

CUC plans rates hike

By Rafael H. Arroyo

COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. is soon pushing through with a long held-back plan to increase its rates for water and sewer services as part of current efforts aimed at achieving full-cost recovery in the utility firm's operations.

Push for full cost recovery underway

According to Pamela Mathis, CUC public information officer, the planned rates hike is expected to be included in the CUC Board's September meeting agenda after which it will then undergo the required publication and hearing

process prior to possible implementation.

"This should not come as a surprise. Previous boards have indicated we will raise water and sewer rates; a federal audit says we should; a separate management audit also recommended the same; the Department of Interior expressed interest in us doing it, so

now we'll get things rolling," said Mathis in a telephone interview Wednesday.

According to Mathis, increased water and waste water rates is a recommendation made by the Interior's Operations and Management improvement Program (OMIP) in its Third and Fourth Year Reviews.

"We're doing this because it is the right thing for us to do, even though we know it might not be popular," said Mathis.

"We have long planned for this and now we have all the essentials to do it," the CUC spokesperson said.

"We are planning to achieve full cost recovery through a combination of rates increase, internal cost-cutting measures and non-

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Volunteer students join hands in cleaning a classroom at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in preparation for the opening of classes Monday.

Dela Cruz RP-bound to meet labor officials

COMMERCE & Labor Director Pedro Q. Dela Cruz is leaving Monday for the Philippines to seek an audience with top Labor officials on problems being faced by the growing Filipino labor force on Saipan and the rest of the CNMI.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Dela Cruz told the Variety that separate meetings are being arranged for him and Philippine Labor Secretary Nieves Confesor and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Administrator Felicisimo Joson.

He did not disclose specifics of the meeting except that he'll be trying to push for a unilateral agreement at how labor problems are to be handled at the Philippine end.

"We acknowledge that we will be heavily reliant on the Filipino

overseas labor market for our manpower needs," said Dela Cruz.

"If we are to continue this, we want to make sure we get the kind of people we need," said Dela Cruz.

According to the Commerce & Labor director, the department finds that a great number of employment applications being received by his office do not genuinely reflect the worker's skills and credentials and this has led to animosities between employer and employee.

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Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

Demapan: No to EO 94-3 changes

SENATE President Juan S. Demapan yesterday indicated the Senate may not at all entertain a proposal from the House of Representatives to modify the governor's executive order to reorganize government.

In an interview at his Capitol Hill Office, Demapan said it is the position of the five-member Senate majority leadership to just let

Executive Order 94-3 take effect unaltered on August 23rd, when the 60-day waiting period for its implementation lapses.

"It is the position of the Senate that we'll just give the governor's reorganization a chance to prove itself effective. Only when we find out it isn't, shall we get to propose modifications, but that would be through a legislation," said Demapan.

Tenorio's reorganization plan submitted June 24, 1994 and is set to take effect August 23rd, has undergone extensive study by Rep. Oscar M. Babauta's Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations which conducted six public hearings to collect input and feedback from the public and more importantly, from the affected agencies themselves.

Under EO 94-3, the governor is proposing to abolish a number of offices and to transfer their functions to existing departments, as well as calling for the

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CNMI schools spruce up for Monday's opening of classes

By Ferdie de la Torre

PUBLIC school facilities are being fixed up to accommodate more than 10,000 students for Monday's opening of classes.

A collaborative effort has been shown by teachers, parents, students, government agencies, as well as the business sector in the preparation for the school opening.

In recent visits of the Variety to different Saipan public schools, teachers were observed cleaning the classrooms and offices with the help from volunteer students.

At Garapan Elementary School, carpenters were busy fixing the leaking roofs, dilapidated chairs and tables. Electricians too, inspected the wirings.

At Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque, the Parents and Teachers Association Air-conditioning Project was completed yesterday.

PTA officials, businessmen and Department of Public Works personnel toured the facilities after the completion of the project.

