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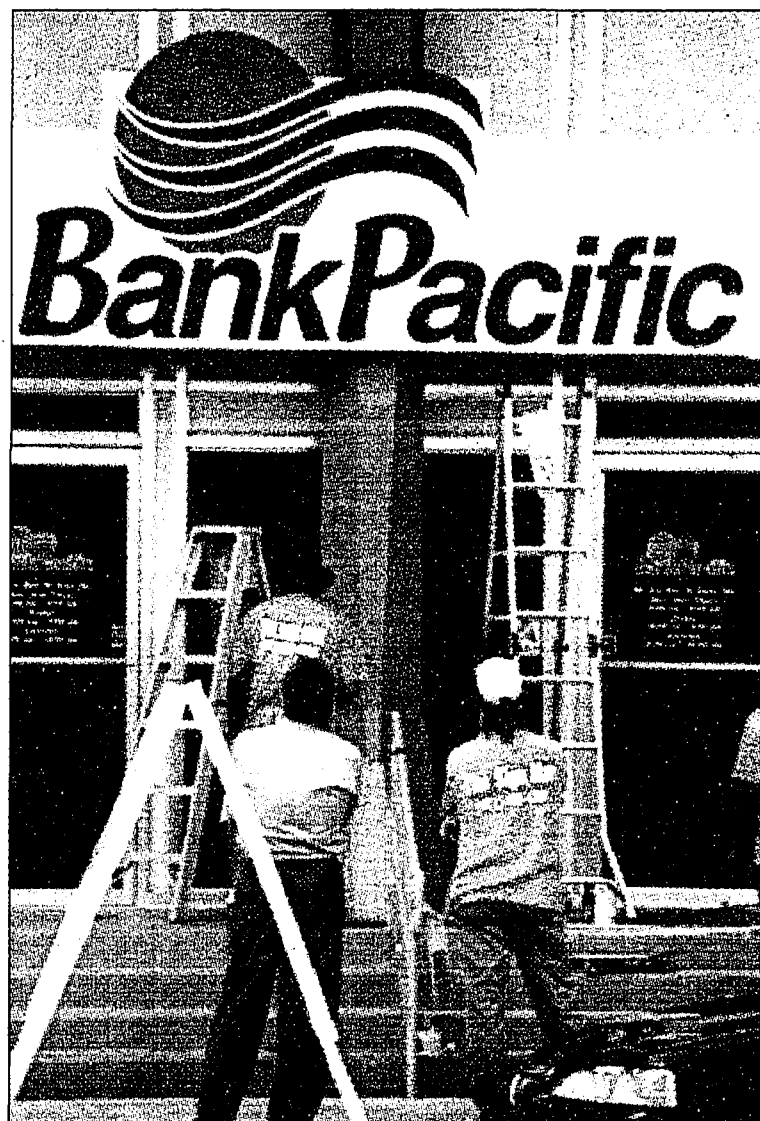
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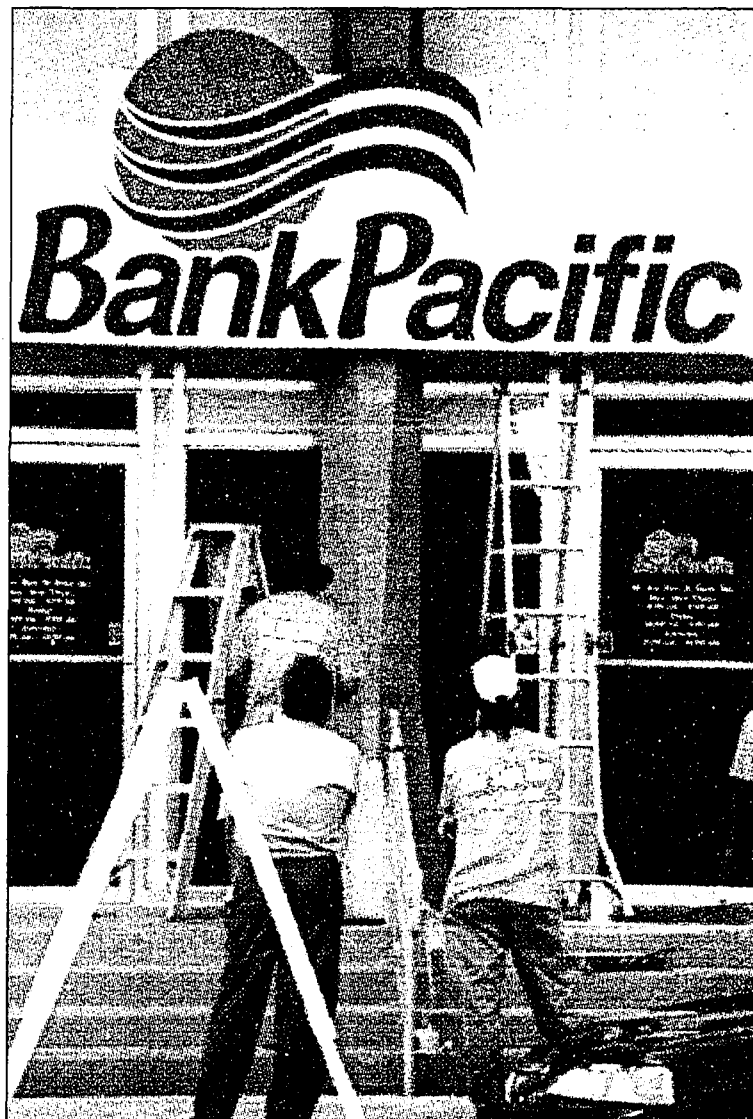
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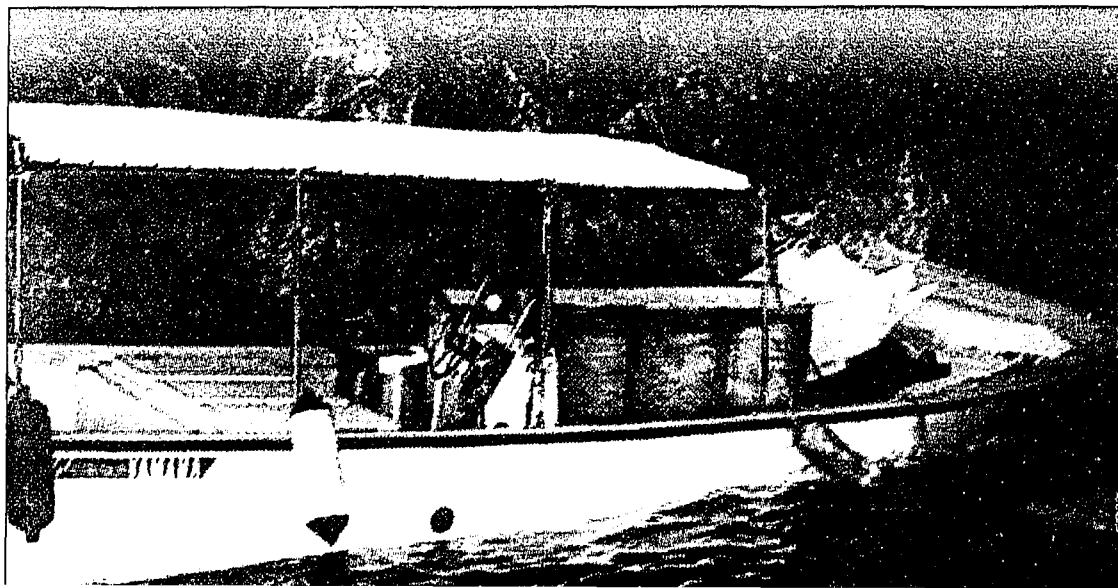
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Senate VP: No assurance FTZs will give locals jobs

By Jojo Dass
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THE FREE trade zone bill lacks provisions to ensure local U.S. citizens will be employed by companies putting up businesses at the site, said Senate Vice President Thomas R. Villacres.

same manner that most of them were not able to gain employment at the tourism and garment sectors, whose investors have sworn to provide them jobs.

He said U.S. mainland-based companies opening factories at the site could just bring in their

Lawmakers drop hate-crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers working on a compromise spending bill dropped provisions Monday that would have expanded federal hate crimes to include those motivated by a victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability.

House-Senate bargainers crafting a compromise version of the wide-ranging bill—a process dominated by majority Republicans—jettisoned the hate-crimes provisions.

"That was one elephant too much for this boa constrictor," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

In July, the Senate without debate included hate-crimes legislation in a \$35 billion measure financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State for fiscal 2000. The House version of the spending bill did not contain the provisions.

Asked if he had assumed in



Sen. Judd Gregg

July that the hate-crime provisions would be dropped in negotiations with the House, Gregg said, "I was trying to get a bill off the floor. ... Sometimes you presume certain things will happen and let it go."

The overall bill faces a likely veto by President Clinton because of disputes with Republicans over spending for hiring police officers

and other issues. But the White House seems unlikely to demand a restoration of the hate-crimes language as a condition for signing the measure, said Democrats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Critics of proposals to expand the scope of hate-crimes laws—including many conservatives—have said such legislation creates special classes of citizens who are already protected by state laws against violence.

Gregg said the issue was dropped because it should be considered by Congress' Judiciary committees. He also said it had become "extremely complex" to resolve differences between two hate-crimes bills that were included in the spending measure: one by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and a second, stronger version supported by the Clinton administration.



Fireworks blast. Firefighters work to put out hot spots nearly two hours after an explosion ripped through Dulceria Huerta, a candy store that was also a clandestine fireworks store and warehouse in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. At least two deaths were confirmed, and officials at the scene said the number dead could go as high as eight. Body parts were recovered as far as 100 meters from the point of the explosion. AP

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The Families of Senator Paul M. Manglona and Congressman Alejo M. Mendiola, Jr. and the Committee to Re-elect cordially invite you to a Get-Together Party at Guata, on Saturday, October 23, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

Saddam vows to fight 'evil powers'

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In a meeting with Iraqi army commanders, President Saddam Hussein pledged to fight "evil powers" that he said are threatening his country.

Saddam's comments in a speech Sunday appeared to refer to the United States and Britain, whose planes have been patrolling no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq since the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Iraq calls the zones a violation of international law and has frequently challenged the allied planes, which have been bombing the area since December.

"We shall fight evil powers with knives, we shall fight them with light weapons if they attempt to harm our land," Saddam said during his speech.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gunmen open fire on RP gov't office

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on the offices of the local government in metropolitan Manila before dawn Sunday, police said. No one was injured and damage was minor.

Police said the attackers apparently fired aboard a car while traveling on an elevated bridge in front of the Department of Interior and Local Governments building in suburban Quezon City.

The shots shattered glass windows and damaged walls and ceilings in at least two offices on two floors, which were unoccupied during the shooting. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

The offices belong to a department that has jurisdiction over the national police and municipal governments.

The department is also being considered to lead a government campaign to promote President Joseph Estrada's proposal to amend the country's constitution, a move opposed by many left-wing and Catholic Church groups.

GE recalls 3.1M dishwashers

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Electric is recalling 3.1 million dishwashers that might catch fire because of a faulty switch.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Monday the recall includes GE and Hotpoint brand dishwashers with the model numbers GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA477 or HDA487. The recalled models also have a serial number that has a second letter of A, M, R, S, T, V or Z.

The model and serial numbers can be found on a rectangular label on either the right or left of the inner tub's front edge, the CPSC said.

GE and the CPSC are aware of 50 incidents in which the slide switch, which selects the heat drying and energy save functions, melted and ignited fires. Seven of the fires spread beyond the dishwashers and three caused damage to homes.

Court asked to save Honolulu Star-Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A group of Honolulu newspaper readers asked a federal appeals court Monday to uphold a judge's order keeping the Honolulu Star-Bulletin alive past its scheduled Oct. 30 shutdown.

Owners of the 117-year-old afternoon newspaper agreed last month with Gannett Co., owner of the morning Honolulu Advertiser, to end their joint operating agreement and close the Star-Bulletin. Liberty Newspapers, owner of the Star-Bulletin, is to receive \$26.5 million in exchange.

The state of Hawaii filed an antitrust suit and won an injunction last Wednesday from U.S. District Judge Alan Kay blocking the closure until the suit is resolved.

F. Lee Bailey faces ethics charges

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Bar filed ethics charges Monday against famed attorney F. Lee Bailey related to a dispute over millions in stock that he claimed he received for legal fees.

In 1996, Bailey spent 43 days in jail for contempt of court stemming from a dispute over \$16 million in stock owned by a client and for withdrawing \$3 million from a Swiss bank account established with the stock without court permission.

The stock belonged to Bailey's client, Claude Duboc, who was convicted in a drug case and ordered to forfeit his assets to the government.

Bailey claimed he was given the stock as his fee, while the government contended it was part of the forfeiture.

Vietnam fire leaves 500 homeless

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — More than 500 people were left homeless after a fire tore through the slums of the central Vietnamese coastal city of Khanh Hoa, a local government official said Monday.

Thirty-two thatched houses were destroyed and 10 others were damaged Saturday when the fire, triggered by a short circuit, spread through the area, he said. Another 40 homes were dismantled to prevent the blaze from spreading.

No casualties were reported in the fire, which took nearly two hours to extinguish, he said.

Some people were housed temporarily in schools and pagodas, while others were staying with relatives, the official said. Each family was given 110 pounds of rice and will get \$150 in aid next week, he said.

SoKor will welcome all NoKor defectors

SEOUL (Reuters) — South Korea will welcome all North Korean defectors in third countries seeking political asylum in the South, Unification Minister Lim Dong-won was quoted on Monday as saying.

Lim, who was speaking at a parliamentary session on Saturday, said diplomatic issues with the country or countries where the North Koreans have been hiding should be resolved first, ministry officials said.

"There are several hundred North Korean defectors who have expressed their intention to come into (South) Korea through our diplomatic missions," a ministry spokesman quoted Lim as saying at the National Assembly.

Teno looks forward to closer ties

Aranza arriving today

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio is set to meet with Insular Affairs Director Ferdinand Aranza who is scheduled to arrive today to begin the healing process for strained ties caused by former director Allen Stayman.

Tenorio said he will be discussing "economic issues" with Aranza and explore ways to which a new fruitful partnership between the Northern Marianas and the Office of Insular Affairs can be achieved.

"My policy is that we should work very closely with the federal government," said the governor, in



Ferdinand Aranza

an interview with reporters yesterday.

"We like to maintain our good

working relations with the federal government (through OIA). At the same time, we need the assistance of the federal government in helping us on the many issues that are facing us here in the CNMI," Tenorio added.

The governor has earlier said he will be "very happy" to meet with Aranza, saying he prefers that the new OIA director and him "continue working together."

The Insular Affairs director was originally scheduled to arrive last week. It is still not clear why the visit was postponed for today.

Local officials said Aranza will be holding discussions with differ-



Pedro P. Tenorio

ent department heads, including Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark Zachares.

According to the Michael S. Sablan, the governor's finance and budget advisor, areas to be covered by the meetings will include the government's efforts to diversify its economy, train its workforce and effectively manage its finances.

Relations between the CNMI and OIA were nearly severed during the term of former director Allen Stayman who had been relentlessly bombarding the local government with criticisms on inefficiency and mismanagement.

Stayman is under Congressional probe for allegedly using government time for his anti-CNMI lobby efforts.

New law establishes Guam finance industry



Carl T. C. Gutierrez

By Eric F. Say
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA—Gov. Carl T. C. Gutierrez, who has been pushing for such legislation, yesterday signed into law a bill establishing a financial industry on Guam.

The law creates what many financial experts believe could be an enterprise that within a few years could surpass the island's tourism industry.

Introduced by Sen. Alberto Lamorena (R-Dededo), Bill 193, or the Guam Trust Companies Act, is now P.L. 25-73.

Gutierrez earlier chastised lawmakers for not acting on the measure as

early as February of this year.

The governor said because lawmakers "dragged their feet," millions of dollars in potential revenue for the Government of Guam were not realized.

"Many captive trust companies were ready to start up business earlier this year but because this important measure was held up by lawmakers, Guam lost out on millions of dollars in new money," Gutierrez said yesterday.

In his transmittal letter to the Legislature, the governor said the new law is a piece of the overall "vision" that his administration has been creating for Guam since 1995—attracting a variety of financial industry businesses to the island.

There already exists a law allowing a 100 percent tax rebate on income and dividend taxes paid for a period of 20 years.

The new trust industry-creating law signed yesterday is the final step in providing the legal framework for national and international trust companies to administer Guam-based trusts, which may apply for the tax incentive and deferrals.

Two lawyers accused by AGO of violating NMI Gov't Ethics law

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has accused former CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice Pedro M. Atalig of violating the Government Ethics Act for serving as counsel for Juan S. Demapan in the lawsuit filed against acting Attorney General Maya Kara.

At the same time, the AGO claimed that lawyer Joseph Arriola also violated the Act for representing Demapan's co-plaintiff, Cheung Ping Yin, in the same lawsuit against Kara.

Former Senate President Demapan and businessman Yin filed the \$3-million lawsuit against Kara, Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram Jr. and others over an alleged illegal arrest during a raid at their legitimate gambling establishment in Garapan.

Lawyers Atalig and Arriola represented Demapan and Yin respectively in the lawsuit that also questioned Kara's alleged illegal holding the position of acting Attorney General.

In defendants' motion, Assistant Attorney General L. David Sosebee

explained that under the Act, "a public official or public employee shall not appear as an attorney for another person before a Commonwealth governmental entity."

The Act, according to Sosebee, defines a "public official" as "any appointed, non-employee member of the Commonwealth government, including members of the boards, commissions, and task forces."

Sosebee said Atalig currently serves on the Board of Public Lands (BPL) as an appointed non-employee member.

"As a member of BPL, Mr. Atalig is a public official as that term is defined in the Act. The Act further defines the Commonwealth Government to include the judiciary," he stated.

Under exceptions listed in the statute, the government lawyer said, Atalig would be able to represent himself before the court without violation of the Act "as he is doing in a 1996 civil action where he is a defendant accused of land fraud in Rota."

"Mr. Atalig would also be able to represent members of his immediate family. Mr. Atalig could also represent BPL if that agency were his

principal employer," Sosebee said.

He stated that Atalig would be able to appear before the court on purely ministerial matters where no discretion is required on the part of the Commonwealth governmental entity.

In addition, the AGO cited that Atalig serves as a special master in the ongoing Larry Hillblom's probate case.

As the special master, Sosebee said, Atalig is a public employee as Commonwealth law defines that term.

He stressed that a public employee is "an individual who is an appointed employee of the Commonwealth government, whether part-time or full-time."

As a public employee, Sosebee said, Atalig is also prohibited from appearing as an attorney in the Commonwealth courts.

Sosebee said the defendants hope that as a former Justice, Atalig would understand the importance of government ethics and withdraw from the case without the necessity of an order from the court.

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Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio (back, left) and Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan (back, right) join CNMI delegates to an international youth conference in Hawaii and their parents in a photo session yesterday.

Photo by Marian A. Maraya

'Gov't must stick to CIP list in spending money'

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said projects already listed by the Legislature should be given "first priority" in spending the \$60-million that his administration is getting following a \$30-million interim financing deal closed with the Bank of Guam.

This developed even as CDA Board Chair Juan S. Tenorio cautioned government on how to spend the money, saying officials should stick to the seven-year CIP master plan.

"The Legislature has come up with final projects that need to be done immediately. Of course, that will be the first priority," said the governor, in an interview with reporters.

Citing past criticisms by the Office of Insular Affairs regarding unused funds provided under Section 702 of the Covenant, Tenorio said it's about time serious work is done to ensure that all CIP money is utilized.

"We like to see that we use the money to improve the CNMI," said the governor.

For his part, the CDA Chair said government should follow plans drawn up on how to spend the CIP money, saying a deviation from this could result to future problems.

"It is all up to the administration and the Legislature on how to spend it," said the CDA Chair, stressing that government should ensure that the money is "strictly 100-percent CIP."

Abayari wants drug test results

By Ferdie de la Torre
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A LAWYER representing Anjanette P. Abayari has asked the Guam Superior Court's Pro-

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bation Division to release the drug test results on the Philippine movie actress.

Guam attorney Michael Phillips requested the Probation Office to provide them results of Abayari's drug test which was taken last Oct. 14 to "clear once and for all the issue."

There were reports that Abayari tested positive for "ice" use on the day she pleaded guilty to possession of the illegal drug. But Abayari's camp stressed that the results were negative.

Phillips in a letter to Chief Probation Officer Patrick Cepeda said that prior to the administration of the drug test, attorney Stephanie Flores, who was present during the drug testing,

requested that she be provided a copy of the test results.

"While the Probation officers administering the test initially agreed to provide the test results, separate Probation Officers decided not to release my client's report after her results turned up negative," said Phillips in the letter dated Oct. 14.

Cepeda in response to Phillips' request said he has forwarded the letter to the court's administrative director for review and action.

"The court's practice for requests pursuant to the Sunshine Act is to refer the matter to the administrative director for his action. I expect that you will receive a response from him shortly," said Cepeda in Monday's letter to Abayari's counsel.



Anjanette Abayari

With regards to alleged sexual comments issue, the chief probation officer stated that he doesn't believe that Abayari was being mistreated as in fact, the probation officers acted responsibly and

professionally.

Based on his inquiry, Cepeda said the officers stated that at no time did they disrespect or make any sexual or unusual remarks or comments to Abayari.

Customs officers reportedly found a small glass tube containing "ice" residue in a make-up bag in Abayari's luggage at the Guam airport last Oct. 2.

Faced with illegal drug-related charges, the 29-year-old actress agreed to plead guilty in exchange for a suspended sentence.

Abayari, a U.S. citizen of Filipino descent, had expressed desire to come back to the Philippines, but the country's Bureau of Immigration and Deportation "blacklisted" her.

Tinian delegation to discuss Tinian Shipping's problems

By Marian A. Maraya
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THE TINIAN Legislative Delegation is not about to step in and try to resolve differences between Commonwealth Ports Authority and Tinian Shipping pertaining to the latter's financial obligations, a CPA official yesterday disclosed.

The delegation instead said it would have to conduct discussions with Tinian Shipping to look at possible solutions to the problem.

