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Cabrera gets 6 yrs

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE COURT ordered Immigration Captain Isidro T. Cabrera to spend six years in jail for raping last November a Chinese woman deportee who was in his custody.

Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas sentenced Cabrera to 30 years, all suspended except 10 years for two counts of rape, and two counts of criminal oral copulation.

Of 10 years Cabrera, however, was required to serve only five years because Bellas ordered that all four counts shall be served concurrently.

For misconduct in public office, the judge sentenced the defendant to one year imprisonment, to be served consecutively with the four counts.

Bellas during Monday's sentencing asked Cabrera to report to the Division of Corrections at the

Department of Public Safety on Monday at 6 p.m. to commence serving the imposed six-year jail time subject to parole.

If appropriate, after evaluation, the court said the defendant shall undergo counselling sessions at the Commonwealth Health Center during his period of incarceration.

Cabrera shall complete 320 hours of community work service within 10 months from his



Isidro T. Cabrera

release from custody, said Bellas in his written order signed yesterday.

A jury rendered a verdict last July

declaring Cabrera guilty on two counts of rape and two counts of oral copulation. Bellas convicted him of misconduct in public office, but dropped five counts of assault and battery.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of 40 years and six months in jail, according to Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Steinborn after the verdict was reached.

Court records indicated that on Nov. 20 the victim was taken to the Immigration Office at the Saipan airport where she was released to Cabrera, the shift supervisor.

While the victim was left alone sitting on a couch, Cabrera raped her. He also raped her again when all the Immigration inspectors left the room.



Dr. Thomas Greening, CHC Radiology Unit Manager (center), explains to members of CHC Volunteers Association how the "Stenoscope C-arm Surgical System" works. The machine donation was presented by the CHC Volunteer Association to CHC yesterday.

Photo by Laila C. Younis

Tenorio to order probe on Inside Edition's garment sector exposé

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said he will order the Labor and Immigration Department to look into "overcrowded and squalid housing conditions of

garment workers" as exposed by a U.S. television program.

The "Inside Edition's" episode on the "slavelike" conditions of garment workers aired yesterday on the island's two cable TV stations.

"That's supposed to be illegal," Tenorio said, referring to the overcrowding and confinement of workers shown in the "Inside Edition" episode.

"There are no excuses," he said. Asked why such housing conditions still exist despite his administration's claim that the garment industry has already been "cleaned up," Tenorio said "That's a good question. I'm going to ask (the Labor and Immigration Department) to check on this."

Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, who is running against Tenorio, yesterday said there is "clearly negligence" on the part of the authori-



Froilan C. Tenorio

ties who were supposed to inspect and certify the workers' barracks. "They should look into this," he said.

The "Inside Edition" episode called the workers' barracks "shameful."

Using a hidden camera, the TV crew visited the housing provided to S.R. Corp.'s workers, and re-

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Verdict on Villanueva is expected by today

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE JURY is expected to render today its verdict on the case of Antonio P. Villanueva, a man accused of murdering a woman and injuring her three children in the latter's Koblerville home last January.

This developed after the court decided to do last night's scheduled jury deliberations today, after Senior Counsel Loren Sutton and Villanueva's counsel Antonio Atalig delivered their closing arguments yesterday.

After the arguments, Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro was to give instructions to the jurors how to come up with a decision. Deliberations among the jurors will follow.

Sutton presented several witnesses, including the murdered Bernadita B. Mendiola's three kids, who positively identified Villanueva as the one who "attacked" the family.

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Budget passage before end of FY '97 doubtful

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

WITH 11 days left before the current fiscal year ends, an understaffed House Committee on Ways and Means has yet to finish drafting a budget bill, even as the Senate prepares to hold its own hearings on the legislation.

Rep. Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Saipan), who chairs the committee, said Wednesday the recent resignation of House legal counsel Richard Counts and legal researcher/writer Bob Hegwood has "greatly hampered" the committee's work.

Teregeyo said the committee's original target deadline was last week, which was then moved to this week.



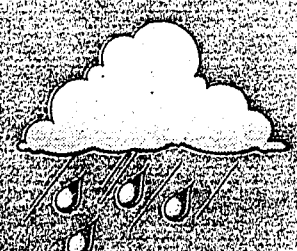
Ana S. Teregeyo

However, she added, "we can't make it."

"There are too many pending legislation, too many things going on and we're very short on staff," she said.

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WEATHER Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers

As Communist Party Congress closes

Jiang's hold strengthens

By CHARLES HUTZLER
BEIJING (AP) - Concluding a crucial congress, China's ruling Communist Party on Thursday endorsed ambitious reforms proposed by party leader Jiang Zemin and voted for a new leadership to carry them out.

And in a surprise move that strengthened Jiang's hand, Qiao Shi, the head of China's parliament, and Liu Huaqing, the army's top representative, lost their seats on the party's powerful Central Committee, delegates to the congress said.



Jiang Zemin

Qiao, 72, had been number three in the party hierarchy and a rival of Jiang's. Liu, 81, had been expected to retire although diplomats said he was reluctant to do so.

Their removal could clear the way for Jiang to maneuver more supporters into top posts. Both Liu and Qiao had previously both had seats on the 7-member Standing Committee, the apex of party power.

"They're retiring, they're too old," said Wang Zhiwei, a delegate from northern Shaanxi province.

"The central authorities have made other arrangements for them," said another Shaanxi delegate, Zhang Guoyan.

The weeklong congress marked a watershed for 71-year-old Jiang in that it was his first without the powerful backing of his mentor Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader who died in February.

Thursday's closing session approved Jiang's reform blueprint, unveiled in a keynote speech to the opening of the congress last Friday, and an amendment to the Communist Party constitution.

Among the reforms Jiang proposed were shaking up moribund state industries through capitalist-style remedies including share issues, sell-offs and takeovers.

"It was a unified congress. It was a victorious congress," Jiang said at the

closing ceremony, against the backdrop of the hammer-and-sickle communist emblem.

The new party Central Committee, elected by the more than 2,000 congress delegates, will see through the reforms Jiang proposed. Observers were looking to see how many allies Jiang gets onto the policy-making body, as well as a party watchdog organization, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection.

Jiang's ability to see through the industrial reforms he unveiled at the congress, the party's first in five years, will be strengthened if he succeeds in maneuvering more supporters into top posts.

Politicking among key groups in the party over how to fill senior posts continued through the summer, right up to the opening of the congress.

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Pressure mounts on Japan Cabinet member to resign

By KELLY OLSEN

TOKYO (AP) - Three opposition parties agreed Thursday to submit a no-confidence motion in Parliament demanding the resignation of a new Cabinet minister with a criminal record.

Top officials of the three parties - the New Frontier Party, the Democratic Party of Japan and the Taiyo Party - said they would submit the motion at a session of Parliament set to begin Sept. 29, said Hiroshi Ichikawa, a New Frontier Party offi-

cial.

Koko Sato has been the target of widespread criticism since Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto reshuffled his Cabinet a week ago and made Sato head of the Management and Coordination Agency.

Years ago, Sato was convicted of taking 2 million yen (\$17,000) in bribes from All Nippon Airways in the Lockheed payoff scandal while serving as a parliamentary vice minister for the Transport Ministry in the

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Yeltsin not giving up Kurils

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin said Thursday he won't relinquish control of the Kuril Islands, captured from Japan more than 50 years ago, and a solution to the dispute will have

to be worked out in the next century.

"We cannot give the islands back, (Russian) society would not understand this," Yeltsin said Thursday according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

"It is up to new generations in the 21st century to resolve the problem of the Kuril Islands," Yeltsin said during a visit to Oryol, about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southwest of Moscow.

The islands, off the coast of Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido, have been a source of friction between Russia and Japanese for the past half century.

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TCGCC orders Palmer: Submit financial docs



Paul Palmer

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

TINIAN casino gaming commission's executive director, who is already facing contempt charges, has until Sept. 23 to produce documents regarding the financial proposals from the casino vendors.

In a memo dated Sept. 16, acting commission chair Antonio S. Borja told Paul Palmer that failure to comply will "constitute an act of insubordination" and may either lead to Palmer's ouster or reassignment.

The documents Palmer should compile and submit to the commission involve:

- Aristocrat Leisure Industries Pty. Ltd.
- International Game Technology
- Detailed summary of the funds from Aristocrat's investigative account held in trust by Price Waterhouse.
- The payment of Union Bank Philippines for Pennington Trust Hong Kong.

Borja said he was told by Palmer, who was on Tinian yesterday, that he (Palmer) will comply with the memo.

Despite being served a subpoena last month, Palmer failed to show up during Monday's Senate oversight hearing on the commission, and was cited for contempt by the Senate Wednesday.

Under the law, the Attorney General's Office will prosecute the charges in the Superior Court.

Meanwhile, Borja said the commission will be receiving a report by next week from consultant Oscar C. Rasa who is in the mainland U.S.

Convicted of corruption-related charges by a federal court in 1989—and not 1987 as earlier reported—the former House speaker received close to \$700,000 from the commission, documents from the Office of the Public Auditor revealed.

Rasa is in the mainland U.S. to "investigate" casino vendors, according to a memo from the commission's chair, Jose P. Mafias, who is on sick leave.

Borja said Rasa is expected to return to Tinian next week.

During Monday's Senate hearing, it was learned that nothing is left of the \$2.6 million the commission "borrowed" from the Office of the Governor last December.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, however, said Tuesday that the commission still has more than \$300,000.

In an interview yesterday, he said he is now monitoring the disbursement of funds to the commission.

Possible homestead area identified near quarry site

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

A POSSIBLE homestead site has been identified near the site from where a Marpi quarrying firm is being asked to relocate due to the dangers it poses on residents nearby.

Public Lands Director Bertha Camacho said though that government still needs to conduct further studies of the site to determine how many homestead lots can be accommodated.

"We are still checking it out," she said.

Black Micro Inc., the quarrying firm, has asked to be given enough time to process raw materials that still abound in the area, Camacho said.

She said government is eyeing the possibility of granting Black Micro a year to gradually pull out of the site and operate elsewhere on the island.

She said the Board of Public Lands, in its meeting Wednesday evening has, following this request, sought to have more information on the effects the firm's blasting operations have on the area's residents, as well as on the ongoing construction of a multi-million dollar resort hotel, a few hundred meters away from the quarry site.

"The World Corporation which is building the resort fears the blasts could weaken the structure's foundation," said Camacho.

BPL Chair Tomas Aldan, in an earlier interview, has said that residents too are complaining of the noise coming from the blasts.

"They (firm's management) are



Bertha Camacho

asking that they be given time. The Board (of Public Lands) has not made a decision yet on how long it will be. We are proposing that they be given a year," said Camacho.

Camacho said the Division of Public Lands has submitted a proposal before BPL for the firm's gradual phaseout.

Black Micro, she said, has been operating on a monthly permit following the recent expiration of its lease agreement with the government.

In a related development, Camacho said government will now begin issuing eviction notices against Rota residents found to have encroached on public lands on the island.

She however failed to give an estimate on the number of agricultural homesteaders that will be driven out of the government-owned lands.

The homesteaders began their encroachment after they were ejected from lands declared as a preservation area for an endangered bird species, the Mariana crow, locally known as aga.

Tenorio blames MPLT trustees, Legislature

Says he regrets appointing Board members



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday blamed the "cowardice" of the Marianas Public Land Trust and the Legislature for the court's decision to declare as unconstitutional the \$10 million Home Financing Act.

"I'm sorry I appointed these people at MPLT," he said.

"(Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja), of all people, is saying I don't deliver on my promises when this is exactly what is happening—my own appointees telling me (they won't release the money)."

It was MPLT's refusal to release the loan that prompted the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. to file a lawsuit which led to Wednesday's Superior Court ruling.

Tenorio also blamed the Legislature for drafting a bill that merely "requested" and did not require MPLT to release the \$10 million.

"Right now we got a bunch of scared trustees and a bunch of cowards in the Legislature," he said.

Borja, his part, said yesterday that he will look into the ruling, and consult with the Attorney General's Office on the possibil-

ity of an appeal.

"But I have to read the ruling first before I can fully comment," he said.

MPLT correct

MPLT's legal counsel Michael Dotts, however, said the trustees were never opposed to the program but we're only concerned about the legal issues involved.

"I guess we can say that MPLT was correct to be concerned," he said.

"Nobody disagrees that this is a wonderful program, but the decision is clear (as to) what the law says."

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), who was one of the main sponsors of the Home Financing Act, yesterday said regardless of the legislation's language, the court decision "clearly states that the trustees have the authority not to release the money."

"Maybe it's time to consider a constitutional amendment," he said.

"I don't think it was our intent to leave the money (with MPLT) forever."

Office of NMI-Descent? The governor agrees.

"I guess the thing to do is to reorganize, through a constitutional amendment, MPLT," he said, adding that he will propose the establishment of an Office of Northern Marianas-Descent which will combine the functions of MPLT and the Bureau of Public Lands.

He said the office will be managed by elected NMI-descent trustees.

Meanwhile, he added, the NMI-descent people who contributed to the MPLT fund are still not benefiting "from their money."



Juan S. Torres

In its ruling Wednesday, the Superior Court said the MPLT trustees "must be free from being told with whom to invest, the amount of the investment, and the interest rate to apply to a particular investment."

Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex Castro, who penned the ruling, said MPLT must be independent to carry out the trustees' "responsibility of making reasonable, careful and prudent investments of funds for the benefit of the people."

"The goals of the act are unquestionably praiseworthy and the court commends the Legislature and the governor for their joint effort to provide much needed assistance for low income home purchasers," he said.

"Without a constitutional amendment, however, neither the legislative, the executive, nor the judicial branch may follow these particular steps toward these desirable goals," he said.

Among the MPLT trustees—Juan S. Torres, Vicente M. Calvo, Maria H. Agunon, Joaquin I. Pangelinan, and Herman R. Guerrero—the governor singled out the latter for being the only one willing to release the \$10 million.



Fourth grader Sean Blanco (right) concentrates as he pounds up herbs for traditional medicine during an Ancient Chamorro Cultural display at SVES Wednesday. Classmate Sylvester Laniyo assists him.

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EDITORIAL

TCGCC must clear itself

THE CURRENT Senate investigation involving the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission seems to be opening up a "big can of worms."

The EAGI inquiry is raising a lot of questions about the internal operations of the gaming body, including how it handles its finances.

"Is there unbridled spending going on? How can TCGCC justify the release of big amounts to former speaker Oscar Raza? Are there people benefiting from their involvement with the Commission and the industry? What happened to the reported \$2.6 million borrowed from the Governor's Office?"

With the way the investigation is being conducted, it appears there are problems with the way the Commission manages its affairs. And the situation, in a way, proves casino critics right about how the industry comes with the inherent evils.

The situation is exacerbated by the observation that some of the officials who are supposed to shed light on matters pertaining to the Commission are trying to skip the hearings, the subpoenas notwithstanding.

This has inevitably created an impression that indeed, there may be something wrong with the Commission.

Somebody is hiding something from someone, regardless of whether that is true or not.

TCGCC executive director Paul Palmer, in trying to "avoid" the hearings called by Tinian Senator David Cing is only raising the suspicion of the public that "something" may have been going on. If Mr. Palmer believes he is not doing anything wrong, or if he thinks the TCGCC is worth defending, he should come out and face the Committee eye to eye.

If he has nothing to fear, there should be no ifs and buts.

There is no point in arguing about how the subpoena was served or whether it was served legally and properly. The point is he is supposed to be duty-bound to cooperate so the issues and allegations about the Commission are laid to rest.

The same goes with the other officials being invited by the EAGI panel. It would only be to the good of all concerned, including the people of Tinian and of this Commonwealth, to be forthcoming with any information that may help the Committee with its investigation.

Why not lay all cards on the table.

After all, it is apparent that what the EAGI is doing is straighten things out as far as the public's perception of the Commission is concerned, so that it may be able to perform its tasks with a clean slate.

It is vital that the officials of the Commission are seen as people with unblemished characters, so as to at least offset the negative image casino gaming generally brings as an industry.

Gambling is seen by certain sectors of society as being evil. The impression will only get worse if the people governing it as an industry are seen as being "evil" themselves.

Island leaders must be reminded that the industry is only as good as the people who run it. Mismanagement and wrongdoing on their part will cast a shadow of doubt over the viability of the gaming industry.

The Committee has yet to prove any of the allegations that have been coming up recently about the Commission and other officials. But it has already become alarming that it seems the very people supposed to be controlling and policing such a crucial industry could not even control nor police themselves.

There is too much at stake here as far as hopes and dreams of the people of Tinian are concerned and this makes any foul-ups more inexcusable.

Let the EAGI investigation take its course.

Tinian and the CNMI as a community should be behind the Senate Committee as it tries to find answers to questions surrounding TCGCC's existence.

In the end, there should be no more doubts as to the integrity of the Commission; its fairness; its impartiality when it comes to casino investors it does business with; its dedication in minimizing the social ills of gaming; and its overall ability and resolve to police the industry. The casino industry after all is the biggest hope for Tinian's economic advancement in the next century.

Everyone must remember that trust and confidence on the Commission as a governing body, not only from the gaming public but the community itself, is important for this industry to survive.

It is hoped that TCGCC officials can address the issues and controversies now confronting the gaming panel.



Ispokening English

I cannot speak well enough to be unintelligible.

--Jane Austen

SAY YOU are in London and a flushed Englishman complain to you how he climbed apples and pears on bacon and eggs only to find out that the dog and bone are nowhere to be found. What will you do?

If you're lucky to have Roger Axtell's "Do's and Taboos of Using English Around the World," you don't need to flee and look for a cop—the Englishman is merely saying that he has climbed stairs (apples and pears) on his legs (bacon and eggs) in search of a telephone (dog and bone) that was no longer there.

There are now 1.7 billion people speaking English of which there are 55 varieties, and it is this mathematical reality that sometimes causes an English speaking tourist in another English-speaking land to wonder where the hell he really is.

The bestselling author of the "Do's and Taboos" traveler's series, Axtell in this 1995 book shows speakers of English how to avoid misunderstanding each other as anyone who has ordered a sherbet in Australia and was given a beer will swear can happen.

In Scotland, a bonnet is the car hood, a wing the fender, and a boot the trunk of your car. When an Australian tells you about jumpers, strides and jandies, he or she is actually speaking about sweaters, trousers and sneakers. Down under, the male boss is a bloke.

In New Zealand, an entree is the first course of the meal, not an appetizer. Those in the U.K. nibble biscuits, not cookies. In the Philippines, if you ask for a cantaloupe you'd get blank stares. Better say melon. And, while we're at it, if you get salvaged in Manila it means you were summarily executed.

Canadians take holidays, not vacations. New Zealanders place their jewelry in a casket. A tube is a subway in Britain and a beer in a can for Aussies.

In reviewing Axtell's book, Houston Chronicle's Harry Shattuck notes that ever-evolving slang renders each version of English even more confounding.

A heart-starter in Australia is the first alcoholic

drink of the day, and not a surgical remedy. A fremantle doctor is neither a he nor a she but a cool breeze blowing off the Indian Ocean. Small children are called ankle-biters and rug rats. And when you're asked if everything is apples—relax; it's just the Aussie way of saying "How's it going?"

American English has its own peculiarities. Says Richard Lederer in "Crazy English": "We park on driveways and drive on parkways. Our hamburger is not made out of ham. There is no grape in grapefruit and no pine or apple in pineapple. In what other language do you think your feet can smell and your nose can run?"

In Seattle, Norwegian gasoline means coffee. A prayer handle is what they call your knee in Maine. Cockroaches and politicians are both known as Palmetto bugs in Florida. An Arkansas credit card is a hose used for siphoning gasoline. A guide for U.S. travelers, Axtell's book has rules for communicating with other English-speaking peoples, advice on using interpreters and translators and glossaries of English words in Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

One of the book's fascinating sections, however, is on how English can be "mistranslated," as the following examples from hotel signs show:

- In Vienna: In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter.
- In Switzerland: Special today—no ice cream.
- In Mexico: All the water in this hotel has been personally passed by the manager.
- In Moscow: If this is your first visit to Russia, you are welcome to it.
- In Paris: Please leave your values at the front desk.
- In Japan: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

Now that's tourism policy for you.

Despite these wealth of "versions," or probably because of it, English's ascendancy remains unchallenged. Even the Japanese, whose native language (among many many other things) is definitely first rate, have been fascinated with En-

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Letters to the Editor

LETTERS to the editor must carry the full name of the writer and signature, with a telephone number (in case of faxed or mailed letters) for verification. Letters addressed to other publications or to third parties and those endorsing particular political candidates are discouraged. All letters are subject to editing. The Variety reserves the right to reject any letters. Name withheld and unsigned letters will not see print.

Two on 'Inside Edition'

Dear Editor:

Inside Edition has just been aired. A segment of the program features the ugly, despicable truth about the CNMI's garment industry. Now millions of people throughout the world know all too well how we accomplished our so-called economic miracle.

The powers that be, especially Governor Tenorio and Lieutenant Governor Borja must take full credit for this shame. The

damage has been done, and no amount of whitewashing by the Tenorio-Borja administration will ever completely cover this shame.

Their tough stand has buckled. They have finally done it—Saipan is now SaiTan.

My fellow citizens, "esta munhayan man ma bendi hit lala 'la'" to the garment tycoons.

GREG SABLON

Not all that bad, eh?

Dear Editor:

Governor Tenorio's spokesman Mr. Mark Broadhurst says Inside Edition's account of the CNMI's garment industry is not all that bad.

Oookay, now if he would just

pick up the phone and say the same thing to Spiegel, GAP, Liz Claiborne and those other dummies. They just might "change their minds."

RUDY S. PANGELINAN

Manglona clarifies on article about consultant

Dear Editor:

This is in reference to the article "Fund retains Merrill Lynch, gets Smith Barney as its consultants" (Sept. 17, p. 5), which contains erroneous information.

First, the board of trustees did not hire Smith Barney as its consultant. Secondly, the board selected Merrill Lynch of Hawaii, of which Martha Brown is the resident manager.

The fact that Merrill Lynch is our current consultant, the board essentially retained the services

of Merrill Lynch. Third, Mr. Daniel Roland is not a consulting company but a director of Smith Barney Consulting Group out of Guam.

Mr. Roland and Ms. Brown represented their respective companies when the board conducted interviews for the job of fund consultant.

We ask that you correct these errors.

EDWARD H. MANGLONA
Administrator

Muna apologizes to friends

Dear Editor,

I am writing this short letter to personally apologize to all my friends and supporters who have endorsed and signed my nominating petition as an Independent candidate for the House of Representatives for Election Precinct I.

For personal reasons and other considerations, I have not submitted my petition to the Board of Elections. It simply means I am

not a candidate for this general election. I am sorry and my personal apology to all of you.

I am also extending to you (367 signatories) my sincere gratitude and Dankulo na Si Yuus Maase. It means a lot to me and I will not forget your support, trust and confidence.

Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

DANIEL T. MUNA

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glish.

Lederer, in his "The Miracle of Language," mentions examples of Japanese ads, posters and shopping bags—and pencil cases, stationery, tumblers, t-shirts—filled with such American *Ingurishku* (English) as:

- "Word Smell in Cup Full"
- "Imagine Folkloric Sports in Summer"
- "My Life. My Gas"
- "Just Fit to You, King Kong"
- "Let's Hiking"
- "Happy Good Day"
- "Fancy Pimple"
- "Persistent Pursuit of Dainty"
- And my favorite, "Let's Sports Violent All Day Long."

Speaking of violence, the byline of last week's column was unfortunately chopped off during the production process, but I was assured that they've found a new head which should be sewed back for this issue.

In touch with people

Dear Editor:

Most of us in the CNMI have been touched in one way or another with serious illness in our families which resulted in medical referral off island. A few years ago, I accompanied a family member to Hawaii and witnessed the distress that separation caused the patient and the emotional and financial hardships the entire family endured.

More recently, I personally faced the life-threatening experience of cancer and needed to go off island for treatment. I left my husband and young daughter for eight months. The expense of their visits and phone calls added to the already high medical bills we incurred. My daughter missed many days of school and was traumatized by the separation. I lacked the vital support of Saipan: family, friends, nature, all of which could have played an important role in tolerating the painful procedures I endured and improv-

ing my physical condition in general. I believe that if I had been away much longer, I would have lost the will to fight and would have died.

Although I absolutely needed the facilities that a comprehensive hospital provided initially, much of my treatment could have continued on Saipan with very little equipment; I could have come home much earlier.

I am writing this because at last week's gubernatorial forum, only one candidate spoke on this issue to my satisfaction. Lt. Governor Borja is truly in touch with the medical referral issue. The CNMI can develop the capability to send ultra sound, x-ray, CAT scan and laboratory results quickly to experts around the world. They in turn can electronically provide CHC staff with procedures, recommendations and protocols in order to treat people locally. We can bring in needed specialists if we have the equipment.

In my case, my present CHC doctor is the best I have ever had and mainland doctors are very cooperative at collaborating on my case with him.

The results of Jesse Borja's plan would be fewer off island referrals and shorter stays when referrals are necessary.

What impressed and personally touched me is how in touch he is with the feelings of the people, the sincerity of his message and the practical local solutions offered to address local situations. It requires a person with a big heart and a sharp mind to be able to connect the critical importance of family in health care with a sophisticated plan of medical technology from the information age.

Thank you for giving me hope that if I or my family and friends are seriously ill, we will one day have new options that will keep us home longer.

DOMINIQUE BUCKLEY

Still waiting for the governor

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

Over sixty days have passed since you publicly acknowledged my accusations against Mr. Elliott Sattler, saying you would not tolerate any wrongdoing. I have provided you with all the evidence supporting my accusations, yet nothing has happened.

Mr. Sattler defended himself by saying he bought the jeep from Mr. John Hycenko for \$8,000, but Hycenko's receipt is only for \$2,500. Mr. Sattler claimed he was never

an employee of the Lottery Commission, yet he identified himself as the "Acting Executive Director and Legal Counsel for the CNMI Lottery" several times and even acted on behalf of Mr. Hycenko as an authorized agent-employer.

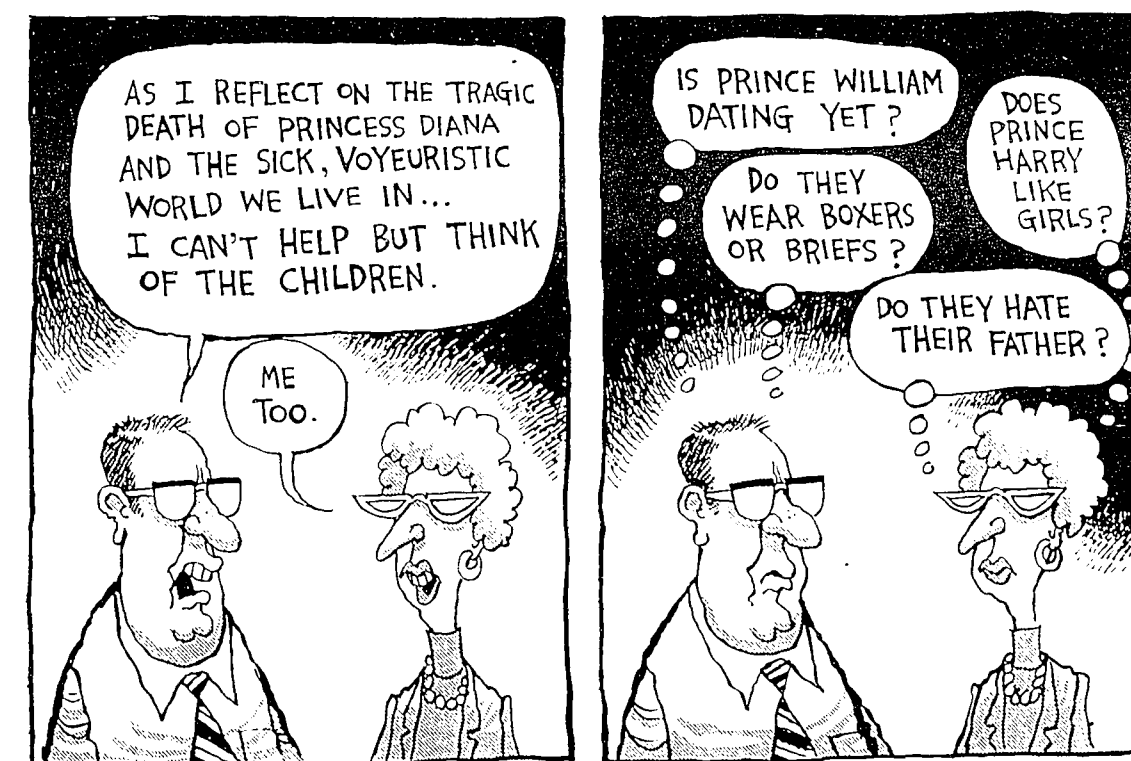
It is obvious that Mr. Sattler decides what is convenient for him, regardless of whether it is a conflict or violation of the law and ethical responsibilities.

I suspect there is an intentional delay or purposeful neglect to following up on my accusations.

Ordinary people without power are subject to much greater punishment for lesser offenses. For example, a girl taking a couple of towels from a hotel or a shoplifter of ten dollars of merchandise may go to jail and pay fines. Here we have an attorney who is supposed to be enforcing the law but instead is making a mockery of our laws.

I am still waiting for your response to this important matter.

Sincerely,
STANLEY T. TORRES



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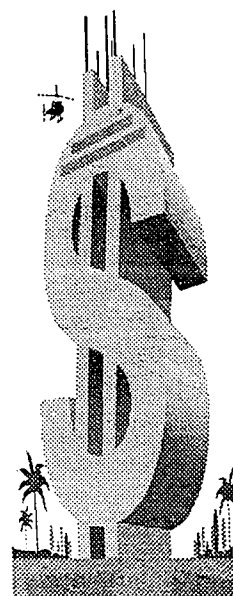
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By Jojo Dass
 Variety News Staff

LANDS and Natural Resources Secretary Maggie Wonenberg yesterday closed a deal with her federal counterparts on the creation of a Kagman irrigation system which would make use of recycled rain water and would benefit 45 farmers, the produce of which significantly goes to the thriving hotel industry on the island.

Marianne Concepcion, special assistant to Wonenberg, said the plan to put up the irrigation system has been in the works since the late 1980s following complaints raised by the farmers on the need for a stable water supply. Concepcion said the long delay in the plan's implementation was caused by opposition from Kagman residents, on the water tank which will be built to store the collected rain water and deliver it to the farm plots.

The tank, which takes a central role in the irrigation system, residents have raised, could cause serious health problems as it can be a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Concepcion said a bidding on the project, the package of which will include measures addressing the residents' concerns, will be done next month.



Maggie Wonenberg

"Water will be available pretty soon," she assured.

The contract, said Concepcion, was signed with Gov. Froilan Tenorio and Patrick Calvo, Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation District, a division of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources which functions in conjunction with the United States' agriculture department's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

NRCS, Concepcion said, will fund half the project's total cost, the remaining half of which will be shouldered by the Commonwealth government.

No figures on the project's estimated cost was immediately available though.

Governor wants Beach Road pathway rushed

By Rick Alberto
 Variety News Staff

GOV. Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday expressed his desire to see the Beach Road concrete pathway completed sooner than its scheduled completion date so that the people can use it.

Tenorio made a surprise inspection of the project yesterday.

He told the workers to finish the concreting of the pathway ahead of

other sidework.

