

Assault raps vs solon



Benjamin A. Sablan

By Rafael I. Santos

A 32-YEAR-OLD farmer has accused Congressman Benjamin Sablan of assault and battery which was allegedly committed last Friday at the Department of

Labor and Immigration building on Airport Road.

Relatives of Roberto Clemente, a worker of the congressman's brother told the Variety yesterday that the assault occurred at the labor office during a scheduled arbitration.

Clemente was allegedly punched on the right jaw by Sablan at around 10:30 a.m. Clemente has filed a labor complaint against Sablan's brother George, alleging non-payment of wages.

The two were scheduled for a hearing Friday morning but George reportedly did not appear. When Rep. Sablan met the Filipino worker inside the labor office, he allegedly punched him on his right jaw, Clemente's relatives said.

Clemente filed a complaint with the Department of Public Safety

after the incident. DPS spokeswoman Cathy Sheu told reporters during a regular press briefing yesterday afternoon that an assault and battery case occurred at the labor office Friday morning.

She did not give the name of the suspect and the alleged victim. However, she identified the worker as a 32-year-old from Susupe. Clemente currently lives in Susupe and is 32 years of age.

As of yesterday, he was still complaining of pain around his

right ear. He is said to be hearing a buzzing sound, apparently as a result of the assault.

Rep. Sablan was not available for comment. One of his staff said the Saipan lawmaker was off-island and may come back tomorrow.

Meanwhile, police arrested a man over the weekend for assault and battery and assault with dangerous weapon.

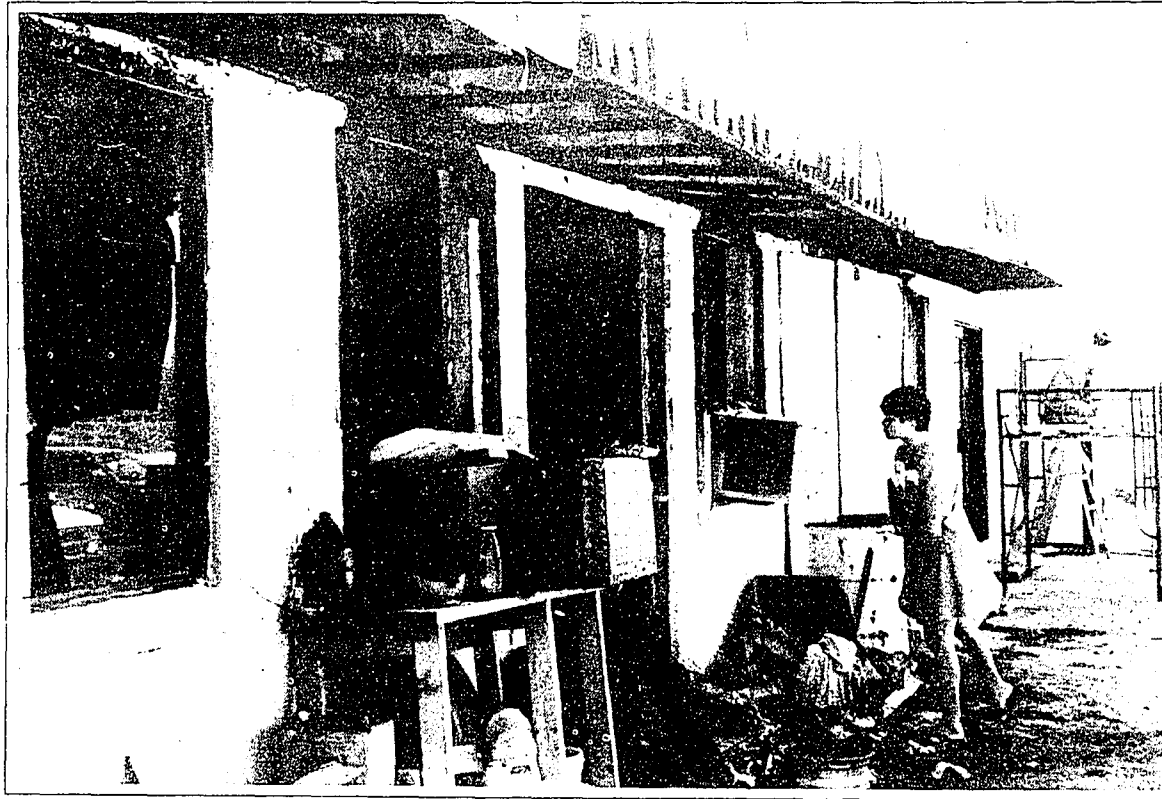
DPS identified the man as Jesse T. Baskin, 35. According to po-

lice reports, Baskin pushed his wife against the wall during a fight and threatened to stab her with a knife. Police did not provide the name of the 36-year-old female victim from San Vicente.

DPS received the complaint from a caller from the Commonwealth Health Center where the woman was treated for injuries.

Also during the weekend, a 34-year-old Dandan resident was nabbed for allegedly assaulting

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Quin Wu makes a second glance at the interior of what used to be the Nine-Star Gold near the Garapan Elementary School yesterday. The jewelry store was among three establishments destroyed by a pre-dawn fire during the weekend. Quin Wu's Hong Kong Store (far right section of building) was spared by the blaze.

Banning Chinese not the answer -- SGMA

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE PROPOSED moratorium on workers from the People's Republic of China will not solve labor abuse problems in the CNMI, the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association said.

Responding to a proposed legislation submitted by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, SGMA Executive Director Richard A. Pierce said banning Chinese workers would hurt the local apparel industry, being the biggest and major employer of workers from mainland China.

He said the effect of the proposed ban would be devastating as it will knock down the "well-oiled machine" that the garments industry has established for the last ten years.

"SGMA urges the CNMI government to remain on track. The ban is off-track. The answer is from within — enforce local federal laws; educate the public, the employers, the employees," said Pierce in a letter to the chief executive yesterday

With close to 4,000 workers from PROC from about 7,000 rank-and-file employees, he said it is virtually impossible to change more than half of its workforce in 60 days.

"The cost is prohibitive, the 'well-oiled machine' that the

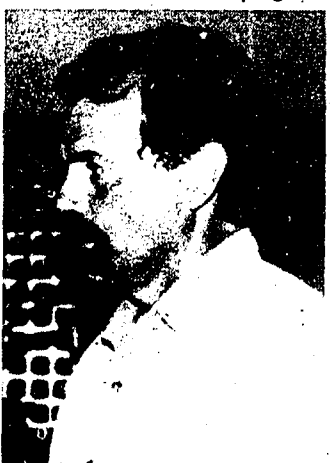
garment industry took over 10 years in becoming cannot be changed overnight, not even in one year," he said.

Pierce was responding to the proposed legislation Governor Tenorio submitted Thursday calling for a gradual 'shut off' of the supply of workers from the People's Republic of China for a period of five years.

If passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor, the new law would go into effect sixty days after gubernatorial approval and would extend a hiring moratorium until January 1, 2001.

The proposed legislation would however give employers the opportunity to recruit new workers from locations other than the People's Republic of China and would

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Richard A. Pierce

Teeners ask for 'ice' then maul worker

A GROUP of teenagers who were asking for "ice" have mauled a worker late Friday in front of Herman's Food Basket on Airport Road, causing lacerations on the facial area of the victim.

The victim, a 26-year old maintenance worker at a San Vicente establishment, was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was treated and later discharged.

He received between four to seven stitches on his right face as a result of the deep cuts inflicted on him.

The victim, who just finished attending a choir practice at Saipan Community Church, was waiting for his laundry to dry up with a friend when the assault happened.

According to the victim, he was sitting at the back of a pick-up at

around 10:00 p.m. Friday when a group of about ten men aboard another truck stopped near them in front of Herman's. One of the suspects asked if the victim had "shabu" another slang term for methamphetamine hydrochloride also known as "ice."

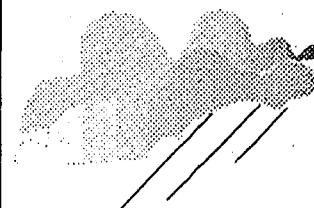
The victim said he stepped down from the back of the pick-up and responded by saying "what?." It was at this point that he was beaten up by the group. The worker, who wants to remain anonymous, told the Variety that he was punched several times on the facial area by three men while others were watching. He did not fight back as he was helpless, he said.

A friend who was on the driver seat started the pick-up truck and told the victim to get in so that

they could immediately leave. By the time the worker got in and closed the door, the window on

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Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with isolated light showers.

Rebels, Serbs gain ground in Bosnia

By SRECKO LATAL

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Renegade Muslim forces and Serbs gained ground against government soldiers in northwestern Bosnia as senior U.N. officials met to consider NATO airstrikes to halt the attack.

The Bosnian Serbs' military command said its forces recaptured all of the territory lost to government troops in last month's offensive, the Tanjug News Agency, the official news service of Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, reported late Sunday.

There was no U.N. confirmation of the Serb gains, but the statement appeared timed to stave off a NATO attack.

The top U.N. official in former

Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, and the military commander, Gen. Bertrand de Lapresle, met in Zagreb, Croatia, to decide if NATO warplanes should attack Serbs in Croatia aiding the offensive.

