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Families share their tips for organizing long-awaited reunions. They say getting together takes planning, time and patience. But they say the family gatherings and the fun that comes along with them are worth the work.

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Swimming is a healthy activity for all ages

Ancestral bones returned

By Steve Limitaco

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Chamorro bones taken from Guam to Hawaii more than 70 years ago will be repatriated this afternoon after Hawaii's Bishop Museum agreed to their return.

The ancestral remains, taken by an archaeologist who worked for the Bishop Museum, will arrive at the airport this afternoon in the custody of

Linda Aguin, Guam's historic preservation officer.

A small ceremony is scheduled to take place at the airport, involving government officials and Chamorro chanters.

"This ceremony is to welcome them back home and to apologize for taking so long to bring them back," said Patty Garrido, member of the governor's Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force, which worked to

secure their return. The task force was created this January.

But the return of the centuries-old bones raises the issue of whether they should be buried again or kept for study, officials said. The 88 boxes of bones will be stored at the Guam Museum until that question is answered.

And the Bishop Museum has not returned all of the bones or any of the artifacts that were collected with them, Garrido said, adding that the museum

has promised to return everything eventually.

She said the museum still has partial skeletons, stone artifacts and broken pottery collected on Guam by Hans Hornbostel in the early 1920s. Garrido said Hornbostel, a former Marine, worked for the Bishop Museum collecting bones and artifacts throughout the Pacific.

The Bishop Museum, founded in

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Surging: The price of premium gas at the Shell service station in Tamuning is listed as \$1.969 per gallon.

No relief from gas prices

High demand, low supply force firms to raise rates

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Gas prices on Guam are climbing a little closer to the \$2 mark and gas company officials say the increase is a result of higher prices in the Singapore regional market.

"This is not something we like to do. We know it affects people, but it's beyond our

control," said Andrew Harford, general manager of Shell Guam Inc. "We reached the point where we couldn't absorb price costs anymore."

He said Shell gets gas from Singapore, which has increased the cost.

"Our gas source dramatically increased their rates and they continue to do so," Harford said.

He said their source in-

creased the rates because of demand and supply.

"Basically the demand is high and the supply is low," Harford said. "It's hard to tell when prices will fall."

Shell service stations raised the price of regular gasoline by 3 cents last week and 2 cents this week. The cost of regular gasoline at Shell stations is \$1.869 and \$1.969 for premium gasoline,

Harford said.

"This is the highest price we've seen in the last five years," Harford said. He said Shell gas station last increased gas prices in March.

Abi Adigun, Mobil vice-president and sales manager, said in a press release yesterday that over the past several months the company

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Rescuers persevere

Russian officials insist rescue operations for 118 men trapped in a Russian submarine would continue despite a determination by Norwegian divers that nothing could be done for them. Norwegian officials said Monday there was no hope of finding any survivors after divers had determined that the badly damaged vessel was completely flooded.

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Thrilling playoff

Tiger Woods birdied the last two holes in regulation and won the PGA Championship in a playoff over Bob May, becoming the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three majors in one year.

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Museum: Activists want bones buried

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1889, contains more than 2 million artifacts, documents and photographs about Hawaii and other Pacific island cultures, according to the museum's Web site. The museum receives more than 500,000 visitors a year.

Hombostel collected bones from several sites around Guam, but mostly in the Tumon area, said Vic April, Guam's territorial archaeologist. He said there were no laws in place at the time to prevent their re-

moval.

April said many people oppose the idea of studying the returned bones, which include the remains of children and adults.

"A lot of people want them to just be buried and let them rest in peace," Garrido said, adding that she shares that opinion.

"This all happened when we had absolutely no control over our government or say in what was happening to our people ... It's such a disrespect."

Former Sen. Hope Cristobal, a

WHAT'S NEXT

▲ A repatriation ceremony for Chamorro ancestral remains will take place near the old airport terminal at 5 p.m. today. Gov. Carl Gutierrez is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

longtime Chamorro rights activist, also wants to see the bones buried.

"They should be reinterred. There's just no reason to display hu-

man bones," Cristobal said.

"We have always maintained that we have to respect those burials."

Cristobal said Chamorro artifacts must be returned as well.

"Repatriation of the human remains ... is not all that it is. They have to include the artifacts that are funerary objects and objects associated with burials. Those are all part of the sacred remains," she said.

Cristobal said she organized and took part in several protests in Tu-

mon related to the desecration of Chamorro burial grounds. Those protests were related to hotel construction which caused ancient graves to be unearthed and moved.

Garrido said the human remains will be kept at the Guam Museum until officials determine what should happen to them.

"We have Chamorro ancestral remains throughout the world," Garrido said, including museums in France, Spain and Chicago.

"Maybe one day we will be able to get all of them back."

Police, fire departments yet to fill job vacancies

Lists of requested positions currently being processed

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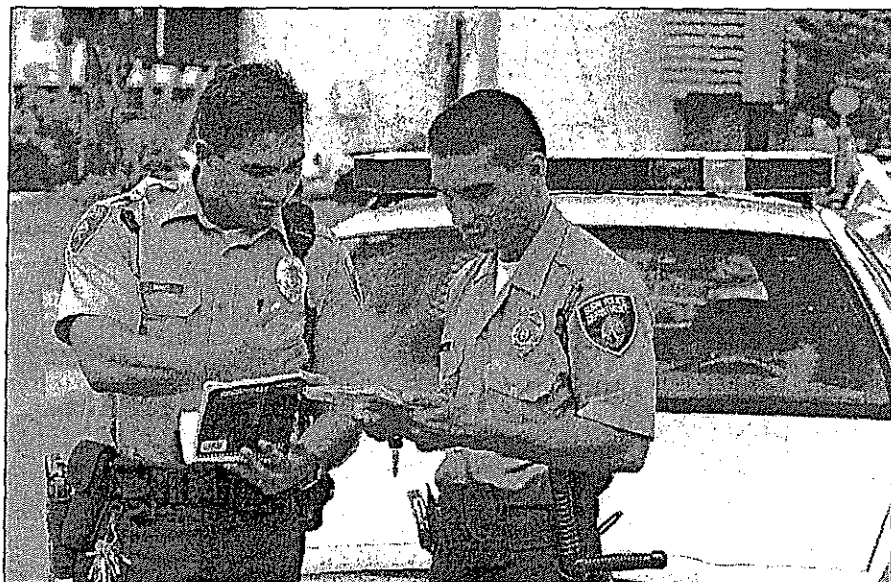
Despite the lifting of the hiring freeze for critical government positions, the Guam police and fire departments have not hired any additional personnel.

The seven-month stalemate between the administration and the Legislature over the government-wide hiring freeze ended in May when then-acting Gov. Madeleine Bordallo issued an order lifting the restrictions for essential government of Guam workers such as medical, safety and emergency personnel.

The police and fire departments were asked to submit a list to the governor's office of positions they needed filled.

Police Chief Ed Kabina said in an earlier interview that a staff of 439 police officers would be ideal. The department is working with only 268 officers to meet the demands of their operations.

The police department listed only 20 positions for officers for the patrol division, but would like to hire at least 40 more. The 20 positions



Ed Crisostomo/Pacific Daily News

Rookie: Guam police Officer David Munoz, left, goes over notes with recent police reservist graduate Ray Perez after Perez's training shift at the Hagåtña precinct yesterday.

will be 90 percent federally funded and the government of Guam will fund the difference, said Sgt. Ray Fernandez, police spokesman.

The police department lost about 80 to 90 personnel, includ-

ing civilian staff, to the government early-retirement and buyout programs in January, Fernandez said.

The request currently is being processed but the positions are not

likely to be filled for a couple of months because applicants must go through several tests mandated in the enabling act for police officers, Fernandez said.

"We are bound by the enabling

act established for (the Guam Police Department) in the mid-1990s because of the nature of the job. As a citizen, you want to make sure that you have a police officer above and beyond reproach," Fernandez said. "Before we hire (police officers), they must first go through ... a psychological exam, polygraph test and drug test."

Another obstacle the police department faces is the lack of a doctor to conduct the psychological examinations. However, Police Chief Kabina is trying to find one, Fernandez said.

Capt. Andy Arceo, fire spokesman, said the fire department also submitted its list for positions, but he did know how many positions were requested.

"The list has already been submitted, so we are just awaiting word," Arceo said, none of the positions listed will be federally funded.

The fire department was already 80 positions short before employees opted to take advantage of the government revenue savings programs, Arceo said.

About 24 people left the fire department, increasing the shortage to slightly more than 100 positions. There currently are 311 personnel working for the fire department. This number includes firefighters and support staff, Arceo said.

Gas: Regional economic recovery, U.S. demand drive prices up

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has held back on price increases, expecting a reversal in the market situation, but prices of petroleum products per barrel continue to rise.

"Although OPEC's (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Coun-

"Prices have risen to a level not seen even during the Gulf War."

Abi Adigun

Mobil vice president and sales manager, in a press release

COMPARISON SHOPPING

An informal survey of gas prices was taken by the Pacific Daily News yesterday.

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LIFESTYLE

Working out in the water

Swimmers of all ages head to the pools to get a full-body workout. The aerobic exercise helps the heart and lungs function properly. And swimming does not cause joint injuries, experts say.

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ika: Local writers share their secrets

Lawmakers seek court backing on budget

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Lawmakers yesterday said they will take the governor to court over the government's fiscal 2001 budget. Senators want to pass a budget that appropriates personnel money on a position-by-position basis within government agencies, but the attorney

general earlier this year stated such budgets violate the Organic Act.

Attorney General John Tarantino has said the Legislature cannot pass a budget that infringes on the governor's legal authority to manage executive branch operations.

The Legislature's rules committee is holding public discussions to prepare a new budget, despite a lack of

information from agencies and a revenue estimate for fiscal 2001.

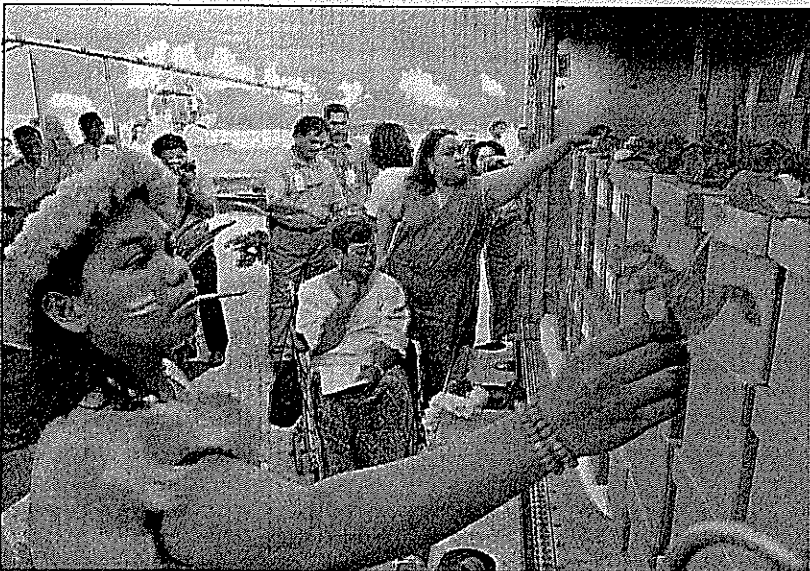
Rules committee Chairman Sen. Mark Forbes, R-Sinajana, yesterday proposed that the Legislature ask the Guam Supreme Court to certify a question for declaratory judgment. This means the court could decide whether the attorney general's interpretation of the budget process is cor-

rect. No one objected to the proposal, and lawmakers mapped out a strategy to create a budget that will stand, even if the Supreme Court rules against them.

Sen. Vicente "Ben" Pangelinan, D-Barrigada, said the Legislature should prepare a budget with general appropriations for personnel within each

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Remains return home



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From Hawaii to Guam: People gather to place flowers on 88 boxes of Chamorro ancestral remains during a repatriation ceremony at the island's commuter air terminal in Tamuning yesterday. The human remains were among thousands of objects taken from Guam by archaeologist Hans Hornbostel, who worked for Hawaii's Bishop Museum. The museum recently agreed to return the remains to the government of Guam.

'They have not rested for over 75 years'

By Steve Limtiaco
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A tearful Gov. Carl Gutierrez yesterday afternoon took custody of 88 boxes of Chamorro ancestral remains that have been in a Hawaii museum for more than 75 years.

Gutierrez was the main speaker at a repatriation ceremony for the centuries-old bones, which have been stored at Hawaii's Bishop Museum since the

1920s.

The human remains were among thousands of objects taken from Guam by archaeologist Hans Hornbostel, who worked for the museum. The museum recently agreed to return the remains to the government of Guam.

"This is really a tough moment when you sit and reflect on what has happened over several decades. ... That someone who came here under the guise of being an archaeologist picked up the remains of our ancestors, disturbed them, took

them out of Guam, placed them in a cellar somewhere," Gutierrez said.

"I feel really happy in my heart because we have been struggling for many years to bring the remains of our ancestors back to Guam. They have not rested for over 75 years," Gutierrez said.

The remains arrived on a Continental Micronesia plane from Hawaii yesterday afternoon in a metal flight container.

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Feds seek answer to mustard gas case

Sometime in the next several weeks Gov. Carl Gutierrez is hoping to have answers about the possibility of mustard gas left over from World War II. Federal authorities are searching old records to try to determine what became of the mustard gas.

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Split in school sports

A dispute about payments is causing a split in interscholastic sports. Now public and private schools will run separate leagues for all first-quarter high school sports other than football. Some of the new leagues start this week.

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Budget: Priorities include health programs

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agency, but should attach a position-by-position listing for each agency to the budget bill.

If the Supreme Court decides the attorney general is correct, then the position lists can be scrapped and the general appropriations for each agency will remain in place, he said.

The Gutierrez administration has

not cooperated in legislative efforts to prepare a fiscal 2001 budget, pending the completion of the governor's reorganization plan for the government.

The plan might not be ready until sometime next fiscal year, administration officials have said.

Twelve senators attended yesterday's budget discussion, and some criticized the lack of cooperation from the administration, which also

has not submitted a budget proposal for fiscal 2001. "I think we have been reduced to what the executive branch wants us to do," which is to approve a budget with no accountability, said Sen. Joanne Brown, R-Chalan Pago/Ordot.

Much of yesterday's discussion was about the Legislature's priorities for spending next fiscal year, including money for the Medically Indigent Program and other public

assistance programs.

Health committee Chairman Sen. Simon Sanchez, R-Tamuning, said the government needs to spend \$19 million more on welfare programs next year than it did this year — \$57 million as opposed to \$38 million.

Brown said it will be difficult for lawmakers to find extra money within the government, and said it has come to the point where budget

cuts in agencies will mean cuts in personnel.

Sen. Eddie Calvo, R-Maite, said lawmakers must focus on how much it will cost to pay the employees currently working in Gov. Guam, as well as how much it will cost to pay for priorities such as health and education.

"In the end, they may not balance, and that's when certain decisions will have to be made," he said.

Remains: Slingstones also at Hawaii museum

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The container was towed to a canopy near the cargo terminal, where Gutierrez, Speaker Tony Unpingco, R-Santa Rita; Chief Justice Benjamin Cruz and other dignitaries were waiting.

The cultural entertainment group Guma' Palu Li'e danced and sang as part of the ceremony. Dignitaries and guests placed flowers on the cardboard boxes after the container was opened.

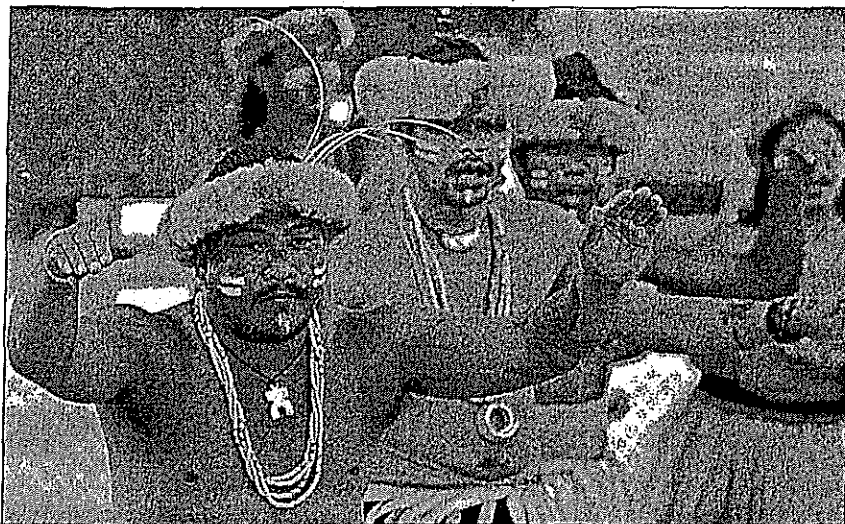
"It could have been any of our relatives. It was unconscionable to have kept them somewhere where they're not revered as we revere our ancestors here on Guam," Gutierrez said.

The governor turned the remains over to the Guam Museum, where he said they are to be kept temporarily until a suitable burial site can be found.

"Please take good care of these remains because our ancestors have not rested for so long," Gutierrez told museum Director Tony Palomo.

While Guam officials earlier this week said they believe some bones still are in the Bishop Museum, the museum's vice president yesterday said all human remains have been returned.

Bishop Museum Vice President



Ed Crisostomo/Pacific Daily News

Calling them home: The cultural entertainment group Guma' Palu Li'e performs a chant during a repatriation ceremony for Chamorro ancestral remains at the island's commuter air terminal in Tamuning yesterday.

Betty Tatar said the museum still has about 2,000 funerary objects collected by Hornbostel; mostly Chamorro slingstones. The slingstones are small, football-shaped

pieces of rock that ancient Chamorros hurled using woven slings.

Tatar said some of the Chamorro objects are on display at the museum, but most are in storage.

She said there are no plans to return the objects to Guam, but said, "We're certainly open to discussion."

She said the museum returned

"Our policy is to have a reburial (or repatriation) plan; and we need to have an inventory of some kind."

Betty Tatar

Bishop Museum vice president

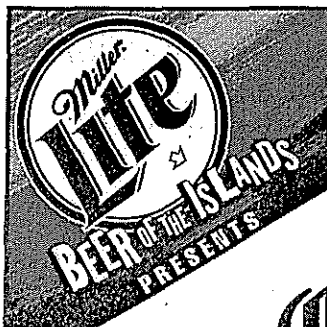
about 124 funerary objects to the Guam Museum in 1994.

Tatar said the process of returning the human remains to Guam started about eight years ago because of a request from the government of Guam.

"Our policy is to have a reburial (or repatriation) plan, and we needed to have an inventory of some kind," Tatar said.

She said it was not until recently that an agreement was reached, and said Guam's plan is to store the ancestral remains temporarily at the Guam Museum.

Tatar said the Bishop Museum last December returned some human remains collected by Hornbostel to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



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UOG, GCC enrollment figures drop

By Robert Q. Tupaz
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THE UNIVERSITY of Guam and the Guam Community College have reported a decrease in enrollment compared with the same numbers last year.

Both institutions extended registration deadlines last week and also waived late registration fees,

but those steps did not seem to assist in bringing numbers past last previous years.

Enrollment figures for UOG as of yesterday indicated that there are 492 less students than the 1999 figures. To date, the university has attracted 3,402 students.

GCC's numbers are also down. Fall 1999 records indicate a stu-

dent population of 1,965. GCC spokeswoman Cathleen Moore-Linn reported 1,759 students as of yesterday.

Moore-Linn said students enrolled have signed up for a total of 4,394 courses selected. Last year 4,585 courses were taken.

GCC raised its rates over the summer for various items. It also

added a \$50 technology fee for all students.

UOG, on the other hand, changed presidents' last week when Dr. Jose T. Nededog stepped down. The institution opened the fall semester with Dr. Judith P. Guthertz as interim president.

In addition, UOG is on a two-year probationary status. The

Western Association of Schools and Colleges placed the university on probationary status in July of this year after a team visited last March. WASC found UOG in non-compliance of two of nine accreditation standards.

Additional concerns were later revealed in a letter from WASC

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During a repatriation ceremony on Tuesday, dancers honor the ancestral remains that arrived on Guam from Hawaii.
Photo by Autumn Cruz

Reburial or research?

Repatriation spurs further discussion

By Jan Furukawa
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THE DAY after a small, emotional ceremony at which Chamorro ancestral remains were received from the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Guamanians pondered the importance and value of the Hornbostel and Thompson Collection.

The collection, also called HTC,

is composed of not only the repatriated human skeletal material, but also many other antiquities that remain at the Hawaii museum, such as two latte stones, slingstones, sinkers and fish hooks, adzes and pieces of pottery. "It includes a whole assemblage of Chamorro artifacts," said Guam Museum Curator Tony Ramirez.

Three cases of items from the HTC were returned to Guam in 1994, for the opening of the Adelup museum, and still can be seen there, according to Ramirez. However, no human remains are ever displayed there, he said.

The Hornbostel and Thompson Collection, also referred to as HTC, contains 311 sets of remains

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Bez's Things: A Victorian love affair

By Amabel Brito
Variety News Staff

STEP BACK into another era when pink satin ribbons, silk roses and ecru corded laces festooned wide-brimmed straw hats worn by buxom English ladies in bouffant skirts.

Imagine the essence of lavender pervading the air. Breathe in the wine and the song and the

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GEC meeting protested

By Jay Pascua
Variety News Staff

DOUG Moylan, Joe Mesa, and Orpha Matanane have submitted a letter of protest to Guam Election Commission Executive Director Gerald Taitano.

They are protesting a commission meeting scheduled for 12 noon today.

In previous interviews with Variety, Moylan said Gov. Carl T. C. Gutierrez improperly removed existing commission members and chose to ignore a law outlining appointments to the commission.

"(Gutierrez) didn't remove the



Doug Moylan

commission members pursuant to law," Moylan said.

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According to Brown:

Guam not spending enough on environment

By Jay Pascua
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SENATOR Joanne S. Brown yesterday said the government of Guam is not spending enough on environmental monitoring and enforcement personnel.