The project, which extends from Kilili Beach to South Garapan, has been contracted to A & B Construction.

It was supposed to be finished last Aug. 5, but the contractor asked for a three-month extension until Nov. 10.

Also, the contractor has asked for an increase in the contract price of the project from \$878,880 to \$1.1 million.

The federal Community Development Block Grant contributed \$749,000, which was sourced through the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.

The remaining \$129,880 of the original cost came from the Office of the Governor.

The additional fund to cover the cost increase apparently will come from the Governor's Office.

During his inspection tour, Tenorio told the project engineer, Leo Acob, to make possible its earlier completion.

Acob in turn told the governor that "we will try our best."

"No, do your best," Tenorio quipped back.

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Ogumoro eyed as regent

By Zaldy Dandan
 Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said he will nominate former congresswoman and board of education member Felicidad T. Ogumoro to the Northern Marianas College board of regents.

If confirmed by the Senate, Ogumoro, together with former education commissioner Elizabeth D. Rechebei and former senator Juan T. Guerrero, will replace Vicente N. Santos, Teresa I. Taitano and John Schwarz who were not reappointed by the governor.

Tenorio earlier named former Finance secretary Antonio R. Cabrera to the Board of Regents, but he declined the nomination.

In a Sept. 8 letter, Cabrera said he was honored by the appointment, but he "would like to devote more time with my family and possibly make my niche in the private sector."

Tenorio has said that "politics was not involved" in his decision to name new regents.

Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, as acting governor, renominated Santos, Taitano and Schwarz but Tenorio withdrew their appointments.

In a letter to the former regents, Tenorio said he does not consider the three responsible for NMC's current problems.

"I recognize," he said, "that many of the college's problems rest under the immediate control



Felicidad T. Ogumoro

of (NMC president Agnes M. McPhetres)."

But the board, he added, cannot continue to rubber stamp the decisions of NMC's administrators.

Tenorio said it is time to appoint new regents "who have new ideas and ways in which to guide the college in its mission of educating and training our residents."

When told in an interview that it was McPhetres who recommended the three's reappointment to then acting governor Borja, Tenorio said "She shouldn't be involved in the appointing process."

The NMC president, he added, is under the Board of Regents' supervision.

The regents shouldn't owe any favor to the college president, he said.

But McPhetres, in an interview, said she merely informed Borja that the three's terms were ending.

Jones wants Labor off contract review job

REPRESENTATIVE Dino Jones has filed a bill disallowing the Department of Labor and Immigration from reviewing contracts.

"The Legislature finds that this (reviewing contracts) is an unnecessary diversion of administrative time and energy," read Jones's House Bill 10-460.

"Reviewing contracts is time-consuming and (it) rarely leads to any constructive result. The Department should not be given this burdensome and largely pointless task," it further stated.

Jones also stressed that while DOLI "does have an interest in assuring that there is a binding and legally sufficient contract between the employer and the nonresident worker," it "should not be required" to review contracts and instead "simply serve as the official filing center."

H.B. 10-460 seeks amendment to the law mandating DOLI's role in the review of contracts.

It also proposes that a subsection be inserted to section 4434 of 4 CMC, the law on employment contracts, which, in effect, would uphold DOLI's mandate not to review

the contracts.

Jones, it will be recalled, has also moved for the exclusion of the Philippine Consulate in the routing and processing of nonresident workers' employment contracts.

The move, argued Jones, would hasten the employment of these workers as it is seen to also drastically cut down processing time. (Jojo Dass)

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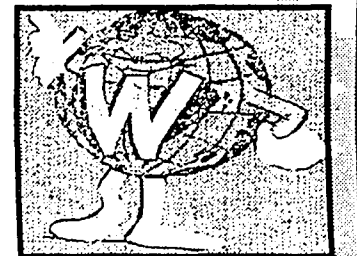
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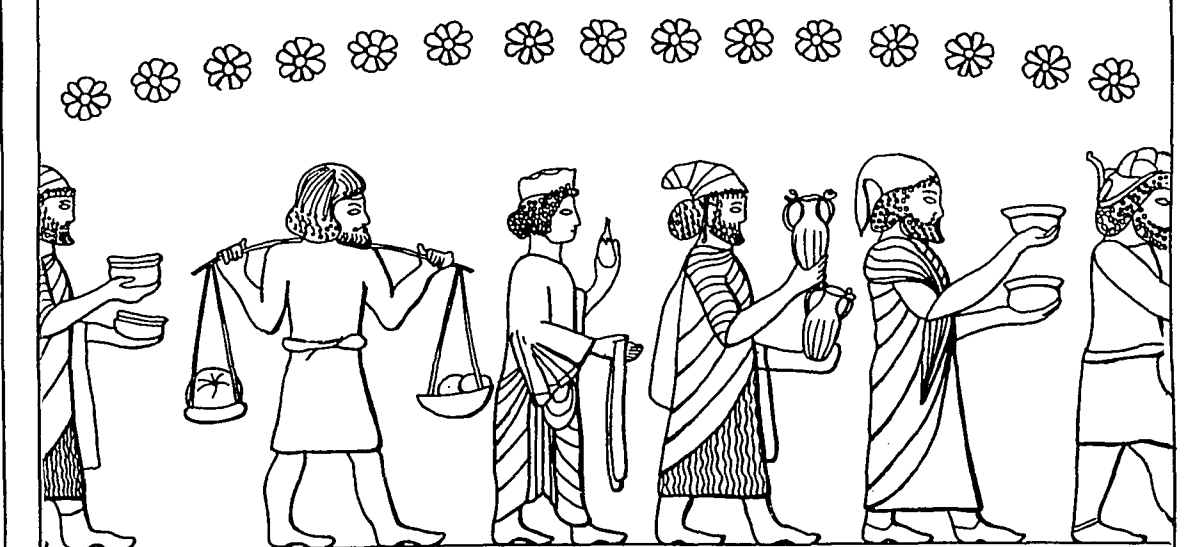


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Wonenberg eyes conservation law

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

LANDS and Natural Resources Secretary Maggie Wonenberg yesterday urged the Legislature to enact a law that would ensure the optimal use of the Commonwealth's natural resources.

The call came following re-

ports of dwindling fish catch and eroding beach fronts which have given way to private developers, among other concerns.

"We want the Legislature to enact a law for the use and conservation of the natural resources," said Wonenberg.

Wonenberg said the influx

of tourists and guest workers have been straining the CNMI's resources to the point of depletion.

"We have studies, for instance, that show that fisheries is not anymore abundant as it have been," she said.

"Too many beach front space is also going to private

owners."

"The sea and its resources," said Wonenberg, "is an integral part of the indigenous population's culture without which such culture will die."

Wonenberg stressed that the approach towards the conservation of these resources should be geared towards an eco-tourism plan where consideration is given to protection and conservation.

"We should not let economics solely dictate the use of

our natural resources.

"We should allow scientific evidence and socio-cultural concerns take part in the formulation of our conservation plan," said Wonenberg.

Wonenberg said DLNR will also upgrade its obsolete regulations particularly that of the Coastal Management Resources.

Tourism, CNMI's main economic booster, is widely believed to have gradually been eating up CNMI's resources, taking its toll on the ecology.

Nursing and health

Judith Avery RN CNS

Why we need nurses

WHEN most people go to the hospital they think primarily about which doctor will take care of them and "cure" them of their condition. In reality, people are placed in hospitals for the Nursing Care. A doctor can't be with a patient 24 hours a day but nurses are there around the clock. They function as observers and constantly note the patient's progression.

They notify the doctor if any change in the patient requires a change in treatment. Nurses dispense medications and perform treatments. In general, a nurse functions to optimize the patient's healing. That is why nurses will fluff a pillow, listen to the fears of a dying man, sing to a frightened child and perform any number of labors seemingly unrelated to the patient's diagnosis but all intended to promote healing and well-being.

A common conception is that nurses are the handmaidens of the doctors and are there to carry out the doctor's orders. This is far from the reality. Nurses have their own body of knowledge

concerning patient care while different in its approach from medicine, shares the goal of improving the patient's health. In general, doctor's treat the disease, nurses treat the patient's response to the disease.

Recently, an MD acquaintance went to the hospital to see her uncle who was dying of cancer. She first checked on the doctor's orders and after who was convinced that everything medically possible was being done for her relative she then called a nurse friend and asked what she could do. All her medical training had not taught her how to what position to put him in for maximum comfort. What was the best way to keep him clean. How to get him to drink his medicine when he was delirious. While she had the medical training, she lacked the nursing knowledge to provide total care for her uncle. Without this knowledge, her uncle would have suffered needlessly.

House OKs bill for medical aid

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE of Representatives on Wednesday passed a bill that would grant financial aid to low-income residents who are "chronically ill."

Introduced by House Majority Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), House Bill 10-429 now goes to the Senate.

The legislation would require the Department of Public Health Services (DPHS) to come up with the standards of eligibility a resident should meet in order to qualify for the program.

The bill states that the eligibility standards should consider the total funds available for the program, the number of residents seeking assistance, the patient's financial capability, and the potential harm the patient and his family could suffer if not given financial assistance.

Half a million dollars a year are to be appropriated for a Chronic Life Threatening Illness Assistance Program which would be administered by DPHS.

The House also passed two other legislation, both of which now head to the Senate.

Introduced by Rep. Michael P. Tenorio (R-Saipan), H.B. 10-438 would require all garment factories and hotels hooked up to the public wastewater systems to install bar screens within their premises' sewer laterals.

Such bar screens should be approved by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC).

Businesses with cafeterias or dining places would also be required to install CUC-approved grease traps prior to



Pete P. Reyes

discharging into the wastewater system.

In its "findings," the bill states that "various wastewater manholes across Saipan have been recurrently overflowing from blackflowed sewage."

"The Legislature finds that the public has been unfairly exposed to the potentially health hazardous effects from... (the) overflows."

The bill carries a \$5,000 to \$10,000 penalty.

House Bill 10-462, on the other hand, proposes the appropriation of \$500,000 for the architectural and engineering design for a new building to house the Legislature.

Introduced by Rep. Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Saipan), the bill was passed by a 14-3 vote.

Vice Speaker Jesus T. Atiao (R-Saipan), Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan) and Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind.-Saipan) cast the dissenting votes.

Torres, in an interview, said it is "excessive" to pay half-a-million dollars for "just a drawing."

DEQ water quality report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm water drainages this week and found that specimen taken from the beach in front of DPW Channel Bridge contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, e.g. turbidity, exceeding the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

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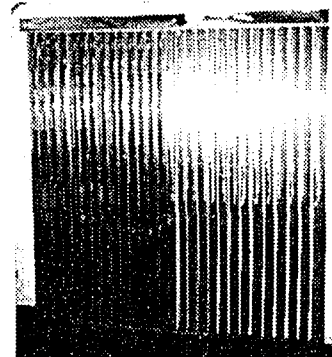
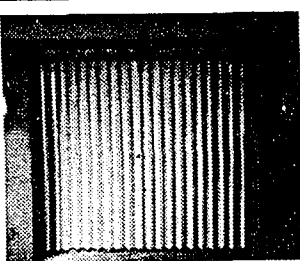
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The exhibit is being held in conjunction and in support of "Cultural Heritage Month" and other related activities that run through the month of September, a news release from the CCAC said.

The exhibit is being held at

the Gallery for Arts and Culture, located next door to the Capitol Hill Post Office from September 19 through 30, 1997.

Exhibit hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays.

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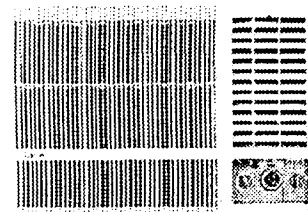
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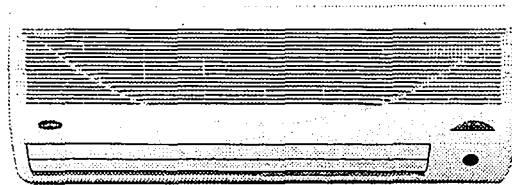


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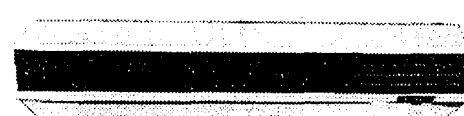


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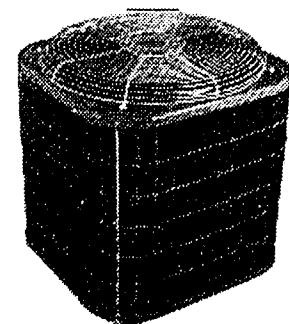
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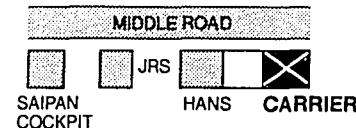
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CHC Volunteers donate new medical equipment

By: Laila C. Younis

Variety News Staff

A BRAND new "Stenoscopy Surgical C-arm System", worth \$145,000 is now in the Commonwealth Health

Center Radiology Unit, thanks to the CHC Volunteer Association.

"This machine is the latest 'state of the art' technology with a lot of on board computer diagnostic checks,"

said Thomas Greening, CHC Radiology Manager.

"We have needed this equipment for a very long time and because of the hard work and efforts of the CHC



CHC Volunteer Association Director Susan Schwarz (far left) explains the purpose of donating a TV and VCR set to the CHC Maternity Unit yesterday as CHC staff and volunteers look on. Photo by: Laila C. Younis

Volunteer Association and all those involved, we finally got it," he said.

Greening said the device will be very helpful for surgical patients because it reduces the time the patient is in surgery, and help the surgical team finish the operation as quickly as possible.

"It also gives us the mobility to move anywhere within the hospital," he added.

According to a press release, the CHC Volunteer Association began fundraising for the equipment a year ago.

Some of the fundraising events included the "San Francisco Opera" sponsored by Pacific Islands Club, the "Tree of Life" fund drive, and "Sponsor a CHC Room/Hallway".

The Association collected \$70,000 and CHC added \$75,000 to help with the purchase.

"We are really happy with what we have done. The volunteers worked hard and it is all from their hearts," said CHC Volunteers Director Susan Schwarz.

The CHC Volunteer Association also donated two television sets with carts to the Hemodialysis Unit, 1 television with 1 VCR to the Maternity Unit and a microscope with accessories to the Renal/Hypertension Clinic.

The T.V. and VCR for the Maternity Unit will be used to promote an educational program for new and repeated mothers on the importance of breast-feeding, said the press release.

"We have been without television for many years. Patients who come to Hemodialysis stay here from 4 to 6 hours so this will be very helpful," said Dr. Lauri Ogumoro.

"This was really needed. It will be a definite moral booster," said Chief Operating officer George Gleason.

"I am so glad we finally have television. It will erase our boredom and break the monotony," said a hemodialysis patient.

Schwarz urges the community "to get involved and get connected because change is possible with volunteering."

Quitugua defends Torres



Dan Quitugua

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

DAN Quitugua, the Democratic party Chair who also is a member of the five-man Board of Education, yesterday said Education Commissioner William S. Torres should be allowed to defend himself before the Board to establish the merits of his ouster.

Torres, said Quitugua is a "hardworking individual" who deserves "fair treatment," his ouster, requiring a thorough performance review "that was never done when the Board decided to terminate his contract."

"I think it's only fair that the (Torres) be given a chance to face the Board and answer questions to defend himself," said Quitugua.

"If the Board is not pleased with his performance, then something must be done to determine his performance... his efficiency or inefficiency."



William S. Torres

He stressed that the Public School System (PSS) would not have been "wasting time, money and efforts" on the matter which has now reached the court "had there been a performance evaluation in the first place."

Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas, in a ruling on the case, Wednesday, nullified BOE's recent termination of Torres's contract, arguing that while it has the power to do so, any decision on the matter should only be reached in an open session, and not in a closed-door one as what had been the case.

BOE Chair Don A. Farrel has, following Bellas's move, said the Board will still terminate Torres's contract, this time, in an open session as the court directs.

The Board, voting three to two, moved to oust Torres following a public auditor's August draft report which alleged that public funds have been wasted because of PSS's al-

leged "negligence and mismanagement" of the \$1.21-million Marianas

High School gym project. "Some of the deficiencies is not

entirely his (Torres's) doing," Quitugua said.

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Korean Air 'pullout' drags arrivals down

THE ON-AGAIN, off-again flight schedules from Korean Air to Saipan, coupled with travelers' concerns about the carrier, has taken a toll on August's visitor activity, the Marianas Visitors Bureau said.

The MVB released visitor arrival statistics yesterday with an August tally of an even 60,000 visitors, reflecting a seven percent slide in visitor arrivals compared to the year ago figure.

The major reason for the slide was a 20% decline in Korean visitors, it said.

"The woes of Korean Air appear to have played a substantial role in the decline. 15,097 Koreans visited the CNMI in August of this year, vs. 18,892 in August of last year," MVB said in a news release.

Japan, which is the CNMI's biggest largest source of visitors, contributed a slight gain of 1% with 36,136 visitors from the land of the rising sun brightening the CNMI's shores.

"Korea has been a volatile sector

most of this year. We've contended with a slowing Korean economy and, now, the albatross of the Korean Air situation." Tomokane noted that "over 163,000 Koreans visited the CNMI so far this fiscal year, and they are an important part of our industry," MVB Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane stated.

Japan, has logged over 412,000 visitor arrivals to the CNMI fiscal-year-to-date.

Tomokane noted "our success in the Japanese market is promotions driven. If we can afford to promote the CNMI more, we will increase the Japanese demand for visiting us."

"Competition for Asian tourists is getting tougher every single day. Now is the time for us to promote the CNMI heavily so we can increase our market share. A growing share of a growing market is what we want. We can do it if we have the resources," said Tomokane.

Victim: Defendant innocent

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

ONE of two victims in the shooting and kidnapping incident in Dandan last June has filed an affidavit in court, claiming the defendant is innocent to the charges.

Michelle Villagomez in her affidavit stated that defendant Manuel Aldan Sablan never removed or confined her by using force, threat or deception.

"Manuel (Sablan) never unlawfully held me against my will. I went with him because he wanted to talk to me about our daughter," said Villagomez in the affidavit filed Wednesday in the Superior Court.

Sablan was charged with attempted

first degree murder for shooting 31-year-old Joseph S.N. Cruz at the parking lot of Herman's Bakery along Airport Road last June 9.

The defendant was also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and kidnapping for allegedly forcing a woman (Villagomez) to board a pick-up truck after shooting Cruz.

Villagomez in her statement said the police allegedly insisted to get information from her.

"I wanted the detective to wait before giving a statement because I was crying and not thinking straight, but they kept asking me questions. So I didn't have a choice," she said.

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CRM approves hotel projects

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE COASTAL Resources Management has approved two proposed hotel projects, one of which is an annex to an existing hotel along Beach Road in Garapan.

The proposed 40-unit Cedar Inn, an apartment hotel or apotel, was given its coastal permit the other day while the proposed expansion of the Saipan Ocean View Hotel received its permit a day earlier.

Saipan Ocean View will add 51 rooms to its present 86.

The expansion will be the second for the hotel which also applied for expansion in 1994.

The hotel management had ear-

lier said this latest extension project is a "result of favorable growth in the tourism market."

The annex will be a five-story building south of the existing hotel. It will have a penthouse and five staff housing units on the ground floor.

Saipan Ocean View, constructed in 1989, has undergone several facelifts in the past including the reconstruction of its main lobby.

The \$500,000 Cedar Inn will be two-story, and all its units will be one-bedroom studio-type.

It will be unique to the CNMI since it will be constructed out of a wooden frame structure designed and manufactured by International Homes of Cedar, Inc.

CPA sewer project to pave way for more Kobler homesteads

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE COASTAL Resources Management on Wednesday approved the application of the Commonwealth Ports Authority to install a sewer line that extends from the Saipan International Airport to the Agangan wastewater treatment plant.

The approval paves the way for the opening of more homestead lots in Koblerville, according to CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan.

The sewer system will pass through Herman Pan Road, Chalan Morsing, Guerrero Road, As Lio Road and

the village of Koblerville.

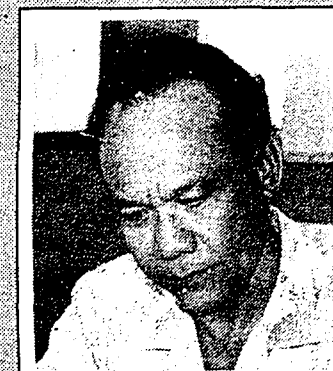
The project will entail the installation of pipes, valves, fittings, manholes, bar screens, valve boxes, lift stations and emergency backup generators.

"Now we can permit additional homestead lots that the governor wants to allot in Koblerville," Sablan said.

He said about 300 lots are planned to be developed in Koblerville.

The homestead project could not be permitted unless a sewer line was in place, Sablan explained.

The CPA sewer line, Sablan said, is a "very significant improvement in the infrastructure development" in that "it ben-



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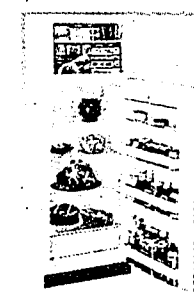
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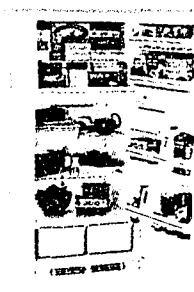
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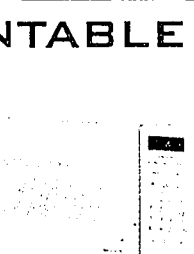
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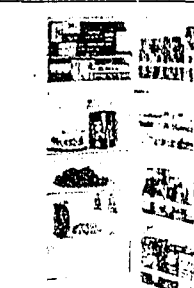
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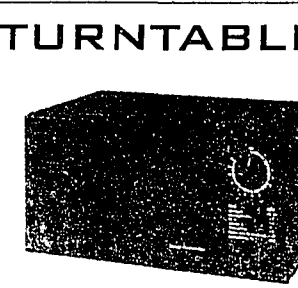
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Culture month also for 'guests'

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff
SHOULD 'cultural heritage month' be a special affair solely for the indigenous of the Northern Mariana Islands?

"No," says Secretary for the Community and Cultural Affairs Thomas A. Tebuteb.

"The intent behind allowing various cultures, representing different nationalities is to let the indigenous learn other cultures," he said.

"The more you learn about other cultures, the more you will appreciate yourself. So the educational aspect of this project is simply to have the exposure of the indigenous people here," Tebuteb said.

Tebuteb said that "the DCCA was able to pull the needed resources together, and dedicate the month of September to promote the sense of aware-

ness among the Chamorros and Carolinians."

Included in the cultural heritage month are DCCA's various divisions as part of the major activities.

These are the Indigenous Affairs Office, Historic Preservation Office, Arts Council, Nutrition Assistance Program, Carolinian Affairs Office, Office on Aging, Division of Youth Services, Language Policy Commission, Women's Affairs Office, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Veterans Affairs Office, and the Sports and Recreation Office.

"We hope to get continued support from various private organizations. We normally mobilize our existing resources in terms of manpower soliciting from the business sectors," Tebuteb said.

He invites everyone this Saturday to a mass celebration at the 'Managaha'.

Chief Aghurubw Day tomorrow

THE CHIEF Aghurubw Foundation, Inc., the Ghatoliwool Clan and their families invite the general public to the 27th Annual Commemoration of Chief Aghurubw tomorrow, September 20, on Managaha Island.

Chief Aghurubw will be honored in a Managaha Island celebration which highlights observance of the Carolinian Heritage Week.

"This day is observed yearly in memory of the man who brought the First Carolinian settlers to the island," the group said in a public notice.

Boat transfer to and from Managaha Island are made possible courtesy of Pacific Development Inc. (PDI), Tasi Tours and Transportation, Inc., and the Jambalaya.

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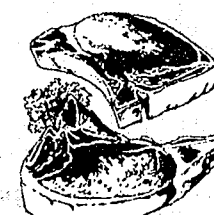


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BDC: Environment-safe industries



Enviro-Safe Products president, Joe Campbell (center), stands with BDC Deputy Director Eric Plinske (left), and Olive Reyes, Enviro-Safe Products sales manager (right).

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff
NMC BUSINESS Development Center Director Jack J.M. Peters yesterday said they are currently focused on helping local entrepreneurs create new and environmentally-safe industries.

This is as an alternative to industries that overtax the existing infrastructure and pollute the fragile environment.

"A case in point is the assistance provided to local entrepreneur Joe Campbell by BDC Deputy Director Eric Plinske, staff consultant Stanley Mar, and Washington State University College of Business MBA student intern Serge Barabanov," said Peters.

Campbell is president and owner of 'Enviro-Safe Products', a newly-formed company with a locally-manufactured line of general purpose cleaning solutions that are on the cutting edge of technology.

Peters said that "the BDC at NMC has played a critical role in

assisting Campbell with the automation of his operation, and the development of a distribution plan for 'Enviro-Safe's customers in the Pacific and Asian continent."

"The products have a promising future and wide-range of adaptability, while the BDC is continuing in providing assistance with the development of an Asia-Pacific marketing and distribution program," Peters cited.

Peters stressed BDC's goal is to provide free technical assistance to local entrepreneurs who want to start a new business.

"The BDC is also meant to assist businessmen in the Northern Marianas who are encountering problems," Peters said.

PIA suspends discounts on Rota flights

PACIFIC Islands Aviation, Inc. (PIA) yesterday announced it will be flying two round trips only to Rota from Guam and Saipan effective October 1.

Also, effective immediately, GTA's will no longer be accepted and all discounts are suspended indefinitely until further notice, the airline said in a news release.

Additionally, notice is made to the public that due to no existing agreement with the government, emergency medical flights and search and rescue flights cannot be conducted until an agreement is consummated.

Cleanup at Laulau beach

SUNDAY, September 21st marks the second time Saipan participates in the International Beach Clean-up Day at Laulau Beach. "This very important event is an ongoing reminder to the world of the fragility of our Oceans and Beach Ecosystems and a 'hands-on' way for concerned people to participate globally in the protection of our most important resources," a news release said yesterday.

PADI "Project A.W.A.R.E." Foundation, the Center for Marine Conservation, along with Skin Diver magazine and several other marine conservation organizations, are "sponsors" for the event.

Participants will receive Certificates of participation, stickers.

The cleanup starts at 9 a.m. Contact Jeannie Comfort at 235-7054 for more information. Donations of softdrinks, or snacks will be greatly appreciated! Photographs are welcome for inclusion in Skin Diver Magazine's special section devoted to this years efforts.

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New gov't health insurance regs mulled

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.
Variety News Staff

THE BOARD of Trustees of the Retirement Fund is proposing a new set of regulations to safeguard the welfare of its members.

The proposed new rules stemmed from the criticism the current regulations are receiving from government employees.

Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona yesterday said most of the criticism they received concern the issues of hospitalization, specifically "physical therapy."

Manglona said that under the proposed regulations, every member will only pay \$25 per hospital visit but is limited to a maximum of 10 visits.

"We feel that the enhancements in other benefits like the hospitalization, medicines, and other related expenses make up for the limitation on physical therapy," Manglona expressed.

He said the board will be reviewing 'comments and criticisms' they receive as of Sept. 15, and may reconsider decisions or otherwise maintain the currently imposed regulations.

"The enhancement that we



Edward H. Manglona

made in this plan is the removal of the first \$50 medical expense," Manglona said.

Manglona said they assessed the whole payment whereby a member will only pay \$7 for a doctor's visit and \$3 for medical prescription plus 20 percent of the total confinement cost.

"If somebody is ill and confined to the hospital, and assuming that the total cost of confinement is \$15,000, a member must pay the first visit of the doctor amounting to \$7, including the first \$2,000 of the \$10,000 expenses," Manglona explained.

Manglona said that in excess of the first \$2,000, the Fund will pay the rest under the high option plan.

However, under the low option plan, a member pays a little more plus the first 25 percent of the first \$10,000 cost.

Manglona said that under the new proposed regulations, the Fund set a lifetime limit of \$25 million while the maximum annual limit is only \$50,000.

"I think the time has come that people be responsible for their illness and for their treatment. Government employees are not

advised to solely depend on the government to give them all the medical benefits because of limited resources that come from taxpayers," Manglona explained.

Manglona said that some of its members do not want to pay the 20 percent of the first \$10,000 medical expenses.

He said the Fund does not want to raise the premium rates just

like the systems used by the Guam Memorial Health Plan, whereas, the coverage of the expenses of its members is shouldered 100 percent.

"We cannot offer one a Cadillac when we only have money to buy Nissan Sentra for instance," Manglona said.

He said that last year, the Fund set an accounting system that ac-

counts for every penny that they received in contribution.

The board expects to have the new proposal published as final regulation by Oct. 15, and hopefully up to Nov. 15, depending on what would be the board decision.

The Fund is also hoping that the new proposed plan will be effective Oct. 1.

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SS Reps to visit Rota and Tinian

SOCIAL Security Representatives will be visiting Tinian and Rota during the week of September 22nd to receive applications for Social Security Numbers, to discuss Social Security and SSI benefits and to provide information about the programs administered by Social Security.

According to a news release from the local SS office, a representative will be on Tinian on Tuesday, September 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Division of Natural Resources conference room in San Jose.

The afternoon hours (from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) on Tinian are reserved for employers who need to obtain Social Security numbers for two or more of their employees.

Employers with more than ten employees should call Social Security on Saipan to make special arrangements.

On the other hand, a representative will be on Rota on Wednesday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Aging Office in Songsong.

For more information, Rota residents can call Social Security on Saipan, toll free, at 532-9421. Tinian residents can call, toll free, at 433-9421. The local number on Saipan is 234-6203.

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Korean Air stops Guam flights also

HONOLULU(Pacnews)—Korean Air service between Guam and the South Korean capital of Seoul will be discontinued beginning on October 1.

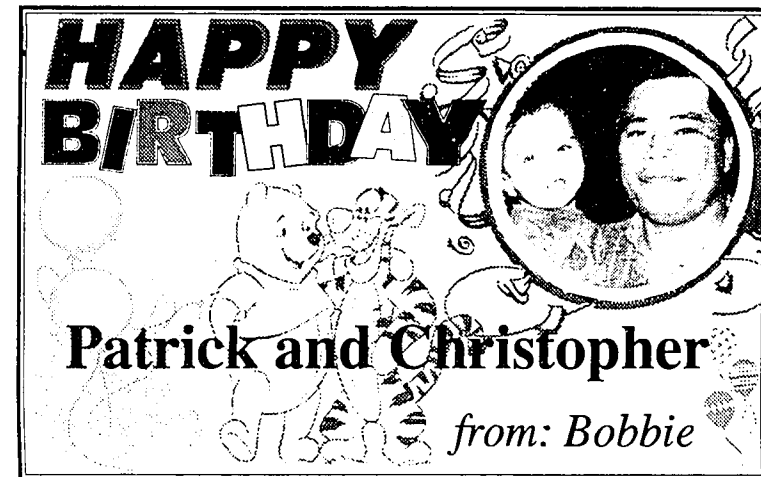
And the airline has no plans to resume the already cancelled flights to Saipan, in the neighbouring Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The cessation of services is a direct result of the August crash

of Korean Air Flight 801, resulting in the deaths of 228 of the 254 crew and passengers aboard, as the plane approached Guam's international airport.

Korean Air officials remain concerned about the safety of the Guam airport facility.

The flight cancellations deal a potentially serious blow to tourist business operations in both Guam and the Northern Marianas.