Present were Bill Bezzant, PTA president; Basic Construction General Manager Wyatt McMillin, PTA vice president; GTC Vice Principal Del Oco;

Dora Decena, PTA treasurer; Nikko Hotel General Manager Yuzo Takano, and Jeremiah Suel, Department of Public Works Electrical supervisor.

Bezzant said the classrooms at GTC have always been open-air, with a temperature over 100 degrees and high humidity during classroom sessions.

"The students cannot learn and the teachers cannot teach during the midday hours," he pointed out.

The CNMI Government annual budget for Education or CIP has never been sufficient to provide for air-conditioning

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Juan S. Demapan

US, Japan, Seoul wrangle over money

By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The most troubling question in the North Korean nuclear crisis now is not whose finger is on the button, but who is willing to reach for his wallet.

And even if the United States, Japan and South Korea agree who should pay the \$4 billion to give North Korea modern nuclear reactors, it's not clear that North Korea will agree to full nuclear inspections.

North Korea says that without agreement on who will pay, the deal it reached with U.S. negotiators last weekend in Geneva is off, and it will restart its old reactor in

time to provide power for this winter.

Under the agreement, North Korea does not have to open its nuclear plants to inspection until the United States guarantees provision of light-water reactors to replace graphite reactors that are both more prone to accident and produce high amounts of plutonium, which North Korea is suspected of using to make nuclear weapons.

"They are interested in assurances from the United States about the provision of technology," State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said. "We have not provided that yet."

But North Korea after the Geneva talks insisted it never will agree to full inspections of its nuclear sites

while it regards the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, as a tool of the West.

President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam agreed in a telephone call Wednesday that the reactors won't be provided unless Pyongyang allows full inspections of its facilities, including the ability to check whether it ever embarked on a nuclear weapons program.

The CIA believes North Korea already has enough plutonium for one or two nuclear bombs.

Expert-level talks between the United States and North Korea on providing the new reactors begin Sept. 4, and the top-level negotiations resume in Geneva on Sept.

23.

Some of the issues the allies are working to resolve:

-The United States is willing to provide advice and expertise, but U.S. laws bar it from contributing money or advanced technology to North Korea. Washington expects Japan and South Korea to pay the bills.

-Japan, parts of which are in range of North Korean missiles, is willing to contribute but doesn't want to be the major partner. Tokyo plans to ask the other Group of Seven most industrialized nations - America, Britain, Canada, France, Italy and Germany - to share the cost, according to Japan's Mainichi newspaper.

-Although Kim, the South Ko-

rean president, on Monday said his country would provide a reactor, deputy premier Lee Hong-koo said Wednesday that the United States and Japan should share the cost with Seoul. South Korea insists it should build the two reactors.

Russia, North Korea's one-time supplier of nuclear technology, has injected itself into the debate by offering to provide reactors. Its technicians have visited the site where a Russian light-water reactor could be built, Russian Vice Foreign Minister Alexander Panov told the Interfax news agency, according to reports carried Thursday in Seoul.

Last week Pyongyang insisted on the Russian reactors but now appears willing to accept South Korean models.

Two Americans killed in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Two Americans were killed and two others injured when their car crashed near Kadena Air Base on Okinawa Thursday, U.S. Forces, Japan said. All four were dependents of U.S. military personnel.

Japanese police said the driver, Stephen Creel, 17, apparently lost

control of the vehicle, slammed it into a telephone pole. Creel and one passenger were killed.

The name of the second fatality was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Creel is the son of Linda Creel of the G-3 Office at Camp Foster Marine Corps Base.

The two injured were Michael Bennett, 15, son of 1st Sgt. Robert Bennett of the 3rd Support Battalion,

3rd Force Service Support Group, Camp Foster, and Eouain Shangalang, 15, son of Mr. Milageria Shangalang from the Comptroller's Office at Camp Foster.

No hometowns were given.