Brown, R-Chalan Pago/Ordot, said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency currently funds 64 percent of personnel costs while the government of Guam funds the remaining 34 percent.

In her remarks during

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Sen. Joanne S. Brown

Navy contract wages to increase

By Jay Pascua
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CONGRESSMAN Robert Underwood said the U.S. Department of Labor's updated wage survey for Guam is good news for federal contract workers.

He said some wages might go up by at least \$2 an hour.

"In most instances there's at least a dollar shift but in many job classifications there's a shift of three dollars, five dollars and

in some instances six dollars," Underwood, D-Guam, said.

Underwood said his office through research determined the wage rates being offered by Raytheon Technical Services Inc. during the A-76 process were very low.

According to Underwood, the U.S. Department of Labor was using wage information from the early to mid 1990s.

(Immediately) we asked the

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UOG regents meet today

By Robert Q. Tupaz
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THE UNIVERSITY of Guam board of regents will meet today at 5:30 p.m. at the R.F.K. Library.

The agenda includes the university's presidential search and the appointment of Dr. Judith Guthertz as interim president.

Other items on the agenda include the student loan and technical professional awards, the legal counsel's report and additional university matters.

The board last met as a whole on Aug. 2.

In that meeting they offered the job of university president to San Jose State University's associate

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U.S. Department of Labor to conduct another wage survey," he said.

Underwood said the wage increase "undercuts" earlier statements to Variety.

"I've been talking to the Navy on this. I've been talking to the Hawaii people on the implementation of the contract and I told them that I am working on this, that I'm a little distrustful

of what they've done and they understand it and they understand now that the assumption that they were going to save lots of money is being eroded," he said.

Underwood added that Raytheon would not feel the affects of the new wage survey because by law the Navy must pay the increase.

The new wage survey Underwood said might not affect the Navy's plans to continue outsourcing but it will affect certain ongoing and all future contracts.

"We cannot really expect to overturn the contracting process, but we can at least make it more humane and get our people to be treated more fairly," he said.

The congressman said the implementation of the new wages should take place in October.

Variety yesterday sought a response from Raytheon regarding the release of the new wage survey. We were told our questions would be forwarded to the company's headquarters for an official position.

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vice president for faculty affairs, Peter Lee.

But an opinion from Attorney General John Tarantino has since nullified that offer. Tarantino said Regent Erique Castro should not have participated in the vote to offer Lee the position because his appointment as a regent has not been confirmed.

Then UOG President Jose T. Nededog, who had retired at the start of the year, agreed to stay on until a new president was found.

However, Nededog vacated his post on Aug. 11. Acting Board Chairman Peter Melnyk then appointed Guthertz as the interim president.

The board's rescinding Lee's offer and Nededog's abrupt departure had caused concern from some UOG faculty members and the chairman of the Legislative Committee on Education, Vice Speaker Lawrence Kasperbauer, R-Dededo. The concerns included legal ramifications, implications of past board decisions and the university priorities.

Tarantino met with members of the UOG faculty on Monday to discuss these concerns.

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— 303 adults and eight children. That total includes 18 complete and 195 incomplete skeletons, 165 skulls and 44 jaw bones, according to a Bishop Museum inventory list that Lynda B. Agnon pointed out yesterday. Agnon, Guam's Historic Preservation Officer, escorted the ancestral remains to Guam Tuesday.

Now that they're here, Ramirez said, he will take a complete inventory of the repatriated remains. He'll review them to ensure "that the osteological material corresponds with the records, and take daily recordings of the conditions (in the storage room), and do a disaster preparedness plan," he said. He noted that his is merely a caretaker role, and that the final disposition of the remains have yet to be decided.

According to Department of Parks and Recreation Director Dominic Muna, the task force he chairs will conduct a public education campaign in upcoming months and make its recommendation on the fate of the remains by year's end.

Whether the remains — and potentially, the rest of the collection — is permanently reintegrated or made available for scientific study here on Guam "is a volatile issue," Ramirez said.

Likewise, he said, efforts to address years of historic site disturbances by residents are meeting with great resistance in the community.

"It's like this: We're taught, as children, to never touch things that are not yours, or you'll get sick. Also, it's a sign of disrespect, very disrespectful. It's like going to Pigo (Cemetery, in Anigua) and collecting the crucifixes and candles, and maybe the bones," Ramirez said. But, he added, Chamorros' utility of their (ancestors') bones is notable, such as fishermen using skulls as they prayed for a good catch, or bones for fish hooks, maybe even for sewing.

"Although they revered the bones, they were very utilitarian. They used them for tools — for fishing, for war implements," he said.

University of Guam professor and Yona resident, Dr. Gary Heathcote, said Tuesday that "25-30 studies have been published that utilized data on the Hornbostel remains, which isn't a whole lot, given they've been available for study for 70 years. ... There has been no synthetic, comprehensive study of those ancestors, from the top of their heads to the tip of their toes."

Heathcote said records available at this time cannot tell us "which skeletal remains belong where, or where they were exca-

vated from. Those records exist," he said.

Heathcote noted that Rona Ikehara-Quebral, a doctoral candidate at the University of Hawaii, "has the best command of the (Bishop Museum's) disjointed records and was attempting to do microproveniening (determining which remains were found at which particular site, or latte set)."

"I don't know to what extent the repatriation has pulled the rug from under her."

Heathcote wrote earlier this year that the HTC of human remains from Guam is "an unparalleled and extremely valuable ancestral archive, representing over 300 mostly Latte Period Chamorros from Guam."

Heathcote, a physical anthropologist, said the Collection "has great potential for yielding an abundance of information — well beyond that which we now have in hand — about the lives of ancestral Chamorros. Here, I speak not only of their population history (origins, relationships and regional diversification), but also individual osteobiographies (life histories "written" in bone) that reconstruct how they lived, how well adapted they were to their environments, and — sometimes — how they died."

"My own involvement with the Guam HTC has been, so far, indirect. Colleague Vince Sava has studied the Guam HTC and he, I

and two other colleagues will report his findings in a forthcoming article on the expression, distribution and meaning of muscle markings on the backs of Chamorro skulls (indicative of great upper body strength)."

The UOG professor noted that Vince Diego, a doctoral candidate in biological anthropology at New York's Binghamton University from Guam, is "likely to write his dissertation on the lytic-bodig complex of Guam, he is already trained in molecular biology (DNA extraction, sequencing and analysis) and will receive further training in ancient DNA analysis while completing his studies at Binghamton. Thus, it is only a matter of time before Dr. Diego returns to his goal of taking the lead role in an a DNA study of his ancestors."

Heathcote quoted Diego as having written to the task force, "From a student's perspective, I have often been disappointed at how much we do NOT know about the ancient Chamorros. Moreover, I know from my conversations with fellow Chamorro students that this disappointment is shared by many others. Conversely, one can say that Chamorro and non-Chamorro

students alike would indeed be very interested in such studies. It seems to me that this respectful interest in the life and times of ancient Chamorros is a natural and logical extension from the well-known Chamorro ethos of reverence for our ancestors."

"More strongly, and this is only my opinion, it is our solemn duty to learn as much as we can about them."

In a March letter to the task force from Sava, the Hawaii student also supported the study of the HTC. He said, "I would like to echo Vince Diego's sentiments that we honor our ancestors by studying them... I believe that those who want reburial, while very vocal, are short sighted and do not represent the true feelings of the greater Chamorro community."

Sava said further, "There is so much more research to be done... For example, the prehistoric people from Guam seem to be healthier, as a group, than Chamorros from Saipan which seem healthier than folks from Rota. Why? What was there in the different island environments and/or the cultures that was responsible?"

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In the letter, all three are asking the executive director to follow the election laws of Guam and not recognize Gutierrez's appointees.

The letter to Taitano outlines their position with citations of public law.

"Section 2101 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated, as repealed and reenacted by Public Law 25-146, clearly sets forth the reappointment process for the commission board members. Only those who came from the recommendations of the recognized political parties may be appointed," the letter said.

The group reiterated a previous point made by Moylan.

"If you agree with the governor's reasoning that his Organic Act authority permits him to appoint commission members, in essence ignoring Public Law 25-146, the governor has already done so on April 4 of this year," they said.

Moylan in a letter to Gutierrez dated Aug. 12 said if Public Law 25-146 is ignored he should be allowed to complete his term of office.

"Your appointment of a new commission is illegal in violation of my two-year term of office,

which you yourself as governor of Guam appointed me to, not any political party. My term expires in April 2002, notwithstanding Public Law Number 25-146," Moylan wrote.

Matanane, Mesa and Moylan added that if Taitano agreed the governor had the authority to appoint commission members then Gutierrez should send the names of his appointments to the Legislature for confirmation.

The trio quoted the Organic Act in their letter:

"The governor shall, except as otherwise provided in this chapter or the laws of Guam, appoint by and with the advice and consent of the legislature, all heads of executive agencies and instrumentalities."

They said they recognize when the names of the appointees are transmitted to the Legislature the new commissioners could serve in acting capacities.

The former Republican representatives also ask Taitano to seek the advice of the commission's attorney. "We further ask that if you disagree or are uncertain that you refer this matter to the commission's counsel," the letter said.

Matanane, Mesa and Moylan added that they would appreciate the issue and the letter being placed on the meeting's agenda.

Bez's . . .

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ment which were the order of the day.

A woman in the person of Thellet Agnon has captured that moment in her own time capsule, commanded by the dexterity of her creative hands and her meticulous eye for beauty, elegance and craftsmanship.

"I once saw some Christmas ornaments at a specialty shop and was struck by the sky-high prices attached to them," Thellet says, "I could do better than that!" And better than that she really did. Her Victorian-inspired ornaments were so pretty that they sell out fast. Because she believes in giving her finished products the quality of materials and workmanship she herself flocks for when buying anything, Thellet's crafts could turn out to be pricey sometimes. Her loyal customers don't mind, though, and they keep on coming back and clamoring for more of her remarkable baubles.

In 1994 Thellet and her husband of 19 years, Tony, joined a

Yuletide contest in behalf of the Revenue and Taxation Department. Her Victorian-styled Christmas tree which her friend, Connie Lee aptly called "Christmas Elegance" easily bagged the second place. From then on, Thellet would join local crafts fairs and would later become a member of the Cottage Arts Collective club. Her repertoire of Victorian pieces has since expanded to include wedding boxes, wedding pillows, picture frames and other dainty bric-a-brac fit for a queen. They are carried under Thellet's business name "Bez's Things."

Why the unique name? "I have a grandkid named Bezeleel. We call her Bez, for short. The name sounded like "best" and its short and easy to remember. I decided to make it my official trademark."

Despite having such a taste and style that could be very expensive even if she were to do things herself, Thellet is also a firm believer in recycling. She once bought a lamp at a garage sale for a dollar and a faded shade for it at a store which agreed to sell it to her for a

dollar. Thellet's imagination was soon at work even as she was paying for the unwanted stuff. Her Midas touch transformed the lamp into a lacey creation embellished with gold-filigree costume jewelry. Not even in your wildest dreams will you ever imagine such a clever "make-over".

One of her earlier creations was a Christmas tree made of discarded spools of thread. "I wrapped the spools individually with strips of Japanese silk from an 'obi' or sash. I have a collection of Japanese sashes at home." And home is also where she fashions all of her Victoriana. Thellet has a voracious appetite for craft books which give her inspiration to do more crafts. The funny thing is, her crafts turn out to be more beautiful than the pictures in the books she buys. Watch out for her Victorian goodies on Oct. 30 at the UOG Holiday Fair.

"I love beautiful things — laces, glass beads, ribbons. I'll go on and on with my crafts until my hands are good. I love what I'm doing." Thellet's love affair with all things Victorian will last forever.

Portraits of honor

Cynthia Gogo: Excel nominee

By Warren G. Murphy Jr.
Variety News Staff

THEY call her Cindy, and her name is Cynthia R. Gogo.

John T. Flores nominated her for the Excel 2000 Inspiration and Encouragement Award.

Gogo will be 50 in a few months. She was working at the Office of Veterans Affairs before it merged with the Department of Military Affairs for the last 19 and a half years as the administrators assistant.

Flores, a quartermaster, also works at the Department of Military Affairs.

According to Flores, he nominated Gogo for the hard work she puts forth, with no complaints. He said she gets everything done in due time.

"She's like the backbone of the department—she is a magnificent person, and she makes sure that the whole office is functional. With the financial situation with the government,



Cynthia R. Gogo

she is a prime example of doing more with less and she gets it done," Flores said.

The statement submitted for her nomination states that Gogo is the type who copes with dis-

gruntled clients and listens to their war stories. She never shows them any disrespect or rudeness.

It also states that she never complains about having to work extra, because of the shortage of manpower.

According to Gogo, she was shocked upon learning about the nomination.

"I was really shocked about it, but this is not going to change the way I work. I am still very loyal to my immediate supervisors and to my veterans, I feel this is an incentive to all the other employees," she said.

"This is something everyone working in the government can look forward to and without the help of two volunteers this office would be harder to work with. Without them working as a team, we would have not been able to make it. Now I wanted to add the two girl volunteers in the award," Gogo said.



IN THEIR HONOR. A man honors the Chamorro ancestral remains with flowers during the repatriation ceremony Tuesday to welcome the arrival of the remains from Hawaii.

Photo by Autumn Cruz

Education Dep't to host pre-academy workshop

By Robert Q. Tupaz
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Education announced yesterday that a pre-academy workshop will be held beginning Monday for principals and their leadership team.

Two noteworthy speakers from off-island will conduct the workshops.

Dr. James Wolf and Dr. Franklin Campbell-Jones will conduct what is described as "a dynamic workshop on Team Building Strategies, for principals and their leadership team members."

The workshop will span a four-day period which will be divided into a two-day workshop.

Schools will be classified based on their location. Regions I and III primarily consist of schools from Southern and Central Guam. They will go through training on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Regions II and IV, which consist of most northern schools, will have their training on Wednesday and Thursday.

According to DOE spokesman

Tony Diaz, Wolf is the author of "Building Leadership Teams — A Source Book for School Renewal."

Campbell-Jones is an assistant professor of educational administration and counseling at California State University in Los Angeles.

The pair have conducted various workshops and developed programs in leadership training individually.

The federally funded workshop will focus on leadership and team building.

"They are educators and authors who are very experienced in their fields. We believe they are going to serve as inspirations in their fields and they are going to share a wealth of knowledge to our teachers," Diaz said.

He said the presenters will focus on team building within the schools. Those who attend should enhance their team building skills.

The pair will conduct a follow up seminar the following week from Sept. 5 through Sept. 8. The training will be conducted at the Pacific Star Hotel.

Agat to honor patron saint

THE CATHOLIC community in Agat will come together once again this weekend to honor patron saint Santa Rosa, the Mt. Carmel parish's third and final—and largest—annual festival celebration.

The parish council and the Agat mayor's office have planned and confirmed for Mass at 5 p.m., to be preceded by the praying of the nightly novena at 4:15, and followed by the "lukao," or procession, and "na taotao tumano," or dinner gathering. The "na taotao tumano" will be held in the rear pavilion of Mt. Carmel School, according

to Mary C. Dela Cruz of the mayor's office.

The nightly novenas began last Aug. 18. Tonight's novena will be prayed at 7 p.m. and will be led by Eucharistic ministers of the parish. Tomorrow's novena will be led by parish Christian Mothers.

Musical entertainment by members of the parish will be provided at the dinner, at which 350 parishioners and guests are expected, Cruz said yesterday.

The Agat parish also observes Mt. Carmel and Santa Ana feast days in July and August. (JF)

Police thwart possible riot

THE POLICE Special Weapons and Tactics Unit prevented a possible riot yesterday afternoon at John F. Kennedy High School, Guam Police Department officials said.

According to Principal Ed Dunn, a gang-related fight happened last week lead to rumors of a possible fight between a group

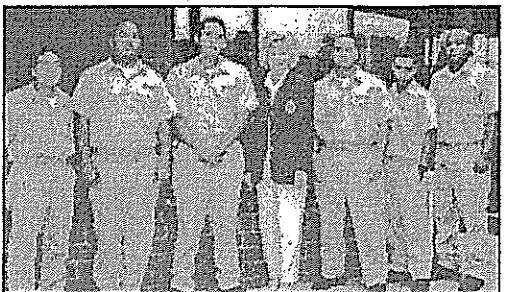
of Dededo teens and JFK students.

The police SWAT unit along with regular patrol officers were on the campus after school yesterday, and students were able to leave campus without incident.

Police officials said that units will be present today as well.

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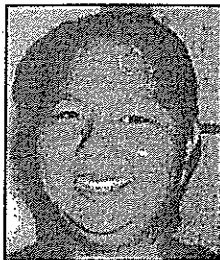
Mariners



Lt. Gov. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, center, meets with Guam mariners Paul Ignacio, Christopher Dionio, Joseph Benavente Jr., Michael Herrera and Ryan Legario of the Seafarers International Union Training School, which is in Piney Point, Maryland. Contributed photo

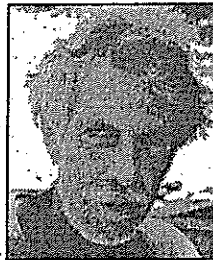
A Variety of Views

Do you think that the recently returned ancestral remains should be re-buried or be used for research?



Joy Stibel
Barrigada

Re-buried. Let them rest in peace. They've been examined for too long and it's time for them to rest.



Dave Sering
Dededo

Re-buried. Definitely—100 percent. It's just like the Arizona or the Titanic. Leave them where they are. So with these remains, maybe take them down to the veteran's cemetery and bury them there.



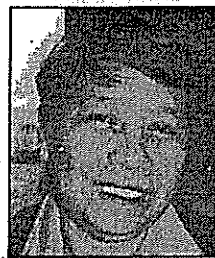
June Cruz
Tumon

They should be reburied. As a Guamanian I believe that if someone dies they should be re-buried.



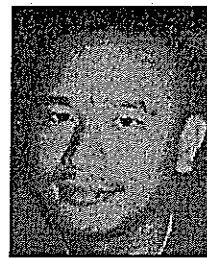
Nilo Vega
Yigo

I've always believed, and it's a cultural thing, that as far as relatives of these people, out of respect, I think they should leave it up to the families to decide. I don't think that we need to find out more about it. Let them rest in peace.



Violeta Dela Cruz
Latte Heights

Since we don't know a lot about the history of the old people, I think it's proper to study them. Later on we could bury them. I've studied Chamorro history, and there is so little information about them.



Tony Rodriguez
Chalan Pago

I have a dual opinion. It would be beneficial to study them if the findings are significant. Otherwise, they should be buried. If they are sure they will find something rather than just cataloging them. Respect for the indigenous cultures should remain though. It is important to us.

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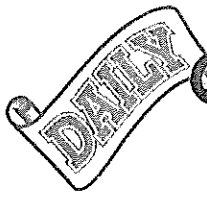
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Gutierrez wants on-island preference for education



Gov. Carl T. C. Gutierrez

By Robert Q. Tupaz
Variety News Staff
GOVERNOR Carl T. C. Gutierrez has signed an executive order directing that the University of Guam and the Guam Community College receive preferential treatment "when government of Guam agencies shop around for professional consulting, education and training programs."

The order is expected to result in government savings by maxi-

mizing the use of local institutions that already provide the services or resources that may be needed especially when meeting federal requirements.

GCC and UOG will be the first preference for education or training programs.

All government agencies should obtain services from the two institutions for various educational, consulting and training programs if offered at GCC or UOG.

Second preference will be given to on-island instructors whether they are associated with both on- or off-island institutions regarding training not available at GCC and UOG.

Third preference, which is off-island training, may only be obtained "if the required professional, consulting, education, or training program cannot be obtained or provided for with the first and second preferences."

Gutierrez said it's a matter of saving money and "making the most of the taxpayer supported resources that we already have in place."

He added, "Only if it is not possible to receive the education, training, certification, consultant or other services at home should money be spent to send off-island. UOG and GCC should always be our first choice as training resources."

Cell phone wars near conclusion

By Joseph E. Duenas
Variety News Staff

THE DISPUTE over \$397,949.06 in back payments that GuamCell Communications alleges is owed to them by AAA Cellular may be resolved in Superior Court as early as Friday, after lawyers presented closing arguments to Superior Court Presiding Judge Joaquin Manibusan yesterday morning.

The legal battle between the two cellular communications giants stems from GuamCell's claim that AAA Cellular, who does business by buying cell and paging services at bulk rates from GuamCell and resells them to consumers, owes the service provider \$397,949.06 in wrongful adjustments, deductions, and late

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Top Marine officer visits Guam

By Joseph E. Duenas
Variety News Staff

THE MARINE Corps' top officer left yesterday afternoon after touring Guam's military installations and meeting with local government officials. His presence, however, does not mean that Guam will see an increase in Marine troops on island.

Gen. James L. Jones was on island since Saturday, touring various military facilities and

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Gen. James L. Jones



Members of the Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force pose proudly with the ancient Chamorro skeletal remains returned last week by the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

Repatriation efforts just beginning

By Jan Furukawa
Variety News Staff

THE REPATRIATION of the Hornbostel and Thompson Collection's 311 sets of skeletal remains by the Bishop Museum in Honolulu is Guam's first attempt at securing the return of such historically significant items, Department of Parks and Recreation Director Dominic Muna said last week.

That attempt was a successful one, according to Historic Pres-

ervation Officer Lynda B. Aguon, who escorted the remains to Guam last week, thanks in part to Norbert Perez, who first sought the repatriation of the collection nearly a decade ago.

Aguon said last week that Perez and several other people were instrumental in preparing the remains for their return to Guam, including Hawaiian attorney and activist Eddie Ayau, as well as doctoral candidates from Guam

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Preservation symposium on Thursday

THE DEPARTMENT of Parks and Recreation's Historic Resources Division will host a free symposium Thursday entitled "Prehistory of the Marianas: From Pit, to the Page, to the Public."