According to Australian PM: 'Pacific Isles exaggerating on threat of rising ocean'

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (AP)—Australian Prime Minister John Howard accused small Pacific island states Thursday of exaggerating the threat to their existence from rising sea levels caused by global warming.

The low-lying islands most at risk — Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue and Tuvalu — met last weekend before the South Pacific Forum summit to urge a tough line on legally binding targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Calling it a matter of survival, they warned Australia that its insistence on increasing emissions could subject it to an even stronger backlash than they directed at France over nuclear testing in the Pacific.

As an energy-producing nation, Australia is opposed to any binding global targets for reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions, and is arguing it should be allowed to increase its emissions until 2010.

Asked whether Australia would

oppose uniform targets even if it meant small island states would be wiped out, Howard said: "I think that is an extremely exaggerated statement and not one that impresses me."

"We can't, for obvious national interest reasons — Australian jobs, Australian investment — commit to mandatory targets, to legally binding targets," Howard said.

Howard said an agreement on greenhouse gas reductions at the international conference on climate change in Kyoto, Japan, in December would be more difficult if countries remained wedded to binding targets.

"If you really want to lock out the developing countries nail your colors permanently to the mast of legally binding targets," he told reporters.

Howard said it was important to make the point that providing different targets for each country would ensure the greater involvement of developing nations in reducing greenhouse gases.

Official negotiations in the past

two days have failed to reach consensus on the wording of the communiqué to be endorsed Friday by the 16 Pacific leaders at the end of this three-day summit.

The Forum members are Australia, New Zealand, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Tonga, Western Samoa, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau.

The South Pacific Forum was formed to tackle common issues and enhance the collective regional voice of the South Pacific so its views receive greater weight in the international community.

Leaked papers helped topple corrupt gov't, says Ulufa'alu

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (AP)—A secret Australian document accusing Pacific island leaders of corruption helped bring down Solomon Islands Prime Minister Solomon Mamaloni's government, the new prime minister said Thursday.

The papers marked "Australian Eyes Only" were found by reporters outside a South Pacific Forum economic ministers' meeting at Cairns, north Queensland, in July.

Describing some island nations as on the brink of economic collapse, the briefing papers also accused Malaysian logging companies of corrupting the Solomon's politics.

Asked about the papers ahead of the South Pacific Forum leaders' meeting, new Solomon Islands Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulufa'alu told reporters, "I suppose it helped bring down the old government of the Solomon Islands so in that respect they did some good."

Having Australia's private view of the Mamaloni government aired in public helped to strengthen the resolve of the Solomon Islands' people to combat corruption, he said.

"We are now preparing anti-corruption legislation to deal with the situation," Ulufa'alu said.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard refused to comment on Ulufa'alu's assertion that the Australian papers contributed to the downfall of the Mamaloni government.

"I wouldn't want to comment on the internal affairs of another country," Howard said. Mamaloni was dumped by his National Unity party in August as its choice for prime minister after general elections in the Solomon Islands.

The Australian briefing paper alleged Mamaloni's dominance of Solomon Islands politics was due to his corrupt dealings with loggers. The paper also described Mamaloni as an "obstacle" to responsible government.

It said Mamaloni had bought political support "with help from Malaysian logging interests" to topple the short-lived Billy Hilary government in 1994 and become prime minister.

The archipelago northeast of Australia in the Coral Sea has a population of about 395,000. It gained independence from Britain in 1978 but retains the queen as a titular head of state.

Filipinos bet on martial law

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—As political uncertainties cast a gloom in the Philippines, hundreds of superstitious Filipinos are betting on martial law — at least in the daily lottery.

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes said Thursday it has had to turn away hundreds of bettors who want to place their money on the number combination 1-0-8-1 after the maximum number of allowed bettors was reached.

Former dictator Ferdinand Marcos signed Presidential Proclamation 1081 on Sept. 21, 1972, introducing martial law. It was withdrawn in 1981 and Marcos was ousted by a "people power" revolt in 1986.

Maripaz Magsalin, a sweepstakes official, said the 1-0-8-1 combination has been receiving heavy betting as the country nears Sept. 21.

In recent years the anniversary has received little attention, but this year the country has been badly shaken by efforts by sup-

porters of President Fidel Ramos to prolong his administration.

The country's two most prominent democratic activists, former President Corazon Aquino and Catholic Cardinal Jaime Sin, are planning a massive rally on Sept. 21 to protest moves by Ramos' supporters to amend the constitution to allow him a second term.

Mrs. Aquino, Sin and Ramos were all key players in the 1986 revolt that ousted Marcos.

Magsalin said a limit of 300 bettors is placed on any four-digit combination to prevent attempts to rig the lottery.

The recent political turmoil has rocked the stock and currency markets, and some opposition politicians have warned of a return to martial law.

But at least on Wednesday, those betting on martial law were proved incorrect.

Instead, the combination 3-3-2-6 won 18,323 pesos (\$572) for each of 106 bettors.



Philippine President Fidel Ramos who arrived in Vienna Wednesday for an official visit waves to onlookers after the official welcome ceremony at the inner court of Vienna's Hofburg Palace by Austrian President Thomas Klestil. AP

RP's peso still falling to new lows

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine peso plunged in morning trading Thursday, dipping temporarily below the psychologically important level of 34 pesos to the dollar.

Stocks also dropped sharply on political uncertainty and concern over economic prospects, dealers said.

At midday the peso averaged 33.846 pesos per dollar, compared to Wednesday's average of 32.807 pesos. It fell at one point to a record low of 34.050 pesos.

Bankers Association of the Philippines president Deogracias Vistan called the sharp weakening of the peso alarming.

"It's not only alarming that the rate hit 34.0 pesos to the dollar, but more alarming is the fact that the pressure point is still there," he said.

Dealers said the central bank was offering to sell dollars at 34.05 pesos, but there were no takers.

Traders said growing concern over the political situation ahead of a large rally on Sunday protesting plans to change the constitution was eroding confidence in the peso.

Supporters of President Fidel Ramos hope to amend the democratic charter to allow him to run for a second term next year, but opponents accuse him of undermining democracy.

Dealers said the peso and stock market were also weighed down by concerns about the banking system rekindled by reports that a large home appliance maker has defaulted on an estimated 4 billion pesos (\$125 million) in bank loans.

Turbulence in other regional currencies was also hurting the peso, dealers said.

On the stock market, the 30-issue Philippine Stock Exchange Index fell 64.11 points, or 3.1 percent, to 2,009.85 after losing 35.59 points Wednesday, according to preliminary data.

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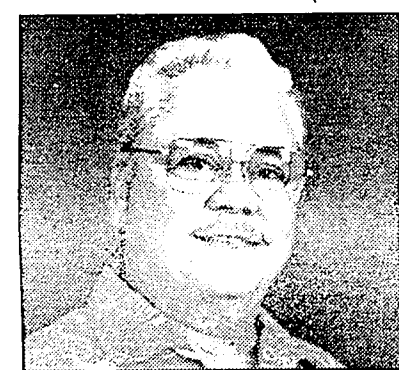
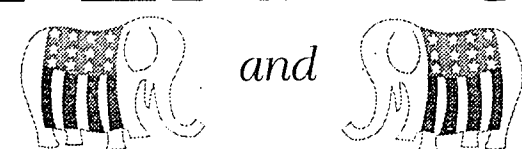
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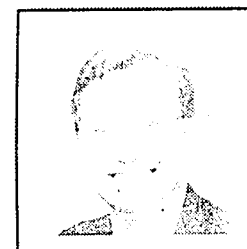
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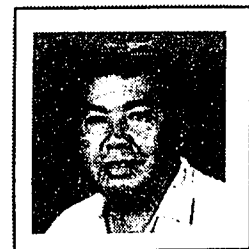
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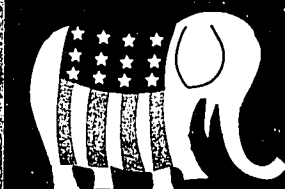
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Elsewhere in the Pacific

Gov-General accuses PNG spy agency of 'snooping'

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) - Governor-General Sir Wiwa Korowi on Thursday accused Papua New Guinea's spy agency of snooping on Christian politicians and attempted character assassination.

Korowi was defending prominent citizens involved in an organization he founded called Operation Brukim Skru (Kneel Down), which calls for Christian values and prayer to improve leadership and honesty in government.

The National Intelligence Organization leaked a secret document during the mercenary contract crisis in March speculating that a Christian cabal had plotted the military mutiny to oust then-Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan.

Alleged key members of Brukim Skru, including former military commander Jerry Singirok who led the mutiny against the mercenaries contract, were named in the document.

Leading judicial figures, politicians and two constitutional office holders were also identified.

The report said the cabal wanted to maneuver Sir Michael Somare, who was Papua New Guinea's founding prime minister in 1975, back into power.

Korowi, who founded Brukim Skru last November, took out a full-page statement in The Post-Courier newspaper Thursday to attack the spy agency.

He is the representative of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in Papua New Guinea, which like many Commonwealth nations recognizes the British monarch as its head of state.

Although not making a direct reference to any NIO documents, Korowi said he read recent material from the intelligence organization implying Brukim Skru was party to the Sandline deal for mercenaries to put down the Bougainville rebellion.

"NIO was carrying out its character assassination on me personally,

the government house and that of the Christian community throughout Papua New Guinea who participated in the Operation Brukim Skru prayer program," he wrote.

"NIO has got... very pathetic lying habits and they are out to create sensational stories to carry out character assassination on people."

Korowi challenged the spy agency to prove the claims and added that Brukim Skru could not be associated "with politics, Sandline evil and satanic motives."

The original NIO document, which was unsuccessfully offered to local and foreign media who sowed no interest, said the Christian cabal believed it had a God-given right to rid the country of a perceived corrupt government.

It said it was "legitimate speculation" that politically minded Christians had perpetrated the plot to unconstitutionally advance their own ambitions.

Forum to resolve damaging splits

CANBERRA (Pacnews)—Efforts are continuing at the South Pacific Forum to resolve a potentially damaging split over Australia's greenhouse gas policy.

So far the issue remains unresolved.

Officials met Wednesday night (Tuesday Cook Islands time) but have failed to find a position acceptable to Australia and other Forum members.

The smaller Pacific Island nations want to press Australia's Prime Minister, John Howard, to change his government's stand against introducing tougher limits on greenhouse gas emissions.

In Sydney Wednesday, Britain took its case for tougher greenhouse gas standards to Australia's Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer.

The British Foreign Office Minister of State, Derek Fatchett, again urged Australia to match the European Union's greenhouse gas targets.

"We've got to have a position in which the developed countries are able to show to the developing countries that we are prepared to establish new standards and that we can have a concern in the global environment."

Australia's Minister for Resources and Energy, Senator Warwick Parer, said Wednesday Australia would have to shut the equivalent of 15 Newcastle steelworks if it agreed to the proposed target.

Solomons airs backing for Kanak independence

HONIARA (Pacnews)—Solomon Islands Prime Minister Bartholomew Ulufa'alu has assured the Kanaks of New Caledonia that his new government supports their desire to have political independence from France.

Ulufa'alu gave the assurance when he met the President of the pro-independence FLNKS, Rocky Wamytan, Wednesday (Tuesday Cook Islands time) in the Cook Islands where he's attending the 28th South Pacific Forum Summit.

Ulufa'alu said his government will continue to support the Kanak's move for self-determination and ultimate independence.

He said there would be more meaningful Melanesian union and economic cooperation if the Kanaks of New Caledonia were given independence.

Wamytan told Ulufa'alu that although the Kanaks have now opted for free association with France, their strong desire still is full independence.

But he said the FLNKS had to settle for free association because the Kanaks have now become a minority in the French territory and did not expect to win next year's proposed referendum on independence under the Matignon Accord.

The Kanak leader will request the 28th Forum Summit in Rarotonga to call on France to stop its immigration policy into New Caledonia.

Seismic unit to check volcano

PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)—The installation of automatic seismic stations in Papua New Guinea's five dangerous volcanoes will be completed within the next few weeks.

The automatic seismic stations with radio links to the central observatory in Rabaul enables immediate dispatch of information volcanic activities on the five volcanic areas to Rabaul, NBC reports.

Director of the Rabaul Volcanic Observatory Ben Talai says the automatic systems are being installed jointly by technicians from both the Australian Geological Surveys division and Rabaul Volcanic Observatory.

They are being installed on Ulawun, Lamington, Karkar and Manam volcanoes.

Clinton nixes mine treaty

By Ron Fournier
WASHINGTON (AP)—Stirring worldwide criticism, President Clinton rejected a ban on land mines that was endorsed Wednesday by 89 countries. He said the accord would jeopardize "the safety and security of our men in uniform."

Bristling at suggestions that the United States was blocking a global ban, the president said he was willing to bless a limited prohibition, but added, "there is a line that I simply cannot cross."

"No one should expect our people to expose our armed forces to unacceptable risks," he said.

Clinton announced his decision shortly after representatives of the 89 nations rejected U.S. demands for changes and accepted the text of a land mine treaty. Representatives of an additional 20 countries were in Oslo, Norway, for the talks as observers, but without voting rights.

The text calls for a total ban on production, export and use of anti-personnel mines. The countries are expected to formally accept the draft text Thursday, and supporters hope the actual treaty will be signed in Ottawa in December.

Land mines kill or maim more than 25,000 people every year. Without U.S. support it will be difficult to incorporate other key countries—such as Russia, China and India—that are not a part of the treaty process.

Still, Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy said, "We were not prepared to pay any price" for Washington's approval. He spearheaded the push for a ban.

Jan Egeland, deputy Norwegian foreign minister, predicted that Clinton will support the treaty. "I believe internal forces in the United States will be tremendous," he said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., one of the Senate's leading proponents of a land mine ban, criticized Clinton's decision. "U.S. policy on land mines has largely arisen from Congress, not the White House, and we will move forward with our legislation to ban anti-personnel land mines," Leahy said.

Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., wrote Clinton to say he "wholeheartedly concurs" with the president's decision Wednesday but criticized him for sending negotiators to Oslo in the first place.

Both the Senate and House have passed resolutions or sent letters urging Clinton to provide more leadership on the land mine issue.

Clinton telephoned allies this week in a failed bid to include a nine-year delay in implementing the agreement, exemptions for certain land mines and the right for any nation under attack to withdraw from the pact.

Flanked by his foreign policy team, Clinton told reporters that a total ban would leave 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea vulnerable to an attack from the

north.

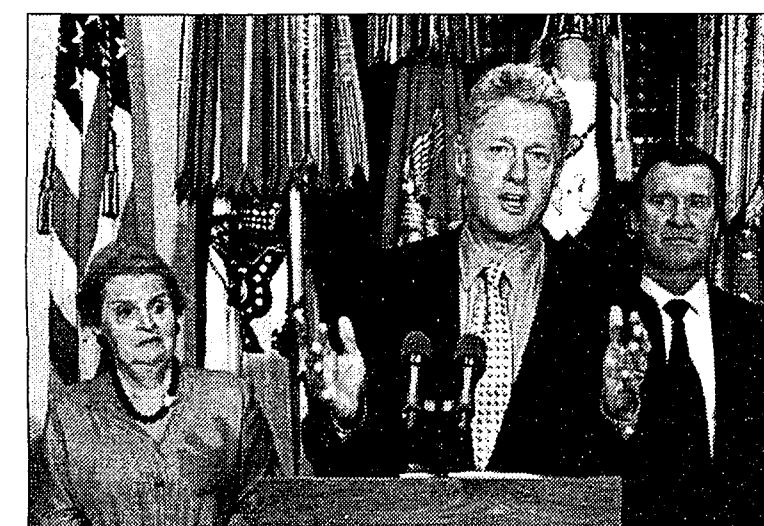
Explosives that are deployed with anti-tank mines are banned under the accord and the United States considers them critical to prevent tampering with anti-tank mines and protect against an armored assault. Conventional land mines would slow down a massive advance of troops, Clinton said.

"It's very easy if you're not one of those Americans in uniform up there (to say), 'Oh, well, this will never happen. They'll never do it.' But you can move a million people into Seoul pretty quickly," the president warned.

U.S. troops on the borders of Iraq and Kuwait also rely on the mines, he said.

Japan, Poland and Australia have supported all or parts of the U.S. view during negotiations, according to the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines.

The push for a total ban on land mines was strengthened by the



President Clinton, flanked by State Secretary Madeleine Albright, left, and Defense Secretary William Cohen, speaks at the White House Wednesday. Refusing to bend to global pressure, the president rejected a draft treaty that would create an immediate and total ban on anti-personnel mines, saying the accord would endanger U.S. troops. AP

death of Britain's Princess Diana, who had campaigned for a prohibition.

Clinton was forced to either abandon his long-held position

favoring a conditional ban or put the United States in league with countries like China, Russia, North Korea and Libya, which did not take part in the talks.

The president did not like the comparison. "We're not in their company," he said stiffly.

Trying to give himself political cover, he promised to find alternatives to land mines by 2003, redouble efforts to seek a qualified ban in separate negotiations in Geneva and increase by 25 percent U.S. spending on efforts to remove mines worldwide.

The treaty would take effect six months after 40 nations ratify it. Clinton announced a permanent ban on U.S. land mine sales in January.

He at first snubbed the Oslo talks, and sent negotiators instead to the United Nations' 61-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. The administration argued that the U.N. talks were more likely to entice nations like China and Russia to join despite their distaste for signing a prohibition treaty. The Geneva conference's step-by-step approach to banning land mines would take years.

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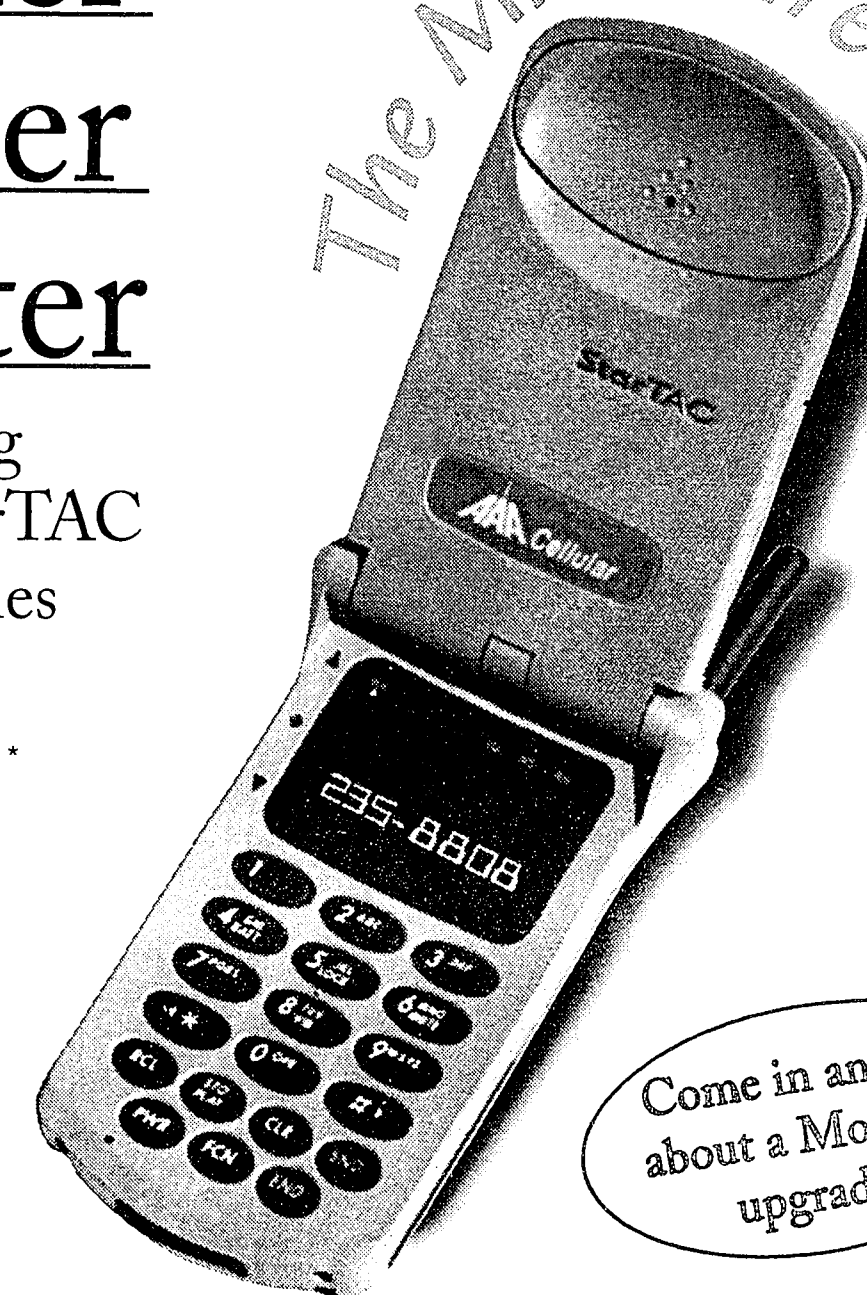
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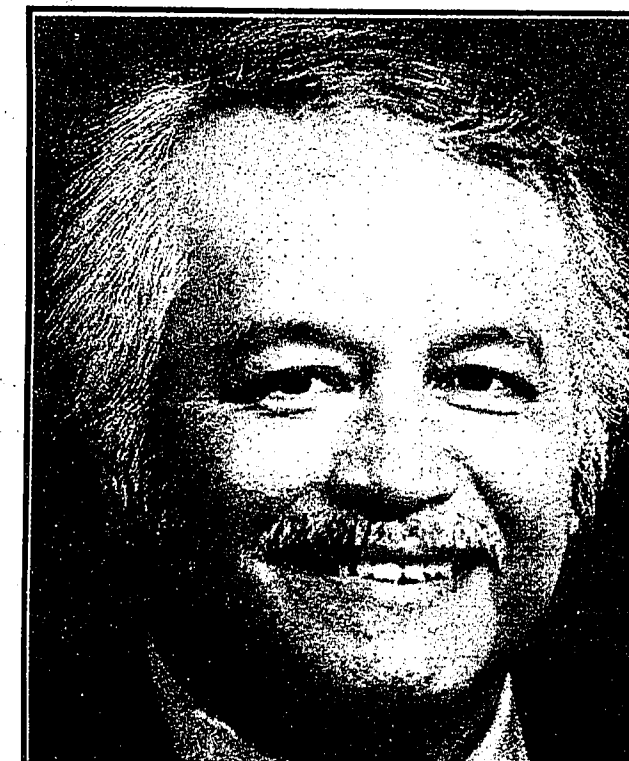
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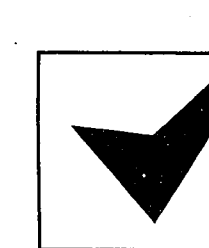
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L.A. police boosts arsenal

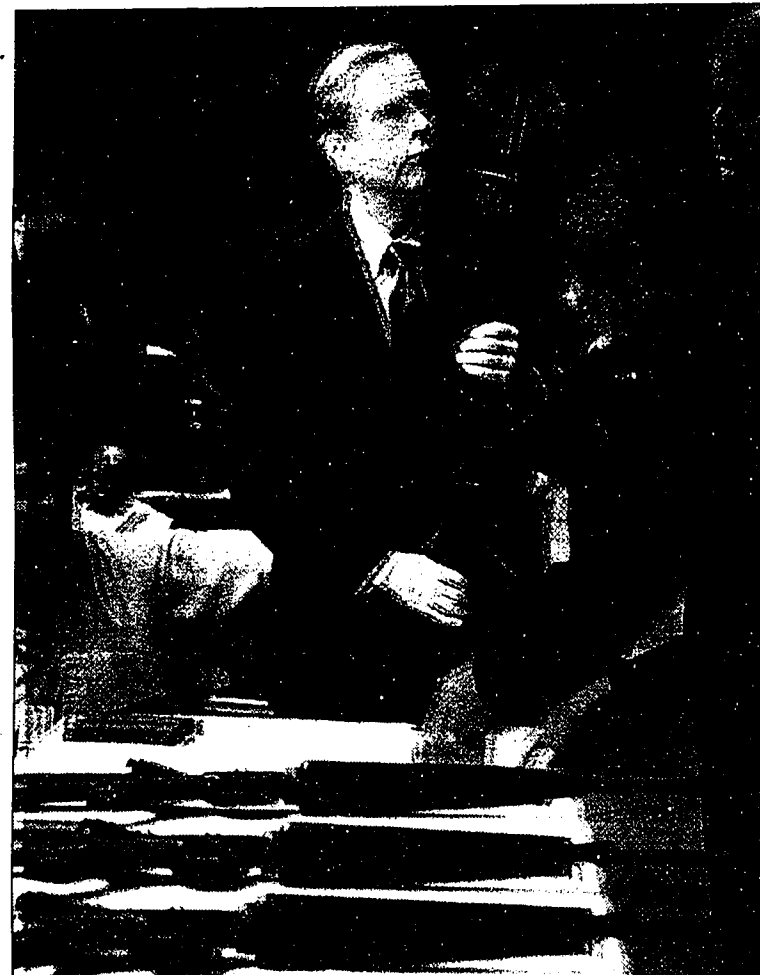
By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Los Angeles Police Department has acquired 600 military surplus M-16 rifles to increase firepower against heavily armed suspects. The decision came after two armor-clad bank robbers fired their assault rifles with impunity

at police as officers' bullets bounced off them in a televised shootout in February.

Officers had to rush to a nearby gun store for more firepower in the middle of the battle. Both suspects were killed, and eight police officers and three bystanders were wounded.

"Never, ever again do I want to see officers of the Los Angeles Police Department outgunned," Gov. Pete Wilson at a news conference Tuesday at the Police Academy, where gunfire from a shooting range crackled in the distance.

The acquisition was announced



California Gov. Pete Wilson examines an M-16 rifle Tuesday in Los Angeles. 600 of the military surplus rifles were donated to the Los Angeles Police Dept. in support of its Urban Rifle Program. AP

shortly before another televised bank robbery unfolded in Los Angeles. A Great Western Bank heist in Van Nuys was thwarted by two retired lawmen working security who killed one would-be robber, wounded a second and scared off three others.

The manhunt was broadcast live on local television.

The M-16s were obtained from the U.S. Defense Department with the help of state authorities. The guns will be carried in the patrol cars of field sergeants from the LAPD's 18 stations and four traffic divisions.

The weapons will be used at the sergeants' discretion.

The new weapons significantly increase the strength of street cops' arsenal, now limited to 9 mm semiautomatic pistols and 12-gauge shotguns, and will mean that patrol officers won't have to wait for the more heavily armed SWAT teams.

In the February shootout, one robber had a fully automatic AK-47-type rifle with armor-piercing ammunition and the other had an M-16-type rifle. The two had just robbed a bank in North Hollywood.

Report: Rate of wetland destruction is slowing

By H. Josef Hebert
WASHINGTON (AP) - The rate of wetland destruction has slowed, but still nearly 1.2 million acres were lost during the 10 years ending in 1995, the Interior Department said Wednesday.

In its latest assessment, the government said the net loss of wetlands averaged 117,000 acres a year between 1985 and 1995. That's down from annual rates of 290,000 acres the previous decade and 458,000 acres before then.

There are 100.9 million acres of wetlands in the 48 contiguous states, according to the report.

The report shows that the goal of achieving no net loss of wetlands has yet to be achieved nearly a decade after it was declared a top priority by then-President Bush.

"The good news is that wetland loss is significantly lower than what we lost in the past," said Jamie Clark, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, which released the re-

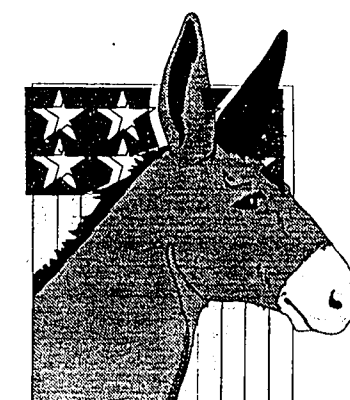
port. Nearly 80 percent of the wetland destruction involved farming, despite a 1985 law that prohibited agricultural draining of wetlands.

The amount of wetlands continues to shrink even though 78,000 acres of wetland are restored annually, according to government figures.

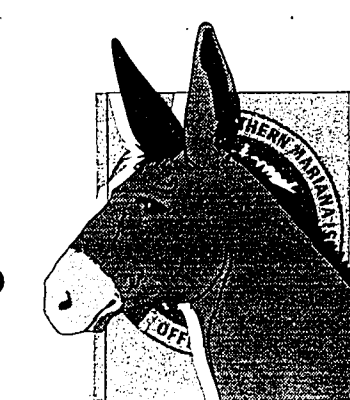
Clark said that while the "no-net-loss" goal has yet to be achieved, "we believe we're very much on the road."

Some critics of federal wetlands policies argue that the government is understating the progress being made in wetlands restoration. They contend more acres of wetland already are being created than are lost.

One such critic, Jonathan Tolman of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, contends that as much as 210,000 acres of wetlands were restored in 1995 alone. Clark said the agency disagrees with those figures.



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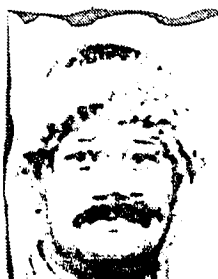
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US backs Bosnia poll decision

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States expressed support Wednesday for the decision of an international envoy not to disqualify a slate of Bosnian Serb nationalists who were candidates in last week's municipal elections.

A Norwegian judge had ruled the candidates should be disqualified because of their continuing ties to Radovan Karadzic, who has been indicted on war-crimes charges.

But the decision was overruled by Robert Frowick, retired U.S. diplomat who heads the Bosnia mission of the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Defending Frowick, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Bosnians who had supported the candidates in question would have been disenfranchised if that slate had been disqualified.

Rubin said that if the slate were to have been excluded, the decision should have been made weeks ago, not after the ballots were cast. That would have permitted the selection of alternate candidates, he said.

"We strongly support the decision in this regard," Rubin said.

Reports from the field suggested that Frowick also acted out of concern that American and other election observers might have been the target of mob violence had the judge's decision been upheld.

U.S. diplomats reportedly were particularly worried about the safety of 19 election supervisors, including 17 Americans, who were staying at a hotel in Pale, Karadzic's power base.

Frowick reversed a ruling by Judge Finn Lynghem, who chairs a body that oversees electoral conduct in Bosnia.

Lynghem said the Serbian Democratic Party has "willfully and defiantly" maintained Karadzic in a leadership position despite his indictment by the international war-crimes tribunal.

He wrote that for a person indicted for genocide and crimes against humanity "to maintain a position or function in one of the leading national parties shocks the conscience."

Rubin said U.S. opposition to the judge's decision does not suggest a softening of the U.S. stand against



German soldier Frank Oelinger from NATO-led peace keeping forces in Bosnia, stands guard in front of the OSCE center for counting ballots in Sarajevo suburb of Rajlovac Tuesday. Final results were not expected until Saturday. AP

Karadzic. There have been many times in recent weeks and months when we've seen the ugly head of Mr. Karadzic

reared in Bosnia. And when it rears its ugly head, we try to stop it," he said. If pro-Karadzic candidates surface in

future Bosnian elections, Rubin said, the United States will seek their disqualification well before the vote - not after.

...and rebels free 25 govt soldiers

MOSCOW (AP) — A rebel commander in Tajikistan has released 25 captured government troops as a goodwill gesture in the Central Asian nation, which is still recovering from five years of civil war, a news agency reported Wednesday.