The U.N. Security Council authorized NATO to mount airstrikes into Croatia to protect the U.N.-declared "safe area" around Bihac, in Bosnia's northwestern corner.

The New York Times reported in Monday's editions that NATO warplanes were ready to bomb a Serb-controlled airfield in Croatia on Sunday, but were forced to call off the attack because of bad weather. The Times quoted unidentified Western officials.

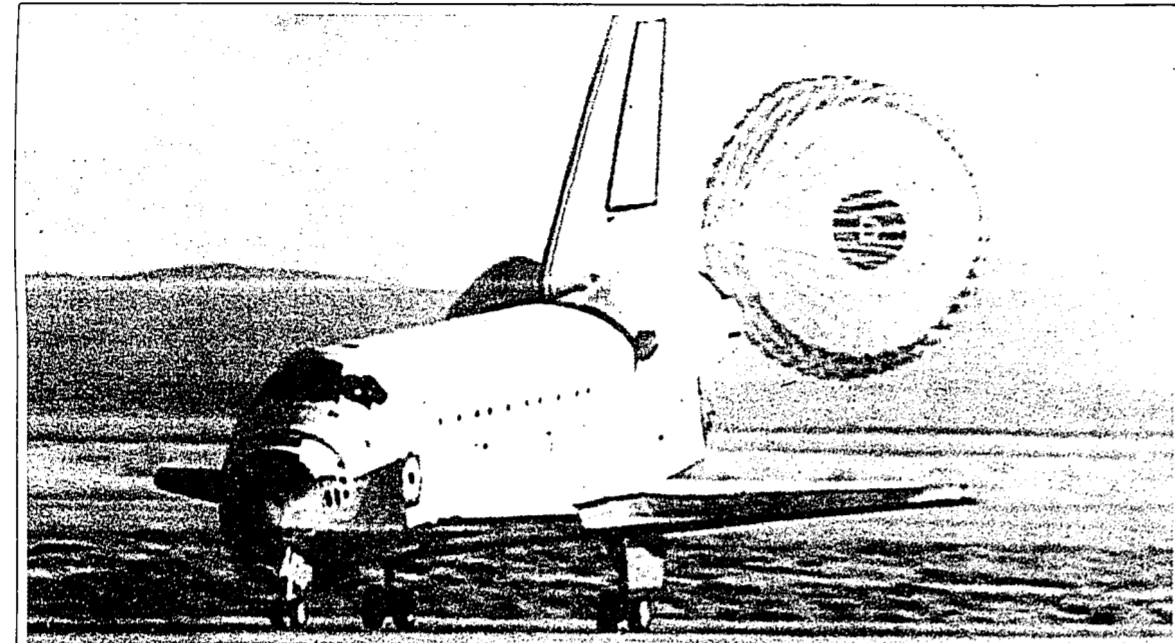
Akashi and de Lapresle issued a statement condemning "cross-

border and military activity from Serb-held Croatia." They also said they would not tolerate a continued blockade by Croatian Serbs of supplies to Bangladeshi U.N. soldiers in Bihac.

Government troops in Bihac

were under attack by rebel Muslim forces and Serb armor, according to the United Nations and both sides in the fighting. Serb artillery in neighboring Croatia was firing across the border in support.

The government's 5th Corps routed renegade Muslims under Fikret Abdic from nearby Velika Kladusa in August and then broke through Serb lines in a stunning advance last month.



The drag chute is deployed after the Space Shuttle Atlantis lands at Edwards Air Force Base in California after an 11-day atmospheric research mission in this photo taken off television Monday, Nov. 14, 1994. (AP Photo/NASA TV)

Australia urges calm in Timor

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Foreign Minister Gareth Evans appealed Monday for calm in East Timor and again urged Indonesia to withdraw most of the soldiers stationed in the former Portuguese colony.

Hundreds of students and youths have rioted in the capital, Dili, over the past 10 days, raising fears of a renewed crackdown by Indonesian security forces.

"Unfortunately there are a number of currents running, not only between the East Timorese and the military, but between the East Timorese and others from elsewhere in the archipelago who are seen as taking job opportunities and creating a very difficult environment for the people on the ground," Evans said.

"It's important that people try not to take to the streets and generate a violent reaction, but try to talk through these problems in a more

measured way," Evans said.

A major riot Nov. 13 was sparked by the killing of an East Timorese by a trader from Sulawesi, another island in the Indonesian archipelago. The trader has been charged with premeditated murder.

Indonesia annexed the former Portuguese colony in 1976 after intervening in a civil war there.

The other half of the island of Timor has been part of Indonesia since the end of Dutch colonial rule in 1950.

East Timorese, who are primarily Catholic, have waged a guerrilla campaign and conducted civil disobedience to try to gain independence from the Muslim-led government.

Indonesia has been criticized for human rights violations in East Timor, including a 1991 massacre in which soldiers fired on unarmed civilians.

Militants threaten Israel, more troops sent to Gaza, West Bank

By SAID GHAZALI

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - The PLO and the Islamic fundamentalist group Hamas have agreed to a cease-fire aimed at ending factional violence among Palestinians on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, negotiators said Monday.

There was no official confirmation from the two sides, who have been negotiating since Friday when 13 people were killed and more than 150 wounded when PLO po-

lice opened fire on stone-throwing worshippers outside a mosque.

Israel radio quoted Israeli-Arab mediator Mohammed Barake as saying the agreement would be announced later Monday.

Another mediator, Taleb al-Sana, said an agreement announced late Monday or Tuesday would call for an investigative panel to determine who was responsible for the bloodshed at the mosque and subsequent riots.

"Both sides have agreed, but

there's no signature yet," he said early Monday.

Israel radio said the PLO had also agreed to free all the 300 prisoners detained during the rioting. It said extremist factions - such as Islamic Jihad - agreed to abide by the accord.

Only isolated outbreaks of violence occurred Sunday in Gaza, where a shaky truce between the PLO and the militants held.

But Izzedine al-Qassam, Hamas' military wing, said it would attack officials of Yasser Arafat's autonomy government and start a civil war unless Arafat removed top police officials.

In a leaflet distributed in Gaza, it also demanded the release of jailed Islamic activists and said those responsible for Friday's bloodshed must be tried and executed.

In a bid to ease tensions, Arafat released 31 Islamic militants from jail Sunday.

Hamas, which opposes the Israel-PLO peace process, also distributed a leaflet Sunday calling on its military wing to attack Jewish settlers and soldiers.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin responded to the threats by ordering extra troops rushed to the Gaza Strip to protect Jewish settlements and to the West Bank to prevent riots.

Nabil Shaath, the PLO's top peace negotiator, said Friday's rioting grew out of anger over Rabin's banning of Palestinians from jobs in Israel and the failure of international donors to deliver promised aid.

"This Palestinian land has been under siege and collective punishments by the Israelis for weeks, preventing our workers from attending their jobs, preventing our products from being exported, preventing our fishermen from going to sea, and this has resulted in a catastrophe," he told reporters.

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Low-key visit from RP senator

By Rafael H. Arroyo

A SENATOR from the Republic of the Philippines was on island over the weekend for a whirlwind visit aimed at verifying reports of abuse committed on Filipino workers in the CNMI.

Sen. Ramon Revilla planned in Saturday evening for a brief, low-key two-day stay. He left early Monday after a meeting with Filipino workers comprising the Cavite Association the night before.

On arrival, he met with Governor Froilan C. Tenorio over dinner at the Jade Garden Restaurant discussing labor and economic issues.

He specifically sought ways on how to go about mutual protection for both CNMI employers and Filipino workers, according to Juan S. Tenorio, a close Revilla friend who is a member of the Governor's Economic Council of Advisers.

Early Sunday, Revilla had brunch with RP Consul Renato Villapando at the Hyatt discussing the same issues. He, however, said there was no definite subject matter brought up by the senator, his visit being a personal one.

Later in the day, he met with his fellow Caviteños at the Hyatt lobby.

"The senator is deeply perturbed by reports of Filipino workers

being abused here," said Rene Ferrer, president of the Cavite Association.

According to Ferrer, it seems the senator has been receiving conflicting reports of the real labor situation here prompting the visit.

"He was here mainly for first hand information on what is happening to our countrymen here," he said.

Another association official, Cesar Padilla, told the Variety the meeting with Revilla focused on what needs to be done with regards to allegations of labor abuse in the CNMI.

"He told us that should we have any problems, we should let him know, especially if there is something solid to back up such abuses. He said he will be relaying any information to Senator Blas Ople (Labor Committee)



Froilan C. Tenorio

and Labor Secretary Nieves Confesor so the whole thing could be discussed," Padilla said in a telephone interview with the Variety yesterday.

According to Padilla, Revilla aired concern about the plight of workers here but maintained that



Juan S. Tenorio

action from the Philippine government just have to be based on documented complaints.

"He sent out a message to all Filipinos working here that he will do what he can do to help address their labor concerns," said Padilla.

CUC to work on water line leak in San Jose

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation (CUC) has detected a water line leak beneath the roadway on Beach Road in San Jose, a news release from the utility said yesterday.

Crews will be working to repair the leak today, Tuesday, November 22nd in front of the Mazda dealership.