The symposium begins at 8 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m. It will be held at the Ramu Ballroom of the Onward Beach Resort.

"We are hopeful that with the blend of presenters in this year's symposium, each area of expertise will be enriched, and challenged to make a profound impact on the way information on Marianas prehistory is researched, retrieved, recorded and presented to the public," says a letter from the

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Collectors urged to report discoveries

By Jan Furukawa
Variety News Staff

PEOPLE who find latte stones, lusongs, slingstones, fish hooks, shell ornaments or any other ancient Chamorro artifact are being urged to report their discovery, prior to moving anything, to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Historic Preservation Office.

And people who already have latte stones, lusongs, slingstones, fish hooks, shell ornaments or

any other ancient Chamorro artifact are being urged to record their collections with that office.

"This doesn't mean to go into the jungles and look for stuff to register," Lynda B. Aguon, Guam's Historic Preservation Officer, said recently.

The program to record Guam's historic sites and objects, begun last month, aims to list the properties and specimens, and protect historic sites from being disturbed,

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Missing Chuukeese found

THE 10 men who were reported missing while on a sea voyage from Fenanu Island to Weno, in Chuuk State, have been found, a media release from the Coast Guard said.

At 8 p.m. yesterday evening, the FSS Micronesia located the men approximately 120 nautical miles west of Chuuk Atoll.

The men, who have been adrift for eight days in a 22-foot open boat, are reported to be well and are being transported to Weno by the FSS Micronesia.

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Inkster wins Compaq Open

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Juli Inkster slipped to a 4-over-par 76 Sunday but held on to win the Compaq Open by one shot over Sophie Gustafson.

One stroke ahead after tying the course record Saturday with a 67, Inkster struggled with high winds and dropped three shots on the last two holes at the Barseback course in southern Sweden.

"It was really tough out there and the wind was completely different which meant I had to change my game plan," the Hall of Famer said. "But it's good to have won and, if I'm invited, I'll be back to defend next year."

Inkster finished at 6-under 282 on a course that will host the 2004 Solheim Cup matches between

the United States and Europe.

Gustafson, who won the British Open at Royal Birkdale a week ago, finished second at 5 under after a 72.

Defending champion Laura Davies had a 77 Sunday to share 11th place with Sherri Steinhilber of the United States, former U.S. Open champion Liselotte Neumann and six others.

England's Kirsty Taylor, one behind Inkster going into the final round, ballooned to an 80 and wound up eighth at 1 under.

Jane Leary of Australia had the shot of the day — a double-eagle on the long fourth hole using a 3-wood.

"I had about (210 yards) to the pin," said Leary, who works as a

policewoman six months a year in Sydney to be able to afford playing on the European Tour.

"I saw the ball roll in. It was my first albatross."

She tied for 27th at 292.

Annika Sorenstam, ranked sec-

ond in the world and a two-time winner of the Compaq Open, was third at 284.

That finish moved the Swede into the top seven in the Solheim Cup rankings, which guarantees a spot on the European team. The

United States will defend the title at Loch Lomond, Scotland, Oct. 6-8.

European captain Dale Reid will name Europe's team in a week, after the European Tour event in England.

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fees.

According to court documents, GuamCell and AAA Cellular disagree on the billing procedures for some features.

The documents state that GuamCell began offering their weekend and weeknight off-peak plan, and offered only a weekend plan to AAA Cellular.

But AAA Cellular began offer-

ing both weekend and weeknight off-peak plans to their customers, and claims that the program was offered to them, creating the billing dispute.

GuamCell terminated the contract between AAA Cellular and GuamCell on Aug. 4, and the hearing is to keep the company from disconnecting AAA Cellular's 3,000 customers.

According to court documents, Manibusan hopes to render a written judgment by Friday.

Even if the injunction is granted,

the battle could be far from over, depending on what actions each of the companies takes after Friday, said attorney Sandra Lynch, legal counsel for AAA Cellular.

"We are hoping that we are granted a preliminary injunction, which puts the parties back to status quo, in other words, they continue to do business," Lynch said. "And if we get a preliminary injunction, we go forward and do a trial on damages, or step back and see where the parties want to go from here."

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meeting with island leaders, said Navy spokeswoman Lt. Monica Richardson.

"He was here just as a site visit, to meet with local and military officials, and just to look at the area," Richardson said.

Richardson added, however,

that Jones' presence on Guam is not indicative of a shift in Marine troops to Guam.

"Those were the questions that were asked of him, whether his visit was significant of a troop shift from Okinawa," Richardson said, "and he said no."

Jones, who was promoted to the rank of general in June 30 last year, left Guam yesterday afternoon.

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division calling for presenters.

Scheduled for the symposium are the following presentations:

8:45 a.m. — "Legacies of the Megaliths: The Late of the Mariana Islands and Beyond."

9:05 a.m. — "In Search of Chamorro Identity."

10 a.m. — "Latte Period 'Backyard' Archaeology on Tinian Island."

10:40 a.m. — "Yard Art or Historic Resources."

12:30 p.m. — "From the Pit."

1:10 p.m. — "After Pre-his-

tory: Critical Notes Towards a Decolonization of the Idea."

1:30 p.m. — "Collection Management Program at the Guam Museum."

1:45 p.m. — "Fina'okso Antigo (Prehistoric Soil Mounds in the Interior Rota)."

2:30 p.m. — "The Spatial Pattern of Latte Phase Mortuary Populations in the Marianas."

2:45 p.m. — "To the Page."

3 p.m. — "Tourism and the Authenticity Dilemma."

3:35 p.m. Q & A period

4 p.m. — Closing Remarks

4:15 p.m. — Wrap-up

Seating is limited to 100. Call the division at 475-6290/1 to reserve your seat. (JP)

Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii C-130, an Air Force C-130, a Navy P-3 Orion from Kadena Air Force Base, Japan, an Air Force C-130, the Coast Guard Cutter Galveston Island, and the FSS Micronesia.

The six-day search covered a 12,000 square mile area of ocean bounded by Chuuk Atoll, the Hall Islands, Namonuito Atoll, and Puluwat Atoll.

catch adult wildfish, bring them into facility, have them spawned, obtain the eggs, have them hatched and then grown into another adult," Alig explained.

One of the challenges of closing the fish's life cycle is having them spawned. After spawning, getting the fish to be adults is the bottleneck, Alig said. Larvae fish needs plankton for food.

The GADTCH hatchery raises its own plankton. "The research right now is trying to find the right size of plankton for the fish," Alig said. The hatchery is concentrating on clown coris as its first experiment on captive fish breeding. (AB)

Repatriation . . .

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attending the University of Hawaii, Keith Camacho and Dominica Tolentino.

Perez, president of the Honolulu-based Bring Our Ancestors Home Foundation, also recognized last week the assistance of Continental Airlines, the Hawaiian organization Hui Malama, and Kevin Montgomery, Noelle Kahana, Valerie Free and Dr. Betty Tatar of the Bishop Museum.

"Ten years ago when I first visited the Bishop Museum and saw our ancestors, I made a solemn vow to bring them home. It is a satisfying and wonderful feeling to finally complete this task. I feel truly blessed. I have accomplished my sacred mission," Perez said.

According to the foundation's Web site, more ancient Chamorro remains and artifacts still are in museums in Hawaii, California, Chicago, New York, Washington, England, France and others.

That site is at [\[hu.tripod.com\]\(http://tripod.com\) Agnon and Guam Museum Curator Tony Ramirez confirmed that still more antiquities are in the possession of museums in Chicago, San Diego, the Smithsonian Institute, and others.](http://saina-</p>
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"Yes, thousands upon thousands of artifacts, including human remains," Ramirez said.

"We're going to work on accepting those collections, but the Guam Museum does not have the resources to store them all," Agnon said. "It's disheartening, really," she added.

Meanwhile, Muna said, his department is "issuing a call for all other on-island cultural material to be registered and/or turned in to the department's Historic Preservation Office."

He said human skeletal remains are known to be stored at some government agencies, private developers and contractors, and other offices on Guam.

Aguon said her own office, aside from the Guam Waterworks Authority, Public Works, the University of Guam—and private, archaeological consulting firms that provide required services to

developers—"have human skeletal remains tucked away in their offices and storage rooms..."

Aguon added: "It goes back to the history, the creation, of the Historic Preservation Office in the 1975 law dealing with historical sites and objects, and which led to the creation of Guam's first Historic Preservation Plan in 1976."

In 1992, Public Law 21-104 created Naftan Manaina-ta, which would provide a place for the reinterment of human remains turned in, or returned, to government of Guam. However, according to Muna, "there's no funding appropriation to date."

The parks and recreation director, who also heads the Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force, said plans are being made "to secure private donations and build a memorial within six months."

In the meantime, Agnon said her office's "priority right now is looters. And, for example, with private landowners, (we know of) a lusong taken from one yard and placed in someone's selse's yard—one literally strewn with lusongs, metate and latte stones."

Missing . . .

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This success comes after six days of a joint Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force and Federated States of Micronesia search effort.

Coast Guard Marianas Section Rescue Coordination Center directed the efforts of a Coast Guard

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try, the aqua culture. Ornamentals typically were a high-priced item, as far as aqua culture goes," Alig said.

"When rearing ornamental specie, what you're really doing is, one takes the pressure of the weight from the reefs because of ornamental collectors," Alig added.

Chances of survival of captive-bred fish are better than those of a wild one, Alig said.

He said the hatchery was able to close the life cycle of one species in 1998. "We were able to

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according to Agnon.

"It's the law," she said yesterday. She explained that the Guam code requires people to simply report their discoveries. "Otherwise, it's unlawful taking, meaning you didn't report it."

The Guam Code Annotated chapter on the matter defines "historic property" as "any building, structure, object, area or site that is significant in the history, architecture, archaeology, or culture of Guam or the nation."

"Specimens" include "all relics, artifacts, remains, objects, or any other evidence of a historical, prehistorical, archaeological, or anthropological nature, which may be found on or below the surface of the earth, and which have scientific or historic value as objects of antiquity, as aboriginal relics or as archaeological samples."

Aguon noted that provisions are different for finds on private and public lands, and that the Department of Parks and Recreation issues permits for specific undertakings on public land. Vandalism and unlawful taking are punishable by up to \$5,000 in fines or 60 days imprisonment, or both.

"And if it's on federal property, there are more severe penalties," Guam Museum Curator Tony Ramirez said.

In a related matter, Agnon said she spotted an Internet site that sells Chamorro antiquities early this year, and her office attempted to contact the host regarding its unlawful activity, but to no avail.

She said she also has consulted with staff in the Prosecution Division of the local Attorney General's Office, and is awaiting further direction from them. "So yes, they are aware," she said.

"I think it's really important that people show the respect again to their cultural resources. They are not personal property, but

property of the island and as a whole... Think of the coming generations and their patrimony."

In other words, "these are theirs and if people continue to loot, to take it, they're denying future generations," Ramirez said.

According to the department's director, plans include warning signs to be posted at historic sites, posters that focus on the significance of relevant sites and objects, and Thursday's symposium, all meant to bring greater awareness to the community on historic preservation issues.

Aguon said they also are looking at programs to be developed in conjunction with the Mayors' Council of Guam. Looters and/or collectors, Ramirez noted, "decrease the value of artifacts by taking them out of their context and not performing the proper, or exact, recording."

He said these include studying the artifacts themselves, the soil around them, the pollens in their environment, and so on.

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A look at body piercing

Driver killed in crash



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19th fatality: A black 1994 Pontiac Firebird sits in the Guam Police Department's vehicle yard at Tiyan yesterday. The vehicle was involved in an accident in

Barrigada Sept. 8, which claimed the life of 32-year-old Mangilao resident Randy G. Ponce, the island's 19th traffic fatality, according to police.

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The death of a 32-year-old Mangilao man marks the island's 19th traffic fatality, and the sixth road death in the past five weeks.

Randy G. Ponce died after his black 1994 Pontiac Firebird hit a concrete utility pole along South Sabana Drive in Barrigada Sept. 8, said Sgt. Ray Fernandez, Guam Police Department spokesman.

Ponce was the lone occupant in the crash. No other vehicles were involved.

Roads were wet at the time of the crash, but the factors that may have contributed to

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▲ A closer look at traffic fatalities this year.

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Ancestral remains

Residents to determine disposition

By Steve Lintiac

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Guam residents will get the opportunity to decide the fate of Chamorro ancestral remains recently returned by Hawaii's Bishop Museum.

The Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force plans to hold a public forum this month at the Tamuning gymnasium, where residents can discuss what should happen to 88 boxes of bones repatriated Aug. 22. The bones cur-

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associate professor of anthropology, University of Guam, Mangilao

rently are being stored in a Guam Museum building at Tiyan.

The task force, which was created in January by the governor, has not set a date for the forum.

Lynda Aguon, Guam's historic preservation officer, said the task force also plans to poll island residents about what should happen to the ancestral remains.

At issue is whether the centuries-old bones should be buried in a proposed shrine, or whether they should be kept for further study by scientists. Residents also will be asked to suggest appropriate sites to build a shrine if the remains are to be buried.

"We need to get the feel of the community — what they

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Prepared for disaster?

A typhoon blows away your home. Your identity is stolen by someone who racks up big debts and commits crimes in your name. Your German Shepherd escapes from your yard and takes a bite out of your neighbor, who sues you for \$1 million.

What do you do when struck by financial disasters such as those? There are ways to keep financial damage minimal or avoid getting into such financially devastating situations.

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Landlubbers to old salts

Those giant cargo ships that transport goods from the U.S. mainland to Guam soon will see more Guamanians walking their decks, en-

gine rooms and galleys. Under a new program, Guam residents between the ages of 18 and 25 can get free training to become seafarers.

Working aboard ship isn't for everyone, but a seafarers' union representative said the pay is about \$3,000 a month.

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Fatality: Accident under investigation

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the accident, including speed, alcohol and whether Ponce was wearing a seat belt, are still being investigated, Fernandez said. Few details were available yesterday. Traffic investigators and other police officials were unavailable for comment.

With more than three months before the end of the year, the island already is nearing last year's traffic fatality total.

There were 29 traffic fatalities in 1995, 17 in 1996, 26 in 1997 and 30 in 1998, Fernandez said. Pacific Daily News files state there were 24 traffic fatalities in 1999. The police department did not have traffic fatality statistics for 1999 readily available, Fernandez said, because of a personnel shortage.

Fernandez has said the department is taking measures to ensure the safety of island residents on the roadways, but adds that such programs happen only when enough staff is available.

"We have STEP (Special Traffic Enforcement Program). They go out there and encompass speed checks and sobriety checks," Fernandez said.

"We are trying to have people aware. People should slow down and take their time. They'll get to where they'll need to get to," Fernandez said.

Fernandez said no one road on island is considered to be the most unsafe.

"There is no specific stretch of road. It is just a perception," Fernandez said.

But Marine Drive in Dededo and Route 4 in Chalan Pago have been prone to fatal traffic accidents recently, several of which involved collisions with utility poles.

On Sept. 2, Florentino Liagas, 55,

TRAFFIC FATALITY STATISTICS

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▲ 2000	19 (as of Sept. 9)

Guam Police Department and Pacific Daily News files

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spokesman,
Guam Police Department

of Dededo was killed when the Ford pickup in which he was a passenger was involved in an eight-vehicle collision on Route 1 in front of the Dededo Flea Market site.

There were three other traffic accidents that took place in Dededo.

Anthony Toves Castro, 31, of Dededo died Aug. 29 in the Guam Memorial Hospital intensive care unit from serious injuries received when he and his family were thrown from a pickup bed in Dededo on Aug. 5.

Erminio Jack, the driver, was arrested Aug. 9 on charges of leaving

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

▲ Sept. 8: Randy G. Ponce, 32, of Mangilao, riding in his black Pontiac Firebird, hit a utility pole along South Sabana Drive in Barrigada. He later died of his injuries.

▲ Sept. 2: Florentino Liagas, 55, of Dededo, a passenger in a Ford pickup, was killed when the truck was involved in an eight-vehicle collision on Route 1 in front of the Dededo Flea Market site.

▲ Aug. 5: Anthony Toves Castro, 31, of Dededo died Aug. 29 at the Guam Memorial Hospital intensive care unit from serious injuries received when he and his family were thrown from a pickup bed in Dededo. Erminio Jack, the driver, was arrested Aug. 9 on charges of leaving the scene of an accident and driving while under the influence.

▲ Aug. 13: Frederick A. Pascua of Santa Rita and Jose Pangelinan Balajadia of Chalan Pago, both 26, died when the 1997 Honda Civic they were driving in collided with a steel utility pole on Route 14 near the Guam Main Facility in Barrigada about 10:30 p.m. Backseat passenger 28-year-old Eduardo D. Leon Guerrero of Mangilao was brought to Naval Hospital where he remains in critical yet stable condition.

▲ July 31: Tester Lorenzo Boone,

12, of Chalan Pago died when he was hit by a car in front of his home on Route 4 while he stood on the road trying to save his wounded pet that had been hit by a car.

▲ July 29: Joseph Santos Pangelinan, 39, of Dededo died after his 1991 Toyota Camry hit a utility pole on Batulo Road in Dededo around 2:44 a.m.

▲ July 13: Jason I. Borja, 17, of Dededo died after he lost control of the Nissan pickup he was driving north on Y-Sengsong Road in Dededo before he hit a berm. Police still are investigating how he was possibly run over by his own vehicle.

▲ July 7: Narciso Dizon, 60, of Dededo was struck by a vehicle as she tried to cross East O'Brien Drive near a Pizza Hut restaurant in Hagåtña. She died a day later.

▲ July 6: Joseph "Tommy" Duenas was taken off life support two days after the truck he was driving on Route 4 collided with a concrete bus shelter and an abandoned building July 4.

▲ June 29: Anthony Duenas, 44, of Sinajana died when his motorcycle hit a posted sign and a guard rail on Route 4.

▲ June 22: Senior Airman Matthew Bowers, 23, died when

his car hit a concrete pole on Route 1 in Yigo.

▲ June 12: James "Jimmy" Weaver Jr., a 20-year-old sailor, died two days after he was found unconscious on a road at Orote Airfield.

▲ May 18: Josiah Garrido, 16, of Tolo, was taken off life support after he suffered serious injuries when his Mitsubishi Montero hit a utility pole May 12 on Route 4.

▲ April 14: Pedro A. Alotig, 38, of Piti was killed after his motorcycle hit a coconut tree near the Guam Visitors Bureau office in the Ypao Beach Park area.

▲ March 28: Valerie Perez, 25, of Yona was killed when her pickup ran off the road and struck a wooden telephone pole on Route 4.

▲ March 16: Jesus Reyes, 81, died of massive chest injuries sustained in a two-vehicle collision on Rt. 4.

▲ Feb. 17: Carl Lujan Jr., 21, died after a pickup he was in crashed into a utility pole on Route 4.

▲ Jan. 9: Gloria Bautista, 60, of Dededo was killed when a car that failed to yield forced her car to hit a utility pole on Route 16.

Guam Police Department and Pacific Daily News files

the scene of an accident and driving while under the influence.

Route 4 from Chalan Pago to Hagåtña has claimed seven lives this year. Two of the victims died from injuries sustained after hitting utility poles. Another victim died after

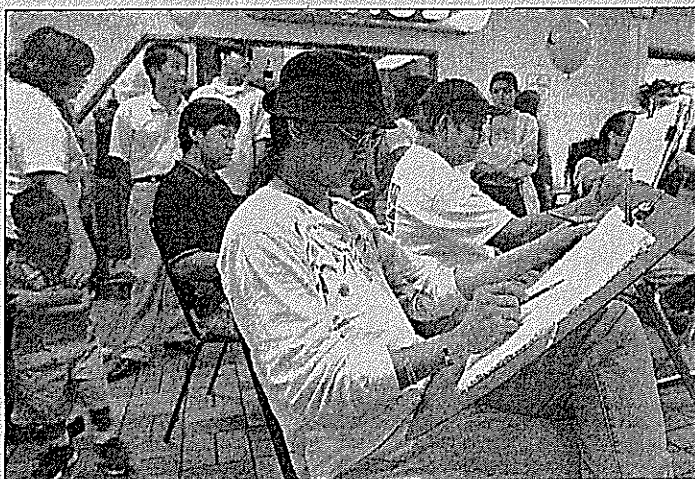
striking a wooden telephone pole.

On July 31, Chalan Pago resident Tester Lorenzo Boone, 12, died when he was hit by a car in front of his home on Route 4 while he stood on the road trying to save his wounded pet dog that had been hit

by a car.

Fernandez said he cautions all drivers, especially those operating a vehicle in wet conditions. Drivers should follow the speed limit and obey all traffic laws, Fernandez added.

Artists go mainstream



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Saturday Group: Paks Pineda of the Saturday Group, an island artist group, concentrates as he sketches a subject during the Cottage Arts Collective's Arts and Crafts Fair, Exhibit and Sale at the Agaña Shopping Center yesterday. The fair continues at noon today.

Bones: Bury or study

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want done," said Dominic Muna, chairman of the task force.

The final decision will be made by Gov. Carl Gutierrez, after he sees a report by the task force, Muna said.

The ancestral remains are part of a collection of bones and artifacts taken from Guam in the 1920s by archaeologist Hans Hornbostel, who was working for the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

The museum no longer has Chamorro ancestral remains, but still has a collection of about 2,000 Chamorro artifacts, mostly slingstones, the museum's vice president said last month.

To many indigenous-rights activists, the idea of displaying ancestral remains is unthinkable, but some residents believe the Hornbostel collection is an anthropological treasure that has not been studied adequately.

Gary Heathcote, an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Guam, said the bones are an "unparalleled and extremely valuable ancestral archive," because they are well-preserved and were taken from the island before the Tumon area was disturbed by war

and hotel construction.

"The (collection) then, is remarkable for its size, condition and the fact that an assemblage of similarly well-preserved remains may never again be encountered by contemporary archaeologists," Heathcote stated in a position paper he wrote earlier this year.

