08/97)
25. PACIFIC DEV. INC.	04/07/97 SPIM-97-X-123	DRYDOCK	SOUTH SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (04/08/97)
26. VILJOINT VENTURE	04/07/97 TSM-97-X-124	TEMPORARY SANDMINING	TINIAN	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
27. FRANCISCO S. CALVO	02/05/97 RSM-97-X-43	BARBECUE HOUSE	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/01/97)
28. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	01/10/97 SSM-97-X-40	DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT	SAN ROQUE/TANAPAG	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (04/08/97)

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

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



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Whitewater evidence reviewed

By KELLY P. KISSEL

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A couple of times a month, 23 men and women slip into a back elevator at the federal courthouse, step off at the fourth floor and gather in a closely guarded courtroom to hear secret testimony that reaches all the way to the White House.

These grand jurors — six factory workers, three teachers, a lawyer, a waitress, a retired banker and other citizens of Arkansas — are helping prosecutors review evidence in the Whitewater investigation.

At any time, they could be called upon — along with another grand jury in Washington — to decide whether to bring charges against a sitting president, the first lady or their political lieutenants.

Whitewater grand jurors doubtless feel the weight of their responsibility intensely, says James Mulligan, one of the few people who knows what it

is like.

He was foreman of a previous Whitewater grand jury in Arkansas that twice indicted the state's governor, Jim Guy Tucker, and also indicted President Clinton's Whitewater business partners.

"I've never felt so relieved in my life when we finished our two years," said Mulligan, a Vietnam veteran who served 24 years in the Air Force.

Only a little is known about the jurors or what evidence they have heard. Special prosecutor Kenneth Starr and his deputies are leading the group through an investigation of the Clintons' finances and their dealings with James McDougal, a former savings and loan owner.

McDougal testified two days last week. Clinton's chief of staff, Erskine Bowles, and White House counselor Mack McLarty are both expected to testify soon. Other witnesses have come and gone with-

out being identified.

Federal prosecutors routinely use grand juries to help compel testimony and gather evidence in criminal cases and then decide whether charges should be filed. Federal prosecutors cannot indict an individual without a grand jury's approval.

Unlike trial juries, grand jurors only need to decide that there is probable cause to charge someone with a crime — not that the accused is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Prosecutors and grand jurors are barred by federal court rules from discussing the cases being considered. The jurors' names are also kept secret.

A few facts about the Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock can be gleaned from jury questionnaires: Twelve jurors are men, and 11 are women. All are white except one black woman.

They are educated: Eleven have college degrees, and six others at-

tended college for at least two years.

More than half are under age 40; two are over 70. Four are retired. All but four are married. Fourteen have children.

Ten jurors live in the Little Rock area, Bill Clinton's home when he was governor for five terms.

The jurors were selected from a pool of 70 candidates randomly drawn from voter registration rolls in eastern Arkansas. They were given some notice of the political sensitivity of the task. A judge gave them a list of names — including the president, Mrs. Clinton and other administration officials — and asked if they knew those people or held strong opinions about them.

Some of the testimony they have heard recently concerns efforts by the president's aides to find work for Clinton confidant Webster Hubbell after he resigned from his high-level Justice Department post in March 1994.

Whitewater investigators want to know whether the assistance might have been related to worries about what Hubbell, who was Mrs. Clinton's former law partner, would tell investigators. This is the issue that will bring Bowles and McLarty to the grand jury.

As foreman of the previous jury, Mulligan signed indictments that reverberated far beyond Little Rock. He said his fellow jurors shared a sense of heavy responsibility.

"They were very concerned and very impressed with the fact that they had a very critical task in an important task," Mulligan said. "The folks were really dedicated to what they were trying to do."

Tucker and the McDougals were convicted of fraud charges in a joint trial that included videotaped testimony by Clinton. Tucker was forced to resign from office. In September, he faces a second trial on different charges.

Clinton mulls Fed candidates

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long search to fill two vacancies on the Federal Reserve may be drawing to a close, the White House said Wednesday.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said a list of recommended candidates had been prepared for Clinton to consider.

Another White House official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that while the list was ready, it had not been presented to the president as of late Wednesday.

Since the beginning of the year, the administration candidates to fill two

vacancies on the seven-member Federal Reserve Board, which serves as the primary regulator of the nation's largest bank holding companies.

Lawrence Lindsey, a Fed board member for the past five years, announced on Jan. 10 that he was resigning to join the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington. The previous month, Janet Yellen had announced her resignation to head the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

Banking and congressional sources said Wednesday that candidates under consideration included Joseph Bracewell, president of Century Na-

tional Bank in Washington; Douglas Harris, who resigned last year from the position of senior deputy comptroller of the currency; and Edward M. Gramlich, a University of Michigan economist who served as chairman of a 13-member Social Security advisory panel.

With the two new vacancies, Clinton has the chance to fill five of the seven spots on the board. Last year, he renominated Alan Greenspan for a third term as chairman and selected his budget director at the time, Alice Rivlin, as vice chairman and St. Louis economist Laurence H. Meyer for a board position.

Prodi may quit over Albania

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

ROME (AP) — Italian Premier Romano Prodi suggested Wednesday he might offer his resignation if his Communist allies do not support Italy's military mission to Albania.

The Communist Refoundation party has repeatedly refused to back the force, which is designed to protect aid to Italy's chaos-ravaged neighbor.

Prodi told Parliament he would meet with President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro if "the dissent of Communist Refoundation remains."

He could offer his resignation, but Scalfaro could ask him to return to Parliament for a vote of

Fiat chairman convicted in funds fraud

By CANDICE HUGHES

ROME (AP) — The chairman of the Fiat auto giant was found guilty of corruption Wednesday, convicted of falsifying company records to conceal a political slush fund.

A court in Turin sentenced Cesare Romiti to an 18-month suspended term and gave a 16-month suspended sentence to Fiat's financial director, Francesco Paolo Mattioli. Each man was fined about \$4,700.

A company spokesman said both men would appeal.

There was no comment from them, but Romiti lawyer Franco Coppi said the convictions came as a surprise. "We thought there were valid arguments that showed he was completely ignorant" of any fiddling with the company books, Coppi said.

Romiti, 73, is a leader in Italy's business world, sought out by industrial power-brokers and politicians alike.

His company is Italy's largest private employer, accounting for 5 to 7 percent of the gross national product and nearly a quarter of the equity on the Milan stock exchange.

Romiti took over as Fiat's chairman in February 1996 from Gianni Agnelli, the billionaire grandson of Fiat's founder. Agnelli defended the two Fiat executives, telling the ANSA news agency he was certain they had done nothing improper.

"I confirm my faith in them and await the recognition of their innocence in the next phases of the trial," Agnelli said.

Prosecutors alleged that Fiat falsified its books to cover up a secret foreign fund used for political kick-backs in the 1980s.

Romiti and Mattioli were indicted in Italy's sweeping "Clean Hands" investigations.

Started in Milan in 1992, the investigations exposed systematic corruption, bringing down a generation of business and political leaders. The probes toppled the Christian Democrats and the Socialists, which had governed Italy in coalitions for years.

Former Premier Silvio Berlusconi — himself charged in Clean Hands — said he was sorry to see Romiti convicted.

confidence. The Communists said they would support such a vote to keep the government on its feet.

The Communists, who give Prodi the majority edge he needs in the Chamber of Deputies, fear soldiers' lives would be at risk because of anti-Italian sentiment in Albania. That feeling was ignited by the sinking of an Albanian refugee ship last month in a confrontation with an Italian navy vessel.

The Chamber of Deputies was to vote later Wednesday on the mission. "I ask from you the widest possible vote on this motion," Prodi told Parliament.

"We can't avoid our duty," he said. "We must be the makers of this peace."

The Chamber of Deputies' failure to approve the high-profile mission to Albania would be a major embarrassment to the Prodi government. He was hoping to gain support from the center-right opposition for the mission.

Some opposition leaders have suggested that Prodi resign in ex-

change for their support on the Albania issue.

"Prodi's on the brink of a government crisis," the Rome daily La Repubblica headlined its front page.

Late Tuesday night, Prodi won backing for the Albanian mission in the Senate, but he has a comfortable margin of support there, so there was little drama.

Italy is to lead the 6,000-strong force, scheduled to go to Albania next week to provide security for humanitarian aid.

Italy, the destination for some 13,000 Albanian refugees, pushed hard to win U.N. approval for the mission. This would be Italy's first time to lead such a military mission since World War II.

Spain, France, Romania, Greece, Austria, Denmark and Turkey have also pledged troops.

The mission, backed by a U.N. Security Council resolution, aims to protect aid deliveries and ease the hardships in Albania wrought by weeks of chaos, rebellion and banditry.



Italian Premier Romano Prodi addresses the Italian Parliament on the Albania issue in Rome. AP Photo

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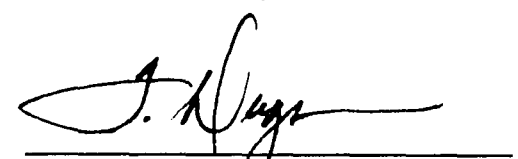
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/s/FELIX R. NOGIS
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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

MPLT Board of Trustees NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section II of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust hereby serves notice that it will hold a special board meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Public Lands conference room.

The following items are on the agenda for this meeting:

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes

II. FINANCIAL MATTERS REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Presentation and review of unaudited interim financial statements
2. General report of current administrative matters

III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Status review of lending program to Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
2. Status review of Commonwealth Government Employee's Credit Union for MPLT deposits and/or loan.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with P.L. 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body.

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

/s/ JUAN S. TORRES
Chairman, Board of Trustees
April 8, 1997

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE 04/07/97

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice, that the regular meeting for the DCD Board of Directors is postponed until Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. The Meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, Wakin's Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA:

- I. Roll Call
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Adoption of Minutes
 1. January 8, 1997
- IV. Reports
- V. Old Business
- VI. New business
- VII. Other Matters

/s/ JESUS D. SABLAN
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Palestinians: Disarm settlers

By SAID GHAZALI

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) - Clashes erupted Wednesday after the funeral of a Palestinian killed by Israeli troops, and hospital officials said at least 30 people were injured by rubber-coated bullets.

Thousands of protesters marched behind the flag-shrouded body of Nader Isseid, 24, calling for revenge and suicide attacks against Israelis. Isseid was one of two Palestinians killed in riots Tuesday in Hebron that began after two Jewish seminary students shot and killed a Palestinian in the divided city.

"The olive branch is down and the Kalashnikov is raised," the marchers shouted at his funeral. "Revenge, revenge," others yelled.

"The battle has started," said 24-year-old Yussef Dandif, raising his fist in the air.

Palestinian police fired 21 shots into the air as Isseid's body, wrapped in the red, white, green and black Palestinian flag, was lowered into the grave.

Afterward, thousands of Palestinian marchers, many waving black and green flags with militant Islamic slogans, marched toward the Israeli-controlled part of the city, where 500 Jewish settlers live.

Israeli troops fired rubber-

coated bullets to keep the crowd at bay, and protesters quickly began throwing rocks and fire-bombs. At one point, Palestinians brought buckets and cartons filled with rocks to replenish the supply of protesters on the front line.

Palestinian police tried to calm the protesters, forming human chains and blocking the street with trucks to keep them away from the Israeli soldiers. Officers climbed on rooftops to stop youths from hurling down rocks.

The clashes spread briefly to the village of Dura outside Hebron, but ended by early afternoon. The rioting so far has not moved to the rest of the West Bank, and Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, head of the Israeli army's central command, praised Palestinian police for working with Israeli troops to control the violence.

Palestinian police commanders met today to discuss how to contain the violence, said Brig. Gen. Abdel Fatah Jaidi, head of Hebron's National Guard. "We don't want it to spread all over," he said.

Jaidi said Palestinian police had been ordered to be present in large numbers at all clashes, and to keep demonstrators away from Israeli soldiers.

"We warned the Israelis not to use live bullets and not to inflict

large numbers of casualties," he said. If that happened, he said, "I cannot predict what will happen."