Because the leak is beneath the pavement, one lane of traffic, the merging lane, will be closed during these repairs.

To help alleviate traffic problems, the CUC will begin the work at 9:00 p.m. The project should be completed within five hours.

The community utility encourages residents to report any system wide leaks, and to fix any water leaks inside their homes. Water: Conserve it to Preserve it.

Big Garapan fire leaves storeowner badly burnt

By Rafael I. Santos

A BLAZE caused by an "accident" destroyed four Garapan establishments including a jewelry shop after midnight Friday and injured a Chinese jeweler.

Police reports only indicated that fire broke out at the Nine-Star Gold, a jewelry store located near Garapan Elementary School. The name of the injured person was not provided.

Cathy Sheu, Department of Public Safety spokesperson said yesterday that a man was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center due to an injury. She did not provide further details about the blaze which also razed the NBC Beauty Shop and a portion of Yue Hoi Karaoke.

Eyewitnesses however told the Variety that the injured man is the owner of the jewelry store which was opened just last year. Quin Wu, 30, owner of the Hong Kong Store located on the same building where the fire broke out identified the jeweler only as Mr. Fang.

According to her, the People's Republic of China businessman was critically injured as a result of the fire. She said Fang, 30, was still at the intensive care unit when she visited him yesterday morning.

"His right face is burned...it's brown. His hair is gone," she said. According to her, Fang also sustained serious burns on his arms and body.

The man is now in stable condition, according to her.

Eyewitnesses believed Fang was inside the bathroom when the fire broke out. He sustained the injury when he tried to come out of the establishment shortly after midnight Friday, Quin Wu, a Hong Kong citizen said.

All of the businesses have no exit doors and witnesses said Mr. Fang could have avoided the injury had his store been installed with a back door.

The building where all the said businesses are located, is owned by certain Yang Guo Hua, a businessman from mainland China, said Quin Wu.

The conflagration broke out at about 12:50 a.m. Saturday and

lasted for about thirty minutes, according to her. She said she became aware of the huge fire only when she noticed smoke coming out from an air conditioner inside the general merchandise store which she owns.

She immediately turned off the main switch and went out of the store together with her sister. "I'm lucky, I'm alive," she said, complaining that no one bothered to tell her about the fire.

Several bar workers and occupants of the apartment units at the southern portion of the building stayed by the road and watched the huge fire but no one warned her about the blaze.

None of the women also called the police for assistance, she added.

A dress shop and Quin Wu's store were spared by the fire although her air conditioning unit could no longer be used.

Nine-Star Gold owners including Fang did not try to save some of their jewelry while the fire was raging. Gold items were salvaged only after the fire, Quin Wu said.

Firemen had to break the glass door at the Yue Hoi Karaoke to stop the fire from spreading. The bar was partly damaged but it was in a mess when checked yesterday. The Nine-Star Gold shop was totally razed except the concrete wall. All items inside the shop were reduced to ashes.

Police could not say how much was lost in the fire, but said the incident was still under investigation. Quin Wu also refused to speculate the value of property which was gutted by the blaze.

Quin Wu and the family of Fang stayed for a few days at Sun Inn in Susupe courtesy of the NMI chapter of the American Red Cross.

Fang could not speak as of this time, according to Quin Wu, when asked what could have caused the fire. Police only said it was "accidental."



Chinese tourists who frequent Yue Hoi Karaoke will have to look for another bar after a weekend fire closed this popular Garapan night spot. Below, photo taken through the broken glass door of the karaoke bar shows its interior which is littered with broken glasses, cups and ashes.

Palau celebrates Peleliu Battle's end

By SARAH CLAYTON

PELELIU, Palau - One month after the U.S.-Palau commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the World War II Battle of Peleliu, the people of the states of Ngaraard and Peleliu gathered here on the same site this weekend for their own celebration of the end of the war.

They were commemorating the forced evacuation of Palauans from Peleliu to Babeldaob, mostly to Ngaraard, just before the bloody U.S. invasion of Peleliu on Sept. 15, 1944.

Madrengubeked Thomas Remengesau, the chairman of Ngaraard's Council of Chiefs, said, "Our chief was the only one who accepted them."

With U.S. air raids making it difficult for farmers to go out to the fields and the large-scale appropriation of harvested food by the Japanese military, Babeldaob's resources were already strained.

As a result, most of the tribal nations were hesitant to take on an additional population.

On Friday afternoon, about 350 people from Ngaraard crowded onto boats heading to Peleliu in memory of those WWII events and to solidify the already close bonds.

With them, they carried 52 woven baskets of uncooked kukau taro, 13 taro plants, 12 baskets of betel nut clusters (biruch) and hand-woven pandanos purses complete with a betel nut kit.

Originally, the reunion was planned to coincide with the Battle of Peleliu celebration.

However, recognizing the strain of an influx of U.S. veterans and their families on local resources, Ngaraard instead sent food and manpower, postponing the reunion until this weekend.

The highlight of the reunion was an all-night party Saturday on the same site as the Battle of Peleliu celebration, Peleliu Elementary

School. Dancers from the hamlets of both states regaled partygoers with both traditional and more modern dances, with the music varying from chants to Credence Clearwater Revival.

Humor dominated many of the dances, bringing hoots, hollers and laughter from the audience.

Oftentimes, the entertainers would be joined as partygoers added their own accent and offered money to the dancers as a show of appreciation for their performance.

However, the dances, specifically the delal a ngloik or mother dances, also provide the only formal community expression of the feelings of the people of Ngaraard for their counterparts in Peleliu and vice versa.

Through the lyrics of the songs to the delal a ngloik, the people of both states related the feelings of kinship that they have for each other.

chief of the hamlet Elab and Ngaraard's official state historian, noted that these close ties began before the period of Spanish dominance over Palau.

As legend has it, it was settlers from Peleliu that gradually worked their way through Airai, Ngijwal and finally into modern-day Ngaraard.

Many believe that it was this sense of a common origin that prompted Ngaraard's high chief during WWII, Madrengubeked Ngirturong Ngirchobekelou, to accept the families of Peleliu despite his nation's own considerable hardship.

Uelsias Fumio Rengil, the high chief of the hamlet Ngesias, said, "These people took care of us in Ngaraard when there was no food."

Upon their arrival, the people lived in the jungles of Ngaraard for about a year, hiding from U.S. attack planes and praying for a conclusion to a war that was not their

own. Rengil said people were forced to eat fibrous banana stems and betel nut just to keep themselves from starving.

He said he himself lost his father to starvation while his family was in Ngaraard.

The reunion provided Peleliu with a chance to express its gratitude for Ngaraard's graciousness in WWII and the help that it has received since.

And if the meals were any measure, the Peleliu's gratitude was overflowing.

Mountainous quantities of crab, taro, rice, eggs and sweets were all combined in lunch boxes made from the bottoms of soda cartons.

But the leaders also regard the event as an investment in the future.

"(The reunion) brings us together and keeps us remembering the sharing of the hardship," Remengesau said. "We want generations and generations to remember."

Pohnpei graduates 10 new police officers

By TOM PANHOLZER

POHNPEI - The Pohnpei State Police Academy graduated its first students November 11 in ceremonies at the College of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia gymnasium.

Despite heavy rain, almost 100 persons attended the graduation to see the 10 active police officers receive their honors.

During two weeks of heavy training the officers attended courses on criminal justice, first aid, investigative techniques, and English.

The 10 graduates are Lino Wichep, Remiko Pretrick, Koner Nicolas, Kostan Loyola, Cain Legitimus, Crescensio Amor, Benjamin Celestin, Golden Charley, Sylvester Ladore, and Kulian Hadley.



Lino Wichep looks to the podium as congratulatory speeches are made to the first class to graduate from the Pohnpei State Police Academy, November 10, which was held at the College of Micronesia-FSM gym.

Tempers flare in Western Samoan Parliament meet

WESTERN Samoa's prime minister, Tofilau Eti Alesana, has accused the leader of the opposition of being behind a petition against the country's value added goods and services tax.

Tofilau told parliament that Tuaitua Tupua Tamasese Efi should stop disturbing the peace in Western Samoa. He told the house that it's illegal to object to a law such as the one which introduced the VAGST, because parliament had made it law.

The prime minister said the anti-VAGST petition, which is reported to have collected 90-thousand signatures so far, is illegal.

Earlier, Tofilau who is 70 and had a quadruple heart bypass surgery in 1989, walked across to the opposition and brandished his fist at Tagaloa Pita challenging him to a fight.

Tagaloa declined saying, "If

you were not so old and sick, I'd give you what you want."

After again demanding a fight, Tofilau was escorted back to his seat. But tempers remained frayed as parliament took a break, with MPs having to intervene as deputy prime minister Tuilaepa

\$700M gov't budget for French Polynesia

FRENCH Polynesia's finance minister, Patrick Peaucellier, has presented a proposed budget for 1995, which is expected to see expenditure of more than \$700-million, RNZi reported yesterday.

The proposal is for the second year of a five-year so-called development plan agreed in Paris in May. The territory is financed from Paris but local taxes are levied on imports.

Maliilegaoi shaped up to opposition MP Letiu Tamatoa.