And while many scientists have studied the bones at the Bishop Museum over the years, Heathcote said none of the studies have been comprehensive.

He said individual skeletons must be reconstructed from the bones, and more information must be gathered about the areas where they were found.

While he said he supports further study of the bones, Heathcote also said he believes it is the exclusive right of the island's indigenous people to decide what should happen to them.

Muna said Gutierrez and Lt. Gov. Madeleine Bordallo, when they were senators, passed a law to create a shrine for ancestral remains.

Muna said the Department of Parks and Recreation has many sets of human remains that have been dug up over the years by developers.

The shrine currently has no funding source, he said.

Our View

Respect

The people should have the final say in the fate of remains

Guam welcomed home the remains of more than 300 ancient Chamorros at the end of August when the Bishop Museum in Hawaii returned 88 boxes of human remains that Hans Hornbostel and others removed from Guam in the 1920s.

The Museum was ready to return the remains years ago, but wouldn't release them until Guam had a facility that could care for and store them properly. Now that the Guam Museum has a place to do that, we are faced with another question: What should be done with the ancestral remains?

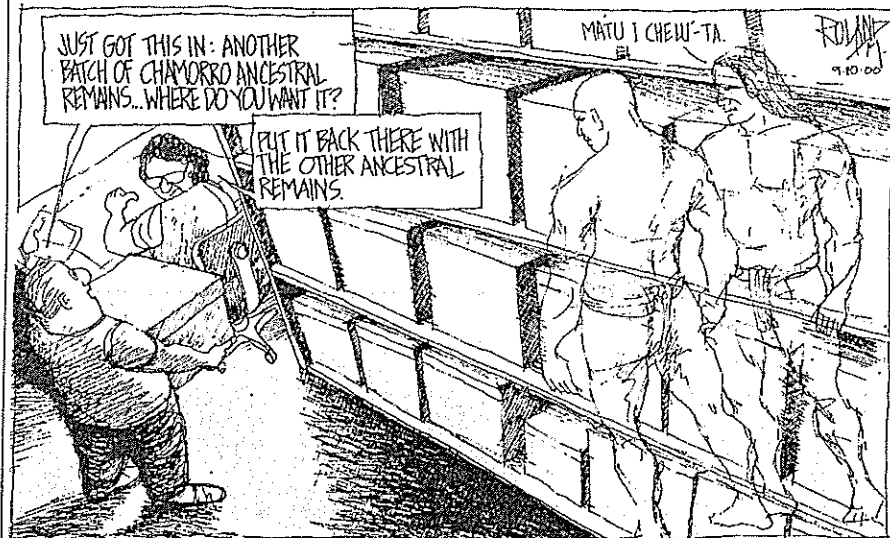
It is imperative that we maintain that level of respect when coming to a final decision on this issue.

There basically are two trains of thought in this area. Some argue that there still is much to learn from the bones, that we would benefit from more scientific research. Others feel that the removal of the bones from Guam was a desecration that can only be atoned for by reburial of the remains, either where they originally were found or in a special memorial on a site of Chamorro cultural significance.

The Legislature passed a law in 1992 that mandated such a memorial, though it was never funded, and the law was repealed in 1999 by a law that created the Department of Chamorro Affairs.

The Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force was formed by Gov. Carl Gutierrez in part to address the issue of what to do with ancestral remains. This is an important first step toward making a decision. The task force must look at all aspects of the importance of the remains — historically, scientifically and culturally — before coming to a final decision. Does it have to be an all-or-nothing decision? Is a compromise solution possible?

Respect for the elderly and ancestors is a cornerstone of Chamorro culture. It is imperative that we maintain that level of respect when coming to a final decision on this issue.



Returned ancestral remains deserve a protective shrine

By Anthony J. Ramirez

The Guam Museum received 88 boxes containing ancient Chamorro remains from the Bishop Museum of Hawaii Aug. 22. These human remains, including hundreds of funerary objects and archaeological artifacts, were collected by Navy Commander Joseph C. Thompson and Hans Hornbostel in the 1920s and deposited at the Bishop Museum in Hawaii for study and exhibit purposes.

It appears that most of the collected material was associated with the Latte Period, which occurred at about 800 A.D. until the end of the Spanish-Chamorro Wars in the 1690s. This time frame is associated with the construction and use of the Chamorro architectural features known as lattes.

The Hornbostel/Thompson collection (HTC) was collected during a time prior to the establishment of the archaeological temporal sequences associated with early human occupation in the Marianas.

311 individuals

The 88 boxes contain the osteological remains of 311 individuals. These human bones were repatriated to Guam by the Bishop Museum in the spirit of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, a federal law enacted in 1990 to address the custody and disposition of Native American human remains and sacred cultural objects.

Recent aggressive efforts initiated by Eddie Ayna, a Hawaiian lawyer activist, and Norbert Perez of the Return Our Ancestors group, and then later addressed by Gov. Carl Gutierrez's special task force on the HTC, effected the return of the ancient remains.

After the arrival and a short ceremony at Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Air Terminal, the boxes were immediately reloaded and transported to the Guam Museum repository at Trian for temporary storage until final disposition has been decided.

If the Naftan Mañanai'ta bill is ever reenacted, I personally hope that a burial chamber, vault, or shrine be constructed to contain all presently removed remains and is large enough to handle any future remains removed as a result of compliance with local development statutes.

The room in which the remains are being stored was prepared well in advance of the arrival of the HTC. Careful monitoring and preparation of the storage room were undertaken to ensure that proper relative humidity, temperature, UV levels, security, pest management and disaster-preparedness conditions were established to provide the best preservation environment for the remains. Daily monitoring continues to ensure that proper conditions are maintained.

Remains well preserved
Initial inspection of the HTC indicate that these may be some of the most well-preserved human remains from the Latte period. Although these bones were collected in the 1920s, they appear to be in better condition in comparison to remains recently excavated.

The final disposition of the HTC and all excavated remains was previously addressed by the Naftan Mañanai'ta Law, which calls for the burial of human remains collected as a result of development compliance. However, this law was repealed by the 1999 enactment of a law that created the Department of Chamorro Affairs. Consequently, the Naftan Mañanai'ta issue was not resolved in the amendment. So the final disposition of human remains stays in a state of limbo

until legislation is enacted to address this issue.

If the Naftan Mañanai'ta bill is ever reenacted, I personally hope that a burial chamber, vault, or shrine be constructed to contain all presently removed remains and is large enough to handle any future remains removed as a result of compliance with local development statutes.

This vault should also provide the best preservation environment for the human remains. The burials should be accurately provenienced and documented so that the individual remains will retain their specific individual identities. The remains should also be specially encapsulated with proper preservation material to insure preservation and individuality.

Furthermore, this vault, chamber or shrine should be erected in an area associated with historic importance and its grounds well-maintained.

I do believe that great improvements will be made in bio-technologies in the future. These technologies will be very unobtrusive and minimize potential for accidental damaging of the remains while handling. Until that time, the remains should be undisturbed and given the utmost respect that they deserve.

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Community view

What should Guam do with ancestral remains?



Julius Sison
Student
Dededo

They should be returned to where they belong. They deserve to be in a place where they can rest.



Emily Landrum
Sales
Yigo

Ancestral remains and artifacts should be kept in the same place. It's their final resting place.



Melody Pile
Sales
Dededo

They should be used for study so that we can learn about our culture.



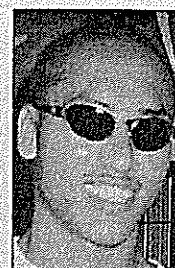
David Bautista Jr.
Property manager
Dededo

It should be returned to where they were discovered but at the same time build a memorial around it.



Linda Benavente
Secretary
Mangilao

They should be returned or kept where they are. It would be disturbing their grounds of burial.



Noel Delgado
Cook
Dededo

They should be left where they are for all the time it's been there. If it's never been bothered, why now?

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Remains a golden opportunity for scholars

By Frank Camacho

Here's a simple quiz:
▲ Where did the prehistoric Chamorro ancestors come from?

▲ What was their diet like and how nourishing was it?

▲ What kind of diseases were they exposed to and how crippling were they?

▲ Which sex and which ages were most affected by which disease?

If you don't know the answers to these questions, you are not alone. These are some of the many questions which remain to be fully answered by researchers of Chamorro prehistory. Fortunately, many of the answers are finally being revealed by the remains of the original inhabitants themselves. In essence, the bones of ancient Chamorros can "speak"

to us of their origins and their hardships and ultimately give us insight into our own past. Their surfaces reveal the presence of diseases, such as the disfiguring skin condition known as yaws. Analysis of stable isotope ratios can tell us whether the source of their protein was primarily marine or terrestrial, while bone density measurements may reveal the amount of calcium these people consumed.

Lastly, within these bones lies something which, until several years ago, was inaccessible to researchers: the actual DNA of the individuals. This allows comparisons of gene frequencies of ancient versus modern populations. For example, how genetically different are we from our ancestors? How have the colonizations by the Spanish and then the Americans affected our genetic complexion? How much genetic diversity existed in these

ancient populations?

The recent repatriation of the Hornbostel/Thompson Collection (HTC) represents a golden opportunity for local and international scholars to investigate these very questions. But the fate of these 300 individuals is far from secure. Should they be returned to their original resting place? While reburial of the remains has previously been suggested, this option results in conditions which are unfavorable for the preservation of the bones for future scientific import. The best solution for the time being is their respectful interment in a facility that would foster scholarship of those remains by local and visiting scientists alike. At this juncture, the most suitable place for remains such as these would be the Collection Management Division of the Guam

Museum, currently at Tiyan.

There can be no compromises for these remains, since the HTC represents the largest and best collection of prehistoric Chamorro bones discovered to date. The placement of these bones beyond the view of academics, and more importantly, the people of Guam, would amount to more speculation and misconceptions about our past. What IS certain is that we are living in a time when modern Chamorros are trying to place their origins within a larger global context. It is my firm belief that these ancestors of modern Chamorros would want their descendants to know who they are and what they mean to them. Wouldn't you want that to be your legacy as well?

Frank Camacho is a graduate student at the University of California, Davis.

Ancestors deserve dignity, respect

By Katherine B. Aguon

At a brief, private repatriation and welcoming ceremony held to honor the ancestral remains of Chamorros that were surreptitiously taken from their homeland and returned in 88 boxes after 70 years of captivity at the Benice Pauahi Bishop Museum in Hawaii, I said a prayer. Here's a portion of it:

Tatan-mami yan Nanan-mami ni Man-chamorro, in na'i hamyo un dangkolo na agradeziminto yan guinaiya. Ahe' ti ginen hanu na manmakonne' hamyo gi naftan-miyu asta otro tano'. Lao estague' na manmattu hamyo tatte gi tano' ta. In na'i hamyo bien-binido ginen i korason-mami, ya manlisto ham para in na'i hamyo onra ni bagas en miresi. Bai in ufresi hamyo na ti en fanmaestoba la' lo. Bai in ufresi hamyo ginen hami ni mantala' la' ta bai in protehi yan kontinua i itina' na' guen-miyu, para bai in fanafa maolek komu taotao tano' yan komu kustumbren Chamorro.

It took 70 years for these remains to return home. During their 70 years of captivity, all kinds of archaeological studies were conducted by a number of scholars, from Japan, Okinawa, the U.S. (Maine and Michigan), Arizona State University and possibly others.

According to documents, Hornbostel, who was working for the Bishop Museum when he robbed our ancestors' graves in 1922-23, selected the best bones. One of the documents stated that in the collection. Certainly, he was able to select and discard as he pleased because these remains were properties of the federal government and there weren't any laws to prohibit it.

I am happy that our ancestral remains came home. I am not being narrow-minded. I agree that the study of skeletal remains has generated important knowledge for mankind. True, research yields scientific knowledge that is of public value, knowledge that enables reconstruction of histories, population and cultural comparisons, etc. But what knowledge has been generated from the 70 years of study of these remains conducted by a few scholars? I know that some may have been published in professional journals and cited in references. But isn't 70 years sufficient time?

I know that other studies are ongoing on remains found in development excavations such as those from the Nikko Hotel project, the amphitheater project in Ypao and many others. Archaeologists have turned in many of their findings. I understand there are presently four boxes of remains at the University of Guam. I am for continuing studies, but it must be done with ethical standards and limited so as not to injure the bones.

But as for the remains from Hawaii, morally, ethically and culturally, they should be given their proper reinterment. Chamorro cultural beliefs and practices must be respected now. Let us rebury our ancestors. Let's give them dignity and respect. They've waited for 70 years. Let's bury them and give them eternal rest.

Finally, we must guard against further exploitation of ancestral bones regardless of whether they were found in marked burial sites or not. Anyone who would further desecrate our ancestral bones should be banished from this island and declared persona non grata.

Katherine B. Aguon is the executive director of the Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group.

Next Sunday

What kind of impact will an increased military presence have on Guam?

With more Navy ships making port calls on Guam, Andersen Air Force Base becoming a storehouse for non-nuclear air cruise missiles, and visits from the head of the Marine Corps and the 7th Fleet, the military once again is looking to Guam as important to its mission.

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Returned remains deserve both honor and study

By Gary Heathcote

I wish to state categorically that I am in favor of the preservation and continued study of all artifacts from the Hornbostel Collection. But, in the end, it will be the Chamorro voices that count most and this is how it should be. As a non-Chamorro and a scientist who can be seen as having a vested interest in the study of ancestral Chamorro remains, I do not and would not wish to have a "vote" on the disposition of the recently repatriated Hornbostel Collection of human remains. Given the historical context of this debate and the ongoing political struggles of Chamorros that involve righting historic wrongs, it is both just and imperative that Guam's indigenous people be exclusively empowered to make decisions that have impact on their cultural arenas. Within one such arena, what can be more fitting than for Chamorros to self-determine the fate of the physical remains of their ancestors?

That said, I wish to make the point that colonial history cannot be rewritten by metaphorically burying it. Further, there is no necessary conflict between advocating for the scientific study of ancient Chamorro remains and advocating for indigenous rights and self-determination. Indeed, there is considerable diversity of opinion among Chamorro rights activists and cultural preservationists on the heated issue of reburial vs. respectful preservation and continued study.

One prominent Chamorro activist and cultural preservationist has recommended that the future Chamorro Shrine (Naftan Mañanai'a) be designed as a place to at once honor ancestral Chamorros and provide facilities for educational programs and research. This vision does not contemplate putting Chamorro remains "on display." Rather, and this is but one option, ancestral remains could be housed respectfully in an aesthetically pleasing, limited-access, environmentally controlled mausoleum unit. This place of honor and study could be designed in such a way that occasional researchers, successful in petitioning for access, would have an adequate laboratory space for conducting studies. This option would keep decision-making about access and permission to study in the control of the descendants of the honored ancestors, and would allow their physical remains to live on.

So archived, these skeletons could be studied by future generations of scholars interested in addressing the many questions, currently unanswered, about ancient Chamorros. Such "next generation" investigators will doubtless be advantaged with improved techniques and methods, some of which we can't even imagine now. On the other hand, reburial would mean further physical degradation and eventual destruction of these ancestral remains, and would accordingly deny future investigators the opportunity to learn more about the lives, times, struggles and successes of Ancient Chamorros.

I know that many pro-reburial Chamorro activists share the dim view that (Western) science — when conducted by "outsiders" on indigenous peoples — is always a subversive endeavor and that behind the cloak of producing "knowledge for knowledge's sake" lies a hidden agenda that is in the service of colonial institutions. This critique has considerable historical accuracy.

But times are changing and so too is the composition of the agents and formulators of science and other scholarly ways of knowing. More and more intellectually gifted indigenous people are entering into graduate programs geared to preparing them for scholarly research on their own people.

Currently, two advanced students of anthropology and I are awaiting word on our application to study the Hornbostel remains. I am hopeful that a new era in the study of these remains will open up, one in which local and regional students will receive advanced training in the study of these extraordinary human remains, and in so doing, experience the satisfaction of adding to the knowledge bank about Ancient Chamorros.

Gary Heathcote, Ph.D., is an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Guam and specializes in the study of human skeletal remains.

Reburial is long overdue

By Lynda B. Aguon

It generally feasible, ancestral remains should be returned to where they were discovered. If the area of discovery is a public easement, where conduits, pipes, wiring, etc., or roadways have been placed, then the other option would be to rebury the remains in a dedicated memorial area.

The recent repatriation of Chamorro ancestral remains has personally stirred up strong emotions in me, and I presume in the community. As the person designated to coordinate the movement of and escort the remains, aka the Hornbostel/Thompson Collection, from Hawaii back to their ancestral home, I was deeply grieved that it took 78 years to finally repatriate 311 individuals. Individuals who were outright taken from their places of burial and transported as Navy cargo nearly 3,800 air miles away, to be exhibited, probed, analyzed, measured, boxed and shelved!

Not only were ancestral remains taken, but also objects that were buried with

them. There are nearly 2,000 artifacts still with the Bishop Museum that could not be repatriated because they still had to be properly catalogued, indexed, cross-referenced and what have you. For all but a few, these artifacts are not on display.

My feeling before I went to Honolulu was pro-research — to make available part of the remains for bioarchaeology study. That has all changed now. When I saw all 88 boxes, I immediately felt such a profound gut-wrenching agony and guilt that I started to let out a guttural cry.

I understood from my contacts in Honolulu that there were hardly any controls in place when the remains were being researched. Bone fragments and artifacts belonging to the Guam boxes were found on the floor and that only "researchers" were given access to the skeletal remains.

As suggested by Douglas Hanson and J.H. Underwood, and supported by R. Ikehara-Quebral, "the Hornbostel sample is most likely a product of selective recovery in which only the best preserved ma-

terials were retained and the less-well-preserved materials were either purposely excluded from recovery or not recognized as human."

In other words, the skeletal remains Hornbostel collected were in good, if not excellent, condition. Because of this, it is highly sought after for research. There have been approximately 15 researchers who have written scholarly works based on their study of the remains.

We now know something about how ancient Chamorros bury their dead, why they did not develop cavities and such other postulations and "accepted" facts. Now there are those that want to know why Chamorro males develop nodules at the base of their skull, why there is a high rate of lytico and bodig, and how Chamorros may have looked then.

I ask myself, "Does it really matter?" I was given the privilege and the honor to bring them home, and I believe that it is time to finally put them to rest.

Lynda B. Aguon is Guam's state historic preservation officer.

We must defend ancestors' dignity

By Anne Perez Hattori

For 70 years, the remains of our elders sat silently in a Hawaii storeroom, a space in the Bishop Museum filled with displaced native remains from throughout the Pacific. During these decades, the remains had been studied repeatedly by numerous archaeologists from the United States and Japan. A good number of published academic papers have resulted from the studies of this collection of Chamorros.

Academics, as well as members of the larger community, have for decades discussed issues of Chamorro cultural survival. Even today, much lip service gets paid to the notion of cultural preservation. The idea that culture must be nurtured has gained acceptance by Guam's mass culture, as can be seen in the popularity of local T-shirt designs, car decals, dance troupes and even the "Malafunkshun" radio program.

Yet, along with promoting tangible aspects of culture such as tourist attractions, we as a community should give equal recognition to intangible aspects of culture, such as values and beliefs. Respect for our manamko' has been, is, and should

always be at the center of our moral existence.

This emphasis on respect for the elderly in the Marianas extended beyond one's natural life. Even in death, elders receive respect, love and care. The enduring belief in the existence and power of ancestral spirits, our taotomo'na, as well as the vitality of the All Souls' Day observance reflects this endearment of our manamko'.

Three or four years ago, I accompanied some friends to the Bishop Museum to pay respect to these elders of ours. Their desolation and dispossession from Guam was truly heart-wrenching and this visit poignantly reminded me that we, as living, breathing Chamorros, have a moral responsibility to protect our past.

It is our duty, and no one else's, to defend the dignity and sanctity of our ancestors and to assure that they be reconciled with the land on which they lived and died.

Yet, as we deal with the question of what to do with these recently returned remains, we face challenging issues of culture and power. The return of these Chamorros to Guam signifies an achievement in our contemporary attempt to regain control not only of our island's present and future, but also its past. But can we truly

refer to the return of these remains from Hawaii as a repatriation if we only relocate them from one sterile storage facility to another? Do we believe that our ancestors are at rest simply because they are now located in a Guam holding pen rather than in an off-island one? If they could speak, what would they say? What would these Chamorros have wanted us to do for them? Certainly not to be dissected in another colonizer's laboratory.

In the past century, they have been studied countless times. Now at home after all these years of exile, they deserve more than ever to be rested, respected and venerated. Certainly they would want what Chamorros then and now both want — to be buried for eternal rest in their homeland.

Let us treat these Chamorro ancestors as we would treat our parents and grandparents, not as we would treat laboratory animals. We had no choice when they were poached from us by Hans Hornbostel in the 1930s, but now have an opportunity to restore justice where it is long overdue. Rebury them now.

Anne Perez Hattori is an assistant professor of Pacific history at the University of Guam and a member of the Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force.

Further study of remains unreasonable

By Tony Palomo

After having been removed from hallowed ground and exposed to a strange environment far away from home for more than 75 years, it appears that the most honorable thing to do with the Chamorro human remains recently returned from Hawaii is to rebury them at an appropriate site, preferably at a place formerly inhabited by ancient Chamorros.

These human remains, contained in 88 boxes airlifted recently from the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, were accumulated over a number of years during the 1920s by Hans Hornbostel and other field researchers under the employ of the Bishop Museum. These specialists spent many months in Guam and in the other islands of the Marianas. In fact, human remains excavated at various sites in the Northern

Marianas were recently returned to Saipan.

There are at least two schools of thought about the disposition of the human remains received from the Bishop Museum. There is a very strong sentiment, especially by Chamorros, that these remains should be given a decent burial without any further ado. These remains were probably those of Chamorros who lived throughout the island prior to the advent of the Spaniards in the 17th century. They have been distributed long enough and should be finally laid to rest in peace.

