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Johnnie Cochran joins Junior Larry Hillbroom's team

'We expect to win'



Johnnie Cochran upon his arrival at the Saipan International Airport yesterday.
—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

New probate law is 'totally unconstitutional'-- Cochran

By Zaldy Dandan
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THE NEW CNMI probate law is "totally unconstitutional," lawyer Johnnie Cochran said yesterday.

"It's outrageous to enact a law like that," said the new member of the legal team in the Hillbloom heirship case. "(I)t's against public policy and we're going to appeal all the way to the Ninth Circuit (Court) or the Supreme Court, and it's going to be overturned, you can count on that."

Signed last June 6 by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, Public Law 10-10 requires that any child born out of wedlock may not inherit from his or her father unless the latter openly recognized the child as his own during his lifetime.

The only other way illegitimate children can be named heir to their father's properties is by winning a paternity lawsuit.

Critics point out to the law's retroactivity clause which makes it applicable to ongoing cases involving the Hillbloom estate.

Even the governor's acting At-

torney General Sebastian Aloit and Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, a former Supreme Court associate justice, have doubted the law's constitutionality.

In an interview with the *Variety* recently, Borja said the probate law may likely be stricken down by the courts.

Tenorio said the law has the

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By Zaldy Dandan
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HE'S HERE and he says he and his co-counsellors will win the case for Junior Larry Hillbloom.

Johnnie Cochran, the United States' most famous lawyer, arrived yesterday morning on Saipan to meet with the other counsels of Kaelani Kinney, mother of Hillbloom.

Cochran said he will join Kinney's team of lawyers who are seeking to prove that the 12-year old Hillbloom is an illegitimate son and rightful heir to Larry Hillbloom whose estate is estimated to be worth \$450 million.

David Lujan, however, will remain the team's lead counsel, Cochran said.

"We expect to win," he said in an impromptu press conference at the airport. "We're here to vigorously represent the interests of our client. They're (the Hillbloom estate's executor) in for a major fight."

Cochran said it was lawyer Jack Avery who invited him to join Kinney's legal team.

"It's a very interesting case. I've often like my practice to have cases where (I have a David and Goliath situation), and certainly we're David and they're Goliath. I like our odds and I like our chances," he said.

Though more well-known as a criminal case lawyer, O.J. Simpson's lead counsel said he has handled more civil cases than

criminal ones.

Asked if his joining the case would speed up the litigation process, Cochran said he and his co-counsellors will try to resolve the case "in trial or settlement" as soon as possible.

"I'm going to bring in dedication to the client and willingness to work with all the other lawyers and try to get some justice for our client," Cochran said.

He added that a settlement offer could only be acceptable if Junior Larry Hillbloom would get a "fair share" of Hillbloom's estate.

Kinney has earlier rejected a \$50 million settlement offer because the estate's executor refused to acknowledge publicly that

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Villagomez, Reyes may likely get GOP nomination for Senate race

THE SENATORIAL bids of incumbent Sen. Thomas P. Villagomez and Rep. Pete P. Reyes under the Republican Party seem imminent after Rep. Ana S. Teregeyo decided to forego her intention to run for senator.

Teregeyo's decision to run for another term in the House of Representatives was learned in a July 8th letter from GOP Precinct Club Chairman Joseph C. Reyes confirming she opted to stay out of the Senate race.

Teregeyo earlier filed a letter of intent to run for one of two available Senate seats for Saipan in the 1997 congressional elections.

But she pointed out that should there be others from the party seeking to run for the



Thomas P. Villagomez



Pete P. Reyes

Senate, she would give way and just run for another term at the House.

Currently, there are two available Senate slots in the party slate for the 1997 elections for the two seats currently held by Villagomez

and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan.

Sablan is not running for senator anymore as he has set his sights on running in tandem with former Gov. Pedro

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Mobil to get gov't fuel contract after protesting award to Shell

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE GOVERNMENT is getting ready to award Mobil Oil Micronesia an exclusive contract to provide fuel to government agencies under a vehicle fleet card system.

Mobil's selection was relayed by Procurement and Supply Director Edward Palacios in a July 12th letter to Mobil Oil

manager Leo Campos, citing Mobil's pricing rate and number of service stations as main reasons for the award.

"Clearly, Mobil's proposal is most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and all other evaluation factors," said Palacios.

Mobil is being awarded the contract effective August 1, while a previous contract with Shell

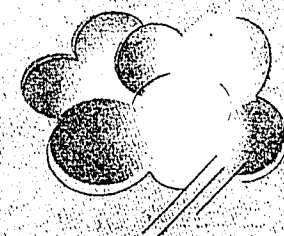
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Mobil and Shell were the only two companies that responded to the Department of Public Works' request for proposals for the gasoline supply contract.

In a January 26, 1996 memorandum to the Department of Finance, Public Works Sec. Edward M. DL. Guerrero recom-

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Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers

Bomb explodes in Ukraine PM's car

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - An explosion ripped through Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko's car Tuesday in what his office called an assassination attempt.

There were no injuries in the blast, which occurred in northern Kiev as the prime minister was on his way to the airport, said Lazarenko's spokesman Vasil Mitarchuk.

The trunk of Lazarenko's car exploded, damaging another vehicle in his motorcade. Lazarenko and his driver were the car's only occupants, officials said.

The Interfax news agency said a powerful radio-operated explo-

sive device was used in the morning attack. But an Interior Ministry spokesman said no traces of a bomb were immediately found by police investigators.

Mitarchuk said the government was considering the explosion an assassination attempt.

"This is a catastrophe. We're all terrified," he said. Lazarenko left the capital an hour after the incident, traveling to the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk to negotiate with striking coal miners.

A Soviet-era collective farm boss, Lazarenko was appointed prime minister by President Leonid Kuchma in May.

US Senate approves new sanctions vs Iran, Libya

By JIM ABRAMS
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate moved Tuesday to punish foreign businesses that invest in Iran and Libya, two countries accused by the United States of sponsoring state terrorism.

The bill, supported by the Clinton administration, outlines sanctions to be imposed on foreign firms that invest \$40 million or more in the energy sectors of the two countries.

The House has its own version of the bill. The two chambers must work out compromise legislation.

Like the new law that penalizes foreign companies investing in

Cuba, the Iran-Libya bill has been strongly criticized by U.S. allies who say the United States is trying to unilaterally force trade policies on them.

But supporters have argued that it's time for European countries and others to decide whether they want to do business with the United States or terrorist states such as Iran or Libya.

The House version, passed last June by a 415-0 vote, concentrated its toughest sanctions language on Iran, but Sens. Alfonse D'Amato, and Edward Kennedy, amended the measure to make doing business with Libya subject to equal punishments.

Libya and Iran are both on the State Department list of nations that support international terrorism and the United States has unilaterally outlawed trade with both.

Under the Senate bill, foreign-

ers would face sanctions if they contribute to the two countries' weapons production, their oil industries or their aviation capabilities.

The bill would allow the president to waive sanctions against foreign citizens whose countries impose their own sanctions on the two states.

In the event that a foreign firm violated the sanctions, the president would be directed to choose two of six possible sanctions.

They are: denying Export-Import Bank loans, denying export licenses, barring U.S. banks from making loans of more than \$10 million a year to sanctioned parties, barring sanctioned financial institutions from being primary dealers of U.S. government bonds, banning U.S. government procurement of goods and services from sanctioned entities and imposing import sanctions.

Peres pessimistic about future under Netanyahu

By GWEN ACKERMAN
JERUSALEM (AP) - Shimon Peres, in his first televised interview since he lost the May 29 elections, criticized Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hard-line government and said he doubts it will resolve differences with the Arabs.

"The Likud (Party) government is making grave mistakes that will bring the country to a very difficult situation," Peres said on Israel TV's Popolitika talk show Monday. "They will not bring peace."

Netanyahu is postponing imple-



Shimon Peres Benjamin Netanyahu

mentation of Israel's commitment under the peace accord to pull out of Hebron, the last West Bank city under Israeli control, and has said he will expand Jewish settlements.

"If you create settlements ... forget about the Palestinians," warned Peres, whose government largely froze construction of Jewish settlements.

Palestinians view the 140,000 Jewish settlers living among about 2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as an obstacle to any peace accord. The fate of the settlements has been left for negotiations over a permanent agreement, along with the future of Jerusalem.

Peres said if he had been re-elected he would have completed Israel's pullout from Hebron and pushed ahead on final status talks with the Palestinians.

The 72-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate also criticized the new government for failing to take steps towards resuming talks with Syria.

Netanyahu has said he will not cede the Golan Heights, which Israel seized from Syria in 1967, a step back from Peres' willingness for an undefined pullout in exchange for peace.

"I am worried about what will happen to Israel in the next four years," Peres said, noting that over the years Jews had failed to read signs of impending disaster.

"We are a nation that doesn't know how to read historical events: We didn't know what Hitler was on time. ... We didn't know what Stalin was on time."

DPHS warns on foreign drugs

By Ferdie de la Torre
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DEPARTMENT of Public Health Services Secretary Dr. Isamu J. Abraham has expressed concern over illegal foreign made drugs on sale at stores in the CNMI.

In an interview yesterday, Abraham underscored the need to formulate health sector drug poli-

cies and consumer protection legislation.

Abraham said some people from different nationalities bring in here their own local herbs and medicines and sell it.

These foreign drugs or foods may cause harm to consumers who may not use to these items, the secretary pointed out.

The DPHS in collaboration with CNMI Customs, Department of Public Safety and other sectors, the secretary said, need to work together in thoroughly reviewing these imported foods and drugs coming here.

The DPHS top man said during the past two and a half years they found out about illegal sale of

drugs or off-counter drugs like antibiotic at some retail stores.

Abraham also announced that Richard Aleman, a short-term consultant from the World Health Organization, is on island to assist CNMI in formulating drug policies and consumer protection legislation.

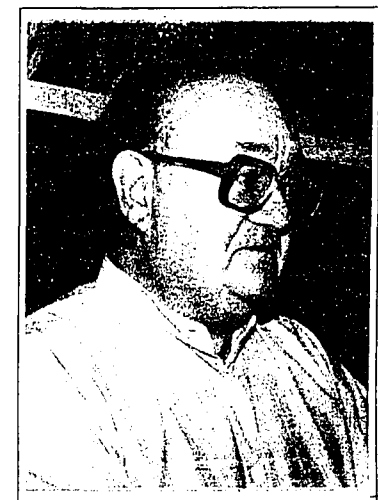
Aleman will look into the importation of food and pharmaceu-

tics from foreign countries.

The WHO consultant, Abraham said, will assist in identifying imported foods and drugs in collaboration with Customs, DPS and other sectors.

Aleman will be conducting a workshop on the formulation of drug policies and identification of illegal foreign made drugs found in stores.

Public Auditor: CHC employee who falsified documents should be fired



Leo L. LaMotte



Isamu J. Abraham

By Zaldy Dandan
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THE COMMONWEALTH Health Center's supply technician found to be falsifying price quotes for the printing of CHC forms should be fired and not just reprimanded, an Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) report said yesterday.

Guidelines from the director of personnel provide that for "material acts of willful dishonesty" the appropriate penalty is dismissal from government service, the OPA reports said.

Health Secretary Isamu J. Abraham, in a letter dated June 26, has told Public Auditor Leo L. LaMotte that CHC will not dismiss the employee.

"Dismissal, while it would send a strong message to the employee, would not give any leeway for the employee to be given the opportunity to learn from his/her mistake and give productive future years to government," Abraham said.

Instead, the employee has been "officially reprimanded" and transferred to another section.

But according to the OPA report, Abraham downplayed the seriousness of the violations.

Violations of CNMI procurement regulations and the Government Ethics Code Act should be taken seriously, the report said.

It added that if Abraham believed the violations justify no more than a letter of reprimand, then an official reprimand letter should be issued and not "merely a counselling letter."

"The (health secretary) should instruct the CHC medical supply officer to issue an official reprimand letter emphasizing the gravity of the offenses, the penalties that could have been taken against the supply technician, and that the letter will become part of her personal files.

"The letter should state that falsification of procurement documents is an offense punishable under the guidelines issued by the Office of Personnel Management, and that solicitation and acceptance of gifts of anything in value from vendors is in violation of the Government Ethics Code. A copy of the letter should also be submitted to the Office of Personnel Management."

As of press time last night, Abraham was no longer available for a comment.

OPA investigations showed that

the CHC supply technician rigged the price quotes of several vendors for printing CHC forms.

The technician was also found receiving gifts (betel nuts) from the vendor selected as the lowest bidder.

The falsification resulted in CHC paying \$1,700 for something which should have cost \$560.

When confronted by the CHC medical supply officer, the technician admitted that she had not actually received bids from vendors, the report said.

"(S)he had...filled out the price quotation form and filled in arbitrary amounts as price quotes which she thought would be about the right price for the forms. She then prepared a purchase request so that the forms would be delivered quickly."

The technician also admitted that on several occasions she received betel nut from the vendor, but this has nothing to do, she reportedly claimed, with the vendor being selected as the lowest bidder.

"According to her, the vendor has a betel nut tree and the vendor had no use for the nuts which just fall to the ground," the report said. "The technician said she saw no reason why she should not be accepting the betel nuts."

The OPA last year received information that the supply technician had been falsifying price quotes so that a particular vendor would be selected as the lowest bidder.

But in its review of CHC's other printing transactions from fiscal years 1994 to 1995, the OPA said its investigation did not show signs of rigging.

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Celebrity lawyer awes 'kibitzers'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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KIBITZERS at Saipan airport's arrival area stood still. They won't miss the chance of beholding that celebrity they thought they would only see on CNN.