But in a sign of lingering tensions, the body of slain Russian soldier has turned up at a morgue in Tajikistan's capital Dushanbe.

The Russian lieutenant had been missing since Sept. 9, and his body was found at a morgue with a bullet hole in the head, the Interfax news agency reported.

Some 25,000 Russian troops support Tajikistan's hard-line government, which signed a peace treaty with Muslim rebels in June. The two sides have been moving gradually toward reconciliation in the former Soviet

republic. Twenty-five Tajik government soldiers were released Wednesday after being held in the eastern Tavildar region, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported, citing the Russian ambassador to Tajikistan.

Opposition commander Mirzodzhag Ziyev, who freed the captive soldiers Wednesday, is believed to be holding about 200 additional prisoners of war.



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Cohen orders air safety check

By Robert Burns
WASHINGTON (AP)—Jared by a rash of military air crashes, Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the first-ever military-wide halt to training flights Wednesday.

Although officials have detected no common thread in the five accidents since last weekend, Cohen ordered all the services to ground their training flights for 24 hours. The stand-downs will be staggered over the week starting Friday.

"Perfection is impossible, but that is our goal for aviation safety," Cohen said in taking the action.

Cohen's order comes at a particularly inopportune moment for the Air Force, which on Thursday celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding as an independent service. Air Force officials said that although specific types of aircraft have been grounded before, there has never been an Air Force-wide grounding.

Five U.S. aircraft have crashed in recent days, including an Air Force F-117A stealth fighter that partially broke up in flight at an air show in Maryland on Sunday. An Air Force C-141 transport went down off the coast of Namibia, a Marine Corps F-18 crashed off North Carolina, and a Navy F-18 crashed in Oman. In the latest mishap, two Air National

Guard F-16s collided Tuesday off the coast of New Jersey; one crashed into the Atlantic, the other landed safely.

Cohen's grounding affects training but not operational flights. That means such missions as enforcing the "no-fly" zones over Iraq and supporting the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia will continue without interruption, officials said.

Officials could not provide an estimate of the number of training flights that will be missed.

Usually a temporary grounding affects the planes of only one service at a time. This is the first time all the services have been ordered to halt training flights, said Pentagon spokeswoman Army Lt. Col. Nancy Burt.

In remarks to reporters at the Pentagon, Cohen said both the fliers and maintainers of military aircraft will use the day off to focus on safety. He said individual aircraft also will be examined for any possible safety problems.

Cohen left it to the service leaders to decide when they would begin the one-day stand-down. He said they could do it any day in the week starting Friday morning.

While acknowledging that there is not yet any indication of a common thread in the latest in a spate of accidents,



Defense Secretary William Cohen, right, accompanied by Joint Chiefs Vice Chairman Gen. Joseph Ralston, left, and Col. Gregory Gardner, inspects the troops at the Pentagon Wednesday during a 50th anniversary of the Defense Department ceremony. Cohen ordered the military services to halt training flights and review safety procedures in the wake of five air crashes in four days. AP

Cohen said he decided a training break was needed — "just to re-emphasize the safety issue." "The American

people are probably concerned about the rash of them coming in such a short period of time," he said.

In his brief written order to the civilian chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force, Cohen wrote: "The recent spate of accidents indicates that a period of reflection on the conduct of our aviation training operations will be beneficial."

A stand-down is a routine procedure in the wake of a series of crashes, but usually it is done by one service at a time.

Cohen stressed that military aviation safety has improved steadily in recent years. Last year was the safest on record, by the Pentagon's own accounting.

But, he said, given the recent rash of incidents, "We can do better."

At the White House, President Clinton said he had urged Cohen on Monday to analyze the crashes "to see if there is some pattern that would

require some sort of review by the Air Force." But the president left open the possibility that crashes were coincidental.

"I wouldn't... jump to conclusions about this," he told reporters in the Oval Office.

"If there is a pattern here that has to be looked into on air safety, you can be sure that the Air Force will look into it," Clinton said.

The U.S. military actually has lost fewer aircraft in accidents this year — 54, with less than two weeks remaining in the government's fiscal year — than in any recent year. It lost 67 last year, 69 in 1995 and 86 in 1994, according to Pentagon statistics.

The military's main gauge of aviation safety is the number of major accidents for each 100,000 flight hours. That ratio was 1.50 last year, the lowest on record and down from 1.62 in 1994 and 2.10 in 1991 when the Gulf War was fought.

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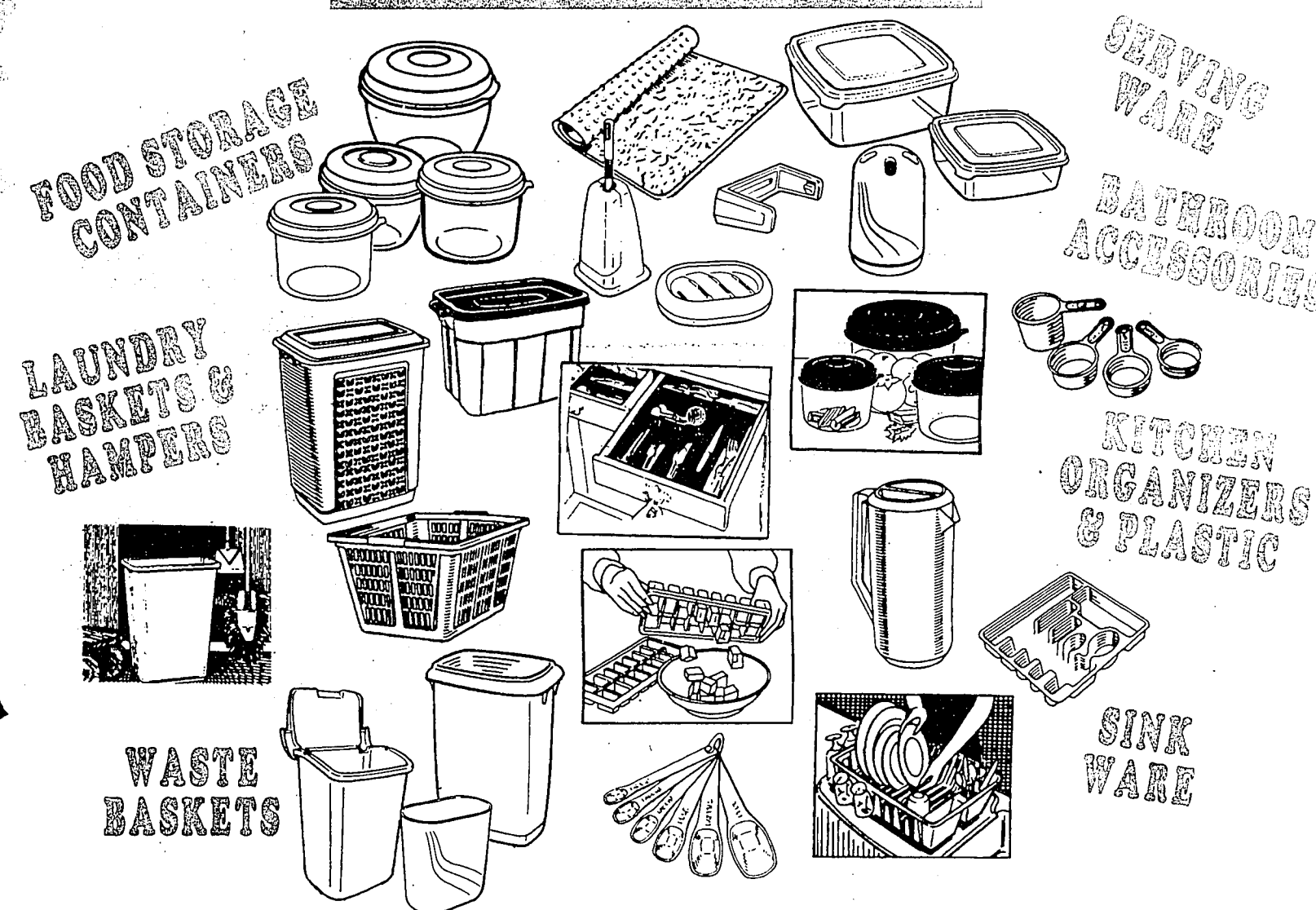
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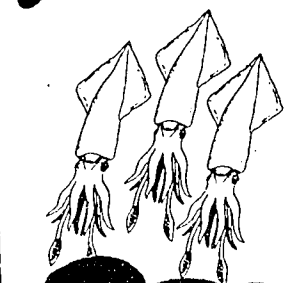
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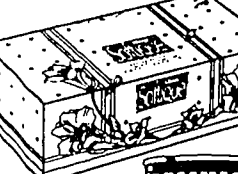
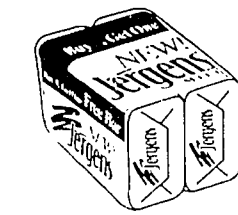
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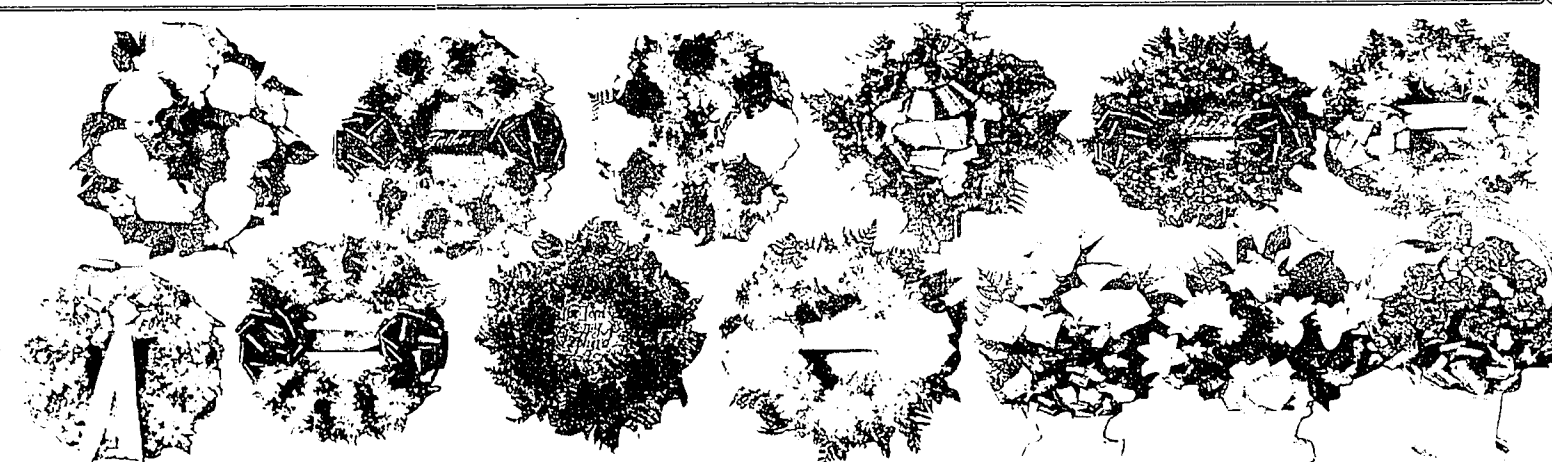
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Japan: No apology for 'sterilization'

By Mari Yamaguchi
TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese government said Wednesday it doesn't plan to offer apologies or pay compensation for a program that forcibly sterilized more than 16,000 handicapped women over five decades, because the program was legal at the time and was public record.

A Health and Welfare Ministry official also said the government had no intention of further investigating the program, despite demands Tuesday by 17 citizens groups that represent women or the handicapped.

Over the years, a few Japanese women have claimed they were sterilized without their consent while housed in public institutions for the handicapped or retarded. But their

claims did not gain much attention until last month, when it was discovered that as many as 60,000 people had been involuntarily sterilized in Sweden. That government has since apologized.

Japan legalized sterilization in 1948 as a means of improving the Japanese people. The law, revoked only last year, allowed doctors to sterilize people with mental or physical handicaps or certain hereditary diseases without their consent, after the approval of committees appointed by local governments.

Tomoko Kitajima, an official in a ministry section supervising maternal and child health, said on Wednesday that Japan does not plan to follow suit. Because the

procedures were legal at the time and were documented in public records, it doesn't make sense to offer apologies or pay compensation, Kitajima said.

"The government should not avoid its responsibility by simply saying that it was legal then," said Aiko Tsutsumi, a member of one of the 17 citizens groups.

In a story about the activists' demands, the Asahi newspaper said that a Meiji Gakuin University lecturer had gone through government records and discovered that 16,520 Japanese women had been sterilized without their consent from 1949 to 1995. Some of the women were sedated when they resisted, he said.



Members of Japan's Self-Defense Forces dig the mud for rescue operation after mudslide caused by a powerful typhoon destroyed homes in the southern Kyushu town of Tashiro Tuesday. Typhoon Oliwa had cut across the southernmost main island of Kyushu with winds and rain, killing at least seven people. AP

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US seeks China nuke pact

By Laura Myers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Clinton administration hopes to gain agreement from China at an Oct. 28 summit to halt exports of all nuclear weapons and materials, a State Department official told a Senate committee on Wednesday.

"This has been one of our highest priorities," said Stanley Roth, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, explaining that American officials have been negotiating heavily on the matter.

Roth's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee came after several lawmakers, including chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., expressed skepticism that President Clinton's meeting with China's President Jiang Zemin in Washington will result in concrete actions, particularly on the sensitive issues of weapons sales and human rights.

"The administration, in a word or two, has been soft on China," Helms asserted, characterizing the U.S. policy as "appeasement." "No one seriously believes China will make any concessions, large or small, on human rights, nuclear proliferation or anything else."

But Roth told lawmakers China has made much progress under stiffening U.S. pressure during the 1990s on nonproliferation issues, although the communist power has been accused of violating international agreements by selling missiles and nuclear weapons materials to Iran, Pakistan and Syria.

Just this month, China agreed to return a supercomputer to a California company after the United States complained it had been improperly diverted for a military research project involving nuclear weapons. Such a transfer requires U.S. permission under current export laws.

Roth also noted that Beijing issued new rules last week to restrict exports of nuclear weapons and technology, pledging not to transfer such materials to countries opposing international safeguards.

The regulations, if strict enough, would meet a key U.S. condition for ending a ban on American companies building nuclear power plants in China. They also would counter persistent U.S. criticism of suspected Chinese nuclear exports to Pakistan and Persian Gulf nations.

China has been a signatory since 1992 to the Nonproliferation Treaty and since 1993 to the Chemical Weapons Convention and last year stopped testing nuclear weapons and signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, Roth said.

The United States sees "a positive evolution of China's attitudes and actions" on nuclear issues, Roth told the committee, adding, "Engagement has led to visible and significant changes in our relationship and in China. This is true even in the area of human

rights."

Roth was careful to point out that the United States still believes China's authoritarian government abuses human rights by imprisoning dissidents and harassing people for their religious beliefs.

Helms, noting the United States has never certified China as "cooperating on nonproliferation" since a 1985 certification law went into effect, asked if the administration might approve China by the summit.

"We're still in negotiations with China," Roth answered, adding U.S. officials hoped for progress that could result in an agreement announced at the summit. "As of today, the conditions have not been met."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen plan to meet again in New York next week to discuss nuclear issues and the Clinton-Jiang meeting. Next year, Clinton plans to visit China.



Executive Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party in Tibet Raidi, left, and Secretary of the Communist Party in Tibet Chen Kuiyuan address a press conference in Beijing Wednesday. Raidi is the highest ranking ethnic Tibetan in the Chinese Communist Party. AP

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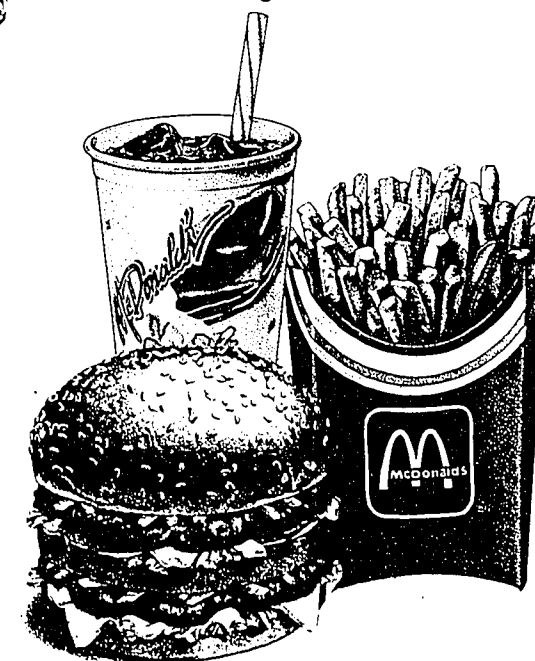
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UN copter crash: 12 killed

By Alexander S. Dragicevic
PROKOSKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.N. helicopter slammed into a fog-shrouded mountain in central Bosnia and burst into flames Wednesday, killing a top international envoy, five Americans and six others in the worst accident to hit the peacekeeping effort in Bosnia.

Those killed included German envoy Gerd Wagner, a deputy to top peace mediator Carlos Westendorp, and British diplomat Charles Morpeth. The others who died were not named pending notification of next of kin.



A group of German NATO-led peacekeeping soldiers on a rescue mission on Mt. Prokosko Wednesday. The German envoy to High Representative office in Bosnia, Gerd Wagner, died along with 11 others aboard a helicopter that crashed on Mt. Prokosko due to fog. AP

Four Ukrainian crew members of the U.N. helicopter — an Mi-8 leased from Ukraine — survived the crash, two of them with light injuries, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said.

The crew managed to escape through the shattered glass nose of the craft but was hindered from helping passengers because of fire and thick smoke.

Wagner and his delegation, which included members from Westendorp's office as well as U.N. employees believed to be police monitors, left Sarajevo for Bugojno (pronounced BOO-goy-no) this morning, said Alexander

Ivanko, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo.

According to one Ukrainian crew member, the weather was fine when they left Sarajevo, but they encountered "dense fog" west of Fojnica, 20 miles east of Bugojno, said U.N. spokesman Liam McDowall. When the pilot attempted to gain altitude, the helicopter crashed into the mountain and burst into flames, McDowall said.

Foul play is not suspected in the crash but an investigation was underway.

The crash appeared similar to one in April 1996, when a plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown plowed into a mountain in a heavy storm while traveling to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Brown and 34 others aboard were killed.

Witness Halid Huskic said residents of Prokosko, a mountain village perched above a lake, saw Wednesday's chopper crash. Hearing shouts, they clambered down and saw four uniformed men pulling a fifth man from the wreck, he said. Then several explosions — caused either by fuel or ammunition — prevented any one from approaching the helicopter, he added.

Villagers managed to summon



Anatoli Gripas, from Ukrainian NATO forces, lies at the stretcher while the medical worker from U.N tries to cover a face of Yevgeni Sifkin a Ukrainian soldier with the United Nations in Bosnia, after medical treatment in Sarajevo, Wednesday. Gripas is one of the four survivors of the UN helicopter crew that crashed in central Bosnia. AP

help about 90 minutes after the crash. Dr. Damir Jaganjac of the nearby town of Fojnica said he found 11 burned bodies — one of them so charred that only a skull and ribs remained.

One survivor's clothes were burning as doctors carried him away on a stretcher, Jaganjac said. Having no water, they ripped open plastic bags of emergency glucose drips to douse the flames.

"This is the worst day I have experienced in my life," said Kai Eide, special representative to the U.N. secretary-general. "The work these officials were carrying out was essential to ensure that the people of

Bosnia and Herzegovina can live in peace."

Westendorp spoke sadly of the "death of such dedicated and selfless servants of the peace process."

Wagner, 55, was responsible for easing the return of refugees to their prewar homes — one of the make-or-break elements of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace accord, signed in December 1995.

In place only since June, Wagner helped smooth the contentious relations between the Muslims and Croats who are supposed to cooperate in governing their half of Bosnia. Bosnian Serbs control the other half.

Wagner's first posting after joining the German Foreign Ministry in 1971 was in Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, now made up of Serbia and Montenegro. He was fluent in Serbo-Croatian.

After a spell in Beirut, Lebanon, he turned to nuclear arms and NATO affairs. He had two postings at the German Embassy in Washington, from 1984-87 and from January 1994 until this summer. He was married with three children.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was "shocked and deeply saddened" by the crash, said his spokesman, Fred Eckhard.

In Washington, President Clinton called the crash "a terrible thing."

In Sarajevo, Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim member of Bosnia's tripartite presidency, paid tribute to the "brave people, performing the responsible and noble task of strengthening peace in our country."

Staff members from Wagner's office hung white roses on the front door of the building, inscribed: "Lest we forget their sacrifice for peace."

Taiwan's UN bid loses

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Stymied for the fifth straight year in its bid to re-enter the United Nations, Taiwan said Thursday it would push on and was certain of final victory.

"We still need some time," Vice Foreign Minister Chen Chien-jen told reporters. "But as long as we're correct ... and just, we'll be victorious in the end."

The General Assembly rejected a request by 14 African, Latin American and Pacific island countries Wednesday to put Taiwan's readmission on its agenda.

The bid is a key component of Taiwan's campaign for greater international recognition and is widely supported on this island of 21 million. Taiwan was expelled from the United Nations in 1971, when China got its seat.

China regards Taiwan as a renegade province with no right to separate representation abroad.

This year, supporting countries changed strategy and asked for formal debate on Taiwan's readmission, rather than to set up a committee to discuss the question.

As a permanent Security Council member, Beijing wields considerable influence as well as a veto in the council.

Taiwan's supporters "spoke with conviction" and displayed "firm support," for Taiwan at Wednesday's meeting, Wu Tzu-dan, who coordinates the U.N. bid, told Taiwan Television in New York.

Last month, China vetoed a Security Council resolution to send monitors to oversee a peace plan in Guatemala, apparently because Guatemala supports Taiwan.

China eventually relented and the resolution went through. This year, Guatemala did not sign on as a sponsor of the resolution on Taiwan.



The Presidents of Central American nations and President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan pose for a photograph outside the foreign ministry in San Salvador, Saturday. AP

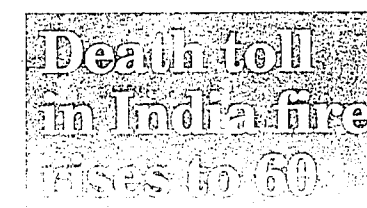
Montserrat rebuilding planned

By Keith Greaves
OLVESTON, Montserrat (AP) — Montserrat's new British governor was sworn in Wednesday, and vowed to help residents rebuild from volcanic eruptions that have forced more than half the island's population to flee and crippled its once-thriving tourist industry.

"You're problems are now my problems," Tony Abbott told a small crowd of Montserratians gathered for the brief swearing-in ceremony at a villa on the western coast of the Caribbean island.

Abbot, 56, formerly served as senior British consul in Australia. He succeeds Frank Savage, who ended his four-year term last week.

"My primary objective is to ensure that those people who wish to remain on the island are allowed to do so as long as Montserrat remains safe," Abbot told reporters after arriving for his swearing-in by helicopter.



HYDERABAD, India (AP) — The death toll in a devastating oil refinery fire in southeastern India rose to 60 as rescue workers pulled out nine more bodies from the debris, police said Wednesday.

Police officials said they did not know how many people were still trapped inside the rubble of six buildings that collapsed in the fire. Attendance records and shift schedules of workers in the refinery were destroyed with the buildings.

The fire broke out Sunday morning in the storage premises of state-run Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. oil refinery in the port city of Vishakhapatnam, about 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) south of New Delhi.

The fire was put out Tuesday evening.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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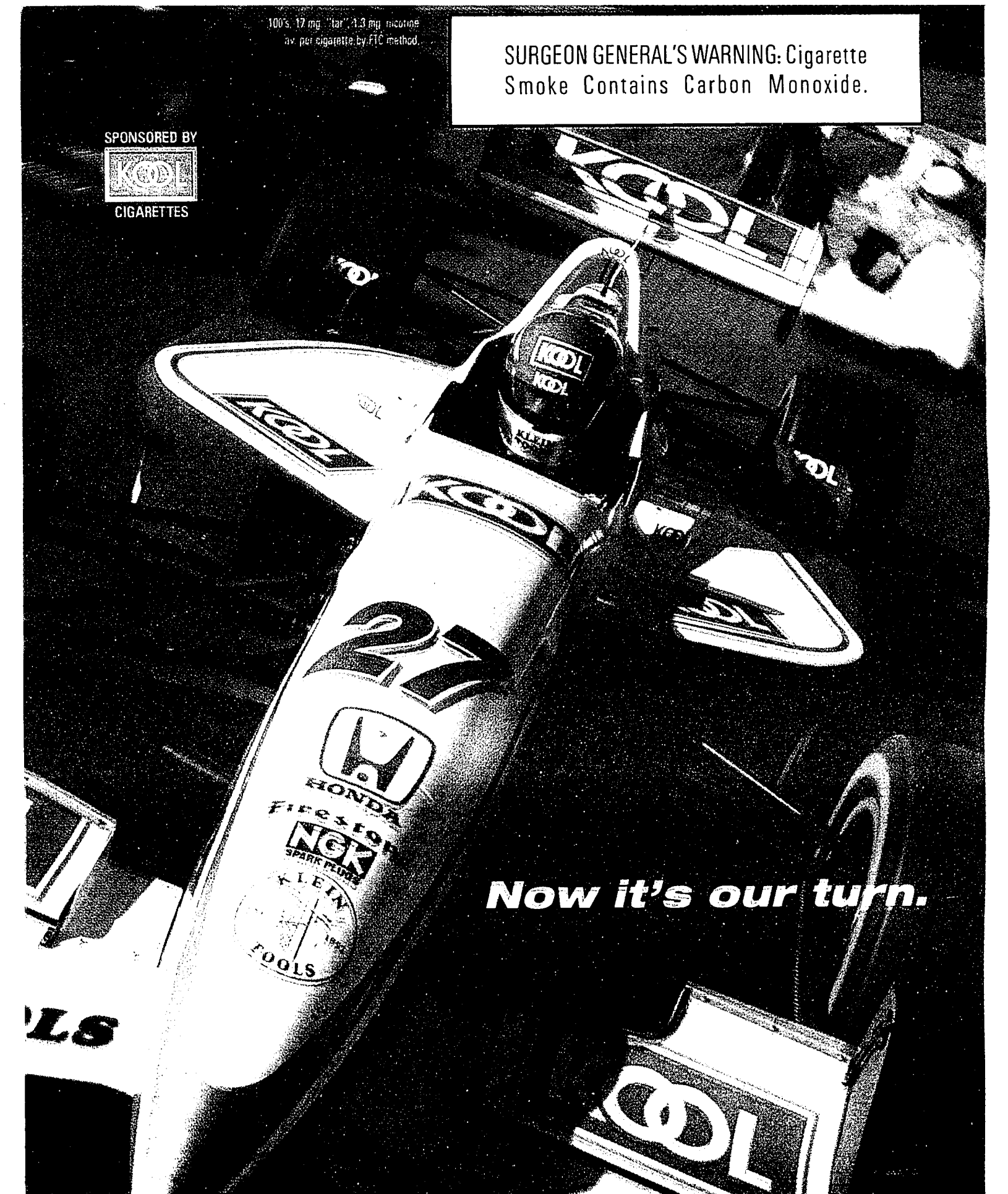
APPLICANT	DATE RECEIVED APPLICATION	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. VS CORPORATION	07/14/97 RSm-97-X-251	WATERLINE PROJECT	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (09/05/97)
2. SAIPAN STEVEDORE CO.	07/14/97 SMS-97-X-211	WAREHOUSE	LOWER BASE	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (09/09/97)
3. CEDAR INN.	07/03/97 SMS-97-X-221	CEDAR INN HOTEL	TUN HERMAN PAN ROAD	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (09/17/97)
4. COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY	08/18/97	SEWERLINE SYSTEM	AIRPORT	MAJOR SITING	CERTIFIED COMPLETE (09/15/97)
5. REP. MALUAT, PETER	09/02/97 SS/SPIm-97-X-258	POLITICAL SIGNS	SHORELINE AREAS AND PORT & INDUSTRIAL AREAS	SHORELINE APC PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (09/17/97)
6. USE US RENTAL	09/02/97 SSm-97-X-259	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (09/09/97)
7. MABU CORPORATION	09/02/97 SSm-97-X-260	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (09/09/97)
8. HIT TOURS, INC.	09/03/97 SSm-97-X-261	FILMING	SAIPAN SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (09/09/97)
9. ZOOM	09/05/97 SS/RSm-97-X-262	FILMING	SAIPAN & ROTA SHORELINE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (09/09/97)
10. DPSTINIAN	09/10/97 TLRm-97-X-263	SAFE SWIMMING ZONE	TINIAN	LAGOON & REEF APC	UNDER REVIEW
11. H.S. LEE	09/10/97 SMS-97-X-264	APARTMENTS	SUSUPE	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW
12. RAY ALVAREZ	09/05/97 SLRM-97-X-265 SLRM-97-X-266 SSm-97-X-267	PARASAILING BANANA BOAT SIGNBOARD	SAIPAN LAGOON SAIPAN LAGOON GARAPAN	LAGOON & REEF APC SHORELINE APC SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW UNDER REVIEW UNDER REVIEW
13. MODERN INVESTMENTS INC.	05/19/97 SMS-97-X-163	HOTEL EXPANSION	GARAPAN	MAJOR SITING	CERTIFIED COMPLETE (09/03/97)
14. JOONG ANG CORP.	06/10/97 SMS-97-X-183	TANAPAG RESORT HOTEL	TANAPAG	JOR SITING	APPROVED (09/16/97) CERTIFIED COMPLETE (09/09/97)

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

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

(Amended 9/12/97)

SEALED PROPOSALS for the APRON EXPANSION AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP PROJECT NOS. 3-69-0003-08 & 3-69-0003-10 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950. Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M., Friday, October 24, 1997, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of unclassified excavation, subbase and base course filling and grading, construction of apron (asphaltic concrete pavement or alternate portland cement concrete pavement), striping, drainage, and miscellaneous electrical including flood lights, location and guidance signs, and apron edge lights. All work will take place at Rota International Airport, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) days from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (AIP No. 3-69-0003-08 & 3-69-0003-10) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Proposal).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

- The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.
- The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1997, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA CONFERENCE ROOM AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, on Friday, September 26, 1997 at 9:00 A.M. to explain and address any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of the same mailed, simultaneously, to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

September 9, 1997
Date

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVERTISING (INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL/NOTICE TO PROPOSERS)

- The proposed contract is under the subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.
- All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI law.
- Each proposer must supply all the information required by the proposal documents and specifications.
- The (EEO) requirements, labor provisions and wage rate are included in the specifications and proposal documents and are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
- Each Proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the proposal), the Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause, and the "Certifications of Non-Segregated Facilities" as contained in the Bid Proposals.
- A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
- To be eligible for award, each proposer must comply with the affirmative action requirements which are contained in the specification.
- In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
- Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the SAIPAN HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TEMPORARY PAVING AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AT SAIPAN TAPANAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SS-002-97 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950 until 2:00 P.M., Friday, October 03, 1997, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project provides for the asphaltic concrete (AC) paving of 19,120 square yards (SY) of the new Dock operations area, and the main Dock access. The areas to be paved shall comprise of a 2.5" thick overlay over a 6" p.c. run coral base course. In addition, eight (8) catch basins will be installed in the low-lying areas of the new container yard to provide a temporary drainage system. All aspects of this Project shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications. Construction must be performed without interrupting on-going port operations and concurrently with other construction activities of the Dock.