The other school is comprised generally of academicians and other professionals, particularly archaeologists and anthropologists, who believe that much can be learned about the Chamorro past by allowing a comprehensive study of these remains. More can be learned about the physical characteristics of the ancient Chamorros, their lifestyle, the food they

ate, their social customs and other aspects of their life, including diseases that may be prevalent at the time.

The difficulty with this second point of view is that the remains have been at the Bishop Museum for more than half a century and studies have indeed been made on some of the remains, and to allow a prolonged period of time for further studies would be deemed unreasonable. There are some people who feel that certain studies might be permitted, but only for a fixed period, such as two years, and the goals of the studies must be for substantial public good.

It should be pointed out also that the human remains returned from Hawaii are only part of many such collections under the present care of government agencies and private companies. Their disposition also needs to be addressed.

Tony Palomo is administrator of the Guam Museum.

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Study, make replicas of, rebury remains

There is tremendous value to respectfully studying ancestral skeletal remains and the associated burial artifacts, such as those collected by Hans Hornbostel in the 1920s.

The information from such previous studies have given us a better idea of the lives of our ancestors. There are now scholars of Chamorro ancestry wanting to study the skeletal remains of their ancestors who can assist in such efforts.

I also believe that after comprehensive study, the skeletal remains, and probably closely associated burial artifacts, should be re-interred, preferably as close to original location where they were found, and in a fashion that could allow for future retrieval. This is in the case that sometime in the future new technology is developed that could significantly advance our knowledge of our ancestors through further study of these remains. Before re-interment, replicas should be made of the most significant individuals in the collection of remains.

There is archaeological and historical evidence that our Chamorro ancestors utilized the skeletal remains of their deceased members for various reasons. Excavations by Hornbostel and others have revealed the absence

of skulls and long bones in certain burial sites. Historical accounts describe how skulls were kept as part of the ancestor worship rituals and how human bone was procured to make tools such as awls or spear points.

Considering these ancient practices, it seems to me that efforts to study their skeletal remains to learn more about them is something our Chamorro ancestors would probably not object to. I hope our present-day Chamorro descendants can see this side of the issue.

VIC TORRES
historic preservation specialist
Department of Parks and Recreation

'Chamorro Time' not xenophobic, offensive

I take exception to William Chiang's Sept. 12 letter regarding my proposed legislation to provide the name "Chamorro Standard Time" for the time zone in which Guam and the Northern Marianas are located. His characterization of this legislation as "offensive and racist" and the leaders of Guam as "uninformed, uneducated and xenophobic" are off the mark.

The term "Chamorro" embraces the culture, language and native people common to Guam and the Northern Marianas in the same

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FEATURE

Flowers bloom, but fear stalks streets of Jolo

JOLO, Philippines (Reuters) - Banks and shops are open, teenagers stroll around hand in hand, and even the Bougainvillea is in bloom. But behind the calm facade, residents of the southern Philippine town of Jolo live each day in fear.

"You never know when you will get shot at, you never know when soldiers will frisk you for weapons and ask you for your ID," Muslim El-Madjudu Kalayukan, 18, a student at the Catholic-run Notre Dame College told Reuters on Monday.

Beyond the hill called "Mountain of Anguish" near Jolo, thousands of troops took off on the 10th day of their pursuit of Muslim Abu Sayyaf rebels holding 17 hostages, including three Malaysians and an American.

The guerrillas, who profess to be fighting for an Islamic state but have sewn terror with a series of kidnaps for ransom, have warned they will bomb vital installations and torch the town if the military attacks them.

Memories are still vivid among residents of how another Muslim rebel group reduced the town to ashes in 1974 to cover their retreat during a gun battle with pursuing soldiers.

Hundreds of soldiers are on high alert around Jolo to prevent a recurrence of the nightmare.

After nine days of a virtual news blackout, the military for the first time ferried 37 mostly Filipino journalists from the nearby Zamboanga City to Jolo on Monday for a guided tour of the town of 55,000 people.

Two trucks of soldiers and an armored car escorted the media convoy around town. But none of the journalists was allowed to get down when they reached the public market where rebel snipers armed with grenades are said to lurk.

Provincial governor Abdusakur Tan said he fears that the Abu Sayyaf rebels might come down from the hills disguised as civilians were baseless.

"Even if they blend with the populace, they cannot bring their weapons into town, so they become ordinary citizens and they cannot harm us," Tan said.

"With the military and police sealing off all points of entry and exit, our town will be safe."

Soldiers in jeeps and on foot guarded the public market and others strategic places in town.

Many had fingers on their triggers.

"It's better to be on guard rather than let the enemy beat you to the draw," one soldier said.

A few meters (yards) away, children played in the street and groups of students strolled casually to school. Pedicabs carrying uniformed employees to work rolled down the street.

Shaped like a tadpole, and located 960 km (600 miles) south of Manila, Jolo has been isolated from the rest of the country since the military operation against the rebels began on September 16.

The military has suspended all commercial passenger and cargo traffic to and from the island and shut down telephone lines provoking charges from local Muslim leaders that it has unofficially declared martial law.

To blunt the criticism, the military four days ago established public telephone call stations and filled naval transport ships to ferry cargo and passengers to and from Jolo but only after they had secured military clearance.

Attendances in school have fallen off. At Notre Dame, which has a student population of 1,300, attendance has dropped by 30 percent.

Students have appealed to school officials to suspend classes out of fear for their safety but Notre Dame president Ramon Bernabe, a Catholic priest, said classes would continue.

"We try to make the most of every day that is given to us," he said. Beyond the hills, under blue skies and blazing morning heat, soldiers kept up the hunt for the Abu Sayyaf and the hostages.

"This is a good day for war," an army captain said.

"It's tough when you have to fight in the rain, especially at night. You cannot see the trails and then you have to carry your rations for the week and you have to fire your guns.

"We like it better when we can see the enemy."

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the laws governing our territory.

But I have heard rumors that this is the very reason that the Oracle System is not working. Many have told me that it is planned that insufficient data is given to prevent incriminating evidence against the administration. Additionally, it is rumored that the data could affect the outcome of the election. This is absurd! Could this far-fetched theory be true?

I hope that the rumors circulating regarding the Oracle System, the motivation behind the recall, and the problems at the election commission are not true. Because if it is, then our troubles have just really begun.

If Uncle Sam were to step in and take over the control of our island, we would be going backwards in our quest for self-determination. Furthermore, we would lose control of many of the choices to guide our economy that we presently enjoy. But then again, maybe it would be a welcomed effort since order in the government would be restored.

Letters to the editor

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

'The gravest abomination'

CONTINUED and further scientific study of our Chamorro ancestral remains should be considered the gravest abomination to our people.

Research on ancestral remains, whether the anthropologists determine them to be destructive or non-destructive, is always destructive, disrespectful, and dishonorable to native peoples.

We don't need scientific research to learn how we interact with one another within our Chamorro community.

We don't need scientific research to teach us what we already know, passed down to us from generation to generation, that we are a people, that we have value systems, that we have been exposed to diseases through external invasions of our homeland and our homes.

We don't need scientific research to get just the right measurements so we can be properly identified and catalogued.

And most adamantly we don't need and we will resist extraction of DNA material from our ancestral remains. DNA testing, blood quantum designations, will be the final genocide to make the Chamorro people politically, economically, and culturally insignificant in our homeland and across the world.

No scientist, no federal bureau, no criteria, no administrative law must ever be allowed to define our peoplehood, or whether one is more Chamorro than another Chamorro for benefits of any kind, for any reason. The moment the Chamorro people consent to this scientific manipulation will be the moment of the complete extinction of the Chamorro identity. This is not a matter of fear or paranoia. This is fact. No one else should authenticate us.

For multiple decades, the remains of native peoples have been taken from their sacred burial sites to make room for development, for study, for whatever other reasons, to be found in museums, laboratories and private collections. You cannot wear enough gloves, or rest the various pieces of ancestral remains on so-called sacred sand to cushion them, covering them when not actively studying them, to remove

your violation and invasion of their persons or their spirits.

My father died at age 84 in 1991. An autopsy was requested to determine the cause of death. We already knew he suffered much and he wished to suffer no longer. I resisted any intrusion into the frail body that was my father and refused the autopsy. The thought of further slicing into him, of taking tissues from him, when he could no longer be present to voice that consent, was more than I could bear. If I could say no to my father's further denigration, I can certainly say no to my ancestors' further desecration.

The pictures I have seen of Hans Hornbostel crouching over sacred burial sites of these ancient Chamorros, exposing their skeletal remains, and gouging them out of the earth will be forever imprinted in my memory. The remains he robbed from our homeland and our people, stored at the Bishop Museum in Hawaii and other repositories around the world, have been referred to as the Hornbostel Collection. As of our ancestors' arrival here on Aug. 22 at 5:15 p.m., they will never again be referred to as the Hornbostel Collection. While alive we resist slavery—in death our ancestors will not be possessed by any entity.

These remains are our ancestors. They had names, they had families who cried and chanted ancient prayers at their burial sites, and grieved at the loss of these beloved. They are home again and we will return them to the earth from whence they were taken. And we will do so with all the respect and dignity they deserve. It is the only right thing to do.

Si yu'us ma'ase to all who had been advocating through the years for the return of our ancestors. Together, soon, we will lay them once again as gently and lovingly as was done hundreds of years ago. Welcome home, Ancient Ones. Forgive us for taking so long to bring you back home again. Soon we will let you rest in peace, finally and forever.

PATTY GARRIDO
Ancestral Remains Repatriation Task Force

'Let's get our acts together'

THERE are several lawsuits that were publicized stemming from differing interpretation of established laws by legal counsels.

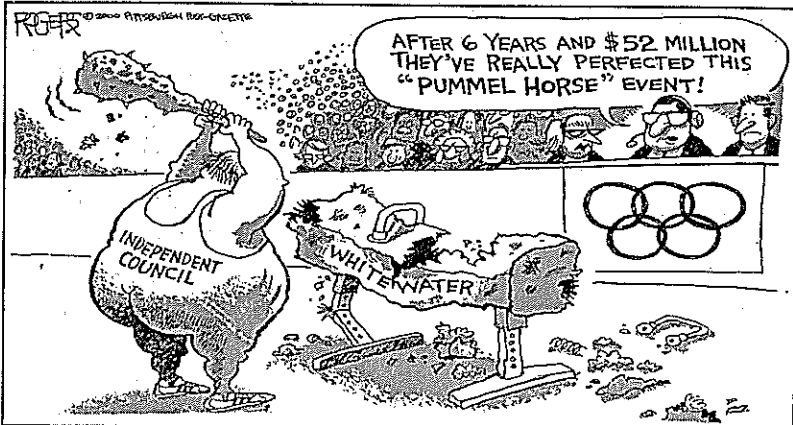
To name three as examples, after consultation with their respective counsels: 1) the governor appointed the seven new Guam Election Commission board members and subsequently was ruled void by the District Court judge; 2) the attorney general filed a lawsuit against the University of Guam's regents for heeding their legal counsel and not his opinion; and 3) the Election Commission executive director was mentioned as saying that after consultation with his counsel, he decided to have the hundreds of absentee ballots printed and mailed out for the November 2000 election even if it is against the law.

Needless to say, the number of pending lawsuits in our court are ever increasing.

Counsels' opinions that obviously would invite lawsuits should be treated as opinions. Lawsuits are expensive as previously pointed out by many people in our community and could be prevented if the parties concerned would bear in mind that questions regarding implementation and compliance with established laws would be better addressed by the lawmakers for clarification and the final say should come from them.

The voters of Guam elected them to be lawmakers. Let them do their job. Fair enough?

ED R. CHANCO,
Agana Heights



Budget: To be ironed out

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Retirement Fund because it is not known how many GovGuam employees will take advantage of the programs. As many as 750 GovGuam employees are eligible for early retirement, according to figures provided by the Legislature.

Cruz yesterday said it is unclear if the governor will sign the bill.

She said the governor has a responsibility to ensure the bill's provisions are reviewed, and if he has serious concerns, then he cannot sign the bill.

Gutierrez earlier this month said the government might shut down if the Legislature did not give him enough time to review the budget bill.

Sen. Mark Forbes, R-Sinajana, chairman of the Legislature's rules committee, said the incentive programs that lawmakers want the retirement fund to finance are fundamental to the Legislature's efforts to balance the budget.

And Sen. Simon Sanchez, R-Tamuning, said the retirement fund's cooperation is crucial to the Legislature's efforts.

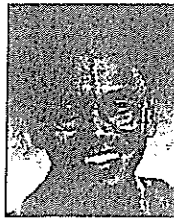
But the Retirement Fund sent a



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"It's a matter of interpretation ... I think we can resolve our differences."

Sen. Simon Sanchez
R-Tamuning



letter to Sanchez yesterday, stating that the Legislature's proposal could jeopardize its tax-exempt status and fiscal integrity.

Interpretation

Sanchez said he doesn't think the Retirement Fund is in jeopardy, based on his discussions with Attorney General John Tarantino.

"It's a matter of interpretation," Sanchez said. "I think we can resolve our differences."

Sanchez yesterday spoke in support of his proposal to have the Retirement Fund pay supplement benefits — additional retiree benefits



Cruz

provided by the Legislature — saying the fund can at the same time help as many as 300 GovGuam employees keep their jobs. He

said if the government does not use money from the Retirement Fund, its choices are cuts in services or cuts in the number of employees.

Sanchez said his proposal will allow retirees to receive their supplemental benefits and at the same time continue to pay off the government's long-term debt to the Retirement Fund. The debt, called the unfunded liability, is about \$400 million.

"This is short-term assistance for the General Fund," Sanchez said.

Cruz said the governor believes the entire budget process has been rushed, and lawmakers have not thought out the affects of the bill's provisions.

Lawmakers said they are hopeful the bill's cost-saving provisions will produce extra money during the next few months that can help the government make it through the rest of fiscal 2000.

After passage, the bill still must be reviewed by each government agency, the attorney general's office and the administration's fiscal policy group, Cruz said.

Lawsuit may be filed for return of ancient bones

By Joseph E. Duenas
Pacific Daily News

The Government of Guam may be sued in Superior Court next week if it does not authorize the return of nearly 300 sets of ancient Chamorro bones stored in Hawaii.

Norbert Perez, president of the Guam chapter of the Bring Our Ancestors Home Foundation, said he has been working with the Department of Parks and Recreation to bring the remains back to Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for nearly 10 years.

Perez said he will file a civil complaint next week to have Superior Court grant him the authorization to transport the remains back to Guam.

"We've reassessed our position, and we want to bring the bones back ourselves," Perez said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"I've never asked the Department of Parks and Recreation for any help — I'm not asking them for money — what I'm asking of them is just the authority to bring the bones in so we can (re-inter the remains) ourselves. If we have to force it in court, we will."

The bones, Perez said, were exhumed from Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan, were taken to the Bishop Museum in Hawaii for research and studies around 1920, and have been there since.

But even if returned to the is-

lands, the lack of a burial site and proper facilities to store them may lead to their ultimate degradation, said Sonny Shelton, parks and recreation director.

Richard Davis, head of the historic resources division of parks and recreation, said Guam's declared policy in dealing with ancient human remains is to pay appropriate respect by properly burying them in a shrine or memorial accessible to the public.

One such shrine, the Naftan Mafaita-ta shrine, was approved by the Legislature about seven years ago, but never received funding, Shelton said.

Without that burial site, the remains are best left with the Bishop Museum because their facility is better equipped to preserve the remains, Davis said.

"We don't have the staff or facilities to improve on the level of care and oversight provided by the Bishop Museum at this time," Davis said.

Davis said both Guam and CNMI government officials have also expressed concern about Perez's jurisdiction and expertise to handle the transport, care and burial of the remains.

"The government of Guam has the best authority to act on those remains because they were elected to represent the island," Davis said.

"The CNMI government has made the same objections we have."

Santos: Won't be shackled during court appearances

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lieu of \$2.5 million bail. "We ask that my defendant be treated as any other defendant."

Lamorena turned down Mantanona's request.

Anthony Santos is accused of killing Herman August Pangelinan "Hemie" Santos, who was last seen outside his Naki Street home on Sept. 2.

On Tuesday, a grand jury indicted Anthony Santos on two charges of aggravated murder with two special allegations of possession and use of a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

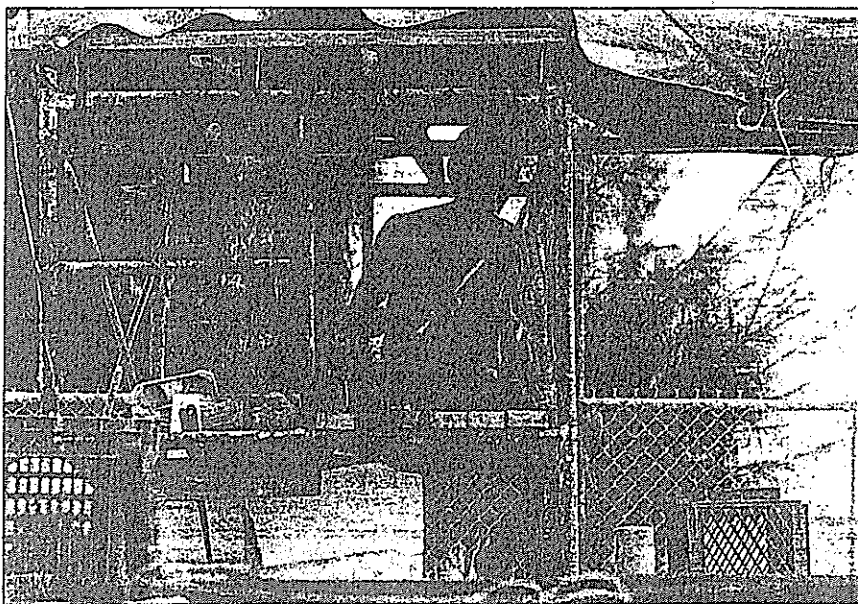
Court documents do not specify what day the boy was killed, but do say the child was apparently stabbed in the chest.

According to court documents, authorities believe Anthony Santos took the boy's body from a beach to an abandoned ranch on Never Mind Road in Dededo, where he buried the body in an attempt to conceal the murder.

Medical Examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola has described the remains, discovered on Sept. 8, as "almost cremated." Espinola said he will never be able to positively identify the remains.

Takin' it easy

Weaving: Tony Diaz sits on the second floor of a makeshift shack, weaving a throw net yesterday afternoon at the Port Authority of Guam. Diaz said he took out small boats loaded with nets to catch fish in Apra Harbor.



Terry Troxell/Pacific Daily News

Y2K: Firm to audit systems to ensure compliance

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also gave specific guidelines on how the money can be spent. He also said in the letter that the spending of the money would be watched closely.

Clifford Guzman, officially appointed yesterday as executive director of the Y2K council, said, "It's

it's not enough to fix everything we need," Guzman said. "My gosh, initial estimates were as high as \$27 million for this thing."

The money is still much more than the \$60,000 originally approved by the federal government several months ago. But Guzman said Aranza and some of his staff came out to Guam two months ago

with a better understanding of Guam's problems.

Guzman said the Department of Administration's ancient computer network, tied to 37 agencies around the island, will be replaced and designed to match the speed of the recently installed Financial Management System.

"After this, all 56 agencies will be

at the same speed," Guzman said.

"This will take Guam to a huge new level. It'll mean quicker processing and quicker information exchange."

Guzman said that Mele and Associates, a consulting firm from Washington, D.C., will be auditing all of GovGuam's computer systems during the next two weeks to ensure their compliance

Six migrants turned over to immigration

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Six suspected Chinese illegal immigrants were caught early yesterday morning on Andersen Air Force Base and turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Services, INS officials said.

Preliminary reports indicated that the men were dropped off by a fishing vessel at Tarague Beach before they were found by military personnel wandering on the base's main road shortly before 4 a.m., said David K. Johnston, officer in charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service Guam office.

"Preliminary information indicates that this is all there are. We need an interpreter and we need to spend some time (to gather more information)," Johnston said.

Around 3:45 a.m., Andersen security personnel spotted the men walking along the main road of the air base, said Sgt. Bob Pullen, Air Force spokesman.

When the group was approached, they fled, Pullen said. Two were immediately apprehended and the four others were found a few hours later while still on base property, he said.

Air Force officials did attempt to question the men, but required an interpreter during the interview, Pullen said. The immigration services were contacted and the men were turned over, he added. The men were being held yesterday at the immigration office for further interviews, Johnston said.

Johnston said immigration officials do not believe the recent incident means there will be a resurgence of illegal immigrants similar to what the island has experienced in recent years.

Federal excess lands to be subleased

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More than 200 acres of federal property will be available for use by the families who once owned the land.

According to a Guam Economic Development Authority press release, the properties were declared excess by the federal government and subsequently leased to GEDA. Yesterday, GEDA signed documents to sublease the land to the Ancestral

Lands Commission.

The commission may now allow the families who once owned the property to use the land, the release stated.

About 92 acres of property in the former Naval Air Station Officers Housing area, 2.2 acres in Tamuning and 101 acres in Nimitz Hill were subleased to the Ancestral Lands Commission.

The release stated a total of about 2,800 acres will be leased to the local government with a transfer of title to follow.

The local government expects to receive title to the land sometime between March and September next year, the release stated.

Gov. Carl Gutierrez has said he intends to follow a local law that will transfer the property to former landowners when it is possible.

For some land, such as the Tiyon property where the airport is located, transfer will be impossible. Officials have set up a trust fund to compensate families through revenues from the use of the land, according to a local law.

Man in car accident has 5 prior DUI charges

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A Dededo man who was charged with drunken driving for an accident last month has had at least five driving under the influence charges since 1991, court documents state.

Stephen Fritz Munitok, also known as Murphy Munitok, apparently lost

control of a 1986 Toyota van he was driving up Carnation Road in Machete, Dededo, Pacific Daily News files state. His 3-year-old son was thrown from the vehicle and sustained head injuries and a broken leg, Pacific Daily News files state.