It was no less than Johnnie Cochran, O.J. Simpson's lead defense counsel.

Admirers could not be oblivious to the arrival of the ace lawyer who authored the now famous quote that preceded Simpson's exoneration: "If the glove doesn't fit, then you must acquit."

"I'm surprised at how much the people on Saipan know about Simpson case," Cochran said in a brief interview.

Cochran arrived on Saipan at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, garbing an elegant yellow coat.

He came in for a six-hour stop and went back to Guam after a brief meeting with a team of lawyers fighting for Larry Hillblom Jr.'s claim against Larry Hillblom's \$450-million estate. He said he'll be back soon to join the team.

He wasn't spared at the Canton Restaurant in Garapan, where he had lunch with local lawyers. Diners peeked at the function room to take a glimpse of him. Fans came in to seek his autograph and pose for camera with him.

"I like it here," Cochran said. "People are very friendly and warm. Some people came up to me and said they would also like to take up law."

Cochran amazed international observers last year when he rescued from prison term the former football superstar the whole world believed was guilty of murdering his wife Nicole Brown.

"I have handled a lot of equally big cases in the past but the Simpson case is the most famous," said Cochran who has been practicing law for 33 years.

Cochran says he is coming out with a book in September. Entitled *Journey to Justice*, the book features all cases he had handled.

"I believe a number of people would find this interesting," he said.

If the Simpson case is to be made into a movie, Cochran says he would choose from among three Hollywood stars to play his part: Lou Gosset Jr., Blair Underwood, and Denzel Washington.

In the meantime, observers in the island await his return for another *cause celebre*—the paternal suit involving the Hillblom estate.

And probably at the end of the court proceedings, one may expect to hear him cap his speech: "If the boy's genes fit, then he must inherit."



Johnnie Cochran answers questions from reporters during his arrival at the Saipan International Airport yesterday morning.



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Boat stolen at marina

A BOAT belonging to the Saipan Shooting Range was reportedly stolen at the Smiling Cove Marina Tuesday morning.

Public Safety Information Officer Arnold K. Seman said the white 10-footer boat was reported missing at 9 a.m.

No other details were given. In other police reports, an unidentified person/s broke into a vehicle parked at the Obyan Beach and took cash and personal items owned by a man Tuesday noon.

In Garapan, a 43-year-old man

was arrested for allegedly shoplifting a pair of Custom sunglasses valued at \$195 from Duty Free Shoppers Tuesday night.

Pak Myong Chan was charged with theft.

Also in Garapan, an unidentified person/s stole money and camera from one of the offices at the Senior Citizens Center the other night.

The suspect/s reportedly pried open the front glass door to enter the office, police said. (FDT)

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Tutuhon Tiempón Pagyo

DESTE pago para mona, debi ta prepara hit para i mattiempo ni para u besita hit deste Agosto esta i Desiembre na mes. Hu tataitai un attikulo na siempre u guaha tinilaika gi kliman El Niño. Este na tinilaika sumasaonao i mabiran chalan pagyo mage Marianas.

Lao dos klasen pagyo mamamaila. Paygon klima yan politika. I tatate seguro na fotte rimulinuñia, i mefena siñaha ha sapet hit piot ya lametgot ke paygon choda.

Annunio pot mamamaila i pagyo difirensiao gi taotao siha. I peskadot osino talayero ha krusa kalulotña na puede mohon i talañgan hulo ha dulalag halom gi sagua i atulai osino mañahag. Para i man'e'kakcho, matto i tiempón eskases sa i tiñia manhuoyong gi hioyong rubentasion. Lao todo prumepara siha 'nai sige mas hihot i pagyo.

Ta prebeniye hit neñgkano, hanom, falot, dañiges, flashlight, pan, biskucho, yan otro siha na mantension. 'Nai hafatoigue hit i pagyo, mañgeto hit todos gi halom gima. Guaha mananayuyot piot ya fotte na pagyo dumanche hit. Matai i kandet, pues entre gimen kafe, cha, osino sumuke hao hafa esta mana masa kontiempo.

Seso un tiempo gigon ha dingo hit i pagyo malag i kanton taseyo pot para bai'ega' napu yan i nuebo na yinalakaña gi kanten unai. Huñgan, manloka na napu sumusufa i rubentasion. I mañglo ni ansoblan i pagyo trahiha ume'asalao gi aire ya kada manguaife kontra i mataho, gai mina'asen yan na'gofinan.

Hulie' mamamaila untalayero sige kumahat. 'Nai matto gi fihonho, hanae'yo' dididi' kelaguenho tiao. Dispués sige mona gi kareraña. Lao 'nai humanao, kadarato hulie' i magof mataña gi dos atadogho. Esta retirao ya anog gi lasas mataña na hagas makalamya yan fafachochu' i amko.

Ha tututuhon haaniña gi munachochun manog yan babue, dispués manrempepa gi halom haddin estake finnas i sireno nu i kinahulo atdao. Ha preparague ya humanao para i kanton unai para u talaya. Ha kakatga ha' lokue' dididi mames tuba yan maneñgheñ na setbesa ya ha meskla mientras dumeskakansa. Magof yan konteto gi todo hafa hafachuchue.

Rason na kadarato matto gi hinasogho sa' magof na amko gi hafa pago hagogosa. Hu faisen mamaisayo' kao presiso na para taiguine na minapot linala'ho. Hafa na ti siña mohon taiguine i amiguho talayero. Hafa na este na bokasion 'nai gaigeyo' ya taiguine i amiguho. Lao hu aksepta na i Saina mandisopone. Seguroyo' na entre i amiguho talayero yan guaho, guaha kada uno esta hagas makayon kareraña.

Megai besis 'nai o' sunyo' mañges lao inipos ke umaguaiya ham yan ink. Kada hu kesotta, umesalao konsiensiaho na guaha responsabilidadho guine na pahina tinago i Nanalibreta. Fafayio man atan asunto yan hafa merituña gi todo atmos banda. Siña ha' ti man afagcha' hinasota, lao sin enbatgo, hu presenenta dibuenamente hafa hinasogho. Yangin ti konfotme hao nu i opionho, libre hao kumontesta solu gi hilo i asunto sin unna' petsonat.

I tafafana' na paygon politika, teug' yan fotte mañgloña sa' umafana' dos metgot na kabayeros. I karera mampos yaoyao nos pot barañga i chalan, lao gigon taya' inakonfotma gi entalo' kabayeros, ensegidas mafañago minasa' yan hinesguan gi todo atmos banda. Tinaka' tiempo estake para u kayada este na guafe. Lastima sa' mafag i hagas mames na relasion gi entalo' parentela osino kumaire yan kompaire.

I otro na pagyo, paygon klima, guaha fotte yan mañglo' choda. Man payon hit nu este na mattiros sa' kulan mohon i chaguan i hilo tano'—kadarato ha' doku'. Para i manguagualo', dañoso na ira pareho ha' dangkulo pat dikiki', kontodo para peskadot. Lao i problemaman hanom mumenos gi halom komunida sa' mañaguan talo i tipo' siha. Kao pagyo osino tiempón maie, naturat na ira guine gi tano' ta.

Laogi katkuet pagyo, debi kada uno u preparague' parahafa mamamaila. Yangin ti preparao hao, pues siempre un sientie pinadesen pagyo gi petsonat na manera. Tatnai sisida para u homhom halom gima 'mo pot diskuidum. Pues nafan listo hamyo fumana' hafa esta maseñala komo aseguro na pagyo gi tano' man natibo. Este siha na pagyo siempre u fatto. Ayo mina' mauleg in atetuye hafa presiso siha na preparasion pot sabasionmo. Si Yuus Maase!



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

FEC lacks the teeth it needs

WASHINGTON — One year after President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich agreed to work toward campaign finance reform, the verdict from Washington's political class is clear: Trust us.

More than two decades after it was created, the Federal Election Commission still lacks the funding and support that it needs to do an effective job. The agency, which is supposed to enforce federal campaign laws and collect financial information on candidates, is facing a budget crunch that could be good news for candidates who are skirting financial disclosure rules.

A House committee recently voted to freeze the agency's funding at \$26 million for next year. Because of mandated spending increases in parts of the FEC budget, enforcement and disclosure spending would drop below their current levels.

All this is happening in the middle of what the FEC estimates will be the most costly election cycle ever. The total cost could top \$2.5 billion, 25 percent higher than the previous record.

Founded in the wake of the Watergate scandal, the FEC is the cop charged with keeping politicians honest when raising money. Without enough enforcement tools, however, the agency has been the political equivalent of an officer with a badge but no billyclub.

This has created a culture in which politicians often feel free to break the rules, or to file incomplete or misleading information about their donors. Violators often wait years before they're penalized. And when the FEC does act, it's often in the form of a gentle writs slap. By that time, the election is long since over and forgotten.

For example, an audit of George Bush's 1988 presidential campaign took seven years. Eventually, the agency confirmed more than \$200,000 in illegal contributions. Nonetheless, the campaign ended up with a reprimand rather than a fine.

It was not until after Clinton was safely ensconced in the White House that the FEC determined that he should repay \$1.4 million to the government. Clinton's general election committee was also docked, to the tune of \$108,000. Questions are now surfacing about whether Bob Dole is breaking the pre-convention spending limits. But nobody will know for sure until after the election. The FEC says it doesn't want to interfere until then.

In smaller races, the violations can be even more egregious. Rep. Enid Greene, R-

Utah, is resigning her seat after 858 violations of campaign finance law were revealed from her 1994 campaign. Greene blames the whole ordeal on her estranged husband.

Some lawmakers have branded the FEC as an agency run amok. House Appropriations Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., recently summed up the feelings that many members have about the agency:

"The FEC has spun out so many regulations and conducted so many enforcement cases that drag on for years and years that I fear that the FEC is making criminals out of honest people, while it does not effectively deter the serious offender."

What's needed is a stronger, not a weaker, enforcement arm. Only by giving the FEC the tools it needs to be an effective policeman will candidates be compelled to follow the rules of disclosure. And that, unfortunately, can only be done with an increased budget.

This week the Senate will take yet another stab at reforming a campaign finance system that most lawmakers privately admit they hate. A bipartisan bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., will come to the floor with endangered prospects. The House will look at similar measures during "reform week," scheduled to take place in July.

If the past is any guide, these efforts produce brave words but very small results. Yet Congress can still take a big step toward restoring credibility to the electoral process by giving the FEC the tools it needs to do its job.

OVERHEARD — John Glenn, D-Ohio, has been a presidential candidate and a U.S. senator for more than 20 years. Yet he's constantly reminded that these achievements are merely secondary in the eyes of some admirers.

A recent Tuesday afternoon found Glenn in a Senate hallway explaining the budget process and other political issues to a group of Ohio schoolchildren. But when the floor was turned over for questions, the students had one thing on their minds: Glenn's career as an astronaut.

Graciously, Glenn explained the perils and thrills of his flights into space which were chronicled in the movie "The Right Stuff." He even gave his stamp of approval to another movie "Apollo 13," which he called a "very accurate" portrayal of space travel.

NMC: Worker fees not coming

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE NORTHERN Marianas College has not been receiving the funding to which it is entitled under the Nonresident Workers Act, a college official said.

Under the Act, also known as Public Law 5-32, the college shall receive the government's collections from nonresident workers' annual fees.

But since 1991, Vicente

Santos, chairman of NMC's board of regents, said the actual funding received by the college under the Act "has been drastically curtailed."

As a result, Santos said, the implementation of employment and training program cannot be expanded or improved.

Under the Act, the government's collections from nonresident workers registration shall go to the NMC Apprentice-

ship, Vocational and Training Supplemental Account for the pertinent employment training programs.

However, from \$2.6 million in 1991, the college is now receiving only \$1.3 million.

The NMC has requested a budget of \$1,935,900 for expansion program for fiscal year 1996.

"If the college does not receive what it requested in the fiscal year 1996 budget for these pro-

grams, it will not even be able to meet its payroll for on-board employees in these programs. Nor will it be able to accommodate expansion of programs needed to meet increased enrollments," Santos said.

Santos, in a letter to Rep. Pete Reyes, chairman of the House ways and means committee, said there is a need to increase the funding for instructors, support staff, learning materials and

equipment, considering the increase of student enrollments. Added to this is an increased requests for government employee training and the need to expand the business and hospital-ity programs.

Also requiring fund is the revival of the "2+2" program with Marianas High School.

The college is currently operating on continuing resolution at the fiscal year 1993 budget level.

Court delays deportation of pregnant woman in robbery

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court has delayed the deportation of a pregnant woman who was cleared of criminal charges in connection with the Sweetheart Karaoke Club robbery.

Associate Judge Miguel Demapan ordered Tuesday that Li Juan Shen's deportation be stayed for 30 days.

Demapan issued the stay order to allow Shen complete her videotaped deposition to determine if in fact she is a material witness.

Shen is also needed to give the defense a chance to do full cross examination with respect to her role in the case.

Demapan set the deposition on July 26.

Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro dismissed with prejudice Tuesday the case against Shen following the government's motion to depose the defendant.

The government, represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross, and Shen's counsel, Eric Smith, agreed to drop the case citing her medical condition.

Shen and her alleged companions—Gong Gui Shi, Sheng Long Chen, Xuan Ren Huang, and Fang Li—were charged as a result of the Sweetheart Club robbery last May 5.

Court information showed that the five of seven suspected members of the so-called Fujian Group entered and ordered drinks in the club.