The clash took place around parliament's kava bowl - as Tuilaepa and Letiu engaged in a slanging match. Jackets off, the two were approaching each other when other members stepped in.

Motion vs Taitano's reinstatement fails



Maggie Olopai-Taitano

Motion vs Taitano's reinstatement fails

FORMER community and cultural affairs official Maggie Olopai-Taitano may soon get back her position following a court ruling on a motion stopping her reinstatement.

The U.S. District Court threw out a CNMI government motion stopping the reinstatement of Taitano, saying Governor Froilan C. Tenorio has no authority to exempt government employees from the civil service system.

Assistant Attorney General Douglas Strand argued in his motion that Taitano was considered civil service exempt following because of Executive Order 94-3 which reorganized the government.

The E.O., he said, is now a law in the commonwealth. This exempts plaintiff's former position from the system and grants the governor the sole authority to fill that position with a person who will serve at the pleasure of the chief executive, Strand said.

However, Judge Alex Munson rejected the argument and agreed with the plaintiff the Tenorio has no authority to remove people under section 15, Article III of the CNMI Constitution.

Atty. Anthony Long said last Friday that the section allows changes in government positions and functions of each office. "There's no expressed power bestowed on the governor to remove and exempt," he told the court Friday morning.

Judge Munson issued an order

Man, son plead innocent to drug raps

OMAR is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and illegal possession of a handgun. Authorities arrested the police officer in July following an incident in which he allegedly threatened to shoot certain Ramona Rabuenog with a handgun.

He was the second Department of Public Safety officer to face criminal charges so far. Earlier, police officer Josepha L. Kaipat was charged with obstruction of justice for threatening to kill a government witness.

Also yesterday, a 47-year-old father from Susupe and his son appeared before Judge Castro for an arraignment.

Vicente Aldan Leon Guerrero and his 23-year-old son Vincent Lizama Leon Guerrero pleaded innocent to methamphetamine and marijuana charges levelled against them by the government.

The plea was made in their behalf by long-time Saipan lawyer David Wiseman.

An MCV cameraman was whisked off by the defendants while taking video footage of them.

The defendants were charged after police seized drugs at their Susupe home almost two weeks ago. They were arrested immediately after the search warrant was executed.

Five people were actually nabbed on the night of November 9, but only two of them were charged.

DPS agents confiscated approximately one gram of crystal methamphetamine and an unknown amount of marijuana.

Vicente was charged with one count of possession of "ice" and one count of marijuana possession while his son was charged with possession of marijuana.

Yesterday, the court said the bail conditions for both defendants remain. The older Leon Guerrero is free on a \$50,000 unsecured bond. Vincent was released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.

November 24, 1994

Dinner 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	BEVERAGE Hot Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Fresh Milk, Ice Coffee and Tea Orange, Cranberry, Pineapple, Grape, Grapefruit Guava, Mango and Apple Juice Assorted Soda Cold Beer, Red and White Wine
Brunch 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	BEVERAGE Hot & Cold Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Orange, Cranberry, Pineapple, Grape, Grapefruit, Guava, Mango and Apple Juice Assorted Soda Cold Beer, Red and White Wine & Champagne
JAPANESE FOOD Naruto Maki, Wakame Chilled Tofu, Raw Egg, Nori Assorted Japanese Pickles Fish Cake "Age-Ball"	COLD FOODS & SALADS Smoked Salmon Italian Meats Caesar Salaed Imported Cheese Sashimi, Smoked Tuna Nigiri, Sushi Fresh Fruits, Vegetable Kimchee Radish & Kimchee Cabbage Pate's and Breads
SOUP: Pumpkin Soup Miso Soup with Asari	JAPANESE FOOD Naruto Maki, Wakame Chilled Tofu, Raw Egg, Nori Assorted Japanese Pickles Fish Cake "Age-Ball"
SOUP: Miso Soup with Asari 6 Onion Soup	MAIN BUFFET Chef Carved Breast of Turkey wild rice and vegetable stuffing natural sauce Roast Rack of Lamb Rosemary dried fruits and mango chutney Pacific Salmon in Fresh Herb's Ricotti Stuffed Shells Florentine Oven Roasted Squash in Tomato Medley of Steamed Fresh Vegetables Potatoes Anna Steamed White Rice Chef's Special Stir-Fry Station Fresh Bread and Rolls Gourmet Dessert

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also provide an exemption of up to three workers per employer if those employees are "domestic workers, or bona fide executive, professional, or managerial workers."

According to a news release issued by the Governor's office, the reason given for the proposal to ban PROC workers was the political situation in their home country, together with certain prohibited practices "imposed by their employers at work sites."

The two-page release also said Governor Tenorio's action came in response to his growing concerns about the denial of human

and political rights for non-resident workers in the CNMI.

It could be remembered that Saipan's garment industry and how its predominantly Chinese workers are being treated became a major issue with US Congress two years ago.

Reports of "slave labor" hit the headlines of mainland newspapers in 1992 in the wake of a major lawsuit lodged by the US Department of Labor against the garment firms of Willie Tan, Saipan's biggest apparel manufacturer.

Pierce indicated that the issue of abuses in the garment industry has been well addressed over the years in a pro-active way such that there need not be any drastic action anymore.

"SGMA must stick with business. And part of the business we must remember is that everything that happened has made us who we are," said the SGMA official.

"We had major labor abuse problems, we have come a long way in rectifying those problems and we will continue to concentrate on any problem areas which could hurt us in our business," Pierce added.

In airing the SGMA's concerns, Pierce said banning workers from PROC and getting a replacement workforce from elsewhere in Asia does not necessarily mean the problem on labor abuse will go away, if everything else remains constant.

"SGMA knows the solution to this problem - the answer is from within. Our association feels the

change and we believe others have been feeling it also," said Pierce. Pierce ended his letter to the chief executive asking that the Administration work with the industry, in the spirit of cooperation.

"Please ask us to sit and confer with you and your advisors. We have asked this after every new

rule and regulation affecting us has been introduced," said Pierce, referring to the \$200 labor application fee and the English speaking requirement.

"With the emergency regulations, we have no choice, but with others, we would be pleased to be asked," Pierce told Governor Tenorio.

Assault...

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another person. Masino Lanti struck the victim with a Motorola radio unit, Sheu said, adding that the victim was also punched on the left cheek. No further details were given.

In Achugao area, police said an unidentified female went to Chris-

topher night club Friday night and assault another person with beer cans and cups. The woman fled the scene after the attack, police said.

On Saturday, a man allegedly assaulted another person at the northern parking lot of Duty Free Shoppers in Garapan. Police said the victim, 34, was punched by the suspect after annoying him.

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the passenger side was smashed with a hard object, destroying the window.

The assailants sped away towards Koblerville area. The suspects were pursued by the victim and his friend but lost them and

were unable to get the truck's plate number. Another vehicle overtook the victim's truck.

The victim, who was bleeding as a result of the beating, was rushed to the CHC by three co-workers. He was released shortly after midnight. A policeman who was at the hospital got a report on the case.

Fiji solon gets action on his case

AN OPPOSITION member of Fiji's parliament and former lecturer, Fereti Dewa, has won the right to a judicial review over his claim of unfair termination of his contract by the University of the South Pacific, the Daily Post reported Saturday.

From 1991 onward, Dewa's contract was renewed on an annual basis instead of the normal three years. But in December last year, the USP decided not to extend his contract despite a satisfactory report on his work performance.

Dewa took court action and was

granted leave to apply for a judicial review but this was contested by the USP. But High Court judge Davendra Pathik rejected the USP's application and allowed Dewa a judicial review.

Dewa is fighting the case on the grounds that the University of the South Pacific breached the rules of natural justice in that it did not give him a fair hearing.

The USP was ordered to meet costs. The university was also ordered to file a reply to Dewa's affidavit in support of the application for judicial review within 14 days.

Pohnpei's newest Sakau bar owner

By TOM PANHOLZER

POHNPEI - Tony Sarapio and his brother Mariano Gilmete were talking one day at their home in Enipeithn, Kitiu, about Sakau bars and decided it was high time to



Tony Sarapio, owner of Pohnpei's newest sakau bar.

build one with class and distinction.

The results of that dream can be enjoyed here in just a few feet behind the Sokehs Rebellion Grave site.

The Diamond Head View Bar sits on the historic shores of Komwon laid with a splendid view of Sokehs Rock. Its construction is of good wood put together with forethought; the floor is concrete. A general store connects to the bar. A cooling breeze comes in off the water through the open-air sides.

Tony said the bar opened November 4 with almost a 100 people attending the celebration.

But the brothers aren't content with things as they are.

"We're going to extend," smiled Tony, "we're going to put a few huts on the shore line to meet fishermen when they come in and we're going to build a restaurant for a lunch crowd - local food of course."

As for the sakau in Pohnpei, "it comes from Kitiu," smiled Tony, who added, "it's the taste we enjoy."

CPA Board awards projects

THE BOARD of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) has awarded Western Equipment, a \$3.3 million contract for the construction of the West April Expansion at the Saipan International Airport.

At its recent monthly meeting, the Board also approved a contract for the Pangelinan and Rasa firm to appraise all CPA properties on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The Board made the award based on recommendations submitted by the CPA's engineering consultants.

