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## Dai-ichi in \$8M suit

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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A KOREAN tourist who was seriously injured when he dived into the Dai-ichi Hotel's swimming pool filed an \$8-million lawsuit against the hotel.

Masaru Furuoka, through lawyers Juan T. Lizama and Frank Leroy Nelson, also named Japan Travel Bureau (JTB), Tokio-Ma-

## Guest sues hotel over swimming pool accident

rine Insurance Co., and Does 1-5 as defendants.

In the complaint filed Friday before the Superior Court, Furuoka, a resident of Tokyo, Japan, demanded \$3 million and \$5 million in general and punitive damages respectively from the defendants for negligence.

The complaint stated that on September 14, 1995, Furuoka was injured when he dived into one of the hotel's swimming pools during a party.

Furuoka, also known as Lee Kongok, was one of the hotel's guests when the incident happened.

Lawyers Lizama and Nelson contended that Dai-ichi failed to provide a lifeguard on duty as required under the CNMI law.

The hotel did not establish adequate safeguards of the pool or warnings advising Furuoka of the dangers the pool presents to guests, the lawyers said in the complaint.

The hotel's security guard who witnessed the incident, the law-

yers said, completely ignored Furuoka's desperate cries for help.

As a result of this incident, the tourist is paralyzed for the rest of his life.

"At the age of 22, he (Furuoka) can no longer feed, bathe, and clothe himself. He required care from others on a daily basis," the complaint stated.

The complaint said that Furuoka, an employee of a Tokyo-based Japanese firm, arrived

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UNION TRIUMVIRATE. Local 5 officer Elwood Mott, Filipino union leader Vic Perez, and rights advocate Eric Grégoire pose for the cameras during a workers' picnic at the Killi Beach to celebrate Labor Day yesterday. (See story of page 3)

## Basic food prices rose 200% from 1977 levels

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

PRICES of white bread, corned beef, spam, sausages, canned mackerel, oranges (produce), orange juice, ice cream, sugar and salt increased 200 percent over the past 18 years.

On the other hand, the price of instant coffee declined.

These information are contained in the 1995 CNMI Consumer Price Index released by the Department of Commerce.

The quarterly CPI data include those for five major consumer categories: food, housing, apparel and upkeep, transportation, and health and recreation. They cover the period between the second quarter of 1988 and the fourth quarter of 1995.

The third quarter of 1977 is used as the base year, with 100 as the base level of cost of selected consumer items.

The 100 CPI base level represents a basket of consumer items. From a survey of 268 families way back in 1977, 103 items were identified as the most essential among CNMI residents.

The price index of white bread, for example, jumped from the 100 CPI base in 1977 to 237.7 by the end of 1995.

This means the price level of white bread increased by 137.7 percent from the base period.

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## Club 200 grand prize winner still in 'shock'

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE grand prize winner of the 8th Annual Red Cross Club 200 raffle held during a big dinner at the Hyatt Regency poolside Sat-

urday night was still in "a shock" as of last night.

Linda David, when interviewed over the phone, told the Variety: "I still don't believe I won. I'll believe when I see the check. I'm still in shock."

David won't see her \$25,000 check until Sept. 10 when the local American Red Cross chapter presents it to her during a special ceremony at the NMI chapter's office site.

The winning ticket actually belongs to David and her partner Gonzalo Pangelinan.

Both of them didn't attend the affair, and David's father, Philip David, accepted the prize in their behalf.

David said she didn't attend the raffle-dinner because "I didn't feel like going."

In fact, she didn't expect to

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## Mayor Inos hits acting governor for not honoring Rotanese with a state funeral



Joseph S. Inos

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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CITING a provision in the Commonwealth Code, acting Gov. Jesus Borja has refused to accord a state funeral for former Rota legislator Roman Manglona who died last Aug. 26.

Rota Mayor Joseph Inos was irked.

Borja's decision, he said, "is an affront to Roman's family and this community."

"You bend the laws, and deny this man his due respect, just to satisfy other's goals, fiscal or political," Inos said in a letter to Borja. "Both of these reasons would be lowly. Certainly the very modest cost of a state funeral could be borne by an administration that hires a new, high-priced consultant every week."

Manglona, who served as Rota Representative to the Marianas Island District Legislature from 1963 to 1965, died at Oceanside California.

On Aug. 29, Inos wrote Borja requesting a state funeral for the former Rota lawmaker.

In a brief reply sent the following day, Borja said Manglona's



Jesus C. Borja

wish to be buried in San Diego, California, where his remains now lie, "forecloses the applicability of the provisions for a state funeral, even if he would be normally entitled."

"Mr. Manglona's body is located in San Diego, Califor-

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## Weather Outlook

Partly cloudy with isolated showers

# Iraq vows to pull out

By WAIEL FALEH

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** - Iraq has pledged a quick withdrawal from the northern city its troops captured in the Kurdish "safe haven" enclave, but renewed clashes were reported early Sunday.

Iraqi opposition sources said street fighting erupted for a second day in Irbil, the main Kurdish center in northern Iraq and part of the region policed by Western military aircraft since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

The report, carried on state-run radio in neighboring Iran, did not give details and could not immediately be confirmed.

By all accounts, Iraqi forces and one Kurdish faction, the Kurdistan Democratic Party, were in control of most or all of Irbil following a large-scale offensive Saturday that included hundreds of tanks and thousands of troops. Irbil is 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of the 36th parallel, the line the U.S.-led forces established in 1991 as a no-go zone for Iraqi forces.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan - PUK - also said Iraqi forces were shelling the town of Chemchal in eastern Iraq. The group said it appeared the Iraqi forces were headed toward the city of Sulaymaniya, 30 kilometers (18 miles) further east, which is one of the main PUK strongholds along with Irbil.

The offensive was the largest by President Saddam Hussein's forces in five years and immediately caused

alarm in the United States, where President Clinton put U.S. troops in the Gulf region on high alert.

Iraq said it launched the attack because the PUK had been cooperating with Iraq's longtime enemy Iran. Iraq has said that Iranian forces entered northeast Iraq in recent days to support the PUK. Iran has denied the charge.

Iraqi forces will return to their positions soon, Iraq's deputy U.N. ambassador, Saeed Hasan, told CNN late Saturday. He said a schedule has been agreed upon, but he would not give the timetable. The Pentagon said it had no information on whether Iraqi troops were showing any signs of pulling back.

Earlier, the state-run Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified government spokesman as saying Iraqi forces "would return to their former positions very soon." He did not elaborate.

A quick withdrawal could avert a showdown with Western forces, which have policed the Kurdish enclave since the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991. Iraq's internal campaign against the Kurds is not as clear-cut a provocation as its invasion of Kuwait, and Western leaders' choices this time are much more ambiguous.

Western forces have monitored northern Iraq by air from bases in southeast Turkey. There were no ground forces in place to prevent the advance by Iraqi troops and tanks.

Saddam on Saturday night chaired a meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council, the top decision-making body, and the government said afterward that it did not intend to retake control of northern Iraq - at this time.

But, it warned, "we believe our action was a clear message to those who conspired against their homeland," a reference to the PUK and its alleged links with Iran.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party's radio station said the group had captured Irbil, but did not mention receiving any help from the Iraqis. Christopher Lee, speaking from the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Baghdad, told The Associated

Press that the city had fallen with little resistance.

However, PUK spokesman Adnan al-Mufti said Saturday night from London that "fighting is still going on and people are resisting."

"Hundreds of (Iraqi) tanks are inside the city. The army is storming houses and arresting people," he said.

He acknowledged the Iraqi army had captured about "70 percent of the city," which is 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

The PUK said 450 Iraqi tanks, as well as helicopter gunships, were involved. It said that 30,000 Iraqi forces had massed in recent days in preparation for the offensive.

The group urgently appealed for help from the Western forces based in Turkey and the Persian Gulf, and reported "scores of civilians casualties." Others were fleeing in droves, it said.

It said the attack could be a prelude to the revival of the Iraqi government's "genocidal war" against the Kurds - a 3.5-million-member ethnic minority seeking independence from Baghdad.

Iraq regards the Kurdish safe haven as an impediment in its domestic affairs, but Saddam generally had observed guidelines set down by a U.N. resolution and refrained from launching a major strike to bring it back under his control until Saturday.

## Mubarak, Levy meet to push along stalled peace process in Middle East

By MAE GHALWASH

**ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP)** - President Hosni Mubarak met with Israel's foreign minister Sunday to push along the Mideast peace process.

Mubarak's meeting with David Levy comes at a time when Arab-Israeli relations at their lowest ebb since Palestinians and Israelis signed their first agreement in 1993.

The Palestinians and Syria have charged that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's intransigence and refusal to live up to past Israeli pledges were destroying any chance for progress.

Mubarak and Levy started their discussions just before noon at the Ras el-Tin palace. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who had met Levy on arrival at the Alexandria airport, joined in the session.

Levy said as he left Israel that he hoped Egypt - which has been mediating between Israel and other Arabs

- could help improve the peace process.

"The atmosphere depends on the hosts," he said. "I hope I will succeed in changing the atmosphere, because if (Egypt) wants the peace process to continue, creation of an appropriate atmosphere depends not on one side alone, but on mutuality."

Levy's statement came in answer to a question about the chilly reception he could expect in Alexandria. Egyptian newspapers reported Sunday that Egypt had backed PLO leader Yasser Arafat's call for an emergency meeting of the Arab League to discuss Netanyahu's policy on Jewish settlements.

Last week's announcement that the Israeli government planned 2,000 new units in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip added to the Palestinians' anger at Netanyahu.

Israel's expansion of settlements is seen by Palestinians as an attempt to destroy any chance for the establishment of an independent Palestine in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Palestinians already were upset over Netanyahu's failure to meet with Arafat and his refusal to stick to an agreement for an Israeli army redeployment in Hebron, the last West Bank city remaining under occupation. The troop withdrawal was to have taken place last March.

Israeli media reported Saturday that Netanyahu would meet with Arafat "very soon," possibly this week.

Asked if the reports of a meeting this week were true, Levy replied, "I think it is natural. I hope this will be a week of agreements between Israel and the Palestinian Authority."

Arafat, however, is becoming increasingly upset at the lack of movement toward peace on the Israeli side. In the last week, he called a general strike in the West Bank and Gaza, said Palestinians would consider renewing their uprising against Israel and released 72 militant Islamic prisoners.

# 'Dadang 6' to resist eviction

By Zaldy Dandan

Variety News Staff

THE SIX Rota residents accused of "squinting" on public land announced Thursday that they will hire a private attorney to "fight" the lawsuit filed by the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) against them.

"We're going to get an attorney and fight this eviction," said Vivencio Anglo, one of the so-called "Dadang Six," in a media release.

"It's best that we get a private attorney."

AGO, in a lawsuit filed in the Superior Court last Aug. 13, sued the six Rota residents for trespassing and breach of contract.

Aside from the payment of damages, AGO is asking the court to evict the six from the land they built their houses on.

Named defendants in the civil suit were Anglo, Celeso Catindig, Nestor Jingco, Andronico Pelen, Aquilino Semana and Donicio Semana.

All are Filipino-Americans and long-time Rota residents.

"All we ask is a fair share from

the government," Aquilino Semana said in a media release. "We really don't have other homes to go to. We've made some valuable improvements on the land at Dadang. We've relied on government officials that what we did was okay."

Division of Public Lands (DPL) Director Bertha T. Camacho, last May, gave the six until July 15 of this year to vacate the public land.

Camacho, in a strongly-worded letter to Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos, said former Rota mayor Prudencio Manglona exceeded his

authority by allowing the six individuals to stay on public land.

Inos, together with other Rota politicians and government officials, has asked Camacho to give the six at least a five-year "grace period" before they vacate the land.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, however, has said that there will be no "grace period" given to the six.

Inos has asked his legal counsel Tim Bruce to represent the six should there be legal action against them.

"The mayor...spoke out early and strongly on our behalf," the six's media release said. "He worked hard to draft a law that would offer us some relief. He even offered legal help. We are grateful for his sincere efforts."

According to DPL, "the land in question is...a conservation buffer area and is not supposed

to be used for any other purpose. The six residents are not persons of NMI descent and could not ever have any claim to a homestead."

But some Rota political leaders, among them Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona and former Lt. governor Benjamin T. Manglona, are disputing DPL's classifying the land as "conservation buffer area."

DPL also dismissed claims that the six have made "valuable improvements" to the land, and that "they will suffer hardship if they are forced to leave."

The "improvements," Camacho said, include barracks for the squatters' non-resident worker employees. "We simply cannot allow public land to be used in this manner. As for hardship, the six have had years of occupancy at an extremely cheap rate."

## Unionists hold their 1st Labor Day picnic

THERE was no usual fanfare to celebrate Labor Day yesterday. Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has cancelled the feast.

Union founders on Saipan held their own celebration, the first since the labor movement was brought into the Commonwealth.

A small group of union members, led by Local 5 leader Elwood Mott, gathered at Kilili Beach for a picnic—minus the proletarian rants that would have invited another remark from Rep. Stanly Torres.

From Kilili Beach, the group—composed of nonresident contract

workers—marched peacefully to Saipan Grand Hotel bearing a placard that read: "Saipan Grand Hotel Unfair."

A brief picket in front of the hotel followed. The group dispersed quietly at 3:30 pm.

Saipan Grand Hotel is one of the three establishments on Saipan where unions were successfully organized. The two others were Hafa Adai Beach Hotel and Keeraku Restaurant.

Joining the celebration were employees of Hafa Adai, Chinese Construction Company, J.C. Tenorio Enterprise. (MCM)

## Tourist loses money at hotel

ATOURIST claimed that his money was stolen inside his room at the Nikko Hotel in San Roque Thursday night.

The 36-year-old Japanese tourist told the police that unidentified person/s took his 80,000 yen he placed inside a safebox.

No signs of forced entry were noted, according to acting public safety information officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta.

In other police reports, thieves broke into a residence in

Koblerville on Thursday and took \$1,300 cash and \$1,200 worth of jewelry owned by a 33-year-old man.

The suspects gained entry through one of the rooms' door, police said.

In Garapan, a man lost his purse containing \$1,200 cash he placed near a stair of a building on Thursday.

The victim said he went to the restroom, but when he came out his purse was already missing. (FDT)



Labor Day greeting from union members.

## AGO files criminal charges vs man in 'kidnapping, shooting'

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has filed criminal charges against a man arrested on Thursday in connection with the kidnapping and shooting of a Chinese man at Talafofo Beach last June.

Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross charged Jian Ben Yu with aggravated assault and battery, robbery, and kidnapping before the Superior Court.

