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# GOP primary Nov. 9

**By Rafael H. Arroyo**  
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THE REPUBLICAN Party has set November 9 as the date for a primary to decide who will be the GOP standard bearers for the gubernatorial race in 1997.

The date was selected during a general membership meeting last night attended by candidates and their supporters at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.

Also agreed upon by the party was a July 15th absolute deadline for letters of intent and candidacy fees from individual aspirants.



Pedro P. Tenorio



Larry I. Guerrero

Depending upon who will be able to satisfy the requirements after the July 15 deadline, the party will then decide on the need for congressional, mayoral and Washington representative primaries simultaneous with the November 9 gubernatorial primary.

The party generally hosts a primary in instances where there are more than one Republican aspirant for one elected seat.

Under a primary, the official party candidate/s are to be determined through a vote from all registered voters in the CNMI,

regardless of their party affiliations.

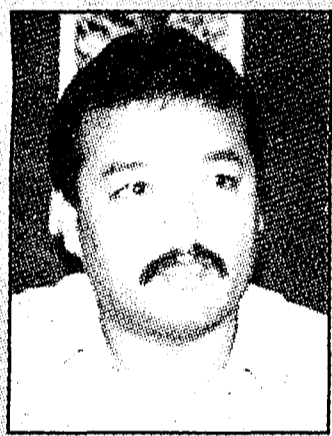
During the meeting, Party Chairman Benigno R. Fitial introduced former governors Pedro P. Tenorio and Larry I. Guerrero as the two official protagonists in the race for the GOP nomination.

Tenorio and Guerrero have earlier chosen incumbent Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and educator Rita H. Inos as their respective runningmates.

Also announced, albeit unofficially were the bids of former Lt.

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## Manglona to sue



Paul A. Manglona

**By Rafael H. Arroyo**  
Variety News Staff

SENATE Vice President Paul A. Manglona yesterday said he is preparing to take Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to court to determine whether the latter's

signing of the new minimum wage law is valid or not.

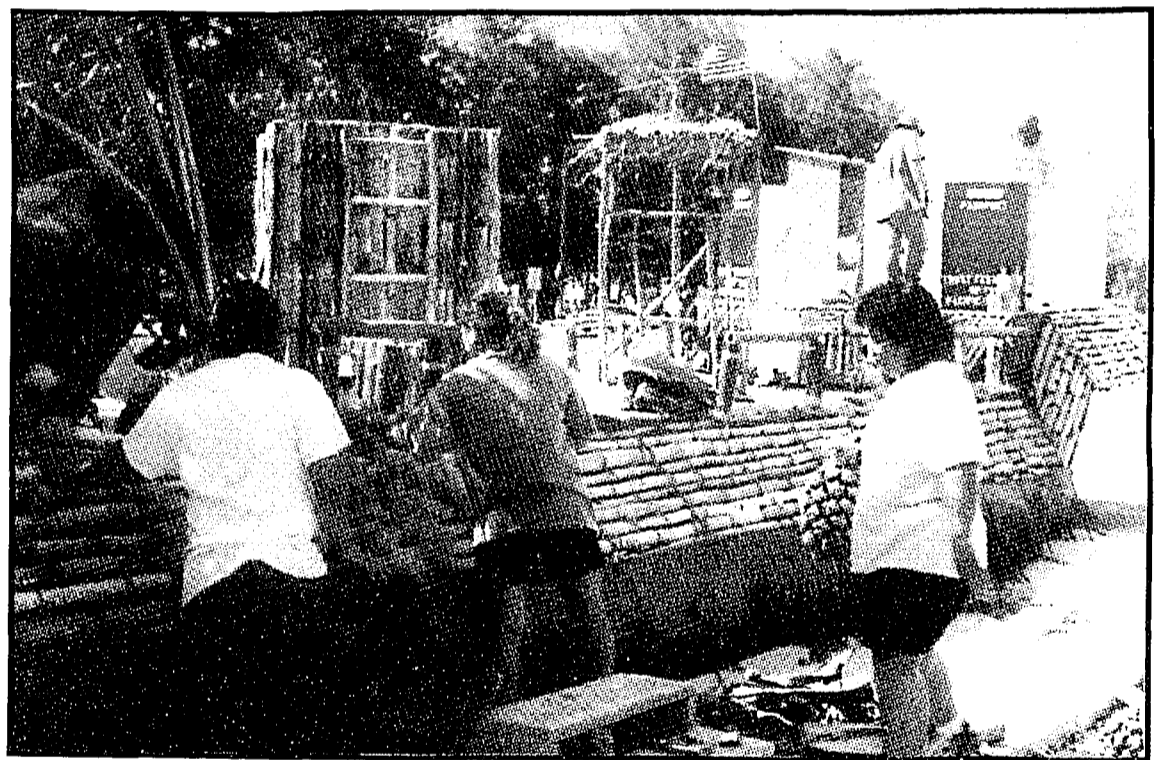
In an interview, Manglona said he is initiating the civil lawsuit himself so as to settle the confusion over House Bill 10-158 once and for all.

"I hate to make an issue now on the minimum wage because I think there's already so much confusion on this and it may not be good for everyone," said Manglona.

"But I think the main issue is 'Can the governor, in a democratic society, sign bills secretly into law.' 'What is the authority of the acting governor in the absence of the governor?' These are the things that need to be clarified," said Manglona.

According to Manglona, it is

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Staff members of the Governor's Office work double time to finish a float yesterday afternoon. The Governor's Office's float is expected to be one of the attractions in today's Liberation Day Parade.

—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## US Justice vows to look after the rights of teachers in NMI

**By Rick Alberto**  
Variety News Staff

THE U.S. Department of Justice vowed yesterday to continue looking after the civil rights of teachers and other education personnel in the CNMI, referring apparently to those of foreign ethnic origin.

"We will continue to monitor the Commonwealth's Public School System to ensure it complies with the requirements of Title VII and treats all its employees fairly," Assistant Atty. Gen. for Civil Rights Deval L. Patrick said.

The statement came a day after 169 Filipino teachers started getting their monetary awards representing unpaid salaries and other

benefits denied them by the PSS allegedly because of their nationality during the period between March 3, 1990, and Sept. 9, 1994.

The US filed a lawsuit against the CNMI, the PSS, Board of Education, and the Commissioner of Education in 1992 alleging violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act through a pattern of discrimination against Filipino public school teachers.

Filipinos, according to the complaint, were paid less than their similarly qualified American teachers recruited from the United States mainland and Hawaii, were not provided housing and trans-

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## Borja: Probate law likely to be shot down by court



Jesus C. Borja

THE RECENTLY-enacted probate law may likely be stricken down by the courts, Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja said last week-

end.

According to Borja, he sees some truth to the observation aired by certain lawyers that certain portions of Public Law 10-10 may be unconstitutional, specifically the one that provides for its retroactive application.

"Yes, it could be seen as unconstitutional," said Borja when interviewed during a Sunday luncheon at the Plumeria Resort Hotel, "especially with regards to its application to the Hillblom case, there could be legal problems with that."

A former lawyer who helped draft the previous probate code, Borja said he also feels uncom-

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### Weather Outlook

**Partly Cloudy  
with isolated shower**

# Australia cuts immigration

By GEOFF SPENCER  
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - The government announced a big cut to Australia's intake of immigrants on Wednesday because too many newcomers are unemployed, particularly Asians who can't speak English.

However, the government denied the 10.8 percent reduction and a new requirement for better English skills smacks of the infamous "White Australia Policy," which used difficult language tests to prevent Asian immigration until the 1970s.

"We're not going to look at the color of a person's skin or their country of origin," Prime Minister John Howard said in a radio interview.

He said some immigrant groups with poor English have unemployment rates of more than 30 percent, more than three times the national rate.

He did not specify which groups. But government figures show unemployment rates are highest among Vietnamese and Middle Eastern immigrants.

Hardest hit by government's decision will be immigrants who want to bring in relatives from overseas under a family reunion scheme. Numbers under that scheme will be reduced by 27 percent.

The government said it will also crack down on would-be immigrants who use sham marriages

and relationships to gain residency.

Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock said a total of 74,000 immigrants will be accepted in 1996-97, 9,000 down from the previous 12-month period.

Another 14,000 refugees will also be accepted, a drop of about 1,000.

Ruddock said more immigrants with business skills and employment potential will be permitted to settle.

People who speak English will also have a greater chance of being accepted.

"It will be a better and more appropriate mix," Ruddock told a media conference.

Ruddock said the changes are in line with recent opinion polls which show most Australians want a different immigration mix.

Ruddock said there will be more rigorous testing of applicants who claim they have spouses or finances in Australia. People who are accepted under this category will receive two-year probationary visas.

During that period officials will check to see their relationships are genuine.

One immigrant group, the New South Wales Ethnic Communities Council, complained that the changes will favor applicants from English-speaking, Anglo-Saxon backgrounds.

Another lobby group, the Fed-

eration of Ethnic Communities Councils, voiced disappointment at the reduction but said it could not accuse the government of anti-Asian bias.

"There would not be anything in our view that would imply that there is a clear discrimination against Asian migration. Most of

the Asian migrants would speak English," federation chairman Victor Rebikoff said.

Howard, a political conservative, was criticized by immigrant organizations in the late 1980s when he suggested that the proportion of Asians settling in Australia was too high.

He retracted this while trying to

woo immigrant voters during an election campaign earlier this year.

Government figures for 1994-95 show 37 percent of all newcomers were from Asian countries, while 29.2 percent were European. The rest were from neighboring Pacific islands, New Zealand, North and South America, and Africa.

# Netanyahu drops previous plan to fence off West Bank

By NICOLAS B. TATRO  
JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, calling for economic "openness" with the Palestinians, says he is not committed to the previous government's plan to fence off the West Bank.

Netanyahu has already eased a four-month closure that has crippled the Palestinian economy by keeping tens of thousands of Palestinians from their jobs in Israel.

But in contrast to his liberal stance on economic dealings with the Palestinians, Netanyahu stuck Tuesday to his hard line against Palestinian demands for an independent state, saying Israel would agree only to some form of autonomy.

"We don't oppose an arrangement whereby the Palestinians would have an entity, an autonomous entity, that would give them all the freedoms to run their affairs ... without those aspects of

sovereignty that we believe threaten the existence of Israel," he said.

Many in Netanyahu's Likud Party - which generally favors a tough line on security - are ambivalent about the closure policy because they feel it creates a de facto border that could be a first step toward the creation of a Palestinian state.

Speaking at a news conference, the new prime minister said he didn't agree with the previous Labor government's \$200 million project to build a separation zone between Israel and the West Bank.

The plan would have erected fences, watch towers and electronic surveillance along the 360 kilometer (220-mile) frontier between Israel and the West Bank to make sure only Palestinians with permits enter Israel.

"We are not committed to this line of thinking," Netanyahu told the For-

eign Press Association.

"The economic component of peace is very beneficial, very stabilizing and good from the human point of view. I would like as far as possible to express that arrangement with policies of openness between the Palestinian Authority and us," he said.

However, Netanyahu has not made it clear how he proposes to deal with the problem of keeping Israelis safe from Palestinian terrorists. Israeli security agencies are still discussing the problem, and officials said Tuesday that no proposal has yet been submitted to the prime minister.

The closure was imposed Feb. 25 in response to a series of suicide bombings in Israel that claimed 63 lives. The restrictions stopped most Palestinians from coming to work in Israel and at times barred trucks from carrying produce to Israel.

# GOP accepts Palacios

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

FORMER Democratic Party Congressman Herman T. Palacios has officially joined the Republican Party as one of its candidates for the 1997 congressional elections.

Palacios' candidacy was announced during the party's general membership meeting last night at the Garapan Central Park

Roundhouse.

"This is great and I really appreciate that it didn't take the party leadership too long for a decision. I really feel good," said Palacios.

Palacios, who served two terms in the House of Representatives as a Democrat, decided to join the Republican Party in late May reportedly on the invitation of his former colleagues in the House.



Herman T. Palacios

At that time, he also admitted he is also switching parties over his differences with Democratic governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

The former congressman, who failed in his last reelection bid in the 1995 elections, became deputy secretary of Labor and Immigration until he was unceremoniously "removed" after serving only a few months with the department.

He was criticized for his rather drastic approach in his campaign against illegal aliens in the CNMI and so the governor "accepted his resignation," Palacios, however, maintained that he never resigned from the job.

As a Republican candidate for Saipan's precinct 1, Palacios joins local businessman Vicente M. Sablan who has also been announced as a candidate for the same precinct.

The GOP precinct 1 slate is expected to be completed with the inclusion of four more incumbent Reps. David M. Apatang, Karl T. Reyes, Michael P. Tenorio and Manuel A. Tenorio.

A fifth incumbent Precinct 1 representative, Ana S. Teregeyo has submitted her intent to run for the Senate but may yet opt for a House seat if there will be other aspirants for the lone vacant Saipan Senate seat.