Bennett sustained severe brain damage and was listed in critical condition at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lester. Shangalang was also listed in critical condition and undergoing surgery, it said.

Bhutto curbs extremist Islamic leaders

By KATHY GANNON

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has begun restricting the movement of some Islamic extremists, including lawmakers, in an effort to end months of sectarian violence.

A militant Muslim legislator was barred this week from entering Karachi after his Sunni Muslim followers clashed with soldiers. Three militants died.

Police said they feared Azam Tariq would incite violence. Tariq's followers regularly clash with minority Shiite Muslims, who have formed gangs of their own.

After a recent spate of gun battles, bombings and executions by members of rival Islamic sects, Ms. Bhutto condemned religious fanaticism and warned that sectarian violence could destroy the country.

"It is the most serious threat facing Pakistan today," said Iqbal Ahmed, a political analyst and university professor.

Tariq is one of a small number of Islamic fundamentalists elected to Parliament in the general elections last year that returned Ms. Bhutto to power.

By invoking the Preventative Measures Act, the Sindh provincial government, dominated by Ms. Bhutto's liberal Pakistan People's Party, banished Tariq from Karachi for one month.

"We want to let tempers cool down. We are afraid he will encourage sectarian violence," Nabi Buksh Khoro, a Sindh government spokesman, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The worst clashes have occurred in Karachi, but there have also been several assaults in towns and villages throughout Punjab province.

Hasan Turabi, a leader of a militant Shiite group, warned that the violence was likely to escalate because rival groups have no faith in the government's ability to protect them.

"The government doesn't realize the seriousness of the situation," Turabi said in an interview.

"If it continues there will be a civil war."

Ms. Bhutto's Law Minister Iqbal Haider agreed: "We have to find ways to control this frenzy."

A big problem is the over abundance of weapons in Pakistan and particularly among the extremist groups, said Haider.

Both Tariq's and Turabi's groups are heavily armed with assault rifles, homemade bombs, grenades and an assortment of weapons.

Both Shiites and Sunnis are reluctant to lay down their weapons because they say the government is helpless to protect them.

"There is no law in this country," said Turabi. "The government seems helpless while the militants... walk on the streets openly with guns."

OTIA OKs \$10M for CUC

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE INTERIOR Department's Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) has approved the release of \$10 million from the bond earnings money currently kept in Bank of Guam to pay for a portion of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. engine debt owed Mitsubishi.

In a letter to James Lynn, vice president for Bank of Guam, Saipan office Wednesday, OTIA chief financial officer David Haggstad aired the office's consent to the funds transfer, as per an arrangement between Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Assistant Interior Secretary for OTIA Leslie M. Turner.

"Governor Tenorio and Assistant Secretary Turner have entered into a lettered agreement by which funds may be released under the terms of the Trust Funds Use & Management Agreement signed in June 1994," Haggstad told Lynn.

"In accordance with section 6

of that agreement, I hereby certify approval for the release of up to \$10 million to pay Mitsubishi Corp. for power generation equipment and spare parts," he added.

The need to help CUC has become an urgent government priority after Mitsubishi earlier this month declared CUC in default of its engine purchase agreements with the Japanese firm.

A recent letter from Mitsubishi indicated the Japanese firm is taking both CUC and the CNMI government to court for the breach to ensure CUC compliance with the terms of its contracts on both the Phase I and II of its Power Plant Expansion.

Figures cited by Mitsubishi indicate CUC owes the company approximately \$9 million for Phase I; \$19.8 million for Phase II; and \$0.83 million for unpaid spare parts.

Lately, the government, bearing contingent liability for the obligation, has explored ways on where to get money to pay Mitsubishi. An option looked at



Leslie M. Turner

was the use of some money out of the \$27 million earned by the CNMI in a 1987 bond issue, which was recently deposited in trust at Bank of Guam.

Such money, however, requires approval of the OTIA before release.