West April expansion is a project that the CPA has been considering for about three years in anticipation of additional flights from Kansai Airport in Japan.

It is also part of an on-going program for continual improvement of the operating facilities to provide the most convenient and safe environment.

The two additional parking positions will give the CPA badly needed aircraft parking areas. It is now almost routine for as many as five aircrafts to be on the ground at any one time with only four sports available. This is happening without United Airlines which is expected to begin flying into Saipan on December 4, 1994.

Following the construction of this project will be the extension of the corridor and two more Jetways. Once completed sometime next year, there will be a total of six parking positions for large aircraft at the airport.

According to Efrain F. Camacho, CPA's consulting engineer, the CPA is now awaiting final concurrence from the FAA which is expected anytime soon. He said once approval is received, the notice to proceed will be given to the contractor.

"The CPA is very much encouraged with the level of participants during the bidding process," Camacho said. "This is the first time that other larger firms other than Black Construction has participated."



Efrain F. Camacho



Carlos A. Shoda

is also part of the CPA's overall upgrading of its facilities. Using Portland cement concrete will result in less maintenance and can withstand accidental spillage of fuel than asphalt concrete.

The Board also approved the awarding of an appraisal contract to the Pangelinan and Rasa, a Saipan-based firm to appraise all airports and seaports on the three islands in the Commonwealth.

The last appraisal for the airport was done in 1985. CPA publicly advertised the projects which resulted in three appraisal firms submitting proposals. The CPA



Public school children learn the art of pandanus weaving during a work education session. The craft is being encouraged to stress the importance of traditional arts in school.

will still have to negotiate the fee for the firm at a later date. The Board made the decision at the recommendation of the CPA's in-house staff engineer.

The Board of Directors also approved the reorganization of

the CPA and to restructure the salary schedule. Executive Director Carlos A. Shoda has been granted the full authority to work on the reorganization with the special committee headed by Board member George A. Sablan.

Elsewhere in the region

Vanuatu polls void, says group

IN VANUATU, the opposition Unity Front has condemned the polling that took place in Noumea last week for country's provincial government elections as "null and void." Front spokesman Peter Taurakoto said yesterday.

Taurakoto said the government has broken the Decentralization Act because the law states clearly that people eligible to vote must reside in their respective provinces in Vanuatu.

He said there is no provision in the act to allow the ni-Vanuatu living in

New Caledonia or anywhere else in the world, to vote in the provincial elections.

He said it was illogical for the act to prohibit voters in Port Vila and Luganville from voting while allowing ni-Vanuatu living in a foreign territory to vote.

The provincial government elections were held on November 15 but no official results have been released yet. However, the Unity Front maintains it has won three of the six provinces.

Solomon PM sets high goals

THE NEW Solomon Islands government of prime minister Solomon Mamaloni is proposing major changes to the country's constitution, SIBC reported yesterday.

In its Programme of Action for the three year period 1995 to 1998 announced Friday, the government plans to introduce an amendment to the constitution to extend the life of parliament from four to five years.

Another proposed amendment aims to tackle the problem of defections and political instability by limiting the number of political parties and banning independent members of parliament.

A further amendment will provide for the political party winning the largest number of seats in any general election to form the government.

It is also being proposed that the Leadership Code Commission Act be repealed or changed and that government backbenchers be appointed as chairmen of government statutory boards.

American Samoa race heats up

A COURT in American Samoa is to decide the outcome of the election in four seats in the territory's House of Representatives, RNZI reported yesterday.

The result in six out of twenty seats was challenged but two contestants withdrew their complaints, saying they don't want their constituencies to go through another election.

The challenges go to court because they could not be settled administratively. The two candidates

claim that improperly may have cost them a victory in the election earlier this month.

Another seat is still undecided because both candidates won the same number of votes but both refuse to have lots drawn to determine the winner, saying they want a special run-off election.

Governor AP Lutali says he will call a ten-day session of the assembly in December to raise a number of issues, including taxation and the confirmation of appointments.

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Train catches fire, dozens injured

BRIGHTON, Ontario (AP) - Terrified passengers jumped from the windows of a burning train Sunday after it crashed into an object on the tracks and caught fire.

As many as 60 people were injured. Police said they suspect vandalism caused the accident.

The Via Rail train carrying more than 400 people hit the object after dusk, and fire broke out in the engine and the first two coaches of the train, said Via Rail spokeswoman Dianne Graham.

"We're probably looking at mischief," said a special agent for Canadian National who spoke on condition of anonymity. He did not elaborate. The line is

owned by Canadian National, a government company.

The first-class car was sprayed with burning fuel after the engine hit an object about 6:20 p.m., puncturing its diesel tank. Fire also spread through the second coach.

Passengers as far back as the sixth car - carrying wheelchair basketball team - saw flames racing by their windows.

Some passengers jumped out of windows while the train was still moving to escape the fire.

"Heat was cracking the windows while we were still moving," said Bob Bosada, 57, a Toronto lawyer riding in the first-class car.

"When we stopped, the heat

and smoke became overpowering... so we began breaking windows to get out," said Bosada, who broke his hand escaping.

Richard Cook, 19, was leaving his house near the tracks when he heard a scraping sound, then saw the train.

"You couldn't recognize it as a train because it was all on fire," he said. "It kind of looked like a

comet." As many as 60 people were treated for injuries. Sue White, an administrator at Trenton Memorial Hospital, said 15 people were being treated there for cuts, bruises and burns.

The train carried 407 passengers and about 10 crew members.

The fire was the second suspi-

cious incident involving a Via train on Sunday. A locomotive and baggage car were derailed as a train carrying 60 passengers left Rimouski, Quebec, about 200 miles northeast of Quebec City.

Rimouski police Constable Daniel Lebel said someone damaged a switching system with cement blocks. No one was hurt in the early-morning incident.

U.N. support for democratic movements in the world urged

MANILA (AP) - Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi urged the United Nations

Monday to support democratic movements in poor countries to fight tyranny and achieve genu-

ine development.

In a speech read for her at a meeting of UNESCO's World Commission on Culture and Development, Mrs. Suu Kyi said totalitarian governments reject democracy and human rights by arguing that they are Western concepts opposed to national culture.

"True development of human beings involves much more than mere economic growth," she said. "At its heart there must be a sense of empowerment and inner fulfillment... In this paradigm, development requires democracy, the genuine empowerment of the people."

"If the U.N. and its agencies wish to assist this development, they must support these movements which seek to empower the people, movements which are founded on democracy, and which will one day ensure a culture of peace and of development."

Mrs. Suu Kyi, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, has been held under house arrest in Rangoon since July 1989 by the Burmese military junta.

Her speech was read by former Philippine President Corazon Aquino at the opening of a five-day meeting of the commission, but it was not immediately known how the speech reached Mrs. Aquino.

Officials said the speech was prepared at the invitation of the commission's chairman, former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Mrs. Suu Kyi did not say how the United Nations should support democratic movements nor suggest how it could help win her release.

In her speech, she underscored non-violent change as a hallmark of democracy.

But she warned that poverty threatens social stability, and that ethnic conflict and minority discontent are two of the greatest threats to internal and regional peace.

She said the "minority" in developing countries are actually the poor who do not have access to government or economic power.

"And when the dispossessed 'minority' is in fact an overwhelming majority, as happens in countries where power is concentrated in the hands of the few, the threat to peace and stability is ever present even if unperceived," she said.

Four foreign journalists told to leave Timor

DILI, Indonesia (AP) - The government on Monday ordered four Western journalists to leave the troubled province of East Timor, where they were covering independence demonstrations.

The journalists did not have the required work permits to be in the area unlike dozens of other journalists reporting on the events during the past 10 days, said

Johanes Sri Triswoyo, head of the immigration office in Dili, the provincial capital.

In a rare show of openness this month, Indonesia issued work permits to foreign journalists to cover East Timor, a former Portuguese province that Jakarta annexed in 1976.

Triswoyo said the journalists told to leave are Associated Press

photographers Jeff Widener and Craig Fuji; Reuters photographer Jonathan Drake; and Australian Simon Beardell, a cameraman with the WTN television news agency.

He said 38 of the 55 journalists who applied for permission to cover East Timor had so far visited the province, where government troops have been often ac-

cused of human rights abuses while curbing the pro-independence movement, including a 1991 massacre when dozens of protesters were killed.

Hoping to improve its rights image, Indonesia invited foreign journalists to visit East Timor after they reported on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meetings earlier this

month. But with the full glare of worldwide publicity, East Timorese dissidents have rioted during the past 10 days in the capital.

Police said some of the anti-government demonstrations last week were instigated by foreign journalists.

In Jakarta, Foreign Ministry spokesman Irawan Abidin said: "APEC is over. If more (journalists) want to go Dili they will need permission from the information department."

East Timor, a remote eastern region of the sprawling Indonesian archipelago, is the only Christian-dominated province in the overwhelmingly Muslim nation.

The United Nations does not recognize the annexation of East Timor by Indonesia. The United States and neighboring Australia do, and also press for more human rights.