At a meeting yesterday, CPA officials presented to the Tinian delegation problems they were having with the shipping company, mainly on the money the latter owes the ports authority. They said the issue is preventing CPA from addressing its other financial obligations.

The ports authority said it is counting on Tinian Shipping's payments to bring back the 80-working hour period it used to

give its staff.

Currently, CUC employees work only 72 hours per pay period, in observance of austerity measures.

CPA Board of Directors Chairman Roman S. Palacios said that the ports authority faces other financial burdens such that it can't afford to accept Tinian Shipping's plea for another reduction in passengers head tax.

Earlier reports had it that Tinian Shipping is again appealing to CPA for tax breaks saying that the opportunity would allow them to carry out a marketing campaign and charter flights to bring in more tourists to Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

However, CPA is not keen on the idea.

Meanwhile, the Tinian Delegation is set to talk with Tinian Dynasty officials soon to explore means by which the problem can be further addressed.

Radar faulted in KAL crash on Guam in '97

WASHINGTON (AP) — A radar system that is supposed to warn low-flying planes of nearby obstacles was plagued with problems and fixed nationwide only after a 1997 fatal airplane crash in Guam, according to a published report.

In some cases, programming errors caused the Minimum Safe-Altitude Warning system not to operate over wide areas, including near busy airports such as those in Chicago and Dallas-Ft. Worth. In other cases, false alarms were so numerous that air traffic controllers put cardboard over warning speakers to silence the noise.

The Federal Aviation Administration was warned about the trouble after a business jet crashed outside Washington in 1994, but it did not take decisive action to resolve it until after a Korean Air jumbo jet slammed into a hill on approach to Guam in August 1997, killing 228, said

USA Today, which reported about the problems on Monday.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which will hold a final hearing about the Korean Air crash on Nov. 2, is expected to recommend that the FAA acknowledge that system problems contributed to the accident.

Investigators have found plenty of blame for the crew: It appears they did not follow charts outlining a step-down approach procedure to the airport. Tapes also show there was cockpit confusion about whether another landing system using radio waves to outline the proper approach path was operational. It was not - as some crew members acknowledged on the tape.

The FAA said in response to the story that it would have had difficulty correcting the problems until it got new computer database-management tools in 1997.

Reyes: 20-year FTZ tax break 'not bad'

By Jojo Dass
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ALLOWING prospective free trade zone investors 20 years of tax breaks is not too much an offer considering that other countries even go as far as mulling over paying big business establishments to open up factories in their zones, said the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

In an interview with reporters, Rep. Karl T. Reyes also explained that the Free Trade Zone Authority would be authorized to conduct a regular productivity review — every two years or five — to determine whether a certain FTZ company can gradually be stopped from having tax incentives.

Reyes further stressed that provisions of the free trade zone bill actually do not guarantee a 20-year tax holiday nor a 100-percent rebate. "The bill did not say 20 years.



Karl T. Reyes

The bill says, 'up to 20 years' and 'up to 100-percent' on tax incentives. It depends on the kind of investment, the kind and number of people that you hire, the salary you pay for this people. For me 20 years is not bad," said Reyes.

Based on these data, Reyes said, the FTZ Authority will make an evaluation on the appropriate incentives to be given.

Reyes said the Northern Marianas needs to allow for such tax incentives if it has to be more competitive than Guam, which is also reportedly giving tax breaks.

"We have to do more than what Guam is doing," said Reyes.

Reyes said the CNMI is actually offering less than what some South American countries reportedly have on a silver platter for FTZ investors.

"In other countries, businesses are called in to establish themselves and they are given money to begin," he said.

Reyes also reiterated that what is lost to tax holidays is actually gained back from individual personal tax payments of the FTZ workers.

It will be recalled that Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez has raised concerns giving FTZ investors 20 years of tax holidays could adversely affect the CNMI economy.

Minor nabbed for pointing rifle at man

By Rene P. Acosta
Variety News Staff

POLICE have arrested a male juvenile Monday evening for allegedly pointing a rifle at a fastfood employee in Chalan Kanoa.

The suspect, whose identity was being withheld, was turned over to the Division of Youth Services pending filing of charges.

Rose Ada, spokesperson of the Department of Public Safety said charges of disturbing the peace and assault with deadly weapon will be filed against the

suspect.

Based on initial police reports, the victim identified as Jay San Nicolas, an employee of the Kentucky Fried Chicken in Chalan Kanoa was confronted by the suspect Monday on a claim that the victim was badmouthing him.

Police said the confrontation had passed without incident.

Later in the evening, the suspect returned to the establishment and chanced upon San Nicolas who was walking at the parking area.

The suspect allegedly took out

a rifle and pointed it to San Nicolas who had to rush inside the fastfood business. The suspect, on the other hand, hurriedly left aboard a car.

Police who were called, later managed to catch the boy while on the road, in front of the Mobil gas station in San Jose.

Police found the rifle, the type was not given, at the fence of the Ada Gymnasium, which police suspect could have been thrown by the boy.

Ada said that during the incident, the suspect had threatened to shoot San Nicolas.

CDA taps Paine Webber as agent for \$60M bond

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Development Authority has selected Paine Webber Co., the same insurance underwriters' firm that worked on the \$16 million bond for the Public School System, as agent for the \$60 million bond to be floated to get matching funds for capital improvement projects.

In an interview yesterday, CDA Board Chair Juan S. Tenorio said Paine Webber, a U.S. mainland-based company, was chosen as it is "already familiar with the situation" in the Northern Marianas.

Paine Webber was selected among a choice of four bidders including Stone & Youngberg LLC, Lehman Brothers and Salomon Smith & Barney.

Tenorio said government is looking at closing a deal on the \$60-million bond floatation in six months, that is why, he explained,

CDA agreed to sign a \$30-million interim fund loan contract with Bank of Guam that will cover a maximum of one year to repay.

"We want to close everything," said Tenorio.

The \$30-million bridge fund, officials said, is seen to play an important role in enabling CNMI to get the highest bond rating — triple A — thereby entitling the local government to a low interest rate.

Matched with another \$30 million in federal money, the fund will be used to finance priority CIPs which, in turn, is expected to help generate more revenues for the local government.

This, coupled with the continuing austerity measure is likely to give CNMI a "good picture on the bond rating," said Tenorio.

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Woman who stole jewelry from girl gets 60-days in jail

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court yesterday ordered a woman to spend two months in jail for stealing jewelry from a girl at Mt. Carmel High School.

Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama sentenced Jocelyn M. Camacho to one year imprisonment, all suspended except 60 days.

Lizama ordered Camacho to perform 180 hours of community work service and pay \$250 fine.

The judge also required Camacho to write a letter of apology to the victim and her family and to the Mt. Carmel School.

The defendant was found guilty of theft during a bench trial last July 26.

Court records showed that on Oct. 5, 1998 Camacho approached the 10-year-old girl inside a bathroom at Mt. Carmel School.

The defendant told the victim that the latter's mother asked her (Camacho) to give the bracelet and necklace for xerox, court papers said.

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EDITORIAL

Mum on the deficit

WE HAVE yet to hear what the administration and the Legislature intend to do about the government's \$68 million deficit. Nor is there any public statement regarding how Capitol Hill will spend the revenues that will be "available" now that the government will use money from its loan from Bank of Guam for capital improvement projects.

As we've said before, because the government runs on money we taxpayers shell out, the \$68 million deficit is actually *our* debt. Which is why taxpayers should be nagging the government about this issue before legislators begin appropriating this "extra" money for the construction of, well, more basketball courts.

Yet even the non-incumbent candidates for House and Senate seats are mum on this issue. Indeed, it seems that every one is talking about how he or she will spend more public funds. Have these candidates discovered a way to finance all these generous and beneficial programs they're promising to implement *without* using the voters' and taxpayers' money?

Voters should remember that every time a candidate vows to push for legislation that would, say, expand the scholarship program, that candidate should also be asked where he would get the money for it, particularly now that 1) the government is saddled with a \$68 million deficit; and, 2) the CNMI Constitution says the deficit has to be retired in two years.

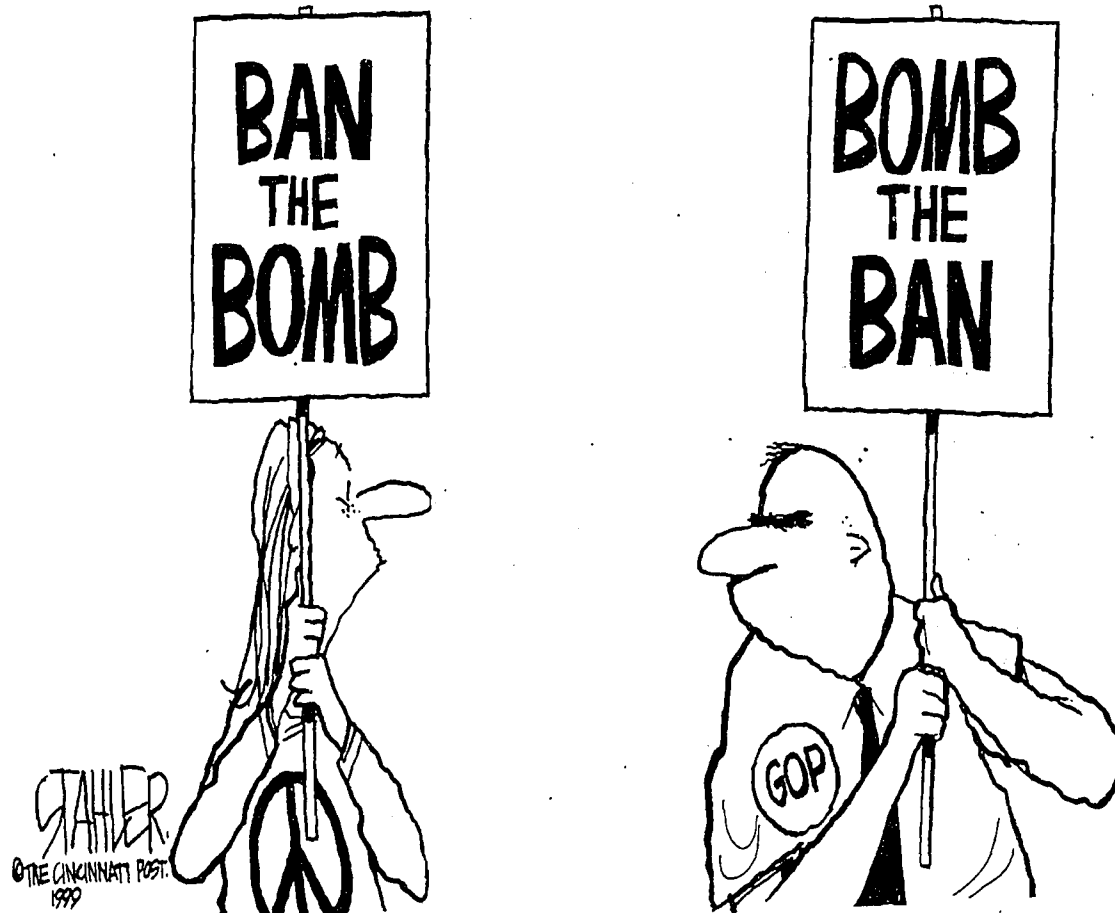
To be sure, there is no law to enforce this provision, but the deficit still has to be reduced somehow, soon, because, as we've said before, its current size will only tarnish the government's credit rating at a time when the CNMI's only available source of finances lies in borrowing money.

We repeat. The government *cannot* not do anything about a deficit this large—more than one-third of the fiscal year 2000 budget outlay—without risking a shutdown.

As our elected officials know, there are three ways to tackle this debt: reduce the size of government, reduce spending on public services and raise taxes. These are unpopular measures even in a non-election year. So, right now, the government has no choice but to seek more way of cutting its expenses. Legislators, for their part, should be urged to support spending cuts even if they involve their own accounts.

But after the November elections, the administration and the Legislature should be prepared to discuss measures that would identify new sources of revenues—that is, new taxes, be it of the "one-time" variety or those with sunset provisions—and those that, at the very least, would somehow cut the size of government, beginning with the composition of the Legislature.

Incidentally, elected officials cannot afford to be silent on these issues if the people who they supposedly serve are not.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Air Force Two's bagel-bar security

DOUGLAS COHN, ABOARD AIR FORCE TWO — My partner, Jack Anderson, once took a gun past security at the Senate Office Building and laid it on Sen. Bob Dole's desk. I could have done the same thing on Air Force Two.

Security was not sufficiently enhanced after the Senate episode, and on July 25, 1998, a real gunman did enter the building, killing two policemen. An even more costly tragedy could occur on Air Force One or Air Force Two, the planes designated to transport the president and vice president, respectively.

Our story begins on the night of October 13, 1999, at the Westin Hotel in Seattle, Washington. I check in and contact Vice President Al Gore's staff for instructions. A staffer says all non-carry-on baggage must be brought to the staff room by 5:30 a.m. the following morning. It will be inspected and held for loading. Nothing is said about carry-on baggage.

On the morning of the 14th, the press corps — fewer than a dozen strong because the coveted seats are at a premium — congregates at the hotel's bagel bar, carry-on luggage in tow. This luggage is haphazardly parked as it would be in an airport terminal, some of it together, some of it apart, some of it watched, some of it not. Secret Service agents, obvious by their ear pieces and appearances, are stationed at various points in the lobby, but they pay no heed to the luggage.

The bagel bar is filled with people, some of them vice-presidential staffers, some of them members of the press, most of them other hotel guests. The agents are looking for suspicious characters, for people matching certain profiles. The press corps isn't a match; neither are the other hotel guests. The luggage and various jackets draped over chairs, attended and unattended, go unnoticed. After

all, the bagel bar is not the airport.

A staffer tells a couple of reporters it is time to go, and the rest of us follow them out the door. Some of the reporters are known to the staffers, some are not. Indeed, anyone could walk out that door with us and load into the waiting press van or the overflow van. No roll is taken; no credentials are checked. Shortly thereafter the vice president's limousines emerge from the hotel, and the convoy drives to Boeing Field, escorted by a large contingent of motorcycle policemen, who block the traffic. Lights are flashing; motorcycles are rushing past. All appears secure.

I did not know it then, but we had just left the terminal — the bagel bar — because the next stop is alongside Air Force Two. No instructions are given, but logic tells us to board the plane by the stairs near the tail, rather than the one near the cockpit. At the base of the stairs is an Air Force officer and another man, probably a Secret Service agent. They look at picture IDs and check the manifest. At this point, any unauthorized person who had joined the convoy back at the bagel bar would be rejected. No one is rejected.

But where is the machine to scan our carry-on luggage? Where is the walk-through scanner to check us? I am stunned. There is less security involved to board Air Force Two than there is to board an ordinary commercial plane. In fairness, however, passengers on commercial flights do not undergo security clearances as guests of the president or vice president do. But people are not the concern. It is their previously unattended carry-on luggage and jackets. No one planted an explosive device in those unattended items back at the bagel bar, but it was possible — very possible.

We have notified the Secret Service about these deficiencies.

ANALYSIS

Pakistan's new ruler yet to soothe India

By Scott McDonald

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) — Pakistan's new military ruler has struck the right conciliatory tone towards India but must now work to prove his sincerity, political analysts said on Monday.

General Pervez Musharraf's weekend remarks heartened a worried West but India, an old foe and fellow nuclear-capable power, has reason to be suspicious, they said.

Only a few months ago, Musharraf was said to have directed a bold incursion into Indian territory in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, bringing the nations to the brink of war.

"I don't think that any side is going to drop its guard. There will be a standoff for the next few months," said one Western defense attaché in New Delhi.

Musharraf's call for "results-oriented" dialogue on Kashmir, cause of two of the three Indo-Pakistani wars, was in line with the position taken by previous Pakistani governments — a stance that has only seen deadlock in talks with India.

Musharraf, Pakistan's self-appointed chief executive, restated Islamabad's bottom line: India must agree to a U.N.-backed referendum in Kashmir to determine its future.

India rejects a referendum out of hand.

The United States welcomed Musharraf's offer to renew dialogue with India, stalled since the Kashmir infiltration which New Delhi says Musharraf helped mastermind.

"I was heartened by his offer of dialogue with India and the unilateral concession he offered to make... We would like it to go further," said U.S. ambassador to Pakistan William Milam.

"We hope both sides will get into a serious unconditional dialogue as soon as they can," said Milam, adding he hoped the new military-civilian regime Musharraf named would extend the withdrawal to the military Line of Control dividing Kashmir.

There was no applause from India, only doubts and statements that nothing had changed since Musharraf overthrew Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government six days ago. New Delhi experts played down the troop withdrawal offer.

"It's not a very substantial remark. It assumes that they had put extra troops on the border, so the status quo of last April is simply maintained," the Western military attaché told Reuters.

"It was just a gesture that sounded good for those who don't know the situation," he said. "Reading it in detail, it doesn't mean very much."

The attaché, echoing U.S. and European Union views, said Musharraf should extend the withdrawal to the military Line of Control, a de facto border dividing Indian and Pakistani Kashmir.

"Both sides should be looking at de-escalation along the Line of Control and so far they have shown very little willingness to do that," the attaché said.

The attaché said his mission believed Musharraf was the driving force behind the Kashmir incursion. The Pakistan military has denied involvement, but few Western states believe it.

One former Indian diplomat said Musharraf's comments were aimed more at the West than India.

"He is trying to project as a virtue something that is a routine... In the process he can project himself to the international community as a very reasonable man," said J.N. Dixit, former Indian foreign secretary and envoy to Pakistan.

Dixit said Musharraf had referred only to the international border and not to the Line of Control, the site of frequent shelling and raids from both sides.

Musharraf also referred to Kashmir in the same terms as the Sharif government — as the "core issue" between the two countries, he said.



A 'Flood' of medical info

By William L. Flood, MD
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Substance abuse prevention: The role of parents

First of two parts

DURING Child Health Month the focus is on substance abuse. I recently wrote about inhalant abuse. But there is a lot more to preventing substance abuse in our children. And it starts with us, the parents.

While nothing can guarantee that our children will not start to use and abuse drugs, we parents (and teachers, doctors and other involved adult members of our community) can make a difference. How?

- By not using drugs ourselves;
- By giving our children clear rules and guidance about not using drugs;
- By spending time with our children, sharing both their good times as well as their not so good times;

You might want to start by asking yourself some questions prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Since our children learn so much from their parents, both the good and the bad, it is important to realize that our behavior really does make a difference. These questions look at what we do, not what we say.

- Do you usually offer alcoholic beverages to

friends and family when they come to your home?

- Do you frequently take medicines for minor aches and pains or if you are feeling sad or nervous?
- Do you take sleeping pills to fall asleep?
- Do you use alcohol or any other drug in a way that you would not want your child to?

- Do you smoke cigarettes?
- Do you make jokes about using drugs or about getting drunk?

- Are you proud of how much you can drink?
- Do you go to parties that involve a lot of drinking?
- Do you drink and drive or ride with drivers who have been drinking?

- Has your child ever seen you drunk?

- Do you let minors drink alcohol in your home?

Think about your answers to these questions. You do make a difference, probably the biggest difference anyone can make.

"First a child needs roots to grow... then they need wings to fly."

You provide the roots. Children need to grow their own wings.

FEATURE:

Meet the blood guy

BOLING, Texas (AP) — Halloween is two weeks away, but 72-year-old Sylvan Miori is already wearing a tuxedo, cape and plastic Dracula fangs.

"Hey, it's the blood guy!" a teen-ager says as the silver-haired vampire sweeps onto the campus of Boling High School, 45 miles from Houston.

"How you doing?" Miori says through the fake teeth. "You old enough to give blood?"

Shaking hands and slapping backs, the retired businessman and self-made millionaire works the teen-age crowd. By the time he reaches the door of the school's temporary blood-donation clinic, he has talked a few more students into rolling up their sleeves.

Miori is trying to ease the nation's blood shortage by getting young people in the habit of donating as regularly as his World War II generation did.

He founded a program called Teens Are People Savers, or TAPS, which encourages young people to donate blood by providing schools with gift certificates that can be applied toward student activities, such as graduation parties. Certificates worth up to \$1,000 at stores such as Wal-Mart are awarded.

Since its inception five years ago at nearby Wharton High School, the blood program has spread across 10 Texas counties, producing more than 22,000 units of roughly a pint each.

"What you're getting with these kids is our future — a generation of new givers," Miori said. "If we can keep that going, you'll always have a brand new bunch of people turning 17 years old."

TAPS may be one solution to what some experts fear is an emerging national crisis. A study by the National Blood Data Resource Center predicted that demand for blood in the United States could outstrip supply as soon as next year. Those concerns have reached Washington, where a House subcommittee is to hold the last of three hearings Tuesday on the severity of the shortage.

Experts cite numerous pressures on the blood supply, including tougher donor-screening restrictions, an aging population that is becoming too ill to give blood, and the proliferation

of medical advances that require substantial amounts of blood, such as organ transplants.

There is also a generation gap among donors: A poll Oct. 11 by America's Blood Centers, the national network that supplies about 45 percent of the nation's blood, found that 68 percent of people ages 18 to 24 have never donated blood to a blood bank. By comparison, only 22 percent of Americans 55 and over have never donated.

"Individuals in the age group of 55 and up are more sensitive to the need for blood because of their experiences in World War II. Regrettably, as these folks age they become more susceptible to the diseases that preclude giving blood," said Bill T. Teague, president of Houston's Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

"That's why it's so important younger people understand the need for blood, be educated about the donation process, get their fears addressed and get the opportunity to donate," he added. "And that's why TAPS is such a success."

Miori, a Navy veteran, created TAPS in 1995 after reading a newspaper article about the declining blood supply. The former auto parts dealer and beer distributor spoke to students at Wharton High, offering \$1,000 toward their graduation party. He got 107 donations. Since then, Miori has spent thousands of his own dollars promoting the program.

On the day of his visit to Boling High, the school earned \$500 for its graduation festivities. Many students said the incentives helped get them in the door to donate, but they left with the satisfaction of knowing they may save lives.

"It just feels good, knowing you're helping people," said Julie Walker, 17, student blood drive chairman.

With financial support from foundations and corporate sponsors, TAPS has now donated more than \$250,000 to about 50 schools.