Munitok was indicted Oct. 5 for the Sept. 18 accident that involved his son being thrown from the van, Pacific Daily News files state.

Superior Court Marshals Vince Naputi and Harold Cruz, who were at the accident, managed to grab the toddler before the van's tires rolled over his head, Pacific Daily News files state.

Munitok has been in court before for five prior drunken driving charges, court documents state. In 1999, he was charged with driving under the influence and child abuse for having minors in the vehicle, court documents state.

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Editor's note: Government meetings will appear two days. The week's meetings will be published on Sunday. Items also will be published on the day of the event. Deadline is noon Friday for publication Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and noon Monday-Thursday for next day publication. In the event of a local holiday, deadline will be noon the previous weekday.

ELECTION COMMISSION: Emergency meeting 3 p.m. Oct. 11, Suite 200, CCIC Building, Hagåtña. Election of chairperson/vice chairperson, appointment of legal counsel, certification by district of Sept. 2 primary election and related matters, approval of general election ballot format, appointment of district registrars/precinct officials, status of decolonization registry and plebiscite election, status of three initiative measures. Call Gerald Taitano, 477-9791/3.

GHURA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: 5 p.m. Oct. 11, GHURA conference room. Those with disabilities who need special accommodations should call Michael Dueñas, 477-9851/4 or TTY/TDD 472-3701.

COMMITTEE ON LAND, AGRICULTURE, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS: Public hearing 9 a.m. Oct. 11, I Liheslaturan Guahan public hearing room, Hagåtña. Confirmation of Ernest S. Wustlig as Agricultural Board of Commissioners member; Bill no. 477 (corr.). Call office of Sen. Marcel Camacho, 479-8261.

DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORRO AFFAIRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 11, department's conference room, 106 E. Sunset Blvd., Tiyon. Those with disabilities who need special accommodations should call 475-4226/8. Public invited.

GTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 6 p.m. Oct. 12, GTA conference room, Up-Per Tumon. Agenda copies available at meeting. Those with disabilities who need special accommodations should call 479-8607.

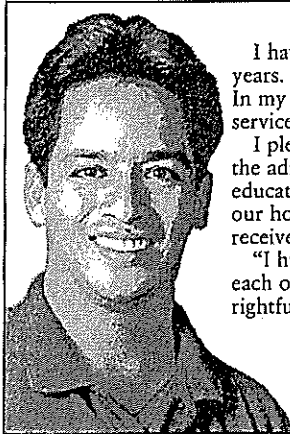
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD: 5:30 p.m., Oct. 12, CSC conference room, 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agaña Heights. Adverse action appeal of Eileen Jessor vs. GM-1A, rescheduled motion hearing; 10-day suspension; new, general business; executive session. Call 475-1300/01.

GVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 4 p.m. Oct. 12, GVB main conference room, Tumon. Those with disabilities who need special accommodations, etc., should call 646-5278/9.

ANCESTRAL REMAINS TASK FORCE: 6:30 p.m., Tamuning gym. Public invited to express its views/concerns on disposition of remains. Call 475-6290/1.

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I have worked hard as your Senator for the past four years. It has been challenging, but also very heartening. In my heart, I believe that the true reward for public service comes in taking care of the needs of the people.

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Wednesday: Pollution Prevention

Thursday: Guam's Coral Reefs

Friday: Environmental Management

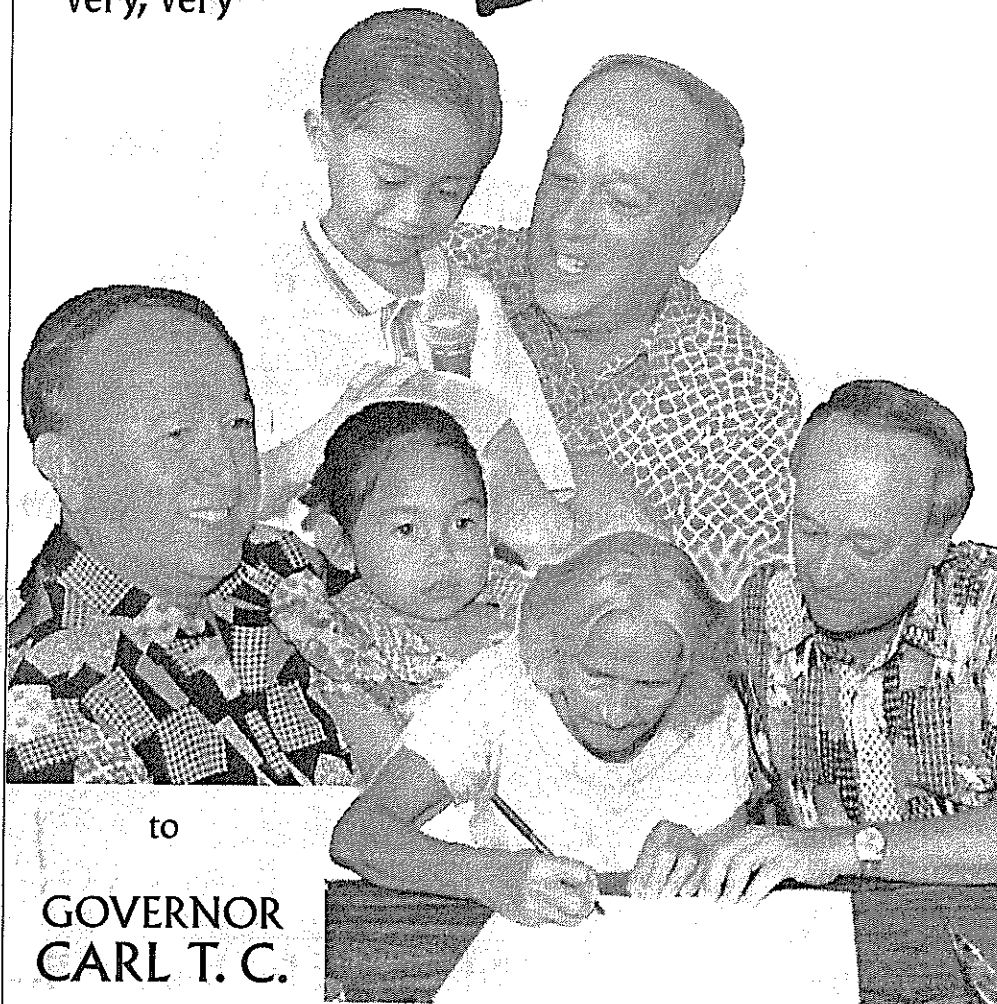
Tonight's Focus:

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House OKs Chamorro time zone

By Susan Roth

Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands would have a name for their time zone for the first time under a bill that passed the House Tuesday.

By voice vote, the House agreed to call the ninth U.S. time zone, "Chamorro Standard Time," at the suggestion of Delegate Robert Underwood, D-Guam.

All the other eight time zones wherever the U.S. flag flies have names, but Guam and the CNMI were left out, Underwood said.

"Not that there's no time there," Underwood said on the House floor. "This is one of those 'good news' things," Underwood said after the vote. "I think 'Chamorro Standard Time' has a nice ring to it."

Underwood acknowledged that some at home were not too pleased with the choice, preferring a geographic name for the zone, but said he felt that one or the other of the territories would eventually get short-changed by a geographic name. He has also said he wanted to honor the historical and cultural connection between the territories and their aboriginal inhabitants.

The measure must still be approved by the Senate to become law, with only about a week left to go in the legislative session. Underwood said the bill is not considered controversial, but it could get lost in the bustle of the final days of the session.

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GUAM SYSTEM OF CARE COUNCIL: 4 p.m. Oct. 13, GSAT, 19 Dean's Circle, UOG. All interested people invited. Call Victor Borja, 475-4625/9.

Offers pour in as Red Sox hit market

BOSTON (AP) — The lawyer dealing with potential bidders for the Boston Red Sox figures the first call came within two hours of the announcement that the team was for sale. And the phone just keeps ringing.

"All I can say is, I've never been more popular," Justin Morneau said Tuesday.

Since last Friday, when Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington put the team on the block, Morneau has been taking names of interested parties and asking them to follow up with letters.

He expects interest to grow as the week goes on, and "I would

think that 95 percent would come out reasonably soon," Morneau said. "But I think there also are some people, because of maybe the way they approach things, (who) might lie back for a while and then come in a little later."

Some might need time to gather enough people to form a group to bid on the team, he said. So far, interest has come from various parts of the country and different types of businesses.

Some of those are in the media profession.

Media companies already have

ownership stakes in baseball teams: Time Warner Inc. with the Atlanta Braves, the Tribune Co. with the Chicago Cubs, Walt Disney Co. with the Anaheim Angels, and News Corp., owned by Rupert Murdoch, with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Red Sox have been owned by the Yawkey family or the Jean R. Yawkey Trust for 67 years. Tom Yawkey bought the team in 1933 and, when he died in 1976, his wife Jean took over. When she died in 1992, she willed all her holdings to the trust, giving Harrington, her longtime adviser, wide power to run the team.

The trust owns 53 percent of the Red Sox.

That 53 percent of one of sports' most storied franchises is the big prize as suitors flock for Morneau's attention.

"There is intense interest," said Morneau, the trust's legal counsel. "I mean really intense interest. So I guess that confirms that maybe it is an appropriate time (to sell) from the trust's point of view."

Harrington said last Friday he decided to put the team on the market now to enable a new owner to be involved in negotiations for a new stadium. He said a hoped-for 2004 opening for a new park adjacent to

the current one is unlikely.

On Tuesday, Morneau refused to give details of how many parties have called or who they are. He also said only one or two have mentioned possible sale prices indirectly. Ultimately, the team's limited partners and major league baseball will become involved in the process.

"I certainly would be very surprised" if the sale price was not very satisfactory to the trust, Morneau said.

The timetable for a sale is the same as Harrington suggested last week: hopefully by the beginning of next season, more likely not before it ends next October.



Blue Jays dismiss Fregosi

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jim Fregosi didn't have any illusions about making a last-ditch effort to save his job. A pair of third-place finishes and a change of ownership sealed his fate with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Fregosi was fired Tuesday during a meeting with general manager Gord Ash, who earlier was given a contract extension despite being responsible for assembling the team that Fregosi couldn't lead to the playoffs.

Ash and Paul Godfrey, the team's new president and CEO, said the manager did reasonably well after taking over midway through spring training in 1999 but that the Blue Jays are not satisfied with merely finishing with more wins than losses.

"It's my belief it's time to take this club to the next level. That's our goal," Godfrey said during a media conference call.

"I'm not saying Jim couldn't do it. I'm just hoping we can get some-

one who can help do it a little quicker."

Fregosi walked into the meeting Ash expecting to be told that his contract, which expired at the end of the season, would not be renewed. At 83-79, the Blue Jays finished third in the AL East with one less victory than they had in their first year under Fregosi.

Ash said the manager took the news with "class and dignity," adding that he didn't feel management contradicted itself by dismissing Fregosi for not making the playoffs, while retaining the general manager on the same day.

"I don't think it's curious at all," Ash said. "As I said all along, my situation had to be resolved before we could move on to the manager."

Fregosi is the sixth manager to be fired since the season ended, joining Terry Francona (Philadelphia), Buck Showalter (Arizona), Gene Lamont (Pittsburgh), Jack McKeon (Reds) and Davey Johnson (Los Angeles).

The Blue Jays went 167-157 un-

der Fregosi, who also has managed the California Angels, Chicago White Sox and Philadelphia Phillies. In 15 major league seasons, his teams are 1,028-1,095.

"It's a good young team. We had a good two years. Toronto is a great city and was a lot of fun," Fregosi said by telephone from his home in Tarpon Springs. "There was a decision from an organizational standpoint that they didn't want me back."

Rogers Communications agreed last month to purchase controlling interest in the Blue Jays, raising hopes that a new owner can rejuvenate a team that has fallen on hard times since winning the World Series in 1992 and '93.

Lagging attendance, as well as a strained relationship between Fregosi and star player Carlos Delgado, were said to be reasons the front office was contemplating a managerial change.

But Godfrey discounted the assertion that a new manager alone could boost ticket sales. And both Ash and Fregosi said the former manager's relationship with Delgado was not an issue.

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For information call 475-6290/91.

Community Calendar

If your non-profit organization, government agency, school, or club would like to post an announcement in the Variety's weekly community calendar please contact Bobbi at 649-4678 or fax your information to 649-4687.

American Association of University Women-Guam Branch

- A general meeting will be held on Oct. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Yuan San Chinese Restaurant, Grand Plaza Hotel, Tumon.
- Treatment for breast cancer available here on Guam. For more information call Mary Ann at 647-5212 or Mary Lou at 475-9213 or e-mail chancyjo@ito.net.

Classical Concert Program KPRG 89.3 FM

The program is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and is hosted by Jose Torres, who can be reached at 734-8930.

- Tuesday, Oct. 17: Mozart-Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra, K.364; Purcell-Trumpet Sonata #1; Liszt-Grand Duo Concertant; Mahler-Symphony #1 "Titan".

- Thursday, Oct. 19: Rossini-Semiramis Overture; Verdi-La Traviata: Prelude to Act 1, "Libiamo ne liete calici," "parigi o cara..."; Turina-Danzas Fantásticas; Bach, J.S.-Violin Concerto in A minor; Copland-Billy the Kid; Grieg-Piano Concerto in A minor.

Dededo Resource Center

For the following activities and events please contact Pascual Artero at 637-3966 phone/fax or 720-9712 pager:

- Registration for interested youth and adults for the DRC 4-H Club.

- Donations of paint for the community to paint over graffiti around the village.

- Coaching youth soccer from ages 4 through 15 years.

Department of Commerce

The Chamorro Village is open every Wednesday nights from 6 to 9:30 p.m. with a variety of food and entertainment.

For additional information contact Jeff San Nicolas or Joyce's Rivera (Kakarote) at 475-0376/7.

Guam Public Library

Hagatña Main Library's working hours:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30 a.m. through 6 p.m.

- Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. through 6 p.m.

- Saturday: 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

- Sunday: Closed

Dededo Branch Library continues to be open on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information call 475-4753/4.

George Washington High School Class of 1980, 20th Reunion

Reunion meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the law office of Phillips & Bordallo (across Julale). All G.W. Class of 1980 are invited to attend. For more information call Mike at 477-2223.

- Sunday, Oct. 15—Family Picnic at Nimitz Beach 12 noon.

University of Guam

- October's public show will be the "Ten Great Years: A Tribute to the Hubble Space Telescope." This show gives you a fresh look at our orbiting eye on the sky and the astounding discoveries that have been made with it. October's show will be presented on the 12th, 13th and 14th.

- November's public show will be the "Sky Legends of the World VII," another look at the sky legends from around the world narrated by some of Guam's finest schoolchildren. It will be presented on Nov. 9 to 11.

- December's public show will be "The Star, the Planetarium Christmas Show," on the 14th, 15th and 16th.

Agana Mayor's Office—Mayor Felix F. Ungaceta, 477-8045

- The Department of Public Works no longer removes junked vehicles, so please call HMS Recycling at 637-3779 for any junk vehicles.

- The mayor's office is accepting American Red Cross contri-

bution. Call the office for more information.

- Registration for the Central Jaguars football team is now ongoing at the Agana Heights Baseball Field from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday. Age requirement to sign up is five to 15 years old. For more information, contact Thomas Mendiola at 477-0200.

Chalan Pago-Ordot Mayor's Office—Mayor Rossana D. San Miguel, 477-1333

- The Red Cross fund-raising drive is ongoing. Volunteers will be visiting your homes—please welcome them. Donations are being asked from the community. Contact the mayor's office for more information.

- The Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School will have a Parent Teacher Organization meeting on Oct. 12 at the school cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conference will be held on Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Break is from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Teachers will be scheduled

by appointments. For more information contact the school at 477-9645.

- Girl Scout registration is now on-going for kindergarten to 8th grade. Forms are available at the mayor's office.

Merizo Mayor's Office—Mayor Ignacio "Buck" S. Cruz, 828-8312/9090

- The 1999 real property tax delinquent and notice of sale list is available at the mayor's office.

- The Merizo Municipal Planning Council Foundation and the 2000 Malesso Fiestan Tasi Committee Members said the Millennium Malesso Fiestan Tasi will be held on Nov. 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 and 12.

Interested sponsors/organizations for queen candidates, and concessions booth operators are asked to contact the mayor's office. Interested persons who wish to participate in a committee may do so.

Mongmong-Toto-Maite Mayor's Office—Mayor Andrew C. Villagomez, 477-6758/

9090

- All burned out streetlights, water leaks, trash not picked up, dead animals, or any other problems within the community should be reported to the mayor's office immediately. The office will forward all reports to the respective agencies for their immediate action.

- The M.R.W.A. Salem Series '93 Overall Place trophy was found at the EUH Market bus shelter. Any person(s) missing this trophy can pick it up at the mayor's office anytime. Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must describe the trophy to claim it. For more information contact the mayor's office.

- Open enrollment is ongoing for Shorin Ryu Karate Martial Arts classes for individuals seven years and older. Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No registration fee. For more information contact Sensei Frank at 476-6152 (pager) or 637-1713.

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Plan needed to control energy prices

I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore. Or maybe the fact that it is Friday the 13th has something to do with it. At any rate, I picked up my mail and gingerly opened my bill from the Guam Power Authority. And there it was. A bill for \$5,177.86 for the month of September.

I immediately chastised my wife for excessive use of the washer, dryer and air conditioner. I rushed in to turn my computer to sleep mode before I realized that although gasoline and oil prices have gone up rapidly, this had to be a mistake by GPA.



Joe Murphy

I also learned that one of my daughters, Shannon, had also received a \$5,000 plus power bill. I know they are having problems with government computers, but sending me a bill for more than \$5,000 for the month is a little much.

Doesn't anybody check these bills? I knew power rates were supposed to go up, but this is ridiculous.

But it provides me with a good lead for my column of today: Guam needs, and should have, a real plan for energy. It is funny, but I wrote an identical column back in the mid-1970s, when we were having problems with gasoline and energy prices.

We need a national and a local policy on oil. We need to dump, over time, those big SUVs and get back to high-mileage cars. We need to find ways to conserve energy. We need to spend millions, even billions, at the national level to develop wind power, solar cells, fuel cells, ocean thermal energy con-

version and anything else that will wean us off oil.

My normal monthly bill runs about \$200 a month, which is three times what it was a few years ago. More, our family gasoline bill around \$200 a month. We are paying \$400 a month just for electricity and gas. That is a lot of money for a retiree.

What is going on with world oil? Why is it up to \$32 a barrel? Who is to blame?

Well, it is big oil companies, and big government, and OPEC nations, and a million more cars, and a million more air conditioners.

Remember Jerry Brown? The former governor of California has always been an environmentalist and now he is mayor of Oakland. Thanks to Brown, all the public buildings in Oakland are energized by electricity from nearby wind farms. The cost of wind-generated electricity has dropped from 40 cents a kilowatt hour in 1980 to an average of 5 cents per kilowatt hour today.

Incidentally, you have to be an engineer, a rocket scientist or a math major to read the GPA bill to see what they are charging us per kilowatt hour.

High oil prices, coupled with taxes, could easily start another round of inflation and cause a world-wide depression.

I think for now, with the addition of the new 80-megawatt privately-owned power plant in Piti and the declining economy, at least we're not going to have too many power outages in the near future.

What does worry me is the inability of many government agencies to pay their power bills. GovGuam owes millions to GPA, who have bond obligations to make.

There also is a good deal of wide-spread anger against the

high cost of gasoline. There have been a series of road blocks by truckers and drivers all over Europe in recent months. High fuel prices have touched off boycotts and oil refinery blockades.

The United States, and by extension, Guam, comes across pretty good when we compare prices. In Great Britain, for instance, the price of gas is \$1.04 a gallon — until the government adds \$3.25 a gallon in taxes, bringing the total price to \$4.29 a gallon. It isn't much better in France where the price is \$1.15 a gallon, with a tax of \$2.51 a gallon for a total price of \$3.66 a gallon. The United States, according to Newsweek, has an average price of \$1.35 a gallon with an average tax of 39 cents, for a total of \$1.74 a gallon.

This is the same thing that happened in 1973, 1979 and 1990. You would think we would learn that oil supplies are limited and begin working toward alternate sources of energy.

BP Amoco, which recently adopted a new slogan, "Beyond Petroleum" plans to expand its solar subsidiary into a \$1 billion business within a few years. Royal Dutch Shell is investing \$500 million in renewable energy sources, including biomass, solar and wind power.

My bet is on fuel cells, which are battery-like devices that are widely seen as a potential replacement for the internal combustion engine.

We are a little island in the middle of the Pacific, dependent on outside sources to ship us gasoline and oil to power our generators so we can have air conditioning and drive cars. If the price of energy continues to rise, our standard of living will drop.

Joe Murphy is a former editor for the Pacific Daily News and writes his Pipe Dreams column daily.

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Elect leaders for Guam, not themselves

Politics on Guam, when is it ever going to stop? Granted, it seems to be on the news each and every day, but things are getting way out of hand!

Rather than concentrating on what really matters the most, which is the island and its people, the island's leaders are busy playing political games with each other. All this squabbling is getting the island nowhere.

The economy is in shambles. The military pulled their dependents out of Guam's public schools and placed them in their own schools, thus eliminating a big source of funding. People are moving off island, especially to the U.S. mainland where the economy is booming, to get away from all the politics. Thus, the island is losing some of its most valuable resources.

Here is a simple solution to all this: elect leaders that care more about the island and its people than their personal gain, and elect leaders who fight for the people immediately and

not when their time is up!

RONALDO L. DALISAY
Dededo

Tourism summit an enriching experience

We, the administrators, advisers, and students of the F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School WAVE Club (Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the board members, coordinators, sponsors, speakers and contributors for this year's Guam Visitor Industry Education Council Pacific Wave School Club Annual Tourism Summit, held Sept. 21 at the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa.