The suspects aided Chen in assaulting Zui Gang Chen, one of club owners at the time, with a metal pipe. The suspects assisted Chen in taking more than \$350 from the club using a handgun and pipe, court documents indicated.

The businessman was reportedly struck with a metal pipe on the head when he refused to give "protection money" to the gang.

MVB announces its new telephone nos.

THE MARIANAS Visitors Bureau has announced its new office telephone numbers, a news release at the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building said.

MVB can now be contacted at Tel Nos 664-3200 and 664-3201.

The field operation number is 664-3232.

We are implementing the government extension to provide better access for everyone needing to reach our office," said MVB in a notice.

Fax number remains at 234-3596.

MHS Student Council First meeting

MARIANAS High School's new Student Council and class officers met for the first time on Tuesday, July 16, for an introduction and orientation session.

MHS acting Principal Frances M. Sablan was on hand for the meeting, along with Vice Principal

Joe Borja and several teachers.

Most of the lunchtime meeting focused on starting to plan activities for School Year 1996-97 and on issues related to fund-raising.

The new MHS student officers were elected at the end of School Year 1995-96, but there are still sev-

eral vacant positions.

Student Council President Christopher G. Cabrera said that the vacant positions would either be filled by a second election or by appointment. He said an election for the vacant positions was tentatively planned for Aug. 2.



Marianas High School's student officers got together for this photo after their first meeting of the school year.

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- Provide low cost housing for Palauans
- Empower Traditional Chiefs as Trustee of our cultural moral values
- Implement and enforce strict environmental laws
- Implement and enforce a Code of Ethics
- Reform the tour industry to make sure that Palauans have a competitive edge over foreign companies
- Reform the tax code to benefit business as well as the low income earners
- Provide more funds to the Old Age Program
- Provide a matching fund for PCAA
- Reform banking loan policies to make low-interest available for average Palauans to receive
- Deport established mob businesses
- Tax foreign workers to fund U.S. Federal Programs being phased out and other grant services
- Create a local "Job Corp" program to enable "seinendang" to participate in the market economy
- Reform the Pension Plan and the Social Security system to include the private sector
- Subsidize senior citizens bills as well as poor families
- Write off/pay student loans if student return to Palau to work
- Establish minimum wage
- Establish a "flag-off-convenience" shipping registration for Palau
- Establish a Palau Development Corporation owned by the government and people of Palau to invest in hotels, commercial buildings (like the Nauru buildings in Guam and Saipan), and other commercial enterprises in Palau and overseas
- Expand the Palau International Airport to become a mini hub for Western Pacific and Asia
- Put Palauans in key government positions
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Chinese priest: Ban not needed



Fr. Maurice Wong

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

RESTRICTING the entry of Chinese nationals into the Commonwealth would not solve problems of criminality in the island, according to a visiting Chinese priest from Connecticut.

Fr. Maurice Wong was referring to a pending bill that seeks to ban the entry of tourists from mainland China. The bill was hastily passed by the House of Representatives in the wake of reports about underground activities allegedly committed by Chinese mob-

sters.

The bill is currently being reviewed by the Senate committee on judiciary, government and law.

"To stop people from coming in would not really solve the whole thing," Wong said. "What the government should do is uphold the law here. If they found any violation, then the law should deal with it."

Wong is on Saipan for a month-long visit to assist members of the Chinese community. He came over upon invitation of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

"If the coming of these people are not beneficial to this island, then there is reason to stop them from coming," Wong said.

However, he added, "there are other people who might want to come here for good reasons, and if that is so, then, I think, we should not ban that particular nation or race from coming in unless they do something unlawful."

Wong described the entry ban as "a very drastic measure" that would not at all guarantee a halt to all criminal activities.

Wong said some of the alleged "criminals" were themselves victims.

"Before they came here, they were promised jobs and opportunities. They instead found nothing," Wong said.

Compounding their predicament was the language problem, he said.

"They are in a very difficult situation," Wong said. "Because

of language barrier, they cannot explain themselves; they cannot explain their actual situation."

Wong said he has heard about labor abuses suffered by Chinese workers in the CNMI.

"But a great deal of social injustices that are happening to them here are connected with the way of life in China," Wong said. "It is the Chinese government who (urged) them to come here and work. They get too much pressure not only from their government but also from their families and relatives."

There are about 8,000 Chinese in the CNMI, mostly workers in garment factories.

Wong said he would try to assist members of the Chinese community by "bringing their concerns to proper authorities and through proper channel."

He would be working with the Human Rights Advocacy Office of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa to help those who have labor problems and complaints.

Agri researchers from Pacific in computer workshop at NMC

AGRICULTURAL researchers and extension agents from throughout the Pacific are attending a computer training workshop this week at the Northern Marianas College Computer Lab.

Part of the lab has just been completely refurbished by NMC Director of Instructional Technology David Cooper with some of the latest computer equipment available.

"That's one of the reasons the workshop is being held here," said NMC Research Associate Director Aubrey Moore in a news release.

The workshop is sponsored by the Agricultural Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) Program which funds cooperative projects at the University of Hawaii, American Samoa Community College, College of

Micronesia, the University of Guam, and Northern Marianas College.

The objective of this workshop is to train ADAP cooperators in the use of Windows 95 and Office 95 for compiling, analyzing and reporting agricultural statistics.

According to project leaders John Brown and Bob Barber from the University of Guam, NMC was chosen as the site for the training because its upgraded computer facility is the best in the region. Attendees are from American Samoa, Pohnpei, Palau, Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

One of the expected results from this workshop will be a regional crop forecast which will enable local farmers to identify market opportunities.

At present, farmers tend to plant same crop island-wide, sometimes

leading to a surplus and subsequent drop in market price a few months down the road.

An accurate forecast will let farmers predict which crops will be in demand within the next three months.

Data collection for this forecast is already being collected through a cooperative effort between NMC and the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and between the University of Guam and the Guam Department of Agriculture.

Data collectors agents visit island farms each month to record all the new crops which have been planted.

This week's computer training will allow participants to use a database for storing and retrieving information from the vast amount of data being collected.

On 21 June 1996 Lori Bachman represented the Northern Mariana Islands at the South Pacific Bodybuilding Championships held on Norfolk Island, South Pacific. Lori won the Overall award for women as well as the gold medal for her weight class and the Best Presentation (best poser) award.

The NORTHERN MARIANAS BODYBUILDING FEDERATION and Lori thank all of the following for their generous support.



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Stuart Smith

Alleged child abuser gets suspended term

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE Superior Court gave a suspended sentence to a man who was charged for sexually abusing a child.

In an order issued Tuesday, Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro sentenced John Sikyang to five years in jail, all suspended.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Castro ordered Sikyang to continue receiving counseling from Dr. A. Hamid Taha at the Pacific Counseling Center.

Sikyang will be placed under probation.

"The parties agree, in accordance with statute, that

unique circumstances exist in light of which imprisonment of the defendant would be inhumane, cruel or otherwise extremely detrimental to the interest of justice, and is not necessary for the protection of the public or any witness...therefore a suspended sentence is appropriate," said Castro in his order. Sikyang was charged last June 7 for sexually abusing a child.

He entered a plea agreement with the government and admitted the offense.

Court information showed that Sikyang sexually abused a girl under 16 years old on March 6, 1992 and March 6, 1996.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #4

The CNMI Council for the Humanities seeks proposals from individuals and nonprofit organizations for projects that focus on **LESSONS FROM THE MANAMKO (ELDERS)**. Projects should view the Manamko as a rich cultural resource, a repository of knowledge and wisdom, a vital part of our past, present and future culture. Projects should be compelling examples of what we can learn from our elders and may utilize television, radio or print media. Suggested formats include discussion groups, demonstrations, displays, story telling, public forums, classroom presentations, publications and other. For more information and an application package, call Ron Barrineau at 235-4785. The CNMI Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Guam workers find artifacts

By Mary Rose S. Tigulo
For the Variety

GUAM - Construction workers for the Asan Development project yesterday discovered artifacts and human bones believed to be those of ancient Chamorros.

'Spouse abuse' victim denies being beaten

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A VICTIM of a reported verbal and physical abuse explained yesterday that her husband did not beat her up last month.

Lutmina Decherong told the Variety that Helacio Decherong only tried to choke her up.

Lutmina said she and Helacio have been staying together again.

Helacio was charged with assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal contempt before the Superior Court.

The defendant, through his counsel, entered into a plea agreement to admit the charges.

Court information showed that last June 10 Helacio started screaming at his wife. He put his hand around her throat to choke her.

The defendant left the house, but when he returned he was already under the influence of alcohol. He shouted profanities at Lutmina and threatened to kill her and burn their house.

Last March 15 the court issued a temporary restraining order upon request of Lutmina after Helacio allegedly physically and verbally abused her.

Lutmina told this reporter yesterday

that he already dismissed the TRO and requested the Attorney General's Office not to prosecute her husband.

Lutmina also denied reports that Helacio has been verbally and physically abusing her for 13 years. In other court story, a man who was charged for theft was ordered to perform 112 hours of community work service in one year.

Judge Miguel Demapan sentenced Ramon DLG. Aldan to three months in jail with two and a half months suspended. The remaining half of jail time was converted to community work service.

The judge asked Aldan to pay \$250 fine to the court and \$450 restitution to E.M. Corp.

Aldan was charged with theft and theft by deception. He entered a plea agreement with the government.

Aldan entered an "Alford plea" to theft by deception. In return, the government recommended the dismissal of the remaining charge.

The court accepted the agreement.

The complaint stated that the defendant "purposely failed to disclose that the property, a plumbing check valve device, to which he sold to E.M. Corp. in consideration for \$450 was not his."

Social Security cards for aliens to bear new legend

BEGINNING next week, Social Security cards issued to aliens working in the Northern Marianas will bear the legend "Valid for Work Only With INS Authorization".

The old Social Security cards continue to be valid. There is no reason to reapply simply to obtain a Social Security card with the new wording," the release said.

For more information about obtaining a Social Security card, Rota residents can call Social Security on Saipan, toll free, at 532-9421.

Tinian residents can call, toll free at 433-9421. The local number on Saipan is 234-6203. The office is open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.

DEQ marine water report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages this week. The samples collected from the following locations contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

*DPW Channel Bridge
*Smiling Cove Marina
*Sugar Dock
High concentrations of Fecal Coliform may be the result of stormwater runoff due to rain

storms. Fecal Coliform bacteria are not usually disease causing. The bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzed samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 18 locations on the west side of Saipan island this week. DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.

A team of off-island archaeologists are scheduled to be flown to Guam to determine the age of the artifacts.

According to Asan Mayor Vicente L. San Nicolas, the elders of the village recall the area as a pre-World War II cemetery. He further said that this fact remained forgotten until the discovery of the bones.

The mayor also said many elders of the village speculate

that the most concentrated area of the ancient cemetery is now occupied by the Jo and Flo's restaurant.

The restaurant is owned by Franklin Gutierrez, brother of Gov. Carl T.C. Gutierrez.

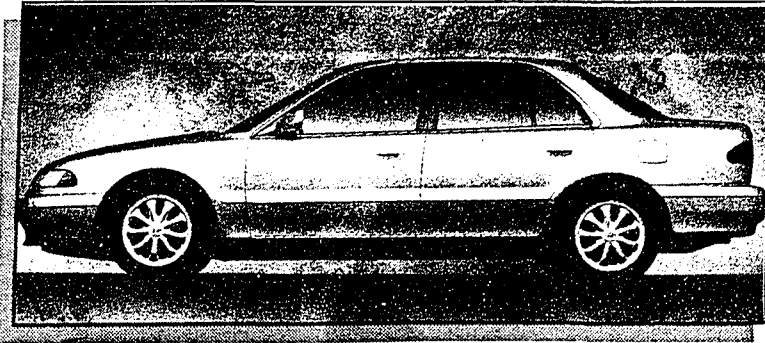
San Nicolas also added that as of the moment there are still no plans as to what will be done to the artifacts. However, he said there is a possibility that the will be moved to a different location.

"I don't think anybody wants to have the remains in their backyard," San Nicolas said. "Besides, the place has become a residential area already."

He added that the possibility of moving the artifacts will not erase the respect that is owed to the ancestors.

"In our culture we still believe in the taotomonas. So it is only proper that we give the respect owed to them," the mayor said.

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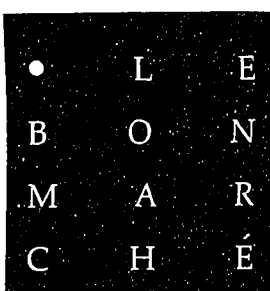
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The positions are responsible for overseeing the monthly accounting cycle. This requires coordination and maintenance of the general ledger, inventory, invoicing and accounts receivable, job cost, fixed assets, accounts payable and payroll modules of the integrated general ledger system. Additionally, the accountants shall be responsible for the monthly analysis of all balance sheet accounts and preparing the required journal entry. It is necessary for the accountant to have the capacity to ensure that all applicable transactional data has been properly recorded and the resulting trial balance is properly adjusted to reflect all the operational aspects of the Company. The accountants shall be responsible for the accurate and timely preparation of the current and year to date financial statements (including operating departments).

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FSM President Bailey Olter suffers a stroke

THE President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Bailey Olter, has suffered a stroke.

He entered Pohnpei State Hospital early Tuesday morning where physicians have been working to stabilize the FSM president's situation, Hawaii Public Radio reports.

The Federated States' secretary for external affairs, Asterio Takesy, who now is in Honolulu - returning from the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders meeting in

Fiji, told Hawaii Public Radio that President Olter is being fed intravenously and also is on oxygen.

Takesy adds that President Olter still is speaking but his doctors have put him under surveillance and don't want him disturbed.

