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1996 CNMI Board of Education Inauguration

The CNMI Public School System would like to announce the inauguration ceremonies for the newly elected Board of Education members. During this event the Board of Education is also scheduled to present its appreciation for the outgoing Board of education members.

WHAT : CNMI Board of Education Inauguration

WHEN : January 8, 1996

WHERE: Hopwood Jr. High School

TIME : 4:00 p.m.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact the PSS Public Information Office, Lower Base at telephone no. 322-9812.

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Together, we can make a difference!

Indonesian budget projecting growth

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)-President Suharto presented a budget Thursday that calls for a 16.1 percent increase in government spending from the current fiscal year.

The increase will be funded by increased revenue from taxes, which are expected to increase 20.9 percent from last year to 64.08 trillion rupiah (\$28.2 billion), Suharto said.

He stressed that tax earnings remain low compared to neighboring countries.

"Tax earnings must and can be raised even higher," he said. "We have not yet reached all taxpayers and not everybody who has been targeted duly paid their tax."

Speaking before the plenary session of the Parliament, Suharto said that revenue 78.2 trillion (\$34.4 billion) will come from domestic sources.

This represents 86.3 percent of the 90.6 trillion rupiah (\$39.9 billion) budget. It is effective from April 1, 1996.

The government has also revised its target for economic growth upwards, he said, from 6.2 percent to 7.1 percent.

Suharto had no good news for the 4.5 million civil servants, which includes the 400,000 members of the armed forces. They had been expecting salary hikes to meet the rising cost of living.

"Every civil servant's salary hike has a very great impact on state expenditures," he said adding that the problem will be considered by Parliament.

Revenues from oil and gas were expected to total about 14.1 trillion rupiah (\$6.2 billion), an increase of 6.4 percent, he said. The budget is based on an oil price of dlrs 16.50 per barrel.

The balance of 12.4 trillion rupiah (\$5.5 billion) in state revenue is made up of development revenues.

He said routine expenditures were expected to reach 56.1 million mpiah (\$524.7 billion), up 18.8 percent from last year while development expenditures will reach 34.5 million rupiah (\$15.2 billion), 12.1 percent higher than the previous year.

Suharto also cautioned of the need to control inflation, which has been over five percent for the last three years.

Indonesia's inflation rate was 8.64 percent last year compared to 9.24 percent in 1994.

The presidentalso stressed the need to speed up repayment of external debt, which is nearly \$100 billion.

Police dispatched to break dispute in S.I.

SOLOMON Islands police field force officers in the Western province were expected today on Mono Islands in the Shortlands group, scene of a dispute over disagreements between landowners and a logging compay, SIBC reported Wednesday.

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Assistant Police Commissioner
Operation, John Homelo, says his
men are going there to monitor the
situation.

The dispute has led to an overseas logging ship being turned away without calling on the island to collect logs.

And yesterday, a local vessel, the

MV Matalina, was also reported to have been prevented from unloading its cargo of fuel.

Some 30 landowners have been occupying the company's logging camp since Saturday.

Spokesman for landowners, Romie Kidoe, said however, that there had been no damage caused to the company property at the camp.

He said the landowners had only wanted logging to be halted pending the outcome of a legal action.

Mr. Kidoe said the land on which logging was taking place is not owned by an individual but by a tribe....Pacnews

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Explanations for missingmatter in universe sought

By PAUL RECER
SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Up to
half of the so-called missing matter in the universe may be burned
out and invisible stars, according
to astronomers who used bent
light from distant stars to probe
for objects called MACHOs.

A' team from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is searching the Milky Way galary for events that suddenly cause light from stars in another galary, the Large Magellanic Cloud, to appear to brighten, a phenomena known as "microlensing."

Microlensing occurs when an unseen object moves between the target star and an observing telescope in Australia.

The gravity of the passing object causes light from the star to bend and the star's image becomes brighter, as if magnified by a lens.

In two years of searching, David Bennett of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory said his team has detected seven instances of microlensing lasting an average of 2.5 months.

An analysis showed the objects were from one-tenth to 100 percent the size of the sun and Bennett believes they probably are white dwarfs, the burned remnants of ordinary stars similar to Earth's sun.

A statistical analysis of the number of events suggests that these objects make up to 50 percent of the unseen, or dark, matter in the halo surrounding the Milky Way galaxy, the home galaxy of the Earth.

The lensing bodies are generally called Massive Compact Halo Objects, or MACHOs.

By detecting seven events within two years, said Bennett, the team is able to estimate how common MACHOs are in the Milky Way.

"What we found is consistent with what we would expect if half of the halo dark matter is made up of objects in this mass range," said Bennett.

The search for MACHOs is prompted by the theory that only about 10 percent of the matter in the universe emits light or radiation that can be detected by telescopes.