Proposals submitted must be available for acceptance for a period up to 120 days after the designated date for opening of proposals. CPA may award a contract on the basis of the initial offer received without negotiations. Therefore, the initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms.

The Project is being financed by funds from the CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of proposals. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to uphold such proposal in effect for four (4) months from the date of proposal opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and proposal documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI Government. CNMI prevailing minimum wage shall apply consistent with Section 70-24 of the general provisions.

Each proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract the "Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

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If the proposer has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instructions, the proposer shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period.

A proposer or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Office of Federal Contract Compliance may request prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as requested.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon payment of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA HARBOR PROJECT SITE OFFICE, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 1997, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, Elrain F. Canacho Engineers and Architects, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-proposal conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding of the project elements.

Each prospective proposer shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, a notice of his/her intention to propose in a form substantially similar to that supplied in the specifications, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

Dated: September 9, 1997

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After Oliwa, another one is forming

TOKYO (AP) - Typhoon Oliwa, which pounded southern Japan overnight, was downgraded to a tropical storm Wednesday, the Meteorological Agency said.

The storm buffeted Japan's southern island of Kyushu Tuesday, leaving seven dead, flooding more than 1,000 homes and destroying dozens more.

In South Korea, a crabbing ship with 10 crewmen was missing since Tuesday when it went incommunicado off the south coast while fleeing Typhoon Oliwa, police said.

Twenty-eight ships sank or were wrecked amid strong winds and high waves. But provincial airports and ferries resumed service Wednesday as Oliwa decelerated.

Late Wednesday, the storm was moving northeast along the Sea of Japan coast and was expected to bring heavy rains to the northern island of Hokkaido early Thursday.

The weather agency forecast winds of up to 65 kilometers per hour (40 miles per hour) for Wednesday and early Thursday.

Meanwhile, Typhoon David, the 20th of the season, was about 1,300 kilometers (810 miles) south-southeast of Tokyo, moving toward Japan at a speed of 30 kilometers per hour (19 miles per hour).

It packed winds of up to 144 kilometers per hour (89 miles per hour) and was expected near Japan's main island by Friday.

Russian gov't to send funds for wages of defense staff

MOSCOW (AP) - The government has agreed to allocate 500 billion rubles (\$85 million) to pay back wages to defense industry workers, many of whom have gone unpaid for months, a news report said Wednesday.

The decision was made during a meeting Tuesday between the head of Russia's independent trade unions, Mikhail Shmakov, and officials from the defense, finance and economic ministries and the presidential administration, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

But it may be a while before workers actually see the money. No payment schedule has been set, although it is to be drafted in 10 days, Shmakov said.

The money won't be enough to cover all back wages owed to defense industry workers, and the funds will be distributed between several leading factories.

Defense workers, like millions of other state employees throughout the country, have held strikes and pickets to demand wages that are months overdue.

Although the government has made some headway in repaying wages in recent months, it is still plagued by a shortfall of taxes and other revenues, and the problem is far from being solved.

In connection with payoff scandal

Yamaichi execs arrested

TOKYO (AP) - Five officials at Japan's troubled Yamaichi Securities Co. were arrested Wednesday in connection with the scandal surrounding pay-offs to a corporate racketeer, NHK public television reported.

The reported arrests come on the heels of a criminal complaint against five former and current Yamaichi executives earlier in the day by Japan's Securities and Exchange Sur-

veillance Commission.

It couldn't be immediately confirmed whether the arrested men were the same persons named in the complaint.

According to sources close to the investigation, the SESC alleged that Yamaichi violated the securities law in January 1995 by paying 79 million yen (\$ 652,000) to corporate racketeer Ryuichi Koike as compensation for investment losses. Koike was also named

in the complaint.

Japan's Finance Ministry has decided to suspend Yamaichi Securities Co. from bidding in government bond auctions as punishment, ministry sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The ministry has also disallowed Nomura Securities Co. and Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank from participating in government bond auctions until the end of December 1997, after these companies were found guilty of being involved in the same corporate racketeer scandal.

Yamaichi, Nomura and Dai-ichi Kangyo are all at the center of the scandal involving "sokaiya," or corporate racketeers who extort money by threatening to disrupt shareholders' meetings.

Koike has been accused of extorting money from Nomura and receiving shady loans from Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank.

Last month, prosecutors raided Yamaichi's headquarters as well as the homes of senior company officials. Officials from Nomura and Dai-ichi Kangyo have been arrested.

Eleven Yamaichi executives, including the company's

president, have resigned over the scandal.

On Aug. 13, Yamaichi executive Koichiro Tarutani, 57, was stabbed in the chest and back three times near a train

station close his home. He died a short time later. Police say they are still investigating who might have killed Tarutani, who headed Yamaichi's customer advisory department.

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Air quality improves slightly in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Air quality improved in the capital Wednesday, according to government officials, though people still had to squint to see the world's tallest building.

The country has been blanketed in a nasty cloud of smoke for the last week. The pollution index reached hazardous levels on Tuesday, prompting an apology from Indonesian President Suharto for the hundreds of wildfires in his country which are blamed for the choking skies over much of Southeast Asia.

On Wednesday, the Air Pollutant Index showed that while Kuala Lumpur had a reading of 302 on Tuesday, it had dropped to 139, though

that's still considered an "unhealthy" level.

Despite the apparent improvement in air quality, the giant Petronas Twin Towers — dubbed the tallest buildings in the world — were still hard to make out beneath the haze. Many pedestrians and construction workers were still wearing surgical masks and school children were still ordered indoors.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Monday said emergency measures were not yet necessary. He said the cloud-seeding program that began last week, in which national weather aircraft spray a salt solution into clouds to provoke rain, would continue.



A man, wearing a cap in center, sells surgical masks along the roadside in Kuala Lumpur Tuesday. The smog condition has reached an index level of 302, which is considered hazardous in this Malaysian capital. A surgical mask sells for Ringgit Malaysia 1.80 (U.S. 60 cents). AP

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of Three (3) Rental Car Concessions at the West Tinian Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, MP 96950; or at the Ports Manager's Conference Room, Tinian Airport, Tinian MP 96952, at a fee of \$35.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on September 5, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., at the West Tinian Airport Ports Manager's Conference Room.

Proposals will be received by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) until 2:00 p.m., September 29, 1997, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on September 29, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ports Manager's Conference Room, Tinian Airport, Tinian.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG, Chairman
CPA Board of Directors

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Proposals will be received by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) until 2:00 p.m., October 15, 1997, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on October 15, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., at the Port Manager's Conference Room, Rota International Airport, Rota.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject proposals in accordance with Section 4.1 of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG, Chairman
CPA Board of Directors

Thailand gov't asking for additional bailout money

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - The Thai government disclosed plans Wednesday to borrow \$1 billion more from the Asian Development Bank to help revive the flagging economy, bringing an international rescue package for Thailand to \$18.2 billion.

Supachai Pisitvanich, the Finance Ministry's permanent secretary, told reporters that the loan, if approved, will be used to revamp Thailand's capital market but declined to elaborate.

The Asian Development Bank has already contributed \$1.2 billion to a \$17.2 billion package organized by the International Monetary Fund, the biggest of its kind since the bailout of Mexico in 1995.

The Thai financial sector has been battered by bad loans made to property developers unable to sell a glut

of space constructed during the decade-long economic boom that went bust in 1996. Fifty-eight of 91 finance companies have been shut down.

The value of the currency has meanwhile plummeted since it was floated in July after an unsuccessful defense against foreign speculation. The de facto devaluation of the baht triggered a wave of speculative attacks on other Asian currencies and the plunge in Thailand's foreign reserves sent it seeking international help.

The beleaguered financial system was dealt another blow Wednesday when the Standard and Poor's credit-rating agency said it was cutting ratings on seven financial institutions, including Bangkok Bank, the largest commercial bank.

Standard and Poor's predicted that non-performing loans in the banking system would rise to at least 15 per-

cent of total loans next year as asset quality deteriorates.

Bangkok Bank's ratings were downgraded to triple-B from A-minus. Other institutions downgraded included Bank of Asia, Bank of Ayudhya, Siam Commercial Bank, Thai Farmers Bank, the Industrial Finance Corporation of Thailand and Phatra Thanakit, a finance company.

Standard and Poor's said the ratings outlook for all seven institutions is negative.

Singapore's mobile phones tender process starts Oct. 1

SINGAPORE (AP) - The tender process to open Singapore's mobile phone business to one or two more operators opens Oct. 1 and bidders will have until the end of the year to submit their offers, the government announced Wednesday.

The Telecommunication Authority of Singapore will release on Oct. 1 its tender document, giving guidelines and requirements, announced John Chen, minister of state for communications.

The license awarding will take place in mid-1998, he said, at the same time the government chooses one or two more licensees to provide basic telecommunication services in Singapore, which has a population of 3.5 million people.

Currently Singapore Telecom has a monopoly on basic phone services, and it shares the mobile phone market with a private company, Mobile One.

Chen said the timing of the announcements in mid-1998 was to allow successful bidders in both categories to enjoy the savings of joint infrastructure development.

The target date for opening up the basic and mobile phone markets in Singapore to licensed competitors is April 1, 2000.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY Position Vacancy Announcement

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Application forms are available at the Airports Police Office, first floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office, second floor of the same building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of application is September 24, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the CPA Accounting Office at 664-3528/29/30.

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COMPUTER SKILLS

IBM APPLICATIONS

CG 010-1	IBM PC: THE BASICS	4	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Sept. 22 & 24	W-2	F. Oliver	\$40
CG 010-2	IBM PC: THE BASICS	4	SAT	9:00-11:00AM	Oct. 18 & 25	W-2	F. Oliver	\$40
CG 022-1	WINDOWS 95	10	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Sept. 29-Oct. 8	W-2	F. Oliver	\$110
CG 022-2	WINDOWS 95	10	T, Th	6:00-8:00PM	Oct. 14-23	W-4	F. Oliver	\$110
CG 022-3	WINDOWS 95	12	SAT	9:00-11:30AM	Nov. 8-29	W-2	F. Oliver	\$110
CG 026	MICROSOFT OFFICE 95 (PROFESSIONALS) BASIC	12	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Sept. 27-Oct. 18	W-3	D. Cooper	\$110
CG 030	INTRO. TO INTERNET	12	FRI.	6:00-8:00PM	Sept. 26-Oct. 31	W-3	F. Hill	\$110
CG 035	INTRO. TO WEB PAGE CREATION	10	T, Th	7:30-8:30PM	Sept. 30-Oct. 30	W-3	F. Hill	\$110
CA 015	INTRO. TO PEACHTREE ACCOUNTING	24	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Oct. 10-Nov. 7	W-2	S. Mensah	\$210
CA 016	ADVANCED PEACHTREE ACCOUNTING	24	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Nov. 10-Dec. 5	W-2	S. Mensah	\$210
CS 010	INTRO. TO EXCEL 7 ON WINDOWS 95	10	FRI.	6:00-8:00PM	Sept. 24-Oct. 3	W-3	S. Mensah	\$110
CG 040	INTRO. TO POWERPOINT	4	T, Th	6:00-8:00PM	Oct. 7 & 9	W-4	F. Oliver	\$40
CW 010	BEGINNING WORD PERFECT	12	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Nov. 8-29	W-3	F. Guerrero	\$110
CD 020	DATABASE THEORY & PRINCIPLES	10	M,W	6:00-8:00PM	Oct. 20-Nov. 3	V-110	F. Oliver	\$90
CD 021	MICROSOFT ACCESS	10	T, Th	6:00-8:00PM	Nov. 6-25	W-4	F. Oliver	\$100

MACINTOSH APPLICATIONS

CM 010	MACINTOSH: THE BASICS	6	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Oct. 4-11	W-1	R. Newport	\$85
CM 016	INTRO. TO MICROSOFT WORD V.6	9	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Oct. 16-Nov. 1	W-1	E. DiGuerrero	\$85
CM 025	INTRO. TO EXCEL 5.0	9	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Nov. 8-22	W-1	E. DiGuerrero	\$85
CM 030	INTRO. TO INTERNET ON THE MAC	10	SAT	9:00-11:30AM	Nov. 29-Dec. 20	W-1	J. Smith	\$100

BUSINESS

OT 010	OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	10	M,W	6:00-7:30PM	Oct. 6-29	W-4	B. Sablan	\$90
BU 010	TYPING BY TOUCH	15	M,W	6:00-7:30PM	Nov. 3-Dec. 3	W-4	V. Perez	\$100
BU 039	EFFECTIVE LETTERS & MEMOS	6	M,W	6:00-7:30PM	Sept. 27-Oct. 8	V-215	B. Johnson	\$65
BU 033-A	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION FOR THE OFFICE I	6	M,W	6:00-7:30PM	Oct. 20-29	V-215	B. Johnson	\$65
BU 033-B	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION FOR THE OFFICE II	6	M,W	6:00-7:30PM	Nov. 3-12	V-215	B. Johnson	\$65
BU 027	CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS FOR THE FRONT LINE EMPLOYEE	12	M,W	9:00-12 Noon	Sept. 29-Oct. 8	Business Incubator	Rich/Bone	\$95
BU 028	CUSTOMER SERVICE PROBLEM SOLVING TECHNIQUES	12	M,W	9:00-12 Noon	Oct. 27-Nov. 5	V-110	Rich/Bone	\$95
FS 010	FOOD SERVICE SANITATION	15	SAT	1:00-4:00PM	Nov. 8-Dec. 6	V-215	J. McCollom	\$100
FS 012	SERVING ALCOHOL RESPONSIBLY	8	SAT	1:00-5:00PM	Dec. 13-20	V-215	J. McCollom	\$50

LANGUAGE

JA 040	BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE	20	M,W	6:00-8:00PM	Sept. 22-Oct. 27	A-9	G. Tanaka	\$105
JA 042	INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE	20	M,W	6:00-8:00PM	Nov. 3-Dec. 3	A-9	G. Tanaka	\$105
EN 010	BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH, LEVEL A	24	M,W	7:00-8:30PM	Sept. 22-Oct. 29	A-7	B. Perez	\$130
EN 011	BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH, LEVEL B	24	M,W	7:00-8:30PM	Nov. 3-Dec. 10	A-7	B. Perez	\$130
EN 012	INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH, LEVEL A	24	M,W	7:00-8:30PM	Nov. 3-Dec. 10	A-11	N. Bogdan	\$130
CH 010	BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL CHAMORRO	20	M,W	6:30-8:00PM	Sept. 22-Nov. 10	A-8	N. Taisacan	\$105
CH 011	INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL CHAMORRO	20	T, Th	6:30-8:00PM	Oct. 28-Dec. 18	A-11	N. Taisacan	\$105
CN 010	BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL MANDARIN	20	T, Th	6:00-8:00PM	Sept. 23-Oct. 23	V-110	H. Bingham	\$105
CN 012	INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL MANDARIN	20	T, Th	6:00-8:00PM	Oct. 28-Dec. 9	V-110	H. Bingham	\$105

GENERAL INTEREST

MS 011	UNDERWATER ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY	21	WED	5:30-8:30PM	Sept. 24 & Oct. 1	M-1	B. Bone	\$150
MS 012	NIGHT DIVER	14	SAT	8:00-1:00PM	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	M-1	B. Bone	\$125
MS 013	SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVER	22	M&F	5:30-9:00PM	Sept. 22 & 29	M-1	B. Bone	\$155
MS 014	DEEP DIVER	15	WED	5:30-8:30PM	Oct. 8 & 15	M-1	B. Bone	\$130
MS 015	UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER	18	SAT	8:00-1:00PM	Oct. 11-25	M-1	B. Bone	\$145
GC 040	INTRO TO BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY	22	WED	5:30-8:30PM	Oct. 22	M-1	B. Bone	\$130
GC 020	BALLET & CREATIVE MOVEMENT	12	SAT	8:00-12 Noon	Oct. 25-Nov. 8	M-1	B. Bone	\$145
GC 022-1	TACTICAL RAPPPELLING	3	WED	5:30-8:30PM	Nov. 12 & 19	M-1	B. Bone	\$145
GC 022-2	TACTICAL RAPPPELLING	3	SAT	8:00-12 Noon	Nov. 15-Dec. 6	M-1	B. Bone	\$145
GC 008	GRE Preparation: Math & Verbal	3	WED	7:00-9:00PM	Oct. 8-Nov. 26	BOR	J. Ellis	\$298
GC 009	PSAT/SAT I Preparation	12	SAT	9:00-1:00PM	Oct. 4-Dec. 20	V-108	E. Drumwright	\$70
GC 048	CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE PART I	3	SAT	2:00-5:00PM	TBA	Ladder Beach	Blanco/Camacho	\$25
GC 049	CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE PART II	3	SAT	2:00-5:00PM	TBA	Ladder Beach	Blanco/Camacho	\$25
AC 015	WATER COLOR	18	WED	6:00-9:00PM	Sept. 23-Oct. 30	TBA	E. Drumwright	\$130
AC 031	BEGINNING CALLIGRAPHY	6	T, Th	6:30-8:30PM	Sept. 23-Oct. 30	TBA	E. Drumwright	\$130
AC 032	BEGINNING MWARMWAR MAKING	3	SAT	9:00-10:30AM	Oct. 4-25	FS-1	J. Sefiane	\$45
AC 034	INTERMEDIATE MWARMWAR MAKING	3	SAT	9:00-10:30AM	Nov. 8-29	FS-1	J. Sefiane	\$45

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AC 015	WATER COLOR	18	WED	6:00-9:00PM	Nov. 5-Dec. 10	R-1	C. Adams-Scott	\$85
AC 031	BEGINNING CALLIGRAPHY	6	T, Th	6:30-8:30PM	Oct. 14-21	V-108	C. Carter	\$40
AC 032	BEGINNING MWARMWAR MAKING	3	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Oct. 18	K-2	E. Rangamar	\$15
AC 034	INTERMEDIATE MWARMWAR MAKING	3	SAT	9:00-12 Noon	Nov. 8	K-2	E. Rangamar	\$15

YOUTH CLASSES

TU 001	TUTORING: MATH, ENGLISH, READING AND WRITING	12	M&Th	4:15-5:15PM	Sept. 22-Nov. 3	V-110	B. Lambert	\$55
YP 016	SIGN LANGUAGE FOR CHILDREN	12	M&Th	4:15-5:15PM	Nov. 6-Dec. 18	V-110	B. Lambert	\$70
YP 017	ADVANCED SIGN LANGUAGE FOR CHILDREN	12	M&Th	4:15-5:15PM	Nov. 6-Dec. 18	V-110	B. Lambert	\$70

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Canada has new chief of military

OTTAWA (AP)—Gen. Maurice Baril was named Canada's military chief Wednesday and directed by the government to restore the armed forces' honor after a series of morale-sapping scandals.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien chose Baril, the army's top general, over Vice Adm. Larry Murray, who had been serving as acting defense chief.

Murray, 50, was supported by many senior officers, but had been tainted by a scandal involving alleged abuses by Canadian peacekeepers in Somalia in 1992-93.

Murray was not directly involved in the ill-fated Somalia mission, but tangled bitterly with three civilian commissioners who investigated the scandal. From the witness stand, Murray defended the officer corps and told the commissioners they misunderstand the military.

Baril, 53, became well known last year when he led a relief mis-

sion to Zaire. Earlier in 1996, he attracted national attention when he announced an investigation into alleged misconduct by Canadian troops in Bosnia. He blamed the problem on poor military leadership and promised to clean house.

As military chief, Baril promised to open the military to public scrutiny and allow soldiers to speak out more often without facing reprimand.

He served at the United Nations as a military adviser from June 1992 to July 1995, so he was not involved in the Canadian Airborne Regiment's Somalia mission in 1992-93 that had tainted Murray.

Murray was named acting chief last October after Gen. Jean Boyle resigned following nine days of grilling before the Somalia inquiry.

Chretien said Murray would leave the military and become a deputy minister in the Cabinet in November.



Eight-year-old Monica Rodriguez shows her support for outgoing Dallas Independent School Superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez at a rally outside the district's headquarters Wednesday. The supporters gathered outside the DISD School Board meeting where board members were addressing Gonzalez's resignation, which she submitted to the board Wednesday. AP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP-NMIRF97-05

The NMCI Governor and Lt. Governor, Froilan C. Tenorio and Jesus C. Borja through the NMCI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees are soliciting proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms for the Design of a Two Story Retirement Fund Building, in the Islands of Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals shall include the following:
1. Updated Standard Forms 254 and 255;
2. Design Approach and Methodology; and
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The evaluation of proposals will be based on the following factors:
1. Experience with projects of similar size and scope;
2. Past record of performance on contracts with the NMCI and other public and private agencies, in terms of control of cost, quality of work and etc.;
3. The firm's capacity to perform the work, considering the firm's current and planned work load, project staff of expertise to satisfactorily complete the scope of work and the ability to meet schedules;
4. The firm's methodology or approach for addressing the scope of work;
5. Past record of responsiveness and cooperation to clients' need;
6. Geographical location of the Architectural and Engineering firms; and
7. References from past public and private clients who can attest to the firm's ability and quality of service.

The scope of work can be obtained for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 on or after September 15, 1997, at the Fund Office located on the First Floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan.

Interested firms must submit ten (10) copies of their qualifications and proposals no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, 1997, to the office of the Administrator, NMCI Retirement Fund, Nauru Building, Ground Floor, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. Selection by the Board of Trustees will be made within 45 days after the deadline. All proposals must be submitted to the following address:

NMCI Retirement Fund
RFP 97-05
First Floor, Nauru Building
P.O. Box 1247
Saipan, MP 96950

The NMCI Retirement Fund reserves the right to reject any and all Statement of Qualifications and proposals submitted if it deems to be in the interest of the Fund.

EDWARD H. MANGLONA
Administrator

Vietnam has new leaders

By Ian Stewart

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—The Communist Party has identified Vietnam's new leadership, passing over a top military general in favor of a relative unknown for the country's presidency.

Tran Duc Luong, 60, a vice prime minister elected to the all-powerful Politburo last year, was selected to become president, a senior party official confirmed today. Luong is a mining engineer from the central Vietnamese province of Quang Ngai.

In the secretive selection process, the party's Central Committee also nominated Vice Prime

Minister Phan Van Khai, 64, to take over as the new premier. Khai, 64, is from southern Vietnam and represents interests in continued economic reform, analysts say. He spent five years during the 1960s studying economics in the Soviet Union.

"The decisions were reached over two days of informal meetings by the Central Committee," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The leadership change will be ratified by the National Assembly when it begins meeting Saturday—a formality that is little more than rubber-stamp approval by the

legislature.

In the runup to the final decision, prominent military leader Gen. Doan Khue was widely expected to become the new president. Traditionally, the presidency has represented the interests of the military within Vietnam's troika leadership that also includes the prime minister and Communist Party general secretary.

Luong's surprise nomination represents a significant concession by the influential military leadership.

Both posts became vacant when Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and President Le Duc Anh opted not to run for re-election during National

Assembly elections in July.

The leadership change will not likely represent any significant shift in party or government policy, but does reflect a move toward a younger administration.

"The change in the leadership has taken place in a normal manner," Kiet told The Associated

Press. "Whoever is elected to the top leadership will respect what the people have chosen and decided."

Outgoing President Anh, 76, was a former general in the army and promoted Marxist-Leninist orthodoxy during times of tremendous economic reform in Vietnam.

Estonia Army chief quits

TALLINN, Estonia (AP)—A third high-ranking Estonian official has offered to resign over a survival training exercise that killed 14 soldiers.

Johannes Kert's resignation offer, announced late Tuesday, must be approved by the president, who has 30 days to respond, the Baltic News Service reported.

The 14 soldiers died while trying to wade three miles across Kurgse Bay to Estonia's northwestern coast. Only eight soldiers

survived the bay's stiff winds, high waves and 59 degree water.

Kert's announcement followed a similar offer on Tuesday by Defense Minister Andrus Oovel. His resignation must be approved by the prime minister and the president.

Estonia's Defense Council, meanwhile, ruled that Oovel and Kert would continue to fulfill their duties at least until Sept. 29, when a government probe into the incident was to be completed.



U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Pete Peterson is greeted and welcomed into the home of Nguyen Danh Sinh, 70, Wednesday. Sinh was one of two men who captured Peterson when his plane was shot down near Hanoi 31 years ago. Peterson went on to spend six years during the Vietnam war in prison in Hanoi. AP

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., and the Committee for the First Annual Celebrity Wheelchair Race, wishes to extend their sincere appreciation and Dankulo na Si Yuus Maase to all the companies and individuals for their generous contribution, support and participation on the First Annual Celebrity Wheelchair Race held on September 06, 1997 at the American Memorial Park.

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Commonwealth Judicial Branch

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The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is announcing the availability of jobs at the Commonwealth Judiciary for immediate hiring of the following graded and classified positions within the courts:

POSITION/TITLE	ANNUAL COMPENSATION
1. Deputy Marshal II	\$19,511 to \$23,706
2. Deputy Marshal I (10 positions)	\$17,700 to \$21,506
3. Probation Officer II	\$24,889 to \$30,247
4. Probation Officer I	\$20,484 to \$24,889
5. Electrical Engineer III (Air-Conditioning)	\$22,577 to \$27,437
6. Electrical Engineer III (Electrician)	\$22,577 to \$27,437
7. Building Maintenance Supervisor (Carpentry/Structural)	\$19,511 to \$23,706
8. Building Maintenance Supervisor (Plumbing/Welding)	\$19,511 to \$23,706
9. Building and Grounds Maintenance Coordinator	\$15,105 to \$18,357
10. General Helper (Ungraded)	\$15,000 to \$18,191

Applications Must be Submitted to the Office of Personnel Management

Interested applicants must submit their completed applications, resumes, education and other credentials, police clearance, and other related documents to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in Garapan, Saipan. Applications for the above positions will be received and processed by OPM for determination of eligibility and other related requirements.

In addition to the above positions, the Commonwealth Judicial Branch is also informing the general public that several other ungraded positions within the courts are available for immediate hiring and include the following:

POSITION/TITLE	ANNUAL SALARY
1. Staff Attorney - Judicial Legal Counsel	\$45,000 to \$50,000
2. Clerk of Court - Supreme Court	\$45,000 to \$50,000
3. Court Controllor	\$40,000 to \$45,000
4. Law Librarian	\$35,000 to \$40,000
5. Chief Marshal	\$40,000 to \$45,000
6. Building Superintendent	\$40,000 to \$45,000
7. Assistant Bldg. Superintendent	\$30,000 to \$35,000
8. Chief Data Entry	\$35,000 to \$40,000

Applications Must be Submitted to the Office of Court Administration

Interested applicants must submit a completed application form (Form OPM-03), resume, education and other credentials, and police clearance to the Director of Courts at the 2nd floor of the Nauru Building in Susupe, Saipan no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 1997. Failure to attach these documents may result in disqualification. Late applications will not be accepted. Position descriptions and qualification requirements for the above positions are available at the Supreme Court's office.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is also soliciting sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the following items and services:

1. Court RFP-97-06: Custodial and Janitorial Services - Guma Hustisia
2. Court RFP-97-07: Computer Equipment, Printers, Accessories & Related Systems
3. Court RFP-97-08: Lanier Transcriber, Reformatter & Related Systems
4. Court RFP-97-09: Microfilm Photographic Camera, Readers & Related Systems
5. Court RFP-97-10: 1997 Mini-Van: 3-5 Units
6. Court RFP-97-11: Packing and Moving - Relocation to Guma Hustisia
7. Court RFP-97-12: Fumigation Services
8. Court RFP-97-13: Automobile Collision and Liability Insurance
9. Court RFP-97-14: Hardware & Software for Automated Employee Time Keeping & H.R.
10. Court RFP-97-15: Purchase of Used Shipping Container (Good Condition)

Specifications and Scope of Work for the above RFPs are available for pick up at the Supreme Court located at the 2nd floor of the Nauru Building in Susupe, Saipan. All proposals must be submitted with one original and five copies in a sealed envelope and marked with the respective RFP number no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 1997. The Commonwealth Judiciary reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in the proposals if determined by the court to be in its best interest.

For additional information regarding the available positions and the request for proposals, please contact Mr. Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero, Director of Courts, at 234-5175 through 5177.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation that the CUC Human Resources System shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Lower Base, Saipan is looking for applicants for the following position:

COMMUNICATION OPERATOR I (Dispatcher)

Under the general supervision of the Radio Control/Maintenance Manager, the incumbent in this position is responsible for receiving and disseminating radio and telephone messages to appropriate personnel affected. Assists receiving and relaying specific information, direction and instructions to affected personnel on the fields. Receives phone messages and relays to appropriate division of personnel affected. Receives phone messages/requests and furnishes appropriate information. Assists in performing operation maintenance on all types of available communication equipment. Performs other related duties as assigned. Minimum qualifications are any combination equivalent to high school diploma with one (1) year experience in the field of communication or related work.

STARTING SALARY: \$11,278.94 - \$13,703.64 depending on experience (plus night premium)

This announcement closes on September 23, 1997. Applications are available at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, the CUC Rota or Tinian office. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of the degree or official transcript and most recent police clearance. Successful applicants are subject to drug testing per CUC's policy.

/s/ TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Tense times in West Bank

By Laura King
BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)— They spend hours in one another's company, patrolling the dusty byways and traffic-choked main streets of this West Bank town. Taking a break, they lounge side by side in the sun, drinking tea and eating grapes together.

But make no mistake: The eight soldiers of this joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol, whose job it is to help keep peace in an unpeaceful land, are partners only up to a point.

On a narrow gravel road flanked by olive groves, with the last rays of a setting sun lighting the Bethlehem hillside above, questions about their joint mission draw frank expressions of mutual mistrust.

"Listen, they're Arabs first," said the young Israeli captain, with his Palestinian colleagues within easy earshot. "If there were trouble, they'd turn around and shoot me. I watch my back."

The Palestinian captain, a sad-eyed 50-year-old in rumpled fatigues, shook his head.

"That's his view. But everyone's nerves are on edge, and that kind of talk doesn't help," he said. "I won't speak of it, but you can see how it is. ... This is what they are like with us."

Meant to showcase Israeli-Palestinian cooperation under the 4-year-old Oslo peace accords, the joint patrols instead have become yet another sign of growing tension here.

And reflecting that, talk of pos-

sible war — including graphic scenarios of guerrilla-style battles — is taking a greater role in public debate.

"There is no longer anything fanciful about the possibility of a new war," said a commentary in Wednesday's edition of the independent Israeli daily newspaper Ha'aretz. Israel television's popular current-affairs talk show "Popolitika" devoted much of this week's airtime to the prospects for all-out fighting.

Senior Israeli military officers, in briefings this week, offered ominous commentary on matters like urban defense strategies and how to deal with guerrilla-style tactics including sniping and roadside bombs.

Earlier this summer, Israeli television reported that the army had staged an exercise simulating the retaking of crowded Palestinian-controlled cities, and concluded that casualties would be unacceptably high. Israel has turned over control of seven West Bank cities and most of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians under the Oslo accords.

"I do not think the Israelis are stupid enough to raid the Palestinian-controlled areas," said Rashid Abu Shbak, a senior Palestinian security official. "But we have to consider that this may happen. ... We should be prepared."