On Tuesday, Palestinians said Jewish students opened fire on Assam Rashid Arafah, 23, without provocation. Israeli officials said the students killed him after a Palestinian sprayed them with tear gas, burning their face and eyes.

The two students were released today on \$6,000 bail and ordered to stay out of Hebron for the next 60 days.

It was the second deadly incident

Jewish students stun Hebron area

By JACK KATZENELL

HEBRON, West Bank (AP)-The young men who come to study at the only Jewish seminary in overwhelmingly Palestinian Hebron are carefully screened first to weed out trouble-makers.

Once admitted to Shavei Hebron, the rules are strict: Avoid political activity, stick to your Torah studies, follow the buddy system and — like other settlers here — carry an Uzi.

The seminary's director was surprised this week when that formula went disastrously awry. Two students during their way to morning prayers opened fire with their submachine guns, killing a 23-year-old Arab resident of Hebron.

involving Jewish settlers this week. On Monday, a Jewish settler shot and seriously wounded a Palestinian after being stoned in the West Bank town of Kharbata. His detention was extended today at a hearing in Jerusalem.

Also today, a Palestinian gas station attendant was reported seriously injured by shots fired from a passing car in the West Bank village of Azun. Israel army radio said the shots came from a car with Israeli license plates.

The violence followed a summit between President Clinton and Israeli

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that failed to produce a formula for breaking the deadlock in peace talks.

Palestinians are angered by Israel's construction of a new Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, which they see as an effort to preclude talks on the status of the disputed city. Since bulldozers started work March 18, there have been daily stone-throwing riots in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Nine Palestinians have died in the past month's violence, including three suicide bombers.

two more Palestinians.

The two Jews were held for a day without being charged and released Wednesday on \$6,500 bond. The court confiscated their Uzis and ordered the students to stay in their parents' homes in Tel Aviv while an investigation continues.

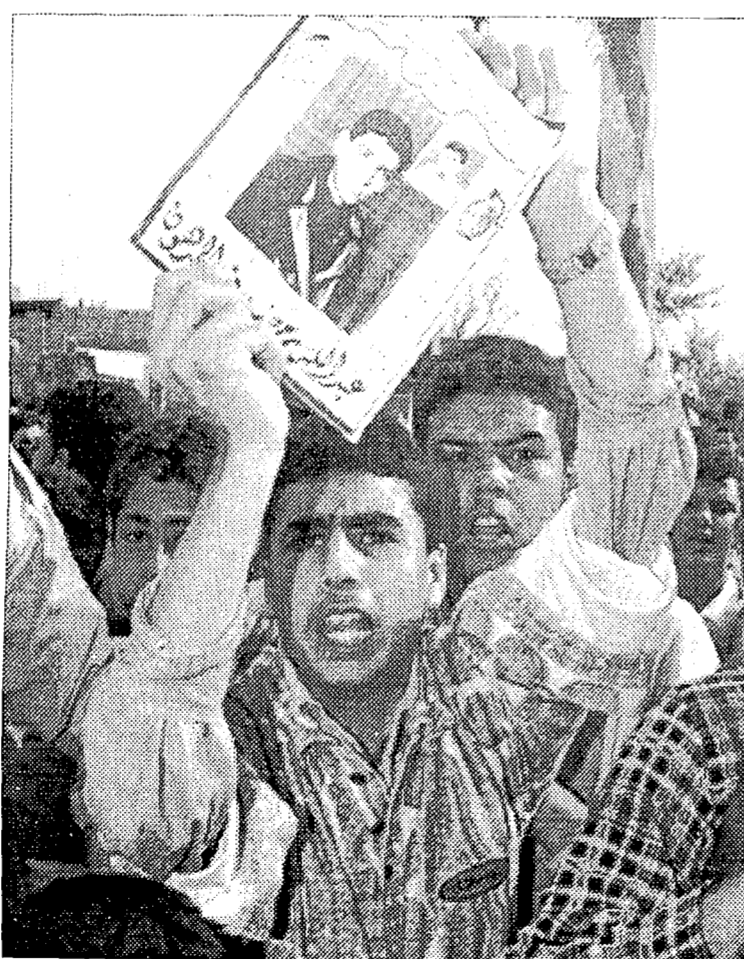
Police said they were released because they're not considered a danger to the public.

Bleicher, who started the Hebron seminary 15 years ago, has seen it flourish into an institution that is today home to 250 students — roughly half the city's Jewish population.

The yeshiva, located in downtown Hebron near the Palestinian vegetable market, is one of the six compounds that house Hebron's Jews. Workers are currently adding two new floors to make room for up to 350 more students.

Political commentator Ron Ben-Ishai wrote in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper Wednesday that because of Bleicher's views and teachings, "it is most likely the shooting ... was not meant as an act of provocation."

Last year, Bleicher points out, a Palestinian stabbed two of his students in the back in the city center. They did not shoot back.



Palestinians demonstrate in the Jabalyah Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip. The man holds a poster showing two undated file photos of Abeealla Madhoun, a high school student at the Jabalyah school who blew himself up near Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip. AP Photo

EU urge ME mediation

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — France and the rest of the European Union are asking to share in Middle East peace-making, but the Clinton administration said Wednesday it will keep playing the "central role."

The union made its request this week in a letter to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as the administration struggled without apparent success to reopen negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The next step is Washington talks that Albright and chief U.S. Middle East mediator Dennis Ross are holding Thursday and Friday with a Palestinian delegation that includes negotiators Mahmoud Abbas and Saeb Erekat. Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, is Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's chief deputy.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the Palestinians would be presented with "pretty much the same ideas" for getting peace talks back on track that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received Monday in Washington.

Albright also conferred by telephone



Madeleine Albright

with King Hussein of Jordan and with officials in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Tunisia and Oman. Burns provided no details of the U.S. proposals or the conversations.

He said Albright wanted to "keep the lines open" to Arab governments and was trying to persuade Israel and the Palestinians to fulfill their commitments to make peace.

"There is lots of activity," Burns said. "The headquarters of the peace process this week is Washington."

Confirming the European Union

letter to Albright, a U.S. official told The Associated Press the Europeans already are being consulted as the United States tries to nudge Israel and the Palestinians back to the bargaining table.

A spokesman for the Dutch Embassy said the letter was signed by Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo and suggested closer cooperation with Europe. The Netherlands currently heads the 15-nation European Union.

"We welcome the efforts of the Europeans to play a productive role," Burns said. "The United States has the central role. ... The United States will continue to play that central role."

Israel's confidence in the peace process could be shaken if the Europeans assumed the role they seek. Israel views only the United States as a neutral mediator and sees the Europeans, especially France, as more inclined to

back the Arabs.

"If the European Union can play an objective and constructive role we will, of course, welcome it," spokesman Gadi Baltiansky said at the Israeli Embassy. But he said: "The Palestinians and Israel trust the United States, which has proved its capability to be an honest broker and a very useful contributor to the peace process."

The Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Washington, Hasan Abdul-Rahman, said the Arabs "believe that Europe has a role to play and a contribution to make, in terms of history, geography, regional interest, relations with the parties, both Palestinians and Israelis."

In a statement this week, French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette said Middle East peacemaking was "in an extremely serious and probably unprecedented state of crisis," a situa-

tion of "quasirupture."

"Now it's time to move into higher gear," de Charette said. "Europe must make concrete proposals, present a global package addressed to both the Israelis and the Palestinians."

The other European Union foreign ministers swung behind de Charette's lead and made the formal request to Albright in a letter that has not been made public.

On another front, State Department officials said Albright had no plans to visit the Middle East. A report from Cairo quoted an Egyptian diplomat as saying a visit was planned for April 26-28.

"I know with 100 percent certainty that Secretary Albright has not scheduled it," Burns said.

He said a decision on what to do next will be made after the current round of consultations ends.

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Space station start stalled

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
WASHINGTON (AP) — This year's long-planned construction start on the international space station was postponed Wednesday until late 1998 because Russia can't meet its deadline for a vital segment.

A congressman who didn't want Russia as a partner was quick to say, "I told you so."

"I warned the administration that bringing the Russians into the program would force NASA to rob Peter to pay Paul when Russia caused delays and cost increases," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., chairman of the House Science Committee.

The Russians, he said, have delivered "empty promise after empty promise, broken pledge after broken pledge, delay after delay."

With U.S. funding, Russia built a space tug that will be the first of dozens of station elements to be assembled in orbit. That section is ready to go, as is the second segment built by the United States. But a crucial third element, a service module that was to house crews and provide steering capability, has not been started.

"Delivery of the service module has been delayed from April

to December 1998," Wilbur C. Trafton, the NASA associate administrator for space flight, told the House space subcommittee.

Therefore, he said, the first construction flight, scheduled for November, will be no later than October 1998. If Russia can't fly the service module by December 1998, NASA will have substitute equipment ready.

"We didn't know that bringing the Russians into the partnership would have these consequences," said Trafton. He said that despite the delay, the space station should be completed and available for human occupancy on schedule in 2002.

The Russian failure comes in the face of intense diplomatic activity, conducted at the highest levels. Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin have talked face to face about station progress a number of times. As late as February, Chernomyrdin promised Gore that Russia would give its space agency \$100 million by Feb. 28 to work on the module.

NASA stressed the mutual advantage of cooperating with the station-experienced Russians, including five shuttle docking missions with the Mir space station and four Americans getting a long

time on board.

"We have been working with the Russians closely in space for three years," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said. "There is value added for the American taxpayer through this approach but remember we never said it was going to be easy."

Sensenbrenner accused the administration of being prepared to pay any price to keep Russia in

the program.

"I would remind them both that we are building the space station to do science and open new commercial frontiers, not to provide foreign aid to the Russian aerospace industry or cash under the table to the Russian government," he said.

Trafton said the United States would take \$200 million from this year's space shuttle reserves to pay for modifications — adding

refueling capabilities to the space tug and modifying a Navy satellite as a temporary stand-in for some service module functions.

That, too, disturbed some of the subcommittee members.

"The people of America are not going to shell out more money because these dunderheads don't do what they are supposed to do," said Chairman Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif.

EPA Clean Air plan faulted

By PHILIP BRASHER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Environmental Protection Agency's plan to tighten air quality standards will drive up farmer costs with no benefit to areas where the air already is clean, according to the Agriculture Department.

The proposed rules, which would lower limits for ozone, dust and smoke, would affect farmers in a variety of ways, from restricting when and how they plow to increasing the cost of gasoline and electricity, the Agriculture Department said.

In documents released by the House Commerce Committee, the department said it was concerned about the impact of the rules on

small farms that are especially sensitive to higher costs of energy, fertilizer and other needs.

"Because a large proportion of farms are small entities, increased costs for farm inputs resulting from emission-control programs could have impact on their financial performance," according to a USDA analysis sent to the committee last week by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

A USDA advisory panel, whose members include businessmen and researchers, had concluded that the EPA rules "are not based on adequate scientific evidence, peer review and interpretation."

Several agencies and departments, including the Transportation, Treasury and Commerce departments as well as USDA, had raised concerns about the rules before EPA proposed them.

Much of the disagreement focused on EPA's aggressive time-

table, its cost estimates and what some officials considered overly optimistic expectations on health benefits.