# Increased threat of cyclones foreseen

DURING this year's rainy season, expect more turbulent windstorms than the CNMI experienced in 1995.

Tropical cyclone activity this year is expected to return to normal, according to the Pacific El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Applications Center in the University of Hawaii—Manoa Campus.

This means, according to the Pacific ENSO Update, 2nd quarter issue, "an increased threat of tropical cyclone conditions for the Mariana Islands."

Cyclone development and intensification would occur farther east than in 1995, it said.

But by mid-July and next month, it said, cyclone developments would move to the northwest.

"By mid-September, activity will spread east of the Marianas, with the greatest threats to the area occurring in October, November, and early December," it added.

ENSO had earlier indicated that the dry season (December-May) rainfall for Rota and Guam had been greater than normal.

It said that wetter-than-average conditions were expected to continue through the rainy season and next year's dry season.

In Saipan and Tinian, ENSO noted, the dry season conditions had been drier than those in Rota and Guam.

However, it said, "rainfall is expected to increase in the Northern Marianas to wetter-than-average values." —Rick Alberto

# Satake arraigned; pleads not guilty



Hideaki Satake

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

A JAPANESE national charged with drug conspiracy pleaded not guilty to the charges yesterday during his arraignment before the federal district court.

Hideaki Satake's arraignment was made during the continuation of his initial appearance last Monday during which he had no legal counsel.

Yesterday he was represented by his court-appointed counsel, Eric Basse, who, however, requested the court to represent the defendant only until yesterday's hearing.

He asked to be relieved as attorney for Satake, saying he was leaving the CNMI permanently at the end of this month.

District Judge Alex R. Munson

granted Basse's request.

The clerk of court will appoint a new attorney for the defendant.

Satake has been slapped with the three charges of conspiring with others to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute crystal methamphetamine, or "ice"; carrying a firearm during a drug-trafficking crime; and possession of firearm.

According to the complaint filed by the US government, Satake conspired with several people including three who were recently sentenced by Munson to varying periods of imprisonment to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute ice between Oct. 1, 1993, and Dec. 20, 1995.

He was also allegedly found to be carrying a .25-cal. pistol when he was arrested on Dec. 21 last year. Five grams of ice were also allegedly found in his possession.

Satake had earlier been charged before the Superior Court and convicted for similar charges. He was serving his sentence in the CNMI Detention Center when he was arrested by federal authorities and charged before the district court last Monday. His serving of his sentence in the CNMI ends tomorrow.

Because he was serving his sentence, District Judge Alex R. Munson did not set a bail for him. He ordered that Satake be remanded to the custody of the US Marshal after the hearing.

# Resolution prefiled to declare Concepcion 'persona non grata'

A RESOLUTION has been prefiled in the House of Representatives to declare Philippine Congressman Tomas Concepcion "unwelcome" in the CNMI.

House Resolution 10-47, authored by Rep. Stanley T. Torres and co-sponsored by at least nine House members labels Concepcion "persona non grata" for his recent press statements criticizing the people of the CNMI as "descendants of thieves" and as being of "lower cultural category."

The resolution may be taken up for adoption in the next session of the House where members are expected to deliver privilege speeches condemning Concepcion for his harsh remarks.

Concepcion's statements which were made during a press conference called by the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines were critical of the labor situation on the CNMI.

According to Torres, Concepcion's remarks undermine the good relations between the Philippines and the CNMI.

"The people of the NMI and the Philippines have enjoyed a long history of close contact and cordial rela-



Stanley T. Torres



Tomas Concepcion

tionships and share many cultural commonalities," said Torres in his resolution.

"Thousands of people from the Philippines by their own free will have traveled to the Commonwealth for gainful employment and enjoyed relative peace and prosperity," he added.

But Torres lamented that Concepcion slandered all of the people of the Commonwealth with "scurrilous, insulting, offensive, malicious and uncalled for remarks against the

culture of our people."

"Concepcion made those hateful, full-of-spite remarks in bad faith... so as to receive the greatest public attention, without any good reason and for no good cause," said Torres.

Among those who signed as co-sponsors for the Torres resolution are Reps. Jesus T. Atiao, Malua T. Peter, Crispin I. DL. Guerrero, David M. Apatang, Karl T. Reyes, Joaquin G. Adriano, Heinz S. Hofschneider, Melvin O. Faisao, and Michael P. Tenorio.



Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio receives a souvenir from Bobby Harrison, founder of the John F. Kennedy Center of Erie, Pennsylvania during opening ceremonies of the San Antonio Youth Center last week. A group from the center are here conducting a workshop on community building.

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## Kachido 'Dinisapruueban Sueddo

Opan gi publiko na guaha un' kachido' pot Marianas ya todo manmakombida para u fan ega'. Hu rikonose kao nahong sinsiyuho para bai'n ega' yan i lahiho. Ai, suette, sa' guaha sosobla gi betzagho. Hu rikohe ya humano ham na dos para i Multi-purpose Building giya Sususpe 'nai gaige i kachido'. Bula taotao mamifila lokue' para u fan ega nu i kachido' "Dinisapruueban Sueddo". Humuyong un' againg na annunsio:

"Señores yan señoras, in presenta un' famosu na kachido' pot disposition sueddo ginen i kadu' na gobietnon Marianas as Raul Mangosne yan i paire na abugaña as Bunabe Agila." Duro i pakpak kanai yan chefla ginen i man e'ega'.

"Sainaho Mangosne, matto i tiempo para unna' empas tatte i mabidan taotao Luta' ni man ma' akukusa na mañago i tano' niha." "Dinanche hao eskrebiente Agila. Debi bai' fanue' si Governor Tenorio na ti kombene lokue' i audit ni machogoe kontra si tataho nai un' tiempo guiya mayot i gatbo na Islan Luta'."

"Pues estague' i ora' nai libre hao muna' empas ennao siha na sage' kontra i taotao mo yan si tatamo. Tutuhon gi dinisapruueban sueddo ni monhayon ha aprueba mayoria gi mangachongmo'."

"Dinanche ennao na rekomendasion Señor Agila. Lao kao esta un' asegura na ti hafitma i gobietno i mapropone na akton sueddo?"

"Hurikonose esta señor gi taotao i palasyo ya ni uno tumuñgo kao esta mafitma. Lao hago pago i kadu' na gobietno ya guaha atoridatmo dumisapruueba ennao na akto."

Dispues de hafitma, malalago mage i abugao i gobietno as Señor Donisio Hamaigo' yan un' pidason papet gi halom kanaña.

"Señor Mangosne, esta i gobietno ha fitma i akto. Apruebao komo la esta ennao na asunto. Ha fitma ennao na akto antes de hu diñgo i tano'."

"Ke lao guaho pago gobietno segun i konstitusion iya Marianas. Na haye hao para un' ke dageyo' nu i atoridatho segun lokue' i konstitusion'."

"Ipalabran i konstitusion klaro na gigon ha fitma i gobietno i akto, ensegidas lai'."

"Dinanche este hasasañan, Señor Agila?" "Lache. Debi i akto u mana' hanao guato gi lehislatura dispues de hafa na aksion'."

"I konstitusion, señor, ayo ha' hasañan na gigon ha fitma i gobietno maseha hafa na akto, ensegidas mama' lai'."

Sige umañagon si Mangosne yan Agila kao kombene i aksion ni pago mafitma 'nai esta i gobietno monhayon ha fitma antes de u hanao.

Ilegña si Agila: "Ekuñgog i abiso ni hunae' hao sa' ti un' lache. Hu tungo este na asunto sa' guaho abugaomo'."

Estaba un' chaka gi papa' lamasa ya ilegña: "Hmnm ni mama' profesot kariso si Agila. Na kuantu biahe i lai mafitma? Para u gasta talo' salape' taxpayers Saipan para umana' klaro i fatsu na abisuña gi menan kotte?"

Sige talo si Mangosne yan Agila umañagon mientras duro pakpak i litrato ginen i gastetero siha.

Ilegña si Agila: "Na metgot hao gi posisionmo sa estague' solu manera' nai siña ta bira atension publiko ginen bidan tatamo komo mayot 'nai hana' ma' atkila propiadatña sin ma' okupa nu i ofisinan mayot."

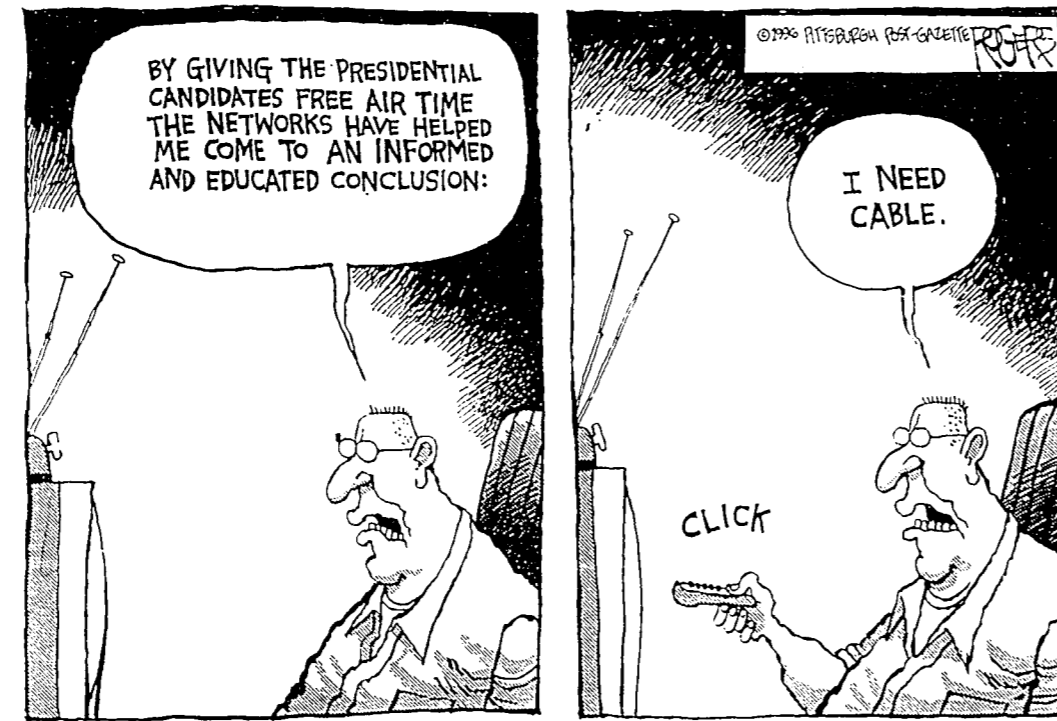
Mamaisen si Mangosne: "Lao kao seguro hao na fitme hafa un' rekomemenda sa muñgayo' mamahlao gi dispues?"

"Saulag sa estague lokue' manera' nai siña tatane' atension publiko pot mañagon tano' giya Luta ya baba na u fan eyag i taotao Saipan'."

"Ke lao ilegña i Public Auditor na debi si tataho u apase tatte maske siete mit pesos na salape' publiko."

"Taya guaha ya u fan apase lao disapruueba i akton sueddo sa' siempre empas i binibumo'."

"Nai magpo' i kachido, bula mangogongong na ti chumilong i inapasen niha yan i churan mubi. Mamaisen un' petsona: "Magahet na dumadañgkulo i tano giya Luta?" Man oppe otro: "Milagrosu na isla. Pago hu tutuñgo na siña lokue' un' atkila mismo lugatmo ni salape' publiko sin un' usa". Ai, dios tiampare."



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN  
**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Nevada moves to curtail prisoner lawsuits

CARSON CITY, Nev.—It all began with the wrong jar of peanut butter.

Kenneth D. Parker was serving time in the Nevada State Prison here for armed robbery when he ordered two jars of creamy peanut butter from the Prison canteen for \$5. Back came one jar of creamy, one of chunky.

The convicted felon was enraged, and filed a suit seeking \$5,500 from the state for his "mental and emotional pain." The state offered him a \$2.50 jar of creamy peanut butter to make it right, but Parker would have none of it. He held on to the case for two years, until Nevada Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa heard of it.

At first, she was amused—until she realized how many thousands of dollars had been wasted trying to satisfy Parker's complaint. "He had the gall to sue under the Eighth Amendment for cruel and unusual punishment because he hadn't gotten his peanut butter," Del Papa told our associate Dale Van Atta.

Del Papa ordered a survey of all inmate cases and soon found that 40 percent of the U.S. District Court's docket was crowded with inmate complaints. Nationwide, attorneys general spend well over \$83 million a year defending against prisoner lawsuits.

Were they frivolous, trivial cases? Or were they cases that revealed horrible, inhumane conditions at prisons? Anecdotal evidence suggests the balance was weighed heavily on the frivolous side. A landmark 1995 Justice Department study found that 95 percent of the inmate cases are dismissed, and less than 1 percent of the prisoners actually win a trial verdict.