"Hell, I'm going to die," Miori said. "They're going to lose a good blood donor when I die. So we need to get these young people started now."

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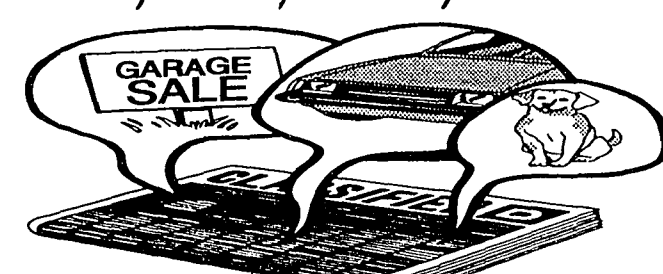
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GEDA nixes drydock loan

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THE GUAM Economic Development Authority (GEDA) board has turned down a request for GEDA to take out a \$7 million loan that would cover the repair costs of the huge AFDB-8 drydock donated to Guam by the federal government.

The loan request was submitted to GEDA yesterday by the Government of Guam's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Steering Committee Director Joe T. San Agustin.

The drydock, which arrived on Guam more than a month ago, needs to be towed to the Philippines for underwater repairs. But with GovGuam's budget crisis, financing to tow and repair the drydock might fall short.

The drydock was originally scheduled to be towed to the Philippines last Aug. 21. This was then moved to Oct. 5 but until now the drydock has not yet been transported to the Philippines.

The GovGuam-BRAC Steering Committee wanted GEDA to bor-

row money to finance the towing and the repair of the drydock.

According to San Agustin, the U.S. Rural and Development Administration had indicated that GEDA is eligible to participate under its Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program.

However, GEDA Board Chairman Chris Murphy said that unless GovGuam can demonstrate a future revenue stream from the shipyard where the drydock will be placed, private banks and the Federal government would not

release any money.

At present, GovGuam still has to receive title to the former Navy Ship Repair Facility (SRF) in Apra Harbor.

Moreover, the current lessee of the facility, Guam Shipyard, is suffering from dire financial straits and owes GovGuam two years' worth of rent.

"Unless the banks and the Feds see a secure revenue stream, they won't come in. So it would be better for us to concentrate first on the transfer of the SRF title as well as the clarification of the Title 10 provision," Murphy said.

Title 10 is the provision added to the law governing the Navy introduced by Congressman Robert Underwood (D-Guam) in 1996.

This provision requires that routine maintenance and repairs on ships homeported in the U.S. or Guam must be performed in U.S. shipyards.

Instead of a loan, GEDA and the GovGuam-BRAC Steering Committee agreed to look at other alternatives such as Cabras Marine's offer to tow the huge AFDB-8 drydock to the Philippines.

In return, Cabras Marine wants to receive title to GovGuam's AFDM-5, a smaller drydock that is already obsolete.

Upon receipt of the notice of title transfer, Cabras Marine will initiate AFDM-5 towage seaworthiness preparations and reserve an ocean tug to tow the bigger drydock to the Philippines.

The big AFDB-8 drydock will then be towed from Guam to Subic Bay and back to Guam under a "towcon" agreement with all-risk insurance (environmental/third party liability and partial/total loss) for a total insured value of \$4 million.

Royal Orchid Guam holds soft opening

Variety News Staff

GUAM'S newest hotel celebrates its soft opening with two exciting introductory specials, offering discounted room rates and room and car packages at a savings of over 50 percent off rack rates.

The new Royal Orchid Guam, located in front of the Pacific Star hotel, will offer introductory room rates from \$85 and a room and car package from \$123 through Dec. 28, according to Castle Resorts & Hotels, the management company overseeing the property.

Guests will also enjoy grand opening specials at the property's world-class shopping complex, called Times Square.

These specials include a free T-shirt with a \$25 purchase and a \$10 off coupon with a \$50 purchase at any of the specialty gift shops.

Located hillside with panoramic views of Tumon Bay, the Royal Orchid Guam features 200 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites with European design and furnishings.

Ideally suited for business and leisure travelers, each guest room offers air conditioning, voice mail, a two-line telephone with dataport, color TV, mini bar, coffee maker

and in-room safe.

For guests' enjoyment, the hotel features a swimming pool, jet spa, and specialty restaurants including Tony Roma's, Capricciosa and Tokugawa.

Throughout the public areas, guests will enjoy displays of artifacts and other exhibit items courtesy of the Guam Museum. For business travelers, the hotel features poolside meeting rooms, business center, and conference and banquet facilities.

Introductory rates start from \$85 for partial ocean view and \$99 for ocean view. Room and car packages start from \$123 for partial ocean view and \$137 for ocean view.

To receive these special rates through Dec. 28, clients should ask for promo code PS when making their reservations.

Half of the hotel's 205 rooms are set to be opened this month with the hotel expected to be fully operational by November. Specialty shops are already open for business in the first floor.

Castle Resorts & Hotels, the management company of the Royal Orchid Guam, is a hotel and resort management company headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii.

NMC-BDC workshop slated

THE NORTHERN Marianas College Small Business Development Center, in association with the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network and US Small Business Administration, will again offer a free-to-the-public "Thinking About Starting Your Own Business" workshop on Friday October 29 at the Center's Conference Room (Building T).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and light refreshments will also be available.

The workshop begins promptly

at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to present to entrepreneurs what services the SBDC provides, the importance of business planning, and promoting Y2K awareness.

According to staff business consultant, Dirk Sharer attendance will be kept at a reasonable number so the participants can freely ask questions throughout the morning.

Seating is limited to 10 attendees so please hurry and call the Small Business Development Center at 235-1551 to reserve your seat.

NMI youths join Hawaii meet

AN INTERNATIONAL youth congress focusing on global sustainability, human rights, and peace will bring together young people from all over the world in Honolulu, Hawaii this Thursday.

Nearly 1,000 young people from more than 100 countries, including the Northern Marianas Islands, are expected to attend a five-day conference to set new priorities and targets for the new millennium.

There will also be activities days before and after the conference, a news release from the CNMI Public Information Office said.

The CNMI's youth representatives include Karl King Nabors of Tinian High School; Ramona S. Conception of Marianas Baptist Academy; and Franklin S. Palacios of Marianas High School.

Nearly 600 young activists and artists from around the world also plan to attend the Congress.



Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio

The activist were selected based on their involvement in various environmental and social fields to complement the country delegations.

"This gathering of youths from around the world is a premier opportunity for young people to identify environmental and social issues facing our world today and to seek appropriate solutions to address them," said Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio.

"What better way to empower them to take charge of their future than to allow them to dialogue amongst themselves and devise appropriate strategies for a future that is in their hands."

Tenorio especially thanked Honorary Host Chair, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) for endorsing the project and for making available his good state of Hawaii to be privilege host.

"This Congress is an important opportunity to bridge the generations and to forge a new path into the next millennium," said Inouye.

"I believe very strongly that as senior leaders, we must extend our hands, share what we know, and pass on the knowledge to our young people because they hold the future of our world in their hands."

While in Hawaii, the young people will build and dedicate a Peace Garden, attend regional and global discussion sessions,

dialogue with internationally-renowned adult mentors, and produce a book titled, "Rescue 2000," which will summarize their priorities for the next millennium.

Each participant will present the book to their head of state, community and business leaders upon return to their country.

"The Hawaii Host Committee has planned a variety of multi-cultural events that contain educational as well as entertaining features," said Maeona Mendelson, Hawaii Host Committee director.

"The State and people of Hawaii are looking forward to host-

ing these young people from different countries and cultures in October."

"The focus of this Congress is sustainability: how do we ensure humanity survives to see the turn of another millennium in 2999?" said David Woolcombe, President of Peace Child International, which is leading the MYPC effort.

"Hawaii is a great location not just because its natural beauty represents one of the best reasons for saving our planet, but also because the youth of Hawaii are seriously engaged in seeking ways to secure their islands' sustainability."

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Hearings start for \$100M Guam quake damage suit

By Eric F. Say
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA—Lawyers representing the plaintiffs in the Royal Palms Resort \$100 million civil lawsuit yesterday claimed that the builders and construction managers were at fault for the resort's collapse during the Aug. 1993 earthquake.

But the attorney for builder SangYong, Vicki Nutzel, said there were changes to the architectural design of the resort, which resulted in the building's collapse.

Nutzel said the changes must be presented as evidence.

She said the hotel owner, Kawasho International Guam (KIG), is trying to claim damages on a project that was a "doomed failure."

Her client followed all con-

struction changes to the letter, she said.

Kawasho attorney Tom Sterling maintains, however, that SanYong skipped steps as outlined in the blueprints and did not put in specific re-bar material that would have protected the structure from earthquake damage as prescribed in the U.S. Uniform Building Code.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) may not have been informed of change orders to the project, it was learned.

The lawyers want to know who among DPW officials was responsible for approving construction change orders.

A jury will be ultimately responsible for deciding who was at fault and what, if any, monetary judgment could be awarded.

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MCS students plant trees

MOUNT Carmel School students celebrated Arbor Month last Saturday by planting trees on Capitol Hill along side the road leading up to the Governor's office.

The tree planting was inspired by Kristine Zepeda, National Junior Honor Society member, who organized the project to earn the community service hours required of NJHS members.

Zepeda said she thought of holding the project after winning four flame tree seedlings

as prize for winning an art contest two years ago.

"After seeing how much they have grown in two years I thought it would be nice to plant more in the same area."

After a written request for the seedlings, Zepeda was recently given 20 seedlings by the Division of Agriculture and Forestry.

The project, which was primarily NJHS-sponsored, also fit well with her 8th grade science project.

Studying air pollution for a

quarter project, Zepeda recruited her group members Kanae Ishibashi and Merilou Pedroza, to help with the tree planting.

"Trees help prevent air pollution because they produce oxygen and help keep air clean," Ishibashi said.

Mount Carmel School 7th and 8th grade science teacher Tessa Drake said of the project, "It's great to see them out here making an effort to improve the place they live in."

Spirit of Hula draws hundreds on Guam

By Tim de La Cruz
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA—King David Kalakaua of Hawaii once said, "Hula is the language of the heart."

Recently, 390 students from various hula groups and hulahalas (schools) on Guam competed in the Guahan-Asia Hula Festival held at the Nikko Hotel in Tumon.

According to co-chair and event coordinator Linda Takano, the festival lasted two days, with participants competing for 36 specially crafted trophies.

Takano, who is sharing event responsibilities with her twin sister Jaunita Tsuji, said participants were judged on appearance, expression, costume and authenticity.

George Na'Ope, co-founder of Merrie Monarch, was one of several judges flown in from Hawaii.

The Merrie Monarch Festival created in 1964 is today regarded as Hawaii's largest and most honored cultural events.

Hula was revived in the late 1800's by King Kalakaua after being banned by Christian missionaries who considered its smooth movements sexually suggestive and provocative.

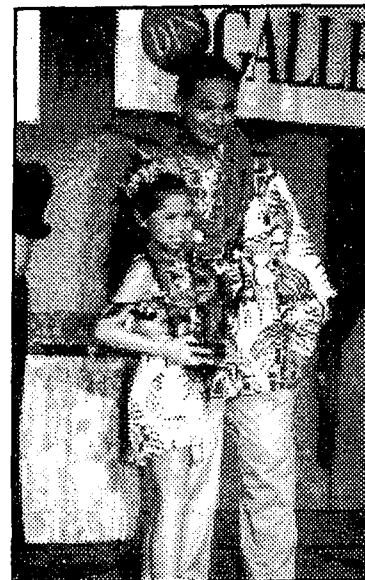
The groups that competed in the Guam festival were Da Hula Halau Keualani, Halau'o Ka Ho'opili, Famaguon Guahan Dance Group (competing as Halau Hula Hui Kaleo) and the Natibu Cultural Heritage Dance Co.

Although the festival is a competition, Takano said, the end result is more than just winning an award.

"We thought maybe a competition will give those an incentive and have pride in their talent," she said.

Takano hopes that Guahan-Asia Hula can serve as an outlet for hula dancers to come together in the Aloha Spirit of dance.

"We hope performers could come and exchange what they know and learn from each other's



Miss Kawili took up honors for the Natibu group with her instructor Benji Santiago.

Photo by Eduardo C. Siguenza

different hula styles," she said.

Takano who grew up in Hawaii said hula to some is considered spiritual.

The event coordinator said she's a practicing hula dancing because of health concerns.

Dana Wilson of Halau Hula Hui Kaleo said, "We are here to have fun and to show different ways of dancing."

The 16-year-old Dededo resident said since age six she has been dancing hula.

Wilson is competing in the Women's Kahiko (ancient dance) and the Women's Auana (modern dance) Categories.

"Hula is teaching me how to express my inner self," she said.

Doris Blas, also a competitor, dances for Natibu and said her dance routine "is beautiful. It's about the Plumeria flower."

Blas said she was drawn to hula because it's something she does with her daughters Yyzmene and Yahryne Blas.

"What I like about my dance performance is the gracefulness," she said. "The Plumeria is a part of Guam."

On Typhoon Paka funding

FEMA cracks down on fraud

By Jay Pascua
Variety News Staff

HAGATNA—The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal agencies are continuing to crack down on fraud cases surrounding super typhoon Paka related funds.

U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Black yesterday announced that the FEMA Office of In-

spector General initiated 34 investigations involving Paka.

The investigations led to 18 indictments, convictions or cases pending sentencing and \$215,527 in recoveries, fines, cost savings, and restitution.

FEMA's Office of Inspector General is conducting nine active investigations.

FEMA is part of a Guam task force with several cases jointly

being conducted with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Guam field office.

Black in a previous interview told Variety that FEMA, the Department of the Interior and the FBI were all involved in the search of the Department of Public Works compound.

Black, at the time, declined to comment on whether the raid was related to Paka FEMA funds.

During that raid, federal officials seized bids, proposals, selection letters, correspondence between the Department of Public Works and contractors, contracts, invoices and payments.

In a press release issued Monday, FEMA's assistant inspector general for investigations, Paul J. Lillis, warned that "fraud will not be toler-

ated."

He added, "We will vigorously conduct all necessary investigations to protect taxpayer dollar."

If you have any information about the filing of false typhoon claims in Guam or in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands you are urged to report it to FEMA.

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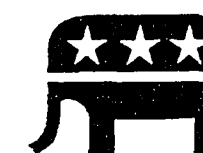
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Tom Basa Pangelinan

To my family and friends of Election Precinct Four encompassing As Matuis, San Roque, Achugao, Tanapag, As Mahetog, Capitol Hill, As Teo and Kagman I, it gives me great pleasure to endorse the candidacy of Tom Basa Pangelinan for the House of Representatives. Tom Pangelinan is running under the Republican Party banner.

Tom presently serves as a member of the Board of Education. His career has been dedicated to education, which I sincerely value. As a teacher, he has received numerous recognitions and awards for excellence in teaching. As a principal of Hopwood Junior High School, he has implemented programs in improving students achievement.

With Tom Pangelinan working together with Rep. Frank Cepeda in the Twelfth Legislature the residents of Election Precinct Four can be assured of the best representation.

Please vote Tom Pangelinan, Rep. Frank Cepeda, Sen. Juan P. Tenorio and the rest of the Republican Party candidates in the upcoming election on November 6, 1999.

Thank You,

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Parliament petitioned over Tonga's crops

TONGA (Pacnews) — Farmers in Tonga have petitioned the Parliament protesting that the Government reverse the decision to repeal a section in the country's land Act which makes it lawful for Tongans to make mortgage agreements over growing crops.

Radio Tonga reports the Peoples representatives, Samiu Vaipulu and Esau Namoa submitted the petition to Parliament yesterday.

The growers want the House to reverse section 16 of the Land Act Chapter 132 which makes it lawful for any Tongan subjects to make any mortgage agreements against growing crops.

A Bill to amend this section was submitted to the House

by the Minister for Justice who claimed the law was necessary because it provided different laws for Tongans and non Tongans and contradicted section 4 of the country's constitution.

The Minister cited a case in 1996, which had gone before the Tongan Supreme Court involving PPEL, a squash exporter against a local grower which proved contrary to the section in dispute.

The grower's petition sets out legal arguments against Parliaments approval of the law.

However the house is yet to deliberate on the petition because the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General are overseas on official business.

South Pacific tourism effort reorganizes

APIA (Pacnews) — The Tourism Council of the South Pacific (TCSP) is to revamp its image in the Pacific with emphasis on the needs of the private sector.

Part of the change is a new name for the 13-year-old regional organisation.

TCSP is to be known as the South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO).

The name was discussed and endorsed by the TCSP Board at its meeting in Apia, Samoa on Saturday.

A senior TCSP official said the name change reflected the need to involve the private sector in TCSP's work programme.

The official said in the past, TCSP has been too reliant on the private sector.

"This is also in line with a policy

change from TCSP's main funding agency E-U (European Union) to redirect most of its funding for private sector development in the region. Their funding will not be here forever and they expect us to stand on our own and administer TCSP in the Pacific for the Pacific," the official said.

In a policy change, the E-U told TCSP that it will only direct its funding for private sector development and not in marketing and research work programmes.

But TCSP is believed to have made it clear to the European Union that marketing is still a priority area for the private sector.

"In our private sector consultations last year, we found out the private sector still provided marketing. So what we have done is

gone back to the E-U and showed them our findings. This is to support our request that marketing is still an integral part of our work in the 13 member states we serve," the official said.

Meanwhile, six new Board members from the private sector have joined TCSP.

These are representatives from the airlines, hotels, tour operators, and a member of the private sector from outside the region and a member from the travel industry.

This brings to 19 the number of Board members for TCSP.

TCSP countries are American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tahiti and Vanuatu.

Timor force to end mission soon



Philippine Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado (right) greets Vice Chief Defence Force of Australia, Air Marshal Douglas Riding after their closed-door meeting Monday.

MANILA, (Reuters) - A senior Australian defence official said on Monday he expected the U.N.-backed force in East Timor to end its operations in the territory in March

2000 if not sooner.

Air Marshal Doug Riding, vice chief of the Australian Defence Force, said the security situation in East Timor was steadily improving and the majority of the militias blamed for waging a campaign of terror now appeared to be open to the idea of an independent East Timor.

"We expect that the INTERFET operation...will conclude no later than the end of March 2000," Riding told reporters after talks with Philippine Defence Secretary Orlando Mercado.

"We would like to see it sooner than that and indeed we are planning for it to commence, the transition, sooner than that, preferably in January."

INTERFET, dominated by Australian troops, is to be replaced by a special U.N. peace-

keeping force next year.

He said a vote by the Indonesian People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) accepting the August 30 ballot, in which the overwhelming majority of East Timorese voted to end 23 years of Indonesian rule, was crucial to the process.

"All expectations are that the MPR will vote to accede to the independence of East Timor. That is our expectation, but only time will tell."

Riding said the security environment in East Timor "is improving all the time."

"There are increasing numbers of militia who are handing in their arms and accepting the invitation to become involved in the political process of an independent East Timor rather than to fight...the clear will of the East Timorese people," he said.

He said there were still militias, particularly some operating out of West Timor, who were causing problems.

"But the majority of the militias seem to be taking a position that a political solution has far better chances of success for their purposes than their attempting military action," Riding added.

He said the number of the troublesome militia members were "in the hundreds."

Riding arrived in Manila on Sunday from a visit to China. He was to fly back to Australia later on Monday.

Gunmen fire on RP office

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on the offices of the local government in metropolitan Manila before dawn Sunday, police said. No one was injured and damage was minor.

Police said the attackers apparently fired aboard a car while traveling on an elevated bridge in front of the Department of Interior and Local Governments building in suburban Quezon City.

The shots shattered glass windows and damaged walls and ceilings in at least two offices on two floors, which were unoccupied during the shooting. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

The offices belong to a department that has jurisdiction over the national police and municipal governments.



Residents wade through floods in suburban Manila Sunday. Many areas in the metropolis were flooded due to heavy downpours caused by a tropical depression.

Solomons losing millions in taxes

HONIARA (Pacnews) — The Solomon Islands Government has lost about 60 to 80 million dollars a year in taxes and levies due to a number of things including the ethnic tension on Guadalcanal.

Prime Minister, Bartholomew Ulufa'alu, told a press conference in Honiara last Friday that foreign investment and investor confidence had also been greatly affected by the unrest.

Ulufa'alu said about 150 million to 180 million dollars had been lost through the winding up and the scaling down of busi-

ness operations in the country as a result of the Guadalcanal ethnic tension.

"In view of that government is loosing about 60 to 80 million dollars a year which it should have earned through taxation and levies from those companies."

The Prime Minister said the state of emergency had in a way also contributed to this economic down turn.

He said foreign publicity and other media reports have sometimes overplayed the real situation driving away investors and tourists.

Air Pacific gears for bigger share of Australian market

SUVA (Pacnews)—Fiji's Northern Division will get a bigger share of the Australian market with an Air Pacific initiative to promote the area.

Air Pacific regional director in Australia Victor Sharan during a recent meeting with tourism plant representatives in the North including leading Australian wholesalers, Fiji Visitors bureau and Air Pacific discussed ways to gain a greater share of the Australian market for the region.

Sharan told over 30 tourism operators in this meeting that it would work closely with domes-

tic carriers Sunflower Airlines and Air Fiji to develop fare packages to encourage the Australian market to explore unknown areas.

Air Pacific realises the full potential of the North for the Australian market and will assist in ensuring that it is well represented," he said.

"Air Pacific will also promote the North as part of its Australia-Fiji-USA stopover packages. The airline has increased its Australia/Fiji capacity by 35 percent," he said.

The Fiji Visitors Bureau regional director in Australia, Josaia

Rayawa told the meeting the Bureau would develop value-added packages to the North.

"What we will do is look at increasing visitor arrivals from Australia to this unexplored part of Fiji. We believe that the participation of the tourism plant in the North is essential as part of the bureau and Air Pacific," Rayawa said.

"Our joint objectives would be to begin a resurgence of Australian tourists to the North and in doing so create economic benefits to the region as well as spreading that benefit to Fiji overall."

Islanders told Australian visas will not help in finding jobs

PORT VILA (Pacnews) — The Australian High Commission in Port Vila has appealed to people applying for visas to Australia to think twice as there is very little chance of them finding jobs.