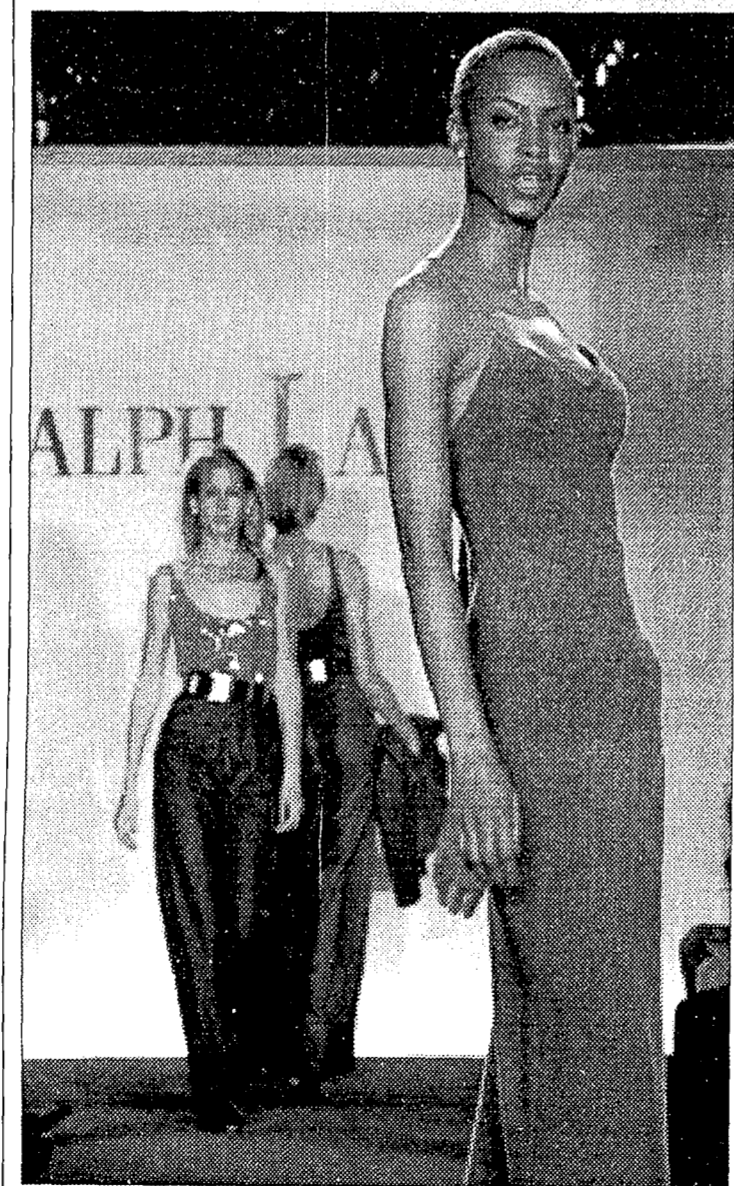
EPA says the views of other agencies "were considered and resolved" before the rules were proposed but acknowledged last week that it had overestimated some health benefits by as much as one-third.

EPA argues that current federal health standards for smog-causing ozone and microscopic soot are inadequate to protect public health, especially for the elderly and those with respiratory illnesses.

"Air pollution to a large extent is largely an urban problem. I'm not saying that agriculture won't be affected," EPA spokesman David Ryan said Wednesday.

EPA's own analysis estimated that the rules would have a "significant" cost — more than 3 percent of sales — on farms and a variety of small farm-related businesses.

Ralph Lauren's Fall collection



A fashion model wears a long sleeveless form-fitting dress at the 1997 Ralph Lauren Fall Collection showing Wednesday in New York. AP Photo

McVeigh blames FBI

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN

DENVER (AP) — A reporter voluntarily gave authorities a letter Wednesday from Timothy McVeigh blaming the FBI for the Branch Davidian deaths and comparing his plight in the Oklahoma City bombing to that of Richard Jewell.

"If you have trouble believing that the Justice Department are adept liars — come to one of my pretrial hearings, to the trial itself, or ask Richard Jewell," McVeigh writes.

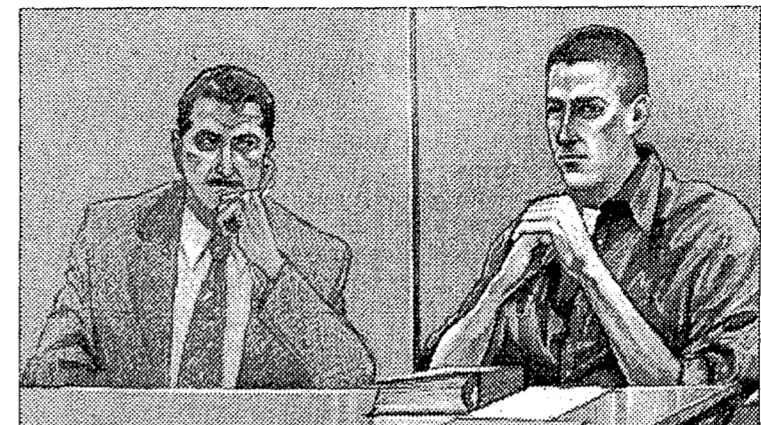
At the offices of the weekly Oklahoma Gazette in Oklahoma City, an FBI agent wearing rubber gloves placed the two-page handwritten letter into a plastic envelope.

"They just asked for it. They could have gone the subpoena route, but that would have been silly," said Gazette reporter Phil Bacharach, who interviewed McVeigh in prison and received the letter from him last November.

The newspaper made it public Tuesday during jury selection in McVeigh's bombing trial. Bacharach said he didn't reveal the letter earlier because McVeigh's views against the government are already well known.

Prosecutors have alleged McVeigh blew up the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995 in part as revenge for the government siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, two years earlier.

In the letter, dated "26 Nov 96," McVeigh writes in his leftward-slanting hand that the FBI caused



A U.S. marshal watches, left, as Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh listens to proceedings during jury selection for his trial in federal court in Denver, in this drawing by artist Pat Lopez. AP Photo

the "slow, torturous" deaths of families in Waco, then dodged responsibility with the help of its own "wizards of propaganda."

Cult leader David Koresh and 80 of his followers died April 19, 1993, by fire or gunshots after the FBI started filling the compound with tear gas during a raid that ended a 51-day standoff. Davidians and their attorneys blame the government for starting the fire. FBI officials said the blaze was started by sect members.

McVeigh is particularly critical of former FBI special agent Bob Ricks, who was an FBI spokesman from the Waco scene and who was based in Oklahoma City at the time of the bombing — although not in the federal building. Ricks now heads the Oklahoma state law enforcement agencies.

"At Waco, once the FBI blocked the Davidians' abilities to communicate with the outside world,

Bob Ricks could then step forward and mold the facts to fit the FBI's purposes," wrote McVeigh.

McVeigh said the FBI has launched a similar propaganda campaign against him.

"The idea is that once the FBI can control the flow of information, they can demonize their target," he writes. "In my case, I have been sealed away in federal prison and denied most visitation and free communication."

Later, he writes, "In both situations, as with Richard Jewell, you only hear one side of the story, and it is usually not truthful."

Jewell was the security guard initially identified by anonymous FBI sources as the top suspect in the Olympic park bombing. The FBI later publicly cleared Jewell and issued an apology.

Jury selection continued Wednesday with four prospects being questioned by midday. One candidate was formally dismissed.

Social Security shuts web site

By ALICE ANN LOVE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accused of putting Americans' privacy at risk, the Social Security Administration on Wednesday suspended an Internet service that gave taxpayers access to their earnings and benefits records.

"The Internet is a new world and we want to make sure we can provide the highest level of security for our beneficiaries and our workers," said acting Social Security Commissioner John J. Callahan said.

He said the online service will be disabled for at least 60 days while he holds a series of forums across the country with privacy and computer security experts and the public about how to ease fears.

Advice also will be sought from banks that provide electronic financial services. "We want to get the benefit of their experience," Callahan said.

After that, the agency will consider whether new safeguards are needed for the Internet service, including options such as giving people personal access codes or allowing them to request their individual records not be placed in the database.

Social Security's sensitive Internet site will be inaccessible for two or three days while the database is being disabled, but general information and documents about the nation's retirement program will be back online soon.

Taxpayers will still be able to request information about their personal records through electronic mail to the agency, but reports will be sent through regular mail, rather than via the Internet.

Callahan said requests from lawmakers earlier this week, questions raised by computer experts interviewed in news reports and phone calls from the public all convinced him to pull the service.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sens. William Roth, R-Del., Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and John Chafee, R-R.I., had sent a letter to the agency Tuesday saying the online service "may not afford sufficient protections against violations of individual privacy."

Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., chairman of the House's subcommittee on Social Security, also wrote to the agency's inspector general, asking for a security review and report to his panel by April 22.

And Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., said he is introducing legislation to ban information about individuals' earnings, tax records and Social Security benefits on the Internet.

The Social Security Administration has offered people access to their earnings and benefits reports for more than a decade if they sign and mail in a paper request form. Between 3 million and 4 million Americans a year

do so.

But using regular mail takes up to four to six weeks and costs the government millions of dollars in postage each year. Six months ago, the agency began accepting electronic mail requests and last month it made it possible for taxpayers to retrieve their records online.

After national news reports about the service earlier this week, the number of people using it jumped from 3,000 a day to about 8,500.

Critics say anyone with knowledge of another person's Social Security number, their mother's maiden name and the state where they were born could access the records electronically to learn their job history, salary and other information.

Callahan said security experts were consulted and some safeguards were built into the system to maintain privacy. These include encryption of information as it goes back and forth between the requester and Social Security, so it can't be understood if intercepted.

However, the agency originally discarded other ideas, such as access codes, after weighing them against cost and user-friendliness concerns.

"It is important to note that ... we have received no allegations of individuals fraudulently accessing the Social Security Administrations records," either online or by mail, he said.



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RFP-97-02

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C. **COURT NETWORKS, ELECTRONIC SCANNING PROJECT, AND RELATED NEEDS:**

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IV. **INSTALLATION AND SETUP.** No setup or installation charges will be accepted. The Commonwealth Judiciary will be responsible for the setup and installation of all hardware and software.

V. **POINT OF CONTACT.** All proposals must be submitted in duplicate and sealed in an envelop marked "RFP-97-02" to the Honorable Marty W.K. Taylor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, with attention to the Director of Courts. Sealed proposals must be submitted to the Supreme Court Office at the second floor of the Nauru Building, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. Any proposal received late will not be accepted. In addition, the Commonwealth Judiciary reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the Judicial Branch. For more information, please write to P.O. Box 2165CK, Saipan, MP 96950 or contact the Supreme Court by telephone at 234-5175/7677 or by fax at 234-5183.



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Pakistan gets WFP help

BY KATHYGANNON
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - The World Food Program stepped in Thursday to help Pakistan out of a critical wheat shortage that has caused rioting in its remote frontier regions.

Police and soldiers in armored personnel carriers have been called out in different parts of the country to escort wheat trucks moving their precious cargo from flour mills to the market.

The WFP is to take 10,000 tons of wheat from its stocks for neigh-

boring Afghanistan and give it to Pakistan, according to a release issued Thursday.

As well the WFP will return another 20,280 tons of wheat which it earlier borrowed from Pakistan to give to Afghanistan.

"The government of Pakistan has in the past generously extended loans to the World Food Program for Afghanistan against confirmed pledges from donors," the release said.

But now Pakistan needs the wheat.

Earlier this week there were riots in the northwest frontier provincial capital of Peshawar to protest chronic wheat shortages, which has driven flour prices up.

The shortage has been blamed on a combination of things, including smuggling of Pakistani wheat across the border into neighboring Afghanistan where the price is triple what is paid in Pakistan.

However, the WFP said giving emergency wheat to Pakistan won't effect its distribution of

wheat to Afghanistan.

"Food aid intended for the humanitarian aid program in Afghanistan will not be affected by this loan," said Bronek Szylnski, regional director of the World Food Program.

In the Afghan capital of Kabul residents say flour prices have soared and the unleavened bread eaten by most Afghans and Pakistanis is in short supply in both countries and what is available is smaller and of poor quality.

In Pakistan the bulk of the shortage has been felt in the Northwest Frontier Province and in Baluchistan, both of which border Afghanistan.

Szylnski said there has been

no reduction in the supply of wheat to Afghanistan and the WFP expects to send more than 124,000 tons of wheat there this year.

"We are committed to assist the people of that country and particularly the women, children and all those who need the food for survival," he said.

Pakistan's Agriculture Minister Abida Hussein said the previous government of Benazir Bhutto has to take some of the blame for the wheat shortage.

According to Ms. Hussein the previous government was slow in putting in its import orders for wheat from the United States and as a result shipments are arriving behind schedule.