"It's a way for inmates to stick it to the system," said Del Papa. "We've had one inmate publicly state that his purpose is to break the State of Nevada with all his cases."

Consider these other cases she uncovered in Nevada:

—One convict complained that a piece of cake on his dinner tray was "hacked up."

—A female inmate thought she had the right to white support hose.

—One inmate sued over the prison's practice of delivering mail in the evening, claiming it interfered with his usual sleeping pattern.

—A convicted murderer sued the state because he said his jeans were too tight and "caused rashes and epileptic seizures."

—Another inmate sued because he got two pieces of bacon and another inmate got three pieces.

—A male inmate wanted to wear female underwear—bikini tops and bottoms he had made as hobby craft items. Similar cross-dressing lawsuits have been filed by male inmates in Arizona, Arkansas, Missouri and Ohio.

Del Papa and concerned state legislators here have been moving to curtail this enormous waste of taxpayers' money and time in courts. One way to slow it down is to mandate an informal hearing to screen complaints before they reach a courtroom. It can be handled by two phone, thus negating the costly need for prisoner transportation, witnesses and so on. Nevada adopted this "early evaluation" or "triage" hearing in a 1994 pilot project, which has proven to be a substantial success with the help of cooperative judges.

An internal memorandum from the attorney general's office here reveals there has been a reduction of nearly 60 percent of the original counts, and more than 50 percent of the original number of defendants. So the triage hearings have succeeded, on average, in cutting in half the size of each action, with more than half of the number of cases being dismissed. Adds Del Papa: "We're getting to those cases where there might have been true cruel and unusual punishment—rather than the denial of peanut butter. Like a beating, or denial of medical treatment. Otherwise it's like the little boy who cried wolf. We won't find the real cases because more than 95 percent of what's coming through is frivolous and meritless."

LETTERS—Many people are now reading our column on the information superhighway and sending us letters by electronic mail. Don Baralt of Blue Bell, Pa., reads our column on CompuServe and zapped us a note about our recent story on Rep. Gerald Solomon R.N.Y.

"Thanks for the column about the screwball congressman from Glens Falls in upstate New York who thinks his wife needs an AK47 or an Uzi to protect herself," Baralt wrote. "The Republicans rule Congress and the (National Rifle Association) rules the Republicans."

If you would like to respond to Baralt's letter—or any of our columns—you can e-mail us at muckinc@aol.com. Or send it by "snail mail" to 1200 Eton Court N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20007.

# AG files new case vs 'Fujian'

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THE ATTORNEY General's Office filed yesterday a separate criminal case against one of three suspected members of the so-called Fujian Group

charged for allegedly beating a Chinese businessman who refused to give them "protection money."  
Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross charged He Yuan Liu with criminal contempt before

the Superior Court.

In a complaint, Norcross said Liu failed to comply with one of the terms and conditions of his release in the previous criminal case when he was found Tuesday not observing curfew.

The bail order has required the defendant, among other things, to observe a daily curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Liu together with Qiang Shi and Hong Ping Lin was arrested

last May in connection with the beating of Xue Jiandong in Garapan.

The three suspects were charged each with attempted theft by extortion and assault and battery.

The victim, Jiandong, vice president of the American Saipan Zhenhua Corp., suffered swollen lips and bruises to the different parts of the body.

Court information showed that a week before the attack, two of

the suspects approached Jiandong at his establishment called Just For You Beauty Salon.

The two suspects, introducing each with attempted theft by extortion, demanded the businessman \$1,500 as protection money for two months.

A week later, the suspects went back and asked the money. When Jiandong refused, the suspects beat him, court information showed.

## Burglary eyed in murder of Izawa

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
POLICE investigators have been looking into a burglary angle as a possible motive behind the killing of a Japanese woman in Afetas Monday.

A source at the Department of Public Safety told the Variety yesterday that there were signs that the suspect/s attempted to remove properties from the house.

Kazuko Izawa, 60, was found murdered inside her residence located near the Join Us Store. She reportedly received injuries to the upper body area.

The same source who requested anonymity said it is still premature to conclude that the suspect/s managed to get anything from the house pending investigation of the case.

Criminal Investigation Section detectives have been trying to coordinate with Izawa's husband to determine whether some items or what items had been taken by the suspect/s, the source said.

The source also confirmed the

Variety's information that the murder weapon was indeed recovered at the crime scene.

The source denied it was a baseball bat, but hinted it was either a metal or a piece of wood.

It was gathered that Izawa was discovered dead when her husband and a friend returned to the house Monday afternoon. The victim was left alone in the house.

An autopsy has been requested to determine the victim's cause of death.

The DPS has urged those who have information to call up the Crime Stoppers at 234-7272 or the CIS at 234-8370 or 234-7208.

The killing is the first homicide case so far in the CNMI this year. Last year, 10 homicide cases were reported and the first victim also happened to be a Japanese national.

On Jan. 15, 1995, Hirozo Fujikura, supervisor of Daiwa Leisure Fishing in Garapan, was murdered inside the establishment's rest room. The office was burglarized.

The case remains unsolved.

## Temporary road closure

THIS is to inform island residents that Beach Road Garapan from Kristo Rai Church north to American Memorial Park will be temporarily closed during this year's Liberation Day parade.

Road closure will be from 8:00 a.m. and will remain closed for the duration of the parade.

All motorists are asked to take alternate routes during this time.

Police officers have been assigned to monitor, control and direct traffic along the area. Everyone is advised to follow directions given by the officers.

The Department of Public Safety wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday and reminds everyone to stay "SAFE AND SOBER AND TO ALWAYS BUCKLE UP".

## PIO staffer cited for DUI, reckless driving

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
A STAFF of the Public Information Office was arrested for traffic violations while reportedly driving a government vehicle in Garapan before dawn yesterday.

Fermin R. Meriang, 34, of Fina Sisu, was held for reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and misuse of government vehicle.

Public Safety Information Officer Cathy Sheu said it was reported at 2:12 a.m. that a police officer pulled down a government vehicle driven by Meriang for traffic violations on Beach Road near Kristo Rai Church.

Meriang was taken to the Department of Public Safety.

# All PSS schools are now accredited with WASC

CNMI Public School System Commissioner William S. Torres announced that all CNMI public schools have already received accreditation from the Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC).

According to a press release, San Vicente Elementary School and Tanapag Elementary School received accreditation for the maximum period of six years. The two elementary schools join Oleai Elementary School as the first three elementary schools in the CNMI to receive accreditation from the WASC for the maximum period of six years.

The Commissioner also announced that Hopwood Junior High School received accreditation from the WASC for a period of three years as did Garapan Elementary School, GTC Elementary School and Rota High School.

Torres added that Marianas High School received accreditation for two years and Tinian High School for one year.

Also receiving accreditation for



William S. Torres

it demonstrates that the educational program and facilities have been thoroughly reviewed by a professional evaluation team and found to be comparable to state-wide schools.

Accreditation of Commonwealth public schools by WASC also helps our students to be accepted to colleges and universities in the mainland according to the Commissioner.

He noted that the accreditation team praised the PSS for taking the lead in securing accreditation for elementary schools whereas most state-wide school systems are content to pursue accreditation only for high schools and junior high schools.

The WASC review team commended the parents and community leaders of the CNMI for their commitment and involvement in the educational preparation of students to meet the global challenges of the 21st century. The WASC team also commended the PSS for its commitment to ongoing school improvement through the school based on management process.

# PALAU NATIONALIST PARTY

Enough is enough! Someone needs to paint a picture to the public of what our President is conducting in his campaign. We tend to forget, or choose not to see what the President is doing in his bid for reelection in this time of "honeymooning" with the Compact money. So, pardon PNP for bringing out all this embarrassing "facts and figures," because we love Palau too much to just stand and watch our island repeat the same mistake that our brothers and sisters from Chuuk made. Let us not forget the counsel of history that many cases of injustice occurred as a result of the silence of those who know better, rather than the wrong doings of the wicked. And also pardon PNP for using other countries, as examples of issues to learn from, because Palau now is at a crossroad of deciding which economic model to subscribe to in order to survive and remain economically and politically independent into the next millennium. And when Palau achieves all its dreams, we will be at a better position to contribute to our region and the U.N.

We do not know how Palau has gone too far, as to practice Third World Regime Style of Campaigning, in a manner which utilizes public resources. We must reject the political campaign practices that can set Palau on the path toward the politics of countries like Haiti and Brazil. We hear rumors that our President uses government employees to drive government vehicles, using government fuel to transport food to Honto and other campaign destinations. Our inquiry must not stop there. What about the government boats? After Budweiser, fuel is the second major imported item, and our President must not use government fuel and other resources during this busy campaign period. Just go to finance and ask for the invoices for bills received by our government from local gasoline merchants. We believe the information you will find will surprise you. While you're at Finance, why not ask for T.A.s and Perdiems used in whole or in part to promote the campaign of our President in Saipan, Guam, Hawaii and perhaps the U.S. Mainland.

Our President's Administration has gone on to hire more employees to just sit in the government office. This is wrong, especially to put people to sit in the office or drive around most of the time and get paid. Do you know that we have a law limiting the number of our government employees to 6% of our population? This law is being disregarded. Our government employees have exceeded 2,000 people and our population is 15,000. Are we buying votes here with public funds or what? What about the alleged contributions to the President from foreigners which the President admitted to have accepted, in P.D.N, but refuse to disclose the actual amount? We need to ask these questions. Is our President going to save us or the Taiwanese, while our sewer system is overflowing and the road he built to Babeldaob is inaccessible and has become a source of pollution of our rivers, wetlands and lagoons, and has been declared by the Army Corp. of Engineers that they will only use 45% of it to construct the Compact Road?

And so we say "Government Honeymoon" will be over much sooner than 15 years if this trend of Third World politics continues to be tolerated by us, the common people of Palau.

The Toribiong/Isechal ticket of the Palau Nationalist Party is our only hope for survival and change. Let us not be afraid for "change," for "change" will bring us new style of political, economic and social leadership that is good for all Palauans. Nepotism and government abusive practices of power will be thrown out to be replaced by a new Constitution and a definitive Code of Ethics. Johnson Toribiong and Kione Isechal seed you, the Youths, the Common People, and the Senior Citizens of Palau to come together and vote them into office, so we can see the "changes" that are long overdue.

Now that we are independent, we must elect new leaders whose views and policies were not molded and influenced by our past colonial T.T. Government. Let us not allow the obsolete T.T. government mentality to continue to play a major role in the development of our country. We must replace that old-time T.T. era politicians, like President Nakamura, with young and new leaders in the person of our candidates, Johnson Toribiong for President and Kione Isechal for Vice-President. It takes new leaders to lead Palau into the new country.

# CHC's CAT-Scan arrives



Isamu J. Abraham

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE PUBLIC Health received yesterday the Computerized Axial Tomography-Scan, a sophisticated equipment which is expected to reduce significantly the expenses for off-island medical referrals.

Department of Public Health Services Secretary Dr. Isamu J. Abraham told the Variety that the Japan-made CAT-Scan was unloaded from the ship, opened and placed in the CHC's storage in Lower Base.

Abraham said a team of experts from the General Electric will ar-

rive next week to assemble and test the equipment.

The secretary said the CHC's CAT-Scan facility is expected in operational by October.

"This is a long-awaited project," he said.

The Legislature appropriated \$450,000 to purchase the equipment.

With the arrival of the tool, Abraham said he is now trying to figure out what to do with the old machine which was donated to CHC by the San Diego-based Sharp.

CAT-Scan allows to check at internal organs that cannot be done

by a regular x-ray.

The equipment is useful in assessing the lungs, chest, abdomen, head, pelvis, spine, congenital abnormalities in newborn babies, and whether complications such as hydrocephalus, or subdural collections are developing in those with meningitis, among other things.

Public health officials believe

that CAT-Scan will boost CHC's capability in providing health care services in the region as it will also be used as a training or research facility for other islands.

The facility is said to cut by at least 50 percent of the medical referrals costs as most referral patients need CAT-Scan in Guam or Honolulu.

## OSHA pleased with state of Saipan garment plants

THE Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced yesterday that preliminary results of an inspection effort of garment manufacturers on Saipan indicate significant improvement in the safety and health practices of employers.

Connie Hunt, the OSHA official with responsibility for liaison with government agencies on Saipan and who led the inspection effort, said she noted a marked improvement when compared with past inspections.

She said the results obtained area, in fact, generally better than the national average for manufacturing.

Of 24 inspections, eight workplaces were found to have either no violations or were in a period of temporary work stoppage.

Of the remaining 16 locations, there were approximately 28 serious violations and another 20 lesser violations. There were no repeated or willful violations.

In the past, inspections in Saipan have yielded high numbers of serious, repeat and failure-to-abate violations.

In each year since 1993, over 65 percent of all violations cited in Saipan have been classified as either serious, repeat or failure-to-abate.