Secretary Takesy says a decision whether or not to fly President Olter to Honolulu for treatment at Straub Clinic and Hospital will be made shortly.

Olter has held the President's position since 1990....Pacnews



Bailey Olter

PNG defense force denies reports it is retreating from Aropa airport

PAPUA New Guinea Defense Force has denied reports that it is retreating from the disused Aropa airport near Arawa, in Central Bougainville.

The Bougainville Revolutionary Army rebel had claimed, Monday, the 250 troops abandoned Aropa and "operation high speed."

The BRA claimed the troops were not able to hold against the rebels and had suffered heavy casualties, Post-Courier reported.

But the PNG Defense Force headquarters in Port Moresby responded saying the reports were only part and parcel of the BRA propaganda campaign.

The Australian Associated Press quoted a spokesman from the army headquarters as saying there was NO retreat.

The source said the troops are basically on the ground.

He said the troops had only gone to Aropa to harass the BRA and had withdrawn but not abandoned Operation High Speed and a new offensive is planned.

Meanwhile Prime Minister, Sir Julius Chan told parliament, Tuesday, he had protested strongly to the Australian government for allowing PNG citizens to wage war against PNG.

Chan said he had done what he had to do but it's up to Australia, a country which had very strong views on human rights, to respond in whatever manner it thought fit.

The Prime Minister was replying to questions raised about Bougainville by the opposition leader, Roy Yaki, and Governor of East Sepik Sir Michael Somare.

Somare had specifically asked what the government had done officially to prevent people like Moses Havini spreading BRA and Bougainville Interim Government's propaganda in Australia.

Chan said the government had succeeded in putting pressure on the Solomon Islands in the case of rebel spokesman Martin Mirioni, who has been moved to the Netherlands.

He said similar pressure is applied on Canberra but its up to the Australian government to act.

In another development, a planned meeting between PNG Police and Security Forces, and their Solomon Islands counterparts on Monday and Tuesday failed to take place at Loloho, near Arawa.

The Solomon Islands delegation failed to turn up for the meeting. The meeting was to work out practical ways of monitoring and patrolling the common border....Pacnews

Lawyer for imprisoned Australian refutes raps

A LAWYER for an Australian imprisoned in Vanuatu on a 100-million US dollar fraud charge claims a report on the issue by the nation's ombudsman was in contempt of court.

Earlier this month the ombudsman, Marie-Noelle Ferrieux Patterson, said the nation had been exposed to possible bankruptcy by the Reserve Bank and the

government's issuing bank guarantees, RNZI reported.

Australian Peter Swanson was charged in the Supreme Court of Vanuatu with making false representations.

But his lawyer, Robert Sugan, says the prosecution still has to prove the existence of the guarantees.

Patterson said she does not believe she was in contempt of court because she had been careful not to accuse anyone of being responsible for the scam.

Meanwhile, the prime minister's office in Vanuatu has reportedly banned independent reports of the bank scam from being broadcast on government owned Radio Vanuatu.

Sources say the prime minister's first secretary, Yvette Sam, warned against any stale news being broadcast on the scam and tried to order the immediate suspension of two Radio Vanuatu staff, RNZI reported.

She is said to have taken the action after a press statement from the prime minister's office about the bank scam was not included in the midday news bulletin.

Sources say Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television general manager Joe Carlo refused to suspend the two journalists.

Carlo said he had instructed the statement be read on the evening bulletin instead so if anyone is to be suspended it's him....Pacnews

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Economic issues Forum's focus

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The theme for this year's South Pacific Forum is "Pacific Solidarity for the Common Good!", a theme that has changed from one question mark when it was first proposed earlier this year to a theme with an exclamation point.

Forum Secretariat staff visiting Majuro this week said that economic issues are likely to be a major item at the September heads of state meeting in Majuro.

David Blackstock, the

Ailing Western Samoan PM appears on TV

WESTERN Samoa's prime minister, Tofilau Eti Alesana, has appeared on local television walking with the help of a cane as he greeted a long line of dignitaries after five weeks overseas for liver treatment. The 72-year old prime minister the longest-serving leader in the South Pacific gave no indication as to what effect his latest health set-back will have on his future as a politician, RNZI reported.

Tofilau was referred to an Australian hospital to have a tumor removed from his liver more than a month ago on the advice of his doctors in New Zealand.

This followed operations on an eye and for internal bleeding late last year.

He has a history of heart problems which requires him to travel to New Zealand annually for check-ups....Pacnews

Fiji legislation to alter Banaban Settlement Act

THE bill to alter the Banaban Settlement Act of Fiji was passed Tuesday in the House of Representatives.

Although the bill was passed unopposed certain questions were raised about the Rabi Trust Fund and the fact that some Rabi islanders had dual citizenship, media reports said.

Opposition leader Jai Ram Reddy said no certain word had been presented in parliament over those used the fund fraudulently.

He stated that the Aidney Report had highlighted instances when the funds had been cheated. Reddy said the prime minister had said that certain people had been charged for the mismanagement of the funds but to date he knew that no one has been charged.

He said the perpetrators ought to be brought to justice.

The call was reiterated by Naitasiri MP Itai Kuili who said that if the Banaban people are to be helped then people who had betrayed them should be punished....Pacnews

Secretariat's legal and political division director, and Alfred Sasako, the information and publications officer, talked about issues on which Secretariat staff have been preparing briefings for the leaders.

More than a few island countries - including the Cooks Islands, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and the Marshall Islands - are experiencing varying degrees of domestic economic problems. Among economic issues on the agenda will be how island nations can help each other to avoid scams and rip off schemes by sharing information, Blackstock said.

Government reform programs and privatization plans will also be on the agenda. Most countries are dealing with declining foreign aid - or at best aid that is stagnant in islands with burgeoning populations - so belt tightening and reforms programs are the order of the day, and island delegations are expected to compare notes.

On other economic matters, the Forum Secretariat is preparing to open a trade office in Tokyo later this year, and the possibility of other Pacific trade promotion offices in China, Taiwan and possibly Europe will be discussed.

Nuclear issues are always on the Forum's agenda, from environmental monitoring of the former French testing sites in French Polynesia to proposals for nuclear waste storage.

The Forum Secretariat, which services Forum nations, is also expecting to be revamped to make the organizations more responsive to the increased focus on economic issues, Sasako said.

Striking Customs men return to work

STRIKING customs officers at Nadi Airport returned to work late Tuesday after an interim agreement was reached between their union and employers.

It followed talks between the Fiji Public Service Association, the

Department of Civil Aviation and Tourism and the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji, the Fiji Times reported.

Negotiations on the cause of the strike the use of closed circuit television surveillance cameras in the customs area will continue for two days from today in Suva.

The talks will try to reach an

amicable solution to the eighteen-month long problem.

Customs officers walked off the job at 3pm on Monday after the surveillance cameras were activated by the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.

The cameras in the Customs baggage area were dismantled yesterday afternoon after several hours of negotiations and officers went back to work immediately.

The strike meant eight flights went without Customs clearance yesterday.

Sources said the cameras were installed on the orders of the Fiji Intelligence Service in a let-

ter to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.

The permanent secretary for civil aviation and tourism, Nemanu Buresova said that the cameras were part of a security system required to meet international obligations.

FFSA general secretary Mahendra Chaudhry said the cameras were monitoring the movements of Customs officers in breach of their right to privacy.

Chaudhry said that both the Customs Department and the finance ministry were opposed to the use of surveillance cameras and supported the customs officers....Pacnews

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/s/ Louise Concepcion
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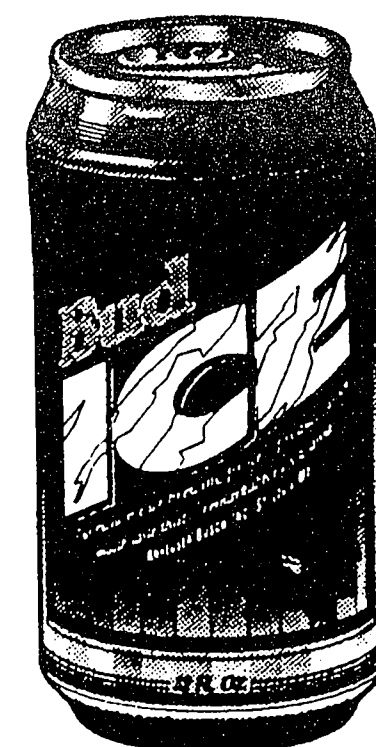
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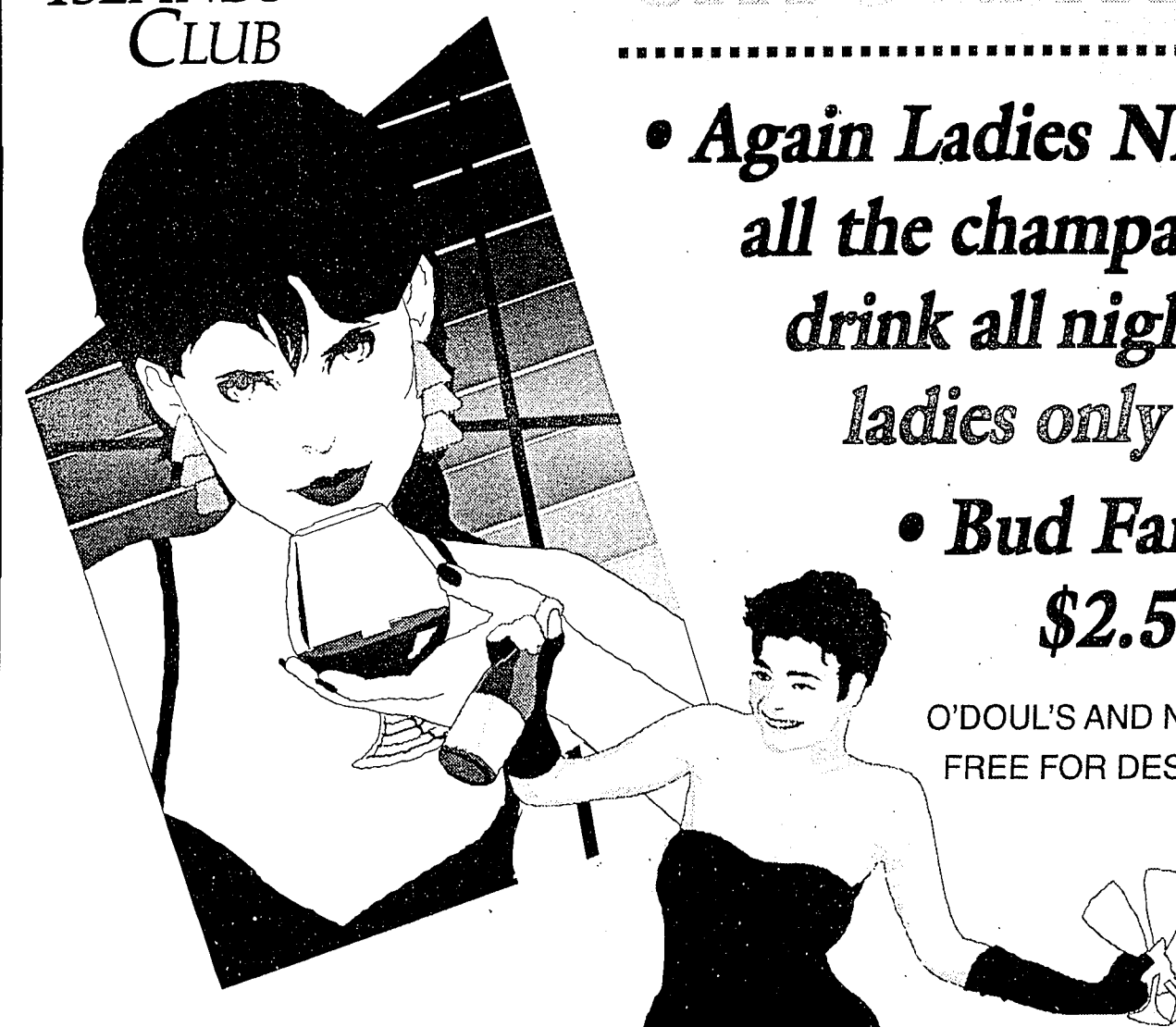


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Hiroshima conference opens

By JOSEPH COLEMAN
HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) - In the first city ever to suffer an atomic attack, delegates from more than 20 countries on Wednesday opened a four-day conference aimed at helping eliminate weapons of mass destruction.

"This conference is a unique opportunity to activate discussions on disarmament across national borders," said Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda at the start of the annual United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues.

The conference is the third to be held in Hiroshima since 1989 and the eighth to be held in Japan. While the gathering does not result in any binding declarations or resolutions — diplomats and government of-

Disarmament effort involves over 20 countries

ficials are invited as private citizens — participants expressed hopes their talks will help advance the disarmament agenda.

The chief topic was expected to be the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Talks on the pact in Geneva are stalled over India's contention it would favor established nuclear powers. Officials are hoping to wrap up the treaty by September.

Also expected to come up was a ruling earlier this month by the World Court that stopped short of declaring nuclear weapons illegal, but limited their use to self-defense. Critics — including Hiroshima Mayor Takashi Hiroaka — had hoped for an

outright ban.

Conference organizers said that with last year's emotional 50th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki behind them, they hoped to concentrate more coolly on the task at hand.

Prvoslav Davinic, director of the U.N. Center for Disarmament Affairs, said on the conference eve that with painful war anniversaries over and the tense nuclear confrontation of the Cold War a fading memory, he aimed for a "dispassionate and objective" conference.