Mediators planning Peru prison report

By LYNN F. MONAHAN
LIMA, Peru (AP) - Mediators trying to negotiate freedom for 72 hostages are looking over a commission report on Peru's prison conditions, a chief complaint of the rebel captors demanding their jailed comrades' release.

Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani, a mediator, would say only that his committee was studying the report. He also refused to discuss efforts to release the hostages or a meeting Tuesday with the government's negotiator, Education Minister Domingo Palermo, and President Alberto Fujimori.

"Understand, the reserve, the silence, is not accidental," Cipriani said. "If you don't understand it, tough luck."

Rebels who have been holding 72 men since storming the Japanese ambassador's residence Dec. 17 are demanding Peru release their imprisoned

comrades, a demand Fujimori has said he will not meet.

Nestor Cerpa, leader of the Tupac Amaru rebels inside the residence, has complained repeatedly about harsh conditions in Peruvian prisons and Peru's decision to isolate rebel inmates, who have been denied family and Red Cross visits since the residence was seized.

A Lima daily reported Tuesday that rebels at the ambassador's mansion staged drills to prepare for any raid aimed at freeing their hostages. The opposition daily La Republica said Cerpa led the nighttime training session over the weekend.

Citing police sources it did not identify, the newspaper said electronic eavesdropping devices installed in a house near the residence detected Cerpa yelling orders to hostages during the drill.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



RITA CABRERA SABLAN METTAO

"RITAN POP"

Date of Birth: April 13, 1950

Died: April 7, 1997

PREDECEASED BY:

Parents: Thomas Palacios Sablan and Isabel Mendiola Cabrera

Parents-in-Law: Jose Perlerio and Maria Mulemar Mettao

Brother and Sister: Vicente S. Sablan & Soledad S. Basa

Brothers-in-Law: Francisco Basa & Fernando M. Benavente

SURVIVED BY:

Husband: Rafael Mulemar Mettao

Children and Spouse: Rayna and Akira Nedlic, Raphael Emery, Thelma, Isabel S. Mettao, Bethany Jane S. Maratita

Grandchild: Ritaann Mae Mettao

Brothers and Sisters-in-Law: Maria M. Sablan, Faustina S. Benavente, Gregorio & Gina Sablan, Ana S. & Henry T. Indalecio, Jesus S. & Rita G. Sablan, Juana S. & Daniel T. Muna, Natividad C. Sablan, Matilde S. & Martin M. Taisacan, Manuel S. & Consolacion C. Sablan, Maria S. & Juan L. Ada, Thomas S. & Francisca M. Sablan, Margarita S. & Jose T. Castro, Bernadita S. & Isidro T. Cabrera, Joaquin S. & Grace C. Sablan, Isabel S. & Melchor Maratita, Maria DLR & Alfredo Gonzales, Pedro S. & Ignacia M. Sablan

Brothers-in-law: Nicanor & Natividad (deceased) N. Mettao, Isidro & Susana O. Mettao, Esteban & Rosa P. Mettao, Jesus Mettao & Connie Naputi

Sister-in-law: Carmen M. & Santiago Tebuteb

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

Rosary is being held nightly at 8:00 PM at their residence in Chinatown, Garapan. Last respect may be paid on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 starting 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM at their residence. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 3:00 PM. Interment follow immediately after the mass at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

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CARMEN SABLAN REYES

also known as "Carmen Anton Taang/Zira"

of Gualo Rai, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 1997 at the age of 79.

She is predeceased by her:

HUSBAND: Antonio Diaz Reyes and Zira Fujihira

PARENTS: Jose S. & Nieves C. Sablan

PARENTS-IN-LAW: Juan & Ana Reyes

BROTHER & SISTER:

Juan C. and Maria C. Sablan

SON: Casiano S. Fujihira

DAUGHTER: Mariana S. Reyes

STEP-DAUGHTER: Marlene R. Crisostomo

BROTHERS AND SISTERS-IN-LAW: Oswald (deceased) & Josepha Sablan, Mariano & Esperanza S. Cabrera (both deceased), Francisco & Regina Sablan, William (deceased) & Rosa Torres, Felipe & Joaquina Sablan, Pedro and Alexandra Sablan, Jose (deceased) & Antonia K. Sablan, Jesus & Fedelia S. Salas. Additionally survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews & nieces.

IN-LAWS: Vicente & Josepha Sablan (deceased), Manuel & Maria Reyes (deceased), Joaquin Reyes (deceased), Golfredo & Rosa Sanchez (deceased), Juan (deceased) & Solidad Concepcion.

Rosary is being said nightly at her residence in Gualo Rai at 8:00 p.m. and will end the day of the burial.

Last respects will be paid on Thursday, April 17, 1997 at her residence in Gualo Rai, starting at 8:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 4:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral and funeral services will follow immediately at the Mount Carmel Cemetery.

From the Family

First Anniversary Rosary



In remembrance of our beloved
husband, father, grandpa

JOAQUIN L.G. SABLAN (PITU)

we invite relatives and friends to join us commemorate his
FIRST ANNIVERSARY ROSARY to be said nightly

Date: April 5-11, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Family Residence, Dandan

Saturday, April 12th: Rosary 12:00 noon.

Mass: 5:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church

Dinner will be served at the family's residence

Last Day, April 13, 1997 (Sunday): Rosary will be at 8:00 P.M.

Please join us in prayer
Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ginen I Familia

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

MANUELA (BLAS) PANGELINAN SABLAN

known as "Manuelan Anselmo"

was called by our Dear Lord on April 5, 1997 at the age of 68.

Born on December 25, 1928

In her eternal rest she now joins:

HUSBAND: Anselmo Barcinas Sablan

PARENTS: Juan Manahan Pangelinan and Juana Santos Blas

PARENTS-IN-LAW: Enrique Guerrero Sablan and Martha Barcinas

BROTHERS/SISTERS: Vicente Blas Pangelinan, Remedio Blas Pangelinan, Carida Blas Pangelinan

BROTHER-IN-LAW: Simon Matagolai

CHILDREN: Enrique P. Sablan, Anthony P. Sablan, Ray Anthony P. Sablan

She will be held dearly in the hearts of:

CHILDREN/SPouses: Bacilio P. Sablan, Juan P. & Mary Sablan, Henry P. & Evelyn Sablan, Abeline S. & David Taitano, Francisco P. & Herminia Sablan, Herman P. & Sallie Sablan, Antonia S. & Kenneth Collier, Jesusa P. Sablan, Elizabeth S. & Oscar Sison, Dorothy P. Sablan, Anselmo P. Sablan Jr. & Janice Cabrera.

From her children she was blessed with 29 grand children.

SISTERS/SPouses: Rufina P. & Simeon Matagolai (deceased), Maria B. & Antonio T. Camacho

BROTHERS/SISTERS-IN-LAW: Antonio B. Sablan, Jose B. Sablan (dec.), Luise, Pedro B. Sablan (dec.), Damianin, Luise S.

Mendiola/Santiago (dec.), Isabel CH. Pangelinan.

She is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces and god children.

Nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. is being held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Herman P. Sablan at Dandan Homestead area.

Last respect may be paid on Saturday, April 12, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the said residence in Dandan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 3:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church on the same day followed by her interment at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Thank you
The Family

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

FRANCISCO C. ALDAN

We, the family of the Late Francisco C. Aldan invites all our relatives and friends to join us for the Fifth Anniversary Rosary of our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-grandfather.

Nightly rosary will be held at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita DLR Aldan at Sadog Tasi beginning Thursday, April 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Daily mass will be offered at 6:00 AM at Kristo Rai Church.

On the final day Friday, April 18, 1997, Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon, at Sadog Tasi. Fifth anniversary mass is offered at 5:30 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Dinner will follow at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita DLR Aldan.

Kindly Join us.
Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase
The Family

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and warned that imposing the federal minimum wage on the CNMI would only destroy its economy.

As majority whip, DeLay is the third-highest ranking member of the House Republican leadership.

Miller, on the other hand, is the senior Democrat on the House Resources Committee, which he chaired from 1991 to 1995.

Miller is the CNMI's most vocal critic in Congress, and has repeatedly urged for the federalization of the Commonwealth's minimum wage rate and immigration.

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Elizabeth believed Cynthia still had possession of a remaining amount of the loaned money.

Alberto C. Lamorena, a court appointed special judge, found that Cushnie's Office represented Elizabeth "with interests directly adverse" to Cynthia, a current client of Cushnie's.

Lamorena said Cushnie's Office violated the Code by "knowingly offering evidence which it knew to be false."

"(T)he Court shall initiate appropriate disciplinary measures against the Cushnie Office by forwarding this matter to the Dis-

ciplinary Committee of the Northern Marianas Bar Association," Lamorena stated in the order issued March 27.

When reached for comment, Jones, said "I'd rather not say anything about it (court's decision)."

"We have the right to appeal, but we're not sure yet if we will," Jones told the Variety.

Cushnie's Office had been Elizabeth's "long-time attorney." It holds and disburses Elizabeth's funds. It also drafted the power of attorney given to Frank and Cynthia over Elizabeth's bank accounts.

Lamorena was convinced that Cushnie's Office "stands in a prime position to give information about the conditions and cir-

cumstances surrounding the dispersal of funds at issue in this case."

The court said "(i)t is very likely that the Cushnie Office will be able to offer testimony which will assist the trier of the fact in its decision regarding the nature of the transaction."

The court had also learned that Cushnie's Office represented the Matsunaga family in a criminal case involving Frank's son (and Cynthia's stepson), George Matsunaga.

But Cushnie Office "has chosen to defend its representation of a faction of the Matsunaga family by denying that it ever represented a particular member of the Matsunaga family," the court said, "The court cannot allow such

inconsistent representations to go unnoticed. The Cushnie Office took advantage of their purported banker representation of George and the Matsunaga family."

Though not a blood relative of the Matsunaga clan, the court said, "it can hardly be said that Cynthia has not been treated by the Cushnie office as a member of the Matsunaga family."

The court cited a record which indicated that Cynthia was married to Frank for eight years, and had received counsel from the Cushnie Office through Frank, regarding her immigration status.

These circumstance, according to Lamorena, qualify Cynthia as a current of Cushnie's office.

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\$46.2 million, the largest single allocation for a government agency or service.

Tenorio, in an interview last July, told the Variety that Mayo Clinic is interested in the CNMI.

He said his Washington D.C.-based consultant Jack Abramoff and special adviser Brenda Y. Tenorio met with a U.S. congressman from Minnesota who "expressed interest" in the CNMI as a possible facility site for Mayo Clinic.

Tenorio has said that he is willing to offer any incentive to the clinic, which is one of the mainland's top HMOs.

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denied the reports.

"The reason why the crew made a stopover on Rota is one of them was sick," Elameto told the Variety.

Elameto said the canoe voyagers led by master navigator Mao Pihailugh, of Satawal, also made a stopover on Fayu atoll, which is more 120 miles from Rota.

Nine of the voyagers are from Saipan. They belong to the newly formed CNMI Canoe Federation.

They left Saipan for Satawal last March 19.

Their canoe voyage from Satawal started April 5. The aim of the voyage is to trace the same trip made by Carolinian Chief Ahgurubw and his men in late

18th century.

The CNMI Canoe Federation, through the voyage, is also trying to revive or promote the tradition of canoe navigation and canoe building.

Elameto said Rep. Melvyn Faisao went to Rota yesterday afternoon to meet the group.

It was not certain when the voyagers would leave Rota for Saipan.

Elameto said he had alerted the Carolinian community to be ready to welcome the navigators anytime today or tomorrow.

"The Carolinian community has prepared to welcome them," he said.

The Saipanese voyagers, aside from Coleman, are Ray Tebuteb, Alex Olopoi, David Olopoi, Tony Urneyang, Peter Towai, Norbert Diaz, and Marco Peter, and Henry Yarofalpi.