Mexicans vote in Tabasco's election

By TRINA KLEIST

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP) - Mexicans voted in a state-level test of recent national reforms meant to give opposition parties more of a chance to challenge the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Polls showed the PRI, which has ruled Mexico for 65 years, was favored to win the governorship and most of the 17 city councils in the Gulf Coast state of Tabasco, though officials of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, said they were confident of making gains.

Officials said turnout on Sunday appeared to be well over 50 percent before the polls closed at 6 p.m. (0000 GMT). First results were not expected until late Sunday or early Monday.

There were some reports of irregularities. State policemen were accused of trying to organize a multiple-vote scheme, and more than 1,800 ballots were stolen in one town.

"Tabasco was considered a laboratory for the revolution in the early part of this century," said PRI spokesman Jose Alberto Aguilar. "Now, it is considered a laboratory for reform."

Tabasco is the first state election since the Aug. 21 presidential ballot, considered Mexico's fairest election. But political reforms are usually slow to reach the local level in Mexico.

Some people blocked roads leading to the towns of Nacajuca and Cardenas early Sunday, saying they wanted to prevent parties from bus-ing voters from one polling place to another to cast multiple ballots - a practice known as the "carousel."

In Cardenas, a city governed by the PRD, police spokesman Efrén Gonzalez Lopez said officers arrested about 30 plainclothes state policemen late Saturday. He said they admitted they had been sent to operate a carousel.

State police chief Hernan Bermudez Requena disputed the claim. He said the men were traveling to another town where help had been requested by electoral officials. He also said the men appeared to have been beaten before a magistrate ordered their release Sunday afternoon.

Officials in Teapa had to reprint more than 1,800 ballots after a man falsely posing as a state election official took ballots from three polling places Saturday night.

Opposition supporters in the town of San Carlos briefly detained several vote counters, claiming their plan to quickly tally votes was part of a plot to cover up fraud.

Nearly 5,000 observers from po-

litical parties and civic organizations monitored the state's 1,744 precincts. At least eight groups, including national chambers of commerce, planned their own projection based on exit interviews and observer reports of final counts at representative precincts.

Polls predict the PRI gubernatorial candidate, Roberto Madrazo Pintado, will win with more than 60 percent of the vote.

Madrazo, 42, is a reformist who

vows to eliminate corruption, bring members of opposing parties into his administration, revitalize the economy through trade and make his party more democratic.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of the PRD is his main opponent. Lopez, 41, said he can win "if the election is clean."

Lopez, who was state PRI leader until a reform movement failed in 1983, said PRI promises for reform are merely a tactic to remain in power.

He campaigned on an anti-corruption platform, promising to make the oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos clean up pollution in the state and to impose fiscal austerity.

Both on state and federal levels, officials have passed laws to stiffen penalties for fraud, limit campaign spending, guarantee opposition access to the media and permit independent monitoring of polling places.

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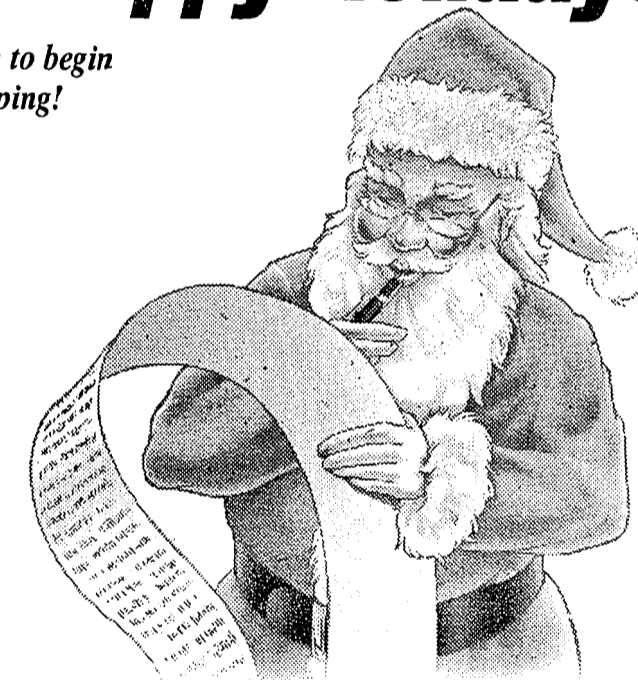
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Democrats to play role of watchdog

By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) - Outnumbered in the U.S. Congress for the first time in four decades, Democrats will play the role of watchdog and spend the next two years attempting to hold Republicans accountable.

"They'll make sure the Republicans - who took control of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Nov. 8 elections - keep the deficit in check and shield student loans and other social programs from the budget ax."

"I'll vote for some spending cuts, sure," as well as work with Republicans on welfare, said Sen. Harry Reid, a Democrat, echoing the views of many in his party.

At the same time, he said, "I think we (Democrats) have to stand for something. I think we have to have a social conscience. I think we have to be concerned about the working people."

"The Republican contract isn't

a complete contract," Rep. Benjamin Cardin, head of a Democratic transition committee, said of the Republican campaign manifesto, "Contract With America."

"We don't know how they're going to pay for it."

Republicans won a mandate for change, but "not a mandate for extremism," added Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, running an uphill race for Democratic leader.

House of Representatives Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan said one of the principal responsibilities next year will be to sustain any vetoes President Clinton casts. With 203 likely seats in the House - more than Republicans ever had during 40 years in the minority - and 47 in the Senate, a united Democratic party could easily prevail in these struggles.

"The American people have to know where the contrasts are between Republicans and Democrats," Bonior said. "They will be the champions of corporate welfare. We will be the champions of

working folks."

In numerous interviews, Democrats said their response won't take shape until leadership races are settled, the Democratic president formulates his own legislative program and they see the fine print on Republican legislation.

"I want to govern and put politics behind us but we are not going to be pushed into making de-

isions that are not in the best interests of this country," said Sen. Tom Daschle, a Democrat running against Dodd for Senate minority leader.

Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, favored to retain his post as House Democratic leader, led three days of private meetings last week to begin formulating a message the minority can use. One partici-

pant, speaking on condition of anonymity, said lawmakers are "angry at the president, angry and the circumstances" that leave them in a minority.

For his part, Gephardt on Friday tagged the Gephardt proposal a "huge giveaway for the rich" that would increase the deficit and cut programs for farmers, veterans, senior citizens and others.

Strange noises reported aboard USAir flight 427 before crash

By F.N. D'ALESSIO

CHICAGO (AP) - At least three passengers on an earlier leg of USAir Flight 427 complained of strange noises before the jet took off on its final, fatal flight, according to a lawyer representing victims' families.

Philip H. Corboy, a lawyer suing USAir on behalf of some of the families, said reports of complaints were filed Thursday in depositions in federal court.

The three passengers said they had heard an odd noise during the Sept. 8 flight from Charlotte, N.C., to Chicago, he said.

The jet left Chicago for Pittsburgh later that day and crashed a few miles from the Pittsburgh airport, killing all 132 people aboard. Investigators have not determined what caused the crash.

The type of noise the passengers said they heard was not detailed in the depositions, Corboy said, nor was it clear why they thought it was unusual.

USAir's chief maintenance foreman in Chicago, Gerald E. Fox, was told about a report of unusual noise but allowed the plane to take off without investigating because the pilot told him the craft was fine, USAir spokesman Richard Weintraub said Sunday.

Fox is a defendant in the lawsuit filed by Corboy on behalf of some victims' families, along

with USAir and Boeing Co. Weintraub said the jet had two routine pre-flight checks before taking off for Pittsburgh, but no special maintenance.

The USAir mechanic in charge of the plane's departure said in one of the depositions that he was never told of the complaints, the Tribune-Review of Greensburg, Pa., reported Sunday. If he had been, he said, the Boeing 737 would not have left Chicago.

In Washington, telephone messages left with National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Mike Benson Sunday were not immediately returned.

After the depositions were filed, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Norgle Sr. denied USAir's request to move three lawsuits resulting from the crash to federal court from Chicago's Cook County Circuit Court.

The Pittsburgh crash and one in Charlotte, N.C., in July that killed 37 of the 57 people aboard, have raised questions among some travelers about USAir's safety. USAir has had seven accidents, six of them deadly, in the past five years.

Also Sunday, USAir announced it has hired a retired commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe to become the airline's new vice president of corporate safety.

Robert C. Oakes, 58, left his military post earlier this year, ending a 35-year career. He also

is a former chief of the Air Force's training organization, the Air Training Command.

Oaks will start his position Dec. 1. He will oversee all flying and ground safety activities at USAir and report directly to Chairman Seth Schofield.

The airline also said it has asked PRC Aviation, a Tucson, Ariz.-based consulting firm, to conduct an independent audit of safety practices and policies.

Rabin to visit South Korea

SEOUL (AP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will visit Seoul Dec. 14-17, becoming the first Israeli head of government to visit South Korea, an official announcement said Monday.

Rabin will hold a summit with South Korean President Kim Young-sam and exchange views on the recent situations in North-east Asia and the Middle East, chief presidential spokesman Choo Don-shik said.

During Rabin's stay, both countries also will sign an aviation agreement that will open a direct air flight between their capitals, transportation ministry officials said.

Israel and South Korea established formal diplomatic ties in 1962 but their relations have been bumpy because of Seoul's relationships with Arab countries.