Davinic said in an interview that with global nuclear defense no longer an immediate threat, he wants a pragmatic discussion about how to

cut the number of nuclear weapons instead of emotional appeals to eliminate them immediately.

Taking such a stance can be tricky in Hiroshima, where the first nuclear bomb used in warfare was dropped on Aug. 6, 1945, killing about 140,000 people. City officials and survivor groups have been strident in their calls for abolition of atomic arms.

"Whenever we speak about 'step-by-step' we make them very unhappy," Davinic said. "But it is a more realistic approach."

Last year's conference took place in Nagasaki and opened on a combative note when Mayor Itcho Ito denounced President Clinton and other U.S. leaders for defending America's use of atomic weapons in World War II. A second bomb dropped on Nagasaki Aug. 9, 1945, killed about 70,000 people.

Ex-cult member gets prison term for making nerve gas

TOKYO (AP) - A former member of the doomsday cult Aum Shinri Kyo was convicted and sentenced to two years and eight months in prison Wednesday for producing deadly nerve gas used in a central Japan town two years ago.

Keishi Terashima, under instructions from cult guru Shoko Asahara, oversaw the production of some 30 kilograms (66 pounds) of the World War II nerve gas sarin between December 1993 and February 1994, the Tokyo District Court said.

The gas was used in the June 1994 attack in the central Japan city of Matsumoto,

in which seven people were killed and hundreds injured.

Terashima, 36, was also convicted of staging a Motolov cocktail attack on the cult's Tokyo headquarters on the eve of the March 20, 1995, Tokyo subway gassing, which killed 12 people and injured more than 5,000.

The staged attack was an attempt to confuse the police.

Presiding judge Ichitaro Ono said Terashima bore heavy criminal responsibility for a dangerous and antisocial act.

Asahara, 41, is currently on trial for murder charges, including the Matsumoto case and the subway gassing. He has refused to enter a plea.

Police seize record 552 kilos of stimulants

TOKYO (AP) - Police and customs officials in southern Japan have confiscated 552 kilograms (1,214 pounds) of illegal stimulants, the largest single haul ever in Japan, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

The previous record haul of stimulant drugs was made in 1987, when police in southwestern Japan seized 250 kilograms (550 pounds) of meth-

amphetamines.

Police in Kanagawa prefecture (state), just south of Tokyo, arrested two Japanese for trying to smuggle in the drugs, worth 93.8 billion yen (dls 869 million) at street value, police said.

Police did not provide names of the two arrested.

Two Chinese residents in Japan - Ling Minghe, 49, and Huang Chengfeng, 45 - were put on a nationwide wanted list

in connection with the smuggling.

Last year, police and customs offices in Japan seized a total of 85.1 kilograms (187.2 pounds) of stimulants, compared with 313.3 kilograms (689.3 pounds) seized in 1994, according to the National Police Agency.

Japan's maximum penalty for trafficking stimulant drugs or heroin is life imprisonment.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Better Known as "Nan Boba" (July 25, 1919 - July 12, 1996) of Rota, passed away on July 12, 1996 at the age of 76 years:

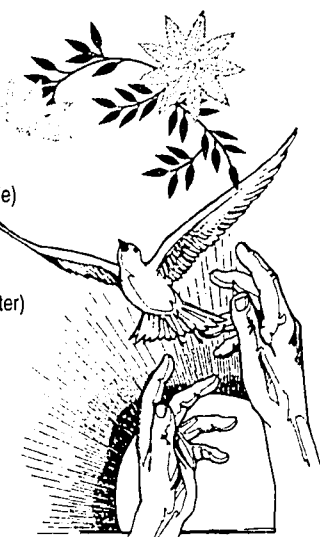
In her death, she now joins her: Husband: Andres Manglona Songsong. Parents: Pedro Atalig Ayuyu & Carmen Manglona Masga. Brother: Lorenzo M. Ayuyu. Father-in-Law: Vidal Hocog Songsong. Mother-in-Law: Clementina Mesngon Manglona. Daughters: Angela, Mattina, Maria and Rosa. Son-in-Law: Vicente C. Masga; Brother-in-law: Albert F. Fleming.

JACOBA AYUYU SONGSONG

Her spirit and memories will live in the hearts of her family: Children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

Vicente A. & Maria B. Songsong (Saipan)
Joseph B. & Maria M. Songsong (Ann-Marie, Roger, Carlyn, Vincent)
Josephine S. & Benjamin A. Sablan (Kimberly)
Manuel B. & Ferry Songsong (Carol)
Ricardo B. & Carmel R. Songsong (Jason) & (Georgia S.)
Francisco B. & Mary Ann S. Songsong (Francisco Jr., Michelle, Francine, Kyle)
Diego B. & Jane Songsong (Jacklyn, Kurt, Sheila)
Maryann S. & John You
Joaquin B. & Nancy Songsong (Andrew John, Krystal)
Patricia S. Songsong & Joseph Brian Santos (Keo Patrick, Austin, Simon Peter)

Cristina S. & Vicente C. Masga: (dec.) (Guam)
Antonia M. & John Salas (Alethea, Tishian, Vivien, John Jesse)
Alfred S. Masga (Jacob Vincent)
George S. & Patty D. Masga (Crissy Sue, George Jr., Vincent)
Elizabeth M. & John Terlaje (John Jr., Jason Michael, Alyssa)
Celina M. & Anthony Santos, Patrick S. & Mary Masga (Matthew)
Thomas and Andrew



Nicolas A. & Mary Grace L. Songsong (Rota);
Vincent L. & Maureen Songsong (Leander) Thomas L. & Lisa Songsong (Scotty, Cheyenne)
Robert L. & Anna Songsong, Terrence, and Nicholas Jr.

Carmen S. & Joannes R. Taimanao (Saipan);
Francis S. & Frances T. Taimanao (Jasyleen Cecil, Jolleen, John Vincent)
Tracy Lynn S. Taimanao (Jacoba Cecilia, Johanna, Jostan), Joannes R. Jr., Andrew, Rose Sharon and Ina Marie

Jose A. & Angellina M. Songsong (Saipan);
Jocelyn M. Songsong (Richard Joshua, Tahila), Daryl Jason, Tanya Lisa, Joey and Sherry Ann

Ana S. & Juan T. Castro (Saipan);
Janice C. & Ramon Indalecio (John Jacob, Brandon Jerard, Emmanuel), John S. Jr., Jeremy, and Jacoba

Maria S. & Ignacio L. Mesngon (Rota)
Ann Jacoba S. Mesngon & Wilfred A. Taisacan, Vicky Jane, Lawrence, Lance and Rita Mae

Jesus A. & Patricia M. Songsong (Rota);
Brant, Janine, Jesse

Lucia S. & Edward M. Sablan (TACOMA, WA State);
Victoria Lynn, Joanne Pauline, Edward S. Jr. and Blaine

She is additionally survived by her:

Brothers & Spouses: Ambrosio M. & Dolores C. Ayuyu (Tinian); Lucio M. & Maria O. Masga (Guam)

Sister: Consolacion A. Fleming (Tinian)

Sisters-in-Law: Edna Chong Ayuyu (Saipan); Regina S. Barcinas (Rota)

She is also survived with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In Rota, nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 P.M. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Ignacio L. & Maria S. Mesngon at Teneto Sub-Division, Rota, and will end on Saturday, July 20, 1996. Last respect may be paid on Saturday, July 20, 1996 at the same residence beginning at 8:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. Mass of Resurrection will be offered at 4 P.M. at the San Francisco De Borja Church. Interment will follow immediately at the San Jose Cemetery, Songsong Village, Rota. The Mass will be preceded by a Rosary at 11:30 A.M. and followed by the Responso at 12 noon.

In Saipan, nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 P.M. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Juan T. (Mames) & Annie S. Castro in Sadog Tasi. On Friday, July 19, 1996, a special mass will be offered at 5:30 P.M. at the Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, followed by the final nightly rosary thereafter at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Castro. Appreciation dinner will follow immediately.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PLEASE JOIN US !!!

The Family

Diana copes with loss of royal title

By MICHAEL WEST

LONDON (AP) - Princess Diana's decision to quit most of her charity work has been triggered by loss of her royal title under her divorce with Prince Charles, according to a news report Wednesday.

The London tabloid the Daily Mail quoted an unidentified aide as saying: "The move is entirely because of her loss of royal status."

"She believed passionately that the charities themselves deserved to have a royal patron. She feels the loss of her standing will not be beneficial to those charities. Her pulling power must be diminished by the loss of her title," Her Royal Highness. "She can no longer give them the strong position they are entitled to."

The Times of London on Wednesday referred to "her new life as a semi-detached member of the royal family."

Diana, 35, resigned Tuesday from 104 of the 110 charities and charity-funded organizations for which she has worked, in some cases up to 15 years. The 104 include the British Red Cross, for which she was a vice president.

On Monday, Diana and Charles, who married in 1981 and separated in 1992, were granted a decree nisi — the preliminary stage in a divorce — by a London court. The final decree is expected Aug. 28. Neither was present at Monday's brief hearing, at which 30 other couples also were granted

preliminary divorce certificates.

Under the divorce terms, Diana will keep the title princess but on the insistence of Buckingham Palace will lose her right to be called Her Royal Highness. The cash deal has not been announced but news reports say Diana will get 17 million pounds (\$ 26 million).

Diana's mass resignation Tuesday upset the abandoned charities.

"It will not be possible for me to provide you with the level of commitment that I believe you deserve," one of her letters of resignation said. "I feel that someone else in the royal family may now be better suited to support your tremendous endeavors."

Her spokeswoman, Jane Atkinson, said the princess had quit because of the "change in her status."

Diana is left with just the English National Ballet; a leprosy mission connected to Mother Teresa; AIDS; a homeless charity; and two London hospitals, the Royal Marsden for can-



Prince Charles and Diana in AP file photo.

cer patients and Great Ormond Street for children.

Seeability, until recently called the Royal School for the Blind, is among the charities Diana has quit. She had been its patron, or titular

head, since 1982.

Seeability is launching a public appeal next month for 2.25 million pounds (\$ 3.48 million) to build a home for sufferers of juvenile Batten's Disease, a genetically inherited con-

dition leading to blindness and paralysis, and was counting on Diana to help it gain publicity for the appeal.

"We need a well known name. It (Diana's departure) is a very sad day for us and the other charities. She does a lot of good work through her magnetic quality," said Seeability spokesman David Ireland. "Just having her there as a figurehead was a comfort factor for us."

Ron Alexander, spokesman for Turning Point, a charity working with people dependent on drugs and alcohol, said of Diana's decision to quit as patron: "It's a big blow for us. She used to visit us once a month and she gave private dinners to help raise our profile."

A friend of the princess, Rosa Monckton, told ITV news Tuesday night: "All she wants at the moment is to have time with her children" — Prince William, 14, and Prince Harry, 11 — "time to regroup and replan her life."

Forest fire spreads fast in nat'l park

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - A forest fire has charred 32,000 to 37,000 acres (13,000 and 15,000 hectares) in a national park, firefighters said.

While no one has been injured by the blaze in the Serra Canastra national park, damage to the land is considerable, Sgt. Jose Reis Mattos, a fireman in the nearby city of Passos, said Tuesday.

The park, some 217 miles (350 kilometers) northwest of Rio de Janeiro, is home to several endangered species and the birth place of the economically and ecologically important Sao Francisco river, which irrigates much of Brazil's northeast.

"Our man in the field said they are beginning to get the fire under control and we hope to have it put out sometime tomorrow," Mattos said.

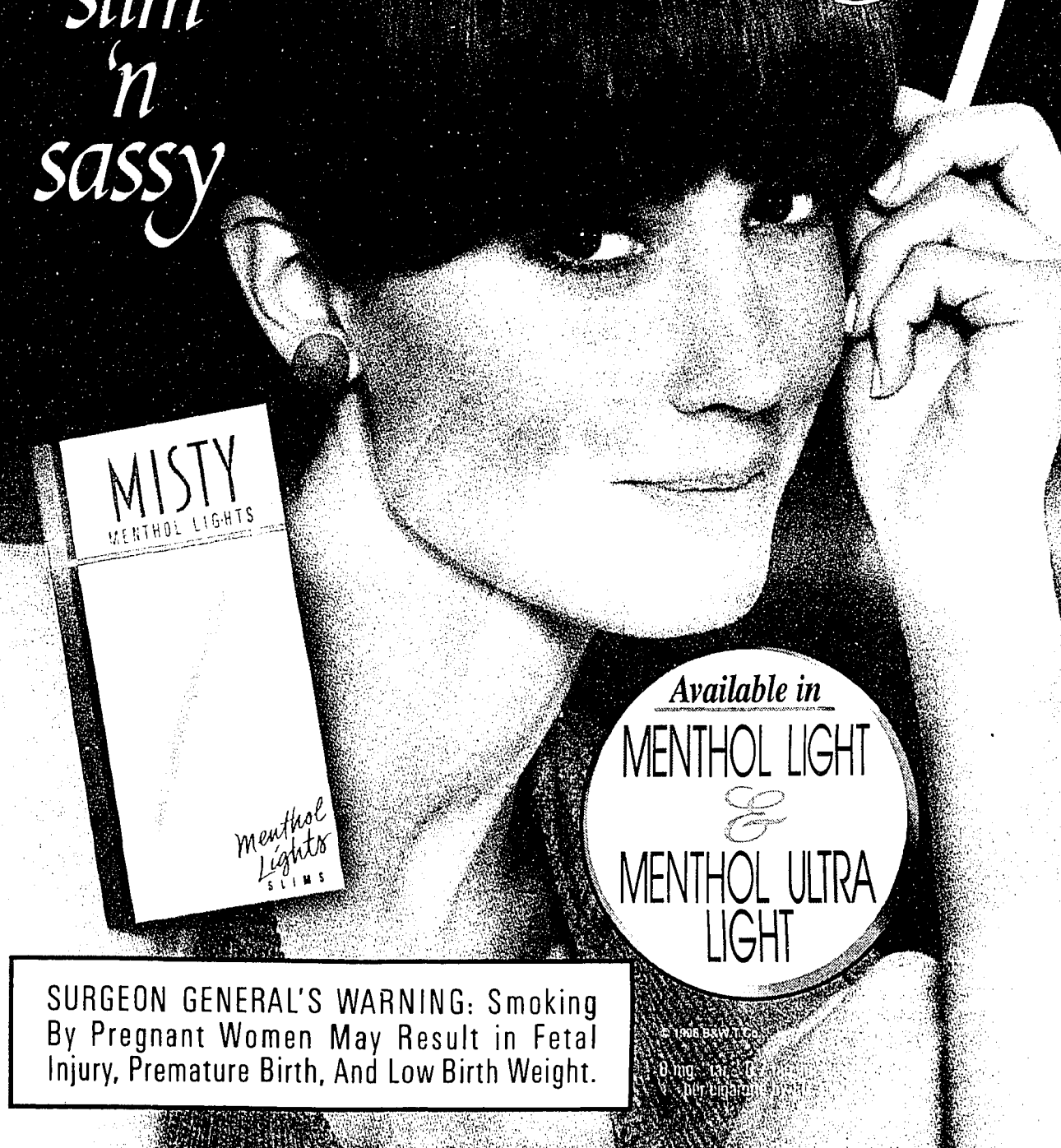
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SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.