Both sides clearly have gotten a glimpse of the abyss of war. And so far, both have stepped back.

"There is no military solution for our conflict with the Palestinians," said Carmi Gilon, the former head of Israel's Shin Bet security service. "The tragedy of the conflict ... is that the extremists on both sides are dictating events to the majority."

But as always, one crisis



Helmeted Israeli police officers beat back with batons Palestinians Wednesday during a riot in Ras al Amud in Arab East Jerusalem. The Palestinians were protesting the takeover of two houses in the neighborhood by Jewish settlers over the weekend. AP

seems to follow on another. This week, Palestinian anger flared over Jewish settlers' occupation of two buildings in the Ras al-Amud neighborhood of east Jerusalem, the sector claimed by Palestinians as their future capital. An explosion of violence was feared if the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not move to dislodge them.

Both sides also have been harkening back to a spasm of violence one year ago, the worst clashes since the 1967 Middle East War. In that fighting, which left 80 people dead, Israelis fired on Palestinian demonstrators — and Palestinian police, who initially tried to control the protesters, turned their guns on Israelis.

"We have fears that this may happen again," said Abu Shbak, the Palestinian security officer. "You cannot prevent a Palestinian seeing Israeli soldiers shooting at demonstrators from shoot-

ing back."

In the olive grove outside Bethlehem, where the joint patrol was ending another day's work, this was a scenario both sides could all too easily envision.

If Israeli troops were firing on fellow Palestinians, "all I can say is that we would follow orders — for as long as orders came for us," said the Palestinian captain. With the start of last September's fighting, operations of the joint patrols were swiftly suspended.

As a hot breeze set the patrol's orange flags fluttering, two kids kicked a battered soccer ball. A heavily burdened donkey picked its way through a field of stones. And the Israeli captain avoided the Palestinian captain's eyes.

"You need to trust your fellow soldiers 100 percent," the Israeli said. "In a situation like that, that kind of fighting, they wouldn't be my fellow soldiers. So I don't trust them. I can't."

Arabs cool to ME biz talks

By Eileen Alt Powell

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)— Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is finding few Arabs willing to heed her plea to join Israel at a Middle East economic conference intended to bolster sagging peace efforts.

On her tour of the region this week, Albright urged Arab leaders to attend the November conference in Qatar. Their answer: Israel must sit down to talk peace before the Arabs will sit down to talk business.

The Arabs say attending the meeting would only reward Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose hard-line policies they blame for the collapse of Arab-Israeli negotiations.

"Most of us think a conference would not serve the purpose for which it is intended," said Hussein Motawi, director of the Federation of Egyptian Industries. "The degree of suspicion is very high, so there is not a good environment for business."

Rising anger with Israel also has given new impetus to an old idea — an Arab Common Market — and Arab nations are busy negotiating trade pacts that leave out the Jewish state.

Qatar, meanwhile, is gearing up for the Nov. 16-18 economic conference. The tiny Persian Gulf nation has built a conference center and leased two cruise ships to serve as hotels, even though it doesn't know how many of the 2,500 invited guests are going to show up.

Albright publicly pleaded for participation in the conference while visiting Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Neither the Egyptians nor the Gulf Cooperation Council, a group of wealthy gulf Arab states, would commit.

Most Arab countries plan to delay a decision on attending until they see whether Albright can bring Israel back into peace talks with the Palestinians and Syria.

The Qatar conference follows similar gatherings held since 1994 in Morocco, Jordan and Egypt to encourage business deals between Arabs and Israelis and bring foreign investment to the region.

The idea was that economic development would give people a stake in peace, but as the peace process has disintegrated so has business cooperation between the Arabs and Israel.

Major deals announced with great fanfare at past conferences — such as the "peace pipeline" to carry natural gas from Egypt to Israel and the Palestinian territories — have collapsed.

Moshe Nahoum, chief economist for the Israeli Industrialists Association, said Wednesday that his country would send about 100 businessmen to the Qatar conference. He added that the cold political atmosphere could undercut the meeting's usefulness.

"I really believe past conferences have helped the peace process," he told The Associated Press. "And I think it is important that people meet and see that we are not monsters."

Qatar is eager to go ahead with the conference, in part to attract investment for its energy and industrial projects. The country, about half the size of New Jersey, sits on the world's third-largest supply of natural gas.

Qatar's foreign minister, Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor Al Thani, said this week that the conference also could serve as a platform for Arabs to express their displeasure with Israel.

"We should object to the policies

of the current Israeli government," he said. "However, this should not lead us to suspend discussions with the Israelis, because I believe that this is not in our interest."

Among the Arabs, only Oman — which along with Qatar has fledgling trade ties with Israel — has agreed to attend the conference. Saudi Arabia,

Qatar's oil-rich neighbor, has gone so far as to call for the meeting to be canceled.

Syria, which boycotted all the previous gatherings, has been lobbying hard for the 22-member Arab League to adopt a united position to stay away. Syria was expected to raise the issue at a weekend meeting in Cairo

of league foreign ministers.

The league, meanwhile, is preparing for the January launch of its Arab Market for Free Trade, which will work toward unifying customs and liberalizing trade. The project aims to eventually create a common market like that in Europe among the Arabs.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

CUC IFB 97-0039

September 3, 1997

EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Middle Road Sewer Reconnection, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sealed bids shall be identified on the outside of the envelope by the invitation for bids number CUC IFB 97-0039. One (1) original and five copies of the bids will be accepted at the Office of the Manager, Material Management, CUC, at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time on September 24, 1997 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A bid guarantee of 10 percent of the total price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or other form acceptable to the CNMI Government made payable to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business Permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms, available on or after September 9, 1997 at the Wastewater Division Office, located at Sadog Tasi, Saipan. A pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled for 9:30 A.M., local time, September 15, 1997 at the Wastewater Division Conference room, at Sadog Tasi, Saipan.

The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the necessary funding and/or required approval to enter into legally binding arrangements to complete the entire project.

Attention is called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI classification and Salary Structure Plans and that payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages set forth in the Specification must be paid on this project.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Edward Babauta, Wastewater Division Project engineer at telephone number (670) 322-6706/7179.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ

Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

CUC IFB 97-0040

September 3, 1997

EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Oleai Elementary School Sewer Line, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sealed bids shall be identified on the outside of the envelope by the invitation for bids number CUC IFB 97-0040. One (1) original and five copies of the bids will be accepted at the Office of the Manager, Material Management, CUC, at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 P.M., local time on September 23, 1997 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A bid guarantee of 10 percent of the total price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or other form acceptable to the CNMI Government made payable to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business Permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A non-refundable payment of \$100.00 is required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms, available on or after September 8, 1997 at the Wastewater Division Office, located at Sadog Tasi, Saipan. A pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled for 9:30 A.M., local time, September 16, 1997 at the Wastewater Conference Room, at Sadog Tasi, Saipan.

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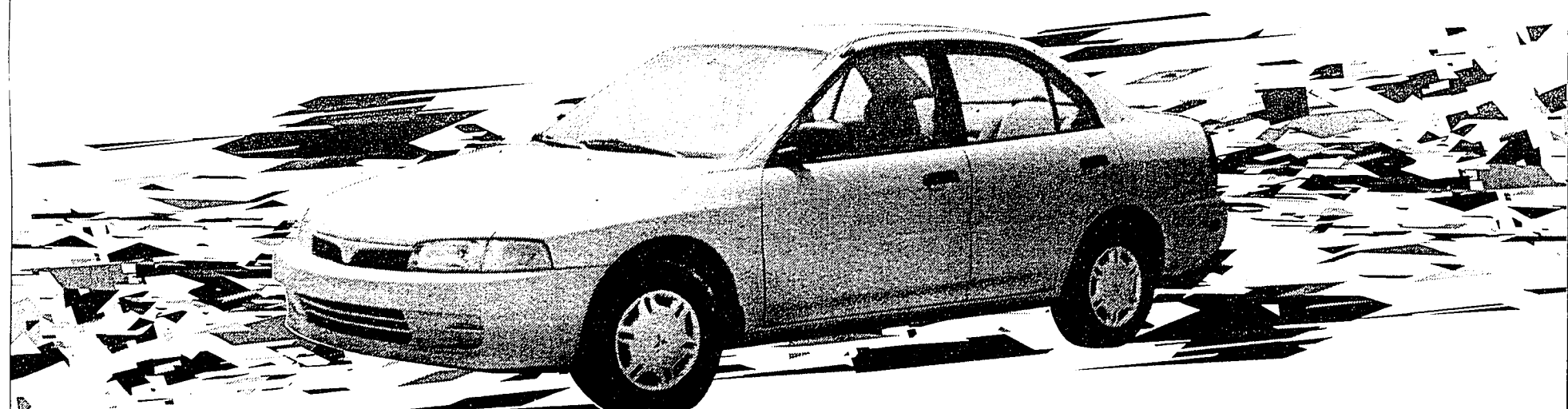
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U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (left) chats with the Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bweiz at the Presidential Palace in Baabda, southeast of Beirut Monday. Albright arrived on an unannounced visit at the end of a regional tour aimed at getting Arab-Israeli peace negotiations back on track. AP

Iraq inspection worries UN

By Robert H. Reid

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council expressed "grave concern" Wednesday over a pair of recent incidents in which Iraqi officials may have endangered the safety of U.N. weapons monitors by hindering their investigation of two military bases.

But Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun, sought to minimize the incidents, describing them as "small logistical problems." He said Iraq fully intended to cooperate with the inspectors.

The investigators were trying to determine if Iraq has complied with U.N. orders to scrap nuclear, biologi-

cal and chemical weapons programs and long range missiles.

On Tuesday, chief weapons inspector Richard Butler said Iraqis held up his team at two undisclosed sites, possibly to give them time to hide incriminating information. U.N. diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, later identified the sites

as two military camps north of the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

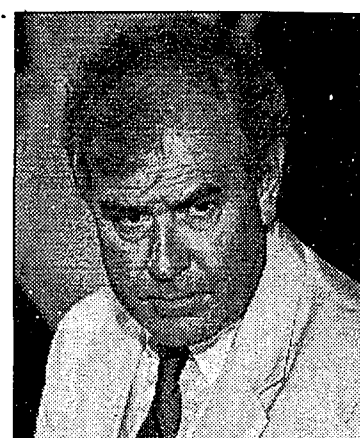
The 15-member council met behind closed doors Wednesday to hear a report by Butler, a former Australian ambassador to the United Nations. After the meeting, U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson, who is serving as president of the council for this month, said in one of the incidents, "Iraq actions endangered the safety of (U.N.) personnel inside a helicopter." He did not elaborate.

Richardson said the council would await a full report from Butler's team next month before deciding on any response.

On Oct. 11, the team must tell the council whether Iraq has honored its promises to stop harassing U.N. inspectors. Until the team certifies compliance, the council will not lift crippling economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after President Saddam Hussein sent his forces into Kuwait in 1990, touching off the Persian Gulf conflict.

The council has threatened to add new sanctions if the October report finds the Iraqis are still interfering with inspectors.

U.N. diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz "categori-

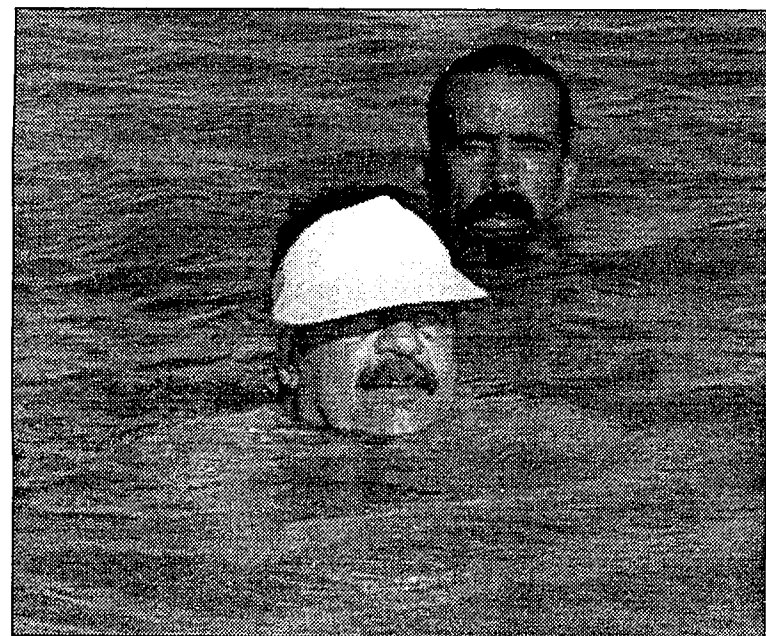


Richard Butler

cally denies" that any documents were removed from the sites to avoid detection by the inspectors. He made the denial in a letter to Butler, the diplomats said.

The diplomats told reporters Wednesday that the first incident occurred on Saturday at a military camp 135 miles north of Baghdad. The second took place Monday at another garrison, 50 miles north of the Iraqi capital.

Hamdoun said any movement inside the camps was simply to alert soldiers in the sprawling garrisons that they should cease activity until the inspection was over.



President Saddam Hussein, foreground, swims in the Tigris river from its eastern shore to the western shore three times on Tuesday in this picture provided by the official Iraqi News Agency. The swim took place on the anniversary of the president crossing the river in 1959 after participating in a failed attempt to assassinate then prime minister Abdul Karim Kassim. Man in background is unidentified. AP

Land mine opponents praise accord on ban

By Doug Mellgren

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Activists pushing a treaty to ban land mines that target humans praised the 89 nations who endorsed a strict version of the accord Wednesday despite objections an intense lobbying by the United States.

The United States failed in its effort to insert changes in the pact, including delaying its start and allowing countries to withdraw if attacked, and rejected the treaty after an emotional day of last-minute negotiations.

Ban supporters were disappointed the United States did not sign on, but many were glad the treaty was not watered down. The United States may yet be persuaded to join, they said, and the treaty will have positive

effects even without U.S. support.

The International Committee of the Red Cross called the vote "a victory for humanity."

"We won. No, make that the world won," said Jody Williams, a leader of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which says about 26,000 people are killed or maimed by mines every year, about 80 percent of them civilians.

An estimated 100 million to 300 million anti-personnel mines are deployed in about 60 countries worldwide, often killing or crippling people decades after a conflict has ended. Momentum for a ban increased with the death of Princess Diana, who had been a high-profile anti-mine campaigner.

Protestants rejoin Irish talks



Ulster Unionists from left Jeffrey Donaldson, Ken Maginnis, leader David Trimble and deputy leader John Taylor faces the media, Wednesday before entering Stormont Castle Buildings with other Unionists and Loyalists. The Unionist returned to the forum for peace talks the day after an unknown group set off a bomb in Markethill, 35 miles southwest of Belfast. AP

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The main Protestant party in Northern Ireland returned to the scene of multi-party peace talks Wednesday, bringing most of the main players under one roof for the first time ever.

Real negotiations, however, were still in the distance.

The Ulster Unionist still wasn't talking to Sinn Fein, the party allied to the Irish Republican Army. But when they do, they say they will stress their resolute opposition to the Sinn Fein/IRA goal of a united Ireland, or anything that smacks of it.

"We have no illusions about the character of Sinn Fein. We have not invited them to the table but we are not afraid of them," said Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. His party walked out of the con-

ference venue Monday in protest when Sinn Fein was admitted to the negotiations for the first time.

It came back despite the large bomb that was detonated Tuesday in Markethill, 35 miles (55 kms) southwest of Belfast, an attack which Trimble blamed on the IRA. The IRA denied responsibility.

"We will not run away from them. We are not there to negotiate with them but to confront them—to expose their fascist character," Trimble said.

At this point, the Ulster Unionists aren't even prepared to join Sinn Fein at a lunch table. The party boycotted a luncheon sponsored by the Confederation of British Industry on Wednesday because they had not been told that

Sinn Fein would be there.

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams welcomed the Ulster Unionists decision to return to the talks. "I hope they are here to come into the room with the rest of us and stop this play-acting we have seen for some considerable time," Adams said.

The Ulster Unionists were joined by two small parties — the Ulster Democratic Party and the Progressive Unionist Party — which are associated with pro-British paramilitary groups.

In Washington, the Clinton administration lauded the parties' decision to rejoin the

talks.

"The leaders who made this decision showed both courage in rejecting the extremists who resort to violence and a real commitment to the effort to find a peaceful solution to the conflict in Northern Ireland," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID DPW97-ITB-029

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Department of Public Works and in conjunction with the Civil Service Commission, are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation and Extension of the Civil Service Commission Office, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of Director, Division of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, September 24, 1997 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 4466."

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his business permits in compliance with the licensing laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after Monday, September 15, 1997 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) is required for each set; payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer, credit Account No. 4466. Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time, Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, Gualo Rai Office.

Attention is called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's checks which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, Instructions to Bidders, section 5 "Bid Guarantee"

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX
Acting Secretary of Public Works

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Executive Director, Civil Service Commission.

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Director, Procurement & Supply

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of a duty-free gift shop and merchandise concession at the new Tinian International Airport that is being planned for construction.

Proposal package can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950 or at the Ports Manager Conference Room at the West Tinian Airport on Tinian. A set of the proposal package may be obtained for \$100.00. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. A pre-bid conference shall be held on Friday, September 26, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the West Tinian Airport Ports Manager's Conference Room, on Tinian.

All proposals shall be submitted to the Commonwealth Ports Authority by no later than 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 10, 1997, in order to be considered for the award. All proposals shall be publicly opened on Friday, October 10, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the West Tinian Airport Ports manager's Conference Room, on Tinian.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals in accordance with Section 4.1 of the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Dated this 11 day of September, 1997, at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG
Chairman, CPA Board of Directors

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport is looking for individuals for the following positions:

Three (3) Fire Fighters Three (3) Custodial Workers One (1) Building Maintenance

Fire Fighters: The employee in this class is responsible to aircraft rescue operations, fire fighting scenes or emergency situations while developing rescue and fire fighting skills in preparation for high level assignments. The minimum qualifications for this job is graduation from high school or GED, passes tests and exams for basic aircraft rescue and fire fighting courses within the established training period and meets all CPA requirements under probationary employment status. Experience is not necessary. The minimum pay level is PL 22, or \$610 bi-weekly.

Custodial I: The employee is responsible for performing clean up procedures and carrying out the activities of the Custodial Department, including general clean up of all areas of the main and commuter terminal building complex. The minimum qualification is graduation from high school or GED and a strong desire to establish a career within CPA. No experience necessary. The minimum pay level is PL 12, or \$472 bi-weekly.

General Maintenance 1: The employee is responsible for performing daily-scheduled repairs and maintenance procedures and specific phases of special projects as directed by supervisors. This class is also responsible for developing skills in preparation for more difficult repairs and maintenance assignments. The minimum qualifications are any combination equivalent to graduation from high school or GED and a two-year degree or equivalent in certification in a related field from an accredited U.S. College or trade school. The minimum pay is PL 14, or 478.14 bi-weekly.

Application forms are available at the Ports Police office on the first floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office on the second floor of the same building. Application forms must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of application is September 19, 1997 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Tel: 664-3500

/s/ REGINO M. CELIS
Airport Manager
Saipan International Airport

Parts of 2nd car found at Diana crash scene

PARIS (AP) — Police investigating the crash that killed Princess Diana are examining parts of a second car that were found at the scene of the accident, a police source said Wednesday.

Pieces of a tail light and traces of paint that are usually not part of the Mercedes that carried Diana were found at the scene and are being tested in a police laboratory, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Investigators are considering the possibility that a second car was involved in the Aug. 31 accident that took the life of Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul, the source said.

Scientists working with the respected Criminal Brigade of the national police have determined that the pieces of the tail light belonged to a Fiat car, but have not determined the year or model, the source said. Investigators may eventually question owners of Fiat cars that were in



Princess Diana

Paris at the time, he said.

Traces of paint not used in Mercedes cars were found on the rear-view mirror of Diana's Mercedes, the source said. The investigation thus far has focused on the speed the car was traveling, the drunken state of the Mercedes' driver and the role played by photographers who were pursuing the Mercedes once it left Paris' Ritz Hotel.

In Celebration of the Life of **CONNIE FLEMING POWER**

*who passed away on September 15, 1997,
Family and Friends meet daily at noon and at 8:00PM
to share prayers at the Tinian Health Center.*

CONNIE will be buried on September 22, 1997 at sunset.

*Public viewing will begin at 8:00AM at Mr & Mrs. Alfred Fleming's residence in Marpo. Lisayu
and Responso at 12:00 noon followed by Christian Burial mass at 3:00 pm at the San Jose
Church.*

*Connie is survived by her husband, Donald James Power, Daughter, Liza Michelle and Son,
Jarred James.*

Parents: Alfred Flores Fleming & Rosalia Aldan Fleming

Mother-in-Law: Patricia Alice Power, New Zealand

Grandmother: Consolacion Flores Fleming

Brothers, Sisters and their Spouses:

Anuncia A. & Alfonso Reyes, Tinian
Carmen A. Aquino, Tinian
James A. & Constanza M. Fleming, Tinian
Ellen F. Ikehara, Tinian
Mike A. & Esther S. Fleming, Saipan
Thomas A. & Ella Fleming, Hawaii
Deborah F. & Barney Clark, Tinian

Sisters in Law and their Spouses:

Leigh P. & Des Young, New Zealand
Ann P. & Alex Scott, New Zealand
Beth P. & Warick Lloyd, New Zealand

Extended Family:

Henry M. & Petra Adriano Cabrera & Children

*Connie is additionally survived by numerous
aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many
dear friends.*



US mulls choice of Mexico envoy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With William Weld out of the running, White House officials said Wednesday they wouldn't have a second-choice ambassador to Mexico until next year.

"Given the reality of the vetting process, we might be able to begin narrowing down the list, but it would be highly unlikely we would be able to forward a name to the Senate prior to their adjournment for the year," White House press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters.

Routine security background checks can take six to eight weeks, McCurry said. Congress is expected to adjourn early in November until January or February.

The Mexico City post has been vacant since Jim Jones, a political

appointee, resigned at the end of June.

Clinton is confident that lower-level U.S. embassy staff could, in the interim, ably handle diplomatic relations in Mexico City, said McCurry.

"We've got a great group of Foreign Service career professionals down there, and I think we've got certainly adequate mechanisms in place to continue an important bilateral dialogue," he said.

Clinton had nominated Weld, the former GOP governor of Massachusetts, to serve in Mexico but his confirmation was blocked by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. After a bitter and protracted controversy, Weld asked that his nomination be withdrawn.

4TH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

The family of the late

**JOSE
PALACIOS
AQUINO**



Invites all relatives and friends to daily masses offered starting September 19 to September 27, 1997 at Kristo Rai Church every morning at 6:00 a.m. Daily rosary will be said every evening at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Juan Aquino in Chian Town. The final rosary will be said at 5:00 p.m. at Mr. & Mrs. Juan and Marylee Aquino at China Town. Mass on the final day will be at 6:00 PM at Kristo Rai Church.

Your prayers and warm thoughts of our beloved one are greatly appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. Juan and Marylee Palacios-Aquino

Ninth Anniversary

In memory of our beloved mother,



**Teresa
Rabago
Aguon**

We the children, invite our relatives and friends to pray with us as we commemorate the Ninth Anniversary of Teresa Rabago Aguon's journey into eternal life. Join us during the 6:00 a.m. mass at the Chalan Kanoa Basilica from September 17-25th. Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 1997, at the residence of Santiago Santos Aguon in Susupe.

First Anniversary Rosary

**JERRY
BERMUDES
CRUZ**



*We, the family of the late JERRY BERMUDES CRUZ
would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us
for the First Anniversary Rosary of our son
beginning Monday, September 22, 1997.*

*Nightly rosary will be said at 8:00 PM at the residence
of Mr. & Mrs. Max Cruz in Capitol Hill. On the final day
Sept. 30, 1997, Mass will be at Kristo Rai Church at 5:00PM.*

*Dinner will follow immediately at the residence of Mr. & Mrs.
Max Cruz in Capitol Hill.*

*Please join us in prayers.
Thank you
The Family*

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**JOSEPHA
CEPEDA
SANCHEZ**

Born on May 10, 1910
Familian "Josepha Goyu"
was called to her eternal rest on Monday,
September 15, 1997, at the age of 87.



In her death, she now joins her:

Husband: Nicolas Aguon Sanchez; **Mother:** Soledad Torres Cepeda;
Daughter: Margarita Sanchez Castro; **Grand Daughter:** Dolores Sanchez.

She is survived by her:

Children & Spouses: Catalina & Juan Dela Cruz;
Peding & Franz Reksid;

Reared: Maria & (Kaleb Dembei-deceased);

Son-in-law: Thomas B. Castro

She is additionally survived by 24 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Nightly Rosary is being said at 8:00PM at Peding C. Sanchez Residence in Chalan Kanoa District 3. Last respects will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 at the Chalan Kanoa residence from 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on the same day at 4:00PM. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral, and Burial will follow thereafter at the Mount Carmel Cemetery.



Saipan Cable TV

TV SAIPAN LOG

5 AM

- 4 Home Again With Bob Villa (30m)
5 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
6 TV Com (30m)
7 MBC: News Desk (30m)
8 World Headlines
9 MAX: MOVIE: "Deep Down 1994 (Repeat) (1h25m)
10 Teyal Ng Tahuan
11 31 34 35 46 50 55 56 59 Paid Program
12 Dick Van Dyke - sitcom
13 Soul of VH1 - Rhythm and blues
14 Smurfs
15 David the Gnome
16 Choices We Face
17 ESPNews (Repeat) (30m)
18 History Showcase
19 CNBC Programming (1h)
20 Pettolet Junction - sitcom
21 New Yankee Workshop
3 Paid Program (30m)
4 Donald Duck Quack-Up Professor Ludwig von Drake discusses the practical way to raise children with his latest book "Kids Is Kids." (Repeat) (CC) (30m)
5 5:30
6 Court T.V.: Inside America's Courts (30m)
7 Main Floor (30m)
8 Paid Program
9 World Report
10 Philippines Tonight
20 31 34 35 46 50 55 56 59 Paid Program
21 Plaza Sesame
22 Nick News (CC)
23 Bloomberg Information Television
24 New Videos - Rock
25 Smurfs
26 Madison's Adventures Growing Up Wild "Fuzzy Wuzzy Buns"
27 Get a Life in Comedy
28 ESPNews (Repeat) (30m)
29 Ed Sullivan - Variety
30 House Doctor
31 5:51
32 MOVIE: Comedy (The Bonobos) 1950 (1h30m)
33 5:55
34 Paid Program (25m)

6 AM

- 2 What About Your Friends? Three young African-American women face difficult decisions as they prepare to enter college. (Repeat) (CC) (1h)
3 Field Trip (30m)
4 The Today Show (Via Satellite Delay) (2h)
5 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
6 Nick News (30m)
7 ICH: Noddy 2001 (Japanese) (1h)
8 World News
9 Mickey's Mouse Tracks (CC)
10 Adventures of Oliver Twist
11 TBA
12 Music Videos - Variety
13 To Be Announced
14 Sesame Street (CC)
15 Beelzebub
16 Bloomberg Information Television
17 New Videos - Rock
18 Golf Academy Live Scheduled: golf instructor Jackie Bortom (Repeat) (1h)
19 34 35 55 56 59 Paid Program
20 Tom and Jerry Kids
21 Little Star "Helo Goes Cuckoo Bob's Spaceship"
22 Evening at the Improv
23 Lasse Lasse
24 Divine Mercy Chapel
25 ESPNews (Repeat) (30m)
26 Once Upon a Time... Man
27 CNBC Programming (1h)
28 Graham Kerr
29 White Shadow - Drama
30 Collectibles Show - Collectibles
31 Club Dance - Dance
32 House Doctor
33 Cable Karaoke (2h)
34 6:15
35 SHO: MOVIE: Canadian Bacon 1995 (PG-1h15m) (CC)
36 TMC: MOVIE: The First Time 1959 (4h-1h30m)
37 More Reflections
38 P.E.T.V. (30m)
39 Wild About Animals (30m)
40 Insight
41 Saipan Cable News (Repeat Friday's Edition)
42 Donald's Quack Attack (CC)
43 MAX: MOVIE: The Late Show 1977 (PG-1h34m) (CC)
44 All Dogs Go to Heaven: The Series
45 Indo-Pak Week
46 Muppet Babies
47 34 35 55 56 59 Paid Program
48 Taz-Mania
49 Roly and Me: Interested in Insects? (CC)
50 Spirit Of Adventure
51 Rosary International
52 Once Upon a Time... the Americas
53 Great Chefs of Hawaii
54 Your New House
55 In Food Today - Health
56 Sacred Heart Litany

7 AM

- 2 Inventors' Special A courageous boy comes to Leonardo da Vinci's rescue when the renowned Renaissance inventor almost gives up on his dream of flying. (Repeat) (CC) (1h)
3 Beakman's World (CC)
4 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
5 The Jungle Book's Jungle Cubs (30m)
6 ICH: The Variety (1h)
7 World Business Today
8 Shipley
9 CNBC Programming (1h)
10 Crispy Permutate
11 Dragon Ball Z
12 Portuguese Entertainment
13 Taz-Mania
14 Inspector Gadget's Field Trip "Washington, D.C." (CC)
15 CNBC Programming (1h)
16 Home Matters
17 Grind - Dance
18 Healthweek - Health (CC)
19 Blue's Clues
20 Paid Program
21 Pop-Up Video - Rock
22 Tom and Jerry
23 Biba's Italian Kitchen
24 Vet's School Spirit (1h)
25 Religious Catalogue
26 Addams Family - Sitcom
27 Company of Animals - Pets
28 Mystery World "Strange Skies"
29 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
30 The Bugs Bunny And Tweety Show (1h)
31 ICH: ASAP (Tagalog) (1h)
32 World News
33 Timmy & Lasse
34 Rosary Crusade
35 Really Wild Animals - Nature (CC)
36 Mr. Cupido
37 Nonstop Country
38 Spider-Man (CC)
39 CTV Drama
40 Sports (Repeat) (30m)
41 Storytime (CC)
42 Little Bear
43 Paid Program
44 Muppet Babies
45 Sisters - Drama (CC)
46 George of the Jungle
47 MOVIE: Comedy (High Stakes 1987) (2h)
48 ICH: ASAP (Tagalog) (1h)
49 What's Your Hobby?
50 Tamales World Tour - Cooking
51 Golf Central (Repeat) (30m)
52 Everyday Workout
53 Stupid Dogs
54 MOVIE: Horror (Man-Made Monster 1941) (1h30m)
55 Pappylard "Best Doodler in the Land"
56 Classroom "So You Want to Be a Writer? No. 2"
57 Saipan
58 Edith Stein A profile of Edith Stein, the Jewish convert and philosopher and follower of Saint Teresa of Avila. (Repeat) (1h30m)
59 Worldwide Soccer (Repeat) (30m)
60 Inspector Gadget's Field Trip "Washington, D.C." (CC)
61 CNBC Programming (1h)
62 Home Matters