During a hearing, Associate

Judge Timothy Bellas set a \$10,000 cash bail for Yu's temporary release.

Bellas also appointed David A. Mair as counsel for the defendant. Yu, a 20-year-old Chinese, was tagged as among the suspects who kicked and punched Rui Ping Cheng.

Court information showed that on June 27, five Chinese men blocked Cheng's car at the parking lot of L&T Garment Factory in Lower Base.

The suspects drove the victim

to the beach where he was mauled for refusing to give them money.

One of the suspects grabbed the victim's wallet containing \$3,000 cash and 20,000 Japanese yen.

Another suspect identified as Guo Xiong Chen then allegedly shot the victim with a rifle on the forearm.

Chen was arrested last July 23.

The police are still hunting down three other suspects, all reportedly have been overstaying in the CNMI.

## Sablan: Population, vehicle increase affect CRM program

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

THE head of the Coastal Resources Management, in a recent speech in American Samoa, cited increases in population, motor vehicles and economic activities as anathema to the management of coastal zone programs.

Director Manuel C. Sablan told participants at the Pacific Region Coastal Zone Management Programs' annual meeting last Aug. 5-9 that the named three factors "all add up to complicate, stress and challenge the meager resources available in our coastal zone management pro-

grams." He said he noticed all three factors were present in the small US territory, particularly the third one as indicated by the construction projects and the proliferation of mom and pop stores.

The same is true of Saipan except for vehicles, whose number, statistics show, has decreased since 1992.

Sablan urged planners to find the solutions to the inherent problems brought about by growth and to formulate "preventive and mitigative measures."

But these involve "tremendous amount of funding," he pointed

out. The cost of addressing and resolving the adverse impacts caused on natural and coastal resources even becomes "astronomical" if the "natural phenomenon occurring in our islands" are to be factored in, he added.

The CRM director also gave an overview of the CRM program in the CNMI.

He said the CRM program was first established in February 1980 by an executive order but that this was vacated by the legislature in its entirety in 1983 by enacting Public Law 3-47. This law established CNMI's coastal resources management policy.

The CRM was vested with broad regulatory powers including the power to issue orders and levy fines not exceeding \$10,000 per day a violation is found.

The CRM, however, is 100 percent federally funded, its budget augmented by the fees generated through its permitting system. The funds it generates stay in its own account and used for operational costs.

Its most outstanding programs at present are the Habitat Conservation Program in Rota, which competed with other state programs for a grant and was declared the winner, and the Saipan Lagoon Use Management Plan.



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**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- C. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
- D. REPORT OF THE HEARING OFFICER
- E. REPORT OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL
- F. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
- G. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
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## Tinian task force appointment timely

THE appointment of the Tinian Task Force to study the impact of population growth when impending development goes into full throttle is a timely thing to do. It should enable the local municipal government to "plan for" such eventualities as the need for additional water, sewer, power, medical, educational and other public services.

Our neighbor to the south is right in the eye of the storm, so to speak. When Tinian Palace opens next year in April, followed by three other similar developments, the once sleepy town will brighten to the glitz and glamour of the gambling world. The shift in the socio-economic lifestyle of our brothers and sisters will be quite different from the laid back or kick-up your feet routine.

Yes, things would change quite dramatically from the farm fields and cattle ranches to the glitter and comfort of posh casino-hotel facilities. It's a matter of choice and one can't help but admire the sense of courage and proactivity that they have to get into action to something for themselves. This attitude, in my view, is very encouraging in the sense that they want to exercise responsibility in forging an economic future against all odds.

It's a good attitude especially in light of their refocusing their visions from the usual government expansion to private sector development. Perhaps we ought to send the Saipan Chamber of Commerce for a brain storming session with the Tinian Gaming Commission. It should provide an opportunity to learn a lesson on why risk becomes an important element in decision-making on major economic endeavor such as casino gambling. It should rake in substantial amounts in revenue over hamburger flipping and hot-dog twistin'.

There's also the perceived downside to the impending development down south. I'm sure the issue must have popped-up among leaders and citizens alike: How do they collectively ensure that the indigenous political structure doesn't shift into the hands of non-NMI descent? It's an issue that warrants constant monitoring given that the election law permits US citizens to vote after being domiciled here for forty-five days. Without my saying so, perhaps our brothers and sisters may have bargained for more than just money.

### University of OSHA?

At an informal breakfast, someone joked that many of the businessmen have graduated from the University of OSHA whose main and satellite campuses are located in garment factories and construction companies.

Said one businessman: "I'm so entrenched with all of OSHA's safety policies that wherever I go, I first look out for exit signs. I remember entering a game room in Las Vegas and the first thing I looked for was the exit sign to which there was none. I was like "Oh, oh, OSHA is going to get you". (Laughter).

"There's something strange about these OSHA guys", said another businessman, continuing, "imagine the same inspectors marching in and out of the same exit door. A year later one of them said 'This exit door needs to be wider, must swing outward and the exit sign needs to be larger.'" And the suckers have been entering and exiting the same door all year round. Mindless federal policy that drives up the cost of doing business unnecessarily, right? Is the Saipan Chamber of Commerce ready to address this issue? Hello, anybody home?

### Garapan leads ladrones village

I cringe whenever front page headlines drip with theft and robbery stories in the Garapan hotel area where numerous tourists have been robbed of their purses and other belongings. They were lured by the island's triad of the sea, sun and sand. They'd frolic here most of their three day stay. Then comes the terrifying experience of being robbed on and island known as paradise.

If tourism is it, then we better ship-shape and provide a safer venue for our visitors. We shouldn't permit them to leave here with bad memories of an island where purse-snatching robbers abound. Believe it or not, these stories somehow find their way into big dailies in Japan and it isn't going to do the tourism industry here any good when negative publicity are trumpeted across the Land of the Rising Sun. More work is needed to make this island a safe place for both residents and visitors alike.

This responsibility isn't solely the purview of the Department of Public Safety. We too must pitch-in and ensure that the place is safe for our own children. Any further purse-snatching stories would simply force Japanese tourists to head elsewhere. The more mature tourists will never return to places where they have had bad memories or experiences involving robbery and theft. Is Magellan still around?

### Handicap parking aplenty

I once saw a parking space at a karaoke nightclub frequented by those who wish to test their manhood before strip girls. The place was filled with filthy smoke from guys who already let-loose half their wits. I kept pondering why would there be that special parking space for handicaps in a place you least expect them.

I mean, after ten in the evening, they're better off snoozing at home than struggling to make apples and oranges before naked bodies. I'd rather take the money for that parking space and purchase motorized wheel chairs for our handicap brothers and sisters who need mechanized wheels. Common sense anybody?



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER  
**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Iowa's Harkin has an ethanol problem

WASHINGTON—Sen. Tom Harkin won't drink the tap water in Washington D.C., but he'll gladly belly up to the bar when the ethanol industry comes calling.

The Iowa Democrat sent a young Senate page for water the other day as he prepared to give a speech on the floor. The page quickly did as he was told, bringing Harkin a fresh glass of water.

When Harkin found out that the water was poured from the faucet, however, he quickly rejected the offer. "Take it away," Harkin said with a grimace, sending the unwitting page scrambling for an alternative.

The page soon returned with another glass of water, supposedly of the purified, bottled variety. Once again however, the water fell short of Harkin's standards. Taking a small sip from the new glass, Harkin grimaced again and eyed the glass suspiciously before setting it aside on the table behind him.

Such behavior isn't unusual these days in the nation's capital, where warnings have been issued in recent weeks about the safety of the water supply. But it's an ironic turn-about for a politician whose fervent support of the ethanol industry once prompted him to imbibe 190-proof grain alcohol at a Senate hearing.

Harkin is one of many farm-state lawmakers who have carried water for Dwayne Andreas, the wellheeled CEO of Archer Daniels-Midland Co., which produces 57 percent of America's ethanol.

In 1994, the Senate was conducting hearings to consider the economic and environmental benefits of ethanol and methanol, another fuel additive. Ethanol is commonly derived from corn, which grows in great quantities in Harkin's home state. Methanol is often made from natural gas. The Senate wanted to learn which substance—ethanol or a methanol derivative—should be added to gasoline to make cars more environmentally friendly.

Harkin launched the hearing with what he termed a "chemistry experiment." He placed two glasses in front of him, filling one with 190-proof grain alcohol and the other with the poisonous methanol. He challenged fellow senators, especially those who favor methanol, to approach the table and drink the additive of their choice.

No one accepted. Harkin, meanwhile, took several swallows of the ethanol, which is

more than twice as strong as most brands of vodka. "He took his glasses off because his eyes started to water," a Harkin spokeswoman explained to reporters at the time. "Then he drank four or five glasses of water."

Harkin said his demonstration was to designed to showcase the safety of ethanol compared with its competitor. Harkin claims that ethanol will help clean up the environment and is a winner for consumers.

But environmental groups we've talked to say Harkin is all wet on this one. They charge that Harkin—as well as President Clinton and Robert Dole—are motivated by the political and financial clout of Andreas, who gives generously to friends on both sides of the aisle. Between 1988 and 1995, Andreas and his firm gave some \$2.5 million to political causes.

In the 1992 elections

ADM was among the largest donors to both campaigns. His company has reaped generous benefits: Ethanol makers get huge tax breaks and subsidies from the federal government. These subsidies have been as good as gold for the agri-giant. In 1994, ADM turned a profit of \$11.8 billion on its combined operations. According to published reports, the subsidies and tax breaks save the company an estimated \$500 million per year, making ethanol one of its most profitable ventures.

A Harkin spokesman claims Andreas' contributions play no role in the senator's support for ethanol. "It is a renewable fuel and deserves some tax incentives," the spokesman told our associate Aaron Karp. "It's good for the environment, good for consumers. Ethanol has cleaned up the air in cities... and reduces ozone production. There's scientific research to support that."

But in fact, scientific research has often contradicted Harkin's contentions. "Ethanol, when it's mixed with gasoline, can evaporate quickly and create smog," said David Hawkins of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It contributes to ozone in the air, which is harmful to humans."

The Sierra Club's Dan Becker says that the corn ethanol being produced by ADM is far from the environmental savior many politicians claim it is. "Archer Daniels-Midland is misleading the public and misrepresenting the facts," Becker said. "It takes a lot of energy to make ethanol out of corn. It's not a good deal from an energy perspective."

# DOI may blacklist contractor

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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THE CONSTRUCTION firm Guerrero Brothers Inc. may find itself on the Department of Interior's blacklist if it fails to meet its wage obligation to its workers, a federal labor investigator said yesterday.

The Guerrero Brothers, which was contracted by the Public School System and the Department of Public Works, undertook the recently opened Tinian High School project.

Project construction is almost complete, but workers are still awaiting payment of their wages.

"Debarment is one sanction the Department of Interior can impose in cases where the contractor fails to pay its workers on time, or if it doesn't pay workers the proper rate," said Michael Bayer, senior investigator of the US Department of Labor's wage and hour division.

"(Debarment) means that the contractor may be prevented from working on future federal projects," he

explained. The facility that opened two weeks ago was the first component of the Tinian project funded by the Department of Interior. DPW is soon to start bidding out the second phase.

Interior officials on Saipan earlier said the Guerrero Brothers' outstanding wage obligations have run up to \$107,000 as of July.

The DOI's Office of Territorial and International Affairs earlier said it is willing to grant a request by the US labor department to withhold

the release of over \$70,000 allotted for the project, pending investigation of the wage problem.

"I met with Mr. (Pedro) Guerrero last week, and he told me that he wants to cooperate and that it is his desire and goal to make sure that everybody is paid," Bayer said. "He said he has no intention of leaving the people unpaid."

In an earlier interview, Pedro Guerrero, president of the company, complained that the "bureaucratic run around" causes delay in

payment of his workers. Bayer, nevertheless, said all is not lost for the unpaid workers even if the Guerrero Brothers' contract with the government expires.

The workers, he said, may collect their wages through the insurance bond company which guarantees all payments related to the project.

Bayer is scheduled to meet this week with the contractor and officials of OTIA, PSS and DPW to get an update on the wage issue.

# Grand Hotel dragging labor case, Mott says

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

SAIPAN Grand Hotel is "trying to tie everything up" in the ongoing labor case filed by the Commonwealth Labor Federation/Local 5 against the hotel's management, union organizer Elwood K. Mott Jr. yesterday said.

Mott led a group of non-resident workers in yesterday's peaceful demonstration outside Saipan Grand Hotel.

He said the demonstration was "to let (the hotel's management) know

we're not happy with the way they're behaving."

Lawyers for the hotel's management, Mott said, have asked the union for a settlement.

"We gave them a settlement offer but they did not counter it—they just rejected it, which indicated that they were not serious about considering settlement."

Mott said it will cost the hotel "probably \$150,000 to complete the trial."

"It's a waste of money. They're

guilty. They lost the election and they're going to lose the trial. It appears that they just want to delay everything by tying everything up in court."

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) last July has started hearing the case filed by the Commonwealth Labor Federation/Local 5 against Saipan Grand Hotel.

NLRB's administrative law Judge David G. Heilbrun is presiding over the hearings held at

Horiguchi Building in Garapan. In the complaint submitted to the NLRB, Local 5 alleged that Saipan Grand Hotel has been engaging in unfair labor practices.

The complaint named 14 Grand Hotel managers and supervisors who allegedly interrogated and/or threatened to fire employees for engaging in union activities.

Employees, it was also alleged, were discouraged from joining, assisting or engaging in union activities.

The annual contracts of employees who complained about wages and working conditions were not renewed, the complaint said.

In an election held Oct. 6 last year, Saipan Grand Hotel employees voted in favor of forming a union.

The hotel management, however, refused to recognize the union.

Lawyers for the hotel questioned the legality of the NLRB's "interference" in CNMI's labor matters.

# Community services course at NMC

SHORT, practical and fun best describe the latest menu of the Northern Marianas College Community Services courses for this Fall semester.

Registration begins Monday, September 9 and continues until the first day of class. Classes begin Monday, September 16, the college said in a news release.

Students register, prior to admission to class, at the NMC Admissions and Records Office (Bldg D) between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Tuition is paid at the Business Office. A \$5.00 late registration fee is charged after the first day of class.

Besides language courses in Japanese, Chamorro and Mandarin, of general interest are the following: Introduction to Family History and Genealogy, "Introduction to U.S. Citizenship," two courses in "Basic Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation

prior to first session of class are assessed a \$5.00 penalty for administrative costs.