The event was truly a memorable experience for us and enriched our knowledge and awareness of what tourism really means to Guam. It also brought together elementary and secondary school students to show that through collaboration, creativity and mutual respect, our island will prosper and continue to attract visitors to come and experience our

Is something bugging you? Or are you looking for a way to recognize someone who's making life better? Send us your thoughts. But make sure to send your name (no pen names, please), village of residence and a phone number where we can reach you during the day.

culture and appreciate our people.

We would also like to thank the people who honored us by announcing F.B. Leon Guerrero's WAVE Club as first-place winners for school presentations on "what tourism means." All the presentations from all the schools were unique and encouraging. We hope to see more of other students from different schools and participate in more workshops that involve WAVE school clubs getting together and working toward a common goal for the year.

We, the students of the F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School WAVE Club, learned through our experiences during the summit that our is-

land's beauty and resources are meant to be preserved and shared proudly with our visitors.

ALPHA ESPINA
Dededo

Do not delay burial of Chamorro remains

I am writing to applaud the efforts of those who have contributed toward the repatriation of Guam's Chamorro remains from the Bishop Museum. These people, and there are many, rightfully deserve recognition in their attempts to bring home our departed ones.

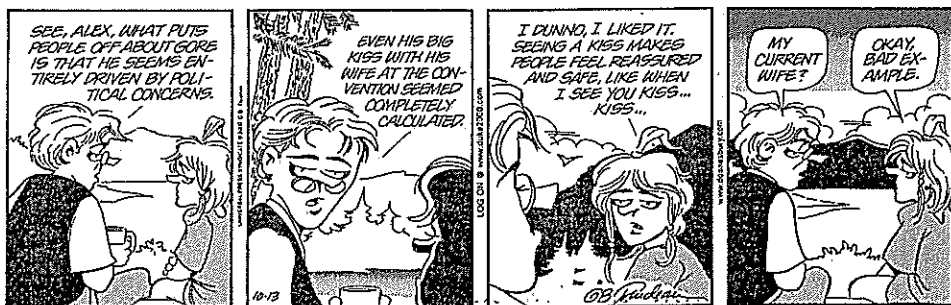
Not surprisingly, the return of these deceased Chamorros has further stimulated discussions regarding academic and lay perceptions of Chamorro history and culture. I am disturbed, however, that the proposition to "study" these bodies for the purpose of medical, archaeological and scientific inquiry continues to delay the reburial of these remains. I believe that the argument to study these bodies directly infringes upon the dignity and respect of these individuals, as well as upon the larger Chamorro community.

Therefore, I kindly ask readers, the man-amko' and the manhoben alike, to support the reburial of these Chamorro bodies. Thank you.

KEITH L. CAMACHO
Honolulu, Hawaii

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



Today's Thought

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do."

(Romans 7:15)

"The most extraordinary thing about human beings (is the fact) that they pursue ends which they know to be disastrous and turn their backs on ways which they know to be joyous."

Malcolm Muggeridge

Guam Ministerial Association

Cop under investigation for shooting dog

A GUAM Police Department officer is under investigation for shooting and killing a dog that was reportedly on a rampage late yesterday afternoon, said Guam Police Department spokesman Officer A.J. Balajadia.

According to Balajadia, at about 1:30 p.m. yesterday, a Yigo man

reported to police that a loose pitbull had viciously mauled his dog, nearly killing it. Balajadia said that the pitbull then went across the street to another yard and attacked another dog.

The Dededo precinct officers who responded were able to keep the dog isolated in the yard for

over an hour and tried to contact the owner of the dog by using the P.A. system.

At this time, Balajadia said, children were returning home from school, and officers had to order parents and kids to get into their homes and stay there for their safety.

The dog managed to leave the yard that officers were confining it to, and apparently went to another yard and tried to attack a third dog.

Officer A.W.J. Paulino stood between the two dogs, and tried to prevent the pitbull from attacking. The dog advanced on

officer Paulino, who fired one shot into the dog's neck, killing it instantly.

"Every attempt was made to prevent this from happening. Every attempt was made by the Guam Police to contact Animal Control, but Animal Control

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Branch libraries to re-open

By Robert Q. Tupaz
Variety News Staff

GUAM Public Library Director Christine Scott-Smith said she was confident that the hiring process for personnel to begin staffing the five branch libraries would begin soon.

However, Scott-Smith stopped short of speculating on a completion date. She added that the reopening of any libraries before the end of the year is doubtful.

"I know we have over thirty people who applied for the computer (programmer) position, and those that have applied for the (library) technician I have already been certified," stated Scott-Smith.

She added, processing for the library technician I position has begun. "I guess that's what (the Department of Administration is) waiting for — to send all the processed applications at once," said Scott-Smith.



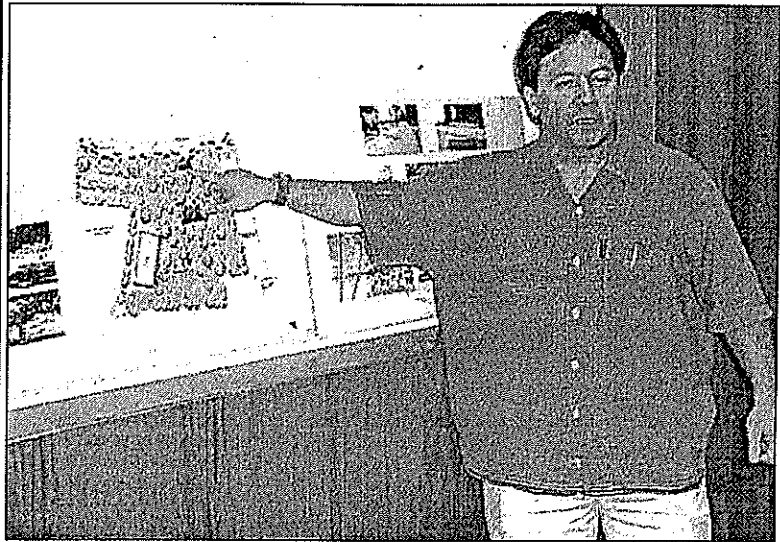
Christine Scott-Smith

The library director said that once she receives the DOA list she would still have to conduct her interview and subsequent selection of the certified personnel.

The Guam Public Libraries closed five of its branches at the start of the year due to a lack of funding from lawmakers. Additionally, Scott-Smith said the

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Cultural center



Champ Calvo of the Tumon South Beach Association explains a plan for a cultural center that would include a memorial for ancestral remains at the Gov. Joseph Flores Park during an Ancestral Remains Task Force meeting yesterday. (See stories on page 4)

Photo by Jay Pascua

Operation Holiday Grinch launched

THE GUAM Police Department announced a new program yesterday aimed at augmenting the Highway Patrol's sobriety checkpoints, said GPD spokesman Officer A.J. Balajadia.

Balajadia said the program, dubbed "Operation Holiday Grinch," is being performed by the Neighborhood Patrol division, and will consist of a Sergeant and four uniformed officers in police cruisers patrolling the Tamuning-Tumon area.

The operation will specifically target DUI, speeding and other traffic violations through the holiday season.

The operation officially kicked off on Monday, and will run every night from Monday through Thursday from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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Controversy erupts over stateless residents

By Gemma Q. Casas
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SAIPAN — House Speaker Benigno Fitial and lobbying firm Preston Gates have joined forces to prevent Washington Rep. Juan N. Babauta from "taking credit" for helping the 300 "stateless" persons residing in the CNMI.

In a Dec. 7 e-mail obtained by the Variety, Fitial told a local resident that "with [Republican candidate George W.] Bush appearing likely to be the next president, it would be a joke for [Babauta and running mate Diego T. Benavente] to even think to claim credit for the stateless issue when the U.S. congressional leadership, not to mention Bush, does not consider [Babauta and Benavente] to be their friends."

It was Fitial who, in an e-mail to Jack Abramoff of Preston Gates, said he learned from someone "who has been helping with the gubernatorial campaign [that



Washington Rep.
Juan N. Babauta

Babauta and Benavente are] trying to claim credit for trying to help the stateless residents of the CNMI secure U.S. citizenship."

In his reply, Abramoff assured the speaker that they "will be very close to the Bush administration officials."

He added, "[Babauta and Benavente do] not know anyone in D.C. How could they possibly



Speaker Benigno Fitial

solve it?... Does this help us?"

Since becoming speaker early this year, Fitial, R-Saipan, has been pushing for the re-hiring of Preston Gates as the CNMI's lobbyist in Washington.

The "credit grabbing" issue apparently stemmed from a previous Variety news article in which Benavente, R-Saipan, was

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Task force: Repatriated remains must be buried

By Jay Pascua
Variety News Staff

THE ANCESTRAL Remains Task Force announced repatriated remains must receive a burial on Tumon Bay.

Task force Chairman Dominic Muna presented the group's final report to Gov. Carl T. C. Gutierrez yesterday. Muna said the task force formulated six positions on how the government of Guam should handle the remains.

"The first one being not to allow for any further studies on these remains," Muna said.

According to Muna, the task force believed the remains received enough study. Gutierrez asked the task force if the remains received a DNA study. The task force said a DNA analysis did not occur because at the time of earlier studies, DNA testing did not exist.

"Number two, is to allow the Guam Museum to continue the ongoing inventory and to complete that in a timely manner. Number three, after the completion of the inventory; this task force recommends that an immediate reburial be done. We feel that the immediate reburial site should be located at Tumon, Guam where we believe that these remains were unearthed," Muna said.

The task force designated Matapang Beach as the reburial site. Muna said it would like the burial to take place on Chamorro Week or Memorial Day next year.

"The other option we have in front of us is Ypao Beach Park (Gov. Joseph Flores Park). We feel some of the remains came from Ypao beach and that there's a plan to redevelop Ypao beach," he said.

Muna added the task force suggests the task force or committee overseeing the park's redevelopment should consider a burial site in its plans.

The task force, in its report, also recommended the Bureau of



Gov. Carl T. C. Gutierrez



Sen. Tony Lamorena

Chamorro Affairs handle the logistics for a burial ceremony.

Gutierrez after listening to Muna's presentation said the Tumon South Beach Association, made up of South Tumon hoteliers, wants to provide more interest in the area from the Marriott Hotel to the Hilton Resort and Spa. The governor then introduced association representative Champ Calvo.

Calvo said Sen. Tony Lamorena, R-Dededo, is trying to push for a public hearing this Thursday on legislation to redevelop the Gov. Joseph Flores Park.

The association's plan would include turning the parking lot nearest the Hilton Resort and Spa into a botanical garden, constructing a parking structure, redesigning the existing amphitheater to provide better acoustics, a gate in front of the amphitheater and a large sturdy tent, walkways, landscaping, and a 13,000 to 14,000 square foot building to house a cultural center.

Calvo said the association working with the Beautification Task Force not only wanted to beautify the beach park but also find a way to promote Guam's culture. He said the cultural center would depict "prehistoric" Tumon and the Chamorros.

According to Calvo, the plan would have cultural artists depict scenes of Chamorro life before contact with Europeans incorporating archeological artifacts in

front of the paintings to tell a story.

"We wanted to make this large enough so that we can conduct over the course of the day — over the course of the year, field trips (and) invite people in there and it would be staffed with museum people explaining what Guam was all about. We would also have function facilities here so that local residents could have parties, they could have gatherings," he said.

Calvo added a tomb, could be included in the design of the cultural center providing a memorial for the remains.

Task force member Patty Garrido asked Calvo about the proximity of the burial site to the cultural center.

"I would almost see, that within the building structure itself, there would be a monument for this burial site for the ancient remains," he said.

Calvo said the tomb would be similar to others constructed by hotels as a way to deal with the discovery of ancient remains on hotel property.

Guam Preservation Historic Review Board representative Jennings Bunn said the task force did not want the repatriated remains to be treated similar to the remains handled by the hotels.

"I have attended a burial — reburial — where they put whole

Flores offer still stands

By Jay Pascua
Variety News Staff

OUR LADY of Peace Memorial Park President Phil Flores said he commends the Ancestral Remains Task Force for its efforts. Flores was responding to the decision by the task force to have Tumon as the repatriated remains' final resting place.

"I congratulate the Ancestral Remains Task Force on its efforts in finding a conclusion for the burial of the remains," he said.

Flores has offered property at the Our Lady of Peace Memorial Gardens on Cross Island Road to allow interment for the ancient

remains.

"Without listening to the task force's announcement and proposal from the Tumon South Beach Association's Flores said the task force must have good reasons for the decision not take the proposal.

"The property we are offering is a beautiful property under trees with a wonderful view of the valley," he said.

According to Flores, the offer of the property for use as a reburial site stands "indefinitely."

He said there may still a need for the property as more remains continue to be uncovered.

185 remains in the ground in a cement vault with all data incised on the top of a box that indicates at some point and time they're going to be dug back up, if they needed to be but the remains we're dealing with right now for almost a 78 year time period they haven't been housed in the ground. We'd like to see them put back in respectfully, not in plastic boxes," Bunn said.

Bunn added private companies possessing ancestral remains in the future would turn it over for internment. He said the plan should incorporate the future burial of those remains.

Gutierrez showed concern about the possibility of the destruction of the remains if not buried properly.

"Putting them or reburying them back somewhere on a beach that they are going to end up getting lost in future time, or destroyed, or get washed out by an ocean tide," Gutierrez said.

According to Gutierrez, the proper design of a tomb could protect the remains along with the location of the cultural center

in relation to the beach.

Garrido suggested the tomb's deletion from inclusion in the design of the cultural center.

"I'm looking more at a peaceful, kind of tranquil area that we could go a part from all the — or attached to the main facility," she said.

Calvo suggested the garden as the setting for the crypt.

"That way if you want you can go over there, it's pretty quiet, and far away from everything," Garrido said.

Gutierrez said the Guam Historic Preservation Trust should seek a way to speed up the planning of the beach park because senator Lamorena may not be able to address the issue at the end of his term.

Calvo said the association's plan would include construction of a parking structure to control the use of the park. Calvo said the parking lot near the Guam Visitors Bureau would close to hold street fairs. The parking lot would also provide a space to allow concessionaires to set up stands or booths.



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Senator Kaleo S. Moylan, Chairman
Committee on Housing
General Government Services and Foreign Affairs

Public Hearing

8:30 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2000

REVISED AGENDA

Ms. Soledad A. Lujan to serve as a member of the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority of Board Commissioners, for a terms of 5 years to expire on July 21, 2005.

Bill No. 509 (COR) AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (18) TO §46304, CHAPTER 46, TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES.

Bill No. 515 (COR) AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 36, DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 18 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR NON-JUDICIAL POWER OF SALE FORECLOSURE.

The Hearing will take place at the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room located at Hagatna. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the office of Senator Kaleo S. Moylan at 472-3342.

Residents may have tested for wrong PCB type

By Jojo Dass
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SAIPAN — Tanapag residents may have been tested for the wrong type of polychlorinated biphenyl, initial findings by the Attorney General's Office indicate.

Officials said this could explain why majority of the residents who had undergone health screenings showed that they have less PCB concentration in their body systems.

To allay fears, AGO yesterday called on all 1,300 residents that have undergone the health screening to sign an authorization letter it has prepared to determine whether they were all tested for PCB 1260 which is not what has contaminated their village. The PCB in Tanapag, according to AGO, is of the type 1254.

Peterson said no official explanation has been made by federal authorities on why the blood



Assistant Attorney
Murphy Peterson

samples were tested for PCB 1260 and not PCB 1254.

Both PCB types are equally hazardous to health and could cause cancer, AGO said.

But since the laboratory equipment used by federal authorities to evaluate the blood samples taken was programmed to only monitor PCB 1260, officials expressed concerns PCB 1254 has remained undetected.

The authorization letter, said Assistant Attorney General Murphy Peterson, will give AGO access to the test results.

It will also help to establish the residents' medical background and see how the contamination has affected their health as no such data has been readily available so far.

Peterson said AGO raised suspicions that the Tanapag residents may have been tested for the wrong PCB type after obtaining, with consent, a medical report from one of those who were screened which showed that the villager was tested for PCB 1260.

"We are concerned.... We are asking Tanapag residents to consider diligently and sign the consent form... so we can obtain copies of their medical records. We are reviewing those records to verify that the testing that was done actually tested for the correct substances. We are very much concerned about that," said Peterson.

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Should the government of Guam spend millions of dollars to renovate Ypao Beach Park?

Results from yesterday's PDN poll, which asked "Do you believe the government of Guam reorganization plan will improve government services?" are on Page 2.

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What's on the outside is just as precious as what's inside. Jingle George shows us how to wrap and package with style.

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How to survive shopping with kids

New landfill work persists

By Adrienne Loerzel

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Guam Resource Recovery Partners is continuing to work on a \$22 million landfill project despite controversy surrounding the company's government contract.

Under a 1996 contract between GRRP and the government of Guam,

the company has an exclusive license to build a waste-to-energy incinerator.

That contract also allows the company to build a new landfill for the government of Guam, said Gil Shinohara, governor's chief of staff and chairman of the solid waste task force.

"We have given them orders to proceed (with the new landfill) on three different occasions," said Shinohara.

GRRP President Wagdy Guirguis said the company recently finished the design for a new landfill in Guatali and soon will ask the local government for bond financing for the \$22 million project. The Guatali site, tucked between Piti and Santa Rita, is owned by the government and designated by law as the island's new landfill location.

The GRRP contract has been crit-

icized by several lawmakers who feel the incinerator may release toxic chemicals and make waste disposal too expensive. Yesterday, lawmakers reaffirmed their position against the project by overriding Gov. Carl Gutierrez' veto of a bill that eliminates incineration as a waste disposal tool.

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Roll out the holiday cheer



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Box away! Air Force personnel from Andersen Air Force Base drop a box filled with Christmas presents to a Micronesian island during the annual Operation Christmas Drop yesterday.

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Justices weigh oral arguments

By David Espo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After closely questioning lawyers for all sides, the Supreme Court is crafting its eagerly awaited ruling in the nation's presidential election, a contest that holds George W. Bush and Al Gore in limbo and the nation in thrall. The Florida Legislature

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Ypao renovation planned

By Steve Limtiaco

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The Gutierrez administration plans a \$10 million renovation of Ypao Beach Park, possibly through a public-private partnership, Gov. Carl Gutierrez said yesterday.

When completed, the park would have a botanical garden, a cultural center, concessions building and a new three-story parking garage. It also will be the final resting place for Chamorro ancestral remains recently returned by

Hawaii's Bishop Museum.

Sen. Alberto "Tony" Lamorena, R-Dededo, said he will introduce a bill during this week's session to appropriate \$500,000 from the Tourist Attraction Fund during the next two years to design the project. The money will be appropriated to the Guam Visitors Bureau, which will control the project, Lamorena said.

About \$1 million in bond money was set aside to renovate the park as part of the ongoing \$52 million Tumon redevelopment project, but Lamorena said that

money has been used up by cost overruns and is no longer available.

Gutierrez said it is important that GovGuam team up with a private company to help develop and run the site, in a way similar to the partnership that helped develop Two Lovers' Point.

Speaker Tony Unpingco, R-Santa Rita, said he is not sure where the money would come from to pay for the project.

"Right now, we're living from

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GEDA defends trust industry

The island's economic development authority is confident the fledgling trust industry will survive a U.S. Treasury Department attempt to it shut down.

The trust industry offers 100 percent corporate income tax rebates to trusts that keep their money in Guam banks, a setup Treasury has characterized as an "abusive tax shelter."

Guam Economic Development Authority Administrator Ed Untalan hinted that the island government might have to reach a compromise with federal authorities.

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Trash: Landfill in limbo

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Guirguis said his company will proceed with the work, despite the new law, because he feels the law won't affect the standing contract.

"We're going to be submitting our request (for bond financing) to the government very shortly," he said. "We have the laws on our side."

Sen. Ben Pangelinan, D-Barri-gada, has challenged the incinerator contract in a lawsuit filed in the Superior Court of Guam.

The senator said he believes he will win the court case because the contract doesn't follow local procurement laws.

Guirguis, who also is confident that he will win the legal battle, said he wants the court to resolve the matter soon.

"Somebody has to blink first — we're not going to blink," he said. "It's not going to get resolved, except in court."

While the parties wait for a trial setting, the future of Guam's solid waste remains in limbo. Shinohara said he does not know how the

GRP contract or GRRP's new landfill project will be affected by the new law that quashes incineration.

Because GRRP's facility would need the blessing of local and federal environmental agencies, it will safely reduce the volume of garbage that goes into the new landfill, Shinohara said.

To remove this option from Guam's tools to deal with solid waste will affect the island for years, he added.

Pangelinan said incinerators and waste-to-energy plants produce toxins that may cause serious health problems for the community and the environment.

The potential health risks and expense of the contract make the project a bad choice, Pangelinan and other senators have said.

Guirguis said GRRP will continue to work toward the new landfill and ultimately toward the completion of the waste-to-energy plant.

If the legal battles and legislation against the project continue, the company may be forced to sue for breach of contract to recover expenses of

more than \$7 million, he said.

He added that he believes the incinerator eventually will go forward despite the current Legislature's position against the project.

Pangelinan said he would like the government to work on the landfill project by going through a standard request-for-proposal process to make sure the island gets the best deal.

"If that can happen tomorrow, the better for the community. But you can't do it alone-source, and you can't do it as an attachment to an incinerator," he said.

Shinohara said he is sure that the island is getting the best deal through GRRP because the company agreed to bear the cost of the project's construction.

The government of Guam won't begin paying for the new landfill until the incinerator opens, he added.

"Could another company do this? Sure... Would it be more costly? I think so," Shinohara said.

Pangelinan said GRRP would be welcome to submit a proposal for a new landfill, but opening the process to other companies will ensure that Guam gets the best deal.

Ypao: Proposal includes burial site

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hand to mouth," he said. "It's interesting to see how this will be funded."

Unpingco said that based on current revenue estimates, GovGuam has no extra money to spend.

"It's a nice plan," Unpingco said, but he questioned how the site would be maintained, considering the government has difficulty keeping existing restroom facilities clean.

Lamorena said the park must be improved for the benefit of local residents.