Researchers eye AIDS blocker

By PAUL RECER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Researchers say they have found a way to genetically prevent the formation of a key protein that allows the AIDS virus to infect some cells, offering promise for a radically new treatment.

Recent studies have shown that the HIV virus must link with specific proteins on the surface of cells before it can infect the cell. These surface proteins are called receptors.

One of the receptors, CD4, has long been known. Studies last year showed that the virus must also link with one of two other cell receptors, CCR5 or CXCR4.

Generally, the virus uses the CCR5 receptor to invade cells early in the infection. After the virus mutates, it also uses CXCR4.

Scientists at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Md. announced this week that in laboratory experiments they are now able to prevent T-cells, the primary HIV target, from making the surface protein CCR5. This, in effect, shuts down the ability of the virus to infect the T-cells, said Dr. Carl H. June of the institute.

"We know that if you are born without the CCR5 gene, it's very hard to get infected with HIV," said June. "Our work shows that you can artificially induce this immunity by turning off the CCR5 gene in the nucleus of the cell."

A report on the study is to be published Friday in the journal Science.

T-cells play a key role in the immune system. When an infective or-

ganism is detected, the T-cells multiply and each new cell has on its surface two proteins, CD3 and CD28, said June. When these proteins are made, it signals the nucleus of the cell to also make CCR5.

In the new research, June said, his group has blocked the expression of CD3 and CD28. This, in turn, causes the cell to not make CCR5.

"If you bind (block) CD3 and CD28, that delivers a signal to the cell to turn off the CCR5," said June. And without CCR5, most strains of HIV will not become infective.

He said an experimental technique, which he declined to discuss, may be tried on patients soon.

June noted that about 10 percent of HIV patients become initially infected through the other cell membrane receptor, called CXCR4. He said his work "would unfortunately do nothing against that."

Other researchers also report in Science that they have found a protein that directly blocks the HIV virus from binding with the CCR5 receptor.

An international team of researchers says a protein called AOP-RANTES is able to keep HIV out of both T-cells and macrophages, another type of immune cell.

AOP-RANTES is a member of a family of proteins called chemokines that help regulate white blood cells. They do this by attaching to specific sites on the cell surface.

In the Science study, researchers found in laboratory experiments that

AOP-RANTES is able to fully occupy the CCR5 receptor. Once the receptor is occupied, it is like blocking a doorway — the HIV is prevented from moving into and infecting the cell.

Dr. Timothy N.C. Wells of Glaxo Wellcome Research, a co-author of

the study, said the findings "suggest an alternative treatment approach that could be used alongside current therapies."

What cloning is all about

By PAUL RECER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dolly, the Scottish sheep that is the first mammal cloned from an adult, is a biological confusion to most Americans. A primer on what cloning is and what it's not:

—Cloning is not creating an instant carbon copy adult human from another adult.

That is impossible. A cloned adult would have to go through the same development — from gestation and birth through childhood to adulthood — as do all other humans.

To clone a 40-year-old adult would take 40 years, plus nine months. By the time the clone was age 40, the original adult would be almost 81. They would be like twins separated by four decades.

And the clone would be only a genetic copy. Much of what shapes personality and character are the mental and emotional effects of nurturing, culture, education and luck. These are too imperfectly understood to be duplicated from one generation to another.

—Cloning is reproducing without sex.

Natural reproduction among mammals involves a union of sperm from the father and egg from the mother. Both the sperm and the egg carry

genes. When these unite, they result in a genetically unique individual. It may bear resemblance to one parent or another, but it is not precisely like either.

In cloning, the embryo gets all genes from one individual. In Dolly's case, all of her genes came from a 6-year-old adult ewe.

The process, though, required the help of two other female sheep. From one sheep, researchers removed an egg and took out the nucleus, the master control center that includes the genes.

From the 6-year-old ewe, the researchers then took a mature udder cell and removed the nucleus, including the genes. The nucleus was put into the enucleated egg from the first ewe. Lab manipulation caused the egg and transplanted nucleus to develop into an embryo. This was then placed into the uterus of a third ewe, which later gave birth.

The result, Dolly, has the genes from one ewe nurtured in the egg of a second ewe, and born to still another ewe.

There was no male, or father, involved. Dolly's genes match those of the 6-year-old ewe that contributed the udder cell. The other two ewes have no genetic relationship with Dolly.

—Cloning is not easy.

Researchers at the Roslin Institute in Scotland tried 277 times before they produced Dolly.

Along the way, a number of defective lambs died shortly after birth. There were also scores of embryos spontaneously aborted.

Ian Wilmut, the lead scientist, said that is a main reason he believes cloning is not for humans: There is a risk of producing babies with monstrous defects.

—Cloning's technology could have valuable uses.

By precisely controlling genes, farm animals could be made to produce more milk, meat or wool.

Manipulating genes could cause milk from goats and cows to produce pharmaceutical proteins — medicines that can cure. Once such animals were created, cloning would allow science to make huge herds of walking drug plants.

Dr. Harold Varmus, director of the National Institutes of Health, argues that cloning also holds the promise of learning how to turn genes on and off. That would mean human genes could be made to produce new tissue for the repair of old or diseased tissue: skin for burn patients, new limbs for severed ones, new bone marrow for cancer patients.

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RITA ALDAN TUDELA

better known as "Ange"

Born: September 8, 1939

Died: April 7, 1997

Wife of Efrain Cepeda Tudela, better known as "Efrain Robit", was called to her eternal rest by our Lord on Monday, April 7, 1997 at the age of 57.

PREDECEASED BY HER PARENTS:
Alfred Castro Aldan and Cecilia Feja Sakisat

GRANDPARENTS:
Juan Rangamor and Rita Feja Sakisat

Her spirit will live within the hearts of her family who include:

CHILDREN/SPOUSES: Joseph Aldan and Doreen Manglona Tudela, Margarita Tudela and Gerard Benavente Salas, and Lucrecia Aldan Tudela.

GRAND CHILDREN: Joseph Lance M. Tudela, Desiree Briana M. Tudela, and Hiroki Tudela Salas.

SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW: Maria Aldan and Jose Pangelinan

& CHILDREN/SPOUSES: Cecilia Butterfield and John Blas, Alfred and Carmina Okamura Pangelinan, Jessica P. and Jose Camacho, Annie P. and Frank Palacios, Georgianna P. and Rick Sablan, Tina A. Pangelinan, and Terina A. Pangelinan and Antonio Santos.

SISTERS/BROTHERS-IN-LAW: Inocencia Taisacan and Jesus Tudela, Trinidad Tudela and Carlos Takai, MaryJane Salas and Luis Tudela, Margarita Diaz and Juan Tudela, Toni Hirochi Tudela, Teresita D. Guerrero and Alejandro Tudela, Magdalena Tudela and Jose Jr. Sablan.

Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Highly rosary is being said at their residence in DanDan, San Vicente, at 8:00 pm.

Last respect may be paid from Monday, April 14, 1997 at 3:30 pm. Rosary at 7:30 pm. Responso at 8:00 pm & wake will continue up to 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15, at their residence. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 4:30 pm Tuesday, April 15, 1997 followed by burial at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts, support and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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VICENTE CABRERA DELEON GUERRERO

HIS PEACEFUL SPIRIT AND MEMORIES WILL LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF HIS FAMILY:

WIFE:
Jessica Sablan Deleon Guerrero
Mother:
Concepcion Cabrera
Deleon Guerrero ("Chong Rai")

Parents-in-law:
Jesus Diaz Sablan ("Kili")
Victorina Camacho Sablan

Children:
Galvin Jonathan
Norman Vicente
Genevieve Victoria (Mario Sablan)
Fred

GRANDDAUGHTER:
Nicole Marjen Dlg. Sablan

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Gregorio C. & Ana A. Deleon Guerrero
Jesus C. (Dec.) & Hanelore Deleon Guerrero
Soledad Dlg. & Adebayo Ajuwon
Lucia Dlg. & Daniel H. Nielsen
Lydia Deleon Guerrero & Felix Torres
Magdalena Dlg. & David Camacho
Margarita Dlg. & Reid Olsen
Concepcion Dlg. & Ronnel Williams
Jose C. & Gabriella T. Deleon Guerrero
Susana Dlg. & Donald M. Fleming
Antonio C. Deleon Guerrero & Irene Pangelinan

BROTHER & SISTERS-IN-LAW
Gregorio C. & Andrea Sablan
Frances S. & Tim Bellas
Florence S. & Joselito Bocago
Anna C. Sablan
Lucia C. Sablan
Bernadette C. Sablan

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Rosary is being held nightly at 8:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.

Last respects may be paid on April 12, 1997 starting at 8:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. and funeral services will follow immediately at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

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tions. Next, you state that NMPASI or our counsel is overzealous. This P&A, formerly under Karidat has been charged with ADA Enforcement since 1993. In 7 years we have only filed one ADA suit. That is hardly overzealous. Moreover, Campbell never "threatened" the Carlsmith firm with a suit. The two persons who were discriminated against because of their disabilities were justifiably upset. The March 20 Variety article merely said he was *thinking of a lawsuit*. That is a long way from a threat. Again, you accuse us of threatening the Ship Ashore Restaurant. You state, "comply with ADA or else face serious legal consequences." However, what Mr. Campbell wrote was, "were hereby requesting that you submit a plan to us no later than May 30, 1997 or there may be serious legal consequences later." Such a conditional statement, requesting only a plan, is not a threat to sue for non-compliance. Possibly your reading comprehension needs improvement.

2. I have a problem with you speculating that, "We should all expect continued harassment, intimidation coercion and threats from Mr. Campbell and his Gestapo-like ADA Storm Troopers." Our resources, budget and institutional self-image will not allow it. Rather, our approach is to pick, from observations and complaints, those you say that "you (NMPASI) take unfortunate disabled people and you compel them to sue." I would respectfully suggest that you back that statement up with even one example where we have persuaded or coerced anyone to sue: We have numerous people coming to us with complaints, most of which we handle without resort to litigation. This is why only one ADA case was filed. You also state that the ADA is an "unfounded mandate." If by "unfounded" you mean there is no basis for it, then why did the U.S. Congress and the President enact it into law? Possibly it is because there are an estimated 49 million Americans with disabilities. Birth defects are rising. AIDS is increasing, gang fight woundings are increasing, more vehicles on the road mean more non-fatal accident victims, industrial injuries (often from failure to observe OSHA) remain. Then, there are the disabled veterans of our four foreign wars and numerous "police actions." Top that off with the fact that the world population is aging. As humans age, they become progressively disabled.

Presently, the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) has one of the largest memberships of any other association. Japan has the highest percentage of elderly people in the free world. The CNMI "miracle economy" was built on the Japanese market. Retired persons tend to have the time and the money to travel. I was recently contacted by a Japanese tour agency who wanted to know the most accessible hotel on Saipan. Several members of their 60+ person tour group have disabilities. So the whole group will book rooms with the accessible establishment. The non-accessible ones lost the business. The ADA is hardly "unfounded." However, it is "unfunded." That means that the government does not pay an enterprise to comply. Nor does the gov't pay for compliance with building codes, airline safety regulations, child proof poison/medicine caps, auto seat belts, compliance with OSHA or banking regulations. It is part of the cost of doing business. And, as you say, it gets passed on to the consumer ultimately. So does a hotel's cost of installing a swimming pool, television sets and flush toilets. These are the amenities that a guest expects and pays for. If an establishment does not at least equal what attractions its competition has to offer, then it is uncompetitive. Soon, "reasonable accommodation" will be as essential to attracting hotel and restaurant business as is having furniture and indoor restrooms.

Perhaps you had read something

about ADA being unfunded and got confused with unfounded. If you had spoken to us, we could have cleared up your misunderstanding and saved you some embarrassment.

3. You say your money-oriented people have no power and that disabilities statutes should be only a matter of local law. Five of the laws protecting persons with disabilities are totally local. They are: PL 8-35 (Parking Access), PL 8-38 (The Patients Rights Act), PL 8-36 (Involuntary Civil Commitment Act) and PL 8-37 (Criminal Commitment Act). The fifth, PL 9-21 (Man-Amko Physical Abuse and Mental Cruelty Act) was drafted and lobbied into passage by NMPASI to protect the elder generation of Chamolinian persons, whom you seem to have forgotten.