For many workers in Honduras

Sweatshop wages better than none

By FREDDY CUEVAS
CHOLOMA, Honduras (AP) -
The squatter homes of scrap wood

and cardboard sprawl across a
dusty plot, just in view of an in-
dustrial park where poor Hondu-

rans make the latest fashions for
U.S. consumers.

Guillermo Fernandez, who has
two daughters employed at Glo-
bal Fashion, a plant inside the
park, moved into one of those
homes in January 1995 with his
nine children. He says it was a
step up.

"We live better than in Santa
Barbara," he said, referring to the
western Honduras town the fam-
ily used to call home. "Here we at
least eat three times a day."

Americans have been hearing
allegations of long hours, child
workers and abusive treatment at
the plants, brewing up a scandal
for television talk-show host
Kathie Lee Gifford, whose cloth-
ing line once was made by Global
Fashion.

But for many here, there are
few choices. Textile industry lead-
ers reject the charges they run
"sweatshops," and the plants,
known as maquiladoras, have their
defenders who say the allegations
are a ploy.

"We are dealing with a war of
markets, backed by the U.S.
unions, to have the maquiladoras
abandon Honduras and return to
the United States," said Sergio
Nunez, vice minister of the

economy.

A 15-year-old girl's May testi-
mony before a U.S. House sub-
committee brought attention to
the clothing assembly plants and
the U.S. companies that contract
with them.

"The treatment at Global Fash-
ion is very bad," Wendy Diaz said
at a Washington news confer-
ence after testifying in May.

"The plant is hot, like an oven.
They keep the bathroom locked
and you need permission and
can only use it twice a day. We
are not allowed to talk at work."

Girls as young as 12 were
producing clothes, the workday
often surpassed 12 hours and
the pay was about \$ 22 a week,
she said.

The National Labor Commit-
tee, a human-rights group which
brought Diaz to the United
States, says it urges U.S. com-
panies to keep their jobs in Hon-
duras, but to strive for better
working conditions.

Committee director Charles
Kernaghan, who investigated
Global Fashion in 1995, charged
that a 75-hour work week was
not uncommon, and that preg-
nant women sometimes were
forced to work on their feet for

15 1-2 hours a day.

The accusations prompted the
Wal-Mart discount store chain,
a major purchaser of Gifford's
clothing line, to blacklist the
company.

Gifford, who appears on the
syndicated television show
"Live with Regis and Kathie
Lee," has said she severed her
ties with the Honduran factory
last fall after learning of the
working conditions.

Labor Minister Cecilio
Zavala called the allegations
"monstrous." He said the gov-
ernment has been enforcing its
laws, including the minimum
age for employing youths - 14
years - and the 71-cents-a-day
minimum wage.

Apparel-making generates \$
500 million a year in Honduras
and Global Fashion, with some
600 workers, is one of the larger
plants in this industrial park.

Sewing machines whirl as
rows of women's dresses are
fashioned for stores in the
United States.

In another room, men starch
and press the garments while
fresh-made clothes tumble in the
dry-cleaning machines behind
them.

Rao loyalists attack police

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Police
arrested seven Congress Party activ-
ists loyal to former prime minister
P.V. Narasimha Rao after they fought
with dissidents who want a new leader
for the party, news reports said
Wednesday.

Rao has been under pressure to
resign as party president after the
Congress lost power in the May gen-
eral elections.

Dissidents say Rao is not charis-
matic, often does not take important
decisions and his style of work has led
to the decline in the party's popular-
ity.

On Tuesday, thousands of pro-
Rao activists fought with dozens of
dissidents at a meeting in New Delhi.
Seven workers were arrested for as-
saulting the police, newspapers said.

Rao has refused to step down as
leader of the party.

Rao's critics say that his popularity
has suffered after a judge ordered him
to show up in court next week to
answer charges that he helped a Hindu
holy man commit a \$ 100,000 fraud.

On Tuesday, Rao asked an appel-
late court to cancel the lower court's
summons. The New Delhi High Court
will hear arguments by Rao's law-
yers Wednesday.

The London-based businessman,
Lakshubhai Pathak, claimed he paid
the money in 1983 to Nemi Chand
Jain, a Hindu holy man known as
Chandraswami, to win government
contracts. Rao, who was then India's
foreign minister, endorsed
Chandraswami's deal, Pathak said.
Rao has denied the charge.

Pathak alleged that he did not get
the contracts for supplying newsprint
and pulp, nor did Chandraswami re-
turn the money.

Rivers in China swell with new rains, flood

BEIJING (AP) - Water levels all
along the mighty Yangtze River and
other rivers in central China have
risen above the danger level follow-
ing more heavy rain this week, news
reports said Wednesday.

Civilians and soldiers have been
mobilized all along the Yangtze to
watch and reinforce the banks of the
river night and day, the People's
Daily reported.

Vice Premier Jiang Chunyun
went to the flood region to press
local officials to work as hard as
possible to prevent flooding, the
report said.

News reports said the flood threats
were especially serious in central
Hunan and Hubei province, where
major branches of the Yangtze had
swollen to dangerous levels and were
still rising.

More than 2 million people were
fighting the floods across Hubei
province, the China Daily reported.
Floods on branches of the Yangtze
in Hubei have killed 181 people
since May, it said.

More storms are expected to push
the Yangtze to 28 meters (92 feet) by
Saturday, or 1.7 meters more than 5
1-2 feet above the danger level, the
report said.

In northern Hunan, Dongting
Lake, China's largest freshwater lake,
had risen to more than a meter above
the alarm level, the state-run Xinhua
News Agency reported.

More than 600 people have died
in flooding across 11 provinces and
regions since seasonal storms began
in late June, according to the gov-
ernment and Red Cross. The figure
could be higher, because central
flood-control officials refused to re-
lease updated statistics this week.

Some areas were recovering from
floods in late June. The Wangan
Railway, which connects the eastern
provinces of Jiangsu, Anhui, Jiangxi,
Zhejiang and Fujian, resumed ser-
vice on Tuesday, Xinhua reported.

Floods damaged 22 bridges and
roadbeds of the Wangan Railway in
Anhui on June 30, stranding four
passenger trains.

Six hurt in chemical plant blast in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - An explosion ripped
through a chemical plant in western
Japan Wednesday morning, injuring
six people, police and company offi-
cials said.

The six were taken by ambulance
to a nearby hospital in Takaishi, a port
city near Osaka, 408 kilometers (255
miles), west of Tokyo, police said.

Media reports said one of the six
was seriously injured after being
burned and struck on the head by
debris, while the remaining five also
suffered burns but were in less serious
condition.

Three explosions occurred within
one hour of the first one, and a subse-
quent fire engulfed the plant, which is
owned by Nihon Aluminum Alkyls
Ltd., company spokesman Takeshi
Araki said.

The fire was put under control at
11:45 a.m. (0245 GMT), about one
hour and 45 minutes after the blast
occurred, a local police spokesman
said.

Araki said there were usually 40
workers at the plant, which produces

organized metal compounds, includ-
ing catalysts for plastics.

Catalyzing agents are used to pro-
duce polypropylene and polyethyl-
ene, said a spokeswoman for Mitsui
Toatsu Chemicals Inc., the plant
operator's parent company.

The Mitsui spokeswoman, speak-
ing on condition of anonymity, said
details regarding how long produc-
tion will be interrupted at the plant
remain unclear. Operations have been
halted, she said.

An Osaka Prefectural Police spokes-
man said 500 police were mobilized to
cordon off the area. About 20 fire
engines were still trying to put out the
fire at the plant at 11:00 a.m. (0200
GMT), about one hour after the first
explosion.

National broadcaster NHK showed
footage of flames and black smoke
rising from the burning plant, located
in an industrial area near an express-
way.

The cause of the explosions was not
immediately known, police and com-
pany officials said.



Death and Funeral Announcement

This is to respectfully announce to all family members, relatives and friends that our beloved **Silvestre Reyes Evangelista**, also known as "Bette", was called to his eternal rest on July 15, 1996, at 2:30 pm at the Tinian Health Center, San Jose Village, Tinian, at the age of 64.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm at his residence located in Section-8 Housing in San Jose Village, Tinian.

The body of the deceased will be released from Tinian Health Center on Saturday, July 20, 1996, at 9:00 am and will be placed at his residence for viewing, last respects and prayers. A Christian Mass will follow on the same day at 3:00 pm at San Jose Church. Burial will follow immediately at the San Jose Cemetery.

He is predeceased by:

His father, Daniel F. Evangelista
His mother, Vicenta S. Reyes
His brothers, Pedro R. Evangelista, Vicente R. Evangelista and Alejandro R. Evangelista
His sisters, Consolacion E. Taitano, Faustina E. Aquino and Maria E. Aquino
His stepson, Guillermo D.L.C. Atalg

He is survived by:

His wife, Guadalupe R. Dela Cruz
His son, Gabriel D.L.C. Evangelista
His daughter, Barbara D.L.C. Evangelista
His stepsons, Angel D.L.C. Atalg, Jose D.L.C. Atalg and Martin D.L.C. Atalg
His brother, Jose R. Evangelista
His sister, Patricia E. Taisacan
and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and close friends

His memory and spirit will live on in the hearts of his family.

Death and Funeral Announcement

ROSA SAN NICOLAS CABRERA CAMACHO,

better known as Rosan "Potu Pakito" daughter
of Juan Taisague Cabrera and Ana Dela Cruz
San Nicolas, deceased, of Chalan Piao, Saipan,
passed away on July 11, 1996, at the age of 77.

Mrs. Camacho was predeceased by her husband
FRANCISCO TUDELA CAMACHO, son of Luis
Muna Camacho and Maria Ramirez Tudela, deceased.

She is survived by her children Jose and Helen Camacho

(Herbert, Richard and Valerie) of California; Luis C. Camacho, Ana Maria C. Camacho, Maria and Serafin Guerrero (James and Jennifer Guerrero, Shirley Ann G. and Thomas Blas, Kevin, Jerome and Nadine), Juan and Bobbie Camacho (Keith, Christopher and Jacob) of Guam; Vicente and Cindy Camacho (Brandon, Ryan, and Ila) Francisco C. Camacho and Thomas C. Camacho (Soly and James Frankie).

She is additionally survived by her sister Carmen and husband Fred Austin (California); Sister-in-laws Angelina R. Cabrera, (California), Cecilia S. Tudela (Augustine), Elisa F. Camacho, Monica C. Duenas, Gregoria C. Cabrera and brother-in-law Felix T. Camacho; sixteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Camacho was predeceased by her sister Maria SN. Cabrera, brothers Antonio Dela Cruz Cabrera (Rosa), Jesus, Jose, Joaquin (Ana), Francisco (Regina), and Juan SN. Cabrera; brother-in-laws Jose (Juana), Gregorio (Elizabeth), Manuel, and Pedro T. Camacho (Maria) and sister-in-laws Asuncion C. Castro (Rodrigo/Vicente), Guadalupe C. Diaz/Blas (Jose/Juan), Ana C. Babautia (Jose) and Luciana (Francisco) A. Ada.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and will end on July 18, 1996.

Last respects may be paid on Friday, July 19, 1996 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm followed by mass at 4:00 pm. Interment services will follow immediately thereafter at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

THE FAMILY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ROTA UNDERWATER UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE DETONATIONS MAY AND JUNE 1996 ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

The administrative records of the emergency underwater unexploded WWII ordnance detonations conducted from 8-10 May 1996 and 13-14 June 1996 are available at the Rota Emergency Management Office, located on the second floor of the Dolores Plaza Building in Songsong Village, for a 30-day public comment period commencing Friday, July 19, 1996 and ending Saturday, August 17, 1996. The administrative records include surface and underwater video footage of the operations, environmental survey results, safety plans, work plans, State of Emergency Declarations, and other pertinent documentation. Public comments may be mailed to:

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Civil Service Commission will hold their board meetings on July 23 and 24, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on both days at the Commission's Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Additional information concerning the meeting is available at the Commission's office in Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. HEARING ON GRIEVANCE OF MARIA T. PANGELJIAN
- IV. HEARING ON APPEAL OF ADVERSE ACTION OF DAVID M. KOCH
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ EUGENE A. SANTOS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting applicants for the following position at the Saipan International Airport:

One (1) Receptionist/Clerk Typist


The salary for this position is a minimum of \$471.73 bi-weekly to a maximum of \$640.44 bi-weekly.