Serious violations issued in 1993, 1994 and 1995 carried average penalties of over \$1,000 each. Repeat penalties of these years carried average penalties of over \$1,500, and failure-to-abate violations in these years carried average penalties of over \$10,000.

OSHA considers a serious violation to relate to conditions that could cause death or significant lost-time injuries. Serious violations carry penalties up to \$7,000. Repeated violations are those that have been cited in the previous three years.

Willful violations are those that relate to conditions known but ignored by the employer. Willful violations may have a penalty of up to \$70,000 per instance.

Hunt emphasized that the findings of her team are preliminary since not all inspections have been finalized

and the results issued.

She also emphasized that while there are improvements, the fact that there are serious hazards means that there is still work to be done.

Most hazards identified relate to fire emergencies and range from restricted access to fire exits to improper storage of hazardous materials.

Hunt attributes the general improvements of the garment manufacturers to several factors:

•A strong effort by many employers to comply with the law - particularly now that they have a better understanding of OSHA.

•Employers associations which have focused their attention on OSHA requirements.

•OSHA's education effort for employers and employees which is managed by the College of the Northern Marianas.

•OSHA's consultation effort for employers.

•The Secretary of Labor's strong commitment to enforce Labor laws throughout the US. This includes OSHA inspections in Saipan.

OSHA is maintaining a strong presence in Saipan which combines training, consultation and enforcement. Areas receiving the most attention include garment manufacturers, labor camps, and construction.

Hunt said she is most pleased with the efforts of the College of the Northern Marianas which she believes shares much of the credit for getting employers the knowledge they need to make improvements. She said that notwithstanding the improvement, OSHA intends to keep an eye on conditions in the shops.

She also noted that condition in labor camps still need improvement and construction sites have not shown the same kind of progress as the garment industry.

"All employers have to understand that workers have a right to a safe workplace under the OSHA Act. OSHA will be here to ensure that the requirements of the Act are met."

## MCS 20th year reunion

THIS is to inform all the 1976 graduating class of Mt. Carmel Schools (MCS) and also all those individuals who have attended MCS at one time or another with this age group, that we are now coordinating the celebration of our "20th Year Class Reunion" to be held on July 12-14, 1996.

All interested individuals are kindly requested to participate in this upcoming event so that we

could all make this reunion a very successful celebration. Please note that there is not much time to prepare for this event so your participation in attending the meetings is of utmost importance.

The next reunion meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Priscilla Dela Cruz in Garapan.

## Spawning time for corals

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

IT'S that time of the year when corals put on what has been described as a spectacular festival likened to a fireworks display.

It's spawning time for corals on the southern Marianas covering Saipan, Rota, Tinian, and Guam. This usually starts five to seven days after the full moon in July. Incidentally there are two full moons this month, on the 1st and the 29th.

This means one can see the corals reproducing in action if one were to bother to go the sea on the nights of July 6, 7, and 8 and Aug. 3, 4, and 5.

Corals, as described by the Coastal Resources Management, are tiny creatures whose sizes can be as small as a pin head and as big as a fist.

Their colonies can dwarf objects as big as a bus and their reef masses make up the "largest constructed objects on our planet," according to the CRM.

When mass spawning occurs,

which is only during nighttime, the local species of corals release great quantities of reproductive spawn into the coastal waters.

"They have been doing so in our surrounding waters during this lunar period, on consecutive years for the past 50 million years," the CRM says.

A CRM researcher, John Furey, witnessed spawning occurrence last year in the University of Guam Marine Laboratory with his wife, Eloise, and coral reef reproduction researcher Dr. Robert Richmond.

"We were able to witness, under the laboratory's microscope, individual coral polyps releasing their gamete packages of egg and sperm," Furey said.

Coral reef researchers believe that these annual spawning occurrences hold the key to the future survival of existing reefs and the rehabilitation of corals previously damaged.

These spawning events happen in all parts of the world at different times of the year.

In the Marianas, these occur in July because of the temperature of the water which is warm enough in which the corals can reproduce, Furey says.

But during the spawning period, coral larvae become more sensitive to the presence of pollutants.

The three weeks after the spawning is considered a critical period when the corals find places to settle in, says Jessica Tomokane of the CRM.

Tomokane says these places must have no silt or sediment.

Because corals are most vulnerable during the spawning period, commercial operators engaged in earth-moving activities are advised to take additional protective measures to minimize erosion and runoff into coastal waters, if not suspend their operations.

Corals are important in that they provide a habitat for fishes, help protect the shorelines from destructive storm waves, and offer a colorful and beautiful sight to divers.

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# PNG insists on using Aussie arms

THE Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea Sir Julius Chan has insisted that the PNG armed forces have the right to use Australian-supplied military equipment against the Bougainville Revolutionary Army BRA.

In what was described as a wide-ranging interview with The Sydney Morning Herald in Port Moresby Tuesday Sir Julius attacked Australia for allowing separatist leaders whom

he described as "criminals" to operate from its territory.

Sir Julius said Australian-supplied Iroquois helicopters, patrol boats and other equipment were being used to defend PNG troops on Bougainville.

"It is normal logistical support necessary for our military forces. They are used in certain locations where the government feels security is warranted to prevent further infiltration of unwanted people," he said. "We only

use it when it is totally required and that is not for civilian purposes. In pursuance of criminals we have to use every legitimate means."

Sir Julius said that by harboring BRA activists such as Moses Havini and Martin Miriori, Australia and Solomon Islands had exacerbated the Bougainville conflict.

"I don't know how these governments can allow people to make declarations of war against an elected

government from their soil," he said.

Sir Julius said he was adamant PNG would use whatever force was necessary to eradicate the BRA. He said they had no choice but to be very determined to make sure they have a united PNG.

Sir Julius admitted for the first time that eight young men were killed by soldiers in northern Bougainville two weeks ago, but he said he had been told by the military they were active BRA members who died in a shootout...Pacnews

## UN offers help

A UNITED NATIONS spokeswoman said UN secretary general Boutros Boutros-Ghali had offered to help calm tensions between Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

She said a request was received from Solomon Islands for the UN to intervene over current border tensions caused by the spillover effects from fighting on the neighboring island of Bougainville, RNZI reports.

The UN spokeswoman said Boutros-Ghali is now consulting with his advisors on how best to help. Meanwhile the governments of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands was to hold bilateral consultations in Australia yesterday.

PNG foreign minister Kilroy Genia said the meeting was to take place in Brisbane between himself and his Solomon Islands counterpart Danny Philip.

Genia said it was most timely given a call by the 10th Melanesian Spearhead Group Summit for a meeting and following what he says is misleading media publicity about the current state of relations between the two countries...Pacnews

## 4 weeks toward solving crisis

SOLOMON Islands special envoy on the Bougainville crisis Francis Saemala has been given terms of reference and four weeks to fulfill his task.

Saemala was appointed by Prime Minister Solomon Mamaloni on June 21 SIBC reported.

His terms reference include pursuing a more determined effort for a

constructive and co-operative approach to solving the crisis.

He must also try and identify who would guarantee peace on Bougainville whether it be Australia the United Nations or both, or the UN through Australia the South Pacific Forum, the Commonwealth or a special commission.

Saemala's assignment also requires

him to review all previous attempts and efforts for peace including the role of Solomon Islands various organizations such as the Solomon Islands Red Cross and Christian Association.

He is also required to carry out a head count of all Bougainvilleans in Solomon Islands to find out who they are and their aspirations and needs...Pacnews

## Solomons gov't face lawsuit

THE Solomon Islands government is facing legal action from some of the public officers who have been suspended on half pay in connection with the misappropriation of millions of dollars of public funds.

Counsel for the plaintiffs Andrew Nori said court documents had been filed for five public servants last week

and three others are also seeking legal representation, RNZI reported.

Nori said the officers are suing the government for breach of the Public Service Commission regulations relating to their suspension on half-pay.

He said the court action also concerns the search warrants obtained by police which they used to seize personal property.

Nori said if the court action on the search warrants is successful they will sue the government on breaches of their constitutional rights to privacy.

He has not stated how much in damages the plaintiffs will ask from the government...Pacnews

## PNG legislator to appeal dismissal

PAPUA New Guinea MP for Gumine in Chimbu Province, John Nilkare said he would appeal against the Leadership Tribunal's recommendation for his dismissal from office. He said he would lodge the appeal July 3, the NBC reported.

Nilkare told the national radio that the case is not over yet. He said he was lodging an appeal to the Supreme Court because he believed the Tribunal's decision was unfair.

He claimed the tribunal had not taken into consideration submissions by his lawyer on the accounts of misconduct

in office. He also claimed the tribunal had not listened to his side of the story on the use of the funds in his electorate and other parts of PNG Papua New Guinea.

The Leadership Tribunal had last week found Nilkare guilty of 25 counts of misconduct in office in 1992-93 involving various public monies while acquitting him of six other charges.

On Monday, the Tribunal recommended to the Governor General of PNG to dismiss Nilkare as Member of Parliament...Pacnews

## 50 Fijians in Tonga warned of expulsion

About 50 Fiji citizens illegally living in Tonga have been given until July 31 to apply for permits or face expulsion from the island kingdom. Most of them are Fiji Indians brought into Tonga on contract as tradesmen, the Daily Post reports.

But most of them have overstayed their welcome, bringing strong angry reaction from the locals. Tongan police minister, Clive Edwards, said Sunday night that he will use his powers to ensure that illegal residents in-

cluding Fiji citizens are sent home after the grace period.

Those involved were to have been deported last week but the Tongan cabinet intervened and agreed to extend the grace period up to the end of July. But pressure from the People's Representative, led by Tonqatapu MP Akilisi Pohiva could force the shortening of the grace period.

Edwards embarked on the clean-up campaign two weeks ago aimed at easing the problem which he said was turning into a political one...Pacnews

## Woman jailed for improper uniform

A WOMAN in Vanuatu has been jailed for two months for improper use of police uniform.

Police said the woman had requested a full set of police uniform allegedly for use in a concert at a political rally last month, organized by the Union of Moderate Parties at Erakor Village, outside Port Vila, Trading Post reported.

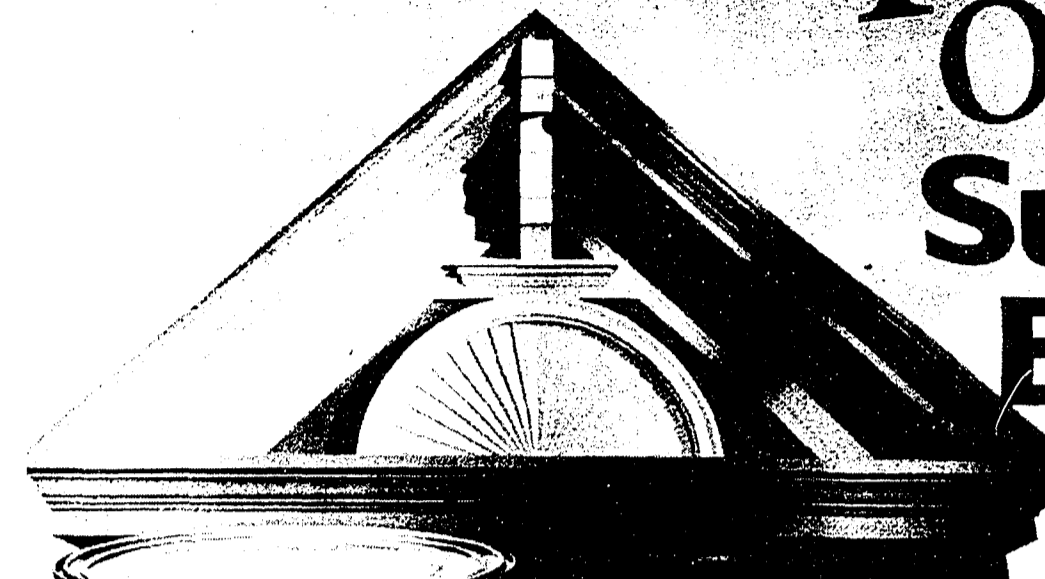
She was given verbal approval by the office of the commissioner of

police. However, the woman went to Erakor fully dressed as a police officer and told senior political leaders she was sent by the police commissioner on normal patrol.

She was requested and was given special treatment with services like food which would normally be given to an officer on duty.