"The park will still be available to the people," Lamorena said. "There will be no charge to any of the facilities."

Gutierrez announced the park project during a meeting of the Ancestral Remains Task Force, which met to talk about bones returned in August by the Bishop Museum.

The ancestral remains are part of a collection of bones and artifacts taken from Guam in the 1920s by archaeologist Hans Hornbostel on behalf of the Bishop Museum.

Group members recommended to the governor that the remains, gathered in Tumon, be buried as soon as possible, either at Matapang Beach or at Ypao Beach Park.

Ed "Champ" Calvo, a member of the lieutenant governor's Beautification Task Force, said that under the park proposal, the remains would be interred at Ypao, either beneath a monument in the planned cultural center or at the botanical garden.

Calvo said the project, as envisioned, would cost up to \$10 million, with the parking garage costing about \$4.5 million. He said the project is supported by the Tumon South Beach Association, a group of representatives from hotels along the southern portion of Pale San Vitores Road.

Election: Justices consider state law

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marked time, careful not to get ahead of the high court.

Bush was in Texas and Gore in Washington as the justices pondered the legal controversy that turned on the vice president's bid to resume manual recounts ordered by the Florida Supreme Court over the weekend. The recount was suspended less than 24 hours later when the U.S. Supreme Court, divided 5-4, granted Bush a stay.

The Texas governor has been certified the winner by 537 votes by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris — a victory that would give him the state's 25 electoral votes and the White House if it stands up in court.

The legal arguments before the nation's highest court Monday were lively as the justices directed questions at Bush's attorney, Ted Olson; Harris lawyer Joseph Klock, and Gore attorney David Boies. Some justices suggested a recount would amount to a change in law and others worried that the use of varying standards in examining ballots would be unfair.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy — the two main swing votes — asked many of the questions.

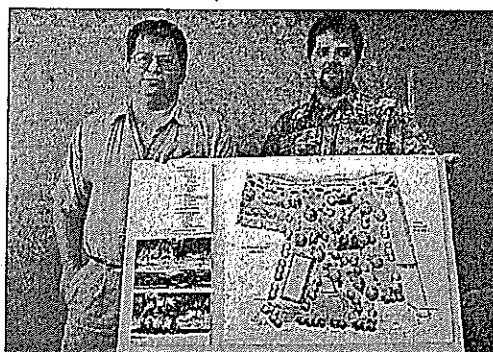
Kennedy began by asking, "Where's the federal question here?" But later he answered his own question, saying that if the Florida court acted in reference to a

federal law, "it presents now a federal question for us to determine."

O'Connor said she was concerned that the Florida court's ruling did not fully acknowledge that its earlier recount decision had been set aside by the U.S. Supreme Court.

She noted that the Constitution gives state legislatures the authority to control the choice of presidential electors. "Does that not mean that a court has to ... give special deference to a legislature's choices insofar as a presidential election is concerned?" she asked.

But Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg questioned why the nation's highest court should override the Florida high court's interpretation of state law and "say what the Florida law is."



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Ypao: David L. McVeigh, right, and Phillip Noret of Rim Architects hold an artist's rendition of the Ypao Beach Park Master Plan.

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Airline

Pilots unions negotiate deal

HOUSTON — The leaders of the union representing Continental Airline's pilots and the largest pilots union in the United States and Canada have approved an agreement that could pave the way for the two to merge. Recent approval by the board of directors of the Independent Association of Continental Pilots and the executive council of the Air Line Pilots Association of an agreement for a possible merger came after several weeks of negotiations. The more than 6,700 professional pilots of Continental and Continental Express Airlines will vote in March or April on whether to approve the merger. Houston-based Continental is the nation's fifth-largest airline. The Air Line Pilots Association represents more than 59,000 pilots from 49 airlines.

Automobile

Nissan, Suzuki explore venture

TOKYO — Nissan Motor Co. is in talks with Suzuki Motor Corp. about a possible plan to enter Japan's mini-car market, both sides announced. Nissan is "exploring many options, including a possible tie-up with Suzuki," said Nissan spokesman Kiyoshi Ariga. President Carlos Ghosn has said Nissan is studying the possibility of entering the mini-car market but would not do so unless it can turn a profit. Japan's mini-car market is already crowded with six manufacturers. Mini-cars are smaller than vehicles sold in the United States but account for one-third of all new cars sold in Japan.

Banking

RP central bank to reduce rates

MANILA — The Philippine Central Bank said it will shave another half percentage point from its overnight rates effective Monday, with stable market conditions enabling monetary policy to be eased further. Effective Monday, the key borrowing rate will be 13.50 percent and the lending rate 15.75 percent. So far this month, the central bank has cut one and a half percentage points off its overnight rates in three half-point reductions, after boosting them by 4 percentage points in mid-October to defend the peso. The peso was being hammered then by a political crisis caused by corruption allegations against President Joseph Estrada. Manila's currency market has been calm since Estrada's impeachment trial began Dec. 7. In morning trading Friday, the dollar averaged 50.055 pesos.

The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Group wants Ypao face lift

By Gaynor Dumat-ol Daleno

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As hotels on the northern part of Tumon Bay gained an anchor tourist attraction with the opening of Pleasure Island, property owners on the southern part of the bay began discussions about two years ago to come up with an idea to enhance their side of hotel row.

Their brainstorming zoomed in on Ypao Beach Park, which the group now is pushing to give a new identity and name, preliminarily "South Beach Tumon."

Ed "Champ" Calvo, whose family owns southern Tumon Bay property, said it didn't make sense to copy the Pleasure Island concept, so the group of southern Tumon Bay property owners envisioned a makeover to make Ypao a culturally themed park and at the same time enhance its amenities for relaxation and fitness.

The Ypao project being suggested by Calvo's group offers a contrast to Pleasure Island, which shows a modern side of Guam with such world-class establishments as the Hard Rock Cafe, Planet Hollywood, the GameWorks virtual entertainment park, the UnderWater World tunnel aquarium and duty-free shopping.

There are challenges that lay ahead for the group's vision to become a reality. Ypao Beach Park is government property, so the private property owners cannot execute the makeover. And if the government of Guam picks up the estimated \$10 million tab to give Ypao Beach Park a new look, taxpayers could question the spending as financially strapped GovGuam continues to grapple with such problems as inadequate textbooks and lack of funding for the government hospital.

Calvo acknowledged funding for the project will be an issue, although Gov. Carl Gutierrez just a few days ago announced his administration is planning a \$10 million renovation of Ypao Beach Park, possibly through a partnership with the private sector.

Calvo said his group isn't saying that spending for construction of the park renovation takes priority over critical needs, such as equipment for Guam Memorial Hospital.

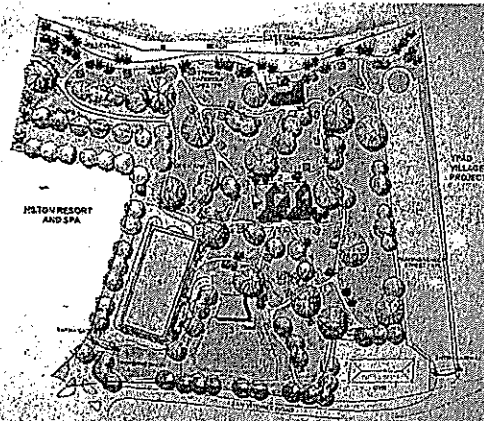
But when funds do become available, he said the concept to renovate Ypao Beach Park, including the construction of multi-level park-



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Above: Ed Calvo, whose family's real estate business is part of a nonprofit organization advocating a makeover of Ypao Beach Park, shows initial design suggestions for the park.

Right: Initial design concepts for the development of Ypao Beach Park are created by RIM Architects for free, said Ed Calvo, a proponent of the development.



ing to optimize ground use and a boardwalk for rollerbladers and joggers, is worth considering. Calvo said the park could use landscaping, more trees and better lighting, to make it more attractive. He described its current state as flat ground with barbecue pits.

GovGuam also is looking at renovating the park as a final resting place for ancient Chamorro bones brought back recently to Guam from the Bishop Museum in Hawaii, according to Pacific Daily News files.

Calvo's group, the nonprofit Tumon South Beach Association, is not thinking along the lines of helping finance the actual construction because it's government property, Calvo said. What the association might be able to do is take care of the maintenance after the project is complete, he added.

"We're willing to consider maintaining it free of charge," according to Calvo. In the association, Ed

Calvo and his brother, Leonard, represent their family's real estate partnership, E. C. Development, which owns property along Tumon Bay. The others in the group include management representatives of the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, the Guam Marriott Resort, the Pacific Islands Club and a representative of the Guam Visitors Bureau, whose main office is on park property. Pacific Islands Club General Manager Bart Jackson is the group's president.

The association meets monthly to come up with ideas to help enhance Tumon, Ed Calvo said.

Ed Calvo said the association has enlisted the help of RIM Architects, which came up with a preliminary design for the Ypao park renovation, for free.

Sen. Alberto Lamorena plans to introduce legislation appropriating \$500,000 during the next two years for a more comprehensive design, according to Pacific Daily News files.

The move to appropriate money for the design is a good start, Ed Calvo said.

Ideas that are not taken to the next level — design — usually die, he said.

Stores aim for warm, fuzzy sales staff

By Anne D'Innocenzio
The Associated Press

As she shopped this holiday season, Judy Stern expected she'd have to put up with groggy store clerks or just a lack of help on the selling floor. She was pleasantly surprised. "Maybe they're being coached,

but the sales people seem to be a lot nicer this year," said Stern, who was shopping at New Jersey's Livingston Mall on Saturday. "They say nice things like, 'Have a happy holiday.' I am being greeted at a lot of the stores, too."

This season, retailers, the cold should for giving consumers the cold shoul-

der, are making a big effort to be warm and fuzzy. Stores are planting perky staffers at their entrances to greet shoppers.

"Everyone wants to exceed expectations this holiday," said Ed Holman, president of Bloomingdale's. "We want to make the shopping experience more pleasant."

Still, there are plenty of problems. At department stores, the retailers that generally have the worst service, tales of untidy fitting rooms and lack of help abound.

But in general, retailers are trying to improve service in hopes of bringing in business in a weak retail environment.

2 hikers experience scary 24-hours

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TWO hikers who spent over 24-hours lost in the boonies of Southern Guam managed to make it back to civilization, worn and exhausted, but safe, rescue officials said yesterday.

According to Guam Fire Department Spokesman Capt. Andy Arceo, the two men began their

hike at about 3 a.m. on Dec. 27, and were scheduled to arrive back home at 8 p.m. that night. The men were also looking for wild pugua in the jungle, Arceo said.

Arceo said the Guam Fire Search and Rescue Crews, Conservation officers and Guam Police Department officers began searching for the men sometime around 11 p.m. on Dec. 27, scouring the jungles

near the Tarzan Falls area for any signs of the men. Early yesterday morning, the Navy search and rescue helicopter HC-5 took to the air to aid the probe, Arceo said.

The search for the men, who were identified as 23-year-old Australian citizen Joe Masters, and 25-year-old Seattle computer technician Tom Rabago continued until yesterday morning, when a Guam

Police Department officer found the men walking along the Agat-Umatac road at about 9:55 a.m.

According to GPD Spokesman Officer A.J. Balajadia, officer Meyenberg spotted the men, and took them to the Southern Precinct, where Rabago's family picked them up.

"They are in good condition, and they are safely home," Balajadia said.

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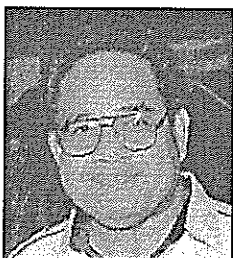
Balajadia said the men decided to sleep in the jungle when they got lost. Arceo added that the men fortunately saw the crosses atop Mt. Lamlam, and hiked toward it for hours until they came to the road.

The men, who are on island for vacation, are reportedly leaving Guam sometime today. Balajadia said.

Chamber of Commerce urges repeal of hiring moratorium



Lynn Knight



Speaker Benigno Fitial

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SAIPAN - The Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday urged the House leadership to prioritize a zoning law for the CNMI as well as the repeal of the alien moratorium and the three-year limit laws in 2001.

Outgoing Chamber President Lynn Knight, in a letter to House Speaker Benigno Fitial, said there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that the CNMI becomes an investor-friendly destination.

"The CNMI needs some form of zoning in order to insure attractive, quality development, to protect the community from unharmonious uses in residential areas, and to protect land values," Knight told Fitial, R-Saipan, in a letter dated Dec. 28. Knight's letter contains the chamber's formal "wish list" to the Legislature, as earlier requested by Fitial.

The chamber said the law limiting to three years the stay of alien workers in the CNMI will be damaging to any company that has long-term, trusted alien employees, and will eventually contribute to a "significant decline in service quality in tourism, as well as other essential industries."

During the negotiations on the Omnibus Labor and Business Reform Act in the Senate, the provision seeking to repeal the three-year limit law was removed.

Knight said this was done with a promise that it would be addressed at a later time.

"We respectfully urge you to prioritize this as soon as possible so that time doesn't run out and cause a major economic disruption in...2002," Knight said.

The \$100,000 security deposit for foreign investors, which has

been amended by a law allowing the issuance of bonds instead of a cash deposit, is still a significant deterrent to potential investors, Knight said.

The chamber said the moratorium on alien hiring will also continue to be a deterrent to new investments. It said the law makes it difficult for existing companies to keep up "quality service and profitability."

Limited liability corporations and limited liability partnerships are also needed, Knight said.

"We are among the few jurisdictions under the U.S. flag that does not have LLCs and LLPs which are business forms that will help add important flexibility for investors," she said.

The chamber is also pushing for the professional licensing of accountants, saying these persons are needed in virtually every organization, yet the CNMI does not have education and training for professionals who want to become certified in this profession.

"If we have training and certification available in the CNMI, it will naturally up the level of professionalism and pave the way for higher salaries in this field."

"This may help attract more local people into the accounting profession. It could also help bring more long-stay visitors to the island from Japan, (South) Korea, etc., who would like to visit here and train to become U.S.-certified public accountants," she said.

The chamber also called for a ban on phosphate detergents as a means of protecting the CNMI environment.

"Our community needs such guidance against cheap foreign detergents that are attractive because of price, but harmful to our environment in the long run," Knight said.

Aguon concerned about burial delay

By Jay Pascua
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DEPARTMENT of Parks and Recreation Acting Guam Historic Preservation Officer and former Ancestral Remains Task Force member Lynda Aguon said she is concerned a proposed project for a cultural center might delay the burial of repatriated remains from the Bishop Museum in Hawaii.

Task force Chairman Dominic Muna said after the completion of an inventory of the remains, an "immediate reburial" will take place. "We feel that the immediate reburial site should be located at Tumon, Guam where we believe that these remains were unearthed," Muna said.

Muna said task force members recommended burial during the celebration of Chamorro Week or the observance of Memorial Day.

According to Aguon, the remains are in 88 boxes and Guam Museum Curator Tony Ramirez continues to cross check the inventory list provided by the Bishop Museum.

"Out of the eight or 10 boxes that he has completed, he has discovered numerous discrepancies," she said.

Aguon said the proposal by the Tumon South Beach Association could delay the burial of the tatau manaina (the body of elders).

Representing the association, Champ Calvo earlier this month said the association is proposing the development of the Governor Joseph Flores Park or Ypao Beach.

The proposal would include turning the parking lot nearest the Hilton Resort and Spa into a botanical garden, constructing a parking structure, redesigning the existing amphitheatre to provide better acoustics, a gate in front of the



Lynda Aguon, Department of Parks and Recreation's acting Guam historic preservation officer.
Photo by Jay Pascua

amphitheatre and a large sturdy tent, walkways, landscaping, and a 13,000 to 14,000 square-foot building to house a cultural center.

Calvo said the remains could be placed in a sealed tomb in the middle of the cultural center.

Task force member Patty Garrido said she would prefer the burial of the remains away from the center in a serene environment.

"I'm looking more at a peaceful, kind of tranquil, area that we could go — apart from all the — or attached to the main facility," she said. Calvo suggested the garden as the setting for the crypt.

"That way if you want you can go over there, it's pretty quiet, and far away from everything," Garrido said. Aguon said that would be a good compromise.

Aguon added it could take three to five years to complete the project, especially in an area designated under the National Registry of Historic Places.

"That area is a rich, historic pre-latte site," she said.

According to Aguon, during the construction of the park's amphitheatre, numerous remains and artifacts were unearthed.

"To just put a stake in the ground would require review by us (the Historic Resources Division)," she said.

Aguon added digging and conducting an archeological survey would create an immense expense.

"As an example, the Poresia Golf Course in Japan has been ongoing for two years. That place is a rich archeological site. Right now we have our in-house archeologist, Vic April, monitoring the project," she said. Despite the recommendation of the task force, Aguon said Gov. Carl T. C. Gutierrez holds the authority to decide what to do with the remains, but she said if the governor decides to hold off on the burial, it could make some people unhappy.

NMI budget talks collapse

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SAIPAN - Negotiations between the Senate and the House of Representatives on the proposed \$221.66 million budget for the current fiscal year collapsed yesterday, dousing hopes that a budget could be passed before 2001.

In an interview, Senate Fiscal Affairs Chairman Edward U. Maratita said House Ways and Means Chairman Antonio M. Camacho walked into the Senate conference room in the middle of a leadership meeting and announced that the negotiations were over.

Camacho, D-Saipan, was not in his office as of press time and could not be reached for comments.

"(Camacho) just walked in and said that the House position is that the 'conference collapsed, we'll just go on a continuing resolution,'" Maratita, R-Rota, said.

Maratita, who heads the Senate's delegation to the conference committee, said his colleagues were surprised and insulted by Camacho's move.

"He should have issued an official communication," he said.

Maratita said the Senate will stand by in the hope that the negotiations could resume.

He said House members should have "not walked away after not getting what they wanted."

"Since we are all elected officials, we need to sit down and try to come up with a solution. We haven't given up yet," Maratita said.

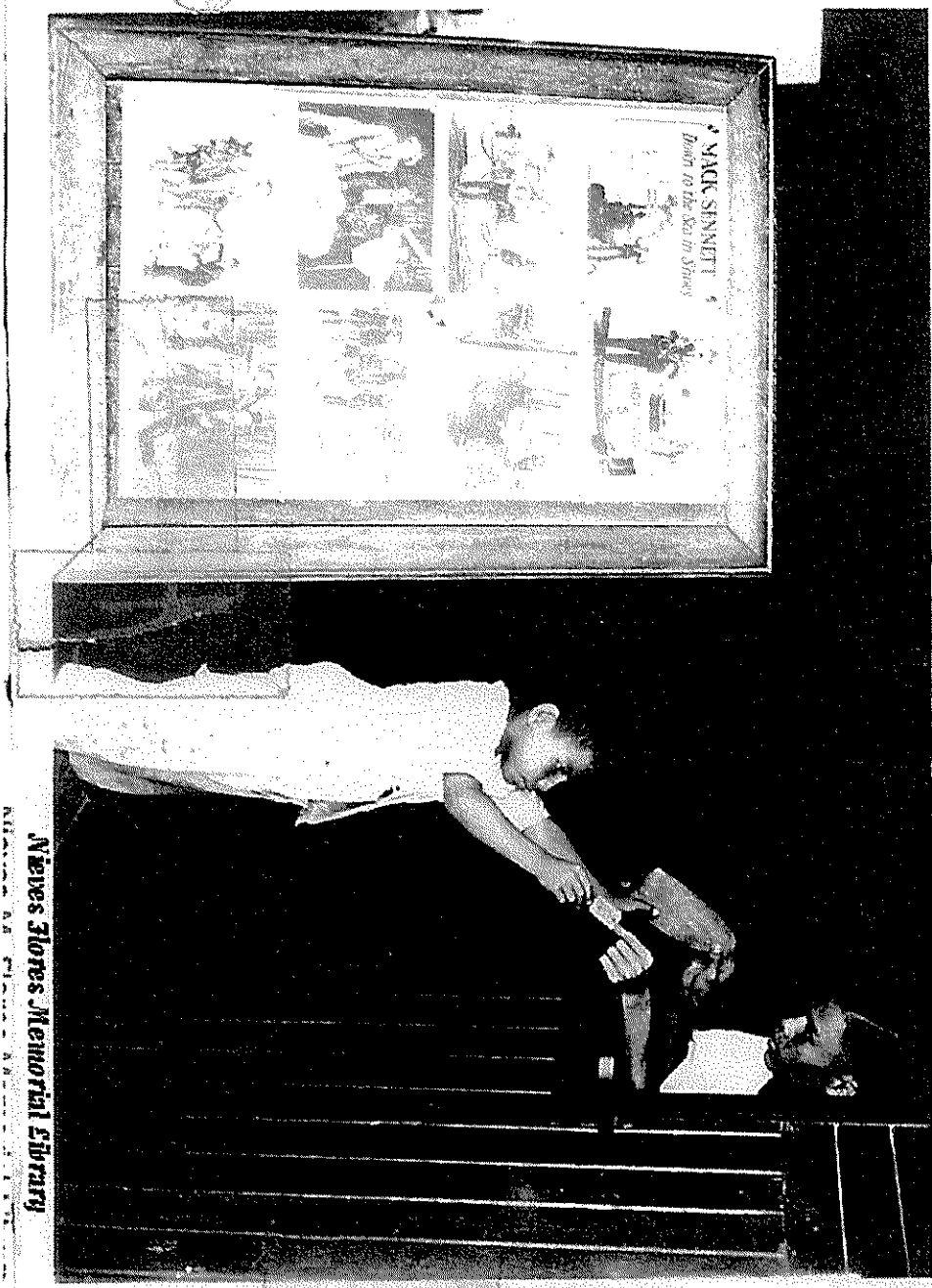
With the House backing out of the negotiations, it is expected that the government will not have an approved budget for the current fiscal year.

The last time the governor signed a budget bill into law was in 1998.

It was not immediately clear what prompted the House to walk out of the talks.

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