Among 20 computer skills courses three in "Window 895", Intermediate dBase III Plus Applications, "Advanced Computerized Accounting," "Microsoft Office 95 (Professional) Basics," "Intro to Internet," and "Intro to Web Page Creation."

There are five courses in Business, including one in "Financial Planning and Investment," four in Arts and Crafts and three Youth classes.

Inquires regarding registration and course availability may be directed to the College's Admissions and Records Office, 234-5498, ext. 1400, or to Community Services Office, ext 1814.

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The CNMI Council for the Humanities announces that funds are now available to support projects that focus on the ethnic and cultural diversity of the CNMI. The Council invites individuals, nonprofit groups and organizations to submit proposals that will generate community discussion and understanding of cultural and ethnic differences and that explore a number of topics such as but not limited to: the cultural and economic impact of Asia on the CNMI; the significance of recent and distant migration patterns in the Pacific; and the origins of beliefs, myths, and stereotypes associated with racism. For more information and an application package, call Ron Barrineau at 235-4785. The CNMI Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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# The CNMI: A historical perspective

**Editor's Preface: The series of articles presented over the next several issues will describe the Marianas' turbulent past and its future potential for those new to the Commonwealth who may be unfamiliar with the islands' economic and political history. Part 2 of 4**

By William H. Stewart, Economist  
ONCE the United States changed its policy toward outside investors there was still a strong desire by a somewhat xenophobic Congress of Micronesia to continue to control the introduction of foreign capital into the islands. This body, in which the Marianas District was represented, had enacted a rather stringent and restrictive Foreign Investor's Business Permit Act in 1970. This law remained in force in the Northern Marianas until 1983 when it was

repealed. The door was opened to investment from all nations with few controls to regulate outside capital.

On still another front, negotiations for self-government and the eventual termination of the United Nation's Trusteeship Agreement with the United States first began in the late sixties. Today's unique relationship between the United States Government and the Commonwealth stems from the fact that the islands were never recognized as a permanent possession of any nation since they were taken from defeated Germany by the Allied Powers during World War One. Subsequently assigned to Japan under a mandate from the League of Nations, the islands' status did not change after they were occupied by United States armed forces in 1944. Indeed, since their purchase by Germany from Spain in 1899, and their assignment to

Japan for administration in 1920 by the League of Nations, the Northern Marianas had no political identity among the countries of the world. From the time of Germany's loss of the islands they were never regarded as a permanent colony within the exclusive sovereignty of any nation, except, by Japan when it left the League before the outbreak of World War Two.

At the conclusion of the Second World War the United States, not desiring to appear as having annexed the islands by virtue of "victor's rights", placed the islands under the supervision of the Security Council of the newly formed United Nations. As the Marianas were considered to be within a strategic area of the western Pacific they were to be overseen through the Security Council where the United States had veto power, rather than the U.N. General Assembly. The people of the Marianas were encouraged to choose their future political status from several options. These included: maintaining the status quo and remaining a Trust Territory; selecting independence; or becoming affiliated with the United States, either through a relationship of free association or a commonwealth status based upon a negotiated agreement which later became known as the Covenant. The Covenant describes the relationship agreed upon between the people of the Northern Marianas and the United States Government.

No other United States territory or insular possession has a similar relationship. Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and other Pacific possessions were all acquired under circumstances far different than that of the Northern Marianas.

For a nation to acquire additional territory, a government must either annex an area by force of arms or by purchase from a sovereign government. The Northern Marianas was not a permanent legal possession of Japan at the time of the war as it had only been entrusted to Japan under a mandate by a group of countries through their organization - the League of Nations. Therefore, the United States could not strip territory from defeated Japan at the conclusion of hostilities since the islands were never recognized as a permanent legal possession of Japan in the first place.

In June 1975 a plebiscite was held in which 78.8 percent of the votes cast by the people of the Northern Marianas indicated agreement in accepting a negotiated Covenant with the United States. In January 1978 the Northern Marianas became self-governing under the terms of the Covenant and the area's first elected governor assumed office. On May 28, 1986 the United Nation's Trusteeship Council determined that the United States had satisfactorily met its obligations to the islands and on November 4, 1986 United States citizenship was conferred upon those people

in the Northern Marianas that met the necessary qualifications. From that point to the present the area experienced rapid economic growth.

The above date may be considered the point of "takeoff" for the Commonwealth economy, the growth of which was stimulated by three principal factors, namely, the stability assured by an affiliation with the United States; the opening of air service to Japan; and the abandonment of restrictions on foreign investment, particularly in tourist related enterprises. This pace was accelerated greatly in 1986 as a result of the Plaza Accords and the "Group of Seven's" policy to devalue the dollar in relation to the yen, which made Japan a financial superpower overnight and gave Japanese investors a half-price sale on "dollar-valued" real estate assets. This led to a tremendous inflow of Japanese investment into the islands, forcing land values to skyrocket and increasing the cost of living.

It is at this point that one is struck by a strange irony - United States Government expenditures within the Northern Marianas aside - large private American investment is somewhat conspicuous by its absence in the islands. It is something of a paradox that it has been largely private capital from a defeated former adversary rather than the wealth from the victor that has resulted in the reconstruction of Saipan's economy. Considering that the Japanese presence in the islands extended for a period of 30 years, as compared to almost one half century for that of America, it is somewhat surprising that the geographic and economic ties between the islands and Japan were reformed in the seventies. It is also interesting to note that the Philippines and the Mariana Islands, located as they are in the eastern hemisphere, are culturally oriented to the western hemisphere. As a predominately Catholic area, colonized first by the western nations of Spain and later Germany, the Northern Mariana Islands were under the influence of the eastern hemispheric nation of Japan for only two and one half decades, after which they were administered by the United States. By contrast there is no culturally oriented eastern hemispheric nation situated in the western hemisphere.

On any given day in the Commonwealth, there are more Japanese present than non-indigenous, native born Americans. It must be said, however, that it is the stability assured by the American flag and the U.S. rule of law that has provided a safe business environment for Japanese and other foreign investment to flourish in the islands. Situated in a universe of water the islands within the Marianas archipelago are the farthest stars out in the American galaxy.

During the Trust Territory period and into the early years of the Commonwealth before the "boom" years of the eighties Saipan had only a single local

bank consisting of 4,016 accounts with aggregate savings of \$562,000. In 1970 the private sector consisted of 55 licensed business firms with total assets estimated at slightly less than \$2 million. Only 957 privately owned vehicles were registered. The single credit union had a membership of 277 with total assets of \$19,700. The 1,056 employed indigenous workers in the Marianas had wages that totaled \$1.5 million annually and the population stood at 11,340 people. The Trust Territory Government, with its large expatriate payroll, was the major employer. There was no foreign investment in any substantial amount.

By the late summer of 1970 the islands were almost devoid of the amenities of the last quarter of the twentieth century. There was one black and white television channel available operating only a few hours each evening; there were only three food stores of any size with a very limited inventory; one cargo vessel a month called at the port. The airport was an open-air tin shack with one aircraft a day. Since the airstrip was not lighted and had no navigational aids, aircraft had to overfly the strip at a low altitude prior to landing to check the wind direction and to frighten stray dogs and cattle from the landing strip. There were no recreational craft in the lagoon except for a single glass bottom boat operated by a Palauan. There were only two hotels, the 73 room Royal Taga Hotel where the elegant Diamond Hotel now stands in Susupe and the Hafa Adai Hotel in Garapan which consisted of ten plywood bungalows each slightly larger than a shipping container. The number of island restaurants could be counted on one hand. There were very few automobiles on the island and those consisted mostly of second hand, rusted pick-ups. The Fire Department had a single red jeep with a garden hose and there was only one stop sign on Saipan's roadways at the entrance to the Royal Taga Hotel. To make an overseas telephone call one had to drive to the RCA office in Susupe and make the call from a booth. The economy was minuscule. In those days a Japanese visitor could only convert yen equivalent to \$743. for trips outside Japan. Hardly a sun upon which to build a tourist industry.

As late as 1980 the Commonwealth still had no economy to speak of, indeed, a very prominent businessman, the late Joe Screen, remarked that he thought the economy "had a black hand over it." It appeared in those days that the Northern Marianas, like the "economic basket cases" elsewhere in Micronesia that were previously part of the Trust Territory would forever remain a stagnant backwater entity doomed to remain on the federal dole. **To be continued.**

*The personal views expressed here are those of the author alone and may not necessarily represent those of Variety, the government or the private sector. - Ed.*

# France's return to SPF seen

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Prime Minister Jim Bolger said Sunday that France could be readmitted as a dialogue partner at the South Pacific Forum this week after

being suspended last year over its series of nuclear tests.

Forum nations - 16 Pacific Island countries - last year suspended France from the forum in protest over the

Muruoroa atoll testing. The French tests ended in January and France has signed the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty. Bolger, who leaves Monday for

the forum's annual summit in the Marshall Islands, said New Zealand would not take the initiative in trying to readmit France.

"In this area as in many others, New Zealand, and I suspect Australia, will stand back and see what consensus is emerging from the smaller nations," Bolger said. "But indications are that France will be readmitted as a dialogue partner."

If the decision is taken to readmit France, it is not expected that the country will attend the post-forum dialogue because it will be on too short a notice. Other dialogue partners, who are major donors to the region, include China, Britain, Canada, South Korea, Japan and the European Union.

Bolger said he would also be promoting a Southern Hemisphere Nuclear Free Zone at the meeting - the 27th summit to be held. He said he

had already written to leaders seeking their support for the idea, and South African President Nelson Mandela had been enthusiastic when the subject was raised at Bolger's visit to South Africa earlier this month.

Bolger said the zone would link up the existing nuclear-free areas covering the southern hemisphere - those in Latin America, the South Pacific, southeast Asia and Africa.

Bolgersaidheexpects there would be little support for proposals from within the Marshall Islands to turn some of its atolls - already contaminated by United States nuclear testing in the late 1940s and early 1950s - into nuclear waste stores for paying customers.

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

## Solomons ministers committed to stand trial before high court

HONIARA (PNS) - The Solomon Islands Central Magistrates Court in Honiara has committed three ministers to stand trial in the High Court.

They are Education Minister Alfred Maetia, Home Affairs Minister Oliver Zapo and Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Edmund Andressen, SIBC reports.

The ministers were charged under Solomon Islands Leadership Code

## Vanuatu solon taken to court

PORT VILA (PNS) - The Vanuatu Supreme Court this afternoon began hearing an opposition challenge of the speaker of parliament's decision to reject its petition for parliament to sit next Friday. Opposition Leader Willie Jimmy lodged the application this morning, Radio Vanuatu reports.

However, Judge Vincent Lunabek has been adjourned the hearing to 9 o'clock Saturday morning because the speaker, Edward Natapei, was not present.

He was reported to be at a wedding ceremony for one of deputy prime minister Donald Kalpokas' daughters on their island of Lelepa, offshore from Efate.

The opposition wants the court to make a ruling on the speaker's decision after he rejected their petition for a sitting on Friday, September 6 to discuss a motion of no-confidence on Prime Minister Maxime Carlot Korman.

Natapei says he rejected the petition because he had already accepted the government's request for the sitting to be held on September 30...Pacnews

## Law sought to ban sex with all AIDS victims

SUVA (PNS) - Fiji's minister of health, Leo Smith, says the country's health laws be reviewed to protect the public from those suffering from AIDS.

He says he has asked the Law Reform Commission to amend the current legislation that would make it illegal to have sex with known AIDS victims, the Daily Post reports.

Smith says the country has now reached a very serious stage on the development of the disease and the logical thing to do now is to put in place proper legislation that would protect the public from those unfortunate people suffering from the deadly disease.

However, he pointed out that it might be difficult to enact such legislations because of several other laws including that of a doctor/patient confidentiality...Pacnews

## GIRL SCOUT COORDINATOR

### NEEDED

A Girl Scout coordinator is needed to develop and coordinate programs for CNMI Girl Scouts; attend meetings of leaders and members; review and present Girl Scout plans and needs, and prepare and submit to the Special Assistant for Youth regular reports and summaries of Girl Scout programs and activities. Duties may also include other tasks as may be required by the Special Assistant for Youth. Must be energetic and a self-starter. College graduate preferred with youth or community-related experience. Please submit an up-to-date resume to the Governor's Office of Youth Affairs at Afetna Square in San Antonio, tel. no. 235-2397.

### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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### INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB96-0010

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bid from interested individual or firm for the removal and disposal of leftover food (pig slop) from the kitchen facilities and school cafeterias participating in the School Meal Program for SY 1996-97 specifically for the island of Tinian.

Bid requirements may be obtained by visiting or contacting the Food Services Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building during regular working hours. Inquiries shall be directed to the Acting Food Service Coordinator, Mr. Greg Sablan at telephone numbers 664-3711.

All bid submission shall be in a sealed envelope and facemarked IFB96-0010 and delivered to the Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. All bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., September 25, 1996, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud. Late submission will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to award or reject any or all awards if its to the best interest of the Public School System.

/s/William S. Torres  
Commissioner Of Education  
/s/Louise Concepcion  
Procurement & Supply Officer



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Reach Out



# Marshallese help canoe effort

By Giff Johnson  
For the Variety  
MAJURO-Marshall Islanders are travelling to American Samoa to as-

sist the builders of a voyaging size outrigger canoe to rig their sail and to train the Samoans to sail the canoe.  
The 60-foot canoe is the first built in

American Samoa since 1923, and is being launched in preparation for the opening of the Pacific Festival of Arts this weekend in Western Samoa.

Two Enewetak Island boat builders/sailors, Kunio Joseph and Edward Mark, and American boat builder Dennis Alessio are expected to take part in the effort.

The Samoa Voyaging Society (Aiga Tautai O Samoa) completed the building of the huge voyaging canoe several weeks ago, but had difficulty rigging the sail. They got in touch with Alessio, who has spearheaded a project in the Marshalls to document canoe designs over the past six years, who provided them with suggestions for handling the massive 40-foot sail, and a deal was struck for the Marshallese crew to come to American Samoa over the weekend to work with the Samoans on final sail rigging and to train the sailors.

The canoe is going to be sailed the 80 miles between American and Western Samoa to be in Western Samoa for the opening of the Festival on Saturday, September 7.

"Because the Samoan canoe is so similar to Marshall Islands canoes in design it should be easy, in theory, for us to help with the rigging and to sail it," Alessio said.

The Samoan boatbuilders explain that this is the first voyaging canoe to have been built there in more than 70 years. And the last one, built in 1923, actually used a European style sail, Alessio said.