5:00AM-4:00PM

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- 2 HBO: MOVIE: "House Arrest 1996 (PG-1h48m) (CC)
3 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
4 World News
5 Folklore Travels (40m)
6 Saipan Cable News (Repeat Friday Edition) (30m)
7 Kids View (30m)
8 Homebodies
9 Columbus "Troubled Waters"
10 Paid Program
11 World Over: Catholic News
12 Weapons at War "Tanks"
13 CNBC Programming (1h)
14 TBA
15 Video Music Awards Previews A preview of the upcoming Video Music Awards from New York's Radio City Music Hall. (Repeat) (1h30m)
16 To Be Announced
17 Great American Desserts
18 Little Bear
19 MOVIE: Suspense (The Madding 1995) (CC) (2h)
20 Main Ingredient
21 SWAT Kats: The Radical Squadron
22 Whose Line Is It Anyway? - Comedy
23 Ripley's Believe It or Not!
24 Wedding Story "Tama & Chris"
25 Quincy "No Deadly Secret"
26 UPN Movie
27 Defending Life
28 Weapons at War "Aircraft Carriers"
29 CNBC Programming (1h)
30 Discovery News
31 Green Acres - Sitcom
32 Life Goes On - Drama (CC)
33 Aileen's Crafts
34 Great Interiors
35 Taste
36 Cable Karaoke (2h)
37 12:30
38 TMC: MOVIE: Aces: Iron Eagle III 1992 (Repeat) (1h30m) (CC)
39 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures (30m)
40 Showbiz Today - Entertainment News
41 Safari (1h)
42 Conan
43 Piracy Blockbusters
44 International Sports (20mins)
45 Frugal Gourmet
46 Wings "Wings Over Vietnam"
47 Room 22
48 Dynasty - Drama
49 Super Friends
50 Wildhorse Saloon
51 Wedding Story "Kim & Ryan"
52 Rosary in the Holy Land
53 Motorcycle Racing AMA Motocross. From Birmingham, AL. (Tagalog) (2h)
54 World of Wonder
55 Phil Silvers
56 Urban Gardener
57 Essence of Emeli
58 You're the Top: The Cole Porter Story Interviews and film clips document the legendary composer's contributions to the musical theater and Hollywood. (Repeat) (1h)
59 12:45
60 Language Topics (15m)
61 SHO: MOVIE: All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 1996 (G-1h20m) (CC)
62 12:45
63 Faith Matters
64 12:55
65 Weather Report (5m)

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- 4 To Be Announced (2h)
5 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
6 The Extremists (30m)
7 ICH: Light of Asia (Indian) (1h)
8 World News
9 News at Noon (15m)
10 Double Dragon
11 Growing Pains - Sitcom (CC)
12 MAX: MOVIE: I Think Big 1990 (PG-13-1h26m)
13 To the Contrary
14 Allie's Window
15 Supermarket Sweep
16 Thunderscats
17 Daily Show
18 Gardening Naturally "Natural Landscaping Techniques"
19 House of Style - Lifestyle
20 Cao Italia
21 Wubulous World of Dr. Seuss (CC)
22 Pacific Blue - Adventure (CC)
23 Greatest Hits of Music Video - Rock
24 Our Home
25 Centurions
26 Saturday Night Live - Variety (CC)
27 Dark Shadows - Horror
28 Jon. My Friend Flicka
29 Pet Department - Pets (CC)
30 Dallas - Drama
31 Gardeners' Diary
32 Mito Mario
33 Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "The Hidden Enemy"
34 1:01
35 MOVIE: Comedy (On the Riviera 1951) (2h)
36 Mystery, Magic & Miracles - Investigative
37 Weapons at War "Mechanized Forces"
38 CNBC Programming (1h)
39 Mysterious World "Strange Skies"
40 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
41 Dobie Gillis - Sitcom
42 Lost & Found - Profile
43 Club Dance - Dance
44 Carol Duvall
45 Dining Around
46 MOVIE: Western (The Cattlepate Cattle Company 1972) (2h)
47 Nonstop Country
48 1:10
49 MOVIE: Drama (Claudine 1974) (2h)
50 Sports (Repeat) (30m)
51 Looking For Today (25m)
52 1:12
53 Jetsons Meet the Flintstones A malfunctioning time machine sends the Jetsons back to the Stone Age, where they meet the Flintstones and the Rubbles. (Repeat) (CC) (1h40m)
54 1:13
55 Weird Al (CC)
56 ABC Weekend Special (30m)
57 Saturday Art Museum (20m)
58 Jim Henson's Animal Show (30m)
59 X-Men (CC)
60 Daria - Comedy
61 New American Cuisine
62 Gullit: Gullit Island
63 Pirates of Dark Water
64 Dark Shadows - Horror
65 Great Country Inns "Twin Dolphins - Mexico"
66 Invention
67 Hogan's Heroes - Sitcom
68 Baseball, Minnesota Dory Strawberry and Jack Morris discuss the difference between baseball and Major League Professional league baseball. (Repeat) (30m)
69 Carol Duvall
70 Dining Around
71 South Bank Show - Profile
72 1:15
73 MAX: MOVIE: (Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie 1996 (PG-13-1h31m) (CC)
74 1:15
75 Songs For Everyone (5m)

2 PM

- 2 HBO: MOVIE: (A Very Brady Sequel 1996 (PG-13-1h29m) (CC)
3 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
4 Sports (Repeat) (30m)
5 ICH: Aspidochelone (Indian) (1h)
6 World News
7 ABC's World of Sports (30m)
8 Lighter Side of Sports (30m)
9 World Report
10 Animals A-Z (1h)
11 Adventures Of... Rex
12 Growing Pains - Sitcom (CC)
13 MTV Video Music Awards From Radio City Music Hall in New York. Chris Rock hosts the 1997 awards. (Repeat) (2h)
14 Follow the Money - Government (CC)
15 Rupert
16 Pop-Up Video - Rock
17 Debi
18 Super Adventures
19 Dr. Katz, Professional Therapist - Comedy
20 Freakazoid
21 Homeless "Log Cabin" Interior Finishing"
22 Movie Magic "Fast and Furious"
23 Lone Ranger - Western
24 Superheroes - Collectibles
25 Gardener's Journal
26 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
27 Suppique a Sainte Jeanne D'Arc
28 Weapons at War "Bombers"
29 CNBC Programming (1h)
30 Destination Mars Technology could bring science fiction to life with the possibility of a manned mission to Mars. (Repeat) (1h)
31 Devlin Connection - Crime Drama (CC)
32 Fall Guy - Adventure
33 Ang TV - Cebu (30m)
34 At the Auction
35 Dukes of Hazzard - Adventure
36 Making Me Laugh
37 Law & Order: The Pursuit of Happiness (CC)
38 Voyages of Faith
39 Whistleblowing: The Kids - Sitcom
40 Room for Change
41 Gymnastics U.S. Championships - Men's All-Around. From Denver. (Repeat) (CC) (1h)
42 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
43 KRCA: Paid Program
44 World News
45 Growing Pains - Sitcom (CC)
46 SHO: MOVIE: (Mrs. Winterbourne 1996 (PG-13-1h44m)
47 Sang Linggo Napa Sila (Repeat)
48 Cantonese Movie Theater
49 To Be Announced
50 TMC: MOVIE: (Panther 1995 (Repeat) (2h4m) (CC)
51 Supermarket Sweep
52 Drama On - Sitcom
53 Twilight Zone - Fantasy (CC)
54 Life After Death: Personal Experiences People who have had near-death experiences and the struggle of scientists to find biological explanations for them. (1h)
55 Quincy "No Deadly Secret"
56 The Family
57 Palma and the Family
58 CNBC Programming (1h)
59 Helicopter Tech Designs for the modern helicopter date back to drawings from as early as 500 years ago. (Repeat) (1h)
60 Joanne Loves Chachi - Sitcom
61 501 Jump Street - Crime Drama (CC)
62 Banat Yusup Sulung Mindanao (BVSIM) Mayang
63 Hapon Susbo Level (1h)
64 Prime Time Country - Variety (CC)
65 Room by Room
66 Amazing America - Profile
67 Feminism & Femininity: A Catholic Perspective
68 Dobie Gillis - Sitcom
69 Awesome Interiors
70 Dining Around
71 NBC Nightly News 6:30
72 World News Saturday (30m)
73 Future Talk - Science Fiction
74 HOO 2001
75 House of Style - Lifestyle
76 To Be Announced
77 California's Gold - Travel
78 Clarissa Explains It All - Sitcom (CC)
79 MOVIE: Horror (The Tommyknockers Part 2 of 2) 1993 (CC) (2h)
80 To Be Announced
81 Supermarket Sweep
82 Jetsons
83 Drama On - Sitcom
84 Twilight Zone - Fantasy (CC)
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Saturday TV

Saturday TV

5:00PM-4:30AM

- 20 Paid Program
21 Video Music Awards (Repeat Friday's Edition)
22 Video Music Awards Ceremony. (Repeat) (30m)
23 Homeless
24 Sex Appeal
25 Bugs & Daffy
26 "Homeless" "Bathrooms" "Pough-Ins"
27 Snaz (1h)
28 Collectible Treasures - Collectibles

5 PM

- 4 NFL Run to Daylight/NFL's Fastest Man Select NFL players participate in an all-around competition. (Repeat) (1h)
5 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
6 KRCA: Daily Taiwanese News (Mandarin) (30m)
7 World News
8 Video Music Awards Winners' Spotlight (Repeat) (1h)
9 P & A
10 Paid Program
11 Video Music Awards Winners' Spotlight (Repeat) (1h)
12 New Yankee Workshop (CC)
13 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (CC)
14 6-Track Flashback
15 Golf Academy Live Scheduled: Rina Risolo. (Repeat) (1h)
16 Swamp and Tad
17 Six Million Dollar Man - Science Fiction
18 Hunt for Amazing Treasures "WWII Fighter/Dino Bones"
19 Mike Hammer "Torch Song"
20 Star Trek: Voyager
21 Mother Angelica Encore
22 MOVIE: Drama (The Plot to Kill Hitler 1950) (2h)
23 CNBC Programming (1h)
24 Wild Discovery "The Leopard That Changed Its Spots"
25 Detectives - Crime Drama
26 A-Team - Adventure (CC)
27 Championship Rodeo: Top highlights of bronc and bull riding from Mesquite, Texas, and bull riding from the PBR tour. (Repeat) (1h)
28 Michael's Place - Cooking
29 Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "The Bucket Dog"
30 Fire Rescue
31 Big Ticket
32 BRV: MOVIE: (Let Him Have It 1991) (Repeat) (1h35m)
33 5:01
34 MOVIE: Comedy (The Man With One Red Shoe 1985) (2h)
35 5:10
36 Fat Cats
37 5:20
38 Bloo's Gang
39 5:30
40 Making of Chain Reaction A behind-the-scenes look at the theatrical trailer starring Keanu Reeves and Morgan Freeman. (Repeat) (CC) (30m)
41 KRCA: Information Station (Mandarin) (30m)
42 Style - Lifestyle
43 Pectetora
44 Siskel & Ebert - Entertainment News (CC)
45 This Old House (CC)
46 The Rock House (CC)
47 Pop-Up Video - Rock
48 Golden Girls - Sitcom (CC)
49 Flintstones (CC)
50 Amazing America "War Games"
51 Fantasy Squad
52 Ang TV - Drama (30m)
53 Aweome Interiors
54 Dining Around
55 5:50
56 TMC: MOVIE: (The Tie That Binds 1995 (Repeat) (1h30m) (CC)
57 5:55
58 SHO: MOVIE: (The American President 1995 (PG-13-1h33m) (CC)

6 PM

- 2 HBO: MOVIE: (Mission: Impossible 1996 (PG-13-1h50m) (CC)
3 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
4 Jeopardy! News (30m)
5 KRCA: The Capital (Mandarin) (1h)
6 World News
7 Chameleon News (Live) (30m)
8 Game Na Game Na
9 Growing Pains - Sitcom (CC)
10 Adventures of Sinbad - Adventure (CC)
11 HOO 2001
12 House of Style - Lifestyle
13 To Be Announced
14 California's Gold - Travel
15 Clarissa Explains It All - Sitcom (CC)
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- 2 HBO: MOVIE: (Mission: Impossible 1996 (PG-13-1h50m) (CC)
3 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
4 Jeopardy! News (30m)
5 KRCA: The Capital (Mandarin) (1h)
6 World News
7 Chameleon News (Live) (30m)
8 Game Na Game Na
9 Growing Pains - Sitcom (CC)
10 Adventures of Sinbad - Adventure (CC)
11 HOO 2001
12 House of Style - Lifestyle
13 To Be Announced
14 California's Gold - Travel
15 Clarissa Explains It All - Sitcom (CC)
16 MOVIE: Horror (The Tommyknockers Part 2 of 2) 1993 (CC) (2h)
17 To Be Announced
18 Supermarket Sweep
19 Jetsons
20 Drama On - Sitcom
21 Twilight Zone - Fantasy (CC)
22 Life After Death: Personal Experiences People who have had near-death experiences and the struggle of scientists to find biological explanations for them. (1h)
23 Quincy "No Deadly Secret"
24 The Family
25 Palma and the Family
26 CNBC Programming (1h)
27 Helicopter Tech Designs for the modern helicopter date back to drawings from as early as 500 years ago. (Repeat) (1h)
28 Joanne Loves Chachi - Sitcom
29 501 Jump Street - Crime Drama (CC)
30 Banat Yusup Sulung Mindanao (BVSIM) Mayang
31 Hapon Susbo Level (1h)
32 Prime Time Country - Variety (CC)
33 Room by Room
34 Amazing America - Profile
35 Feminism & Femininity: A Catholic Perspective
36 Dobie Gillis - Sitcom
37 Awesome Interiors
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5 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
6 Insign (30m)
7 ICK: The O'War Show (English) (30m)
8 CNK Presents (CO)
9 Canning With The Bazzes
10 31 34 35 48 50 55 56 59 Paid Program
11 Classic Arts Showcase
12 Dick Van Dyke - sitcom
13 Soul of VHS - Rhythm and blues
14 Joy of Music
15 Year by Year for Kids "1941"
16 On Campus
17 CNBC Programming (1h)
18 Petition Junction - sitcom
19 New Yankee Workshop
20

- 18 MOVIE - Comedy (I) Was a Male War Bride 1949 (2h)
20

- 3 Paid Program (30m)

- 16 TMC: MOVIE (I) The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie 1969 (PG-13) (1h30m)

- 4 Channel Four News Connection (30m)

- 7 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures (30m)
8 ICK: Talkline With Zev Brenner (English) (1h)
20 21 31 34 35 48 50 55 56 59 Paid Program
22 Plaza Sesamo
23 Launch Box
24 New Videos - Rock
25 Smurfs
26 Sooper Puppies "Who's Wuzzit?"
27 California Max
28 Ed Sullivan - Variety
29 House Doctor
30

- 3 Sport Fishing (25m)

- 2 HBO: MOVIE (I) Big Bully 1996 (PG-13) (1h30m) (CC)

- 3 Singing (30m)
4 Sunday Today (1h)
5 Saipan Mahabuy (1h)
6 This Old House - Drama
8 ICK: To Be Announced (30m)
9 World News
10 Mickey's Mouse Tracks (CO)
11 SHO: MOVIE (I) Bio-Dome 1995 (PG-13) (1h34m) (CC)
12 MAX: MOVIE (I) The Man Behind the Gun 1953 (1h22m) (CC)
13 Sang Linggo Napa Sila (Saturday Edition)
14 All Night Captain Kangaroo
15 To Be Announced
16 Sesame Street (CO)
17 C-Net Central - Consumer
18 Golf Talk Scheduled Larry Nelson. (Repeat) (1h)
19 31 34 35 59 Paid Program
20 Tom and Jerry Kids
21 Little Star "Friendship Feast/Busy Day"
22 Evening at the Improv
23 Emergency Vets
24 Divine Mercy Chapel
25 Christopher Columbus
26 CNBC Programming (1h)
27 Shamu TV "Sea World's Video Classroom" "The Living Reef"
28 White Shadow - Drama
29 Collectibles Show - Collectibles
30 Club Dance - Dance
31 House Doctor
32 Benny Hinn
33 Nonstop Country
34 Cable Karaoke (2h)
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7 Your New House (30m)
8 ICK: United Nations (English) (30m)
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16 Johnnytime - Comedy (CO)
17 31 34 35 59 Paid Program
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Business & Trade



German Formula One Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher left, with his British teammate Eddie Irvine outside a London jewellers Tuesday unveil a special edition Asprey Ferrari 355 Berlinetta. The car in deep red costs around 150,000 pounds (250,000 US dollars) and boasts a 3.5 V8 engine. AP

Interest rate hike is likely

HONG KONG (AP) - The forces that have tamed U.S. inflation are probably temporary, and interest rate rises are likely, the International Monetary Fund says.

Forecasting 3.75 percent growth this year and 2.5 percent in 1998 for the world's biggest economy, the IMF report released Wednesday lauds the seventh straight year of U.S. economic expansion.

It says "prudent" macroeconomic policies have combined well with "an exceptionally dynamic private sector and a responsive labor market."

The report warns that "the continued surge in the stock market and the strength of consumer and business confidence suggest that the risk of overheating is still present."

IMF research director Michael Mussa indicated that any interest rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve would be too small to have a "big shock effect" on markets.

"Some further firming of a modest amount over the next six months or so" might be necessary, he told a news conference, adding: "There's no reason to believe the Fed has a long way to go."

The projected slowing of growth, based on expectations of tighter monetary policy, means inflation should change little, says the IMF report.

It notes that fiscal tightening should balance the U.S. budget by 2002, but that a bigger effort will be needed to raise national savings and reduce the external deficit.

The IMF urges the United States to pursue higher income for those whose living standards have stagnated in the past two decades. Investment in education and training should be increased, it says.

The semi-annual report was issued ahead of next week's IMF-World Bank meeting in Hong Kong.

Jiang's...

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according to party sources, diplomats and Hong Kong media.

Jiang has been under fire for trying to pack the leadership with allies from Shanghai, his power base.

A list of names of Central Committee and discipline committee members was expected late Thursday. Voting began behind closed doors at 9 a.m. (10:00 GMT), and took about 1 hour, 40 minutes to complete.

Every delegate was allowed to cast as many votes as there will be Central

Committee seats. The number of seats was not released but was expected to be around 200.

A list of Central Committee candidates was approved Wednesday by the presidium, 217 of the congress' most influential members, led by Jiang.

Details of the amendment to the Communist Party constitution were not immediately released. But Jiang had proposed that the constitution be amended to include Deng's theories on reforming China. The proposal was seen as an attempt by Jiang to claim Deng's reformist mantle.

Pressure...

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1970s.

"The no-confidence motion will be submitted if he hasn't already resigned by then," Ichikawa said in an interview.

Also Thursday, several newspapers reported that some Upper House members in Sato's and Hashimoto's ruling Liberal Democratic Party have agreed to ask the new minister to step down.

Quoting unidentified sources, the reports said the party would try to settle the issue by the end of the week.

Hashimoto's party, which recently regained its majority in the Lower House, rules in a coalition with two other parties: the Social Democratic Party and New Party Sakigake.

"For Hashimoto, the choice is a

stark one: either have Sato step aside on his own, or be prepared for the end of the tripartite coalition," the liberal Asahi newspaper said in an editorial Thursday.

The coalition is still important because Hashimoto's party has yet to secure a majority in the Upper House and thus needs their cooperation to secure passage of legislation.

Hashimoto and Sato have urged the public to forget the past, but outrage has been nearly universal among political parties, the media and the public at large. It was public disgust with corruption scandals that toppled Hashimoto's conservative Liberal Democratic Party in 1993, after 38 years in power.

Sato's appointment has led many people to question the sincerity of the government's pledge to push through a host of financial, bureaucratic and anti-corruption reforms

breakup.

Yeltsin on Thursday praised Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto for "removing hurdles in bilateral relations."

The two leaders plan to meet Nov. 1-2 meet in Krasnoyarsk, an industrial city in eastern Siberia, to discuss political and economic ties. The two leaders last met in June during a summit meeting of major industrialized nations in the United States.

Yeltsin...

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Despite the dispute, relations between the countries have been improving since the 1991 Soviet

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB97-0188
FOR: PROCUREMENT OF A VEHICLE
OPENING DATE: SEPT. 26, 1997
TIME: 4:00 PM
GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A VEHICLE. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR
ADOPTION OF:

ISAGANI REYES CRUZ III,
minor,

BY: REYNALDO E. CABALTICA,
and MARITES CRUZ CABALTICA,
Petitioners.

ADOPTION CASE NO. 97-0050

Amended

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 1997 at 9:00 A.M. in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minors.

Dated this 5th day of Sept. 1997.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioners

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR
ADOPTION OF:

ARJETH BAGABALDO SILVA,
minor,

BY: ANTONIO AYUYU
TATINGFONG,
Petitioner.

ADOPTION CASE NO. 97-0080

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 23, 1997 at 9:00 A.M. in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioner will petition the Court to adopt the above-named minor.

Dated this 16th day of Sept., 1997.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioner

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

BANK OF HAWAII,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHIMAHO H. RAUEPI,
Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-724

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (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 P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Court at Saipan, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of the Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the court:

/s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

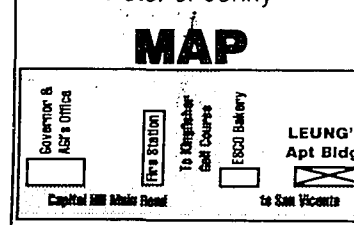
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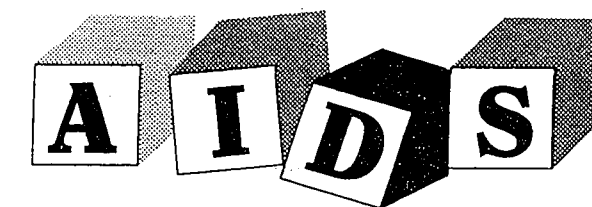
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01 ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary: \$3.50 per hour
03 SALES CLERK-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: HUA PING INT'L. INC. Tel. 233-5682(9/19)F23795

02 QUALITY CONTROL-Salary: \$3.30 per hour
Contact: UNITED INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION Tel. 235-6888(9/19)F23779

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Contact: TIRSO J. ADRIATICO dba Micronesian Woodcraft Ent. Tel. 235-7631(9/19)F23780

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Contact: D'ELEGANCE ENT., INC. dba D'Elegance Cafe Tel. 234-9227(9/19)F23782

01 PAINTER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
05 CARPENTER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
05 MASON-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: G.C.G. & COMPANY, INC. Tel. 288-7166(9/19)F23783

03 COMMERCIAL CLEANERS-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: PASTOR B. GAGARING dba AGA Enterprises Tel. 233-2374(9/19)F23784

01 HELPER MECHANIC-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: AUTO MARINE INC. dba Gen. Auto Repair Shop Tel. 233-2914(9/19)F23786

01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
01 SALES REPRESENTATIVE-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: ALMABELLA P. WEATHERSBEE dba DeBrent Enterprises Tel. 235-3631(9/19)F23787

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$5.00-6.00 per hour
Contact: INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES (SAIPAN), INC. Tel. 235-8722(9/19)F23788

01 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
01 OFFICE SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$1,000.00 per month
Contact: ASIA PACIFIC OVERSEAS, INC. dba BJ Marine Sports & Tour Services Tel. 235-5219(9/19)F23789

01 MARINE ENGINE MECHANIC-Salary: \$800-1,800.00 per month
Contact: ADVANCE MARINE SAIPAN CORPORATION Tel. 235-9373(9/19)F23790

01 GENERAL MANAGER-Salary: \$1,750.00 per month
Contact: RONG YAN ENT. INC. dba Ming Ming Store Tel. 235-2019(9/19)F23791

07 COOK-Salary: \$3.05-3.70 per hour
01 GENERAL MANAGER-Salary: \$2,000.00 per month
02 KITCHEN HELPER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
03 WAITER-Salary: \$3.05-3.60 per hour
01 COOK SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$5.00-6.00 per hour
Contact: DIAMOND HOTEL CO., LTD. dba Saipan Diamond Hotel Tel. 234-5900(9/26)F68038

02 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary: \$3.05-3.75 per hour
Contact: SAIPAN SEA VENTURES, INC. Tel. 233-9298(9/26)F68058

01 CUSTOMER RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE-Salary: \$800.00-1,200.00 per month
01 ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER-Salary: \$2,500.00 per month
Contact: SAIPAN LAULAU DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba LaoLao Bay Golf Resort Tel. 256-8888(9/26)F67967

01 OPERATION MANAGER-Salary: \$1,400.00-1,670.00 per month
Contact: JWS AIR CONDITIONING & REFR. INC. dba A/C Services/Repair Tel. 235-5572(9/26)F67968

01 ALUMINUM STEEL FABRICATOR-Salary: \$3.05-3.15 per hour
01 CARPENTER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
02 MASON-Salary: \$3.05-3.15 per hour
Contact: TAC INTERNATIONAL CONST. INC. Tel. 234-1629(9/26)F67969

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.10 per hour
01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary: \$3.50-3.60 per hour
01 SALES REPRESENTATIVE-Salary: \$3.05-3.20 per hour
Contact: TRANSAMERICA CORPORATION Tel. 234-1629(9/26)F67970

01 HELPER, KITCHEN-Salary: \$3.05-3.45 per hour
01 WAITER, REST.-Salary: \$3.05-3.45 per hour
01 FRONT DESK CLERK-Salary: \$3.05-5.00 per hour
01 COOK, SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$1,000.00-1,100.00 per month
01 BARTENDER-Salary: \$3.05-3.85 per hour
Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel Tel. 234-6601(9/26)F67990

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.25-6.00 per hour
Contact: YOUNIS ART STUDIO, INC. Tel. 234-6341(9/26)F67994

01 BEAUTICIAN-Salary: \$550.00 per month
Contact: ZION CORPORATION dba Zion Beauty Shop Tel. 235-3366(9/26)F67995

02 COOK-Salary: \$3.15 per hour
02 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.15 per hour
Contact: F.W.L. & ASSO. INC. dba New Oriental Restaurant Tel. 233-2990(9/26)F23874

05 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.04 per hour
07 DANCER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: WAYNE A. SHIMABUKURO dba Stop Light Nite Club Tel. 235-7817(9/26)F23875

02 COMPUTER OPERATOR-Salary: \$4.00-5.00 per hour
15 PAINTER-Salary: \$3.05-3.75 per hour
15 CARPENTER-Salary: \$3.05-3.75 per hour

15 STEEL WORKER-Salary: \$3.05-3.50 per hour
15 MASON-Salary: \$3.05-3.50 per hour
Contact: REMEDIO S./DANIEL S. BUNAG dba Marfan Enterprises (9/26)F23876

01 SECURITY GUARD-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: FUJI PACIFIC, INC. Tel. 234-3603(9/26)F23877

03 COOK-Salary: \$3.20 per hour
03 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT-Salary: \$3.20 per hour
Contact: EASTERN HOPE CORPORATION dba Keeraku & Rakuen Rest. Tel. 233-4242(9/26)F23878

01 ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary: \$825.00 bi-weekly
02 MAINTENANCE MECHANIC-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
01 COMPUTER ANALYST-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: MIRAGE (SAIPAN) CO., LTD. Tel. 234-3481(9/26)F23881

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01 SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$800.00 per month
01 GENERAL MANAGER-Salary: \$1,000.00 per month
01 ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary: \$800.00 per month
Contact: JOE & BROTHER'S CORPORATION Tel. 235-0231(9/26)F23882

02 MASSEUR-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: MIRAGE CORPORATION Tel. 233-4137(9/26)F23883

02 WELDER-COMBINATION-Salary: \$3.50-4.00 per hour
02 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary: \$3.50-4.00 per hour
Contact: SEAFIX, INCORPORATED Tel. 322-0997(9/26)F23884

01 COMPUTER OPERATOR-Salary: \$800.00 per month
Contact: PACIFIC BASIN INSURANCE, INC. Tel. 234-5860(9/26)F23888

05 WAITER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
05 DANCER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: JAGUAR LTD. dba James-Corn (9/26)F23891

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05 SINGER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
05 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: WORLD INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION dba Russian Roulette(9/26)F23893

09 CARPENTER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
14 MASON-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
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05 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: GLOBAL ENTERPRISES CORPORATION dba Mojina(9/26)F23896

03 TRASH COLLECTOR-Salary: \$3.05-3.75 per hour
Contact: JACINTO C. CRUZ dba Cruz Sanitation Services Tel. 234-0456(9/26)F23897

01 ELECTRICIAN MAINTENANCE-Salary: \$2,100.00-2,200.00 per month
Contact: COMMONWEALTH MARINE LEISURE CORP. dba Marine Sport & Leisure Tel. 234-6601 Ext. 173/Mr. Takeuchi (9/26)F23898

01 LABORER-Salary: \$3.05-4.50 per hour
Contact: CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SUPPLY, INC. dba CMS Tel. 234-6136(9/26)F68039

02 REF. AND A/C TECHNICIAN-Salary: \$3.05-3.35 per hour
Contact: TORRES REFRIGERATION, INC. Tel. 234-6098(10/3)F23982

02 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: ARCHITECTURAL PRODUCT OF CALIFORNIA dba DBJ Manpower Services Tel. 235-1745(10/3)F23983

01 COOK-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
02 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: PRY AMERICA INTERNATIONAL INC. dba Hong Du Restaurant Tel. 233-2123(10/3)F23984

05 WAITRESS-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: H.D. CORP. dba Gold Star Night Club Tel. 233-5111(10/3)F23985

01 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (BUILDING)-Salary: \$634.40 per month
01 BARTENDER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: MARIANAS SUNRISE ENTERPRISES dba Remington Club Tel. 234-5449(10/3)F23987

01 ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary: \$1,000.00 per month
Contact: JIN JOO CORPORATION dba Boo Boo Office Tel. 235-3403(10/3)F23988

02 SECURITY GUARD-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
Contact: CRESENCIA JAVIER dba RC Security Tel. 235-8822(10/2)F23989

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02 BARBER-Salary: \$3.05 per hour
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02 MAINTENANCE WORKER-Salary: \$3.05-3.60 per hour
01 ELECTRICIAN-Salary: \$3.05-3.70 per hour

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary: \$3.05-4.40 per hour
01 PRODUCTION ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary: \$3.05-7.50 per hour
01 WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$3.05-3.15 per hour

02 COOK-Salary: \$3.05-7.50 per hour
100 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary: \$3.05-3.00 per hour
04 IRONING PRESSER (MACHINE)-Salary: \$3.05-3.30 per hour

05 (CUTTER) CUTTING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary: 3.05-3.30 per hour
06 QUALITY CONTROL CHECKER-Salary: \$3.05-3.20 per hour
01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary: \$3.05-6.00 per hour

Contact: PANG JIN SANG SA CORPORATION Tel. 234-7951(10/3)F68136

01 MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR-Salary: \$1,000.00-1,700.00 per month
Contact: BLACK MICRO CORPORATION(10/3)F68138

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO. : ITB97-0169
FOR: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF IBM EQUIPMENT
OPENING DATE : SEPT. 26, 1997

TIME: 2:00 PM
GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF IBM EQUIPMENT. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK-UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. : RFP97-0170
FOR: EQUAL ACCESS LONG DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES.
OPENING DATE : SEPT. 26, 1997

TIME: 4:00 PM
GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR EQUAL ACCESS LONG DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK-UP PROPOSAL FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. : RFP97-0185
FOR: HEAVY USE (CUSTOM) MADE PARK PLAYGROUND
NON-WOOD EQUIPMENT
OPENING DATE : OCT. 10, 1997

TIME: 2:00 PM
GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS HEAVY USE (CUSTOM) MADE PARK PLAYGROUND NON-WOOD EQUIPMENT. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK-UP PROPOSAL FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

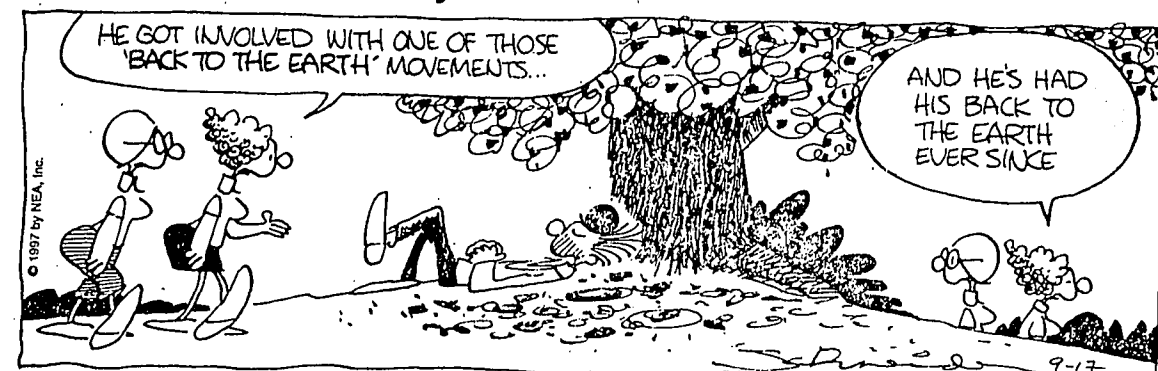
INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO. : ITB97-0187
FOR: GILBERT C. ADA GYMNASIUM COMPLEX MAINTENANCE
OPENING DATE : SEPT. 26, 1997

TIME: 3:30 PM
GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR GILBERT C. ADA GYMNASIUM COMPLEX MAINTENANCE. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK-UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a rare individual who has the ability to beat the odds again and again as a matter of course, overcoming major obstacles as if they were only minor annoyances. It may seem to others that the stars have taken a special liking to you, but the fact is that you are one of the luckiest individuals born under this or any other sign. This is not to suggest that everything will go your way in life; but you know how to reap rewards out of even the most complicated and negative of circumstances.