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The minimum qualifications is any combination equivalent to graduation from a high school or GED or trade school with at least two years experience in a secretarial or receptionist level.

Application forms are available at the Security Office, First Floor of the Arrival Building of at the Administration Office, Second Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m., July 22, 1996. For more information, please call the Commonwealth Ports Authority at telephone numbers 664-3500 or 664-3501.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director



Family Rosary



THE FAMILY OF THE LATE
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re the Adoption of the Minor Tristin Lance Muna Cabrera by Beltran and Francisca Muna Petitioners.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-46

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that BELTRAN and FRANCESCA MUNA, represented by Robert C. Naraja of the Robert C. Naraja Law Offices, will petition this Court for a decree naming them the adoptive Parents of TRISTIN LANCE MUNA CABRERA on the 25th day of July 1996, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Courtroom of the Commonwealth Superior Court, at Susupe, Saipan.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

/s/CLERK OF COURT

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

In the matter of petition for adoption of: Blanka Audrienne Babauta, minor, By: Fidel San Nicolas Babauta, and Margaret Cabrera Babauta, Petitioners
ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-48

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on August 1, 1996 at 1:30PM, in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minor.

Dated this 16th day of June, 1996.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL CASE NO. 96-776

In the Matter of the Guardianship of KYLE MALCOLM WEIDNER, A minor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that a petition for the appointment of a general guardian for Kyle Malcolm Weidner, a male minor, born April 13, 1990, has been filed with the Superior Court and that a hearing on the merits of the guardianship petition has been set for August 15, 1996, at 1:30PM in Courtroom C of the Superior Court. All persons having an interest in the matter may inspect the subject file at the Superior Court for further particulars, and may appear at the scheduled hearing and present their views, if any, on the matter.

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

7/17/96

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Visa says credit cards are booming in China

SINGAPORE (AP) - Credit cards, a symbol of capitalism, are multiplying at a staggering rate in communist China, a country that Visa International said Wednesday will be among its top five markets in the Asia Pacific in five years.

But at the moment, infrastructure bottlenecks are hampering the setting up of a nationwide network between banks and retailers to facilitate card use, Visa's North Asia vice president Raymond Chan told reporters.

About 10.7 million of China's 1 billion people own Visa cards and in the year ending March 1996 they charged \$5 billion, an increase of 145 percent over the same period last year, another Visa spokesman said.

In calendar year 1995, the credit card market in China was worth \$8.2 billion and Visa's share was \$4.2 billion, or about 51 percent, Chan said.

"But the market is just beginning. We are in the first stage. The usage is so low," he told reporters.

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This is the first time Visa is releasing its sales figures from China since setting up business in 1988 in a bid to counter recent statements by rival MasterCard, which claims an annual business of about \$53 billion, almost equal to its transactions in the rest of Asia.

Chan said about 93 percent of MasterCard's China transactions are commercial fund transfers or cash withdrawals from banks, "which are not true card transactions."

"In these sorts of transactions, the credit card is simply being used as a form of I.D. - just as you might use your driver's license or passport. They are totally irrelevant to any informed analysis of the China card market," he said.

Asked to comment, a MasterCard vice president, Brian Thom, said

Visa's claims are "absolute nonsense" and his company sticks by its interpretation.

Chan said Visa's priority in China is to help banks build a network that will help clear transactions in a few seconds. Normally, retailers get approval for credit card transactions through telephone lines connected to banks.

But because of China's inefficient telephones, Visa will set up a network using wireless, leased lines and satellites by the end of this year in Beijing.

Chan said Visa's annual Asia-Pacific sales was \$101.1 billion for the year ending March 31, 1996, an increase of 27 percent over the previous year.

He said Visa's overall share of the international credit card market in the region is close to 60 percent.

Drug charges filed vs Robert Downey, Jr.

MALIBU, California (AP) - Criminal charges were filed against actor Robert Downey Jr. stemming from a speeding stop last month when deputies allegedly found crack cocaine, heroin and an unloaded .357 magnum in his truck.

Downey, 31, was charged Tuesday with felony counts of cocaine and heroin possession and misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence and having a concealed firearm in his vehicle. He was expected to appear in court July 26.

If convicted, the Oscar-nominated star of "Chaplin" faces a maximum of three years and eight months in prison, though time behind bars was unlikely, said

Deputy District Attorney Ellen Aragon.

"He's a first-time offender and could take drug diversion classes," she said. "They found a fairly small amount of drugs."

According to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Downey's Ford pickup was pulled over on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu for alleged speeding June 23.

Deputies arrested the actor after they allegedly found the gun and small amounts of crack and powder cocaine and black tar heroin in his vehicle.

A publicist and agent for Downey didn't immediately return phone messages Tuesday night.

Top HBO executive to head TriStar Pictures

By JOHN HORN

CULVER CITY, California (AP) - Sony Pictures Entertainment replaced TriStar Pictures president Mark Platt with the head of cable movie-maker HBO Pictures.

Robert Cooper will take over for Platt, whose TriStar slate ranged from the hit "Jumanji" to the bomb "Mary Reilly." Platt was expected to receive an independent production deal from parent Sony Pictures.

Cooper, 51, has overseen Home Box Office productions "Barbarians at the Gate," "Citizen X," "Indictment: The McMartin Trial," "And the Band Played On" and "The Josephine Baker Story."

In another part of the anticipated studio shakeup, Sony Pictures marketing chief Sid Ganis will be replaced soon by former Disney executive Robert Levin, according to a person familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Like Platt, Ganis was expected to receive an independent production deal.

Sony's movie units have recov-

ered slightly from the disastrous management of Peter Guber and Jon Peters. In late 1994, the electronics giant reduced the book value of its movie-making subsidiary by \$2.7 billion. Neither Guber nor Peters is still an executive with the company.

In the current film season, TriStar's sister studio Columbia released the disappointing "Cable Guy" and TriStar handled the failures "Sunset Park" and "Mrs. Winterbourne."

TriStar's next release is the expensive children's film "Matilda." HBO's movies have been cast with some well-known minor stars like Ashley Judd and James Woods, but none of the top performers typical to major Hollywood productions.

Cooper said he has no plans to overhaul planned TriStar pictures, which include "Godzilla," "Zorro" and "Starship Troopers."

"I just thought it was a great challenge to take the experience and skills I had at HBO and work on a broader canvas," Cooper said in an interview. "I think it's a great opportunity for me."

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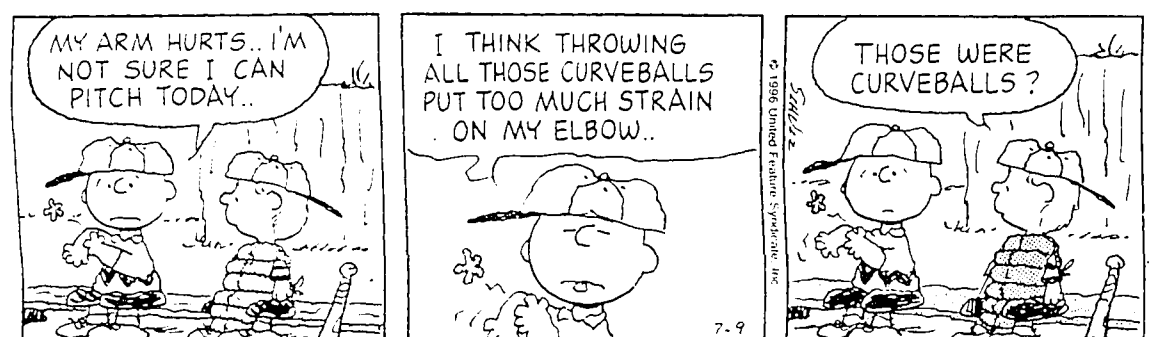
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By Stella Wilder

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Also born on this date are: Andrei Gromyko, Soviet diplomat; Nelson Mandela, South African president; Clifford Odets, playwright; Dick Button, skater and sportscaster; Hume Cronyn, actor; John Glenn, astronaut and U.S. senator.

To see what is in store for you

tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JULY 19
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may encounter a volatile situation at an unexpected time today, but you can avoid any lasting effects if you are creative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be starved for a new creative outlet today, but you must do things the way you've always done them for now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you get to work as soon as you can today, you will have much more time available to dedicate to personal pursuits that are truly important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You will stumble on an opportunity today which can open more doors than you could have imagined. It will be time to show others what you can do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your ability to think straight may be affected today by something you thought was entirely trivial. New questions will yield new answers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You will be on the edge of something new and exciting today, but you must not abandon what

has worked for you in the past. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You will get a glimpse at the top today. This will inspire you to do something you will never forget. Make sure that it is the right thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You must not be reckless today because others will depend on you even more than you will depend on yourself. Do not take this responsibility lightly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — It will be time for you to assume a serious responsibility. Indeed, you can impress an important person and enjoy an unexpected gain as a result.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Contact with family members will give you the clarity and foresight you need right now. Many upcoming issues will demand your dedication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A friend or family member will be there for you to give you the moral support you feel you need. By the end of the day, you will be on top of the world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You will question yourself again and again today, but ultimately, the answers will point you in the same familiar direction.

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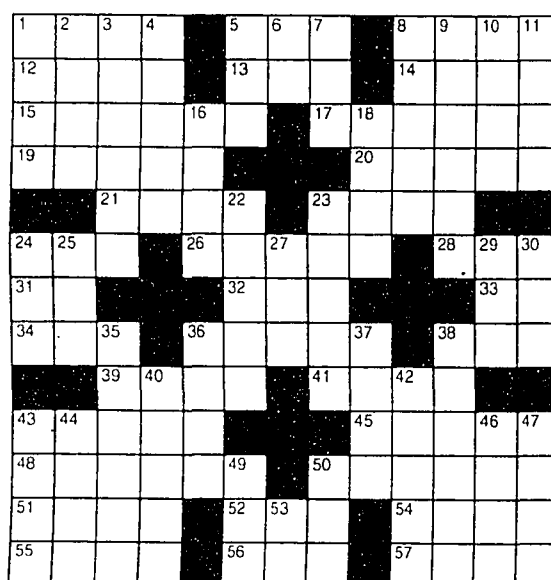
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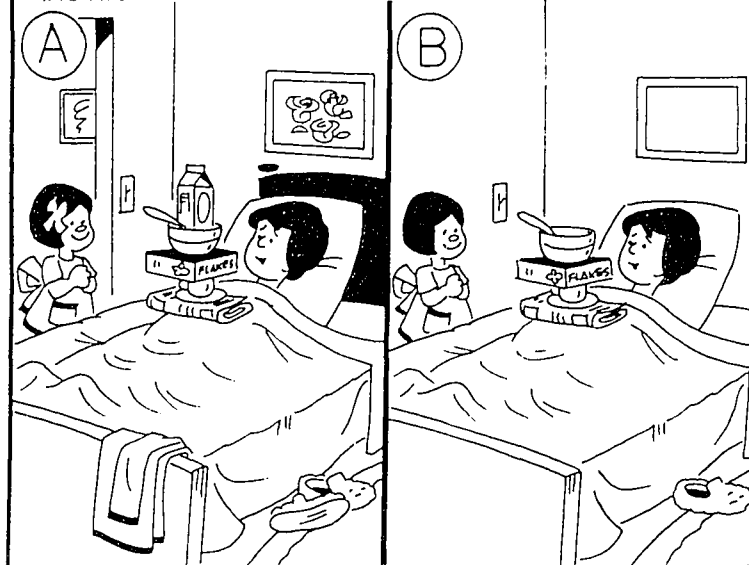
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Mobil...

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mended that Shell be awarded the contract as it had the "better offer." Shell's proposal was deemed preferable to its offer of a "no-change" rate, meaning the pricing would not get affected by any fluctuation in the liquid fuel tax rate or in any taxes imposed on the fuel products to be supplied under the contract.

While Mobil Oil proposed a lower price on unleaded gasoline by 15 cents and on diesel by 20 cents, Guerrero noted that Mobil proposed price adjustments in the event that taxes, duties or fees are increased or imposed.

But according to Mobil, Shell's offer of a no-change rate should not have been relied on as it was outside the scope of the request for proposal. In a letter of protest, Campos ar-

gued that under the RFP, the proposals should have been evaluated based on a total lump sum cost. He added that if DPW was to consider variations on the RFP, both bidders should have been advised.

"No other criteria may be used to evaluate the proposals," said Mobil counsel Brian McMahon in a March letter to Palacios.

"The assertion that Shell's proposal will save the government money is based upon speculation only, involving factors which were not part of the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP," he said.

He added that allowing speculative factors such as a possible increase in the liquid fuel tax to impact on a decision whether to award a contract, leaves the procurement system open to abuse and is not in the best interest of the CNMI.

But after receiving Mobil's pro-

test, the Division went on to seek a clarification from Shell about its "no-change" rate, and found out that there has been a misstatement on the policy.

Shell in an April 5 letter said, "If... the liquid fuel tax will be reduced, then this reduction would most certainly be passed along to the CNMI government. Shell... would believe that the reverse would also hold true, if the government were to increase

the LFT, we should be able to pass the higher tax along to you, the end user."