Police said the woman, from the Banks Island, had been in jail before for theft...Pacnews

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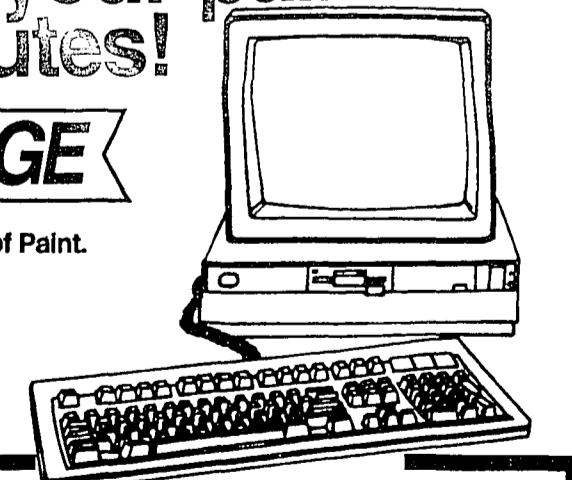
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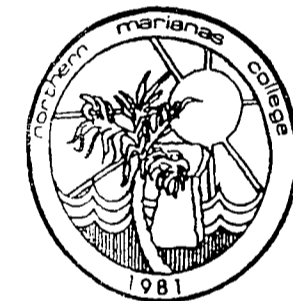
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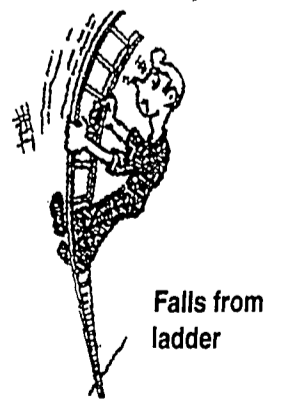
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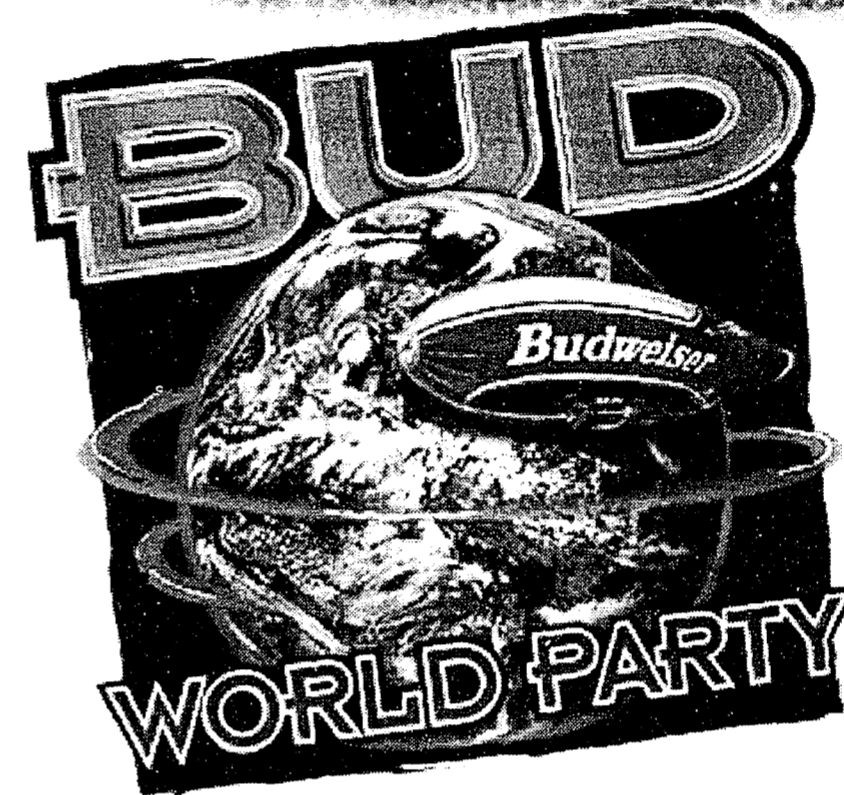


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# Unearthly events in Brazil

By STAN LEHMAN  
 SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) - Disembodied voices speaking in unknown tongues. People who vanished into thin air. Telephones that dialed themselves.

It was enough to make work disconcerting at the Sao Paulo City Council building.

Councilor Paulo Roberto Faria Lima didn't believe the ghost stories. But he changed his mind after his own uncomfortably close encounter, and decided to do something about it.

It was about two months ago, he recalled. He had stayed late with his wife to update his computer files.

"At 12:30 a.m. we wanted to leave but couldn't open the door. It was weird because it can only be locked from the inside," Faria Lima said Tuesday in a phone interview.

"Then we started hearing voices speaking in an unidentifiable tongue and heard furniture moving around. I phoned security and a guard came up and opened the door with no problem. He told me that we ... were the only ones in the 12-story building."

Many who have spent time in the 27-year-old building have weird tales to tell.

Elevator operator Aristides de Paula says he will never forget the

day when "three people walked into the elevator and only two got out. One simply disappeared."

It is not clear, however, whether the two people riding the elevator noticed anything out of the ordinary.

Antonia Oliveira Alves, a cleaning woman, described how she recently heard a phone dialing all by itself.

Perhaps it wasn't surprising. After all, the City Council is located in a district known as Vale do Anhangabau - a Tupi-Guarani Indian name meaning "Valley of the Spirits."

The Council also is barely a block from the infamous Joelma

office building, where a fire in 1974 killed 189 people. Even today, occupants claim to see and hear strange occurrences.

Faria Lima turned for advice to a spirit medium, who assured him the strange phenomena were the work of playful ghosts.

He asked a group of evangelicals, who claimed it was the devil's doing.

Then he called the "ghostbusters": The Institute for Interdisciplinary Research Into Parapsychological Phenomena, a privately funded organization.

On Monday, investigators Fatima Regina Machado and Wellington Zangari toured the building and gave five possible explanations for the goings-on, in no particular order:

Pranksters

Medical or psychological disturbances of the people who report the "hauntings"

Physical changes in the building and its surroundings, such as swings in temperature that can

cause wooden floors and furniture to creak

A concentration of electromagnetic energy that can produce psychical alterations

Psychokinesis, or the movement of objects using mental energy

But no ghosts.

"It is definitely not the work of ghosts or any other supernatural being," Machado said.

We'd like to find out what is causing these phenomena and hope the city council allows us to do a more thorough study."

The council is in recess until August. When it reconvenes, members will decide whether to permit the study.

The investigation of the city council building by parapsychologists has received a fair amount of press attention with a large article in O Estado de Sao Paulo and a smaller item in Folha de Sao Paulo, the cities two largest and most respected newspapers.



Protesters beat a riot police during a march in Jakarta to protest the holding of a military-backed rebel congress aimed at topping the opposition Indonesia Democratic Party (PDI) leader Megawati Sukarnoputri. AP Photo

## New storm threatens Mexico's Pacific coast

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Tropical Storm Cristina gained strength and roared toward Mexico's battered southwest coast on Tuesday, ready to become the third major storm to hit the region in less than two weeks.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for a broad area of the Pacific Coast, from Tapachula near the border with Guatemala to Punta Maldonado, about 220 miles (350 kilometers) south of Mexico City.

At 10 p.m. Tuesday, (0300 GMT), the storm was centered 70 miles (112 kilometers) south-southwest of Salina Cruz and heading northwest at 15 mph (24 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

It was on target to hit the southern state of Oaxaca within hours.

Cristina had maximum sustained winds of nearly 70 mph (112 kph) but was not expected to gain significant strength before touching land. A storm is classified as a hurricane if it has sustained winds of 74 mph (119 kph) or more.

Hurricane Alma smashed into the coast on June 23 near Ciudad Lazaro Cardenas, 220 miles (350 kilometers) southwest of Mexico City.

Hurricane Boris roared through Saturday, reaching land between the the Pacific resorts of Acapulco and Ixtapa.

Both storms caused several deaths and drove thousands of people from their homes.

## Rebels seek broader base

By TRINA KLEIST  
 SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS (AP) - The Zapatista rebels agreed Tuesday to maintain official communications with Mexico's largest leftist party, a move to broaden their political base as they discuss laying down arms.

Senior members of the Democratic Revolution Party and 30 Zapatista leaders, who have been warily attracted to each other, met in the colonial city of San Cristobal de las Casas in southern Mexico and agreed to maintain "official, fluid and permanent communications."

Leaders of the party, known as the PRD, praised the Zapatistas' increasing emphasis on political rather than military struggle.

The two sides stressed agreement on "democratic transformation" of Mexico and their fears that the main political opposition in Mexico seems to be growing on the right rather than the left.

Subcomandante Marcos, the Zapatista military leader, said the Zapatistas are trying to form alliances with other organizations as part of a broad coalition to demand democratic changes in the country. He indicated the PRD was a potential partner in such a coalition.

Marcos said PRD leaders "have to learn to see us as a possible ally or as a probably enemy. This depends on the policy that they assume," he said.

The Zapatista reliance on violence has been a stumbling block to closer ties. Many PRD officials say the Zapatista revolt cost them votes by creating fears of instability and scaring mainstream voters away from leftist policies.

# US intrusion flights worry Cuba

By ROBERT H. REID  
 UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Cuban air controllers had to divert U.S. and other commercial flights seven times in the last six months to avoid collisions with unannounced flights by U.S.-based planes near its airspace, Cuban officials said.

Last month, the U.N. International Civil Aviation Organization concluded that two U.S.-based planes piloted by Cuban exiles were outside Cuban territory when they were shot down by Cuban MiG jet fighters last February.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council and the Montreal-based U.N. aviation agency

Tuesday, Cuban National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon said the most recent incident occurred last month, when Havana controllers detected an unidentified plane operating within the Havana Flight Information Region.

Alarcon said Cuban air controllers detected an unidentified plane operating near Cuban airspace at 9:24 a.m. EDT (1324 GMT) June 25.

At 10:47 a.m. (1447 GMT), Alarcon said, Havana controllers asked their counterparts in Miami if they had information on the flight. About two and one-half hours later, Miami identified the plane as an "aircraft of the government of the United States," he said.

Shortly before the message from Miami was received, Havana controllers ordered two commercial flights to change course "so as to keep it away from the U.S. aircraft that was

violating established air traffic standards and regulations," Alarcon said.

He identified them as American Airlines flight 2188 from Guatemala City to Miami and the other as a Salvadoran flight from San Salvador to Miami.

"But this is not an accidental development," Alarcon said in the letter. "During the first six months of 1996, six similar incidents have taken place, four of which have involved American Airlines aircraft."

He did not say how close the planes came to each other or provide any other details.

Efforts to reach Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and U.S. officials with the United Nations for comment were unsuccessful Tuesday night.

Alarcon asked the U.N. civil aviation agency, based in Montreal, to take "appropriate measures to prevent new violations" of international aviation standards.

"This is not an issue of politics," Alarcon told reporters. "This is an issue of safety. Could you imagine what would happen if two American planes collided in Cuban airspace?"

The attack last February on the unarmed Cessnas by Cuban MiGs killed four people and led the United States to tighten its economic embargo against Cuba.

Cuba maintains the two planes, owned by the Cuban-American exile group Brothers to the Rescue, were over Cuban waters when they were shot down Feb. 24.

Cuban officials say the attack followed repeated provocative flights by the exile group and accused the United States of ignoring its own regulations by failing to stop them from violating Cuban airspace.

The Security Council is expected to consider the ICAO report next week.

## NASA unveils design of its new spaceship

By MARCIA DUNN  
 CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - NASA has unveiled the design for the United States' first new spaceship in a generation, a reusable, wedge-shaped craft called VentureStar that would take off and land almost as easily as an airplane and open space to more people.

Vice President Al Gore on Tuesday announced the winning, futuristic-looking design by Lockheed Martin Corp., calling it a "high-tech marvel."

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand the importance of this moment," Gore told a crowd gathered outside NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

The project means \$ 900 million for the company and a boost for the Southern California economy, which has been devastated by cutbacks in the defense industry.

The experimental X-33 rocket is expected to lead to a fully reusable spaceship to replace the current fleet of four space shuttles. NASA hopes the new craft will cut launch costs to a fraction of what they are for the shuttle and be more reliable than the shuttle, too.

The crowd at the afternoon ceremony cheered.

"With years of hard work and determined leadership still ahead, this is the craft that can carry America's dreams aloft and launch our nation into a sparkling new century," said Gore.

The other contenders were shuttle builder Rockwell International Corp. and its streamlined shuttle look-alike, and McDonnell Douglas Corp. and its vertical launcher and lander.

Regardless of who won, California stood to gain: Each of the companies planned to build the spacecraft primarily in that state, a decision that means from 1,000 to 2,000 new jobs.

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- ★ Master of Ceremonies ..... Pete Untalan, Vice-Chairman 1996 Unity Festival
- ★ Posting of Colors U.S. and CNMI Anthems ..... Guam Territorial Band Candy Taman
- ★ Invocation
- ★ Welcoming Remarks ..... Maria T. Pangelinan, Chairperson 1996 Unity Festival
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- ★ Remarks ..... Mayor Jesus Guerrero
- ★ Remarks ..... Governor Froilan C. Tenorio
- ★ Remarks ..... Rear Admiral David L. Brewer, III
- ★ Benediction
- ★ Retirement of Colors
- ★ Afternoon ..... Navy Seals demonstrations
- ★ Parachute Jump with U.S. and CNMI flags (American Memorial Park)
- ★ Static display of SEAL weapons and dive rig (Carnival grounds)
- ★ Fastrop
- ★ SPIE (Special Patrol Insertion Extraction), Army Reserve Area
- ★ RHIB (Rigged Hulled Inflatable Boat), Displayed in Smiley Cove

Games, food, entertainment at Carnival grounds, American Memorial Park, noon at midnight.