MCI to provide broad access to Internet

By EVAN RAMSTAD

NEW YORK (AP) - MCI Communications Corp. on Monday will unveil its Internet service to consumers and businesses, becoming the biggest brand name to sell access to the global computer network.

The "internetMCI" service, which begins in January, will put

the second-largest long distance company in competition with national on-line companies like Prodigy and America Online and scores of local computer bulletin boards tied to the Internet.

It is the second announcement in just days with the potential to reshape the on-line industry.

Microsoft Corp. last week provided a first glimpse of The

Microsoft Network, an on-line service available next summer that will also have a tie to the Internet.

MCI announced its Internet connection several weeks ago as part of a software product called "networkMCI" that packaged e-mail, a news and database service and other productivity programs together. However, it was still hammering out agreements and withheld details until now.

The MCI plan is striking in its breadth, with an electronic shopping mall that is secure for credit card transactions, simple software for consumers and programming tools and consulting services for businesses that want customers and suppliers to reach them on the Internet.

"There's really no one doing all of what we're doing," said John Donahue, vice president of marketing for MCI's business products.

Consumers will be charged about \$50 for the Internet software and \$20 a month for seven hours of access in cities and three

hours in rural areas, where calling in will be done over toll-free lines. After that, extra hours will cost \$4 each. For its first three months of service for \$20.

MCI declined to disclose subscriber or revenue goals but Donahue called it "a big revenue opportunity and an increasingly strategic opportunity."

With it, MCI moves to the forefront of companies trying to expand the Internet beyond its base of scientists, students and the computer-savvy.

Some current devotees of the Internet loathe such efforts, expressing feelings like those of a rural homeowner who has a housing subdivision go in nearby.

Prominent Internet developer Vinton Cerf said he has faced many questions from early Internet users about its growth and his recent decision to become senior vice president for data architecture at MCI.

"For people who enjoyed the small town, cliquish atmosphere, which I did too, once you realize

the value of this system, what it can do to bring people together and stimulate the economy, you can't possibly help but want this for everyone," said Cerf, co-creator of the standard language called TCP-IP that computers use to talk to each other on the Internet.

Established in the 1960s as a way for the military to keep in touch with university and scientific researchers, the Internet has become the tool through which companies link their internal electronic mail and data networks with those at other firms around the world. It has also become both a giant library and outlet for creative and informative expression.

Precise usage has so far proven impossible to gauge but estimates of people with Internet access range from 3 million to 30 million.

Its growth during the past two years has been driven by companies that created software making the Internet much easier to navigate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-772
PRESCILLA PANOPIO-PASCUAL
Petitioner,
versus
HILARIO PASCUAL,
Respondent.

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce of which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, at Saipan, CM 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. V.K. Sawhney, P.O. Box 917, Susupe, Saipan, CM. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:
/s/Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Dated this 28th day of July, 1994.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform private firms interested in hiring locals that the JTPA Office may be able to assist you in this effort. Specifically, JTPA can provide the following;

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Although such effort will be initiated on a case by case basis, we will be glad to provide assistance as possible in this endeavor. This initiative will ensure full participation of our local people and enhance our labor force within the private sector.

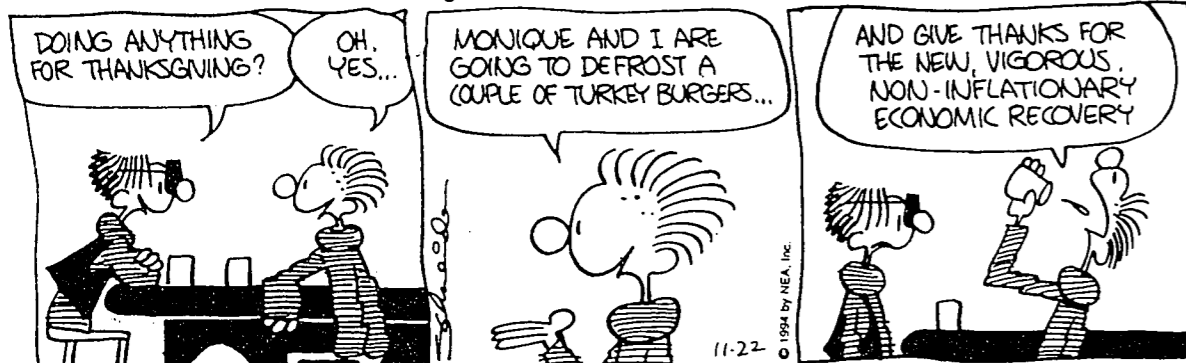
Should you be interested or need more information regarding the program, give us a call at 664-1700/1.

Respectfully;

/s/FELIX NOGIS
JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE: 11/2/94

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STELLA WILDER

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are somewhat of a trailblazer. You accomplish your chosen goals in a manner that is unique.

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To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Even in the short span of a day, experience can weave quite an elaborate tapestry if you know where to go, where to look and whom to follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You should be able to ride a wave of energy today, but focus and concentration are essential to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today's focus is likely to fall upon your domestic situation, and you must be willing to tell it like it is when you are asked.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Look for the light and laughter in your day, even while you are toiling for a weighty cause.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Changes today on the home front should not be feared. Try leading the way, rather than following with doubt and uncertainty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Good things will transpire today, but you might not notice if you

aren't in the right position, even though positivity will be shining brightly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Wishful thinking can get you far today, but doing something will get you the rest of the way. Timing is essential as you take action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Keep your business affairs on the level today; avoid clandestine arrangements that may be questionable in the eyes of the law.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Criticism has its place, but today you must be patient. Give others time to get up to speed in more ways than one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's a good day to look for better uses for your resources — including ready cash. Save now, spend later, and seek greater rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may have a revelation before the day is out. You will be able to heed a valuable lesson that others do not grasp.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be able to score an impressive victory today and put an end to rumors that you are unfit for your current endeavor.

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DATE BOOK

Nov. 22, 1994

Today is the 326th day of 1994 and the 61st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Eliot (1819-1880), novelist; Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), French statesman;

Wiley Post (1899-1935), aviator; Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981), composer-pianist; Rodney Dangerfield (1921-), comedian, is 73; Robert Vaughn (1932-), actor, is 62; Billie Jean King (1943-), tennis star, is 51; Jamie Lee Curtis (1958-), actress, is 36; Boris Becker (1967-), tennis player, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1945, Cleveland Ram Bob Waterfield caught 10 passes for 303 yards, a total that stood as an NFL record for 40 years.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The real 1960s began on the afternoon of Nov. 22,

1963.... It came to seem that Kennedy's murder opened some malign trap door in American culture, and the wild bats flapped out." — Lance Morrow

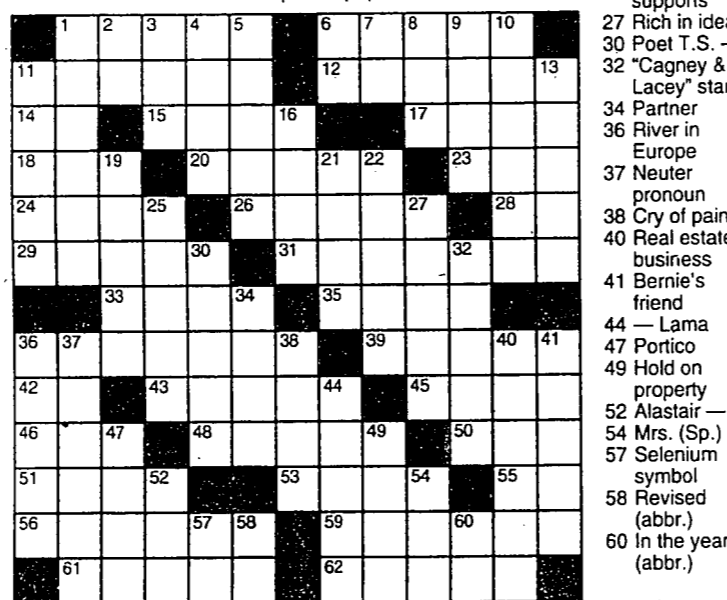
TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 18) and last quarter (Nov. 26).

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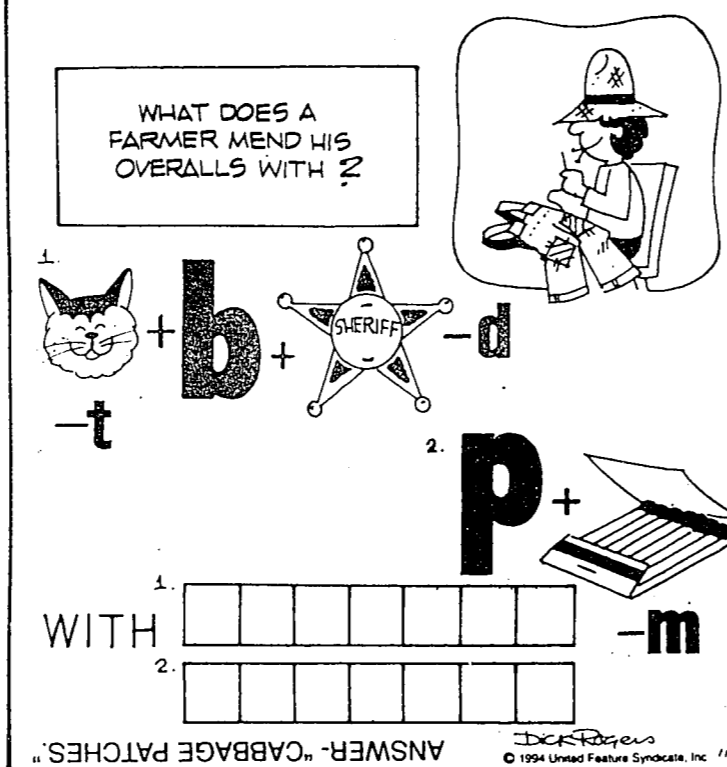
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ANSWER: "CABBAGE PATCHES"

Advertisement for 'AUTOMATIC SELLER MACHINE' by Marianas Variety, featuring a machine and contact information.