Alessio explained that the canoe was built from drawings made by academics from more than 100 years ago, as well as using the knowledge of some elder canoe builders. The difficulty in using old drawings by people who were not boat builders is that the drawings are not accurate. This led to some of the problems that the Samoan group has had rigging the sail because the boom, yard and mast were too large and heavy for easy use, Alessio said.

Alessio said the Marshall Islands experience with the Waa Aelon Kein (Canoes of These Islands) Project—where canoe building/design was documented from the actual building of canoes—has given the Marshall Islands information and knowledge that most other Pacific Islands are now

trying to replicate. He said that it was exciting to be in a position to share sailing and building expertise with the Samoans and other Pacific canoe builders because this is the way that traditions dating back many thousands of years will stay strong and prosper for future generations.

A Marshall Islands voyaging canoe—built five years ago—will see action early next month in Western Samoa, after spending the last four years in the New Zealand National Maritime Museum in Auckland.

The 50-foot voyaging canoe, built by Enewetak Islanders, is now shipped to Western Samoa for the Pacific Festival of Arts that opens on September 7. In addition to Enewetak Islanders sailing the Marshalls canoe, Maori Esta Proctor, will join the canoe in Western Samoa and sail with the Marshall Islanders.

It will be the only canoe from the Micronesian area at the festival. Although no other canoes are coming from the North Pacific, the Micronesian Seafaring Society is sending a large number of navigators, boat builders and carver to Western Samoa to be part of the Festival, Alessio said.

The participation of the Marshalls voyaging canoe at the Pacific Festival of Arts in Rarotonga in 1992 prompted a lot of media attention and interest among navigators, sailors and boat builders from other Pacific Islands, Alessio said. "It was the impetus for the launching of the Micronesian Seafaring Society the following year," Alessio said.

The Society had planned to send some canoes from the Caroline Islands to the Festival in Samoa, but shipping arrangements fell through, Alessio said.

Alessio, who also participated in the 1992 Festival, said that the Marshalls sailing crew is looking forward to Samoa with anticipation of renewing ties with the crews from the other islands, and networking for future canoe sailing and building projects. "In 1992, all the crews switched canoes and sailed on each others' boats," Alessio said. "It's like a brotherhood, it's one big family."

## DFS honors employees of month

MARIAN Aldan-Pierce, President of DFS Saipan Limited, announced the selection of Sandra Guzman and Gemma Good as July 1996 Employees of the Month.

An awards ceremony was conducted by John M. Romisher. Anne Blanton assisted with the ceremony held in the Galleria Coffee Shop, Garapan. Sandra was selected from the Sales category and Gemma was selected from the Sales Support category.

Each recipient was awarded

an Employee of the Month Certificate and pin, and \$100 in cash. They become eligible for the selection as 1996 Employees of the Year in their respective categories.

Sandra has been employed by DFS since April 22, 1995. She was recommended for her cheerful attitude, outstanding sales performance, and strong team approach. Sandra was recommended by Wolf Mojica, Boutiques Manager.

Gemma has been employed at DFS since June 27, 1994. She

works in the Accounting Department. Gemma was recognized most for her positive attitude, support for her team members, and cost-reduction strategies for her department. Gemma was recommended by Edward Ng, Finance Manager for the DFS Accounting Department.

Also, an awards ceremony was held to honor DFS Galleria's employees who performed excellent customer service during the month of July. Rich Lemaich, Anne Blanton, and Will Edwards assisted with the activity.



(l-r) Rick Lemaich, Wolf Mojica, Sandra Guzman, Gemma Good, Anne Blanton, and Edward Ng.

## NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION VACANCY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT Loan Specialist I

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting employment applications for the position of Loan Specialist I for its central office in Garapan, Saipan.

The position involves moderately complex responsibilities associated with packaging or underwriting loans, and reports directly to the Manager, Mortgage Credit Division and handles federal, as well as local housing loan programs.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** Includes, but not limited to providing guidance and assistance to applicants during housing loan application intake; interviewing housing loan applicants; obtaining pertinent information regarding housing loan applicants for the purpose of making an informed decision as to the credit-worthiness and repayment ability of applicants; packaging housing loan applications for a variety of housing loan programs administered by NMHC or in which NMHC participates, in accordance with established policies and procedures; counseling of applicants and/or borrowers with credit problems; taking appropriate action with delinquent borrowers; maintaining appropriate waiting list, filing system of housing loan applications, approved and closed housing loans, to ensure quick retrieval of information and prompt follow-up of delinquencies, occupancy and/or mortgage insurance policies; conducting of site investigation of a prospective single-family dwelling unit project, recordation of legal instruments executed at loan closing or to release satisfied mortgages; conducting of research for questionable property ownership of housing loan applicants; service of legal notices for defaulted housing loans; performing other related tasks as assigned.

**Salary:** Minimum salary range is Grade 32, Step 01 at \$24,889.35 per annum or higher, depending on experience.

**Qualification Requirements:** Associate Degree in accounting or business administration or equivalent, or a high school graduate with a minimum of five (5) years experience in loan packaging or underwriting.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** No person shall be denied employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability.

Interested applicant must submit an NMHC prescribed employment application form no later than Tuesday, September 3, 1996, to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950 or to the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan. Employment application forms are available at the Garapan office and may be picked up during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. For further information, please contact Diana Crisostimo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division at 234-9447/7689/7670.

By MARYLOU ADA SIROK  
Corporate Director

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing agency"

## ANNOUNCEMENT

AS A DIRECTOR PERSONNEL AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INCENTIVE AWARD COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE ON SAIPAN, ROTA & TINIAN A HAPPY AND SAFE LABOR DAY.

Luis S. Camacho

## MANILA NEWSBRIEFS (as culled by Philippine Consulate)

### Ramos dares peace plans critics

PRESIDENT Ramos dared critics of the Mindanao peace plan yesterday to sue him for ordering the creation of the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development (SPCPD) as a transitory administrative body for the expanded Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

This developed as the final round of formal talks between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) opened in Jakarta, Indonesia with both sides predicting smooth sailing.

During a press conference at Malacanang, the President said he welcomed the threat by anti-SPCPD advocates to question before the Supreme Court the establishment of the council or overturn his order through people's initiative.

Ramos said the Constitution provides that people's initiative cannot be used to challenge purely executive action such as his creation of the SPCPD and the so-called Zone of Peace and Development of ZOPAD. *The Philippine Star*

### Safety of APEC heads of state assured

PRESIDENT Ramos yesterday assured the safety of the 18 heads of state and their delegation during the Asia-Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) in Manila and Subic this November.

In his weekly press conference, the President said his government will make sure that no untoward incident will happen during their stay here for the ministerial meetings and the summit of leaders.

"I think we will be able to handle it as we handled it in the case of visit of the Pope.

And that had certain sensitivities just as great as the forthcoming APEC meeting," he said.

The President reminded the media that during the Pope's visit, his police and security men were able to uncover a terrorist group in the Philippines that had connections with various terrorists undertakings worldwide. *The Philippine Inquirer*

### Aging vessels to be retired

AFTER ordering the purchase of new government aircraft, President Ramos now wants to retire aging commercial vessels plying Philippines seas.

The President directed Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Pio Garrido Jr. to "do something" about "aging" commercial vessels to ensure the safety of the public.

Ramos ordered a check on the age and health of ships and ferries opening in the country to reduce the risk of sea accidents.

In a directive to the Department of Transportation and Communications, the President told the DOTC to look for sources of financing for the purchase outside the budget for the Armed Forces modernization program which is still awaiting congressional approval.

At the same time, the Chief Executive ordered the two government agencies to provide incentives to local government units willing to participate in the development of their respective seaports and fishports. *The Philippine Star*

### Israel to deport illegal workers

AN exodus of Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) chief Feliciano Josen said the Philippine Embassy in Tel-Aviv reported that more than 100,000 foreign workers staying illegally in Israel will be deported.

Josen said the Israeli government intends to purge its country of illegal workers to give way to Palestinians to enter Israel to work as part of the peace process.

To accommodate the re-entry of Palestinians, the Israeli government must quickly remove 100,000 foreign workers.

Foreigners, including about 8,000 Filipino workers, now make up almost five percent of Israeli's population. *The Philippine Star*

### 200 business groups coming to RP

OVER 200 foreign and local groups will converge next week in Manila to lead off the first concrete phase of the business matching sessions among member countries of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

Benigno Ricalfort, vice president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and chairman of the private sector-led Asia-Pacific Business Network (APB-NET), said the companies, trade chamber and government agencies will discuss possible joint ventures, dealership or distributorship contracts for specific products and services within the region.

Among the industries to be represented at the forum—the third for the 18-member APEC—are construction, agriculture, textile and pharmaceutical products.

About 160 different foreign groups and 50 Filipino counterparts will explore trade and investment partnerships that could also cover technical tie-ups, export and import trade, licensing agreements and the possible establishment of a supplier base for multinational companies. *The Philippine Star*

**BELETED HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mike**

From the Variety Patakla group

## Women's group in Fiji appeals for equality

SUVA (PNS) - A women's rights group in Fiji believes the citizenship rights of women in the country is an issue that needs urgent attention in the Constitution.

Coordinator of Fiji Women's Right Movement Imrana Jalal tolda women's Citizenship Rights, that changes must be made to the Constitution to allow women the same

rights as men when it comes to marrying foreigners, Radio Fiji reports.

She says article 16 of the country's Constitution says everybody in the country is equal before the law, however, there are some provisions which discriminate against women.

Jalal referred to the first provision of article 25 in the Constitu-

tion which says a person born outside Fiji after 6/10/97 shall become a citizen of Fiji at the date of birth if his father is a citizen of Fiji.

She says this means effectively that a Fiji woman who is married to a foreigner and has a child outside Fiji - that child has no rights to apply for citizenship in the country through his or her mother...Pacnews

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*Prospect of peace in Russia hangs*

# Yeltsin withholds OK on pact

By DAVE CARPENTER  
GROZNY, Russia (AP) - A peace deal for breakaway Chechnya hung in doubt Sunday as President Boris Yeltsin withheld his key approval of the pact, signed by Russia's security chief and rebel leaders, to end the 21-month war.



Boris Yeltsin

Scattered clashes were reported across the ravaged mountainous republic Sunday.

But in other parts of Chechnya, the peace process moved forward. Chechen rebels released 10 Russian prisoners in Gudermes, some 40 kilometers (24 miles) east of Grozny, the Interfax news agency reported.

Russian national security chief Alexander Lebed and top separatist commander Aslan Maskhadov signed a breakthrough agreement Saturday

declaring an end to the war, which has killed more than 30,000 people.

But hours later, Yeltsin cast doubt on the document's valid-

ity, saying it needed "additional evaluation and assessment."

The peace deal needs the approval of Yeltsin, who sent troops into Chechnya in December 1994 to crush its independence bid.

Yeltsin spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said the president was awaiting a detailed report from Lebed, so that government experts could examine the document.

Yeltsin, who is vacationing at a hunting resort outside Moscow, has distanced himself from Lebed since putting him in charge of the Chechen conflict on Aug. 10.

Yastrzhembsky said Lebed and Maskhadov had made changes to the peace plan from the version Lebed worked out with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and other senior

officials on Thursday.

All previous accords to end the war have failed. But this one ventures further than the others on the key issue of Chechnya's political status, committing both sides to resolving the question by Dec. 31, 2001.

Chechnya wants independence from Russia, which Moscow has said it will never allow.

But it wasn't clear whether the document alters Chechnya's current status, or whether it outlines a mechanism for the decision on Chechnya's sovereignty.

It calls for a joint Russian-Chechen commission to be created by Oct. 1 to fight crime and rebuild Chechnya's shattered economy.

Lebed said Chernomyrdin will hold a special government meeting Monday to discuss the peace

pact.

Meanwhile, nearly all remaining Russian and separatist forces pulled out Saturday from Grozny, leaving the charred and crumbling capital in the hands of joint Russian-Chechen patrols as part of an earlier military truce.

"It's a very important day for peace," said Col. Vladimir Kostenkov, a Russian representative of the joint command.

Elated Chechens, setting aside concerns about the political impasse with Russia, danced and shouted for joy in villages west of Grozny as convoys of rebel fighters drove out with fists uptrist victoriously.

Chechens also turned over an armed personnel carrier seized in an attack on Russian troops earlier this month, when rebels seized Grozny in some of the worst fighting to date, Interfax reported.

But peace remained uncertain. Some hard-line Chechen field commanders want immediate, total independence, and the extent of the rebel leadership's control remains uncertain.

"We have a time-out of five years," said a Russian negotiator and prominent lawmaker, Vladimir Lukin, on Saturday. "The question is, how do we use it."

Russian media have criticized Lebed for selling Russia out with the peace deal.

Chechnya, a mostly Muslim region in southern Russia, declared independence in 1991.

### Deputies face discipline after mock executions

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) - Five sheriff's deputies said it was only a prank when they strapped jail inmates into a chair and told them they were going to be electrocuted.

But internal affairs investigators aren't laughing, and say the deputies face penalties ranging from letters of reprimand to suspension without pay.

The three mock executions took place in June using a chair that is used to restrain unruly inmates, said Sacramento County Supervisor Roger Dickinson.

"The occupants of the chair were told it was electrified and they were about to be electrocuted," he told The Sacramento Bee. "All I know is that to the extent that this occurred, the deputies were supposedly joking."

The same five deputies are being questioned in another internal investigation in which a black reserve deputy complained that he was subject to racially offensive behavior, Roberts said.

The downtown jail where the mock executions took place is the same one which currently houses Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski. But he is being held in isolation from the rest of the inmates.

# Jakarta riot: 5 dead, 74 missing

By GHAFUR FADYL  
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A government-sponsored human rights group said Sunday five people died and 74 remain missing as a result of anti-government riots that rocked Indonesia's capital city in July.

The private National Commission on Human Rights, set up in 1993 by President Suharto, also said 150 people suffered injuries in the violence, which erupted in Jakarta after security forces broke up a sit-in by supporters of pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukarnoputri.

Baharuddin Lopa, Secretary General of the commission, told the Associated Press the group hopes to put an end to conflicting reports on the number of fatalities, injuries and disappearances resulting from the July 27 violence.

Official government reports say the riots left four dead and more than 90 injured. Regarding the missing, the government has said nothing.

"About those missing, it could be that they are already dead, or they are afraid to return to their homes or they have fled from arrests," Lopa said.

The provisional report noted

more information from the public would be accepted before a final version is published in the next two weeks. Lopa said the final report will be submitted to the government.

There was no immediate official response to Sunday's report. According to the commission, the fifth person was found dead in a hospital of serious injuries.