The Australian high Commissions appeal was made after it received numerous applications from local groups requesting visas to travel to Australia.

It said these people were interested in finding jobs on Australian farms.

However the Australian High Commission said any person seeking employment in Australia should be qualified or have the special skills to allow him or her to work there.

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A very popular saying about all youths is "leaders of tomorrow." With this in mind, we must examine our moves and actions to see how best we can prepare our youths. Love, trust, patience, and understanding, along with the comfort and security of homes, all serve as the basis of our children's emergence in the outside world.

Thrust out in the world, the cycle for our children starts with education. As a legislator, one of my important tasks is to ensure that our children are properly educated and prepared to go on to college or enter the workforce as contributing members of our society. I would endeavor to upgrade the vocational and trade program so that our youths can be trained to acquire professional skills and knowledge for their desired trades. Private enterprises can play a major role in this program. In addition to utilizing the learning center to produce quality manpower, it would also teach a valuable lesson to our children; that is, private employment can be very profitable and that no job is demeaning.

Aside from the structured setting of classrooms, our children need to relax and play. I would work to have more village activities, such as sports, so our youths and parents can simply enjoy each other's company. At the same time, our youths can experience harmonious interaction amongst themselves. There are also ways that we can harness youth talents and skills to assist other youths and little children to better themselves.

We would all have served our purpose in life if our youths emerged successful and productive, but most of all, "caring" so that they, too, can ensure their youth's future. Let us continue setting the right pace for our "leaders of tomorrow."

Together, we can ensure our future. With your help and support, I can and will represent you well in the next Legislature. I humbly ask for your support and assistance in convincing other family members, relatives, and friends to vote for me. Please exercise your right to vote on November 06, 1999.

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S. Korea monks quarrel

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's main Buddhist temple resembles less a spiritual sanctuary than a fortified camp these days.

Coils of barbed wire line the tile-topped walls, trailers block the entrances to ward off intruders and guards with iron bars and piles of rocks at their feet watch warily from the bell tower.

South Korea's largest Buddhist order is once again in turmoil over leadership, and the thuggish tactics of some monks - hardly in line with the path to eternal enlighten-

ment - have scarred the religion's image nationwide.

The dispute illustrates Buddhism's often uncomfortable role in secular South Korea, where some faction leaders vie for control of tax-free properties and donations from worshippers.

There also is suspicion among some Buddhists that Christians, who dominate the government, are trying to manipulate the conflict to marginalize Buddhism's 1,700 years of influence.

The Chogye order, which promotes Zen meditation, has been



Riot police surround South Korean monks trying to enter the Chogye Temple in Seoul during an ongoing leadership dispute on pros and cons of new leader in the country's largest Buddhist sect last Oct. 12. AP

plagued by internal bickering for years.

At the temple last week, monks brandished sticks and smashed collapsible metal chairs on the shaved heads of rival monks. At least 10 monks and lay people were injured.

The clash recalled events of a year ago, when dissident monks took control of the temple, where the order's administrative headquarters is located. Police expelled them several weeks later.

On Monday, about 100 dissident monks and supporters protested peacefully outside the temple in downtown Seoul.

The squabble revolves around matters unabashedly material: who gets to handle an annual budget in the millions of dollars, control land, buildings and assets worth millions more, and appoint 1,700 monks to various duties.

After last year's showdown, mainstream monks elected a new leader for the order. But a Seoul administrative court, acting on a lawsuit by the dissidents, cited procedural flaws and ruled against the vote on Oct. 1.

In defiance, the mainstream monks barricaded themselves in Chogye, named for a Chinese mountain where an ancient Buddhist patriarch once lived. The temple was built at the end of the 14th century, burned down and reconstructed, replete with lotus lamps, a pagoda and an iron gong.

"If we had procedural problems in electing our own leader, we can take care of that," said Woonkwang, a spokesman for mainstream monks. "Mundane courts or judges have no say in this."

The occupying monks hired security guards who loiter on the perimeter. Wearing baseball caps and surgical masks, they chat, smoke and sometimes pause for a stone-tossing game more commonly played by young girls.

Police, mindful of last year's clash, don't seem resolved to evict the gray-robed holy men, who stroll around the compound daily. Some chatter on cellular telephones, coming and going through an iron gate.

Buddhism, which teaches inner peace and compassion, was suppressed for hundreds of years by the rival Confucian elite. It splintered under Japanese colonizers early this century, and lost ground to Christianity with the influx of missionaries after the Korean War.

As many as a quarter of South Korea's 47 million people claim affiliation with Buddhism, and an equal number are Christians. Most of the rest have no religious affiliation.

Critics say some monks are poorly educated and drawn into Buddhist orders by the prospect of shelter, a framework for their lives and even perks such as cars and houses. The majority, however, meditate, chant and pray at serene temples across South Korea.

The mainstream monks complain they are victims of a conspiracy by high-ranking state officials who are Christian, a charge the government denies. Periodic arson attacks by Christian extremists on Buddhist temples have exacerbated tensions.

Many Buddhist lay people simply wish the monks would shed their rancor and settle the squabble peacefully.

"They call each other bad guys, but frankly, I am quite confused about who did what," said Kang Hee-soon, a 46-year-old worshipper at Chogye. "I am just ashamed as a Buddhist."



South Korean Buddhist believers stage a protest in a rekindled dispute over leadership of South Korea's Buddhism in front of the main gate of the Chogye Temple in Seoul Wednesday. AP

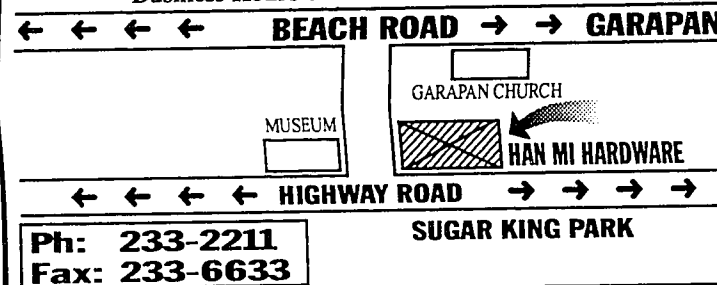
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Obuchi urges Clinton on treaty

TOKYO, (Reuters) - Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi has sent a letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton urging him to do whatever possible to achieve quick ratification of a global treaty banning nuclear tests.

In the letter, Obuchi describes the U.S. Senate's rejection last week of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as "extremely regrettable", top government spokesman Mikio Aoki said at a regular news conference on Monday.

"Prompt implementation of the

treaty is extremely important to ensure nuclear non-proliferation and promote nuclear disarmament," Obuchi was quoted as telling Clinton.

He urged Clinton to do his utmost to secure backing from the Republican-controlled Senate for prompt ratification of the treaty, Aoki said.

Japan is a strong advocate of the treaty and one of 26 nuclear-capable countries that have signed and ratified it.

The treaty is aimed at curbing



Keizo Obuchi



Bill Clinton

the spread of nuclear weapons but cannot go into force unless 44 nuclear-capable countries, including the United States, ratify it.

The ratification of the treaty was defeated by a vote of 51-48 last Wednesday, far short of the two-thirds majority, or 67 votes, required.

Obuchi's letter was handed over to U.S. officials on the weekend by Parliamentary Vice Foreign Minister Ichita Yamamoto, who was visiting Washington.



Japanese Defense Agency Director-General Tsutomu Kawara delivers the opening speech at the Forum for Defense Authorities for the Asia Pacific Region in Tokyo yesterday. The three-day annual meeting aims to deepen mutual understanding for more stable regional security. AP

Queen Noor visits Vietnam

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Jordan's Queen Noor visited a rehabilitation center for land-mine victims Monday, praising its strategy of hiring them to build prosthetics.

"It's a place of smiles," she said of the Kien Kheng Rehabilitation Center on the outskirts of the Cambodian capital. "We could see hope and great faith in the future that people have there because of the care that they are receiving."

'Yen level not a concern'

SINGAPORE, (Reuters) - The chairman of the Japan External Trade Organisation said on Monday a yen rise to 100 to the dollar would be "too excessive".

A level of "100 would be excessive, but 110 would be alright," JETRO CEO Noboru Hatakeyama told Reuters Television.

When asked about the current exchange rate level, Hatakeyama said he was not that concerned.

He noted that 110 yen was a

Noor, the widow of King Hussein, is on a three-day tour of mine-infested Cambodia, carrying the torch for a favorite cause of Princess Diana, who was killed in a 1997 car accident.

The U.S.-born Noor shies away from comparisons between herself and the late Princess of Wales.

"I see myself as one of many in the world, just as you find in Cambodia, who are committed to the eradication of antipersonnel land mines," she said.

psychological level that corresponded with trade and market conditions in 1988, roughly three years after the Plaza Accord that heralded a steep dollar depreciation fuelled by joint central bank intervention.

Hatakeyama said Japan's economy was not as heavily dependent on exports as Europe, citing the 10 percent contribution to Japan's Gross Domestic Product compared with 20 percent in Europe.

Vietnam fire leaves 500 homeless

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — More than 500 people were left homeless after a fire tore through the slums of the central Vietnamese coastal city of Khanh Hoa, a local government official said Monday.

Thirty-two thatched houses were destroyed and 10 others were damaged Saturday when the fire, triggered by a short circuit, spread through the area, he said. Another 40 homes were dismantled to prevent the blaze from spreading.

No casualties were reported in the fire, which took nearly two hours to extinguish, he said.

Some people were housed temporarily in schools and pagodas, while others were staying with relatives, the official said. Each family was given 110 pounds of rice and will get \$150 in aid next week, he said.

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China's Jiang begins his European tour



Jiang Zemin

LONDON (AP) — President Jiang Zemin arrived in Britain on Monday to begin a two-week trip to Europe, north Africa and Saudi Arabia that officials said was largely ceremonial, although China's bid to enter the World Trade Organization was on the agenda.

Jiang arrived with little ceremony in at Heathrow airport, but Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip planned to formally welcome him Tuesday. He will be the queen's guest at Buckingham Palace during his stay.

He will leave for Paris on Oct.

22 and begin a two-day visit to Portugal on Oct. 26.

Chinese officials said Jiang would discuss China's desire for WTO membership with leaders of Britain, France and Portugal. Trade Minister Shi Guangsheng, who recently resumed WTO negotiations with the European Union, was traveling with Jiang, but China was not expecting to seal a deal during the visit.

The EU, the United States and Canada are pressing China to open its markets wider before it can join the trade rules-making body.

China broke off WTO talks with the EU and the United States after NATO bombed the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia on May 7. Talks with the United States resumed recently.

The second part of Jiang's trip, which will take him to Morocco, Algeria and Saudi Arabia, is designed to show China's desire for good ties with Arab countries. China expects to sign an agreement with Saudi Arabia on buying more Saudi oil and the possibility of joint development of a refinery.



Tibetan demonstrators protest against the state visit to Britain of Jiang Zemin, the President of China, central London Monday.

Time short for China's WTO entry—Moore

TOKYO, (Reuters) - World Trade Organisation Director-General Mike Moore said on Monday that time is slipping away for China to join the WTO before a November ministerial meeting in Seattle.

But Moore, in an interview with Reuters Television, expressed hope that European Union, U.S. and Chinese authorities would reach agreement in time for the meeting, which is generally seen as the last chance for the next

several years for China to enter the global trade body.

Asked if there was still a chance of China entering by the November 30 start of the WTO ministerial meeting, Moore said: "It's hard to say. I'm an extremely optimistic and hopeful sort of person, it's my nature. But time is slipping away."

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EU and U.S. trade officials, however, closed ranks last week

on China's flagging WTO bid, insisting they would not be rushed into a deal this year.

Moore indicated understanding regarding calls by some Asian nations for safeguards in the liberalisation of services in the next global trade round, set to start in Seattle.

"They argue for special, differential treatment in terms of the capacity to cope, the capacity to implement, and I think we ought to listen to that," he said.

But Moore said he detected no lack of enthusiasm in Asia for trade liberalisation despite the financial crisis that has engulfed the region since the last global trading session, the Uruguay Round.

Rather, he lauded Asian leaders for not erecting protectionist walls as nations did at the start of the 1930s Great Depression.

"Had we not had a WTO out there and those rules out there, what could have happened? It could have got very ugly, lethal, dangerous - and it did not. So let's celebrate that," said Moore, a former New Zealand prime minister.

"Every country wants the other bloke to liberalise."

Arafat meets Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR, (Reuters) - Palestinian President Yasser Arafat met Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on a stop-over in the Malaysian capital, the official Bernama news agency said.

Arafat, leading a 10-member delegation, discussed bilateral co-operation and the Mideast peace process with Mahathir on Sunday evening, the news agency said.

The Palestinian leader was on his way to Jeddah after visiting Japan and Vietnam, it said. The

hour-long meeting was held at a Kuala Lumpur hotel.

The Islamic fundamentalist opposition party, Parti Islam se-Malaysia, recently criticised Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar for holding a secret meeting in New York last month with his Israeli counterpart, David Levy.

Mahathir's government has denied that the meeting with Levy signified mostly Moslem Malaysia was considering recognising Israel.

Downer on Thailand visit



Alexander Downer

CANBERRA (Reuters) — Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer began a two-day visit to Thailand on Monday amid a climate of strained relations between the two countries over the handling of the East Timor crisis.

Downer said in a statement he would discuss East Timor with Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai and other government figures before going to Singapore on Wednesday for the East Asian Economic Summit.

Relations between Australia and many Southeast Asian nations came under pressure last month after Canberra took the principal role in organising and leading the multinational intervention force now quelling militia violence in East Timor.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard was accused by Asian leaders of "aggressive" behaviour in trying to assert white, Anglo-Saxon values in the region through his more assertive foreign policy stance.

Indonesia and Malaysia led the attack, but Thai defence officials also criticised the behaviour of Australian troops in the INTERFET force, accusing them of "provocative" behaviour towards pro-Jakarta militiamen and Indonesian troops.

Thailand's Major-General Songkitti Jaggabatara is second in command of INTERFET, which is led by Australian Major-General Peter Cosgrove.

But Downer's statement praised the Thai commitment to the 14-nation force.

"Australia has welcomed the strong commitment made by the Deputy Commander...and members of the significant Thai contingent," he said.

At the annual East Asia Economic Summit on Wednesday, Downer said he would speak alongside U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Stanley Roth in sessions discussing instability in the region.

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Mahathir hails 'Sinatra principle'

SINGAPORE(AP)—Issuing one of his trademark attacks on Western traders and financial institutions, Malaysian leader Mahathir Mohamad declared Monday that his nation had survived the Asian economic crisis by following the "Sinatra Principle."

In a humorous speech, Mahathir defended his country's controversial capital controls and chastised those who predicted his economic philosophy would bring ruin to Malaysia unless his government adopted International Monetary Fund policies and accepted foreign aid.

"We have achieved whatever we have achieved according to the Sinatra Principle. We have all done it our own way," Mahathir said to laughter and applause from about 700 economists and businessmen attending the East Asia Economic Summit.

While other Asian countries such

as Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia, accepted IMF bailout packages and policies as their economies sank, Malaysia refused foreign aid.

In September 1998, the country imposed capital controls, restricting foreigners from repatriating their investments for at least one year and pegging the currency, the ringgit, at 3.8 to the U.S. dollar. It also kept interest rates low and boosted government spending.

The restrictions have since been eased, and in the April-June quarter, Malaysia's economy grew for the first time after shrinking for five quarters.

"Do not assume that we in Asia are always stupid," said Mahathir, prime minister for 18 years and Asia's longest-serving leader.

Stanley Fischer, the IMF's first deputy managing director, said it was difficult to assess the effects of the capital controls since they were



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad (left) is greeted by World Economic Forum president Klaus Schwab at the East Asia Summit 1999 held at the Suntec Convention Center in Singapore Monday. AP

imposed at a time that money began flowing back into the region.

"The controls introduced a year ago are not a good way to operate in the international financial system, particularly for a country anxious to attract foreign investors," Fischer said.

Mahathir also blasted foreign currency traders, whom he blamed for targeting the ringgit until it lost nearly 40 percent of its value in

1997.

"A clear example of rapacious capitalism has been the currency manipulators who took no more than a pound of flesh off the back of millions of East Asians in the last two years," said the 73-year-old leader. "Global capitalism cannot survive, still less thrive, if making money regardless of human cost is its creed."

Singapore's Prime Minister Goh

Chok Tong pronounced the Asian financial crisis over and encouraged governments and investors to get on with the business of running countries and making money.

"The growth of East Asia in the last 30 years is an economic miracle. It is a miracle because never before in history have so many people, in so short a time, been liberated from poverty, illiteracy and despair," he said.

Judge says Anwar has to answer sodomy charge

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters)

— A Malaysian judge on Monday ruled that jailed former finance minister Anwar Ibrahim has a case to answer on a sodomy charge and ordered his landmark trial to continue with the calling of defence witnesses.

Anwar's lawyers told the capital's High Court after the ruling that he would subpoena Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad to take the stand in the 4-1/2-month trial, which has split Malaysia and exposed a rift in the nation's dominant political party.

"We'll also be calling several ministers as witnesses," lead counsel Christopher Fernando told Reuters after judge Arifin Jaka granted a two-day adjournment for the defence to prepare its case. Anwar's lawyers said the ex-minister would be their first witness when the case resumes on Thursday.

The prosecution closed its case in August and has turned over 22 witnesses to the defence for possible further examination.

Anwar and his adopted brother, Sukma Darmawan, are jointly accused of sodomising the Anwar family's former driver between January and March 1993. They both deny the charge, which carries a maximum punishment of



Anwar Ibrahim

20 years in jail and whipping.

The defence has vehemently criticised the charge, amended twice before the trial after the driver said he could not remember exactly when the alleged sexual act took place.

But judge Arifin said he was convinced by the prosecution's case. "After maximum evaluation of all the evidence adduced, I'm satisfied that the prosecution has made up a case beyond reasonable doubt, and I therefore order both the accused, one and two, to enter their defence on both charges," he said.

Fernando said the defence was "absolutely dumbfounded, flabbergasted" by the ruling "which went beyond our wildest expectations."

Anwar, however, said he was not startled by the decision. "What

is so shocking? Nothing surprises me any more," Anwar told reporters.

The former deputy prime and finance minister has alleged since his sacking in September last year that he was the victim of a conspiracy hatched by Mahathir's allies after he emerged as a potential challenger.

Mahathir insists he dumped his protégé of 12 years after discovering Anwar was a homosexual.

Anwar's ouster and move into the opposition have prompted the country's four main opposition parties, usually divided by ideology, to promise to work together against Mahathir in coming elections.

In April, the former minister was sentenced to six years in jail for corruption by the High Court on a charge of using his position in government to cover up charges of sexual misconduct brought by his former driver, Azizan Abu Bakar, and a woman.

Azizan testified he was used as a "sex slave" by Anwar, and denounced the ex-minister in a letter to Mahathir in 1997.

Anwar's defence lawyers have accused Azizan of being a liar, saying his recent conviction and jailing in a separate sexual misconduct case call into question his credibility as a witness.

Jiang on China:

Population is biggest problem

LONDON (Reuters) — Chinese President Jiang Zemin vowed on Monday to focus on economic development and open China wider to the outside world, but said his biggest problem was the country's large population.

Jiang was answering written and verbal questions from the London Times newspaper ahead of his visit to Britain this week — the first by a Chinese head of state.

He spoke of more positive relations with the United States since they hit a low over NATO's bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade and said Beijing would enter talks with the Dalai Lama, subject to his acceptance of conditions including Tibet being a permanent part of China.

Jiang said China would ultimately resolve the question of Taiwan by adhering to the policy of "peaceful reunification and one country, two systems" used to secure the return of Hong Kong and Macau.

"We do not undertake to renounce the use of force, but this is by no means directed at our compatriots in Taiwan. It is directed at those foreign forces trying to interfere in China's reunification," he said.

He signalled that he saw the economic development of communist China in a very long-term way.

"In the past 50 years, since the founding of the People's Republic of China, we have made a lot of achievements," he said.

"But when you divide these achievements by our 1.25 billion population, the figure becomes really small... The biggest problem I'm facing at the moment is the large population of China."

Jiang stressed the importance of China's transition from a planned to a market economy. "China will follow the rules of a market economy," he said.

He said key objectives for China by the middle of the next century were to "achieve modernisation by and large" and to become a strong, prosperous, democratic and culturally advanced socialist country.

"We will continue to focus on economic development, deepen reform, open the country wider to the outside world and develop a socialist market economy..." he said.

Jiang said the NATO attack on the Chinese embassy in Belgrade during the Kosovo war had caused "grave damage" to relations between Beijing and Washington but he had had a "positive and



Chinese President Jiang Zemin and his wife Wang Yeping arrive at London's Heathrow Airport Monday for a state visit to Britain. Jiang is on a two-week trip to Europe, north Africa and Saudi Arabia. AP

constructive" meeting with U.S. President Bill Clinton last month that was very important in improving ties.

He said China had done much to modernise Tibet, saying: "We put in two billion yuan (\$241.6 million) every year."

He believed many young people in Tibet were more interested in such developments than old causes.

Jiang said China would enter talks with the Dalai Lama on two conditions — his acceptance of Tibet as a permanent part of China and that Taiwan was also part of the country.

Nervous British officials describe Jiang's visit as having "little margin for error" because of the competing priorities of British business interests, the human rights issue

and Chinese pride and dignity.

The tone of his visit, which includes the rare honour of a bedroom at Buckingham Palace, will be set by his first public appearance on Tuesday, when he travels with Queen Elizabeth through central London.

Protesters demanding a free Tibet and the release of jailed Chinese dissidents have vowed to hold demonstrations during the visit, which lasts from Monday to Friday.

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Indonesia to vote on E. Timor



Indonesian President B.J. Habibie (left) and Gen. Wiranto wait to be introduced before Habibie gave a moral-boosting speech to about 150 soldiers and riot police who are part of the force deployed in Jakarta to guard the capital during this week's presidential election Monday.

E. Timor leader won't share power

DILI, East Timor (AP) — East Timor's top independence leader on Monday rejected sharing power with the militiamen who devastated the territory after it voted to break away from Indonesia.