# Child accused in deadly fire

By WILLIAM McCALL  
**ALOHA, Oregon (AP)** - An 11-year-old boy portrayed as a hero last week for helping wake up tenants during a blaze that killed eight people at his apartment building has been accused of setting the fire.

Ray Martin DeFord was taken into custody Tuesday and faces eight counts of felony murder, sheriff's spokesman Chuck Leutwyler said.

After talking to detectives for two hours, he confessed, his mother, Carolyn DeFord, told The Oregonian.

The boy was calm and showed no remorse, Leutwyler said. "I saw no tears or anything."

He was being held in a juvenile home and was to be arraigned Wednesday.

If convicted, the boy likely would

be placed in a residential care center.

Ray had told reporters Friday that he was awakened by squeals from a rat he had been keeping to feed to his pet snake.

He said he then woke up the rest of his family, and his father banged on neighbors' doors.

"My dad says I'm the hero for the day," Ray said at the time.

"That's the truth," added his father,

Tom DeFord.

Carolyn DeFord said her son and husband were watching television together late Thursday night and her son could not have set the fire.

"We bring him in at 6 p.m. every night," she said.

But a neighbor, Kim Kelley, said she had seen the boy out as late as 2 a.m. Another neighbor, Debra Biderain, said, "He just always seemed wild."

Fourteen-year-old Jared Dairy said several neighborhood youths were together after the fire when Ray DeFord said, "There's people up there and they're just toast now."

"We couldn't believe he said that," Dairy said.

Investigators said the fire was set in the entry way that provided the only exit from the 12-unit apartment building in this suburb west of Portland.

Many tenants escaped by jumping from second- and third-story windows and balconies. Fourteen people were injured.

The dead, including five children, were all from Mexico and living in a complex where most residents spoke only Spanish.

Leutwyler said there was no evidence ethnic differences played a role in the fire, but the suspect's uncle, Roy Gabel, said "The Mexicans are always trying to cause trouble for Ray."

"The Mexicans never liked him. The manager never liked him. He only had one friend down the street, a little guy named Matt."

Investigators have not disclosed any details about how the fire was set.

The boy's father said on the morning of the blaze that he had tried to awaken tenants after the fire broke out around 1:30 a.m.

"I went to all the doors I could bang and kicking, trying to get everybody out of there. I'm surprised we didn't lose more people than we did. I think we're all still in a little shock," said DeFord, 46.

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Interested applicants may pick up a NMHC Employment Application Form at the NMHC Office in Garapan for submission no later than Friday, July 5, 1996. For further information, please contact Edith V.C. Fejerman, Office Manager, at telephone numbers 234-7689/9447/6866 between 7:30 am through 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Public Works (DPW) wishes to inform the public that the Puerto Rico Dump and the Marpi Monofill will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 1996. However, the dump and the monofill will open and resume normal operation on Friday, July 5, 1996.

The Department of Public Works is asking for the patience and cooperation of the general public and apologizes for any inconvenience.

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/s/ JUAN R. SABLAN  
 Acting Secretary of Public Works

## Arizona's lenient gun law attracting militia activity

By WILLIAM F. RAWSON  
**PHOENIX (AP)** - They've threatened to blow up power plants, government buildings, even the Hoover Dam. Some have held military exercises in the desert, firing automatic weapons and setting off bombs.

With its wide-open desert spaces and tolerance for guns, Arizona has long been a breeding ground for private militias. The indictment Monday of 12 members of a group called the "Viper Militia" was just one in a series of cases involving paramilitary activity dating back to the 1970s.

Arizona is "in the top five or 10 states" for militia activity, said Bryan Levin, an expert on the movement at Stockton College in New Jersey. He estimated as many as 30 militia groups have surfaced in the state.

Neither Levin nor David Rosenberg, who tracks militia groups for the Anti-Defamation League B'nai B'rith in New York, had heard of the "Viper Militia," the group accused in a federal indictment released Monday of plotting to blow up government buildings in the Phoenix area.

There has been speculation that the group took its name from "OPPLAN American Viper," a plan for overthrowing the government that has been distributed anonymously at gun shows and other gatherings around the country.

"The whole idea behind it is the violent overthrow of the government," said Morris Dees, who tracks hate groups for the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama. "It goes into intricate detail about how to do that."

Arizona has been home to militias since the 1970s, when Robert Matthews began conducting paramilitary maneuvers in the desert near Cave Creek. Matthews eventually formed The Order, a violent, Idaho-based group accused of bank robberies and murder. Matthews was killed in a 1984 shootout with FBI agents.

In 1987, three members of the

Arizona Patriots were imprisoned for plotting an armored car heist to bankroll a paramilitary complex near the northwestern Arizona town of Kingman. Investigators later learned the group planned to bomb government installations including the Hoover Dam.

But little media attention was paid to the gun-toting, camouflage-clad "patriots" in Arizona until the Oklahoma City bombing.

Timothy McVeigh, the lead suspect, was quickly traced to Kingman, where he sometimes stayed with Army buddy Michael Fortier.

Fortier has since pleaded guilty to knowing about the bombing plot but concealing it from authorities. He is expected to testify against McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols.

There was also fear of a militia connection when the tracks under a passenger train were sabotaged last October along a desolate stretch of desert, plunging the train into a dry gulch. A crew member was killed and nearly 80 people were injured.

No one has been charged in the derailment. An anti-government letter found at the wreck site, signed by "Sons of the Gestapo," included anti-government references to Waco and Ruby Ridge.

The 1992 Ruby Ridge confrontation led to the deaths of a federal marshal and the wife and son of separatist Randy Weaver. Near Waco, Texas, more than 80 people were killed in a 1993 fire that destroyed the Branch Davidian cult compound after a 51-day standoff with federal agents.

Arizona also is attractive to militia groups because the state's gun laws are among the most liberal in the United States. State law allows virtually anyone who is not convicted of a serious crime to carry a loaded gun, as long as it is not concealed. In addition, 50,000 people have obtained concealed weapon permits.

Arizona's terrain - endless areas open desert and dense mountain forests - also is perfect for paramilitary maneuvers, Levin said.

# Blackout shrouds West, Canada

By L.M. COLLINS  
**DENVER (AP)** - Electricity and phone service was knocked out for more than 1.5 million customers from Canada to the Southwest United States after power lines failed in a rapid chain reaction on a record-hot day.

The blackout snarled traffic, forced hospitals and air-traffic controllers to use emergency measures, briefly darkened flashy casinos and shut off air conditioners as temperatures soared into the 100s F (above 38 C) in some areas.

Outages were reported in at least eight states from Southern California to Colorado and into Canada, as the disruptions spread through the West. Utility officials could not immediately explain what caused the outages, which came amid heavy power usage in the heat wave.

"It's premature to even speculate," said Robert Dintelman, assistant executive director of the Western Systems Coordinating Council, which will coordinate the investigation of the outage.

At the center of the outage were three 500-kilovolt transmission lines that extend from the hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest down to the Southwest. The lines combined can supply up to 2.2 million homes. At one point, all three lines were knocked out, but authorities were

unsure whether the lines caused the outages or were affected by a problem elsewhere.

A spokeswoman for the Bonneville Power Administration, which oversees the power grid in the Pacific Northwest, said authorities believe the problem originated in the Rocky Mountain states.

The blackout highlighted the vulnerability of the power grid in the West, where a major problem in one area can quickly lead to outages elsewhere.

"Having an interconnected system really makes for more efficient use of our natural resources and keeps the cost down," said BPA spokeswoman Lynn Baker. "But it means when something goes wrong, it can cascade through the system."

The outage affected parts of Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, said Perry Gruber, a spokesman for the BPA in Oregon.

At least 700,000 people lost power in northern Nevada, eastern Oregon and southern Idaho, and at least 500,000 customers were blacked out in California, utility officials said.

Most utilities managed to restore power later in the afternoon. The outages, which also affected telephone

service in some areas, were spotty and some areas were not affected, even within cities that had blackouts.

The outage came on a day when utilities were stretched to their limits, with afternoon temperatures ranging from the 90s F to above 100 F (30s C to above 38 C). Salt Lake City had a record high of 102 F (39 C).

Most hospitals and emergency services were able to switch to auxiliary power. Federal Aviation Administration officials in Seattle said air traffic controllers were able to use backup power generators.

In Denver, people rushed out for ice or gas for their cars. Long lines quickly formed at gas stations.

Edna Vigil, 36, had 10 bags of ice in her shopping cart.

"Between four kids and me, we need the ice, especially with my baby. I don't want him to get too hot. I can't even turn on the fans," she said.

In northern Nevada, police in Reno and Sparks reported so many traffic lights out of service that they ran out of temporary stop signs. Casinos in Reno briefly lost power, as did about 90,000 customers across northern Nevada and eastern California.

Electricity was cut to thousands of homes and businesses in Northern California. Carnival rides briefly stopped working at the Del Mar Fair.

Only minimal problems were reported in Los Angeles. Southern California Edison customers in parts of the city had 15-minute power outages, said Edison spokesman Steve Hansen.

Offices went dark and air conditioners fell silent in some of the sleek glass-and-steel buildings in Denver.

"On a hot day, it takes no time to turn a modern office building into an incubator," said Mark Willoughby, an office worker at the Denver Tech Center. "There's no ventilation and

you can't open any windows."

The city of Denver asked residents to stop watering their lawns, because outages cut the city's ability to pump water by one-third.

Elevators were knocked out for about two hours at the 19-story Ambassador East condominiums in south-central Denver.

"Isn't this great?" manager Nancy Delgado said after the power came back on and she took off her shoes to climb to the 19th floor to restart the elevators.

## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Lands & Natural Resources COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-228 submitted Hip Shing Saipan, Inc. for the operation of the Hip Shing Laundry in Lower Base, Saipan.

The project calls for the operation of 14 washing machines, 12 with a capacity of 300 pounds per load and 2 with a 50 pound capacity. There will also be using 18 electric heater dryers with a capacity of 150 pounds each. Hip Shing Laundry accepts garments from Saipan Garment factories for dry clean services.

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

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Garapan Elementary School. A second and final notice of this public hearing will appear at a later date.

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

/s/ MANUEL C. SABLAN  
 Director  
 Coastal Resources Management

## Panamanian ship with shells seized

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - A ship flying a Panamanian flag and carrying ammunition from the Ukraine to Thailand was seized by port officials in Colombo for not declaring its cargo, an official said Wednesday.

The ship, MV Alexandria, was stopped on Monday evening, when port officials

discovered 10 containers filled with 105-millimeter artillery shell cartridges.

The vessel had halted in Colombo for refueling, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The shells, however, did not contain the explosive powder that is required to fire it, he said.

The ship, on its way to Singapore and Thailand, had last stopped in Israel. It was not immediately clear if any of the cargo was bound for Singapore.

The chief of Colombo's harbour, S. Chinniah, confirmed that a ship carrying ammunition had been arrested, but refused to give details.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

# NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

## MEDICAL REFERREL POLICY & PROCEDURES

WHEN	WHERE	TIME
July 5, 1996	TINIAN (MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM)	6-9:00 p.m.
July 8, 1996	ROTA (ROTA ROUND HOUSE)	6-9:00 p.m.
July 9, 1996	San Vicente Elem. Sch. Cafeteria	6-9:00 p.m.
July 10, 1996	San Antonio Youth Center	6-9:00 p.m.
July 11, 1996	Carolinian Utt in Garapan	6-9:00 p.m.

/s/ Dr. Isamu J. Abraham  
 Secretary of Health

/s/ Joaquin I. Taitano  
 Medical Referral Director

## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Lands & Natural Resources COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-114 submitted by Sablan Enterprises, Inc. for the construction of a twenty-one (21) unit townhouse complex to be constructed in three (3) detached buildings in As Lito, 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 Tuesday, July 16, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the San Vicente Elementary School. A second and final notice of this public hearing will appear at a later date.

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

/s/ MANUEL C. SABLAN  
 Director  
 Coastal Resources Management

# Scientists blame 'red tide'

By LISA HOLEWA  
ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) - An unusual outbreak of red tide was blamed for the mysterious deaths of a record number of manatees this spring, scientists said Tuesday.

The finding is good news since it means the deaths weren't caused by an infectious disease that manatees could spread among themselves or carry to other areas.

But it's bad news, scientists said Tuesday, because there's no way to prevent it from happening again. "These are natural occurrences," said Dr. Thierry Work, a scientist from the National Wildlife Health Center. "Large numbers of animals die but we can't control it. You can't stop a volcano."

Red tide is a toxic micro-organism that accumulates in shellfish. When the manatee deaths began in March, the red tide bloom was the

worst it had been at that time of year since 1982, when a similar manatee die-off took place.