Lopa said none of the dead suffered from bullet wounds. "Based on the examination of their bodies, there were marks and bruises from blunt objects," he said.

One was determined to have died of a heart attack, the report said.

The commission has 25 members picked by Suharto to monitor and investigate how well human rights are protected in Indonesia. Though government-sponsored, it has criticized some government and military actions.

The demonstrators were protesting government efforts to remove Megawati as head of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party, or PDI.

Megawati is the daughter of the late President Sukarno - the founder of independent In-

onesia and whose picture still hangs in millions of Indonesian homes.

Security officials claim the protests were part of a leftist plot against Suharto, but haven't released evidence to support their claims.

Among the 156 people arrested were Budiman Sudjatmiko, a radical leader of the unauthorized leftist Democratic People's Party or PRD and Muchtar Pakpahan, leader of the biggest independent trade union. Both are charged with subversion, which carries the death penalty.

The Attorney General's Office says it will put 124 people on trial over the next three months. Thirty two others were still being investigated.

Opposition figures say the riots were fueled by public anger at poverty, corruption, and official interference in the PDI, led by Megawati.

Suharto, a former general who overthrew Megawati's father in 1966, apparently is afraid her growing following - especially among admirers of Sukarno - could threaten his hold on power.

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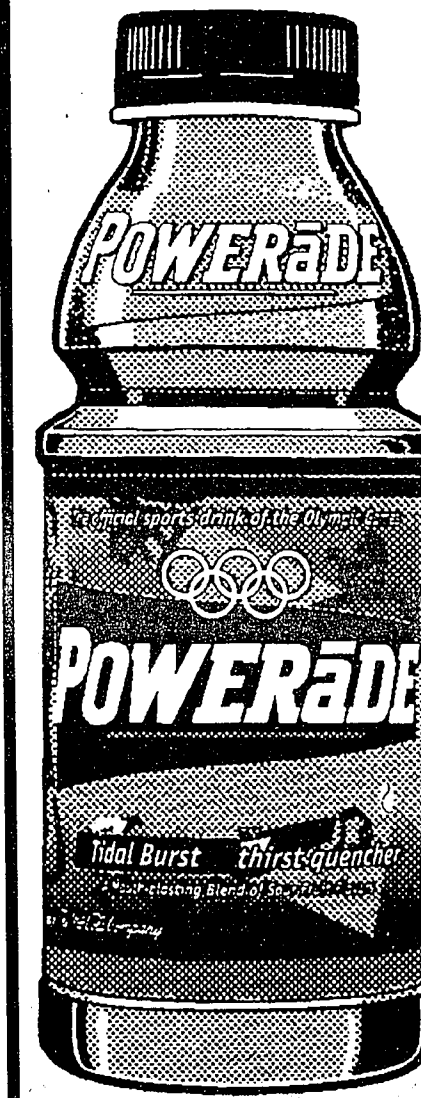
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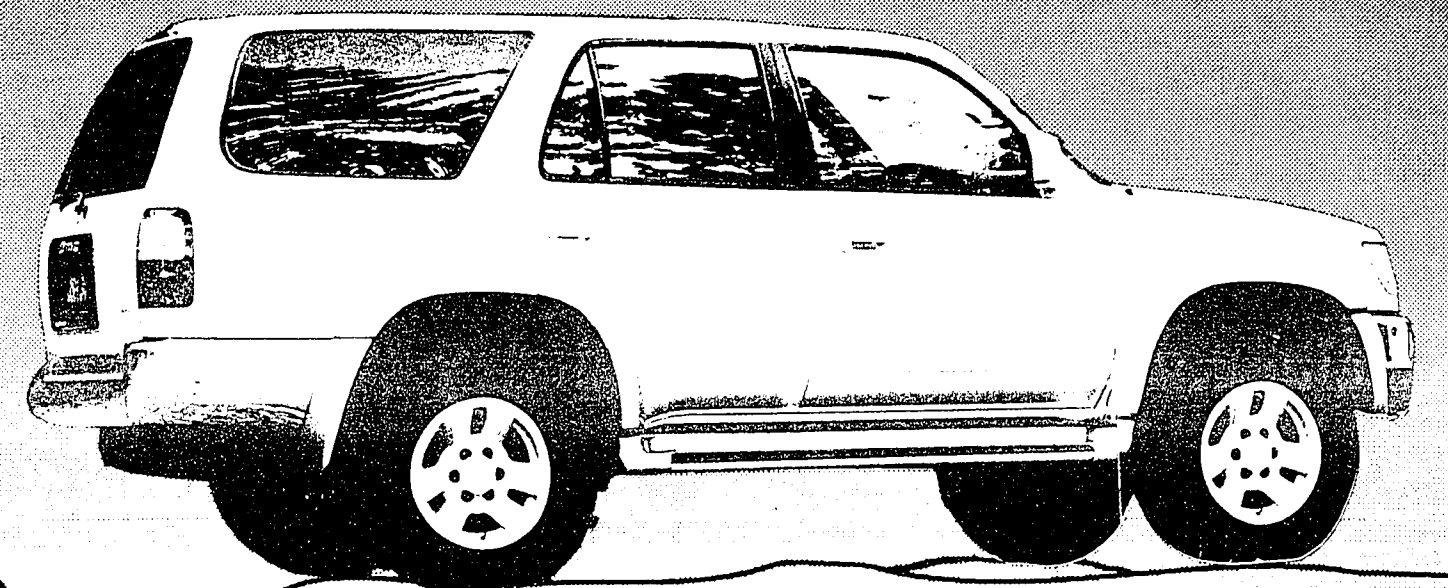
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SEALED PROPOSALS for the CONVERSION OF THE RESTAURANT AREA TO A NEW HOLDROOM, AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SA-008-96 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00PM, Friday, September 13, 1996, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the renovation of the former restaurant area to a new Departure Holdroom, at Saipan International Airport, construction of new restrooms, addition to the concrete roof, and new interior and exterior finishes. Included will be the complete enclosure and air-conditioning of the new Holdroom space, complete with new plumbing, electrical, lighting and interior architectural finishes. Also, includes the installation of a complete fire sprinkler system, repair, refinishing and painting of the existing exterior beams columns, and walls all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months 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 prevailing CNMI minimum wage rate in accordance with Section 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (CPA Project No. CPA-SA-008-96) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Proposal).

### Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.

b. 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, 1977, 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 Commonwealth Ports Authority, 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 non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 28, 1996 to explain and clarify 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 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 herein above 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 in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations, 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

Date: 8/6/96

# Mexican government forces battle guerrillas

## As President Zedillo vows to respect civil rights

By JOHN RICE  
MEXICO CITY (AP) - Government forces killed one rebel and captured four others in a pre-dawn clash in southern Mexico, a day before President Ernesto Zedillo planned a state-of-the-nation address to calm fears of economic and political instability.



Ernesto Zedillo

Soldiers and Oaxaca state police battled members of the Popular Revolutionary Army early Saturday near the community of La Perdiz in the San Miguel Suchixtepec mountains, state officials said.

The killed rebel wore an olive green uniform and backpack, the Mexico City daily La Cronica reported. The government late Saturday also reported the death of another rebel who was wounded in Thursday's attack in Hualulco, two hours away.

The new violence came two days after Zedillo pledged to suppress the rebel insurgency that has created a security crisis for his government.

Many political activists say they fear that opposition groups could be caught up in the crackdown on a group the president called "criminal, violent and cowardly."

Troops and police set up checkpoints on highways and patrolled mountain roads to prevent new attacks by the Popular Revolutionary Army, whose attacks on troops, police, and other targets last week killed 14 people.

Last week's raids in five states - the most widespread guerrilla attacks in Mexico in decades - prompted both Mexican and U.S. officials to insist that Mexico remained politically stable.

In the Gulf state of Veracruz, the military and state police were reported to have redoubled security at strategic oil installations, the Mexico City radio station Radio Red reported Saturday.

Zedillo warned that the rebel group, known by its Spanish

Promotion of Human Rights, in Mexico City.

Zedillo admitted grounds for such fears, saying wars against guerrillas in the 1970s left "open wounds" in many countries.

"There are still organizations (in Mexico) ... demanding the appearance of those who disappeared in the 1970s," he said.

The government's Human Rights Commission last year estimated that about 530 people were kidnapped and killed by government forces during that era, in a crackdown on a small rebel band in the mountains of Guerrero state.

Officials at the Interior Ministry have identified the EPR as an arm of the Clandestine Revolutionary Workers Party Union of the People, a group partly descended from the Guerrero rebels of the 1970s.

But they also linked it to a number of above-ground leftist activist groups, notably the Guerrero-based Campesino Organization of the Southern Sierra, known as the OCSS.

"That is a lie," a leader of the group, Hilario Mesino, told the La Jornada newspaper from prison in Acapulco. "We are a peaceful organization which struggles for the demands of the farmers."

The EPR first appeared June 28 at a memorial service for 17 OCSS supporters massacred by Guerrero state police a year earlier. Since June, police have arrested several OCSS members, accusing them of being rebels.

Mexico's countryside is rife with desperate poverty, land disputes and struggles involving local political bosses.

That volatile mix has spawned hundreds of activist groups which clash with regional leaders.

The center-left Democratic Revolution Party, which has embraced many such groups, claims that more than 200 of its members have died in political murders since 1989.

# Another prosecutor is named to head investigation into Colosio assassination

By NICK ANDERSON  
MEXICO CITY (AP) - President Ernesto Zedillo has named the latest in a series of special prosecutors to lead the investigation into the 1994 assassination of a top presidential candidate, a crime many Mexicans doubt will ever be solved.

Luis Raul Gonzalez Perez is the fourth official to head the probe into the March 23, 1994, shooting death of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the candidate of the long-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

Viewed as a reformer in a party torn by internal divisions, Colosio was expected to win the presidential election in August

that year. The PRI has never lost a presidential election since its founding in 1929.

Zedillo, Colosio's campaign manager, took his place after the candidate was gunned down at a political rally in Tijuana.

Zedillo took office vowing to get to the bottom of the most significant assassination in Mexico in more than 60 years.

Gonzalez Perez, an official for the National Human Rights Commission and former official in the federal Interior Ministry, was appointed Saturday to replace Pablo Chapa Bezanilla, who was removed last month after failing to obtain the conviction of a key suspect in the case.

The lengthy probe has frustrated political leaders and raised public doubts about the Mexican justice system. Many Mexicans believe the killing to be the result of a conspiracy within the ruling party.

A Tijuana factory worker, Mario Aburto Martinez, was seized at the scene. Convicted of homicide, Aburto was sentenced to more than 40 years in prison.

Though several people were arrested at various times after the shooting, Aburto remains the only person convicted in the case.

Chapa was removed after a judge on Aug. 7 acquitted a man the prosecutor had accused of being a second gunman.

# 7 soldiers killed in Tamil rebel attack

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Tamil rebels killed seven soldiers and wounded another in eastern Sri Lanka when the guerrillas ambushed the troop patrol, a military spokesman said Sunday.

It was unclear if the rebels suffered any casualties in the attack late Saturday at Rideepokuna village, about 190 kilometers (119 miles) east of the capital, Colombo.

The military patrol had been deployed to provide farmers in the area with security against rebel incursions, military spokesman

Maj. N.K. Wadugodapitya said. Government soldiers further north, meanwhile, repulsed a rebel attack near Tammanawa village, he said. One Tamil Tiger rebel was killed in the fighting.

The rebels are fighting for a separate homeland for ethnic Tamils living in Sri Lanka's north and east. The country's minority Tamil community says it faces widespread discrimination from the majority Sinhalese.

More than 45,000 people have died since the fighting began in 1983.

# Elephants pose 'big' security threat to military in India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Authorities in eastern India may want to rethink security measures at military installations to protect against a BIG threat - elephants.

Two adult elephants strayed from their herd on Saturday and wandered toward an air force base at Kalaikunda, a key military installation close to the Nepalese and Chinese borders, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The animals crashed through three security fences and began smashing through everything in their way when they spotted several parked fighter jets.

Try as they might, the elephants were unable to overturn the jets, the English-language Sunday Times reported.

It was unclear whether the elephants caused any serious damage to the jets. Kalaikunda is about 250 kilometers (156 miles) north of the eastern city of Calcutta.

An angry adult bull elephant, at upwards of 5,400 kilograms (6 tons), can cause extensive damage, the newspaper quoted forestry officials as saying.

Air force personnel, reluctant to kill the elephants, waited for forestry officials to arrive on the scene and drive the animals back to the surrounding jungle.

There has been a spate of bull elephant rampages in the area in recent weeks, said Somnath Mukherjee, a district forestry officer.

There are many elephant sanctuaries in eastern India. In recent years because of human encroachment in elephant habitats and largescale deforestation, many pachyderms have wandered out of their forests and into villages for search of food.



A student hangs from the rooftop and threatens suicide after riot police stormed a building at Yonsei University in Seoul during the height of attendant unrest this month. The students were the last of some 7,000 who initially clashed with police Aug. 12 as they gathered at the university for an annual advocating reunification with communist North Korea. The student did not jump. AP Photo

# AUCTION SALE

Commonwealth Development Authority

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,  
vs.  
HENRY DLG. SAN NICOLAS  
and ESTELLA C. SAN NICOLAS,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 88-918

NOTICE OF FIRST SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants - Henry DLG. San Nicolas & Estella C. San Nicolas - in the following described real property situated in Tinian will be sold at an auction sale:

1. Tinian Municipality: Lot No. 006 T 85 (formerly Lot No. 008 T 49) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plan No. 006 T 03, dated April 28, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 909 square meters, more or less, including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property; and

2. Tract No. 035 T 06 containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 035 T 00, dated February 27, 1976, and including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

2. Right and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

3. Minimum Bid. The minimum bid for any property listed in this notice shall be the total amount of principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs of sale due and owing CDA by the defendants - or the appraised value of the property - whichever is greater.

4. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

5. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

Dated this 21st day of August, 1996.

/s/ Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,  
vs.  
FRANCISCO W. TORRES  
and ESTELLA C. TORRES,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 93-1066

NOTICE OF FIRST SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants - Francisco W. Torres & Diana C. Torres - in the following described real property situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, will be sold at an auction sale:

Lot No. E.A. 881-12, containing an area of 930 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plan Number 2072/81, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Documents No. 11917, on the 4th day of May, 1981. This includes all improvements located on the property.

(This property was earlier appraised at \$231,000.00) and 2. Land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as Lot No. 001 T 38, and containing an area of 1,246 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plan No. 001 T 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 100-A, on the 23rd day of July, 1970, including all improvements.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 21th day of August, 1996.