A vote by a special Indonesian assembly on whether to accept East Timor's Aug. 30 independence referendum could come as early as Tuesday, and Indonesian officials predicted the body would ratify secession.

"Most of the factions have expressed support to let East Timor go," said Erna Witoelar, vice chairwoman of a commission charged with drafting a decree acceptable to the People's Consultative Assembly's 700 members.

One key question about East Timor's future has been how independence backers will be able to reconcile with the militias.

An Indonesian government task force is holding talks in Dili on the handover of administration to a transitional authority created by the United Nations to steer East Timor to eventual independence.

Peacekeeping head Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove has urged the delegation to pressure leaders of the

anti-independence militias to participate in the transitional administration.

But Jose Alexandre "Xanana" Gusmao, who spent seven years in prison or under house arrest in Jakarta for his independence activities before his release last month, said they would not be welcome in East Timor's future government.

Addressing reporters in Darwin, Australia, Gusmao said the militia-men would be free to return to East Timor, but he ruled out sharing power with them or granting any amnesty for crimes committed during their rampage.

"Amnesty is only a very empty political act. The real amnesty will be from our people," he said.

Gusmao, who plans to return to his homeland later this week, said he is receiving daily reports that Indonesian troops are killing people in Oecussi, an East Timor enclave surrounded by Indonesian-held West Timor.

"The (multinational) forces plan to go in the first week in November. I think that it is very, very late to save more lives," Gusmao said.

Col. Mark Kelly, chief of staff of the Australian-led peacekeeping

force, said there are plans for his troops to move into the last unsecured part of the province, but he indicated the force would have to reach its full strength of 8,000 troops first.

On Sunday, Taur Matan Ruak, a top commander of East Timor's pro-independence Falintil rebels, claimed Indonesian troops and their militia allies have killed 50 people and raped many women in the enclave.

"Our people are being wiped out, they are surrounded, they cannot escape," Ruak said.

Oecussi, on the northern coast of West Timor, is connected to the rest of East Timor by a 50-mile stretch of road through West Timor. Its 50,000 people have largely stayed out of the guerrilla war between Indonesia and Falintil.

Two weeks ago, a 14-year-old boy claimed to have walked from the enclave to East Timor, crossing through Indonesian territory disguised as a militia fighter.

A letter he carried from community leaders appealed for the peacekeepers to "rescue" residents.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Lawmakers vote this week for a new president and whether to accept East Timor's overwhelming vote for independence - key steps in Indonesia's difficult transition to democracy.

The 700-member People's Consultative Assembly decides Wednesday who will be Indonesia's leader for the next five years, but embattled President B.J. Habibie may not make it that far.

His political future hinges on a parliamentary vote Tuesday on whether to accept a recent "accountability" speech about his administration's successes and failures. If they don't, Habibie's Golkar Party may replace him as its presidential nominee - a last-minute move that could change the vote's outcome.

Also Tuesday, the assembly will be asked to accept East Timor's overwhelming Aug. 30 vote for independence, or delay a decision until certain conditions are met.

Lawmakers could demand that Portugal, East Timor's colonial power, remove all claims to the territory from its constitution. They could also demand that international peacekeepers guarantee the safety of all East Timorese, including those who reject independence.

Habibie has urged lawmakers to accept East Timor breaking away. Many Indonesians, however, are furious that an Australian-led peacekeeping force was sent to the province to stop a rampage by anti-independence militants and their Indonesian backers after the vote.

Habibie is one of three candidates for the presidency. Appointed, not elected, he took over 16 months ago when authoritarian President Suharto, his mentor, stepped down after 32 years of iron-fisted rule.

In an emotional speech on Monday, Habibie urged Indonesians to let him stay in office to continue democratic reforms - a plea he has repeated for several days.

"I don't want to say goodbye. I don't want to bid farewell," he told several hundred soldiers and police at a national monument in central Jakarta.

Soon afterward, about 5,000 students demanding the election of Habibie's main rival, opposition leader Megawati Sukarnoputri, filled a major traffic circle with a noisy protest.

"We will be here until Mega becomes president. If she isn't elected, we will start a revolution," said student Zaenal Surrahman, who wore red, the color of Megawati's party.

In a separate demonstration in the city's business district, about 1,000 white-collar workers rejected Habibie's candidacy.

At a third site, 500 soldiers closed Jakarta's main road, pushing about 100 protesters near Atmajaya University down a side street. Last week, fighting between students and security forces went on for hours there. But on Monday it was clear the armed forces were far less tolerant.

Habibie introduced some basic democratic changes, but his popularity has sunk because of his close ties to Suharto and his inability to end human rights abuses and corruption.

He also has been criticized for the East Timor crisis, a banking corruption scandal linked to his inner circle and Indonesia's huge economic problems.

Twice last week, police and soldiers had to fire tear gas and plastic bullets to disperse large, anti-Habibie demonstrations outside parliament and in the city's business district. Dozens of people were hospitalized or arrested.

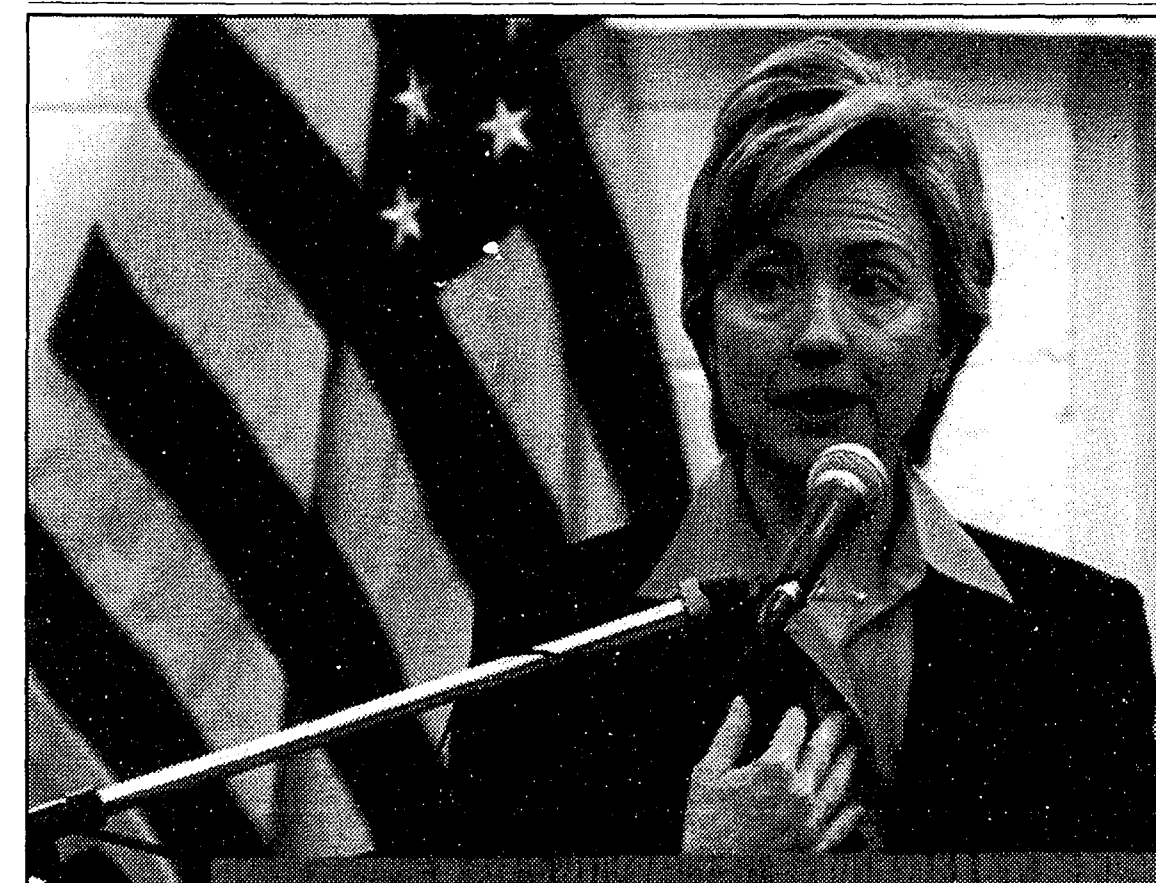
But protests since Saturday have been peaceful.

In addition to Megawati - daughter of Sukarno, the country's first president - Habibie is expected to face presidential candidate Abdurrahman Wahid, founder of the Muslim-oriented National Awakening Party and leader of Indonesia's largest Islamic group.

Gen. Wiranto, Indonesia's powerful defense chief and army chief, continued to be coy about whether he would accept Habibie's offer to be his vice presidential running mate, saying Monday he would do whatever the people need.



Indonesian Presidential candidate Megawati Sukarnoputri (center) sits at the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) Thursday. Megawati's political fortunes could rise or fall when the MPR chooses Indonesia's next President October 20.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Martin Luther King Multipurpose Center Monday in Spring Valley, N.Y. Mrs. Clinton is expected to seek a U.S. Senate seat from New York.

Survey cites absence of dominant campaign issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans say the issues they most want to hear discussed during the 2000 presidential campaign are health insurance, the proper use of U.S. troops and the future of Social Security and Medicare, a new poll said Monday.

The absence of one dominant issue gives the personal qualities of the candidates increased importance in the 2000 presidential campaign, the poll suggests.

That appears to have hampered Al Gore in head-to-head matchups with GOP front-runner George W. Bush, who had been running 11 to 15 points ahead of the vice president. Gore narrowed that gap to 7 points, 51-44, in the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

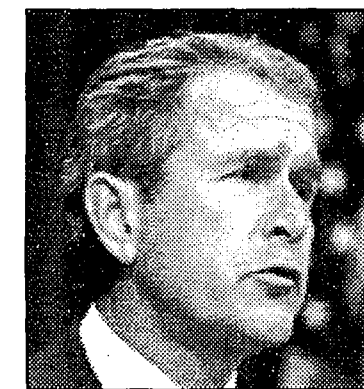
The vice president benefits from increased support from women; 50 percent of women would vote for Gore today compared to 40 percent in September, while 45 percent of women in this poll said they back Bush. Support for Gore remains unchanged among men at 37 percent.

Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, noted "how steady the Bush lead is among men and how variable it is among women."

"Women seem to be less focused on Gore's personal shortcomings," Kohut said, "but men seem more focused on his personal qualities as negatives."

Of those who opposed Gore, about half cited his close ties to President Clinton as a reason for not supporting him, while more than a third said it was his personality and leadership abilities.

Various polls this year have indicated most people think



George W. Bush

Gore has integrity and is intelligent, but many also describe him as boring and not a leader.

The poll of 1,032 adults was taken Oct. 7-11 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, plus or minus 4 percent for registered voters, and slightly larger for subgroups such as Democratic or Republican primary voters.

Bush and Gore had substantial leads in the race for their own parties' nominations in this poll.

Though their interest was spread over a wide range of issues, those surveyed were most likely, 62 percent, to show a high level of interest in discussion of how the poor and uninsured can get health insurance. Those most inclined to say they wanted to hear about health insurance were female, black and had incomes under \$30,000.

Almost a fourth of the public have closely followed proposals by presidential candidates to expand health coverage by the poor, more than the 17 percent who follow campaign news in general.

Gore and his Democratic presidential rival, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, have offered comprehensive proposals on expanding health

care for the uninsured. Gore's plan focuses on children while Bradley has suggested a plan that ensures access to affordable coverage for children and adults in low and middle-income families. Republican candidates, including Bush, suggest various combinations of expanded medical savings accounts and tax incentives.

"Since the beginning of the campaign it was clear that health insurance, both access to and the ability to pay for it, have been central concerns for voters across the country," said Bradley spokesman Eric Hauser, who said his candidate's approach was the most comprehensive.

A majority in the poll, 56 percent, said they're very interested in hearing about whether U.S. troops should be sent into countries to stop the killing of innocent civilians in a civil war. Those most likely to want to hear more about those issues were men and those with some college education.

Half said their top priority for campaign discussion was keeping Medicare financially sound, and almost that many, 46 percent, said they wanted to hear discussion of investing Social Security funds in the stock market.

Those most likely to want to hear about Medicare were women, those with a high school education or less, and those who make less than \$30,000 a year and not surprisingly, older Americans.

While the poll "does show a little progress for Gore, there's still a lot of uncertainty here," said Kohut, noting the election was more than a year away. "We will see a lot of ups and downs. People don't have a lot of conviction about this."

Clinton not offended by Gore's moves

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today he is not offended that Vice President Al Gore doesn't want his help in seeking to win the White House. "No one can help anyone else in a campaign beyond a certain point," Clinton said.

The president told reporters he agrees with Gore, who told The Washington Post last week that his bid for the Democratic nomination is a "very personal quest" and that he might ask Clinton not to help his campaign.

"I think that's a decision he ought to make at an appropriate time," Clinton said following a meeting with his economic advisers. "I agree with what he said about it. It won't matter who said it as much as it matters what is said. I just want the American people to make this judgment



Al Gore

based on what's best for them." Gore said while he has not decided whether he would turn down Clinton's help, "I may do that."

Clinton said that is fine. "The candidates will be the major players. Everybody else, to a greater or lesser degree, is in a subordinate role," he said.

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Ray formally replaces Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) — Career prosecutor Robert Ray was sworn in today to replace Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and wrap up the wide-ranging investigation of President Clinton and the first lady. One of the appointing judges pleaded with him to act with "deliberate speed."

Ray appeared on the federal courthouse shortly after taking the oath as independent counsel, vowing to finish the five-year, \$40 million-plus investigation in a "prompt, responsible and cost-effective manner."

The new special prosecutor thanked Starr for his personal sacrifice and said his office would carry on the investigation with the same professionalism. "We should do our best to be thorough and fair," Ray said.

Starr, who is returning to private law practice, oversaw an investigation that prompted Clinton's impeachment but which lost much public support in the face of incessant criticism from presidential supporters.

One member of the three-judge panel that appointed Ray hinted at the public fatigue, calling for a speedy conclusion.

"There can be no more vital consideration now than closure with all deliberate speed," Senior Circuit Judge Richard Cudahy wrote. "Our selection of Robert Ray carries much promise."

The two other judges made no reference to a speedy wrapup in their order.

Ray must decide whether to bring additional prosecutions and must write a final report on the wide-ranging investi-

gation that has delved into fraudulent land deals in Arkansas and alleged presidential perjury and obstruction in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

The contents of a final report - which will deal in part with a fraudulent Arkansas land deal for which Mrs. Clinton performed some legal work - could cause political problems for the first lady if she decides to run for the U.S. Senate from New York.

The special prosecutor's office has pending investigations into two matters:

-An alleged attempt by Maryland developer Nathan Landow and Democratic Party supporter to influence the testimony of presidential accuser Kathleen Willey.

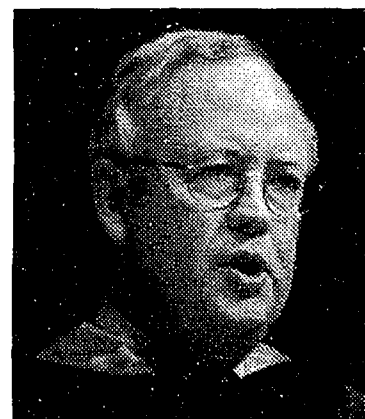
-Possible false statements regarding Hillary Rodham Clinton's role in the purge of the White House travel office.

In Whitewater, Starr's office convicted 14 people, including the Clintons' Whitewater business partners, Jim and Susan McDougal, and then-Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who resigned his office.

Starr's investigation of the Lewinsky scandal, the president's affair and subsequent cover-up, led to the first presidential impeachment since 1868.

On Friday, the Clinton White House suggested Ray is a politically motivated prosecutor, noting that before going to Starr's office, he spent several years working for Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz in the investigation of former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

Ray's family disputed the White House suggestion over



Kenneth Starr

the weekend.

"Bob believes strongly in public service, he believes that people should be held accountable, but he is not politically motivated in his job; that's simply not true," said Ray's father, a retired Army colonel who served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War.

Until January 1998, Ray was a registered Democrat in New York City. Ray ran twice for the school board in New York City in non-partisan elections, losing both times. He now is a registered voter in New Jersey unaffiliated with any political party.

Ray in recent years made four donations totaling \$90 in support of Republicans - three to then-Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and one to the Republican National Committee.

While at Princeton University in 1982, young Ray chose the Kennedy administration's Peace Corps as the topic for his senior history thesis, offering extensive praise for the late president.

The 196-page document refers to Peace Corps volunteers as Kennedy's "children" who "brought the spirit of America" to third world countries.

Key events in Clinton probe

(AP) — Jan. 12, 1994: Under pressure, President Clinton asks that a special prosecutor be named to investigate his Whitewater land dealings.

-Jan. 20: Attorney General Janet Reno selects Robert B. Fiske Jr. as special prosecutor.

-May 6: Paula Jones files a lawsuit alleging Clinton sexually harassed her in a Little Rock, Ark., hotel room three years earlier while she was a state clerk and he was governor.

-Aug. 5: After Congress reauthorizes the defunct Independent Counsel Act - and Clinton signs it - a panel of three federal appeals court judges appoints former Bush administration Solicitor General Kenneth Starr to take over Fiske's investigation.

-Aug. 17, 1995: The Clintons' former business partners, Jim and Susan McDougal, and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker are indicted by the Whitewater grand jury on fraud and conspiracy charges.

-Jan. 4, 1996: Carolyn Huber, a longtime Clinton aide, finds billing records from Mrs. Clinton's law firm, which handled some Whitewater-related affairs.

-Jan. 27: Mrs. Clinton makes a four-hour appearance before a Whitewater grand jury.

-March 22: Starr begins investigation into whether a presidential aide lied about Hillary Rodham Clinton's role in the firings of seven employees in the White House travel office.

-April 28: President Clinton gives videotaped testimony for the Tucker-McDougal trial.

-May 28: Tucker and the McDougals are convicted. Mrs. McDougal refuses to cooperate with Starr's investigation and later serves 18 months for contempt of court, then begins serving part of her two-year prison term for fraud.

-June 21, 1996: Starr starts investigating the Clinton White House's gathering of hundreds of FBI background files of appointees from past Republican administrations.

-Nov. 5: Clinton re-elected.

-May 27, 1997: The Supreme Court rules Mrs. Jones can pursue her lawsuit while Clinton is in office.

-Dec. 19: Monica Lewinsky served with subpoena to appear at a deposition for the Jones suit and to turn over gifts from Clinton.

-Jan. 7, 1998: Ms. Lewinsky signs affidavit for Jones case saying she had no sexual relationship with Clinton.

-Jan. 12: A confidante of Ms. Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, gives Starr's office tapes she made of conversations between herself and Ms. Lewinsky.

-Jan. 16: Court panel gives Starr authority to investigate Lewinsky matters.

-Jan. 17: Clinton testifies in Mrs. Jones' lawsuit and denies a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

-Jan. 26: Clinton declares publicly, "I did not have sexual rela-

tions with that woman. ... I never told anybody to lie."

-April 1: In Arkansas, U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright dismisses Mrs. Jones' lawsuit.

-April 30, 1998: Webster Hubbell, who pleaded guilty in 1994 to defrauding the Arkansas law firm where he worked with Mrs. Clinton, is charged with evading taxes on income he received from Clinton friends who sought to assist him after he resigned as associate attorney general.

-Aug. 6: Under immunity from prosecution, Ms. Lewinsky testifies to the Starr grand jury.

-Aug. 17: Clinton undergoes more than four hours of questioning before the grand jury. He then says in a televised speech, "I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate."

-Sept. 9: Starr delivers his report on the Lewinsky matter to Congress, telling House leaders he has found "substantial and credible information ... that may constitute grounds for impeachment."

-Nov. 13: Clinton agrees to pay Mrs. Jones \$850,000 to drop her sexual harassment lawsuit, with no apology or admission of guilt.

-Nov. 13: Presidential friend Hubbell indicted again, this time charged with 15 felony counts accusing him of fraud, perjury and "corruptly impeding" federal banking regulators' investigation of many of the original Whitewater allegations.

-Nov. 20: Starr's ethics adviser, Sam Dash, resigns, objecting to Starr's testifying before Congress in support of impeachment report.

-Dec. 11: House Judiciary Committee approves impeachment articles which accuse the president of perjury in the Jones deposition, perjury in his grand jury testimony and obstruction of justice in the Jones case. A fourth article approved Dec. 12 charges perjury in Clinton's responses to the committee's questions.

-Dec. 19: Clinton impeached by the House on two articles of perjury and obstruction of justice.

-Jan. 7, 1999: Impeachment trial begins in Senate.

-Feb. 6: Clips from the videotaped testimony of Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal, as well as videotaped testimony from Clinton, are played publicly at Senate trial.

-Feb. 12: Senate acquits Clinton.

-April 12: U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, the Little Rock judge who oversaw the Jones case, finds Clinton in contempt for his "intentionally false" testimony about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. She later orders him to pay \$90,000 in penalties.

-June 30: On the last day before the independent counsel statute expires, Hubbell pleads guilty to a felony and a misdemeanor.

Clinton axes foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today vetoed a \$12.6 billion foreign aid bill as inadequate and called on Republican congressional leaders to join the administration in seeking a solution to the budget impasse.

"We need to sit down and do it together," the president told reporters in the Cabinet Room. He said he would sign another emergency spending measure to keep the government running beyond Thursday, but that it should be a short-term measure.

"We have to put politics aside and seek common ground," Clinton said.

"We're going to have to make tough choices and we're going to have to make them together," Clinton said. "Inaction is not an option."

The president said Republicans were shortchanging spending needs on education, the environment and foreign policy affairs, including U.S. obligations under the Wye River Mideast peace accord.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Clinton will refuse to sign other spending bills passed by Republicans, but instead has invited congressional leaders to a White House meeting Tuesday. "If the congressional leadership will join me," the president said, "we can make this a season of real progress for our people."

Republican leaders said they would attend the session, but they emphasized they would not consider using Social Security surpluses to help pay for spending bills.

"We will not agree to a summit that would try to find secret ways to spend the Social Security surplus," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said in a statement.