There may be times when you are prone to complaining and self-pity, and this is certainly not attractive in one so capable as you. Still, you are human, and you will find it impossible to maintain a positive outlook at all times. Fortunately, you're not one to remain in the dumps for long!

Also born on this date are: Jim Abbott, baseball player; William Golding, author; actors; Paul Williams, singer and composer; Joan Lunden, broadcast journalist.

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

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You will be attracted to an unusual form of physical activity today. You may find it impossible to explain what is happening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may prove a slow starter today, but once you get going you're likely to outperform even those who are known for getting things done quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — It is important that you talk about how you feel today, and discuss with those around you ways to improve interaction and cooperation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You are after something more fulfilling than routine endeavors. Throughout the day, explore options presented by those around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What you do on your own today is likely to have great value, and you must work hard to advertise your accomplishments so they are acknowledged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Indecision has the potential to ruin your whole day. Even acting prematurely and making an error as a result is preferable at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You can enjoy far more relaxing activities today than expected, thanks to someone who allows you to follow a rather unconventional course.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You will have much to remember today, not only for the sake of nostalgia, but also because there are so many details to keep track of now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You are going to have to make up your mind early today if you expect to proceed according to schedule. Two plans compete for your favor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today, you are likely to encounter someone who knows how to take care of you better than you do! Consider deepening this relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You will feel a strong attraction to someone who does not plan to grant you any leeway at this time. Any relationship may prove a struggle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If it's equality you're after, you may be disappointed today. Still, you can be satisfied with being an underling, provided you have some authority.

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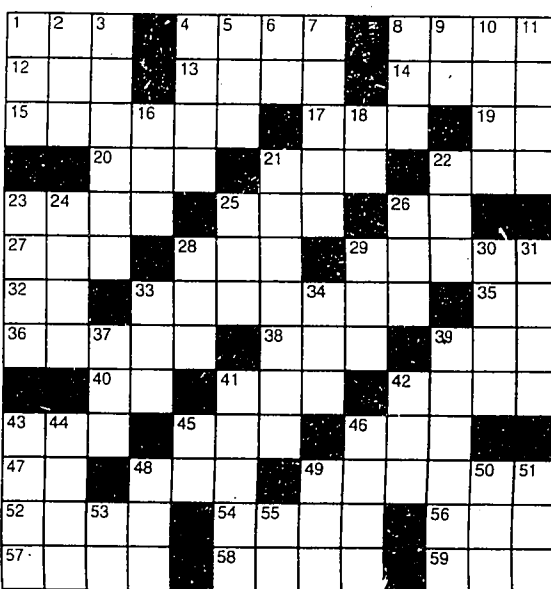
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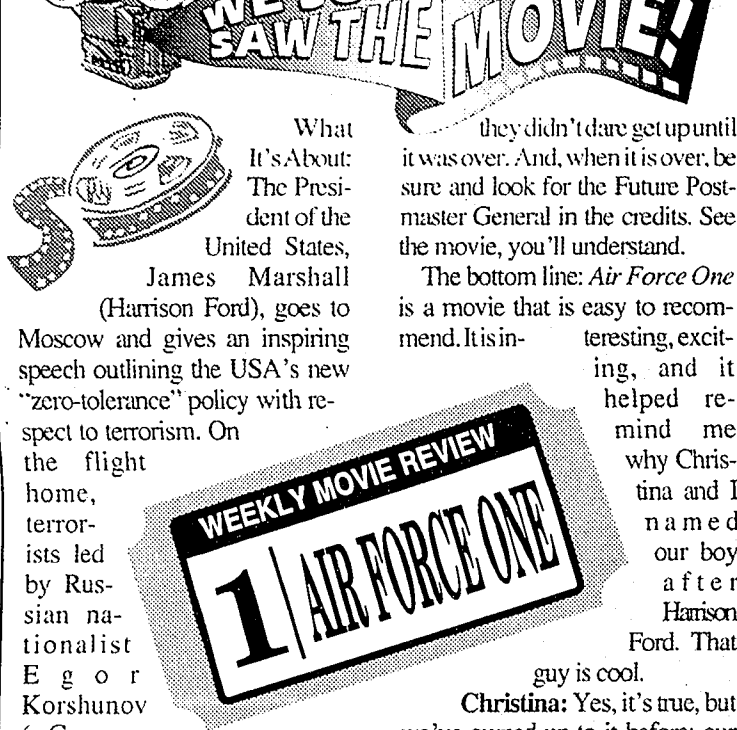
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What It's About: The President of the United States, James Marshall (Harrison Ford), goes to Moscow and gives an inspiring speech outlining the USA's new "zero-tolerance" policy with respect to terrorism. On the flight home, terrorists led by Russian nationalist Egor Korshunov (Gary Oldman), take over Air Force One.

Hostages are taken, including key cabinet members, the First Lady (Wendy Crewson) and the President's only daughter (Liesel Mathews). A man of morals and integrity, Marshall remains true to his promise not to negotiate for hostages.

However, what the terrorist didn't bargain for was a President with a few tricks up his sleeve.

Matt: I was looking forward to seeing *Air Force One*, and I was not disappointed. The movie is thoroughly entertaining. Actually, *Air Force One* is so suspenseful, and I was so stressed out while watching it, that it wasn't until it ended that I realized how much I had been entertained. Let's face it, it's really just *Die Hard* on a plane, but who cares. I love *Die Hard*, plus you get some really mean hijackers, several great explosions, and occasional witty lines. What else do you need? How about William H. Macy ("Fargo") as a loyal Air Force Major? I really like that guy.

Gauging from those in attendance, *Air Force One* is likely to be enjoyed by most everyone. Although if you are under the age of eleven, you may enjoy the snack bar more than the film. At least that is what the young kid next to me, who kept coming from and going to the lobby, seemed to be doing. Another good sign was the long line at the bathrooms at the end of the show. A long line at the bathrooms usually means that people were enjoying the show so much

they didn't dare get up until it was over. And, when it is over, be sure and look for the Future Postmaster General in the credits. See the movie, you'll understand.

The bottom line: *Air Force One* is a movie that is easy to recommend. It is interesting, exciting, and it helped me mind why Christina and I named our boy after Harrison Ford. That guy is cool.

Christina: Yes, it's true, but we've owned up to it before: our son is named after Harrison Ford. And after watching a movie like this, I'm proud he is. However, had he been a girl, Macy (William Macy) might have been her name. He is equally as charming as Ford.

This movie had me sitting on the edge of my seat. It was one thrilling, nail biting (Matt, not me) adventure. While I thoroughly enjoyed it (I was in the restroom line *after* the show), I would have to say that it definitely earns it R rating. The good news is that there is no sex or nudity, nor are there any innuendoes.

However, there are several references to alcohol. Language is strong. In all there are about 30 plus objectionable words. The true reason this movie earns its rating is the violence. Most body count after the first hundred men went down. Several times we see guns pointed at a person's head, including both the first lady and Chelsea (I mean President Marshall's only teenage daughter). Machine guns are abundant and magazines (and I'm not talking about *Newsweek* or *Time*) are passed around like hot dogs at a baseball game. Going out on a good note, Glenn Close gives a great performance as a strong woman Vic Prez. I loved this movie and would recommend it for viewers 14 and up.

Rated R for violence and language.

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Sutton also presented a dentist from Baltimore who testified that the injuries on the left side ribs of Villanueva as shown in photo were bite marks.

The dentist said the bite marks were consistent with the molar model, which was taken from Mendiola's daughter who testified she bit the defendant during their struggle at their Koblerville residence last Jan. 20.

A forensic pathologist from Guam pointed out that the 27 stab wounds and injuries of Mendiola were consistent with the evidence—a knife and

a broken Virgin Mary statue.

The defense claimed that the government has no sufficient evidence to pin down Villanueva in the crimes, citing alleged inconsistencies of the government's witnesses.

Atalig presented witnesses, including Villanueva himself and the latter's wife Agnes.

Villanueva denied any involvement in the crimes, claiming that Mendiola's kids have mistakenly identified him.

The defendant, a former trial assistant during the Trust Territory, is on trial for murder in the first degree, sexual abuse of a child, burglary, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.



Dennis Franz, right, and Gillian Anderson pose together with their Emmy Awards backstage at the 49th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, Sunday in Pasadena, Calif. Franz won for Outstanding Lead Actor in Drama Series, "NYPD Blue" and Anderson won for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series, "The X-Files." AP

Versace sibling to manage company

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Gianni Versace's brother and sister will keep control of his fashion empire, managing the shares the Italian designer bequeathed to his 11-year-old niece, the company said Wednesday.

Versace's sister, Donatella, 40, will assume all design responsibilities and his brother Santo, 53, will continue as the Versace group's business manager.

Ms. Versace had been expected to take on the creative mantle after her brother was slain in Miami Beach in July.

A statement from Versace headquarters in Milan confirmed news reports Tuesday that Versace had made his niece, Allegra Beck, a beneficiary, but it provided few details. Allegra Beck is the daughter of Donatella Versace and Paul Beck, an American.

"The shares of Gianni Versace, inherited by his niece Allegra, will be managed in common agreement by her parents ... together with her uncle Santo Versace," the company said.

Budget . . .

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"Hopefully by next week we'll be finished."

She said the committee is still going through the proposed appropriations for the Public School System, the judiciary and public health.

Meanwhile, the vice chair of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee said a budget bill is not likely to be passed before Sept. 30.

Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said Wednesday the committee will hold its own budget hearings starting tomorrow on Rota when the \$7.1 supplemental appropriations will be taken up.

Afterwards, Manglona said the committee will look into the budget requests of the Marianas Visitors Bureau (MVB), the Departments of Public Works (DPW) and Labor and Immigration (DOLI).

Sen. David M. Cing (D-Tinian), for his part, is also requesting budget hearings on Tinian, citing the alleged "irregularities" in Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona's hirings of "excess and unfunded" full time employees (FTEs).

Despite the likely delay, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, in an earlier interview, said there is "nothing unusual" in this year's budget process.

"Isn't this always the case? We submit a budget proposal on time, and then the months will pass and the Legislature will then hold a day-and-night long session to pass it," he said.

The governor on April 1st submitted a \$257.6 million budget proposal for fiscal year 1998, \$10 million more than the FY 1997 budget, and the biggest ever in CNMI history.

Last month, he submitted a revised budget proposal of \$262.4 million.

Under the proposed budget, the Department of Public Health Service gets the largest allotment, more than \$47 million, while the Public School System gets more than \$46 million.

The budget includes the Division of Public Lands' revised revenue projection of \$438,000 and projected revenues from the opening of Tinian's hotel and casino, amounting to \$4.3 million.

It was the first time the Tenorio administration included in its budget proposal the projected revenues from Tinian's casino industry.

An earlier casino investor, Lone Star, closed shop in 1995 after a grand opening in the previous year.

News reports said Allegra received most of Versace's estate, including his 50 percent stake in the company, while Versace's siblings controlled the rest. He also reportedly willed his art collection, including works by Picasso, to Daniel Beck, Donatella's younger child.

In addition, Versace stipulated that his companion Antonio D'Amico should receive \$30,000 a month and have the right to live in any of the designer's residences, according to ANSA, an Italian news agency.

Tenorio . . .

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corded images of the "dirty, stinky and in very bad condition" barracks.

"Most of the barracks are a disgrace," according to the "Inside Edition" reporter.

"Hundreds share just a few bathrooms, and typically the water is turned on for less than an hour a day.

"Room and board, typically \$80 to \$100 a month, is deducted from the pay checks and they have no choice of living somewhere else."

One such small, windowless room in the barracks was shown as being shared by eight workers. The room has no electric fan.

An earlier media release states that Spiegel, a U.S. fashion label, has already suspended buying garment products from the CNMI after being informed of the allegations uncovered by "Inside Edition's" five-month long investigation on Saipan.

Other U.S. clothing labels—The Limited, Abercrombie & Fitch, GAP, Liz Claiborne and Jones of New York—have also expressed concerns about the "Inside Edition's" findings, the media release said.

"Inside Edition" claims to have 11 million viewers in the U.S.

By Tom Withers
NEW YORK (AP)—Jorge Posada homered and drove in a career-high four runs and Chad Curtis had four hits as the New York Yankees cut Baltimore's AL West lead to four games with a 6-2 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night.

Posada went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer as the Yankees matched a season-high with their fifth straight victory. Baltimore dropped an 8-3 decision to Milwaukee, the Orioles' sixth loss in nine games.

The Yankees reduced their magic number to qualify for the postseason to two, pending the outcome of Anaheim's late game with Oakland.

Curtis went 4-for-4 and scored three runs and Paul O'Neill was 3-for-4 for New York, which improved to 7-1 against Detroit this season. Curtis, Posada and Andy Fox, New York's Nos. 7-9 batters, were a combined 8-for-11.

Bobby Higginson homered for the Tigers, who lost for just the fourth time in 14 games.

Ramiro Mendoza (7-6) limited the Tigers to five hits in six innings for just his second victory in nine decisions.

New York strung together five straight singles in the second to take a 3-0 lead, but scored just twice off rookie Brian Moehler (11-11). Charlie Hayes was thrown out trying to take third on Chad Curtis' RBI single, and after Posada drove in another run, Tim Lincecum grounded into an inning-ending double play to crush a potential

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proposed events for Junior High and High School only, the SSC said.

The 1996 Championships were won by Saipan Community School in the elementary and junior high divisions with Whispering Palms taking second in both.

Northern Marianas Academy won the High School division ahead of GCA and MHS. Twelve schools participated in last year's event.

The Public School System (PSS) is coordinating the event along with the Saipan Swim Club.

Any schools interested in forming teams and need assistance in coaching or information, please contact Bill or Jean Sakovich, or Bob Winkfield, they are willing to help you.

Meanwhile, in early November, Sports Science for Australian Swimming Inc. and the Australian Sports Institute, Wayne Goldsmith, and Commonwealth Games and World Championships competitor Helen Morris will be conducting clinics on Saipan in swimming and coaching in general.

They will be the guests of the Saipan Swim Club during their week's stay on Saipan.

For any further information on the above please contact Bill Sakovich at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, or call 234-1001.

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Alekhhine, and he had a difficult time against Botvinnik, Portisch, Fischer and Smyslov.

In matches, he beat Horowitz, Kashdan, Najdorf (twice), Gligoric, Benko and Botvinnik 2.5-1.5 on board 1 during the 1954 U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. radio match.

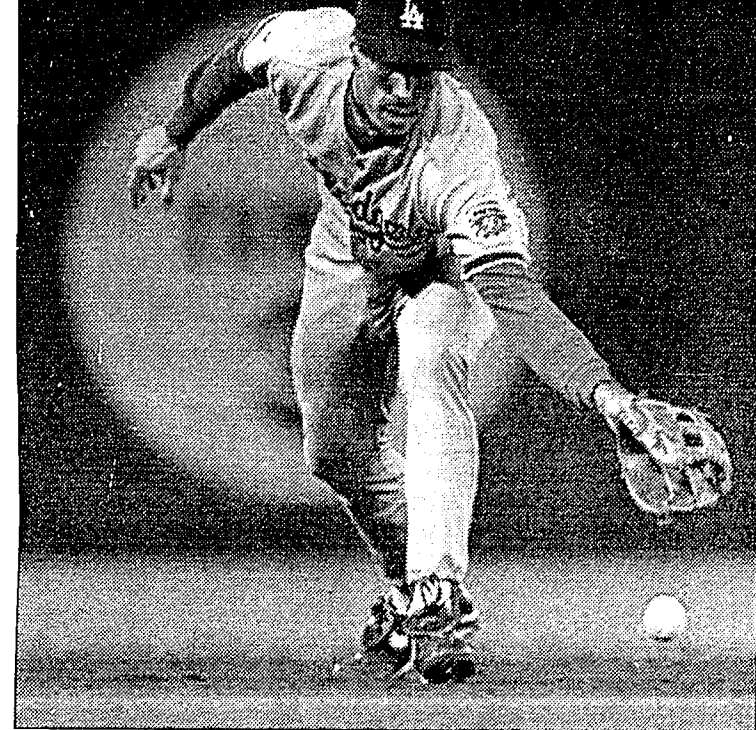
In 1961, he played an exciting drawn match +2 =7 -2 with the then 18 year old Fischer. His only match losses came when he was past 50—to Portisch in 1964, to Korchnoi in 1968 and to Christiansen in 1984 when Reshevsky was already 73.

Commenting on his play, Euwe says Reshevsky combined the qualities of Flohr and Fine, "integrating them into one superb whole."

"His pertinacity in apparently barren positions was equalled only by his staying power and defensive skills under difficult and adverse conditions," Euwe says.

However, aside from devoting little attention to opening play, Reshevsky struggled with chronic time pressure problems. And yet he was considered a tough man to beat. As early as 1937, the Soviets were already calling him "The Escape Artist." To explain his rival's successes, Fine once said "Sammy has a secret move, and whenever he gets into a tight spot he plays it."

Says Euwe, "For many years he was in the running for the world championship but the great Soviet efflorescence which coincided ex-



Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Greg Gagne reaches for San Francisco Giants Jose Vizcaino's grounder after he booted it in the seventh inning of their Wednesday game in San Francisco. Gagne was charged with an error as the Giants notched a 2-1 win. AP

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Padres 5, Rockies 4

In San Diego, Wally Joyner hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning as San Diego further damaged Colorado's slim playoff hopes.

Larry Walker had two homers and four RBIs for the Rockies, who trail the Los Angeles Dodgers by six games in the NL West with 10 games left.

With San Diego trailing 4-3 in the sixth, Ken Caminiti hit a leadoff single and Joyner followed with a homer off Colorado starter John Thomson (7-9).

Andy Ashby (9-11) got the victory, allowing four runs on four hits and tying a career-high with 11 strikeouts. Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 35th save in 41 chances.

Walker's three-run blast in the first and solo shot in the sixth gave him 47 homers this season, tying Andres Galarraga for the club record. Walker also has 123 RBIs.

Cuba. . .

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Thursday's finale with a 15-6, 15-3, 15-4 defeat of Canada.

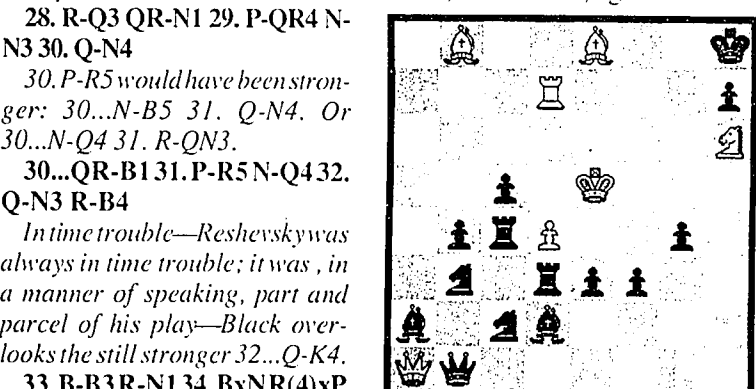
The men's and women's winners qualify for the World Cup to be held in Japan in November.

and from now on will be a weakness. Moreover, 41...R-N4 is prepared.

41. P-R3 R-N4 42. R-R1 K-N2 43. Q-R2 Q-N7 44. Q-R4 R-N4 45. R-KN1 Q-B6 46. R-R1 P-R4 47. Q-R2 R-KB4 48. K-R2 P-N4! 49. Q-R4 R-B5 50. Q-R2 P-N5 51. PxP Q-K4! 52. P-N3 R-K5 53. Q-N1 R-K7+ 54. K-R3 PxP+ 55. K-R4 R-R7+ 56. KxP Q-K7+ (0-1).

Reshevsky conducted the whole game—the engine especially—with iron strength.

Puzzler. I got requests for more time, so here it is, again:



White to move and mate in three.

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actly with his own best time prevented him from fulfilling this aspiration."

Game of the week. Here he is then against former world champ Euwe who also annotated the game:

King's Indian Defense
M. Euwe-S. Reshevsky
Avro 1938
1. P-Q4N-KB32. P-QB4P-KN3
3. P-B3 P-Q4 4. PxP Nxp 5. P-K4 N-N3 6. N-B3 B-N2 7. B-K3 0-0-8. P-B4 N-B3!

Typically Reshevsky. He sacrifices two tempi to entice the white center forward with the idea of attacking it later on.

9. P-Q5 N-N1 10. N-B3
Sound but 10. P-QR4-R5 would have been better.

10...P-QB3! 11. Q-N3 PxP 12. Nxp More or less forced. After 12. PxP BxN+ 13. PxP QxP! 14. BxN Q-K5+! Black keeps the pawn.

12...NxN 13. PxxN-Q2 14. B-K2 Q-R4+

All played with precision. 15. K-B2 would now be met with 15...N-B3! with decisive advantage to Black.

15. B-Q2 Q-N3 16. B-B3 BxB+ 17. PxP Q-K6! 18. P-B4
Forced. 18. Q-B4 N-B3 threatening 19...N-K5.

18...QxP 19. 0-0 Q-B2
Having secured his booty Reshevsky prepares for careful defense.

20. K-R1 N-B3 21. Q-K3 B-N5 22. Q-R6

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SPORTS



Garments magnate Willie Tan lines up his putt before making his first birdie on hole no. 14 during the 4th Annual Tan Holdings Invitational Golf Tournament yesterday at COP. Behind him is Rex Palacios.

Photo by: Priscilla T. Castro

Giants win to get within a game behind Dodgers

IN SAN FRANCISCO, Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer and Kirk Rueter pitched seven strong innings as the San Francisco Giants pulled within one game of the NL West-leading Dodgers.

Bonds' 34th homer, his sixth against the Dodgers this year, went 426 feet into the upper deck in right field. Bonds did a 360-degree spin as he watched the ball disappear into the stands, then pumped his right fist in triumph.

After crossing home plate, Bonds blew kisses to the 50,921 fans - who spent much of the night chanting "Beat L.A." It was the Giants' second home sellout of the season.

Rueter (13-6), who did not allow a hit until Raul Mondesi hit his 27th homer with one out in the fifth, gave up one run on four hits. He has won four straight and is 8-2 over his last 13 starts.

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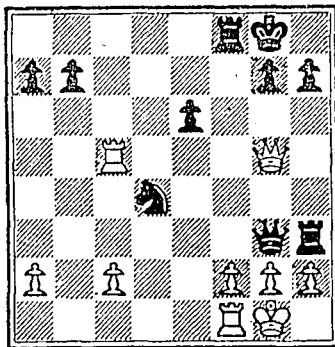
Sammy's secret move

WHEN Bobby Fischer drew up his controversial 1964 list of the "10 Best Players in History," he included only one other American aside from Paul Morphy (1837-1884) — Samuel Reshevsky (1911-1994).

A child prodigy like Fischer, Reshevsky was born in Poland where he first learned to play chess at the age of 4. By the time he was 8, he was already giving simultaneous exhibitions. In 1920, he moved to the United States and abandoned chess for a decade to study. He received his accounting degree from the University of Chicago in 1934 and then went to Europe to do battle with the world's great players.

He was 1st at Margate 1935 ahead of Capablanca, equal 3rd at Nottingham 1936, equal 3rd at Semmering 1937, equal 1st at Kemer

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NBA teams eye trade for Kemp

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
ORLANDO, Florida (AP) - The National Basketball Association league meetings are set to begin, and trade-minded general managers are eyeing Shawn Kemp of Seattle and Antonio McDyess of Denver as the two top prizes.

The 3 1/2-day meetings are expected to draw every coach and general manager from the league's 29 teams. It is the first time the bi-annual meetings have been held since 1993 in Palm Desert, California as the 1995 session was canceled because of the lockout.

Among the arrivals Wednesday was Seattle general manager

Wally Walker, who will be one of the major players in trade talks before everybody heads home Sunday to get ready for the start of training camps Oct. 3.

Several teams are trying to swing a trade for Kemp, the Sonics' disgruntled All-Star forward.

Kemp, who feels he is underpaid and perceives a lack of respect from the Seattle organization, stated in May that he had worn the Sonics uniform for the final time. Over the summer, he missed teammate Gary Payton's wedding so he could avoid contact with Sonics executives, then

sold his home in Seattle and trucked his belongings back home to Elkhart, Ind. He has promised to hold out from camp if he's not traded by then.

Although the Sonics have maintained publicly that they have no plans to trade Kemp, sources around the league say Walker has come to the conclusion that a trade would be for the good of the team. Walker wants a legitimate All-Star in return.

The Los Angeles Lakers, Milwaukee Bucks and

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All-schools swimming championships slated

THE ALL-Schools Swimming Championships will again be held this year at the Kan Pacific swimming pool, with competition beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Nov. 29, the Saipan Swim Club disclosed.

The events to be contested are:

- 200M Medley Relay (Mixed Boys & Girls)
- 200M Individual Medley
- 50M, 100M, 200M and 400M Freestyle

- 50M, 100M Breaststroke
- 50M 100M Butterfly
- 50M, 100M Backstroke
- 200M Freestyle Relay (Boys and Girls separate)

Each school is only allowed two swimmers per individual event, two boys and two girls, and one relay.

Also, swimmers may swim only two individual events and one relay. The 100M Butterfly and 100M Backstroke are new

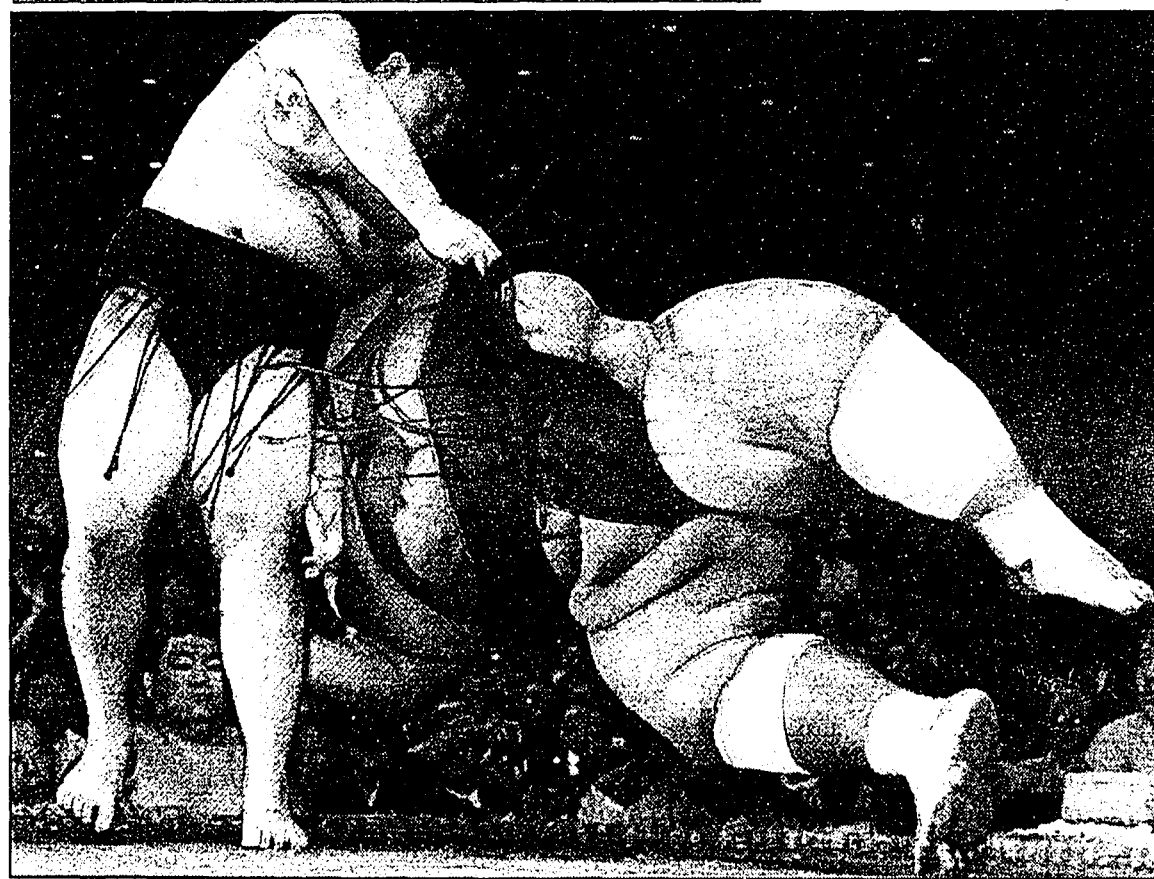
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CAGUAS, Puerto Rico (AP) — It will be the United States against Cuba in the men's and women's finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Championships.

The American men qualified for the championship round by beating Canada 15-10, 15-13, 12-15, 15-13 Wednesday night. Earlier, the U.S. women beat the Dominican Republic 15-10, 11-15, 15-9, 15-4.

The Cuban men got into Friday's final by trouncing Mexico 15-1, 15-4, 15-8 and the women earned a spot in

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The heaviest wrestler Konishiki is twisted down on the ring's edge by grand champion Takano-hana during their bout in the Autumn Grand Sumo tournament in Tokyo Wednesday. Hawaii-born Konishiki who missed four days of the 15-day tourney because of inflammation in both feet and his left calf, was winless with a 0-7 record. AP

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