/s/ Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GUILLERMINA C. CEPEDA,  
Defendant.

Civil Action No. 91-1082

NOTICE OF THIRD SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendant - Guillermina C. Cepeda - in the following described real property situated in Saipan and Tinian will be sold at an auction sale:

1. Land situated in Dandan, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as Lot No. 1691-11-1, and containing an area of 1,135 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plan Number 2072/81, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Documents No. 11917, on the 4th day of May, 1981. This includes all improvements located on the property.

(This property was earlier appraised at \$231,000.00) and 2. Land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as Lot No. 001 T 38, and containing an area of 1,246 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plan No. 001 T 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 100-A, on the 23rd day of July, 1970, including all improvements.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

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Dated this 21th day of August, 1996.

/s/ Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

# Charles faces criticism on Camilla

By RON KAMPEAS

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles may be determined to get his subjects to accept his relationship with the woman who broke up his marriage with Princess Diana - but he faces an uphill struggle, a poll published Sunday showed.



Prince Charles

And one report said that until they can make their relationship more public, Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles are stealing moments together in the back seats of a movie theater.

The MORI poll, published in The Mail on Sunday newspaper, showed that 51 percent of Britons say he should succeed his mother, Queen Elizabeth II as monarch as things stand right now.

Those who thought he should abdicate in favor of the next in line, his 14-year-old son Prince William, numbered 38 percent. Another 11 percent said they did not know.

But those numbers sharply reversed when respondents were asked how they would react if he married Parker Bowles, with whom he conducted affairs on and off throughout his 15-year marriage to Diana.

Asked whether their opinion of Charles had lowered in recent years, 52 percent said yes, 43 percent said no, and 2 percent did not know.

Those who said their opinion had dropped were asked to list reasons why, in their own words; 40 percent cited the way he treated Diana and 39 percent named his affair with Parker Bowles, who was also married at the time.

Despite public opprobrium, Charles remained committed to his woman and his destiny, two newspapers reported.

The News of the World reported an unnamed confidant of Charles as quoting him saying "I will never give either of them up. Never."

It reports that Charles, 47, encouraged Parker Bowles to hire a public relations consultant to make her more attractive to the British public.

Alan Kilkenny had advised Parker Bowles, 49 on her haircut

and wardrobe - which fashion watchers have said have come to resemble Diana's. Also notable is the fact that Parker Bowles, a notorious scowler, has started to smile for the paparazzi.

The prince hopes to edge Parker Bowles into public life, perhaps beginning with an interview in one of the many magazines prone to reporting royalty with unquestioning friendliness, the News of the World quoted the confidant as saying.

He has hopes that a hostile public will turn around and grow to like her "earthiness," a pattern already seen with his sister, Princess Anne.

"The prince wants to marry her one day because he loves her," The Times of London quoted an unidentified senior palace source as saying. "But there is no question of them marrying for the foreseeable future ... he will always put duty first."

But he remains concerned that Diana, 35, stages photo opportunities each time he attempts to edge Parker Bowles into his public life. The couples formal divorce went through last Wednesday, 3 1/2 years after they separated.

The News of the World said he hopes Diana finds someone else - meanwhile he perceives her as a "Banquo's ghost" to his Macbeth. The Sunday Mirror reported that the couple sneak into the back row just as the show starts at the Astoria cinema in Chippenham, west of London - a 10-minute drive from Parker Bowles' country home.

The Prince never carries cash, so Camilla forks out for the 3.50 pound (\$ 5.40) tickets in the drab old cinema situated next to a bingo hall.

Recent outings have included "The Piano" and "Mission: Impossible," the paper said.

# Rita Moreno brings passion—and age—to 'Sunset Boulevard'

By MATT WOLF

LONDON (AP) - The musical "Sunset Boulevard" has yet another freshly picked diva in Rita Moreno to play fading Hollywood legend Norma Desmond.

And what will the Oscar-winning star of "West Side Story" bring to the glamorous yet taxing role already played on the West End by Patti LuPone, Betty Buckley, Elaine Paige, and Petula Clark?

"I'm the oldest," said the actress, born in Puerto Rico and at age 64 a tiny tornado of energy. (Ms. Clark, her nearest competitor in the age sweepstakes, is 61.)

"I bring with me a world of experience and disappointments and years of not being asked to do anything," she said following a photocall at the London office of Really Useful, composer-producer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's internationally successful company.

She had been in London barely 24 hours after flying from her home in Los Angeles. She's just happy to have a job.

"After I won the Oscar, I didn't work for seven years," continued Moreno. "That doesn't match Norma's 20-25 years, but it's good enough."

Desperation isn't all that drives Norma in Lloyd Webber's stage adaptation of the 1950 Billy Wilder film; an embrace of high-style theatrics plays its part, too. On that point, Moreno felt a further kinship with a role for which she first auditioned several years ago in Los Angeles: "I have an enormous passion, an enormous flair for the dramatic."

Larger than life, said the actress, "is not difficult for me. I am bigger than life."

Moreno is contracted to "Sunset Boulevard" at the Adelphi Theater for eight weeks starting Sept. 9, filling in for a vacationing Clark, who returns Nov. 4 to the production.

The limited run tests Moreno

in one of the most demanding roles in the contemporary musical theater - Glenn Close won a Tony Award for the part on Broadway - while reacquainting her with a city she last played in 1964, in the London premiere of the Broadway show "She Loves Me."

"I'm one of those Americans who truly loved, and learned to cook, bubble and squeak," said Moreno, referring to the "comfort food" mixture of fried potatoes and cabbage beloved by the English.

Yorkshire pudding and plaice and chips are other English delicacies Moreno admits to devouring avidly.

"I know it sounds boring and pandering, but that's too bad; it's sincere," she said. "I truly love things like cabbage and Brussels sprouts, so what can I say? It's unusual for a Caribbean, but life is strange."

More nerve-wracking than shocking is a timetable that gives Moreno under three weeks to learn the part. In that time, she will need to master some two hours of music; John Napier's imposing, award-winning set with its majestic curved staircase; and costume designer Anthony Powell's lavish, and heavy, clothes.

"My husband said, 'You're heroic or crazy or both,'" said Moreno.

"The costumes are extremely difficult," she said. "They weigh a ton; there are trains you have to kick out of the way and big, long sleeves you have to learn to manipulate."

But while some Normas have balked at the train, not so the performer, whose Oscar-winning Anita in "West Side Story" in 1961 sang and danced up a storm in praise of "America."

"I'll know how to kick it out of the way." The stairs pose their own problem.

"There are 400 steps to climb

every performance; that's 800 on matinee days."

Still, great roles are rare, a fact Moreno knows well despite having won an Oscar, Tony, Emmy, Grammy, and Golden Globe at various points in her career.

"What happened after 'West Side Story' was that I was offered more of the same roles in lesser films," she said. "Not musicals, just gang films, and I had higher ambitions than that."

And for every Oscar-winner, she did far more turns in B-westerns playing Indian maidens.

"I went to Hollywood thinking foolishly I would be the next Lana Turner; well, they showed me," said Moreno, whose real name Rosita was shortened to Rita in her early years as a starlet at MGM. (Moreno was her stepfather's name.)

More recent efforts on behalf of a Third World Cinema assemblage of artists committed to work of, and by, minorities came to nothing.

"It takes 20 years to get backing for films with minority people," she said, citing the collapse of a project she had hoped to make with actor Edward James Olmos.

Said Moreno wryly: "There were no guns."

Instead, the actress goes where the work is, performing in regional theater with daughter Fernanda, 29, in productions of "Gypsy" and "Taming of the Shrew," and spending eight months off Broadway last season in the Anne Meara comedy, "After-Play."

All of which explains why she had to tackle "Sunset," whatever its terrors.

"There just aren't that many roles in any medium for women my age, especially in musicals," said the performer, sounding every bit the seasoned show biz gypsy.

# Beirut votes for new parliament

By RODEINA KENAAN

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Prime Minister Rafik Hariri sought a strong mandate for his plan to rebuild Beirut as voters in the capital went to the polls Sunday to fill 19 seats in the 128-member Parliament.

Sunday's vote is the third leg of a five-stage ballot. The voting is being held on five consecutive Sundays and all Parliament seats will be filled when the voting ends on Sept. 15.

The 19 seats in Beirut are divided to reflect the city's religious and ethnic makeup. Muslim fundamentalists such as the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah and the Sunni Habashi and Islamic Group factions are also fielding candidates in Beirut.

The first two rounds of voting in north and central Lebanon saw the election of pro-Syrian candidates for the half-Christian, half-Muslim legislature. Syria, which has 40,000 troops in Lebanon, strongly influ-

ences the country's politics. About 4,000 Lebanese army troops patrolled the streets in armored vehicles and trucks through the night and during the day Sunday to prevent violence.

Activists honked horns early Sunday as they drove through the city, waving posters and blaring speeches from loudspeakers. City streets were littered with election posters.

About 120 candidates were contesting the 19 seats in Beirut and about 364,000 people were eligible to vote. The polls close at 7 p.m. (1400 GMT).

The Beirut election includes three Sunni Muslim politicians - Hariri, former Prime Minister Selim Hoss and Tammam Salam, the son of ex-premier Saeb Salam. The Sunni Muslims make up the main merchant class in Lebanon's three largest cities, Beirut, Tripoli and Sidon.

Under Lebanon's sectarian system of government, the prime minister is a Sunni, the Parliament Speaker a Shiite Muslim and the state president a Maronite Catholic.

Hariri, a self-made billionaire from southern Lebanon, is regarded an outsider to Beirut politics. His reconstruction plan to restore the capital's prewar glory has earned him the support of many.

"We hope to get a mandate to continue," Hariri, the prime minister since 1992, said in a TV interview broadcast live on the eve of the vote. Hariri is running for a seat, though he doesn't have to be elected to Parliament to remain prime minister.

Hariri has urged voters to elect 16 other ticket-mates to strengthen his hand in proceeding with his multi-million-dollar reconstruction program, and his attempt to weaken the political influence Islamic fundamentalist groups.

# Burma's Suu Kyi voices a mild approval of US sanctions bill

By ROBERT HORN

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - Democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi has voiced lukewarm approval of a sanctions bill being considered by the U.S. Congress even as some Rangoon-based diplomats said they feared the measure was flawed.

The bill, which seems set to be passed by Congress after the Labor Day holiday, allows President Clinton to impose stiff trade, travel and economic sanctions against Burma should its military rulers jail Suu Kyi or launch large-scale repressive measures against the country's democracy movement.

The Clinton administration has come under criticism from some democracy activists for pushing for a weaker version of a bill originally introduced by Sen. Mitch McConnell which would have imposed sanctions immediately.

"We don't think it's such a bad version because we are aware that without conditional sanctions they could be accused of going too far," Suu Kyi said during a weekend press conference.

"I think conditional sanctions show a balance between extreme measures and doing nothing," the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner said.

Suu Kyi, who began actively calling for sanctions against the military government last month, seemed confident that the military would eventually launch the kind of crackdown that would prompt President Clinton to act.

"Let's hope the military government works hard to make it a good bill," she said with a half-joking smile.

But one diplomat expressed concern that the clique of generals that rule Burma may never commit one major act of repression large enough to trigger sanctions but instead pick off Suu Kyi's supporters one by one.

Suu Kyi called the weekend press conference to say that a war of attrition was under way since the authorities had arrested 61 of her supporters, and already sentenced 32 to long prison terms, since June.

But the new steady stream of arrests has failed to capture the same massive publicity as when the government detained 262 of her followers during one week in May. It was then that she first said she would not oppose sanctions.

Critics of sanctions say, however, that they will not disclose the military government, that there isn't enough American business in Burma to threaten the country's economy and

that foreign firms will replace U.S. companies forced to pull out.

Burma's various military governments, which have ruled since 1962, held fast through 26 years of socialist isolationism even though it wrecked the economy. Since opening up to foreign investment in 1988, foreign firms have pledged nearly \$4 billion worth of projects, although less than one-third of that amount has actually come in.

Although U.S. apparel makers Eddie Bauer, Columbia Sportswear, Macy's and Osh Kosh B'Gosh halted their Burma operations after threats of American consumer boycotts, only 10 percent of Burma's garment exports go to the United States.

And oil company Unocal, the largest American investor in Burma as a partner in a \$1.2 billion gas pipeline, is dead set against divesting.

The United States is also alone in its sanctions stance. European countries have mixed views on the idea, while most Asian countries are adamantly against them.

A Rangoon-based economist agreed that U.S. sanctions won't have any effect unless three or four other G-7 nations join in.

# Military makes record heroin haul

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - Troops searching for drug refineries have made the biggest seizure of heroin in the country's history, the state-owned New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported Sunday.

About 143 kilograms (314 pounds) of the drug were seized on Thursday when an army patrol stopped two unmarked Chinese-made jeeps near Theinni, 750 kilometers (465 miles) northeast of Rangoon and 60 kilometers (37 miles) from the border

with China, said the report.

The drivers tried to speed away but halted when fired upon, it said. The heroin, in 417 packets, was found hidden in four steel boxes and six plastic sacks.

Six people - all with names indicating they are of Chinese or ethnic minority origin - were arrested and two escaped, the newspaper said.

Another large seizure was made early last month, when authorities seized 45 kilograms (99 pounds) of heroin at Hopong, 450

kilometers (280 miles) northeast of the capital.

U.S. drug authorities say Burma is the world's biggest heroin producer. An estimated 60-70 percent of the heroin in the United States originates from the Golden Triangle, the area where the borders of Burma, Thailand and Laos meet.

China is one of the routes by which heroin is smuggled out of Burma. Many of the illicit chemicals needed to transform opium into heroin are smuggled into Burma from China.



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**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS**

We, the family of the late

**MANUEL C. ARRIOLA,**



invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayer for our beloved. Daily masses will be offered every 6:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral beginning August 26 to September 3rd 1996.


On the final day, September 3rd, after the mass breakfast will be served.

**The Family**

**1st Anniversary Rosary**


In Loving Memory of our Beloved

**ANTONIO S.N. LIZAMA**



We, the family, would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Anniversary of our beloved, Nightly rosary will start on September 1, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Sn. Lizama (TRINI) in Chalan Kanoa District No. 1.

On the final day, September 9, 1996 (Monday) at 5:00 p.m. mass will be offered at Mt. Carmel Church in Chalan Kanoa. Dinner will follow at Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Sn. Lizama's residence in Chalan Kanoa District No. 1.