The foreign aid bill passed over loud opposition from Democrats and the White House, who claim it shortchanges important American foreign policy interests.

"It doesn't meet the president's priorities," Lockhart said. "Wye River is certainly an important element to that, and it is an important part of continuing to exercise U.S. leadership around the world. We can't expect nations in troubled parts of the world, like the Middle East, to move forward with their peace process when we won't meet the commitments we've made."

Lockhart said a veto of the defense spending bill may be on the way. "That is under consideration," he said.

"The bill is beyond what the president requested, and there are also a number of gimmicks in it. They make operations and maintenance an emergency. The Pentagon is a pretty big building, but I don't know if you can go over there ... and find one person who considers the operations and maintenance of armed forces an emergency," Lockhart said.

Clinton's foreign aid veto, the 28th of his presidency, will likely stand. The bill only narrowly cleared the House with a vote of 214-211, and the Senate with a



President Clinton meets with his economic team in the Cabinet Room of the White House Monday to discuss the fiscal 2000 federal budget. From left are National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, the president, and White House Chief of Staff John Podesta. AP

vote of 51-49. A two-thirds vote in both houses is needed to override a presidential veto.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, in a statement prepared in anticipation of Clinton's veto, said that

the extra money Clinton wants can only be obtained by raiding the Social Security trust fund. He

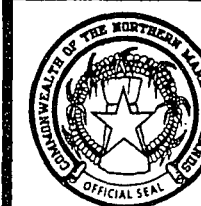
called that "wrong and irresponsible."

"Congress will not use Social Security as a pot of gold to fund foreign aid," Hastert said.

Rep. Sonny Callahan, chairman of the House Foreign Operations subcommittee, said Republicans Congress have sent a consistent message that "we will not raise Social Security, nor will we agree to raise taxes, to pay for increased foreign aid spending."

As passed by Congress, the aid bill provides \$2 billion less than Clinton sought and none of the \$500 million down payment he had sought to help Israel and the Palestinians carry out the peace accord negotiated last year at Wye River, Md. In all, Clinton has pledged \$1.8 billion in U.S. support for the Mideast peace effort.

The bill also provides significantly less money than Clinton requested for international debt relief, the Peace Corps and for efforts to reduce the nuclear threat from North Korea and other countries.



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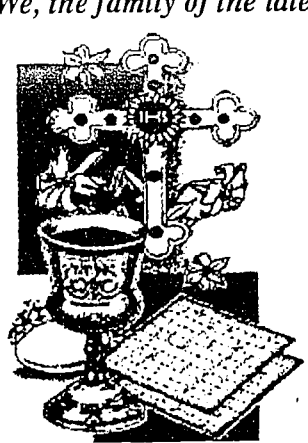
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THE FAMILY

Helms may block Moseley-Braun

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms, whose opposition has sunk both treaties and nominations, took aim Monday at former colleague Carol Moseley-Braun's bid to be ambassador to New Zealand.

An Illinois Democrat who was the nation's first black female senator, Moseley-Braun comes to the Senate for confirmation under "an ethical cloud," asserted Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Helms clashed with Moseley-Braun during her one term in

Congress, most memorably on the Senate floor over use of the Confederate Flag. She later accused Helms of taunting her in an elevator by singing "Dixie."

The conservative, combative committee chairman suggested his panel would scrutinize allegations raised in Moseley-Braun's 1998 re-election campaign, including never-proved ones that she used 1993 campaign funds to pay for personal luxuries.

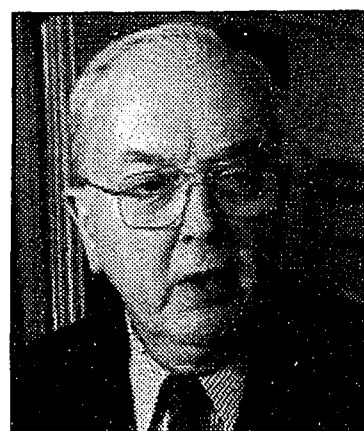
Democrats suggested Helms was giving Moseley-Braun a hard time to settle an old score.

"I hope he won't do that," President Clinton told reporters.

Clinton called it yet another sign of "a new isolationism in this country, that we don't really care whether we have ambassadors in some of these places."

The president made similar "isolationism" accusations last week when the Senate turned down a nuclear test ban treaty that he had championed. That Senate action drew condemnation from around the world.

Helms was a leading foe of the test ban treaty and contributed to



Jesse Helms



Carol Moseley-Braun

its defeat by refusing to hold hearings for two years. He also torpedoed the 1997 nomination of former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld to be ambassador to Mexico by refusing to hold hearings.

This time, Helms announced in a statement that he would hold hearings on Moseley-Braun to "examine serious charges of ethical misconduct in her past."

"Charges of ethical lapses led the voters of Illinois to determine she was not fit to represent them in the U.S. Senate," Helms said.

"If it turns out in the course of those hearings that all these reports are false, the committee will

consider her nomination," Helms said. Clinton had announced the nomination on Oct. 8.

Helms also cited "reports in the New Zealand press" suggesting that the government of New Zealand was concerned and had "appealed to the Senate to examine her record."

Moseley-Braun did not return a message left at her Chicago home.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, "will work to see that she is confirmed and he is confident that when all is said and done, she will be confirmed," said Biden spokesman Chris Madison.

Kalamazoo College bloodbath: Two die

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A Kalamazoo College student killed his ex-girlfriend and then himself in his dorm room early Monday with a shotgun he had bought soon after the couple broke up a month ago.

Campus security discovered the bodies just after midnight in Neene Odah's first-floor room.

Odah, 20, of Seattle, and Margaret Wardle, 19, of Plainwell, Mich., started dating last year but broke up about a month ago, college President James Jones Jr. said. Soon after that, Odah bought the gun, police said.

The shootings followed a late-night argument, Jones said. Jones said he didn't know of any previous violence between the couple.

"Could anything have been done to prevent this? As I walked

around campus, I've tried to answer that. I don't know how you root out this plague of violence, which seems to have descended on the most powerful society in the world," Jones said.

Less than 24 hours before the apparent murder-suicide, Odah seemed happy, fellow student Kirsten Fritch said. "He danced with me at homecoming. He was smiling. Everything seemed fine," said Ms. Fritch, 19.

All classes were canceled Monday at the 1,400-student liberal arts college in western Michigan and two grief sessions were held.

Ms. Wardle was a golfer who was described as friendly and outgoing.

Chris Wilson, a sophomore, said he was good friends with Odah last year and often saw him and Ms. Wardle together.

Census mulls poverty formula

NEW YORK, (Reuters) - The U.S. Census Bureau has begun to revise its definition of what constitutes poverty, and is looking at a formula that would drop millions more families below the poverty line, the New York Times reported on Monday.

The new approach would raise the income threshold for living above poverty to \$19,500 for a family of four from \$16,600, the paper said.

Such a change would mean that 46 million Americans, or 17 percent of the population, would be officially below the poverty line, not the 12.7 percent announced last month, which was the lowest

level of the decade, the Times said. Sociologists and economists who study what people must earn to escape poverty in the United States put the line even higher than what the Census Bureau is considering, the Times said.

They put the threshold for a family of four at between \$21,000 and \$28,000, partly because the bureau's figures do not allow for extra cash for emergencies, such as fixing a car, the paper said.

A higher threshold would mean that government spending for benefits for the poor, such as food stamps and Head Start programmes, would have to rise, the paper said.

Kyrgyzstan hostages freed

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — Islamic militants freed two hostages Monday after seizing them nearly two months ago, but were still holding seven others, including four Japanese geologists and

their interpreter, officials said. After talks with officials, the militants released Kyrgyz Interior Troops commander Gen. Anarbek Shamkeyev and his aide, said Kyrgyz security chief Bolot

Dzhanuzakov.

The guerrillas seized 13 hostages in August after invading the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan from neighboring Tajikistan. Their aims have been vague, although Kyrgyz officials said they want to carve out an Islamic state on territories now belonging to three Central Asian nations, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Four captives were freed last week, in addition to the two released Monday.

Shamkeyev's health deteriorated during his captivity and he was suffering from heart problems, according to the Interfax news agency said. The ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Shamkeyev as saying the Japanese geologists were being well-treated and were in good health.

Kyrgyzstan government troops have pursued the kidnappers, but have not launched all-out raids for fear of endangering the hostages.

A report saying the Japanese geologists were freed over the weekend proved false, but Kyrgyz

President Askar Akayev said he expected them to be released in the next few days.

Russia, along with Armenia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, have provided Kyrgyzstan with weapons and other supplies to help battle the rebels.

The gunmen apparently take orders from an Uzbek warlord who is reportedly based in Tajikistan. Kyrgyz officials said the rebels were getting weapons and ammunition from Tajikistan and accused the Tajik government of not doing enough to disband them.

Russian forces said to have hit civilians

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian bombs and artillery are indiscriminately wiping out peaceful Chechen villages, killing hundreds of civilians and stoking fury against Moscow, human rights activists said Monday.

Russian officials have denied killing civilians, saying the attacks are aimed solely at Islamic militants who twice invaded the neighboring republic of Dagestan this summer and who are blamed for apartment bombings in Russia that killed 300 people.

But several Chechen villages that appear to have no connection with the militants have been bombed by Russia, and scores of civilians reportedly have been killed.

"Our military has never said what it considers a rebel base," said Andrei Mironov, a member of the respected human rights group Memorial, who traveled to Chechnya earlier this month. "This vague term can cover just about anything."

Russian forces were badly defeated in a 1994-96 war in the republic, eventually withdrawing and giving Chechnya de facto independence. But Russian military commanders think their chances are better this time.

Unlike the previous war, when most Chechens fiercely opposed Russian troops, military officials claim they are welcomed by ordinary Chechens weary of lawlessness.

But Mironov said the indiscriminate Russian strikes were threatening any support and creating "a real hatred (of Russians)" that could lead to a violent backlash.

"People feel certain that they are being killed, eliminated," he said. "This war will inevitably be even bloodier than the previous one."

In Elistanzhi, a village in the mountains near Chechnya's southern border, Russian jets staged a surprise bombing raid during midday Muslim prayers on Oct. 7, leaving dozens killed and injured.

Villagers denied there were militants in Elistanzhi. Mironov said he also found no evidence of rebel activity and accused the Russian military of attacking peaceful villages to keep them from sheltering militants.

"It is certainly easier for the Russian military to advance in Chechnya if militants have no place to stop and rest. This way, any village can be considered a terrorist base," he said. "And this is the only way the bombing of Elistanzhi can be explained."

The 20 injured from Elistanzhi, 30 miles southeast of Grozny, in-

cluded only one adult man, while the rest were children and women, Mironov said.

Chechen officials said a Russian tank fired on a bus carrying refugees on Oct. 5, killing 41 people. Video footage showed rescue workers removing bloodied bodies from the bus, while children and old men sat dazed, with blood covering their faces.

Russian officials from Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to the military's top commanders have denied attacking civilians.

Russia's Col. Gen. Vladimir Kulakov said Monday that "not a single Russian plane, not a single rocket launcher, not a single gun is firing on residential areas," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. "All statements that Russian troops are killing the civilian population are lies," he said.

Russia's top military commander in Chechnya, Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev, said Chechens were bombing their own villages, according to ITAR-Tass.

Chechen officials say hundreds of civilians have been killed in the conflict. Moscow confirms the number of casualties but says they were all rebels.

"One can dispute the actual number (of casualties) ... but one can state that the majority of the victims are civilians," said another Memorial member, Alexander Cherkasov.

Russian troops are stationed along Chechnya's borders in the east and west, and control the northern third of the republic, above the Terek River. The forces shelled several Chechen positions overnight, but the fighting eased later Monday.

Russian troops are located along a mountain ridge north of Grozny, about 10 miles from the city. So far, they have not advanced on the capital, but the militants were building concrete fortifications and digging trenches to rebuff a possible assault.

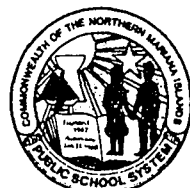
Russian and Chechen forces clashed Monday at two villages along the Terek River, killing one Chechen and injuring two, Chechen commander Isa Munayev told the Interfax news agency.

The fighting has forced more than 150,000 Chechens to flee to the neighboring republic of Ingushetia.


In Moscow, President Boris Yeltsin, who is still recovering from a bout of flu, met with Putin on Monday to review the military operation and efforts to accommodate the refugees. Moscow has been criticized for being slow to send aid.



German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer (left) talks to children who protested outside a hotel in Berlin where the international UNICEF conference on the Use of Children as Soldiers takes place Monday. Banner at foreground reads "Children are not soldiers."



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM



SIXTH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the State Board of Education hereby gives notice that the regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Room on Saipan.

The following items will be on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes: September 9 & 10
- II. CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT
- III. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
 1. SAT 9 Results
 2. Update on Lina' la' Malawach Academy
 3. Update on Standards and Benchmarks Development
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- V. GENERAL COMMENTS
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit oral or written comments on the above agenda items.

Death & Funeral Announcement



**ROSARIO
NGRIRANGAO
TAMAN RIOS**

Born January 10, 1950,
Died October 15, 1999 at the age of 49.



Predeceased by:
Mother: Rosa Iglub Ngrirangao
Father: Guillermo Somarang Taman
Brothers: Jose, Vicente, & Alanzo Taman

Survived by:
Husband: David Norita Rios
Children/Spouses/Grandchildren:
Gina/Pus Yarattema (Zareen, Zoleen & P.J.)
Arlene/Dan Emilio (Abel & Norbert)
David Rikero (R.L.)
Glenn/Gemma (Shana)
Norbert Rios
Estefanie Rios
Rose Rios
Brothers, Sisters & In-Law:
Thomas/Herman T. Ada
Jacinto/Delores Taman
Elberia/Dennis Achi
Angel/Telior

Sisters: Ines, Rosa, Margarita & Conselacion Taman
In-Laws: Estefania Iguel Norita, Joaquin Sablan Rios (Quidacha)

Margarita T. Taman
Toshie Taman (T)
Brothers/Sisters-In-Law:
Jose/Emilia T. Rios
Maria/Jesus D.L. Cruz
Frank/Del Rios
Espie/Juan S. Taitano
Juan/Crispin D.L. Guerrero
Marisa/Claudio Magolna
Joseph/Lilly Rios
Moses/Felisia Rios
Lillian/Moses Cudiamat
Jane/Tomas Edebet
Mariano/Emmy Rios

Additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, mothers & sisters in Christ

Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 p.m. at their residence in Achugao. Viewing & last respect will be on Saturday, October 23, 1999 from 8:00am-3:30pm at their residence followed by mass of christian burial at 4:00pm at Bithen Delos Remedios Church (Tanapag). Interment services will be at Tanapag Cemetery (Lower Base). Dinner will be served at their residence.

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Read Today, Lead Tomorrow!

Russia fears new arms race

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia is warning that the world could be pushed into a new nuclear arms race because the United States wants to change a key agreement that has helped control nuclear weapons for the past 25 years.

The U.S. proposal has alarmed and outraged Russian political and military leaders, who claim that Washington wants to acquire nuclear invincibility at a time when Russia's nuclear forces are in shambles. Moscow may have to build new atomic weapons to counter what it sees as a major threat, they say.

If Washington persists with its proposal, Russian officials say, it could endanger the whole frame-

work of nuclear agreements on limiting or scrapping nuclear weapons that took decades to construct.

"All agreements that have been signed or are being prepared, will come under threat - namely, START I, START II and consultations on START III," said Col. Gen. Vladimir Yakovlev, commander of Russia's strategic rocket forces.

At the heart of the Russian fears are a U.S. proposal to amend the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty so that both countries could build missile defense systems to protect themselves against limited nuclear attacks. The bedrock treaty was key to starting arms

control pacts during the Cold War. After denouncing Washington's ABM proposal when it was announced this summer, Moscow was furious after the U.S. Senate's Oct. 13 rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The vote made the United States the first nuclear power to reject the 154-nation agreement on ending nuclear weapons testing.

Russia was "disillusioned and seriously concerned" by the vote, the Foreign Ministry said, calling the Senate's decision part of a trend that indicates the United States is trying to "destabilize the foundations of international relations."

Washington says it wants to amend the ABM treaty so that both countries can defend themselves against nuclear attacks by rogue nations such as North Korea. It has tried to allay Moscow's fears by offering to help build a Russian defense system - a proposal Moscow has yet to respond to.

Moscow says the United States is exaggerating the threat from minor nuclear states. Instead, Russian officials fear, Washington wants to develop an ABM defense that could defeat a major missile attack. This would make Moscow's nuclear arsenal useless and leave Russia vulnerable because it does not have the resources to build a defense system of its own.

Russian may be forced to abandon arm control pacts to ensure their nuclear forces remain effective, officials say. One option is rebuilding multi-warhead land-based ballistic missiles, which have been banned by arms control deals.

"The U.S. approach might destabilize the international situa-

tion and call into question all existing arms treaties between the two countries," said Pavel Felgenhauer, a prominent military analyst.

U.S. officials say the defense system they want to build would only be effective against a minor attack, and Russia, with its huge nuclear arsenal, has nothing to worry about.

Russian officials say breaking the ABM treaty could mean the end of all nuclear control agreements, including the long-stalled START II nuclear arms reduction treaty.

The 1993 treaty, ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1996, would halve U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals to 3,000-3,500 warheads each. But its passage has been blocked by Communists and nationalists in the Russian lower chamber of parliament, the Duma, who say the treaty would hurt Russia's security.

START II's passage would clear the way for START III, which would reduce both sides' nuclear arsenals to as few as 2,000 warheads each.

Israeli spy admits to passing secrets to KGB

JERUSALEM (AP) — An immigrant from the former Soviet Union who worked as a technician at an Israeli air force base pleaded guilty Monday to passing military secrets to the KGB.

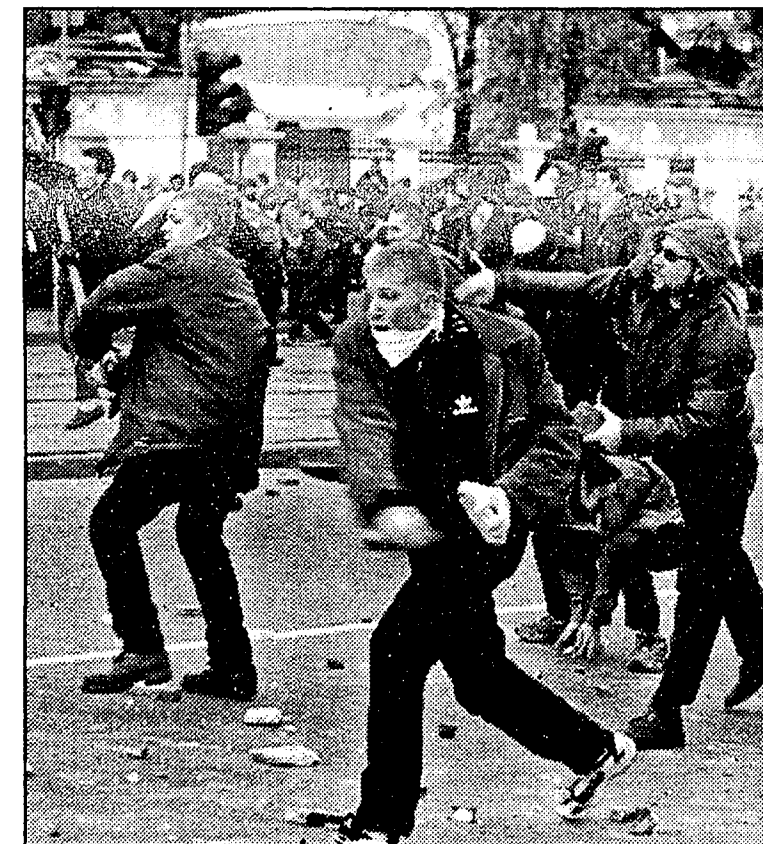
As part of a plea bargain, Valery Kaminsky, 54, pleaded guilty in exchange for a six-year prison term, said Justice Ministry spokesman Ido Baum. Convictions in such cases often bring 20-year sentences.

Prosecutors said the KGB recruited Kaminsky in 1975 in Riga, Latvia, and taught him how to encode and transmit information. Kaminsky spied on the Jewish community in Riga until he im-

migrated to Israel in 1977, the indictment said.

In Israel, he maintained contact with the KGB - which, like the Soviet Union, is defunct - through a local handler from the late 1970s to the early 1990s. He was drafted into the Israeli army and assigned to the Tel Nof air force base, south of Tel Aviv, as a maintenance technician.

While there, he passed technical information on to the KGB, and also solicited information from a son who serves in a top Israeli army unit, the indictment said. The son was unaware of his father's actions, prosecutors said.



Demonstrators throw stones at police, during an anti-government rally in Minsk, Sunday. Batori-wielding police clashed with about 5,000 opposition demonstrators in the Belarusian capital, dispersing them amid a hail of stones thrown by the protesters.

Madonna gets police security after 'threat'

LONDON, (Reuters) - British police guarded pop superstar Madonna when she arrived at London's Heathrow airport on Sunday amid reports that a threat had been made against her.

Several police officers and a dog were present when the 41-year-old singer/actress stepped off a British Airways Concorde flight from New York carrying her three-year-

old daughter Lourdes in her arms.

The officers whisked her through the airport and into a waiting limousine.

About 30 fans cheered her before the car sped away.

Police declined to comment directly on reports that British Airways had received a telephone call threatening unspecified action against the star when she arrived in London.

"We can confirm that police were present when a woman arrived on a flight at around 6 p.m. as a result of information received," a police spokeswoman said.

"There was no incident during her arrival and we are not prepared to discuss the matter further."

Madonna was reported to be in London to work on a new album.

Ads get Texas residents walking

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Margie Flores was sitting on the couch watching TV when she saw something that finally inspired her to lose some weight.

At the time, Ms. Flores, a diabetic, was carrying upwards of 305 pounds on her 5-foot-2 1/2-inch frame. Three months earlier her doctor told her she'd better start exercising.

But it was the commercial that popped up on her TV screen that got her moving.

"Walk El Paso, walk!" went the jingle, accompanied by images of people of various ages walking through parks and neighborhoods. "Do it for your health, do it for your family!"