Between March 5 and April 27, 158 of the whiskered walrus-like animals in southwest Florida died, pushing the total deaths for the year to 304 - a grim record.

The previous record was set in 1990 when 206 manatees died.

Initially, scientists said red tide wasn't to blame because the pace of deaths was too quick and no sick or disoriented animals had been found, said Scott Wright, chief scientist for the Department of Environmental Protection.

Scientists suspected a viral infection or some new type of red tide.

But after testing water and manatee blood samples, scientists from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in

Atlanta and the National Marine Fisheries Service found evidence of red tide.

They said cold winter temperatures forced the manatees to gather

in the warmer waters of south-west Florida, where the red-tide concentrations were highest.

Manatees migrate from the Carolinas to Florida every winter.

They have inhabited Florida's waters for the past 45 million years, but due in part to increasing motorboat traffic, their numbers have dwindled to about 2,600.

## Project launched to derive drugs from human genes

By STEVE SAKSON  
NEW YORK (AP) - Two companies researching human genes to treat cancer, prevent heart attacks, and cure other diseases said Tuesday they have so many new drug possibilities that they have enlisted two new partners to share the work.

Human Genome Sciences Inc. and SmithKline Beecham PLC - partners in the gene project since 1993 - announced research collaborations Tuesday with U.S. drugmaker Schering Plough Corp. and Synthelabo, a big French drug company.

Schering and Synthelabo will pay Human Genome and SmithKline a total of \$90 million over five years in exchange for access to Human Genome's massive computer database of nearly all of the roughly 100,000 human genes.

They join two other companies, Japan's Takeda Chemical Industries and Germany's Merck KGaA, which have signed similar deals in the past year.

The four new partners will conduct separate research projects, perhaps in competition with each other. If they come up with new drugs, they will have to share the proceeds with Human Genome and SmithKline.

"Working together, Human Genome Sciences and SmithKline Beecham have created more opportunities to develop pioneer pharmaceutical products than either company can develop on its own," Wil-

liam Haseltine, Human Genome Sciences' chairman and chief executive said at a news conference. "We have decided to share this opportunity with other companies and to share the benefit of the expanded collaboration."

Human Genome Sciences, based in Rockville, Maryland, is small 4-year-old research company. It bought commercial rights to the gene database from its creator, the Institute for Genomic Research, a nonprofit group in nearby Gaithersburg, Md. SmithKline, the big British-owned drug manufacturer, signed a \$125 million collaboration deal with Human Genome in 1993. Today, roughly half of SmithKline's early-stage drug research programs involve use of genomics, said J.P. Garnier, chief operating officer.

The use of human genes to create new drugs is still in its early stages and remains unproven. No products are expected on the market for several years at the earliest.

However, Haseltine said this research differs from traditional drug research involving chemicals because it aims to use the body's own chemicals to cure the underlying causes of disease, not just treat symptoms.

"Ultimately healthy genes will be used to replace missing or damaged genes before disease occurs and naturally occurring proteins will be used to replace missing and damaged proteins," he said.

Genes instruct each cell of the body to perform a specific function. They can tell a cell become part of the liver, produce proteins that help digest food or turn the hair blond and the eyes blue. In disease, some proteins can perform unwanted tasks, said Haseltine.

A genetic researcher attempts to identify the protein causing the problem, then uses a computer to search Human Genome's database to find the gene that creates the protein. The protein can then be reproduced in a lab and researchers can test molecules that influence its behavior.

For instance, researchers with SmithKline and Human Genome took blood cells called osteoclasts that are known to destroy bone cells, perhaps causing the bone-thinning disease osteoporosis.

They identified the gene that creates the protein that eats bone. Now, they are researching substances to inhibit that protein.

Similar efforts are underway on proteins that produce fatty plaque that clogs coronary arteries, causing heart attacks, said Haseltine. Another protein is being researched that may prevent chemotherapy from killing bone marrow cells, a major cause of infections that can be fatal to cancer patients.

Some of the future priorities of the partners include diseases of the brain and spinal cord, arthritis and viruses, he said.

## US Justice . . .

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portation benefits, and were given less favorable conditions of employment.

The CNMI and the PSS chose to settle the case, and allotted \$2.1 million to pay the teachers' back wages and other benefits.

According to the Department of Justice, the fund is the second largest it has obtained in an employment discrimination case based on national origin.

One of the teacher recipients of the settlement fund, Ernie O. Alano, of Hopwood Junior High School, has clarified that the Filipino teacher did not file the lawsuit but the Department of Justice.

"The only participation that Filipino teachers had in the case was during the deposition period when they were compelled to submit to interrogations conducted by PSS and government lawyers," he said.

He recalled that the case started when an American teacher from the Marianas High School brought to the attention of the justice department the discriminatory treatment of Filipino teachers by the PSS.

Alano claimed that the Filipino teachers would never have thought of filing a lawsuit against the PSS since they were "very satisfied with the salaries and benefits they were receiving from

the PSS." "That the settlement involved monetary awards came as a surprise to many Filipino teachers who, from the very beginning, never thought that they would receive any form of financial benefits," Alano said.

Under the settlement, the defendants also agreed to develop a written policy prohibiting discrimina-

tion, establish guidelines to ensure equal pay for equal education and experience, and adjust existing housing and salary disparities for teachers.

The PSS also agreed to allocate an additional \$150,000 to fund the position of an Equal Employment Opportunity specialist and employment awareness programs.

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fortable with the provision pertaining to premitted heirs saying "it may not be a good idea to suddenly deprive illegitimate children from being recognized as heirs."

He also said the enactment of the new law may be unfair to the four litigants who are claiming to be the heirs of the late millionaire, Larry Hillblom.

Hillblom, who died in a plane crash last year, left behind a fortune reportedly worth at least \$400 million.

His body was never recovered. Since his death, there have been at least three persons filing heirship claims, saying they should have part of the millions he left behind.

House Bill 10-147, dubbed as the Hillblom bill, was signed by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio last month against the advice of his legal counsels. He later explained that he signed the measure

knowing that its constitutionality and applicability in the CNMI could be determined by the courts.

He also said it would make fathers in the CNMI "more responsible to their children."

Opponents of the measure, however, say the retroactivity clause in the bill, which makes it applicable to already existing cases pertaining to the Hillblom estate, is also unconstitutional.

The act dashes the hopes of the Hillblom claimants as it virtually takes away the right of illegitimate children to inherit from their deceased fathers.

Under the new law, any child born out of wedlock may not inherit from his father unless the father openly and notoriously held the child as his own during his lifetime.

The only other way illegitimate children can stand as heir to their father is when he or she successfully sues for paternity.

Currently, the new law is under litigation at the US District Court on the contention that it violates due process of law and is therefore unconstitutional.

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## SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

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 twentyone (21) 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 Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of 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 file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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/s/ Clerk of Court  
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## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Board of Education Public School System

## INVITATION FOR BID

PSS-IFB96-006

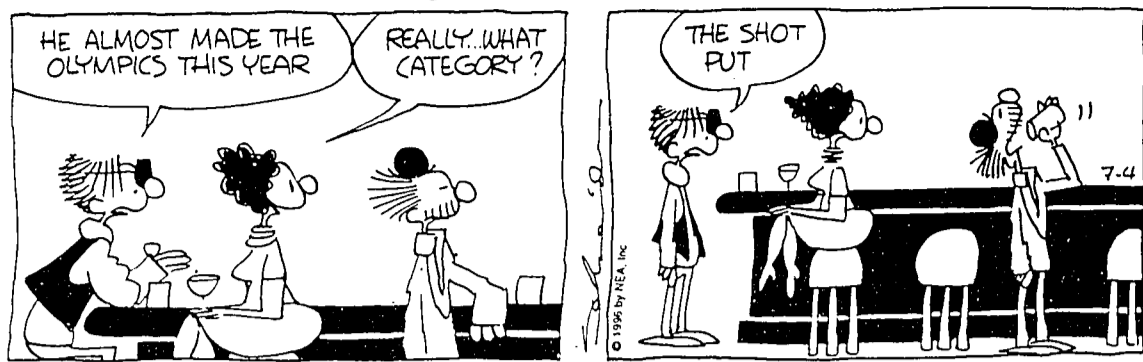
The CNMI Public School System is soliciting for competitive sealed bidding from firms interested in supplying to the Public School System bus parts. Specifications are now available and can be picked up at the Procurement & Supply Office during regular working hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays except Holidays. All items must be delivered CIF PSSPANDS and delivered within 45 days from the date of full contract execution.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope facemarked IFB96-006 Attn: Procurement & Supply Officer and submitted to the Procurement Office located on the 3rd Floor Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than August 6, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. local time. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be considered. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the aforementioned date, time and place.

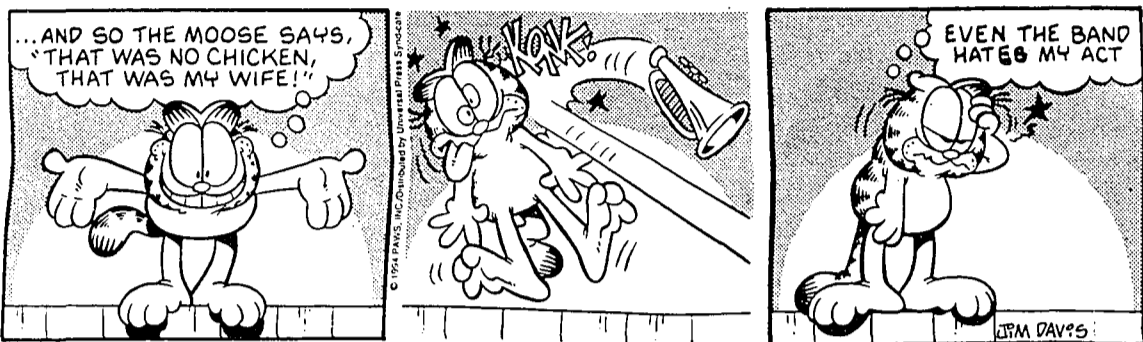
A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 US Dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty-five US Dollars maybe a certified check, a cashier's check, or other forms acceptable by the Public School System and made payable to the Public School System Treasurer. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit. The PSS has the right to reject any or all bid if it is to the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to this bid maybe directed to the Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3701.  
/s/ William S. Torres  
Commissioner of Education  
/s/ Louise Concepcion  
PSS Procurement & Supply Officer

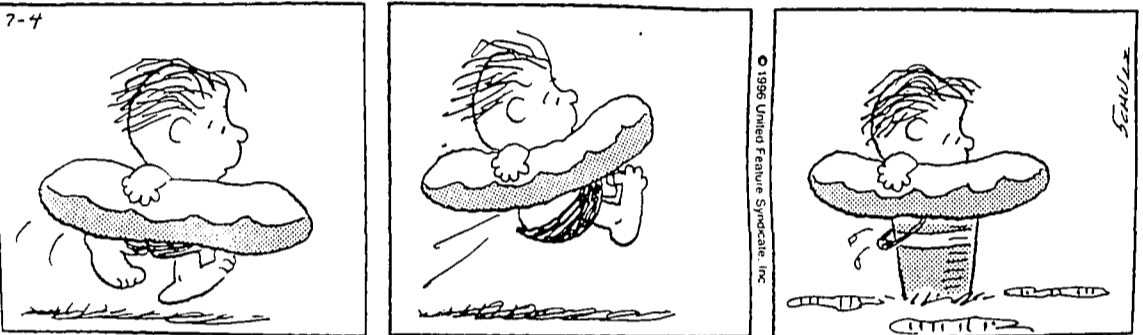
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DATE BOOK

July 4, 1996
Today is INDEPENDENCE DAY. It is the 156th day of 1996 and the 15th day of summer.
TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1783, the doomed English colonists landed at Roanoke Island.

Stephen Foster (1826-1864), composer, Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), U.S. president, Louis Armstrong (1900-1971), musician, Ann Landers (1918-), advice columnist, is 78; Abigail Van Buren (1918-), advice columnist, is 78; Neil Simon (1927-), playwright, is 69; Al Davis (1929-), football executive, is 67; George Steinbrenner (1930-), baseball executive, is 66.
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, Pete Sampras beat Jim Courier in the first all-American Wimbledon men's final since 1984.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, light snow fell on the higher elevations of Utah's Wasatch and Uinta Mountains.
TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 1) and last quarter (July 7).
1996 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN
Professionals, such as doctors and lawyers, have the longest lifespans.
The U.S. government spent an average of \$225,000 on each enemy soldier killed during World War II.