Turner in an August 11 letter to Governor Tenorio said she would agree to the release of \$10 million to pay for at least the Phase I Mitsubishi obligation, if the chief executive agrees to a partnership agreement between OTIA, the CNMI government and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. which provides for a five-pronged approach at how to address the issues facing the controversial government corporation.

Turner specifically asked that within the next 60 days, representatives of the governor, OTIA, and CUC meet and negotiate the following:

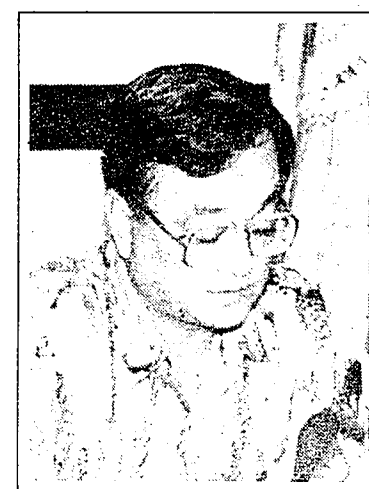
- the performance of a feasibility study for privatization of CUC's assets and/or its utility operations;

- the implementation of audit recommendations, including the Inspector General's and Meltzer & Associates management audit recommendations, and other management initiatives to improve efficiency and the internal controls environment at CUC. This is to include the management initiatives raised in the OMIP Plan of Action, such as independence of CUC over its operations, personnel, finances, procurement activities and authority to set power, water and sewer rates and fees;

- a rational restructuring of CUC's debt;
- the resolution and ultimate disposition of water and sewer operations within a privatized or improved public utility; and
- the resolution and ultimate disposition of utility operations in Rota and Tinian within the context of a privatized or improved public utility.

After Tenorio and CUC Board Chairman Tony Muna last Wednesday signed the return portion of Turner's letter indicating

Borja defends car purchases



Jesus C. Borja

LIEUTENANT Governor Jesus C. Borja yesterday defended the purchase of two pricey executive cars for both him and Governor Froilan C. Tenorio saying such should in no means be an issue against the administration.

During one of the administration's weekly news conferences, Borja who is currently acting governor said he does not think the prices of the governor's Lincoln Towncar and his Cadillac are exorbitant.

"I don't mind people asking about it. I think they should. It shows they are concerned," Borja told members of the local media. "But I don't think what we've done is in anyway wrong or subject to criticism," the acting governor added.

Borja was asked about the cars after the Variety last week published a story about the need for the administration to soon come up with some \$91,000 to pay for the two brand new executive cars.

According to information gathered by the Variety, the black Lincoln Towncar issued for Tenorio's use and the white

Cadillac for Borja, are reportedly worth \$43,000 and \$48,000, respectively.

The two cars were bought in lieu of the two black Lexuses bought by the previous administration for the use of then Governor Larry I. Guerrero and Benjamin T. Manglona, which have since been given to the Legislature for the use of the Senate president and the House speaker.

Joaquin Pangelinan, the governor's special assistant for administration in an interview confirmed that not a single penny has been paid for the new Lincoln and Cadillac and that their dealers may be up sending notices soon.

The Lincoln was delivered on June 14 while the Cadillac, according to Pangelinan, was received early July.