4. You asked, "How many truly disabled people do we really have?" If you had picked up the phone and called us or the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Planning Council you would have found that it is in excess of 2,000, maybe as high as 3,000 residents. That is not counting the tourists I mentioned earlier, or other visitors such as businessmen, who may also have disabilities, and who come to CNMI to invest and make profits.

You cite a case in the New England state of Rhode Island and one in an Iowa penitentiary, neither of which is analogous to the CNMI. Nor do we view Philip K. Howard, who thinks he is on the inside track when he says, "filing lawsuits is the keystone of the ADA", as any authority on the subject. Let us assume that there have been some pretty absurd results in a few cases and that some advocates actually are overzealous. Does that mean that NMPASI which has filed only one ADA suit in seven (7) years is also "overzealous"? If the Nikko Hotel case was unfounded or frivolous, vexatious, harassing, brought in bad faith or utterly without merit, the Carlsmith law firm, able litigators, would have pointed it out and Judge Munson would have dismissed the case and assessed attorney's fees against us. That is exactly why we are very careful in choosing what actions to take and when to take them.

In the meantime, I submit to you that you serve your readership very poorly by trivializing this important legislation. It is the more astute and forward thinking entrepreneurs who recognize that persons with disabilities constitute an "emerging market" and fully comply "early on" and voluntarily. When you see those investors, invest your money with them. They are ahead of the curve of, "build it accessible and they will come." If you continue to pander to the ones who resist change, you will be a Johnny-Come-Lately. Back in the early 1900's there were writers, like you, who denounced automobiles and aircraft. We expected similar short-sighted sloppy journalism from someone. Sorry it had to be you.

LYDIA F. BARCINAS

Hong. . .

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mination to disband the elected legislature, such changes would set back Hong Kong's democratic development to the beginning of the decade, when the British governor had sweeping powers to silence critics.

Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's leader-in-waiting, says the changes are necessary to prevent Hong Kong from becoming a base for destabilizing China.

But the concept of "political organizations" and "political links" is "so wide that it will simply catch a lot of people in its net," said Democratic Party vice chairman Yeung Sum.

Why. . .

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little to do with Big Government in Washington cramming something down our throats.

Are there instances in which the system has run amok, and the ADA has produced horrible results? Of course; there are with

Charles'. . .

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heart and invoked tearjacking.

I am interested in facts and logic, not appeals to pity and emotion. Fourth, because nobody, except Thomas Camacho, whose letter was published in the Tribune, even bothered to refute my arguments on its merits. So why should I refute theirs?

Mr. Skinner asked me not to waste my time responding to his letter. Well, I will respect his request and I won't. In fact, I won't even respond to Elena Sutton. Why should I? After all, they didn't intelligently respond to my column.

You ADA supporters—you respond to me. Don't attack me personally like Dr. Jack Angello did, because I will attack you right back but twice as hard. I won't let you get away with it.

If you want to create enemies and fight, we can do that too. It's up to you, Jack. But this is a very small island and I would rather not fight and create enemies. I would rather reason with logic and intelligence and arrive at the correct position.

You ADA supporters must respond

Embarrassed. . .

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problem of handicapped without costing the "landlords, business owners, and employers" any money at all.

I think I can speak for my co-government workers who are sincere and dedicated public servants when I say that I was shocked at Mr. Reyes' unwarranted attack on De Angello who runs the Vocational Education Program at NMC. Recently, he opened the NMC Adult School, which he spearheaded to give our people a second chance at getting an education that circumstances may have formerly deprived them.

I am sure Mr. Reyes did not consider what motivated Dr. Angello to write as he did. It is because the Dr.'s own little boy, aged six, was born with a cleft palate. I am certain that this caused Dr. and Mrs. Angello much heartbreak on the day "Tony" was born. Add to that, the worry and uncertainty those parents went through during each of several, complicated operations the little guy went through so he could even eat food. Now "Tony" and his parents and step-sister have to live with his efforts to learn to do what Mr. Reyes and I both take for granted. Talk.

I am sure that Mr. Reyes cannot

every law. That flaw is inherent when we try to live up to the ideal of a government of laws, and not of human frailties. But on balance, it is quite clear that the benefit of the ADA to society as a whole far overshadows any additional burden which it has placed on our citizens; and that the ADA, as the (unfortunately necessary) implementation of a worthwhile

goal of a caring society, has been a great success.

The Bible talks about three great virtues, faith, hope, and charity, but suggests that the greatest of these is charity. To paraphrase the old public service ad, "charity" doesn't mean a handout; it means a hand up, and that's what the ADA is.

MICHAEL A. WHITE

to me and the Commonwealth. You must convince us of the force of your compelling arguments. Elena Sutton, I will not respond to you. You respond to us.

You are the one who should convince us that all federal laws—including the ADA—should apply here and that we have no right to self-government and states' rights. You convince us that the ADA is not inflationary and expensive for both businesses and their consumers.

You convince us that the ADA does not create the kind of atrocious abuses that I mentioned—or that if it does, that its benefits far exceed its drawbacks.

You convince us that disabled people are entitled to special rights, that they have a claim upon our lives. You answer my question.

I wrote what the ADA means, basically and morally, and in analogous terms, that if a son (representing the government) has a disabled mother (representing the disabled population) who needs to buy a wheelchair but has no money, he has every moral and legal right (through the Americans with Disabilities Act) to rob an innocent neighbor (the business community and the rest of us) at gunpoint (the ADA law-

suit) to accommodate his mother's needs.

I asked if this was morally right. I asked if the needs of the disabled justified my life or yours. You answer this question, Elena. You tell me—you tell us—that the ends justify the means.

You tell us that your needs justify our lives, our property, our money, our happiness. You tell us that the government must take away our freedom and force us to suffer and spend for you just because your suffering might be greater than most of us. But before you answer, please, do us and yourself a favor and read Ayn Rand's book, *Atlas Shrugged*.

Elena, your letter was really beautiful and moving and touching. You are a fine writer. You have shown all of us that you have a truly big and good bleeding liberal heart. Now show us that your mind is also as big as your heart. Please read Ayn Rand or have someone read her works to you. Then answer.

Then consider my arguments and totally refute it point by point with logic. Then tell us—clearly demonstrate—that you have a right to our lives.

CHARLES P. REYES, JR.

Sutton on April 4th, one can easily notice that Tribune left out much of what she had to say. So much for Mr. Reyes' brand of "Freedom of the Press."

I would also invite any government workers who feel outraged at being classed by Mr. Reyes as an "idiot who works for the government" or "government worker—or hooker—arrogantly dependent on—butting grateful to—private business" to write. Most of us work very hard to make a community that works for everyone. We with disabilities are not the ones who ruined the reputation of the whole Commonwealth and brought the "heat" of the U.S. Congress about labor abuses in not paying the earned wages to their employees. It was the behavior of persons with the same mentality as Mr. Reyes who got the rest of us branded as a "Slave Island."

Lastly, I would like Mr. Reyes to respond to me by telling me that he thinks my buddies with disabilities and myself do "not have a powerful sense of efficacy or a feeling of self-actualization" and that we "look to filing lawsuits as a way of life...and thereby gaining a false sense of self-worth."

Mr. Reyes, I challenge you to look each of us in the eye when you say that.

MARIANO K. CAMACHO

Chinese. . .

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Chinese market, the threat of Chinese economic growth, or the size of the Chinese military," said the speaker.

But he said the deployment of American warships into the area last year in response to a perceived Chinese threat against Taiwan underscored the need for a strengthened U.S. missile defense system.

Gingrich also cited that deployment in justifying his warning to the Chinese that the United States would respond to any military action against Taiwan.

He said he made the statement in the context of America's

one-China policy, which recognizes only China and not rival Taiwan.

He said the basis of the policy is that "the mainland cannot conquer Taiwan, and Taiwan cannot unilaterally break the one-China policy."

Meanwhile, White House spokesman Mike McCurry took a slap at Gingrich for his flat declaration that the United States would defend Taiwan if China uses force against the island.

"The speaker as you are all well aware is on a charm offensive for the far right, and the White House hopes he soon returns to the center of the political spectrum," McCurry said.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. **RFP97-0104**
FOR: **AS / 400 SYSTEM RESOURCES**
OPENING DATE: **APRIL 18, 1997**

TIME: **2:30 P.M.**

GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, IS SOLICITING COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR AS / 400 SYSTEM RESOURCES. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP PROPOSAL FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

/S/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. **RFP97-0105**
FOR: **J.D. EDWARDS FMS SPECIALISTS**
OPENING DATE: **APRIL 18, 1997**

TIME: **3:00 P.M.**

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/S/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. **RFP97-0103**
FOR: **SYNON CASE TOOL SPECIALISTS**
OPENING DATE: **APRIL 18, 1997**

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/S/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. **RFP97-0113**
FOR: **SURVEYING SERVICES**
OPENING DATE: **APRIL 25, 1997**

TIME: **2:00 P.M.**

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/S/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: **ITB97-0106**
FOR: **PROCUREMENT OF A HEAVY EQUIPMENT**
OPENING DATE: **APRIL 25, 1997**

TIME: **3:30 P.M.**

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/S/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
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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 NIEVES PALACIOS BOIER, Deceased.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-332

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Hearing Date: April 29, 1997
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Demapan

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF NIEVES PALACIOS BOIER, DECEASED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Gabriel F. Boyer has filed with the Clerk of this Court his Petition for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Nieves Palacios Boier, deceased. The hearing on the Petition is set for Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court, Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. For further particulars please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioners, Bruce L. Mailman of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-6547 and facsimile (670) 234-9537.

CREDITORS of decedent or of his estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED: March 31, 1997

JOVITA CASTRO FLORES, Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of ANA CABRERA TENORIO, Deceased.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-316

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Hearing Date: April 22, 1997
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Castro

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF ANA CABRERA TENORIO, DECEASED.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Veronica T. Guerrero and Elpidia T. Acfalle have filed with the Clerk of this Court his Petition for Letters of Administration of the Estate of ANA CABRERA TENORIO, deceased. The hearing on the Petition is set for April 22, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court, Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. For further particulars please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioners, Bruce L. Mailman of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-6547 and facsimile (670) 234-9537.

CREDITORS of decedent or of his estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED: March 26, 1997

JOVITA CASTRO FLORES, Clerk of Court

by: /s/ Charlene Teregayo
Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Guam Savings & Loan Association, Plaintiff,
v.
Juan M. Santos and Josephine C. Santos, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-564

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, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants Juan M. Santos and Josephine C. Santos 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.

The sale will be held on Friday, May 2, 1997, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held without any warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, all of which are hereby expressly disclaimed. The sale is subject to approval by the Court. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, for any reason.

DATED, this 21 day of March, 1997.

/s/ JOHN B. JOYNER

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

Bank of Guam, Plaintiff,
v.
Manuel J. Castro, Defendant.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-694

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, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: real property situated in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Lot 018 B 134, containing an area of 929 square meters, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 018 B 64 dated August 11, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The sale will be held on Friday, May 2, 1997, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held without any warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, all of which are hereby expressly disclaimed. The sale is subject to approval by the Court. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, for any reason.

DATED, this 28 day of March, 1997;

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Mitsukuni Nozawa, Plaintiff,
v.
Guadalupe P. Mangiona, Patricia Ann P. rez Sablan, and In Young Jung, as his capacity as Personal Representative for the Estate of Doo Young Chung, Defendant.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-338

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty (20) days after the fourth publication of this summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above court:

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Dated this 8th day of April, 1997.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL GUARDIAN FOR RUBECKA J. GUERRERO, a female minor child.

by: PAULINE J. GUERRERO, Petitioner.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-359

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

TO: ALL LIVING PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND ADULT SIBLINGS OF THE MINOR CHILD, RUBECKA J. GUERRERO.