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Cuban boxers await word on asylum

EL CENTRO, California (AP) - Two members of Cuba's Olympic boxing team expected to hear Wednesday or early next week if they will be accepted into the United States or returned to their communist homeland.
Ramon Garbey and Joel Casamayor applied for political asylum Monday after es-

caping during free time while the 12-member Cuban team was training in Guadalajara, Mexico. The men are being held in the immigration processing center in El Centro, about 115 miles (185 kilometers) east of San Diego.
During Monday's interview with immigration officials, the two were asked to reconstruct their treatment in Cuba and at the Olympic training camp in Guadalajara, said Al Rogers, a spokesman for the fighters' lawyers. Rogers attended the proceeding.
Rogers said Garbey, 25, and Casamayor, 24, reported being abused and neglected for years for refusing to sign a document that pledged their

loyalty to President Fidel Castro's regime.
Frank Ronzio, an immigration lawyer and boxing manager who has worked closely with the boxers, is requesting that the men be allowed to go to Los Angeles if their application is accepted.
The boxers have no family in the United States and they

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loser Paul Quantrill (4-9) for a two-out walk before Palmeiro hit the next pitch for his 21st homer of the season. Bobby Bonilla followed with his 10th homer, giving the Orioles a 5-1 lead and back-to-back homers for the sixth time this season.
Palmeiro, who leads Baltimore with 76 RBIs, also doubled in Ripken for a 1-0 lead in the first.
Scott Erickson (5-6) allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings, striking out a season-high seven and walking two.
Brewers 2, Tigers 1
In Detroit, Jeff Cirillo tripled home

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Rodriguez (25) and Andres Galarraga (22).
"Though I was going, but I'm not, so what can I do?" Rodriguez said. "These things happen. Sammy Sosa's not going and he's leading the league in home runs. He must be disappointed too."
Cox said he had an impossible task with the selections.
"I didn't take Galarraga either - I felt horrible about that," Cox said when asked about Rodriguez. "I didn't take Klesko. Rodriguez deserves to be on it, but so does Klesko. So does Marquis Grissom... Guys get mad at

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workout at a mid-Manhattan park, while Golota shadow-boxed and skipped rope in his 15 minutes in the ring.
"I expect all of my fights to be tough. I have learned not to take anyone lightly. I did that once against Evander Holyfield and it cost me my title," Bowe said of his only loss three years ago.
Golota's trainer, Lou Duva, was in Holyfield's corner for three fights against Bowe. In the last fight nine months ago, Bowe had to get off the canvas before winning in the eighth round.
"I think I know where to hit Bowe and that is where Andrew is going to hit him," Duva said. "Andrew will knock him out."
Bowe dismissed that as just talk. "Who has he actually fought and knocked out in the heavyweight division? No one," Bowe said of Golota. "So what makes him think that some-

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one who is 28 years old, is determined and is in great shape, that he can just go in and knock me out? That's not going to happen."
What is more likely, Bowe said, is that he will win by knockout.
"Philadelphians, the host team, has just one player on the NL roster: reliever Ricky Bottalico.
Cleveland pitchers Jose Mesa and Charles Nagy, and catcher Sandy Alomar were picked as reserves for the AL team, joining Indians teammates Albert Belle and Kenny Lofton, who were elected to start in the outfield.
Infielders Edgar Martinez and Alex Rodriguez, catcher Dan Wilson and outfielder Jay Buhner were picked as reserves from the Mariners and join the sidelined Griffey, the top vote getter in fan balloting.
Other NL pitchers are Kevin Brown and Al Leiter of the Marlins, Pedro Martinez of the Expos, Steve Trachsel of the Cubs and Todd Worrell of the Dodgers.

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control of the bill.
He added that Tenorio can always change his mind on whatever action he has made on a bill until it leaves his possession.
On the other hand, Tenorio had argued that any bill becomes law as soon as the governor affixes his signature on it. He scoffed at Manglona's contention that the bill has to leave the governor's custody saying there is nothing in the law that puts that as a requirement.
While challenging Manglona or any other interested parties to seek court determination on the controversy, Tenorio said he will have started enforcing the new minimum wage law last Monday, the effectivity date for the 30-cent and 15-cent increases provided for under H.B. 10-158, which Tenorio referred to as Public Law 10-13.
Public Law 10-13, raises the hourly minimum wage from the previous \$2.75 to \$2.90 for work-

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ers in the garment and construction industries.
All other private sector employees will be getting \$3.05 hourly minimum wage except for those covered by special exemptions provided for in the bill, i.e., domestic workers, farmers and fishermen.
Another feature of the new minimum wage bill is the elimination of the automatic 30-cent yearly increases in the minimum wage under P.L. 8-21, a provision that has elicited federal criticism on the CNMI.
According to Manglona, it is important that he litigates on the matter if only to determine whether "secret laws" are legal here in the CNMI.
"I want a final determination on the proper and legal parameters governing the enactment of legislation into law," he said.
Manglona said he is currently in the process of selecting a private lawyer to represent him in his planned suit.

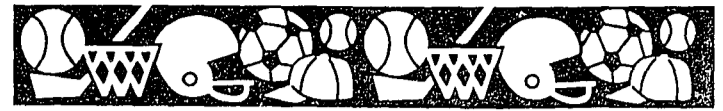
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and Rep. Oscar M. Babauta who have both submitted intent letters but have yet to turn in their candidacy fees.
For Precinct 3, House incumbents Malua T. Peter and Melvin O. Faisao are the only two candidates who submitted declarations of intent. Incumbent Precinct 3 Rep. Jesus T. Atiao has yet to submit his candidacy while co-Precinct 3 Rep. Crispin DL Guerrero has opted to run for Saipan mayor, along with Plasilido M. Tagabuel and George Sablan.
The GOP has also announced that it will have newcomers Mariano M. Falig and Juan R. Babauta as official candidates for the Precinct 4 House race, having turned in the requirements.
Over on Rota, incumbent Mayor Joseph S. Inos has submitted his intent to run for reelection under the Republican Party banner. He ran under the Democratic Party in the last mayoral elections on Rota.
Inos will be contesting the nomination against former Lt. Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona who has declared himself as a Rota mayoral aspirant.

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of extreme importance that the court be made to decide on the issue so that parameters may be set on how the governor should act on legislation and so that any confusion, like on the wage bill, would not happen again.
Manglona while acting governor last month vetoed H.B. 10-158 not knowing that Gov. Tenorio has already signed it into law three days earlier.
After being informed of the governor's earlier action, Manglona then took the position that his veto was binding in that Tenorio's approval of the measure was not final until the bill leaves the chief executive's custody.
Citing several US case laws, it is the vice president's contention that even if the governor may have signed the bill into law, it may not be considered law because he was able to veto it before the governor relinquished

# SPORTS



# Indians edge Royals

**CLEVELAND (AP)** - Julio Franco singled off Hipolito Pichardo on the third pitch after a 50-minute rain delay, giving the Cleveland Indians a 3-2 victory over Kansas City on Tuesday night.

Tim Belcher (6-4) got the first two outs in the ninth before yielding singles to Manny Ramirez and Sandy Alomar. That brought on Pichardo, and Franco was announced as a pinch-hitter for Alvaro Espinoza.

But while Pichardo was warming up, lightning and rain forced the delay. When play resumed, Pichardo threw two balls to Franco before he lined the hit to right field, sending home Ramirez with the game-winning run.

Jim Poole (4-0) pitched one-third of an inning for the victory.

Omar Vizquel's eighth-inning sacrifice fly gave the Indians a 2-1 lead, but the Royals scored in the ninth after having two outs and no one on base.

Yankees 7, Red Sox 5  
In New York, Derek Jeter's fourth hit, a two-run single, capped a three-run seventh inning that carried New York past Boston.

Jeter's single off Joe Hudson (2-3) snapped a 5-5 tie created by Gerald Williams' RBI double earlier in the inning.

Jeff Nelson (3-2), the fourth of six

Yankees pitchers, was the winner with one inning of relief. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 27th save and 21st in a row as New York maintained its 4 1-2 game lead over Baltimore in the AL East.

Bernie Williams had an RBI single and his 16th homer, helping the Yankees take a 4-0 lead after three in-

## Team USA loses anew to Cubans

**KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (AP)** - Cuba pounded three Team USA relievers for six runs in the eighth inning Tuesday to erase a 2-1 deficit for a 7-2 victory, their third win in four games against the Americans.

The teams conclude their five-game set on July 4 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Osmani Romero, a hard-throwing right-hander, started for Cuba. He pitched six innings, gave up one run on five hits, walked two and struck out five. Reliever Pedro Lazo got the win despite giving up Travis Lee's go-ahead homer.

U.S. starter Seth Greisinger gave up five hits and one run, walked nobody and struck out six, and faced just one batter above the minimum through five innings, thanks to three double plays started by shortstop Augie Ojeda.

Team USA took a 2-1 lead in the top of the eighth on Lee's solo home run. **Continued on page 19**

White Sox 7, Twins 4  
In Chicago, Danny Tartabull hit a three-run homer and Alex Fernandez scattered five hits in 7 2-3 innings, leading Chicago past Minnesota.

Fernandez (8-4) was aided by four double plays as the White Sox snapped a three-game losing streak. One of the hits Fernandez allowed was a homer to Marty Cordova, the 19th given up by the right-hander this season, matching the total he allowed last year in 30

starts. Roberto Hernandez got the last two outs for his 24th save although he gave up a run on a grounder.

Orioles 8, Blue Jays 2  
In Toronto, Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs and Brady Anderson extended his major-league homerun lead to 29, lifting Baltimore over Toronto.

Chris Hoiles led off the third inning with a double, and Cal Ripken worked

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## All-Star Game is the 'Home of the Brave'

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Those who claim the Atlanta Braves have the best pitching staff ever now have further proof. For the first time, four pitchers from one team were picked for the All-Star game.

Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, John Smoltz and Mark Wohlers were selected Tuesday by National League manager Bobby Cox, who just happens to manage the Braves.

Smoltz (14-3) leads the majors in wins and has a 2.98 ERA. Maddux is 8-5 with a 2.83 ERA and Glavine is 8-5 with a 2.62 ERA. Wohlers is fourth in the NL with 17 saves.

Atlanta, with six players, will have the largest group in Philadelphia on July 9 - one more than Cleveland and Seattle. Fred McGriff was elected to start at first and third baseman Chipper Jones was chosen as a reserve.

Atlanta outfielder Ryan Klesko, who has 22 homers, was bypassed along with three other players in the top five: Sammy Sosa (26), Henry

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## Bowe wants Lewis, Tyson, gets Golota

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Riddick Bowe isn't taking any chances with Andrew Golota, preparing for the Polish heavyweight with the same demeanor the former champion plans to take into the ring against Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson.

"To me, right now everyone is a Bengal tiger and in order for me to beat them, I have to be at my best," said Bowe, who hopes to use the July

11 bout at Madison Square Garden as a prelude to a fight with Lewis this fall and then one with Tyson early in 1997.

"You got to do things to get to certain places and fighting Golota will allow me to fight Lennox Lewis."

Bowe, 39-1 with 33 knockouts, mixed it up with a trio of sparring partners Tuesday in an hour-long

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## Raptors release Esposito

**TORONTO (AP)** - The Toronto Raptors have cut loose guard Vincenzo Esposito, the first player signed by the NBA team.

The 6-foot-3 (1.9 meter) Italian signed a three-year guaranteed contract worth \$1.8 million last July. But he rarely played, averaging just 3.9 points a game and saw just 282 minutes of action.

"Vincenzo was a big part of our first season in the league," Toronto

General Manager Isiah Thomas said in a release Tuesday.

"We spoke after the season ended and it was clear that he missed his family and friends back in Italy. I understand that he has some terrific opportunities to play overseas and I wish him much success in the future."

Esposito averaged 24.2 points a game with Filodoro Bologna of the Italian league prior to joining the Raptors.

## '96 Budweiser Liberation Day Tournament

Friday, July 5	7:00 p.m.	Game A Marpac Bud Light (Saipan) vs MCI Panthers (Guam)
	9:00 p.m.	Game B Micro Toyota Wheels (Saipan) vs Red Dog Panthers (Guam)
Saturday, July 6	9:00 a.m.	Game C MarPac CNMI All Star (Saipan) vs Bud King Bud Kings (Guam)
	11:00 a.m.	Game D UMDA Aces (Saipan) vs Ace Hardware (Guam)
	3:00 p.m.	Game E (Loser of Game A vs Loser of Game B)
	5:00 p.m.	Game F (Loser of Game C vs Loser of Game D)
	7:00 p.m.	Game G (Winner of Game A vs Winner of Game B)
	9:00 p.m.	Game H (Winner of Game C vs Winner of Game D)
Sunday, July 7	9:00 a.m.	Game I (Winner of Game E vs Winner of Game F) (5th Place)
	11:00 a.m.	Game J (Loser of Game G vs Loser of Game H) (3rd Place)
	1:00 p.m.	Game K (Winner of Game G vs Winner of Game H) Championship



Olympic table tennis gold medalist Deng Yaping, left, and former world champion gymnast Li Xiaoshuang, left, lead other Chinese athletes in a pledge of loyalty to the Communist Party during an induction ceremony in Beijing. The Atlanta-bound olympians were inducted as part of the upcoming 75th anniversary of the communist party. (AP Photo)