Thank you & Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

**The Family**

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on Saipan with his fellow employees as part of a tour arranged by JTB.

JTB packaged and sold the trip through a local tour operator.

As part of the pre-arranged tour itinerary, a party was held for the group at the hotel next to one of the swimming pools.

JTB hosted the party while the local tour operator arranged the trip with JTB and Dai-ichi.

Dai-ichi supplied all food and beverages, including beer for the party and its guests.

Shortly after the party began, the employees started to provide entertainment for each other.

Furuoka dived into the pool, but struck his head on the pool's concrete bottom.

The plaintiff suffered pain and could not move his legs or back.

The tourist surfaced thrashing his arms. He cried for help in English and Japanese to a man dressed in a security guard who was standing close to the pool.

The security guard, however, did nothing, the complaint said.

Furuoka's co-employees removed him from the pool. Later, an ambulance arrived and took the victim to the Commonwealth Health Center.

The following day, Furuoka was transported to a hospital in Tokyo. Doctors have determined that he will never again regain his ability to walk.

The doctors said plaintiff "will not be able to feed himself, dress himself, bathe himself, or go to the restroom without the assistance of another person."

Furuoka's counsels argued that Dai-ichi had a duty to ensure that its swimming pools would be safe for use by its guests.

"On the date and evening of plaintiff's injury, Dai-ichi did not have a lifeguard on duty at the pool at which plaintiff was injured," the lawyers said.

They pointed out that Dai-ichi's failure to comply with CNMI law requiring the presence of a lifeguard "proximately caused the (tourist's) injuries, pain and suffering."

JTB failed to meet its duties even though it knew or should have known that the hotel would have a pool-side party for the tour, the lawyers said in the complaint.

On the other hand, Furuoka's counsels said that the local tour operator has a duty to advise and warn its customers or request that the hotel establish and maintain such safeguards.

The complaint added that the Tokio-Marine's obligations as Dai-ichi's insurer include the hotel's liability to incur or has incurred as a result of its negligence.

# 4th-century B.C. theater being revived in Greece

By PATRICK QUINN  
ANCIENT EPIDHAVROS, Greece (AP) - Buried in darkness for more than 23 centuries, a small theater in this old port town came to life this year as part of an effort to forge a tangible link between ancient and modern times.

"After all these centuries we are trying to give it life, to make it real. Here the connection to the past is tangible and something you can touch and can touch you," said archeologist Evangelhia Protonotariou Deilakis.

The small 4th century B.C. amphitheater, which in ancient times could seat an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 people, this summer hosted nearly 600 people during weekend musical events in restored sections.

First discovered by Deilakis in 1970, the "Little Theater" as it is called, is overshadowed by the famous nearby ancient theater of Epidhavros, which seats about 16,000 and has hosted theatrical events since 1954.

The decision to allow the use of the Little Theater is part of an attempt by the Culture Ministry to bring people closer to some of the lesser known ancient theaters and medieval castles around the country.

Culture Minister Stavros Benos recently announced an ambitious decade-long 25 billion (\$ 104 million) drachma restoration program for 25 ancient Greek and Roman theaters and 39 castles.

"This program's clear direction is to harmonize these monuments with modern culture and our era," Benos said.

Benos said his ministry chose the monuments - there are 120 ancient theaters scattered around Greece - because they could be restored and used by people.

He said the restoration effort would be split into two separate programs. One includes the restoration of the theaters while the other focuses on castles.

The former, dubbed "circumnavigating castles," includes the restoration of fortifications on the western Ionian Sea, down the coast, then across the Mediterranean to the island of Crete, the Dodecanesse island chain, the islands of the northern Aegean and finally the mainland's northern Aegean coast.

The program would allow tourists to travel by sea to rarely visited areas of Greece and stay in the renovated castles.

"Its aim is to save and promote the castles, show their historical interconnection as well as advance a new form of tourism," Benos said.

Many of the castles, including the Byzantine fortress of Monemvassia located over 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of this ancient town, have already been in the process of restoration.

Built on a promontory, the Byzantine castle known as the "Gibraltar of Greece," already has docking facilities for boats and several hotels inside its walls.

"It's not just the restoration of the monuments but their assimilation into daily life as areas of cultural activity," Benos said.

For archeologist Deilakis the effort will "make people's connection with the past something perceptible."

She has dedicated the past 26 years to unearthing the small Epidhavros theater. Until 1970 it was not known that this port had a second theater until Deilakis, convinced it was there, decided to ignore her superiors and begin digging in 1972.

With little support then from the officials running the culture ministry, Deilakis struck a deal with the couple who owned the hill where the theater was located.

"We promised not to appropriate their property and allow them to live there - on the property - until they passed away," she said. In turn they would allow her to dig.

At the time Christos and Evmorphia Zafeiri were in their 80's and they fully supported her efforts to uncover the theater. But archeologists were unable to buy the property until last year when Mrs. Zafeiri died at the age of 107.

Deilakis said local residents also supported her efforts over the years, until they finally came to fruition when the theater was uncovered and used for the first trial concerts last summer. This year it was used regularly and she hopes further digging and restoration will allow more people to enjoy it next year.

She said the government's decision to begin a restoration and use program was approved by many of her colleagues.

"I had to come here without permission and most of the time we felt we had to fight bureaucracy to make them understand," she said.

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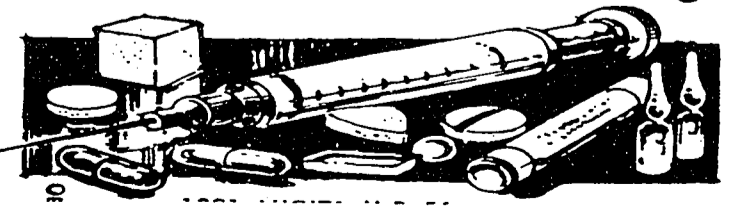
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you a daring, adventurous and curious individual who is driven to accomplish things that your peers have only dreamed of doing. It is not so much that you feel you know everything. On the contrary, you recognize that in the grand scheme of things, you know very little. Your humility is becoming. However, you find learning fun and invigorating, and you never want to stop exploring the world around you. Therefore, you put your fears behind you and move forward with a healthy, positive enthusiasm at all times.

In your private life it will be essential to surround yourself with friends and loved ones who are supportive and understanding. In life, much of what you choose to do will be difficult enough without having to put up with the criticism and doubts of those closest to you!

Also born on this date are: Christa McAuliffe, teacher, Challenger astronaut; Cleveland Amory, author; Terry Bradshaw, football player; Jimmy Connors, tennis player; Mark Harmon, actor; Alan Simpson, U.S. senator.

# CLOSERS

COLUMN CLOSERS

A town ordinance in Soldier's Grove, Wis., requires that all businesses get 50 percent of their heat from the sun.

Twenty percent of the world's physicians are Russian. Seven metals were known to the ancients: gold, silver, copper, lead, tin, iron and mercury. All except mercury are mentioned in the Bible.

Spaniard Francisco Pizarro conquered the mighty Inca empire with a force of 106 conquistadors.

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 2** — **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It will be important to get along with all kinds of people today, especially those who are not willing to go along with you right off the bat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — The positive should not be hidden away today. Instead, display this prominently for all to see. You will progress only if you stress what is going right.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Freedom is not something you can enjoy only in your everyday activities. You can also foster this quality within yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Do not overreact today to the open and honest remarks offered by those around you. Remember, you asked for an honest opinion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You must be willing to swing into action today at a moment's notice. Prepare to include long-distance travel in your list of possibilities.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your energy and enthusiasm will be contagious, but you must take care not to let others push you in a direction that doesn't interest you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — You can display great interest in what a friend or loved one is doing today without crossing the line or intruding in any way.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Your interest in new adventures will be well-served today as you face a few open doors that will really give you a kick!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — You will not have to withdraw into a world of thought and abstract considerations today simply because you take things too seriously. Make an effort to have fun.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You must keep your bad feelings to yourself today. Do not let your dark mood keep things from progressing according to schedule.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Someone may want you to take part in an all-or-nothing scheme today, but you must use caution, especially if your money is involved.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Do not be too bossy today. When you find yourself becoming agitated or aggressive, step back and let someone else take the reins for a while.

**Martin Van Buren**, the eighth president of the United States, was the first president born in the United States and not the English colonies.

Each year, lightning kills more people in the United States than any other natural disaster.

1996 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN. Is there anyone around who can recall them, in referring to a junket, you meant pudding, not a freebie political trip?

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# Dodgers . . .

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The Expos snapped San Diego's six-game winning streak.

F.P. Santangelo hit an RBI triple in the fourth off Bob Tewksbury (10-9) for a 1-0 lead and Mark Grudzielanek's run-scoring double in the sixth gave Montreal a 4-0 cushion.

Daal (3-2), who has pitched 61 innings in 57 games as a reliever, allowed one hit in five innings. He struck out eight and walked three before leaving for a pinch hitter in the fifth.

Reliever Ugueth Urbina, who started the sixth, allowed two runs and two hits in 2-2-3 innings. Mel Rojas got the final four outs for his 26th save. The three Montreal pitchers had a total of 15 strikeouts.

**Reds 22, Marlins 8**  
In Cincinnati, Kevin Mitchell drove in a career-high six runs and pinch-hitter Lenny Harris hit a grand slam as Cincinnati snapped Florida's seven-game winning streak.

The Reds established season highs with 22 runs and 18 hits, and ended a four-game losing streak against Florida. The

Marlins are 8-3 this season against Cincinnati. The Reds overcame a 5-0 deficit after the first inning by hitting five homers and taking advantage of 11 walks for their best offensive game in almost nine years. Three of the homers were off reliever Chris Hammond, who gave up eight hits and seven runs in 12-3 innings.

# Healthy . . .

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scoring pass in the fourth quarter in the 12th-ranked Wolverines' 20-8 win over Illinois.

"I think that's the longest I've run in my career," Dreisbach said. "I didn't want somebody to come up behind me and strip the ball, so I looked back and double checked, but nobody was there."

**Cardinals 2, Rockies 1**  
In St. Louis, Andy Benes allowed four hits in eight innings and Ray Lankford hit a two-run homer for the Cardinals. Benes (15-9) avenged a poor performance against Denver on Aug. 21, when the Rockies hammered him for 13 hits and seven runs in 2-3 innings. That was his only loss in his last 13 decisions.

Dennis Eckersley got the final two outs for his 25th save. The Rockies failed to hit a homer, breaking their streak of 16 straight games with at least one homer. Colorado's Roger Bailey (2-3), a last-minute starter for sore-shouldered Bill Swift, allowed only two runs and four hits over seven innings.

Detmer didn't make it to the end against the Cougars. After a 34-yard scramble in the third quarter, he was winded and John Hessler took over. By then, the Buffs were safely ahead.

"Koy got so nervous before the game he didn't eat anything and when he made the long run he about passed out," Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel said. "He was light-headed, and that's why we

didn't put him back in the game." At Memphis, Magic Benton, replacing Green at wideout, returned a punt 67 yards for a TD and caught a 73-yard scoring pass for the Hurricanes.

"I look at myself as a starter," Benton said. "We play a lot of different receivers. Every receiver we have is good enough to be a starter, so second-team is no problem."

# Saipan . . .

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Boys jumped on top 12-0 after two and a half innings and never look back for their fourth victory in five outings.

August 29  
Game 1-Joe Palacios hit a homer and knocked in four runs and Jason Wesley went 3 for 4 as the U.I.C. Defenders evened their record at 2-2 with an 11-6 victory over the C.O.P. Hustlers. After trailing 2-0 after one and a half innings, the Defenders then rallied with three runs in their half of the second and two in the third and held on for the win.

Game 2-Elly Hideo knocked in three runs with a two-run homer as the M.T.C. Red Torch came back from a 3-0 deficit to defeat Neo Fashion Islanders, 7-4. The Islanders led 3-0 but Red-Torch retaliated with the next six runs for the win.

Game 3-Team Pelelui exploded for seventeen runs in the bottom of the second to increase their lead to 22-0 enroute to a 25-1 fifth inning shut-out to Santos Acres Starters for their first victory in five outings.

Game 4-Wilber Ada went 2 for 2 and scored three times and Eric Kani knocked in two runs as Athletics Foot Sedi Kau edged out D.F.S. Amigos 7-6 to remain perfect at 2-0, the Amigos rallied in the bottom of the seventh with five runs but stranded the tying runs at second and the winning run at first.

# Yana . . .

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Piliwale, and appeared headed to a win with a passed pawn nearing its queening square.

But Piliwale held on despite his disadvantage, constantly applying pressure on Orlina's kingside position. He was rewarded for his persistence when Orlina blundered, losing a rook.

In other matches, Saipan Shooting Range continues to keep pace with Yana Law Office, winning 3-0 against Poor Pawns. Saipan Shooting Range remains on second place, a point and a half behind Yana Law Office.

Owens Enterprises and Jet Holdings also swept Club Jama and Juan C. Tenorio & Associates (JCT), respectively.

Checkmate took the bye. Though Saipan Shooting Range's board 1 Pol Mondez won easily against Peter Sibly, Poor Pawns' Carl Pogue and George Hanus gained what seemed to be decisive positional and even material advantages against Rey Villamor and Vic Brana.

Miscalculated tactical exchanges, however, cost Pogue and Hanus the point.

Owens Enterprises' board 1 Othello Gonzales trounced Club Jama's Felipe Mahinay whose king was mated on the 19th move, while Owens' board 2 Ronnie Alfonso, playing the Sicilian Defense against Tom Canaveral, exchanged a minor piece for three pawns and won in the endgame with his passed pawns.

Owens' board 3 Jun Oceana opened with the Giuoco Piano against Marlon Yucampo whose king was mated on

the 34th move. It was Yucampo's first loss.

Jet Holdings' board 1 Roel Bince won with the English Opening against JCT's Jun Baja.

On board 2, JCT's Noli Pamamat had a positional advantage against Manny Domingo, but inexact play later in the middle game cost him a piece.

Jet Holdings' board 3 Ed Benavente coasted to an easy endgame win against Vic Tiamzon.

With three more rounds to go, the top five teams are: Yana Law Office, 13.5 points; Saipan Shooting Range, 12; Jet Holdings and Owens Enterprises, 10; Fortune of Essence, 6.5.

Sixth round play is on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Rambi's Restaurant. For more information, please call CNMI Chess Association officer Vic Brana at 234-6010.

# Pepsi . . .

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opportunity to break Pepsi's momentum, 67-60. Pepsi held on to the lead as Dominguez scored on a side court jumper against Lipton's three point swing, 69-63.