"Walk El Paso, walk! Just 20 minutes a day, three times a week!"

"I thought, 'If that little old lady can do it, I can do it,'" says Ms. Flores, a 37-year-old secretary.

So she started to walk. At first it

was 10 minutes a day. Gradually, she built up to an hour and a half a day.

Now, just over a year later, Ms. Flores has lost about 75 pounds.

"I still have a long way to go, but I feel so much healthier," she says.

Ms. Flores is among hundreds of people who have responded to TV and radio ads, billboards and fliers since a local private foundation started the "Walk El Paso!" campaign in June 1998.

Prompted by its own 1996 survey showing that about 75 percent of El Pasoans don't get enough exercise, the Paso del Norte Health Foundation put together the advertising blitz.

Paso del Norte, which was created in 1995, committed \$2.5 million to the five-year project. Foundation officials gave a grant to the YMCA of Greater El Paso to organize walking groups - there are now as many as 70 - and paid a

local advertising firm to come up with the commercials, which run in English and Spanish.

Dr. JoAnn Manson, a Harvard University endocrinologist and preventive-health specialist, says the timing of the "Walk El Paso!" campaign couldn't be better.

"There is a tremendous need for public health campaigns to prevent obesity in view of this increasing epidemic in the United States," she says. "Regular physical activity is probably as close as we've come to a magic bullet in preserving health."

Dr. Jose Luna Jr., an El Paso family physician, says the campaign is especially important in this city, where residents enjoy lots of high-fat Mexican cuisine and surveys show that "we're all couch potatoes."

"We know that with simple exercise, walking, which is cheap and convenient, that you can help reduce weight," he says.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

INVITATION TO BID

CUC-ITB-00-002

October 20, 1999

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) will sell to the highest bidder, for removal of and/or salvage, the building, out-buildings, materials and fencing at its former site at Lower Base, on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The awarded buyer must remove the buildings, material and fencing from the site and leave the site level and free of debris. Buyer shall assume control of, and be responsible for, the entire site upon award and payment. Removal shall be completed within 6 months of sale.

An initial inspection of the buildings and site will be conducted on Monday, October 25, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. with a final inspection on Friday, October 29, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the former office site in Lower Base.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC-ITB-00-002 to CUC Procurement & Supply Office, P.O. Box 1220, Joeten Dandan Center, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, on Friday, November 5, 1999. Late submittals will not be considered.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Mariano DLG. Fajardo, Procurement & Supply Supervisor, at telephone number (670) 235-7025 thru 32, ext. 129.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director

Streetmarket . . .

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rations, it was moved to December, in time for the Christmas season.

Rhoda Smith, subcommittee chairperson, earlier said the co-operation of several government and private agencies are needed to get the project off the ground. She added that taxes coming from the participating small and big businesses will help generate revenues for the govern-

ment. The governor created the subcommittee under the Committee on Economic Revitalization. The street market is aimed at providing local businesses and emerging entrepreneurs an alternative place to market their products, services and food to the buying public.

The market will be situated on the 3rd Street, commonly known as "The Little Ginza" in Garapan, along the Chamorro House Restaurant and Maytenth Building.

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On the other hand, the AGO said Arriola's appearance as an attorney representing Yin is a violation of the Act.

Sosebee said Arriola currently serves as paid legal counsel to the Commonwealth Legislature.

"As legal counsel to the Legisla-

ture, Arriola is a public employee as that term is defined in the Act. The Act further defines the Commonwealth government to include the Legislature," he said.

Sosebee added that Arriola currently serves in the Board of Parole as an appointed, non-employee member.

As a member of that Board, he said, Arriola is a public official as that term is defined in the Act.

Procurement and Supply CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO. ITB00-0002

FOR: PURCHASE OF A BRANDNEW 17 FOOT BOAT, TRAILER AND OUTBOARD ENGINE

OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 1999

TIME: 10:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR PEDRO P. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS R. SABLON, THROUGH THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BRANDNEW 17 FOOT BOAT, TRAILER AND OUTBOARD ENGINE. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

/s/HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

Procurement and Supply CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO. ITB00-0006

FOR: PRINTING OF THE 1999 WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT FORM W2-CM

OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 1999

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

GOVERNOR PEDRO P. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS R. SABLON, THROUGH THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ARE SOLICITING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS FOR THE PRINTING OF THE 1999 WAGE AND STATEMENT FORM W2-CM. INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN, DURING WORKING HOURS (7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

/s/HERMAN S. SABLON, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

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

ALFRED ANTHONY CELES, JR.
Plaintiff,

-v-
KIM IN JA and WOON-HAK LEE
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-514A

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to White, Pierce, Maitland & Nutting, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Saipan, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above court:

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Dated, this 15th day of Sept., 1999.

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

CRIS MANGLOA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

TONI JANE MENDIOLA MANGLOA,

Defendant.

TONI JANE MENDIOLA MANGLOA,

Counter-plaintiff,

-vs-

CRIS MANGLOA,

Counter-defendant.

FCD-DICTION NO. 98-0178(R)

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF/COUNTER-

DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Counterclaim being filed against you, a copy of which is given you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, and deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH A. ARRIOLA, Attorney at Law, whose address is P.O. Box 678, PMB 10000, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950-9900, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in the House of Justice + Court House - 1st floor. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with the Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

BY ORDER OF THE ABOVE COURT.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1999.

JOVITA C. FLORES

CLERK OF COURT

For By/s/Deputy Clerk

Marianas Variety

Classified Ads Section

Employment Wanted



Job Vacancy Announcement

PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested resident workers are urged to register at the Dept. of Labor & Immigration, Division of Employment Services for the job/s being advertised in which you are qualified and available. For further assistance, please call Alfred A. Pangellinan at Tel. 664-2078.

40 SEWER MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
06 CUTTER (MACHINE)-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
02 SHIPPING & RECEIVING (SUPERVISOR)-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
03 COMPUTER OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
06 PRESSER MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: US-CNMI DEV. CORP. Tel. 235-8103(10/20)W80962

03 WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
03 WAITER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: J.E.T. HOLDING COMPANY dba Saipan Bowling Center Tel. 234-6420(10/20)W80962

01 HOST/HOSTESS, GROUND-Salary:\$800.00-1,500.00 per month
Japanese language preferred, pleasant personality and knowledge in Database Computer.
01 COUNSELOR, TRAVEL (CLERK)-Salary:\$800.00-1,500.00 per month
Reading/Writing and Speaking the Japanese Language is preferred. Aggressive with pleasant personality.
Contact: R & C TOURS SAIPAN, INC. Tel. 234-7430(10/20)W32963

01 H.E. OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.50-5.00 per hour
Contact: MOBIL OIL MARIANA ISLANDS, INC. Tel. 232-9453(10/20)W32969

01 CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.25 per hour Plus \$100.00 housing allowance.
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$1,000.00-1,500.00 per month
Contact: KURI ENT., INC. dba Pier Wave Shop Tel. 233-0892(10/20)W32972

01 STEVEDORE SPECIALIST-Salary:\$4.00 per hour
01 CRANE OPERATOR-Salary:\$7.40 per hour
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$11.25 per hour
01 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$4.05 per hour
01 A/C REFRIGERATION TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$4.05 per hour
01 MACHINIST-Salary:\$4.05 per hour
02 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary:\$3.75 per hour
03 WINCH DRIVER (OPERATOR)-Salary:\$3.60 per hour
24 STEVEDORE 2-Salary:\$3.25-3.45 per hour
01 FORKLIFT/TRUCK OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.55 per hour
Contact: SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, INC. Tel. 322-6469(10/20)W80979

01 REAL ESTATE APPRAISER-Salary:\$2,000.00 per month
Contact: MICRONESIAN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES SAIPAN, INC. Tel. 233-8601(10/20)W32973

05 TRIMMER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: BQF SERVICES CORP. Tel. 235-8237(10/20)W32968

02 PILOT (AIRPLANE)-Salary:\$1,600.00 per month
Contact: AVIATION SERVICES (CNMI) LTD. dba Freedom Air Tel. 234-8328(11/1)M33082

06 PACKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: MARIANA FASHIONS, INC. Tel. 234-8607(10/27)W33047

01 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary:\$528.67 per month
Contact: TRAP PLANNING INC. dba Use Us Rental Tel. 235-2060(10/27)W33048

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$800.00 per month
Contact: PACIFIC MARINE & INDUSTRIAL CORP. Tel. 322-6181(10/27)W33043

01 BEAUTICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ANAKS, INC. dba The Babe's Beauty Salon Tel. 288-2571(10/27)W33041

01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$5.00 per hour
Contact: DIAMOND KO PACIFIC CO., LTD. dba Diamond Ko (Spn), Ltd. Tel. 233-6885(10/27)W33044

02 CONSTRUCTION (HELPER)-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
03 CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.05-3.20 per hour
01 MASON-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: NORTH PACIFIC BUILDERS, INC. Tel. 235-7171(10/27)W81092

01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: MODERN OFFICE FURNITURE & SUPPLIES, INC. Tel. 234-6832(10/27)W81086

01 CASHIER SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
Contact: MODERN STATIONERY & TRDG CO., INC. Tel. 234-6832(10/27)W81085

04 CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
03 MASON-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ROLAND G. JASTILLANA dba Arjay Construction Tel. 234-8779(10/27)W81084

01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 MASTER TAILOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 DRESSMAKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: NEW ERA CORPORATION dba Silhouette/Golden Harvest Int'l. School Tel. 235-4655(10/27)W33045

01 WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.50 per hour
Contact: DIVERSIFIED ISLAND INVESTMENTS, INC. dba Bobby Cadillac Tel. 234-3976(10/27)W81097

02 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.05-6.50 per hour
02 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.05-6.90 per hour
02 AIRCONDITION TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
05 CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.05-4.50 per hour

02 DRAFTER-Salary:\$3.05-6.50 per hour
02 (GENERAL) MAINTENANCE BUILDING REPAIR-Salary:\$3.05-3.25 per hour
04 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.05-3.75 per hour

04 MASON-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
02 MECHANIC (GAS AND DIESEL)-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
02 STOCK SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$3.05-9.25 per hour
Contact: SABLAN ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. 234-1558(10/27)W33046

01 MECHANIC (HELPER) MAINTENANCE-Salary:\$4.00 per hour
Contact: AVIATION SERVICES (CNMI) LTD. dba Freedom Air Tel. 234-8328(11/1)M33090

02 COOK-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: WINNERS CORPORATION Tel. 235-1804(11/3)W33121

01 (OPERATION) MANAGER-Salary:\$3.35 per hour
Plus \$50.00 housing allowance
Plus \$50.00 food allowance.
Contact: SHUN MAINT'L. CORP., LTD. Tel. 234-5790(11/3)W33122

02 A/C TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ATOM ACTION CORP. dba AA Repair Shop Tel. 235-1842(11/3)W33126

01 (GENERAL) MAINT. REPAIR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: VICENTE M. SABLAN dba Sablan & Sons Ent. Tel. 235-1105(11/3)W33127

01 ACCOUNTING MANAGER-Salary:\$1,000.00-1,650.00 per month Plus \$250.00 housing allowance per month.
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.05-3.60 per hour
Plus \$250.00 housing allowance per month.
Contact: SAIPAN SHIPPING COMPANY, INC. Tel. 322-9706(11/3)W33130

02 AUTO MECHANIC (MASTER)-Salary:\$8.00 per hour
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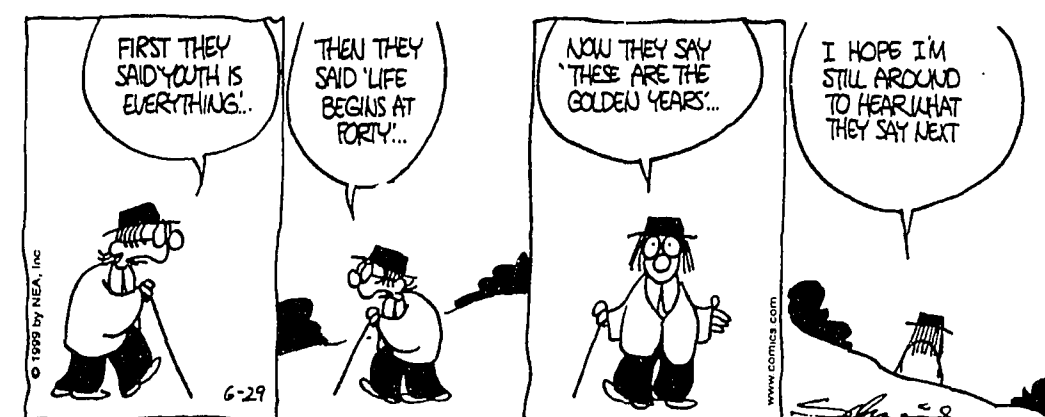
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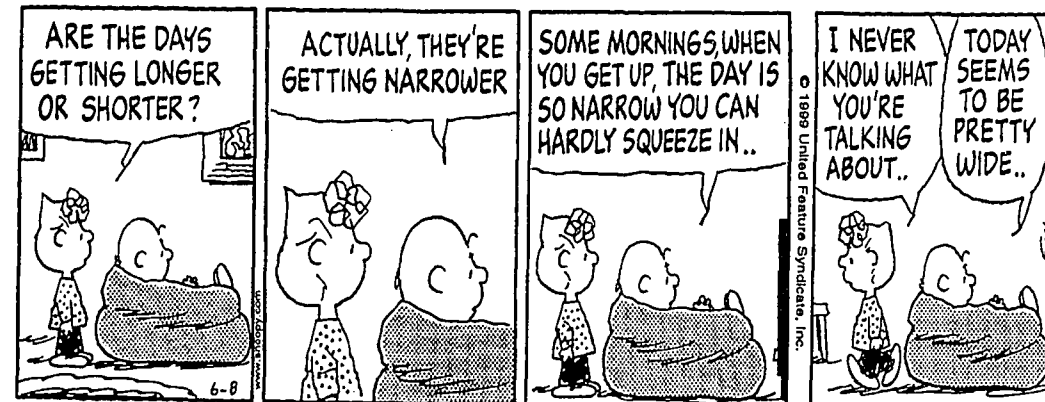
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Also born on this date are: Laurence Fishburne, actor; Emily Bronte, author; Arnold Schwarzenegger, actor; David Sanborn, musician.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your

birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Control is what you want, but it may not be what you need at this time. Sit back, relax, and watch, listen, and learn. Let others show you the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Questions and answers come fast and furiously during the first part of the day. You'll use new information almost immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care of your mental, physical, and emotional health today. Make time to visit someone who knows you well, and who can speak frankly to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The need to show off in some unusual fashion is likely to be quite strong in you today, but one part of your psyche will resist "letting go."

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You won't have any reason to doubt yourself,

or those around you today. You can end the day on a high note of increased potential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll want to be cautious, careful, and thorough in all you do today. Leave as little as possible to chance at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Don't be fooled today, because what you don't know can hurt you and those around you. If you don't know what you're doing, don't meddle!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be waiting to receive an important message from a friend or loved one far from home. Don't be idle, se the time to your advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have to concern yourself with changes on the job today, or with changing jobs altogether. Confidence needn't wane, however.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You needn't express your disapproval verbally today for others to get the message. Your actions are sure to speak louder than any words.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll be repeating yourself numerous times today, in word and deed, but each time you'll learn yet another important life-lesson.

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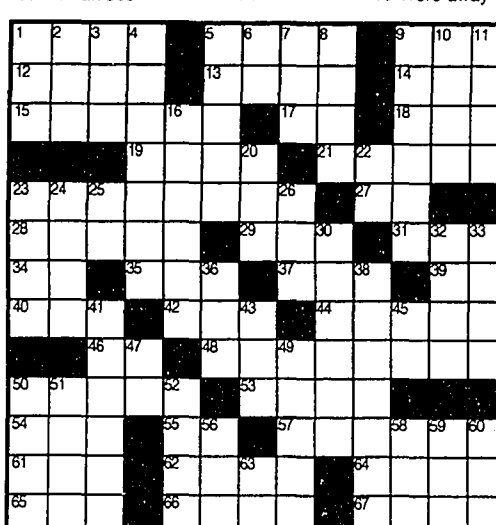
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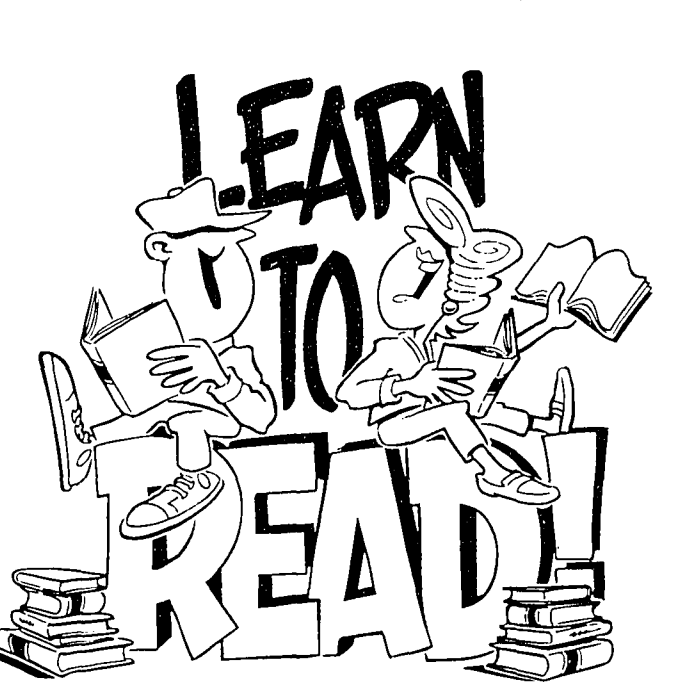
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To learn the elephant's reply, copy the names of the clues in the blanks.

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ANSWER: "AT NINE DOLLARS A BAG, IT'S NO WONDER."



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Power. . .

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the day.

In the sixth and final game of the day John Diaz and Wally Chong whacked a grand slam and Tom Torres set sail a three-run shot to lead the bad Boyz to a fifth

inning, 18-4, ten-run-rule shut-out over the Laly 4.

In the Men's fastpitch action, the Islanders opened the season blowing out GTE Pacifica in the first game, 18-9, behind Ben Duenas 4 for 5 with two doubles, a triple and four runs scored and Jess Stein's three-run homer.

Bill Quitano went 3 for 4 and

scored four times and Ron Benavente and Joe "kamakazi" Camacho both went 2 for 3 for the victors.

Bruce Norita of GTE Pacifica went long distant with first out of the park homerun of the season and Eli Rangamar slapped a double and a triple in a losing effort.

In the second game of the night,

the San Vicente Sunrisers outlasted the CSI HUnters, 18-14, led by, Dennis Ngeskebei with three hits, including an inside the park homerun five RBI's Tony "Bako" Camacho strong relief performance.

Camacho replaces starter Paul Roberto in the fifth after the Hunter exploded for twelve unanswered

runs to overtake the Sunrisers 13-12, after trailing 12-1 in the first two and one half innings of play allowing just one run without a hit.

Ray Seman and Mars Killeman also had three hits for the Sunrisers.

Joe "Pepi" Tenorio and Tom Sablan also posted an inside the park homeruns in a losing effort.

Senate. . .

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will come in here and create jobs for the locals. We have given away public lands for the tourism industry because we were promised employment.

"The garment sector came in here and promised they are going to create jobs for the locals. How many locals are really working at the garment sector?" Villagomez lamented.

Investors, said Villagomez,

"forget about their promises of employment once they get a public land lease."

He dismissed as merely alibis, reasons given by business investors who claim they hire guest workers because there is not enough skilled local workers.

"They say we don't have any qualified people. We have not even sat down with the respective agency that might be able to provide the services," Villagomez said, citing the Northern Marianas College's possible role on the

matter.

Villagomez said this has been happening because "there has been no mechanism that guarantees" local employment.

He said he may oppose the free trade zone bill unless that mechanism is put in place.

Villagomez stressed though that he is not "anti-business" nor is he against hiring U.S. citizens from the mainland in the Northern Marianas.

"I just want to stand for the interest of the CNMI," he said.

Sting. . .

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violated the law. That is actually a significant drop from last year which is 43 to 45 percent," Cabrera told reporters.

At the same time, Cabrera made a pitch on the CNMI's low tobacco sales violation rate.

While the CNMI targets violation rate to go down to 20 percent until Year 2004, it has already seen a rate within the 20 percent range.

"We are two to three years ahead of what were scheduled in our compliance rate. Currently we are targeted to decrease the tobacco violation rate of 20 percent in year 2004. But it's only 1999 and we are already in the 20 percent range. The CNMI has been doing a lot in addressing problems of tobacco sales to minors," said Cabrera.

With the passage of Public Law 11-75 in March, the CNMI government now has more power to enforce tobacco sale regulations and impose sanctions.

Cabrera said DMHSS, which is under the Department of Public Health, together with the Department of Commerce and other government agencies can now hold tobacco sting operations on a quarterly basis as opposed to previous years when this can only be done once a year.

Moreover, the government was able to inspect more than 50 percent of the establishments on DOC's lists of licensed businesses. The government could only inspect 15 percent of the firms on DOC's list in the past.

"We have progressed much in addressing the problem of selling tobacco products to minors. We have a more comprehensive law which is not even true to other states. In most cases, certain states

still have to rely on city ordinances because they still don't have a comprehensive tobacco law," said Cabrera.

The DMHSS official also said no business had its license to sell tobacco revoked.

"Fortunately this year we did not have repeated violators so we did not revoke any license," she said.

Andrew Salas, director of DOC's Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC) said as of yesterday, the number of establishments with licenses to sell tobacco went up to a total of 418. Of this figure, 370 is in Saipan, 25 in Rota and 23 in Tinian.

Businesses were given until June 29 to secure licenses and to dispose of illegal tobacco products, particularly those with health warning signs "US General Surgeon Warning" as the 90-day grace period for the passage of PL 11-75 ended.

check-up. Two underwent check-up and were released on the same day of accident.

A two-year old boy, who was taken home by his parents, had to be brought in to the hospital for proper medical check-up. He turned out okay.

mainland are on a "tour-of-duty" to see the hospital's hyperbaric chamber designed for treating victims of diving accidents.