You are hereby notified that the hearing on the petition filed by Petitioner, Pauline J. Guerrero, to be appointed the General Guardian of the minor, female child Rubecka J. Guerrero, has been set for 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter, on Thursday, April 24, 1997, in Courtroom C at the Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan. You are invited to attend this hearing.

Dated this 04 day of April, 1997.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

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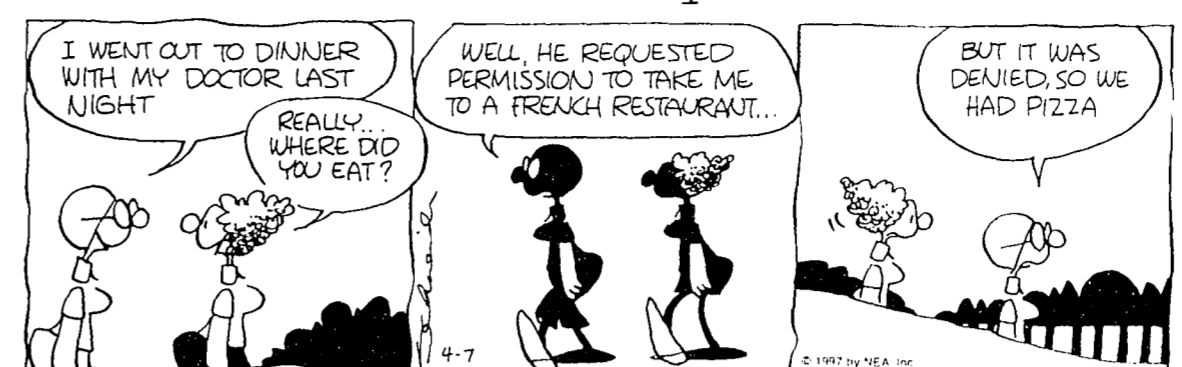
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Born today, you are an energetic and enthusiastic soul with a great desire to improve yourself throughout your lifetime. You have many diverse talents and your physical skills are quite remarkable; it's likely that you will combine the intellectual, the emotional, the spiritual and the physical in such a way as to reap great benefits from your professional endeavors. No stranger to adversity, you nevertheless retain your positive outlook. You are confident that your continued efforts will pay off eventually; it doesn't matter whether that is sooner or later, you'll keep striving!

You do your best to keep your private life very private and you don't like anyone prying into things that are not on public display. For this reason alone there may be something rather mysterious about you, and you can be sure to find yourself a hot topic on the grapevine again and again!

Also born on this date are: Joel Grey, actor; Bill Irwin, actor and clown; Louise Lasser, actress.

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

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be introduced to something today which doesn't strike your fancy. Just wait, you're likely to come around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Are you really ready and willing to do what you must to see that everything gets done according to your own high expectations? Do not get lazy!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Follow your instincts today, and you'll make an important discovery which may involve someone who has been on the periphery for some time.

CANCER (June 21-July 21) — Now is the time for you to step forward and claim that which is really yours. You have spent too much time letting others have their way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A combination of events is likely to cause more confusion than usual today at the workplace, where certain things are already unsure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may want to take cover today from the sort of criticism that is sure to come your way, thanks to a recent decision that is quite unpopular.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may be starting to accept certain ideas you were quite resistant to, but this doesn't mean you're changing completely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You are likely to hear the same things over and over again today. Some need the constant repetition, but once is quite enough for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It may take you more time and effort today to convince someone who knows you well that you're really on the right track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There may seem to be nothing new on the horizon today. What is more important, however, is how you react to things that come your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Someone may suggest a sure-fire remedy for you today, but you will want to trust your own tried-and-true methods.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Take care your behavior is up to par today, as many people will be watching you and some will be expecting you to falter at the wrong time.

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On this day in 1983, Harold Washington was elected the first black mayor of Chicago.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), poet; Charles Evans Hughes (1862-1948), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Dean Acheson (1893-1971), U.S. secretary of state; Joel Grey (1932-), actor; is 65; Louise Lasser (1939-), actress, is 58; Bret Saberhagen (1964-), baseball player, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, Jackie Robinson was signed to a contract by the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking major-league baseball's long-standing color line.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are under a Constitution, but the Constitution is what the judges say it is, and the judiciary is the safeguard of our liberty and of our property under the Constitution." — Charles Evans Hughes

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, high winds blew down the wall of a building being demolished in Los Angeles.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 7) and first quarter (April 14).

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- 5 Drivers' org.
- 8 "What are you —?"
- 12 Beer ingredient
- 13 Theater sign (abbr.)
- 14 "Yes, —!"
- 15 Edge
- 16 That woman
- 17 Morsel
- 18 Sea creatures
- 20 Briefer
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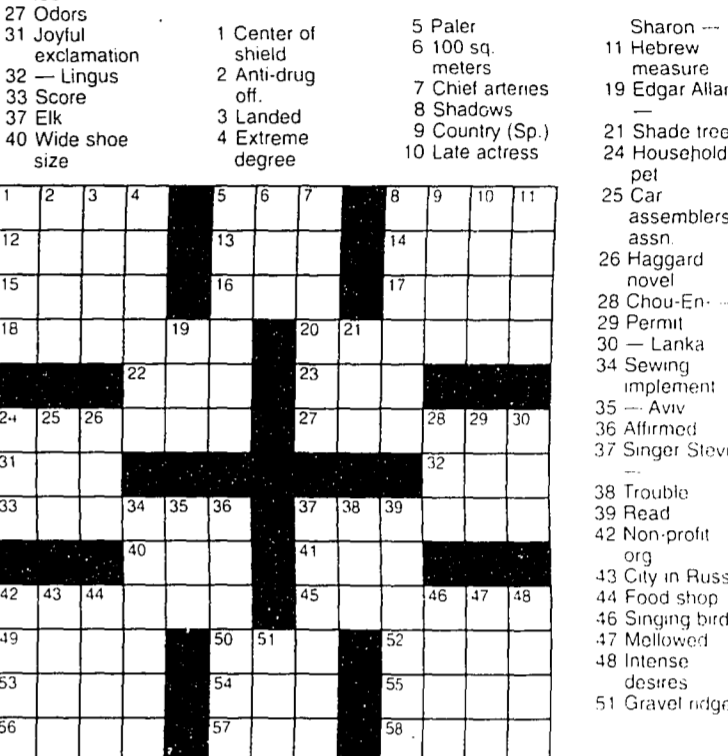
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- 21 Shade tree
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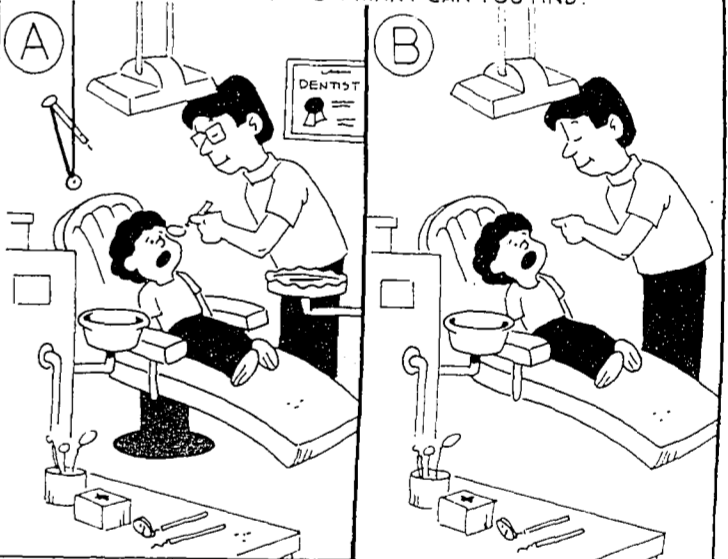
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kilometer Open Lake Swim and three more distance events.

"Robert and Jessica are the best long distance swimmers of the team but they are going to compete for the first time in an open long distance swim event," Sakovich added.

Tracy Feger, Noriko Grandinetti, Keoni Ichihara, Alexis Kosack, Jennifer Pierce, Justin Pierce, Roberto Santos and Jacoby Winkfield are vying for the eight slots open in the SSC team that will compete in the biennial Darwin Games.

Five of the eight have already clinched spots but the remaining three have to pass the qualifying mark to join the team.

The 1997 Arafura Games is expected to draw the participation of at least 4,800 athletes from 35 countries.

Aside from the junior swimmers, CNMI is also sending a softball team and triathlete Stuart Smith to the Arafura Games.

During the inaugural Arafura Games in 1991, CNMI sent four swimmers. David Palacios brought home a gold medal after winning the 100 meter butterfly

while Jacoby Winkfield bagged a bronze in the 50M breaststroke.

In the 1993 Games, again the island was represented by seven swimmers. Winkfield brought home another bronze while Derrick Sleabaugh and Jennifer entered the finals of at least one of their favorite events.

Sakovich said that the primary goal of the team is to lower their personal bests. "We are not really predicting to win medals this year, what we are hoping for is for the kids to improve their best time in their respective events," the SSC president said.

In a related development, the SSC is asking for help from interested individuals, including the business community as well, to help SSC defray the cost of the swimmers' participation in the two big off-island competitions.

"It will cost us at least \$1,400 per person to compete in the Arafura Games and another \$1,900 for the Brisbane Championships. Funding is one of our primary concerns and we hope that we can get enough support so that the kids will get the needed experience in competing in big events just like the Arafura and Oceania Games," Sakovich added.

Shockers...

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ning record and the lead in Division B.

The team likewise increased its advantage over second running and idle Angus Beef Eaters to 14 wins. Oleai Beach Restaurant's White Trash is still in third in the 12 team pack with an 80-52 record.

In the premier division, Mom's Round Two won seven games against the Masters of Pacific Amusement to remain in second behind Pacific Trading's Lite Beer FBL.

The Bad Boyz racked their

51st win against 70 losses to trail Lite Beer by 32 wins for the top spot in the Masters Division. The Masters are at third with 41-69 slate.

Pugua Power continued their solid grasp of the lead in the A Division by reaching 90 wins against 53 setbacks. Team Red Dog is remained at second trailing the Johnson team by 10 wins at 80-63.

The Dart Busters overtook the Flyboyz for solo third winning two more wins for a 78-65 slate. The Flyboyz dropped to fourth with a 76-67 tally.

The Blind Navigators won eight games to hike their out-

put to 96-47 as they remained the team to beat in the C Division. The Dominant Mikes are second with an 85-58 while the Little Monsters are three wins behind at 82-61.

In the Mixed Doubles Division, Bobby and Dina barely managed to hang on top after winning just five games in 11 encounters.

The duo's 71-47 slate or a winning percentage of 61.16 gave them the temporary lead over the Mii and Suzi tandem. Mii and Suzi also posted the same 5-6 effort gave them an overall 85-58. Dimas and Jean jumped to third with a 64-57 slate.

Wheels...

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Ngiraidong took the loss, yielding 10 hits, three bases on balls, seven earned runs, while fanning three batters in six innings at the mound.

Lizama finished the game by going 2 of 4, knocked in four RBIs, one stolen base and scored two runs.

Frank Pangelinan went 2 of 3, scored three runs and three stolen bases and drove in an RBI while Ray Guerrero went 1 of 2 and knocked in two RBIs as the Wheels evened their slate to 2-2.

Overall, the Wheels connected 10 hits in 30 attempts for a .333 batting percentage with no errors.

JJ Laniyo led the Typhoons' losing cause by going 2 of 3 including a double. Ngewaki finished the game with a 1 of 3, one run and one RBI performance.

The Typhoons could only hit five out of 24 attempts for a measly .041 batting percentage.

Kautz Glass Glaziers and Team Palau seek their second wins of the season by going at each other in tonight's game.

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his health. He died in 1906, 34 years of age.

Pillsbury's talent for combination was superb, and Keene says he was most formidable in middle games where clear direct plans were needed.

His specialty, says Euwe, was the K-side attacks on a positional basis, and his deadliest weapon was the breakthrough—the combinative opening of lines into the enemy stronghold.