Emotions finally began to flare up as Pepsi's Cosino and Jesus Bustis became entangled while fighting for the loose ball with Pepsi still up by seven, 70-63 but in the face of another Lipton comeback.

After the brief commotion, Suing was again in the forefront as his team continued to claw back cutting the deficit within four, 75-

71, 2:24 left in the ball game and both teams in penalty.

Pepsi's outstanding performance in the stripes kept them afloat as Lipton sued for time to mount one final upheaval. But fatigue began to take its toll on the Lipton crew as they began to miss what could have been game-tying baskets in the final two minutes.

Pepsi scored four quick points as against Lipton's lone split from the stripe, 1:11 remaining. An offensive rebound and a put back by Elmer Pineda proved to be Lipton's last stand as they continued to miss on the three-point region. Cosino put Pepsi's finishing touch as he scored a twiner courtesy of Ric Alegre's steal for the final count 82-74.

# Mayor . . .

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nia where, I understand, he has requested he be buried," Borja wrote, citing a provision in the Commonwealth Code that says "the state funeral provisions shall not apply contrary to the known wishes of the of the deceased."

Inos wrote back to Borja, assailing the acting governor's denial of his request as "an affront to Roman's family."

"Mr. Manglona's decision to be buried in California has nothing to do with his right to a state funeral," Inos said. "It is strange that a man who provided exemplary and outstanding service to this community should be treated like this. In the end, what you have done is callous."

Inos said Rota will stage a state funeral for Manglona when the family returned from California.

"Without your help," Inos told Borja. "There is no reason in the world

why the CNMI cannot hold state funerals without the actual body of the deceased," the mayor said. "If Mr. Manglona, or the Governor for that matter, were to disappear at sea, or be aboard a jetliner that explodes off Long Island, and we never recover the body, would you likewise deny a state funeral?"

Manglona's request to be buried in California, Inos said, "has nothing to do with his right to a state funeral."

Had Manglona requested "no state funeral," Inos said, then the law Borja cited "might apply."

Manglona was born in Songsong Village on Aug. 9, 1938. He is survived by his wife Rosa Charfarous Lizama Manglona, six sons and three daughters.

# Basic . . .

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According to the data, the weighted average of all food items increased by 2.5 times between 1977 and 1995.

Some food items registered astronomical increases. A sampling: The price of lunch increased nine times; a cup of coffee, almost eight times.

Beef stew, flank and round steaks, ground beef, cereal, sardines, chocolate milk and tea increased more than three times their 1977 levels.

Instant coffee declined to 91 level in 1988, then rose to 97.3 (but still below the 100 base level) in the second quarter of 1989. It rose to 102.4 in 1990, first quarter; went down to 91.1 in third quarter; then rose slightly to 96.9 in fourth quarter.

It again rose to over 100 (106.4) in 1991 second quarter; further to 119.8 in third quarter; down to 102.6 in fourth quarter.

It stayed in the over-100 level up to 1992 and declined to the '80s and '70s levels in the fourth quarter of 1992 up to the last quarter of 1995,

which was at the 81.5 level.

The housing index as of the last quarter of 1995 stands at 213.5 index points; the housing and apparel index at 203.5 points; transportation index at 298 points; and health and recreation index at 497.3 points.

The CPI also measures the inflation rate. Data showed that 1992 experienced the highest inflation rate at 11.1 percent. This declined to 3.5 in 1993, further down to 1.5 in 1994, and slightly increased to 2 in 1995.

Inflation rate is the rate of increase in price.

# Club . . .

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win. It was her first time to buy the \$200 Red Cross raffle ticket. She said she was forced to buy it, but she doesn't regret it. "It's a good thing we were forced to buy it."

A total of 30 prizes were given away, including a Jeep Wrangler worth \$21,621, first prize, and a 1996 Toyota Tercel worth \$15,500, second prize.

Marianas Visitors Bureau Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane won the 29th prize: three gift certificates from Juanny's Beauty Salon, Treasure Chest, and Bibine's.

The raffle-dinner was a very well attended affair. "A great success."

This was how Cassandra Ely, chapter manager, assessed it.

The fund-raiser was an SRO as late comers cramped themselves at the entrance premises because they didn't have seats.

Over 800 people came, according to Ely, adding that 1,053 tickets had been sold.

"Our goal was 1,000. So we made our goal," she said.

The \$200 raffle ticket was good for a dinner for two and limitless drinks.

The bartenders were the busiest individuals during the four-hour raffle-dinner as the guests bombarded them with requests without letup, ranging from beer to screw driver to orange juice to plain water.

Entertainment was provided by the Kool Change from Pacific Gardenia Hotel during the cocktails at 6 p.m.; by Patrick Palomo & Friends during the fiesta-style buffet dinner at 7 p.m.; and by the Latino Señoritas during the raffle drawing at 8 p.m.

The guests were also entertained by some winners, including Philip (who accepted the grand prize for his daughter), when out of enthusiasm they dipped themselves on the pool on the way to accepting the prizes.

Their acts were of course the results of promptings made by a battery of emcees from the Marianas Cable Vision, Saipan Cable TV, KCMN/KZMI, Hot 98, and Power 99.

Ely paid tribute to the volunteers, including those who sold tickets. She said they were the ones who planned and made arrangements for the dinner affair.

The Hyatt also offered the use of the poolside and the services of its hotel staff for free.

The \$210,600 proceeds will go to fund Red Cross' health and safety education, disaster preparedness and relief, and armed forces emergency services, according to Ely.

# KidSpot™

Illustrations of a duck, a boat, a rabbit, and a swan. Crossword clues: 1. TOOT, 2. 6 DOWN, 3. ACROSS, 4. DOWN, 5. DOWN, 6. DOWN, 7. DOWN, 8. DOWN, 9. DOWN, 10. DOWN, 11. DOWN, 12. DOWN, 13. DOWN, 14. DOWN, 15. DOWN, 16. DOWN, 17. DOWN, 18. DOWN, 19. DOWN, 20. DOWN, 21. DOWN, 22. DOWN, 23. DOWN, 24. DOWN, 25. DOWN, 26. DOWN, 27. DOWN, 28. DOWN, 29. DOWN, 30. DOWN, 31. DOWN, 32. DOWN, 33. DOWN, 34. DOWN, 35. DOWN, 36. DOWN, 37. DOWN, 38. DOWN, 39. DOWN, 40. DOWN, 41. DOWN, 42. DOWN, 43. DOWN, 44. DOWN, 45. DOWN, 46. DOWN, 47. DOWN, 48. DOWN, 49. DOWN, 50. DOWN, 51. DOWN, 52. DOWN, 53. DOWN, 54. DOWN, 55. DOWN, 56. DOWN, 57. DOWN. ACROSS: 1. SWAN, 2. SUN, 3. RABBIT, 4. KANGAROO. DOWN: 1. SKUNK, 2. APRON, 3. SUB, 4. NUT, 5. BOAT, 6. IRON.

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SPORTS  

# Pepsi-FT/SNE cage champs

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

PEPSI-FT/SNE withstood a furious second half rally by Lipton Tea/E.C. Gozum 82-74 to sweep the 1st Pepsi-Philippine Amateur Basketball Association Tournament yesterday at the William Ada Gymnasium.

"It was a big victory for us. We worked hard for this tournament, we won the pennant, and now the championship," playing coach Warren Villegas said after the

unblemished performance of his chargers.

The Pepsi-FT/SNE five appeared headed for an easy victory after leading by 15 points, 49-34 after the first half on double-digit performances by Tom Alegre and Bert Generao.

Lipton Tea, led by Dado Vistal, however refused to give up by opening the second half with a scintillating 15-5 run to come within five, 54-47. Vistal scored eight points, including a three

pointer and a three-point play, in the stretch as the PEPSI-FT/SNE offense went blank. But consecutive errors by Florante Villaluz stymied Lipton Tea's searing rally.

Pepsi broke its silence when Ed Cosino buried a shot-clock beating jumper to keep their opponents at bay, 56-49. The shot however was vehemently protested by Lipton. After a short deliberation, the league officials decided to count the basket.

The brief reprieve only delayed Lipton five's mounting rally as they went to another 6-0 run. With spitfire Carlos Suing scoring on a coast to coast drive, and Villaluz, atoning for his earlier miscues by completing a steal, leading their team's gritty comeback, Lipton/Gozum managed to come within a single basket, 56-55.

Coach Warren Villegas called in for a time-out and brought back his lethal combination of Ivan Guttierrez, Noel Dominguez, Cosino and the Alegre brothers, Ric and Tom to stop the momentum from swinging into Lipton's favor.

It proved to be the key to the victory and Pepsi-FT/SNE's second consecutive title as they countered with a driving lay-up by Ric Alegre to give them a breathing spell, 58-55. On the next posses-

sion, Vistal scored on a three-on-one fastbreak to cut the lead again into one 58-57. After failing to score on the next play, Villaluz split his charities to peg the count at 58 all.

On the return play, Cosino nailed a shot beyond the arc to snap Pepsi's brief scoring lull for a three point ball game 61-58.

Then it was Dominguez's turn to shine. Playing for his final game before going back to the Philippines for good, Dominguez cut loose with four straight points to pad Pepsi's lead into seven, 65-58. Lipton bungled its succeeding plays as Guttierrez joined the scoring fray as Pepsi further increased its lead 67-58, time down to 8:13.

Suing, however, went to work as he scored on another fastbreak

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**CAGE CHAMPIONS-** The victorious Pepsi-FT/SNE team and supporters proudly show championship trophy after trouncing Lipton Tea/E. C. Gozum in the finals, 82-72, to win the 1st Pepsi-Philippine Amateur Basketball Association held yesterday at the William Ada Gymnasium. The Pepsi Five went undefeated throughout the tournament for their second consecutive title.

Photo by Ferdie dela Torre

## Jacobs shoots 69 to take lead

**PARK CITY, Utah (AP)** - John Jacobs shot a 3-under-par 69 to take a one-stroke lead in the \$ 800,000 Franklin Quest Championship.

Jacobs stood at 10-under 135 after 36 holes and goes into the final round Sunday with a one-stroke lead over Australian Graham Marsh and Jack Kiefer on the wind-whipped, 7,104-yard (6,494 meters) Park Meadows Golf Club course.

First-round leader Gary Player shot a 74 and fell four strokes off the lead.

Jacobs, who trailed Player by one stroke following the first round, continued his assault on the course's short par-5s, making two eagles Saturday. He birdied all four in Friday's first round.

"I just wish the entire course were all par-5s," he said.

There are 16 players within four shots of the lead heading into final round and the winner gets \$ 120,000.

Jacobs' round was not without trouble. He double-bogeyed the par-4 12th and his second shot on the 18th found the greenside bunker and he failed to save par. His putting continued to be streaky, as it was Friday.

"This whole course is like treading on thin ice," he said. "The greens are tough to read and you have to look at putts from all sides. More than once today, I hit putts and they broke the total opposite way."

## Dodgers trip Phillies

**IN PHILADELPHIA**, Raul Mondesi's two-run homer capped an eight-run fourth inning and Ismael Valdes won his first game since July 23.

Wayne Kirby and Mondesi each had three hits and every Dodgers starter had at least one. Los Angeles finished with 18 hits, two short of its season high, against five Phillies pitchers.

Valdes (12-7), who was 0-2 with four no-decisions in his previous six starts, allowed six runs and nine hits in seven innings.

The Dodgers tied their season-high with eight hits in the fourth inning when they knocked out Phillies starter Curt Schilling (6-8).

**Expos 4, Padres 2**

In Montreal, Omar Daal won his first major league start, combining with two Montreal relievers on a four-hitter as

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## Healthy quarterbacks help Colorado, Michigan victories

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Colorado's Koy Detmer and Michigan's Scott Dreisbach, a pair of injured quarterbacks last season, were back on the field and leading their teams to season-opening victories Saturday.

Miami, meanwhile, managed quite well without suspended starters Danyell Ferguson and Yatil Green in beating Memphis 30-7.

Detmer, who missed the last six games of the '95 season after right knee surgery, threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score as the No. 5 Buffaloes beat Washington State 37-19.

Dreisbach, who led Michigan to a 4-0 record before a thumb injury ended his '95 season, ran 72 yards for a TD and added a

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## Yana scores 4th shutout

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

PLUCK and luck.

Yana Law Office had both yesterday when it brought down the highly-rated Fortune of Essence on all three boards in the fifth round of the 1996 CNMI Chess Team Championship at Rambie's Restaurant.

It was the fourth sweep notched by Yana which now has 13.5 points out of a possible 16.

Defending with the French against Ely G. Buenaventura Jr., Yana's team captain Rey Yana was saddled with a cramped position on top of a loose kingside pawn structure.

Buenaventura, however, miscalculated his attacking chances, allowing Yana's heavy pieces to penetrate deep into White's kingside.

Faced with an inevitable mate, Buenaventura resigned on the 30th move.

On board 2, Yana's Almer Santos played the Reti's Opening en route to a successful kingside attack against Bob Catequista who, to avoid mate, had to resign on the 30th move.

Fortune of Essence's board 3 player Glenn Orlina Jr. emerged a pawn up in a Queen's Gambit Accepted game against Lou

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## Saipan Men's Slowpitch roundup

August 30 result

**Game 1** - The long lay-off paid off for team Sofang as they returned to the ball field with a victory over the Saipan Stevedore Che' Lus, 6-2 with the score tie at 1-apiece after three innings, Sofang then rallied with the top of the fourth with five innings highlighted by John Duenas solo homer and Jordan Kosam's two-run double to take the lead for good.

**Game 2** - Kris Nelson grand slam in the bottom of the sixth highlighted Miller Genuine Drafts remarkable comeback to defeat YCO Servistar 15-4 after trailing 11-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth, with just three outs away from handing M.G.D. their first loss of the season, the Servistar fumble as the Beermen exploded for nine runs on the last one and a half inning led by Nelson's grand slammer for their fifth consecutive victory to lead the "A" division.

**Game 3** - Willard Saimon, Leon Scalliem and Nick Saimon each hit a two-run homer as the Bud-Light team Keper won their first game of the season and handed the D.F.S Rockies their third setback with a fifth inning 20-4 shut-out. Keper erupted for eleven runs in the bottom of the first inning and cruised on for the win.

**Game 4** - Jojo Attao blasted two homeruns including a grand-slam and knocked in six-runs and Wally Chong out-raced the C.O.P. Hustlers Defenders for an in-the-park grand slam and Tom Torres chipped in with a three-run shot as the Bud Bad Boys stopped the game in the fifth with a 23-10 mercy rule. Bad

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