This is based on estimates of how much matter would be needed for the gravitational effects observed in the universe. Since the unseen matter issues no light or heat, it is called cold dark matter.

The search for this material is one of the major quests of modern astronomy.

There have been other theories that dark matter comprises exotic types of subatomic particles, yet to be identified. Some researchers have proposed brown dwarfs, failed stars that did not get large enough to ignite the nuclear fires that make a star shine. Also, cold dark matter may reside in black holes, an aggre-

gation of collapsed stars that form a point of matter so dense that its gravity prevents even light from escaping.

Bennett's MACHO team conducts its search by aiming an Australian telescope at 9 million stars in the Large Magellanic Cloud, a galaxy some 160,000 light years away. Photos taken nightly are compared by computer with previous photos to detect any brightening.

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This method, in effect, uses light from stars in the Large Magellanic Cloud as a probe for the presence of unseen objects in the Milky Way. But Bennett said data found in the Milky Way probably would apply to galaxies everywhere.

"It seems reasonable that our galaxy is not special," he said. "We'd would expect all galaxies to be roughly the same."

John Bahcall, a Princeton expert on the search for cold dark matter, called the MACHO results "compelling."

"Anything this group of astronomers says has to be taken seriously," Bahcall said of Lawrence Livermore researchers.

"This could be the most important new science I have heard in recent years."

Bennett and his group presented their results at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society which is meeting San Antonio through Thursday.



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

VOTER INFORMATION

AMENDMENT No.19

REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 17: OATH OF OFFICE AND ARTICLE 22: OFFICIAL SEAL, FLAG AND LANGUAGES

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

AMENDED CONSTITUTION AS PROPOSED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The title is new; it reflects the combination of Article XVII with Article XXII and the addr ion of a new section.

Section 1: No change - (This is current Article $X^{\mathbf{V}}U$, Section 1.)

Section 2: The date "1978" has been upsutned for the words "official seal" on the office is seal. The color Marianas Trench blue has been upscified for the seal. (This is current Article XXII, \(^k\) mon ()

Section 3: No change (This is curre Article XXII, Section 2.)

Section 4: No change. (This is current Article XXII, Section 3.)

Section 5: This specifies that Saipan is the capital of the Commonwealth. (This is new.) [Note: Current Article XIX on code of ethics has been moved to Article XVII. This change is the subject of Amendment 17.]

ARTICLE XIX: COMMONWEALTH UNITY

Section 1: Oath of Office.

All members of the legislature and officers and employees of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions taking office shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

I do solemnly affirm (or swear) that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, the applicable provisions of the Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States of America, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties to the best of my ability (so help me God).

Section 2: Official Seal.

The official seal of the Commonwealth shall consist of a circular field of Marianas Trench blue having in its center a white star superimposed on a gray latte stone, surrounded by the traditional Carolinian mwaar consisting of the following flowers: langilang, flores mayo, angagha, and teibwo, on the outer border, and the words encircling the mwaar, "Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" and "1978."

Section 3: Official Flag.

The official flag of the Commonwealth shall consist, on both sides of a rectangular field of blue, a white star in the center, superimposed on a gray latte stone, surrounded by the traditional Carolinian mwaar. The dimension of the flag, the mwaar, the star and latte stone shall be provided by law.

Section 4: Official Languages.

The official languages of the Commonwealth shall be Chamorro, Carolinian and English, as deemed appropriate and as enforced by the legislature. The legislature may provide that government proceedings and documents shall be in at least one of the three languages. This section shall not be subject to judicial review.

Section 5: Capital.

Saipan shall be use capital of the Commonwealth.

SCHEDULE ON TRANSITIONAL AND RELATED MATTERS

Section 8: General Transitional Provisions.

- a) Except as provided in this Schedule, amendments to the Constitution shall take effect immediately after radification by the voters.
- b) Laws in force in the Commonwealth on the day preceding the effective date of any constitutional amendment that are consistent with the Constitution as amended shall continue in force until they expire or are amended or repealed.
- c) Any amendment proposed by this Convention that is submitted to the people for ratification at the same election as an amendment proposed by the legislature that relates to the same subject shall supersed the legislature's amendment if both are ratified irrespective of the number of votes each amendment receives. The legislature shall make no law inconsistent with this provision or that otherwise interferes with the right of the people to vote on the amendments proposed by the Convention. No amendments to the Constitution by legislative Initiative shall be presented to the voters at the November 1995 general election or subsequently, other than House Legislative Initiative 9-1, until the people have had an opportunity to decide whether the legislature should continue to have this authority.
- d) These transitional provisions shall remain in effect until their terms have been executed. Once each year the attorney general shall review the foregoing provisions and certify to the governor which have been executed. Any provisions so certified shall be removed from this Schedule and no longer published as an attachment to the Constitution. The attorney general shall publish each certification in a newspaper of general circulation.



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