Here he is in a famous game with Lasker against whom he won 5, drawn 4 and lost 5 games.

Euwe annotates:
Game of the week.
French Defense
H.N. Pillsbury-Em. Lasker
Nuremberg, 1896

1. P-K4P-K32.2. P-Q4P-Q43. N-QB3-N-KB3 4. P-K5 KN-Q2 5. P-B4P-QB46. P-PN-QB37. P-QR3 NxBP

More incisive than 7...BxP.

8. P-QN4 N-Q2?

Lasker would later say that 8...P-Q5 was the better move: 9. QN-K2P. Q6! 10. N-N3 Q-Q5 with promising play.

9. B-Q3 P-QR4

Risky. Black gets control of his QB4, but loses several tempi.

10. P-N5 N3-N11. N-B3 N-B4

12. B-K3 N1-Q2 13. 0-0 P-KN3 14. N-K2 B-K2 15. Q-K1 N3 16. N3-Q4 B-Q2 17. Q-B2 N3-R5

Better would have been 17...Q-B2 followed by N4-R5 and N3-B5.

18. QR-N1

Otherwise it would not have been easy to prevent the loss of a pawn after 18...N-N7; but White's move also has an attacking point, as will presently appear.

18...P-R4 19. P-N6! NxB20. P-N BxP 21. P-B5!

A little breakthrough in preparation for the big one to come. KB4 is being vacated for the N on K2.

Pillsbury possesses an unparalleled technique when it came to unleashing the explosive powers of his pieces.

21...NPxP 22. N-B4 P-R5 23. R-R1!

The prelude to a combination of rare depth which produced a more clear-cut result than 23. NxBP PxN 24. NxB—promising though that also is.

23...B-K2 24. RxN!! BxR 25. N(Q4)xKP!! PxN 26. NxBP

The great virtuoso of the breakthrough presents his chef d'oeuvre. Black, a clear rook ahead, must now lose, play as he will. To have foreseen all this is a brilliant piece of work by Pillsbury. There are

few combinations on record to be compared with it.

26...B-Q2

Black sees that he can only prolong the game, not save it. After 26...Q-B1

27. QxBP! with the main threat of 28. B-N5! White would win more quickly:

A) 27...R-KN1 28. Q-B7+ K-Q2 29. N-B5+

B) 27...Q-B3 28. B-N5! QxP+ 29. P-Q4 Q-N5 30. Q-B7+ K-Q2 31. BxB QxB 32. N-B5+ K-Q1 33. NxB+ K-Q2 P-K6+, etc.

27. NxB QxN

Black has only rook and bishop for the queen. Moreover, his pawns are horribly weakened and his king is still insecure. The rest is simple.

28. B-B5 R-QB1 29. BxB KxB

30. Q-K3R-B331. Q-N5+ K-B232. R-B1 RxR+ 33. QxRR-QB1 34. Q-K1 P-R6

The immediate advance of the other rook-pawn is also useless: 34...P-R5

QxP P-R6 Q-R7+ and now

A) 36...K-K3 37. Q-N7! and wins. B) 36...K-K1 37. Q-N6+

(1) 37...K-B1 38. Q-Q6+ K-K1 39. QxRP and wins.

(2) 37...K-K2 38. Q-B6+ K-K1 39. P-K6+ and wins.

(3) 37...K-Q1 38. Q-B6+ K-K1 39. P-K6 and wins.

35. PxB R-N1+ 36. K-B2 P-R5

37. Q-N4 R-N3 38. K-B3 P-R6 39. QxP RxP 40. Q-B5R-K341. Q-B7

K-K2 42. K-B4 P-N3 43. P-R4 R-QB3 44. Q-N8 B-K1 45. KxP R-R3

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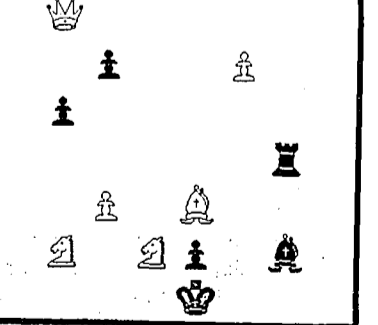
Puzzler. Congratulations to ARC's Joy and Tinián's Rick Jason Borja for getting the correct answer to last week's puzzle: 1. Nc4!

• If 1...Kxc4 2. Rd6 Kb4 3. Rd4#

• If 1...Kxe6 2. Qf4 Kd5 3. Qf7#

• If 1...e3 2. Qh1+ Kxe6 3. Nd4#

For this week, check this out:



SPORTS



1997 Saipan Men's Major League

Wheels shrug off Typhoons

Team Standings	W	L
Miller Lite Brewers	3	0
UMDA Aces	3	0
Toyota Wheels	2	2
Kautz Glass Glazers	1	1
Team Palau	1	2
Typhoons	1	3
Sunrisers	0	3

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

BOB LIZAMA slammed his first homer in 14 seasons as defending champions Toyota Wheels launched a crippling seven run explosion in the bottom of the second inning to pound a 12-1 victory against the Typhoons last Wednesday for their second win

in the 1997 Saipan Men's Major League at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

The diminutive Lizama, who broke into the baseball scene in 1982, hit his first homerun, an inside the park plate clearing shot off Marcus Ngiraidong in the fifth inning as the defending champions brought life back to their sputtering title retention drive.

Elmer Sablan led the Wheels defense by shutting down the Typhoons scoreless in the first four innings before allowing a meaningless run in the top of the fifth.

By the time, Finley Ngewakl reached the homeplate, the Wheels are comfortably ahead by seven, 8-1.

A Toyota three run barrage in

the last two innings ended the ballgame as the Wheels won their second game in four starts.

The loss dropped the Typhoons to their third setback in four outings.

Sablan took the win, yielding five hits and one run while retiring nine batters in seven innings at the mound.

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Ball!—A Cardinal lets the ball in last week's encounter between San Antonio and San Roque in the 1997 Little League at the San Vicente Elem. School Ball Park. The D-9ers beat the Cards, 3-2 for their fourth straight win. The games resume tomorrow.

Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat

Oceania and Arafura Games
SSC to compete in 2 int'l events

By Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff

THE SAIPAN Swim Club will be sending at least five swimmers in the forthcoming Oceania Swim Championships in Brisbane, Australia and another five in the 4th Biennial Arafura Games in Darwin, also in Australia in May.

SSC president and coach Bill Sakovich revealed that Jessica Jordan, Xenavee Pangelinan, Robert Jordan, Josh Taitano and Audra Winkfield will be competing in the tough Oceania Swim Championships in Brisbane on May 10-14.

The Oceania Swim Championships is expected to draw the

participation of Fiji, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, US, Australia, New Zealand and several Asian countries.

Due to the presence of strong opposition particularly from powerhouse teams from the host country and New Zealand, SSC is going to send the best swimmers in the team to compete in at least five events.

Sakovich also said that at least five more swimmers with three more vying for three more slots are slated to participate in the 4th Arafura Games in Darwin on May 10-17.

Robert and Winkfield are expected to see action in the 5

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• Zaldy Dandan

The 'pathfinder'

LASKER once described him as "a pathfinder...a source of pleasure and joy." And with good reasons. Harry Nelson Pillsbury (1872-1906) of New York impressed the chess world not only with his tournament successes, but with the quality of his games.

"His moves," says British GM Raymond Keene, "flowed smoothly and logically, his ideas were crystal clear and there was a fresh, open honesty, almost an innocence, about him and his play."

A virtual unknown in 1895, Pillsbury went to Hastings to participate in what was then the strongest tournament ever. Aside from world champ Lasker, Steinitz, Chigorin, Tarrasch and practically the cream of the chess world were there.

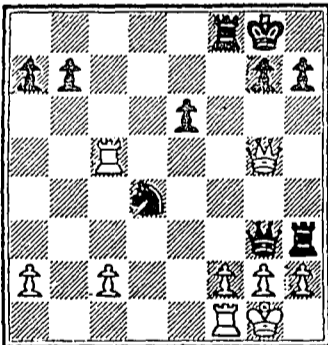
It was Pillsbury's first tournament, and no one had ever won a major tournament on their first attempt. But Pillsbury did, and "it was as if Morphy had been reborn."

Considered one of the world's top 4 during his time, Pillsbury would play in 12 more major international tournaments, and was almost always near the top, but he never finished first again.

The tragedy, says Keene, was that Pillsbury contracted syphilis in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1895/96. He was not well in 1896, recovered, but began to succumb to the disease in 1903 and was seriously ill in 1904.

Perhaps his incredible blindfold exhibitions even made matters worse for

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1997 Bud Light Dart League

Shockers reach 100 win plateau

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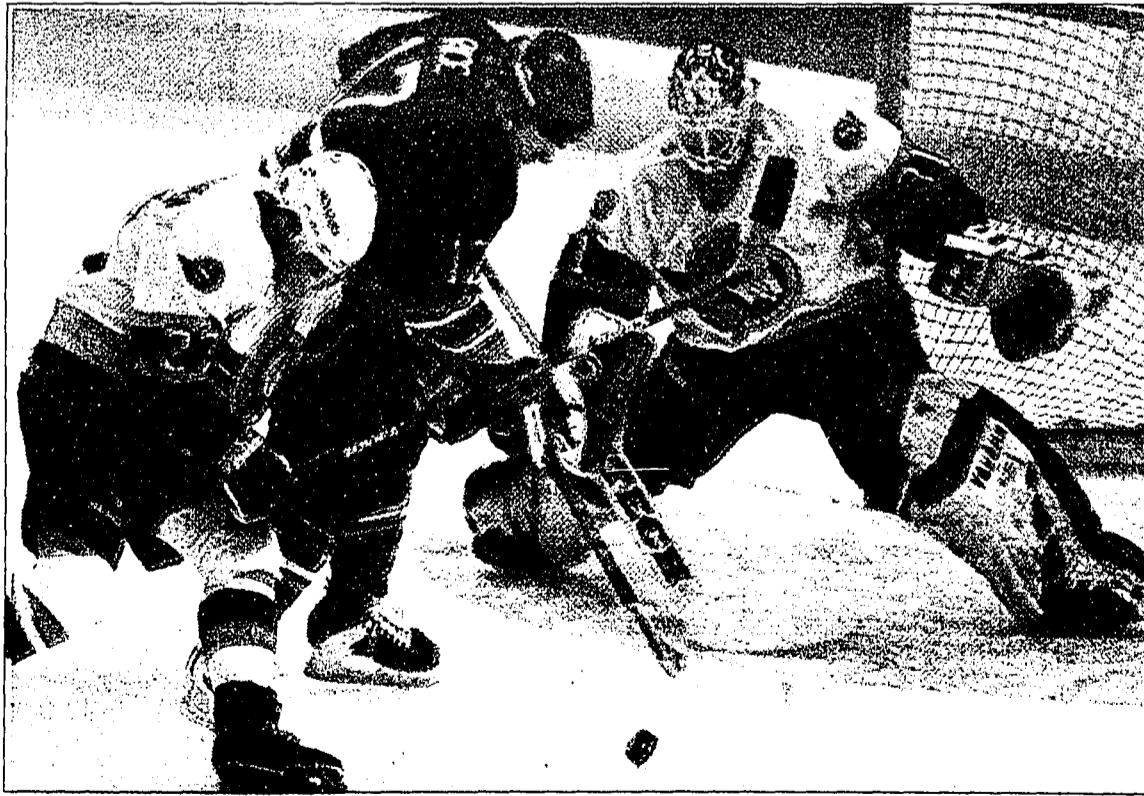
PACIFIC Isle won nine of its 11 outings to become the

first team to reach the 100 win plateau in the ongoing 1997 Bud Light Dart League.

The Shockers' nine more

victories improved the team's win loss slate to 100-43 for the league's best win-

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Hartford Whalers' Steven Rice battles with Ottawa Senators' Janne Laukkanen for the puck in front of Ottawa goalie Ron Tugnutt during first period action in Kanata, Ontario.

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