Saipan Swim Club Practice Meet Results

Table of swim meet results for Saipan Swim Club, listing names, times, and categories like 200 IM, 50 M Free, 100 Free, etc.

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Table of cross-country results, listing names, times, and categories like Males - 12 and under, Males - 14 and under, etc.

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ployee Noel Reyes of the Inter-Hotel League will also play forward. Edward Baysa, also from the Mobil administrative staff, will be the team coach.

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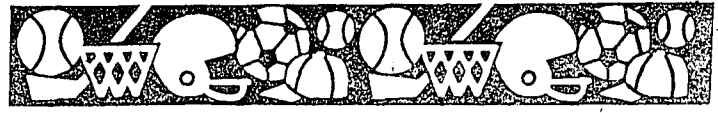
Sampras lost his serve only once, and that cost him the first set.

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points in the second half but played hard," Carlesimo said. "The key to the game for us was our offensive rebounding and taking care of the ball."

Advertisement for RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT at NIKKO HOTEL, December 3 & 4, 1994, featuring Bud beer and contact information for CNMI Racquetball Association.

SPORTS



Pete Sampras upsets Becker

By NESHA STARCEVIC

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - Two Grand Slams, eight other titles, record earnings, top ranking safe. Not a bad year, but Pete Sampras thinks it could have been better. Sampras won the Australian Open

in January, Wimbledon in the summer, and the IBM/ATP Tour World Championship for the second time Sunday.

"This ends the year on a great, great note," Sampras said after beating Boris Becker 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

"It gives me a bit of satisfaction. It's

a good win here because the fall hasn't been so great," said Sampras, who also won here in 1991.

The American collected \$1.225 million for his victory and brought his 1994 earnings to \$3,607,812, an annual record for the tour.

Sampras began the year so strongly

that he looked almost invincible. But injuries slowed him after his second Wimbledon title and he was beaten in the Round of 16 at the U.S. Open.

Defeats by Andre Agassi and Becker last month on European indoor courts took some shine off his crown.

Although he lost to Becker at the

start of the round-robin portion of the World Championship, Sampras bounced back Sunday with an impressive performance. And he also beat Agassi in the semifinals.

Agassi is expected to remain No. 2 and Becker No. 3 when the final rankings for the year come out Monday.

Sampras, 23, is the first player to stay atop for the entire year since Ivan Lendl in 1987.

"It's a great accomplishment. It just proves that I have been really consistent even though I pulled out of six events. Being injured right after Wimbledon was very frustrating and the Open experience was very discouraging. I still maintained that No. 1 ranking by a pretty good margin and I hope to continue that.

"I got Andre right behind me, dying to be No. 1 so I just need to keep working hard.

Although beaten by Becker in five of their previous six indoor matches, Sampras rose to the occasion Sunday, even as 9,000 fans in the Festhalle cheered for his rival.

He ended the year with a 74-11 record, and is now 6-5 against Becker in his career.

Becker, who was also seeking his second title after winning in 1992, collected \$640,000 for his runner-up finish.

The German, who will be 27 Tuesday, thundered 30 aces past Sampras, who only had 9. But Becker also had 12 double-faults, while Sampras had three in the two-hour, 39-minute match.

"I returned a lot better than when I played him Wednesday. I put a lot of pressure on his serve, and as a result he hit a number of double-faults. It played a huge part in the match," Sampras said.



Sister Angela, fourth from left, of Mount Carmel School receives a \$10,000 check from Amigos Golf Club. The amount is from the proceeds of the Bud/Joeten Proud Bird Golf Classic Tournament which was organized by the same golf club. With Sister Angela, from left are Amigos tournament director Karl T. Reyes, Eli Maravilla of Joeten, Tom Shimizu of Budweiser, Mel Molloy of Continental Micronesia, and AGC officers Jack Taitano, Jack Guererro, Joe Camacho and Pete Igitol.

North Korea to sponsor professional slugfest

TOKYO (AP) - Long-isolated North Korea may be planning to wrestle and box its way to a more outgoing role on the world stage.

A professional Japanese wrestling association confirmed Monday that North Korea has invited American boxers Mohammed Ali and George Foreman and Japanese martial artists and wrestlers to a Pyongyang exhibition slugfest.

North Korea announced Monday that the fighting event will be called the "Pyongyang International Sports and Culture Festival for Peace" and is slated for April, 1995.

The event, announced by North Korea's official news agency and monitored in Tokyo, will be used to showcase the Hermit Kingdom as a tourist destination.

"(Visitors) will have opportunities to go sightseeing to Mt. Paektu, ... and other beauty spots and historic and cultural relics, beside Pyongyang, as they wish,

while staying in Korea," the Korean Central News Agency report said.

It said the event will be hosted by North Korea and a Japanese wrestling association headed by parliamentarian Kanji Inoki.

Other events include mass gymnastic performances and two other American boxers, the report said. The report did not give names.

"I hope this will contribute to the exchanges between Japan and North

Korea," Inoki, a professional wrestler turned politician, said in Tokyo.

"North Korea is also planning to accept a large-scale tour group from Japan, which I also hope will help friendship between our countries," he added.

Mobil ready to join 1995 PABA

Mobile Oil Micronesia Incorporated is all set to join the 1995 Philippine Amateur Basketball Association (PABA) Inter-Commercial League which will commence early next year.

This was confirmed to Variety Sports yesterday by Mobile Oil Micronesia administrative staff Emerson Ermitanio.

Mobil Micronesia will be joining the league for the first time since the league's formation in the eighties.

Emerson Ermitanio works as one of the accountants of Mobil. He is a brother of Elmer Ermitanio, manag-

ing coach of 1994 PABA Champion Ft/SNE.

Ermitanio, during a phone interview, said that the Mobil Oilers' lineup was completed recently after one month of tryout last month.

"We are ready but PABA is not yet ready to receive new teams. They (PABA) have not given out application forms yet," Ermitanio said.

Ermitanio would not disclose the names of some of the players in their lineup.

"We have already fifteen players in the lineup but we still have to finalize with one or two of those in the list," he said.

Among those in the line up are team captain ball and CAM Corp. accountant Ted Tadeo; former EC Gozum guard and Samsung company engineer Carlos Suing; Jun Osias of Sablan Construction. He will play forward.

Also in the team are former RB Electrical forward Noel Gamboa of Home Improvement; Mobil aviation analyst and forward player Alex Pricia; and Mobil trailer driver Joel Lumacad who will play guard.

Beefing up the line are Nauru build-

ing maintenance man Darryl Bisara will play forward and Suwaso em-

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Portland ends 3-game losing streak

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - With James Robinson filling in at point guard and Rod Strickland, Terry Porter, Negele Knight and Clyde Drexler out with injuries, the Portland Trail Blazers had just enough to end a three-game losing streak.

Robinson had 24 points, eight assists and only six turnovers as the Trail Blazers rallied to beat the Detroit Pistons 98-96 on Sunday night. "It wasn't difficult playing 48 minutes ... I just rested during timeouts and free throws," Robinson said. "We really can play well without Clyde and Rod. We've just got to keep playing hard."

Robinson, who averaged 11.6 minutes last season after

leaving Alabama following his junior year, also held Pistons point guard Lindsey Hunter scoreless. Robinson and Hunter were high school teammates in Jackson, Miss.

"We didn't have much to go to on the bench," Blazers coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "I thought James did exceptionally well."

In other games, New Jersey edged the Los Angeles Clippers 98-97 and Sacramento beat Cleveland 96-88.

Clifford Robinson scored 26 points, Buck Williams had 15 points and 12 rebounds and Tracy Murray added 14 points for Portland. Joe Dumars led Detroit with 35 points, 22 in the first half.

"We were down a lot of

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Cross Country race results

Males - 10 and under	School	Time
7 Seung Jin Lee	SCS	09.43
8 Jake Taitano	SCS	09.44
9 Christopher Tegieta	TAN	09.51
10 Jeremy Winkfield	SCS	10.47
11 Olympio Muna	SV	10.48
12 Stephan Bayless	SCS	10.50
13 Woong Chio	SCS	11.09
14 Keith Torres	SA	11.14
15 Dgan Encio	SA	11.35
16 Dohyum Kim	SCS	12.05
17 Sho Saso	SCS	12.08

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