All 20 but one passenger were looked after by the hospital to make sure they undergo medical

more food, clothing . . . other (things) to supplement the military people here in the island rather than bringing in bunch of beers," said Salas.

"How many military beers do we continue to bring in, how much more do we need? Do we need 10 more for a total of 20 containers per month? We need to put a limit on that . . . Our office is very concerned about it and we need to fix it as soon as possible," said Salas.

ABTC is currently drafting a letter addressed to the person-in-charge in Guam to regulate the volume of military beer supply in the CNMI.

"We are writing to them, if not to rectify the problem immediately, then at least talk to me so that we can take steps to rectify these in six months or a year as long as we need to do something about it," said Salas.

The Variety tried but failed to reach Mary Crisostomo, the person-in-charge at the AAFES Troop Store in Saipan.

Salas himself witnessed, during a visit to the AFFES Troop Store in Saipan, how a woman could purchase 30 cases of beers (10 cases each for Miller, Budweiser and Bud Light) on a Monday afternoon.

"I'm not really sure if you can go in there and buy 30 cases per day. And if you can do that then that's not for (personal) consumption. You're either selling it or donating it for your political causes, whichever," he said.

This problem has come to DOC's attention when wholesalers found out why their former customers are no longer buying beers from them. After checking on the establishments, the wholesalers found out military beers are being sold instead.

Military beers can also be distinguished through the dates in their labels. Salas said distributors are bringing in beers that have August and September dates, while military beers have October and November dates in their labels.

Old Aces. . .

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Natibu a 3-point lead and the win. George Poquiz had 22 points in a losing cause.

Meanwhile, Budweiser Go 4 Broke became the first team to score 100 points or more in a game for this BANMI 35 and above league.

With balance scoring from the starting five and the second stringers, Go 4 Broke got an easy win.

Why Worry who is still going for their first win in the league, once again ran out of gas in the second half.

Why Worry only managed to score 15 points in the first while

Budweiser had 45 points. Carlos Salas was the leading scorer for Budweiser with 22 points. Art Moses, John Guerrero, & Dave Blanco contributed 19, 17 and 10 points respectively.

The main factor of the game was the "Big Difference" — Marvin Williams who controlled the boards and dished out the outlet passes. Williams had 27 rebounds for the game. Budweiser playing coach Joe Pangelinan also contributed in the scoring.

Why Worry had 25 points coming from Tom Barcinas, who sank seven 3-pointers, five of them in a row. Barcinas was the leading scorer for Why Worry in a losing cause.

Budweiser Go 4 Broke 103, Why Worry 52.

Summer. . .

Len Maratita	C	2	0	0	0
Gus Pangelinan	D/H	1	0	1	0
Dan Rekemesik	RF	2	0	0	0
Jeff Tenorio	LF	2	0	0	0
Pat Camacho	1B	1	0	0	0
Hector Efrain	3B	1	0	0	0
Alvin Salas	2B	1	0	0	0
Joshua Muna	P	0	0	0	0
Tito Santos	P	0	0	0	0
James Jones	P/3B	0	0	0	0

Base-on-ball: (2) M. Sablan (1) J. Acosta, M. Toves, M. Cruz, P. Tomokane, A. Maratita, P. Celis, J. Jones, P. Camacho.

Strike-outs: (2) C. Sillil, (1) M. Cruz, M. Sablan, C. Camacho, D. Rekemesik, J. Tenorio, A. Salas.

Sacrifice: (1) Jack Guerrero, Tony Guerrero.

Error: (1) J. Muna, H. Efrain, J. Garcia, P. Tomokane

Double: (1) John Acosta

Triple: (1) Pat Guerrero

Homerun: (1) Tony Guerrero

"INNINGS"

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pepsi	3	3	0	6	3	-	-	-	-
Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-

PITCHER	Team	INN	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	HB	WP	DEC
Joe Guerrero	Pepsi	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	W
Joshua Muna	Yankees	1.1	6	6	4	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	L
Tito Santos	Yankees	1.2	4	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-
James Jones	Yankees	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-
Chris Camacho	Yankees	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-

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Yankees AL champs

BOSTON (AP) — Blame the curse and bad calls or El Duque and Derek.

Blame any Yankee from DiMaggio to Dent.

In the end the story was the same: New York wins, Boston loses. Orlando Hernandez pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and Derek Jeter hit a two-run homer as the Yankees won their record 36th pennant and a return trip to the World Series, beating Boston 6-1 Monday night in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series.

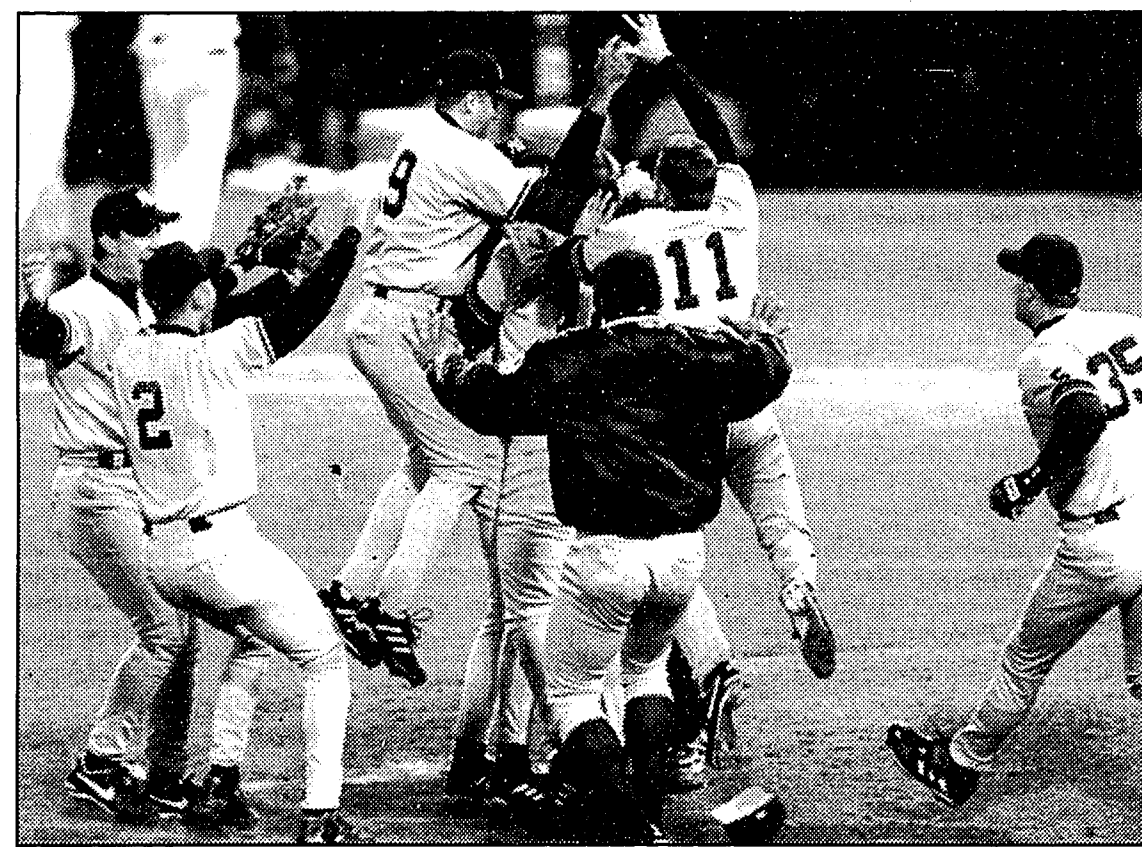
The Red Sox brought out all their good-luck charms, and yet it did no good against their longtime tormentors.

Babe Ruth's 82-year-old daughter threw out the first ball — trying to reverse the Curse of the Bambino — and Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez roused the well-behaved crowd of 33,589 from the dugout and bullpen.

And still, it will be the Yankees heading off to defend their World Series title while the Red Sox, after an eighth-inning rally fell short, and their fans are left hoping for better luck next century.

Game 1 of the World Series will be Saturday night at the home of the NL champion. Atlanta leads the New York Mets 3-2 in the NLCS, with Game 6 Tuesday night at Turner Field.

It will be the Yankees' third trip to the World Series in four years, and an opportunity for them



The New York Yankees celebrate in the mound after beating the Boston Red Sox, 6-1, in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series Monday at Fenway Park in Boston. The Yankees advanced to the World Series. AP

to win their 25th title. All of those championships have come since Boston won its last championship in 1918, two years before the Red Sox sold Ruth to New York.

Hernandez, blowing on his hand to keep warm on a chilly night, improved to 4-0 with an 0.97 ERA in five career starts in the postseason.

El Duque shut down the Red

Sox on three hits through seven innings, but left after Jason Varitek homered to start the eighth and Nomar Garciaparra followed with a double.

Mike Stanton relieved, setting off a series of mix-and-match moves by managers Joe Torre of the Yankees and Jimmy Williams of the Red Sox.

Allen Watson wound up walk-

ing pinch-hitter Butch Huskey to load the bases with one out. But just like always, the Red Sox fell short against the Yankees.

Ramiro Mendoza came in from the bullpen and kept it at 4-1, striking out pinch-hitter Scott Hatteberg on a 3-2 pitch that bounced and getting Trot Nixon on a foul pop.

Jorge Posada hit a clinching

Piazza said trying to play despite pain

ATLANTA (AP) — Mike Piazza faced a media horde in a hotel conference room Monday evening, his left arm dangling helplessly under the table.

"I'm looking for a donor," Piazza joked. "Maybe I could call Arnold Schwarzenegger and

get his left arm."

The NL Championship Series has become a war zone for the New York Mets catcher, whose left thumb already was hurting after the opening round of the playoffs.

Through five games against the

Atlanta Braves, Piazza has been hit twice with a bat - backswings by Gerald Williams and Ryan Klesko - and has been on the receiving end of bone-crushing collisions at home plate with Bret Boone and Keith Lockhart.

The mishaps left Piazza with an aching hand and a deep bruise on his left forearm, not to mention the lingering effects of a slight concussion. He was forced to leave New York's 4-3, 15-inning victory in Game 5 with two innings to go, the pain simply too much to bear.

Piazza plans to be back on the field for Game 6 Tuesday night at Turner Field. The Braves lead the best-of-7 series 3-2, but the Mets have momentum from two straight victories.

"I feel a little better," Piazza said after the Mets arrived at their downtown hotel. "I had a good night of sleep. I'm a little banged up, but I'll give it all I have."

Piazza has never gone through a stretch with so many nagging injuries. He might switch to a lighter bat to cope with the pain in his arm and hand.

"It's weird," he said. "I can't explain why I'm so banged up. Maybe I've done something wrong. Maybe I need to do a good deed like helping an old woman across the street."

On Sunday, after Lockhart tried unsuccessfully to bowl over Piazza with the tie-breaking run in the top

of the 13th, the catcher came to bat in the bottom half. But he knew it was time to come out after striking out against John Rocker.

"My whole arm felt numb," Piazza said. "There was a tingling in my fingers and a real hot sensation throughout the arm."

He was replaced by Todd Pratt, who walked with the bases loaded to force in the tying run in the 15th before Robin Ventura's grand slam-single brought home the game-winner.

Pratt hit the series-winning homer against Arizona in the opening round.

"Todd is doing such a great job, it's not like the guys are saying, 'If Mike's not in there, we can't win the game,'" Piazza said. "Everybody knows they can make an impact with this team."

Others are starting to take notice of the Mets, who had to win the final four games of the regular season just to make the playoffs. Now, they've rallied to win two straight games against the Braves won the first three.

"No matter what happens, I think they can walk around proudly anywhere, New York especially," Yankees manager Joe Torre said before his team played Boston in Game 5 of the ALCS on Monday night.

"They've shown a lot of heart and lot of grit to win those games."

two-run homer off Tom Gordon in the ninth.

This first-ever postseason meeting between the Yankees and Boston ended up the same way regular-season duels did for so many years, from the days when Joe DiMaggio led New York over Ted Williams and the Red Sox, to the afternoon when Bucky Dent's homer won a 1978 AL East tiebreaker.

Despite the disappointment, the Red Sox fans did not let their frustration spill over. Maybe a heavy security was responsible but it was quite a different scene from Sunday night, when the Fenway faithful littered the field with debris after an umpire's bad call.

Twice during the series, umpires admitted blowing calls against Boston. The Red Sox did not help themselves in the five games, though, by making 10 errors.

Rather, all that promise the Red Sox held — they rallied from an 0-2 deficit to beat Cleveland in the best-of-5 division series, then roughed up former star Roger Clemens in Game 3 of this series — went to waste.

It was a cold night — 48 degrees (9 celsius) at gametime with a 17 mph (27 kph) wind. During batting practice, a few Yankees players in left field tried beat the chill by stepping through a door into the Green Monster itself.

S. Korean wins WBC boxing title

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's Choi Yoo-sam became the new World Boxing Council light fly-weight champion with an unanimous decision over Thailand's Saman Sor Jaturong in a 12-round title match on Sunday.

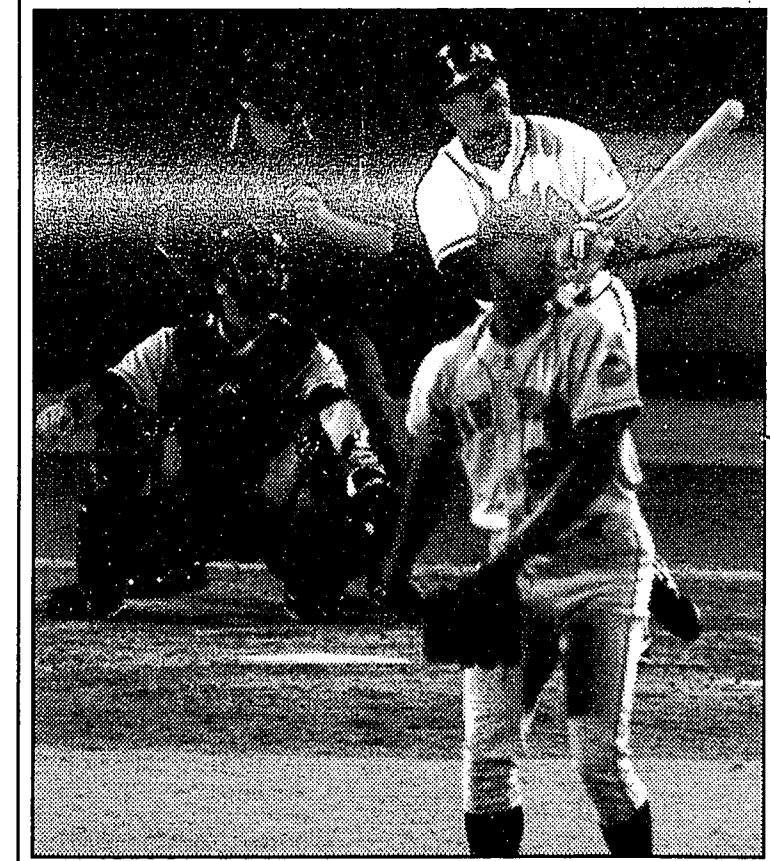
The 27-year-old South Korean challenger, employing effective jabs connected with telling straight punches, kept the Thai champion on the defensive from the start. He controlled most of the match before 1,000 spectators at Seoul's Olympic gym.

The 30-year-old Thai, aware that he was behind in points, came out strong in the final rounds, hurling several good lefts and rights, but he looked tired.

The Korean entered the match as the WBC's No. 1 challenger in its light fly-weight category.

The victory improved Choi's career record to 21 wins, 10 of them by knockout, against one defeat. Jaturong's record dropped to 41 wins against three defeats.

Both weighed in at 48.98 kilograms (94.5 pounds).



Atlanta Braves Eddie Perez watches his fourth inning solo home run with New York Mets pitcher Masato Yoshii, catcher Mike Piazza and plate umpire Ed Montague in Game 1 of the National League Championship Series. AP

SPORTS



Saipan Community School students take on the one-mile course during the SCS Cross Country Race Friday at Kilili Beach Park. A total of 58 student runners took part in the event. Contributed photo

Power Factor wins over Peleliu in SSA opener

THE LONG-awaited Saipan Softball Association Men's Slowpitch & Fastpitch league officially kicked off last Sunday and Monday at the Koblerville Elementary School and Susupe Softball field respectively.

Team Power Factor opened the 1999 slowpitch last Sunday at the Koblerville Elementary school softball field with a sixth inning, 23-15 victory over the team Peleliu due to the one hour time limitation.

Tkel Olikong hit a grand slam and drove in six runs and Martin Gloyd hammered two solo home-runs, scoring four times to lead Power Factors.

Dominic Remeliik of Peleliu

recorded the first grand slam of the season, and Son Koshiha ripped two home-runs in a losing effort.

In the second game of the day, team Six-Pack & Team Fadang stretched their game into extra inning, before Team Six-Pack finally prevailed in the bottom of the eight on Jake Blas' two out solo home-run.

Ken Kalen recorded the third grand slam of the season & Jerry Ayuyu and Bernard Kileleman each hit a two-run homer as Team Familia demolished team Sofang in the third game, 17-0.

In the fourth game of the day, Team Warriors spoiled defending champions Pepsi Spec's sea-

son opener with a 14-13 upset courtesy of Cartfield Sablan's two homeruns and Landon Martin & Brady Ubedei's solo shot.

Tony Luzama hit two out and Winsor Peter and Payton Sakuma one each in a losing effort.

JoJo "The Slugger" Attao made it look easy pounding three homeruns, including two grand slams and a two-run homer driving in ten runs in going 4 for 4, and Tony Guerrero Jeff Cabrera, Joe Guerrero, Chris Palacios, Dennis Ngeskebei each took one out as the Anguar Comets showed no mercy with a devastating, 28-1 fifth inning shut-out over the Local Force in the fifth game of

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Old Aces win game 1 in playoff

THE OLD Aces upset the Expeditors in the opener of the BANMI 35-and-above Basketball League play-offs, 74-67 at the Ada Gym Saturday.

The Old Aces relied on the scoring from veteran players Dave Camacho and Tony Rogolofoi who both showed their opponents that they still have the touch.

The two combined for 52 points.

With Elias Rangamar orchestrating the offense, Camacho and Rogolofoi converted easy short jumpers and followed up

the missed shots for their first win in the play-offs.

Camacho ended the game with 28 points and supported by Tony Rogolofoi with 24 points. Warren Villegas was the leading scorer for the losers with 22 points.

On the other hand, the second game between Natibu and Second Hands was not decided until the last seconds of the ball game.

Team Natibu was leading throughout the game until Juan Diaz of the Brothers fouled out.

Oscar Masga was the leading scorer for Team Natibu with 26 points while Dennis Camacho got

busy dishing out assists to his teammates.

Second Hands would have won the ball game had it not for John Ralerson who was called for a stepping violation as he sank both of his crucial bonus shots in the dying seconds of the game.

Second Hands made a come from behind after Diaz fouled out. With 3 seconds remaining in the ball game and Team Natibu leading by 1 point, 66-65, Dennis Camacho was fouled and sank both charity shots to

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Stevedore Pirates win SYBL pennant

THE STEVEDORE Pirates captured the 1999 Summer Youth Baseball League pennant winning over the Northern Yankees, 2-0, last Thursday at the Francisco M. Palacios Ballfield.

The Yankees' loss paved the way for a showdown last Monday with MGD Pepsi, which the latter won behind Joe Guerrero's strong pitching, 15-0, for a ten run-mercy rule shut-out.

Guerrero went the distance giving up just two hits with two walks and six strike-outs and Tony Guerrero hit a two-run homer to highlight the victory.

John Acosta and Freddy George went 3 for 3 with four and three RBI's respectively.

Pepsi scored three runs in the top of the first, three in the second, six in the fourth and three more in the fifth for a lopsided victory.

MGD Pepsi behind Joe Guerrero's strong pitching became 1999 regular season pennant runner-up demolishing the Northern Yankees in five innings, 15-0, last Monday, Oct. 18 in their tie-breaker game, for a ten run-mercy rule shut-out.

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In the game for the pennant Thursday, the Pirates banked on Peter Sablan's superb pitching to avoid a possible one-game pennant tie-breaker with the Yankees.

It was a pitching duel between Sablan and the Yankees ace Tito Santos, with Sablan out-performing the ERA and strike-out leader going the distance with a one-hitter with fifteen strike-outs and three base-on-balls.

Santos pitched six innings giving up seven hits and striking out nine with two base-on-balls before being relieved in the seventh.

Ray Guerrero, Chris Palacios, Sablan accounted for six of the Pirates eight hits, including one each in the top of the fourth resulting in two Pirates runs to break open a scoreless game.

Both teams then came up empty handed the rest of the way.

Summer Youth Baseball League

Pepsi

Player	POS	AB	R	HIT	RBI
John Acosta	CF	3	3	3	4
Mark Toves	RF	2	1	0	0
Mike Cruz	2B	3	1	0	1
Manny Sablan	C	2	1	0	1
Tony Guerrero	LF	3	1	1	3
Pete Tomokane	3B	2	0	0	0
Audie Maratita	1B	2	2	1	0
Phil Celis	SS	0	1	0	0
Freddy George	D/H	3	3	3	3
Jack Guerrero	RF	0	0	0	0
Pat Guerrero	SS	2	2	2	0
Joe Guerrero	P	0	0	0	0

Yankees

Player	POS	AB	R	HIT	RBI
Chris Camacho	2B/P	2	0	0	0
Clifton Sillil	CF	2	0	0	0
Jester Garcia	SS	2	0	1	0

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Boxing club registration on

THE SAIPAN Boxing Club announces there will be a final registration on Saturday Oct. 23 at the Joeten-Kiyu conference room, Susupe.

Registration will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone at ages of 15 through 18 may sign up.

Membership fee is \$10.00. A copy of a birth certificate or passport should be brought.

Those who have already signed

up are also asked to bring their \$10.00 membership fee if it has not been paid.

Immediately after the registration will be a short meeting on how the Club will conduct training and other important matters.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Al Taitano, President of the Saipan Boxing Club at 234-1734.

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