In announcing the selection of Mobil, Palacios said price is the most important single factor under the RFP.

"It was inappropriate for DPW to have relied upon Shell's 'no change' proposal with respect to the LFT. With the LFT factor removed, Mobil's proposal is clearly the lowest bid on

total lump sum cost," said Palacios.

On the other hand, Palacios also noted that Mobil's supply system is far more extensive than Shell's, and thus offers more convenience to the government.

Mobil reportedly has 14 service stations compared to Shell's five. The former also has seven 24-hour stations compared to Shell's one.

Villagomez...

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P. Tenorio in the gubernatorial race.

Tenorio is facing another former governor, Larry I. Guerrero in a primary set for November 9 this

year. Guerrero's running mate is educator Rita H. Inos.

Had Teregyo pursued her bid for the Senate, she would have figured in a three-way contest for the GOP nomination against Reyes and Villagomez.

Under party rules, whenever the number of aspirants is more than the

number of available candidacy slots, a primary is held to determine the party standard bearer.

Teregyo's exit from the Senate race, leaves only Reyes and Villagomez for the two Saipan seats to stave off the need for a senatorial primary.

New...

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support of local women groups. The law will make fathers in the CNMI "more responsible," he said.

Rep. Oscar M. Babauta (R-Saipan) introduced the bill early this year, saying that there is "a very serious loophole" in the CNMI's inheritance laws.

Opponents of the legislation dubbed it the "Hillbloom bill."

"If you look at the bill, it's hard to

see one thing that it does for any resident of the Commonwealth," a lawyer told the *Variety* early last month.

"Clearly it's meant to cut the Hillbloom heirs out," he said.

The Federal District Court is now reviewing the law's constitutionality.

Hillbloom, who died in a plane crash last year, left behind a fortune reportedly worth \$450 million.

Aside from Cochran's client, Junior Larry Hillbloom's son, Kaelani Kinney, two other individuals are claiming they have children fathered by Hillbloom.

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almost an afterthought. "It's sore every now and then, but I know I'm ready for competition," the 19-year-old Miller said. "I was pretty

much pain free as far as the wrist goes."

Both Miller and Moceanu sat out the Olympic trials due to their injuries, but made the squad based on their scores in the national championships. Moceanu's was the more serious injury — her doctor said ultrasound treatments helped her leg heal in a month, one-quarter the us

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voluntary mini-camp. Last year, George rushed for 1,984 yards, scored 24 touchdowns last season, had 47 receptions and was fourth in the nation with 185.42 all-purpose yards a game.

Hewill become the fourth Heisman Trophy winner to play for the Oilers, following Billy Cannon, Earl Campbell and Mike Rozier.

George is the eighth draft choice to reach agreement with the Oilers. Fourth-round selection Jon Runyan, an offensive tackle from Michigan, is the only unsigned draft choice.

Takanonami...

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pion) Kaio and thrust down him with a single blow, handing Kaio his fourth defeat against seven victories.

In other major bouts, ozeki Wakanohana sent No. 6 maegashira (senior wrestler) Terao out of the ring from behind for his seventh victory against four defeats. Terao is 4-7.

No. 8 maegashira Konishiki, or Salevaa Fuauli Atisanoe from Hawaii, fought off No. 9 maegashira Asanowaka's initial feint of sidestepping to the left, grabbed his foe's belt and bulldozed him out for his fifth victory against six defeats. Asanowaka is 4-7.

In the 26-member juryo division just below the senior makuuchi division, No. 1-ranked Kyokushuzan, or Mongolian Batbayar Davaa, sent out No. 6-ranked Tochiazuma (7-4) for his eighth victory against three defeats.

No. 8-ranked Sunahama, or American William Hopkins, charged No. 3-ranked Oginohana (5-6) with pushing attempts and crushed him down for his fifth victory against six

defeats. No. 12-ranked Kyokutenho, or Mongolian Tsevegnyam Nyamjav, forced out No. 6-ranked Kasugafuji (4-7) for his sixth victory against five defeats.

No. 11-ranked Yamato, or American George Kalima, suffered his fourth defeat against seven victories as he was driven out by No. 7-ranked Wakashoyo (8-3).

In makushita, the top junior division, No. 40-ranked Hoshiandesu, or Argentine Jose Antonio Juarez, forced out No. 37-ranked Fukunoryu for his third victory against three defeats.

No. 1-ranked Daiki, or American Percy Kipapa, suffered his fourth defeat against two victories as he was crushed down by No. 2-ranked Chiyonowaka.

In sandanme, the second highest junior division, No. 6-ranked Hoshitango, or Argentine Imach Marcelo Salomon, pushed out No. 13-ranked Higotsukasa.

In jonidan, the third highest junior division, No. 27-ranked Koryu, or American Eric Gasper, was thrown down by No. 27-ranked Ryushozan.

Junior division wrestlers have only seven bouts during the tournament.

BARBS

BARBS BY PHIL PASTORET

The most interesting thing on TV these lackluster evenings is our cat, snoozing atop the warm cabinet.

Our minister says that in these, our times, the Golden Rule seems to be "Do unto others before you get done unto."

A couple of decades ago, kids couldn't be seen on the street in the clothes their parents pay big bucks for today.

An "awnt" is the aunt in the family who has all the money.

In these politically correct days, saying you have a cuckoo clock is a no-no. What you have is a mentally challenged chronometer.

The worst thing that can possibly happen to a motor vehicle is to have a nut loose behind the steering wheel.

A friend of ours is getting rich. He owns a reducing salon and the fast food joint next door where his clients rebound.

Question for October: What did they do with stale candy before trick-or-treating was invented?

President Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address while sick with smallpox.

The following U.S. presidents never attended college: Harry Truman, Grover Cleveland, Andrew Johnson, Abraham Lincoln, Millard Fillmore, Zachary Taylor, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson and George Washington.

President Lincoln was related through marriage to Paul Revere. Lincoln's father, Thomas, was the cousin of Amos and Jedediah Lincoln, who were Paul Revere's sons-in-law.

Military double-talk: "Pre-emptive counter-attack," which means that we struck first.

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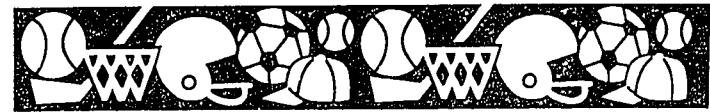
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SPORTS



'96 Saipan Youth Football League slates registration

REGISTRATION for all boys and girls who want to play tackle football for the 1996 season, be a team player, learn about sportsmanship and have fun, will be held on Saturday, July 20, 1996, the Saipan Youth Football League announced.

This year the League will add another division, so there will be two divisions to accommodate more kids.

The Pee Wee division will be for boys and girls who are from age nine (9) to eleven (11). The Midget division will be for boys and girls who are from age twelve (12) to fourteen (14). This is the third season for the (SYFL).

The league will kick off its season on September 22, a Sunday. Players will be furnished with equipment and uniforms when the season begins, but should provide their own socks and footwear.

Interested participants must bring along a birth certificate for proof of age, but those who have registered before need not bring one.

Registration will be held at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Conference Room from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The registration fee will be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

Parents are asked to bring their child on Saturday, July 20, to register him or her for fun and exercise.

For more information, call Dee Yadao at 322-8117 or Billy Y. Fortune at 235-2921.

Sampras, Graf out of Atlanta Olympics

By BARRY WILNER

ATLANTA (AP) - Pete Sampras won't be making up for a mediocre season at the Olympics. Steffi Graf won't be adding to her impressive collection of championships, either.

The two top-ranked tennis players in the world withdrew from the Atlanta Games on Tuesday with injuries. Three days before the games begin, Graf pulled out with a knee problem, while Sampras cited a strained right Achilles tendon.

"This is a very unfortunate time to suffer an injury," said Sampras, whose year has included grief - his coach, Tim Gullikson, died of cancer on May 3 - and disappointment, with no major championships. His streak of Wimbledon titles ended at three when

he lost to Richard Krajicek in the quarterfinals.

"I was really looking forward to competing at the Olympics. After I lost at Wimbledon, I was determined to make up for it by winning a gold medal."

Sampras was in Florida filming a TV commercial when his withdrawal was announced by the U.S. Olympic Committee and the U.S. Tennis Association.

"I talked to Pete last night and this morning, and he said that he aggravated it over the weekend," said Tom Gullikson, Tim's twin brother and the coach of the U.S. men's team at the Olympics. "He was hitting a few balls on Monday and felt an acute pain in his right foot. He had a (mag-

netic resonance imaging test) done, which didn't show a tear or rupture, but did show signs of strain and inflammation."

Sampras was advised to take a week off and start slowly when he resumes training.

"Unfortunately for Pete," Gullikson said, "starting back slowly doesn't include being in the Olympics."

A substitute was not selected, but the American men's team remains strong with Andre Agassi, MaliVai Washington - who lost to Krajicek in the Wimbledon final - and Richey Reneberg.

Graf was favored to add a second Olympic gold medal to her ever-increasing collection of titles; she won

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Athletics defeat Mariners, 12-5

OAKLAND, California (AP) - Mark McGwire hit his 31st homer and Scott Brosius had a homer and three RBIs as the Oakland Athletics routed the Seattle Mariners 12-5 on Tuesday.

Ernie Young added a two-run single for the A's, who scored four runs in the fourth, two in the fifth and five in the sixth to overcome a 4-0 deficit. Young had three hits and Brosius four, including a pair of doubles.

McGwire's two-run homer broke a 4-4 tie in the fifth. The A's have homered in 12 consecutive games

and lead the majors with 146.

Bobby Chouinard (4-2) won his fourth straight decision, allowing four runs on seven hits in six innings. Seattle's Sterling Hitchcock (8-4) allowed six runs on six hits in five innings.

Alex Rodriguez had a two-run homer and an RBI single for Seattle.

Brewers 20, Tigers 7

In Milwaukee, Greg Vaughn hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, taking over the AL lead with 88 RBIs as the Milwaukee Brewers romped past the Detroit Tigers.

Jose Valentin, John Jaha and Matt Mieske also homered in Milwaukee's highest-scoring game since it set a team record with 22 runs on Aug. 28, 1992, against Toronto.

The Brewers became the fifth team to score at least 20 runs in a game this year. Not since 1950, when it also happened five times, have there been so many 20-run games in a season.

The Brewers had 18 hits, including four by Valentin and three by Jaha.

Vaughn's 28th homer capped a seven-run fourth inning and he also

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US gymnasts willing and ready to go

ATLANTA (AP) - U.S. gymnasts Dominique Moceanu and Shannon Miller, who missed the Olympic trials because of injuries, are both ready to compete now.

"Everything is under control," promised head coach Martha Karolyi after her squad worked out Tuesday. "They're a little sore here and there, but everybody's in good shape."

Moceanu, the 14-year-old who has inspired comparisons to Nadia Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton, is bouncing back from a stress fracture in her right shin. Miller, the star of the U.S. gymnastics squad in Barcelona, is nursing a wrist injury.

"I feel pretty ready and confident," Moceanu said. "Of course, there's always a little bit (of soreness) there, but it's minor - nothing I haven't had before."

Miller, who won two silver and three bronze medals at the Barcelona Games, said the tendinitis that kept her out of the Olympic trials was

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Takanonami suffers his first loss at hands of Musashimaru

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) - Hawaii-born Musashimaru handed Takanonami his first defeat Wednesday, leaving three wrestlers tied for the lead at 10-1 with four days left in the 15-day Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament.

Wrestling at the Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium in Nagoya, central Japan, ozeki Musashimaru, or Fiamalu Penitani, charged his fellow ozeki Takanonami with fierce hand thrusts and thrust him down. Musashimaru is 8-3.

Both yokozunas (grand champions) - Takanohana and Hawaii-born Akebono - won their bouts and were tied for the lead with Takanonami at 10-1.

Takanohana, seeking his 14th tournament victory, forced out No. 4 maegashira (senior wrestler) Minatofuji, handing Minatofuji his eighth defeat against three victories.

Akebono, or Chad Rowan, charged sekiwake (junior cham-

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Heisman winner agrees to 5-year contract with Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) - Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George agreed to a five-year contract with the Houston Oilers football team on Tuesday. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"I feel elated. I'm glad it's over. I'm glad I didn't miss any practice time," said George, scheduled to join the Oilers on Friday in San Antonio, Texas for the first day of training camp.

"I can now move on to the next phase of my life."

The former Ohio State star, selected 14th overall in the National Football League draft, has been working out four times a day since the team's

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CNMI athletes of month

THE Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association membership selected the following athletes of the month for June 1996.

Athletes of the month

Female - Lori J. Bachman Bodybuilding. Lori is a teacher at San Vicente School and won the women's overall award, her weight class and best presentation in the recent South Pacific Bodybuilding Championships held on Norfolk Island.

Male - Ron Smith Running/Triathlon. Ron was selected for his determination in the Rota Triathlon. This was his first big triathlon, although he has been a competitive runner for a long time. He is not a comfortable swimmer, biked on an old battered bike, but he still ran and completed the race.

Student Athlete of the Month

Male - Simon Maniacop Bowling. A student at the Marianas High School competed in the 14th FIQ Asian Zone Bowling Championships in Korea, placing 13th in the individual and 10th with his team. Over 30 countries were competing.



CNMI's pride. San Vicente School teacher and bodybuilder Lori Bachman strikes a pose during last month's South Pacific Bodybuilding Championships at Norfolk Islands where she won top honors. Bachman has been named by NMAA as female athlete of the month of June.

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