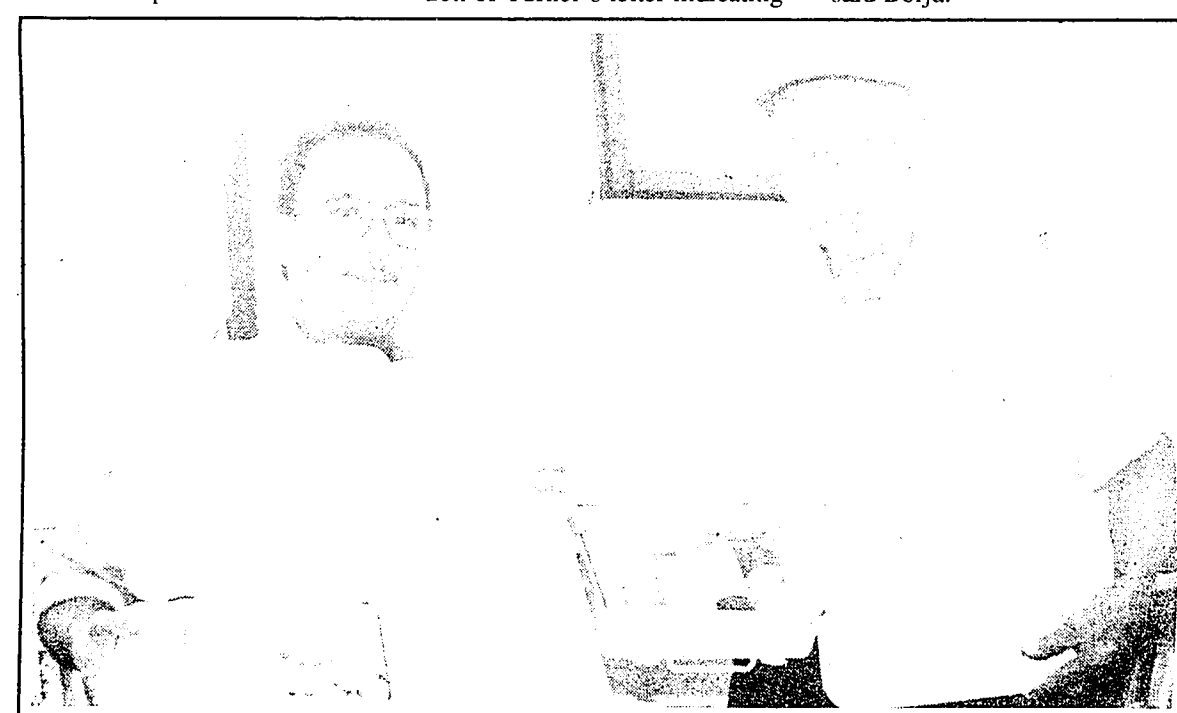
Borja during the news conference yesterday just sounded perplexed as to why the cars should be an issue.

"We stated since the very beginning during our campaign that our relationship with the federal government is very bad. We thought that one of the ways we can try to show them we are still US citizens is by buying American cars for officials so when they do come in we can take them around in those cars," said Borja.

As for the cost consideration, the acting governor also said he does not consider the two cars to be "exorbitant."

Pangelinan earlier said the black Lincoln and the white Cadillac were purchased after it was determined such arrangement was more feasible than a lease rental.

He said it would cost government some \$70,000 if it were to lease the Lincoln for four years.



Aging Division Chief Administrator Gregorio S. Delos Reyes (left) and senior participant Ben S. Sablan show the two sets of First Aid kit and metal signs for handicapped parking which were donated by Mr. Richard A. Pierce, Safety First System president.

Merchant fined \$19,000

By Rafael I. Santos

A KOREAN businessman has been ordered to leave the commonwealth by next year after admitting a theft charge lodged against him by the government last year.

Kim Choon Suk was accused of theft and several counts of forgery last year. The government said he committed the crimes between October 17 and November 5, 1992.

Kim allegedly forged several checks between that period and used them for personal benefit.

He initially pleaded not guilty to the charges, but on Wednes-

day, the defendant admitted guilt to the charge of theft following a plea negotiation between him and the government. Assistant Attorney General Russell E. Marsh said the plea agreement was reached last Monday.

Superior Court judge Marty Taylor sentenced the businessman after the latter entered a guilty plea Wednesday morning. Kim was meted a three-year jail term but all the three years were suspended by the judge as recommended by the prosecution.

The judge also dismissed the remaining charges against the man pursuant to the plea agreement. He was however ordered to pay

concurrence to the partnership pact and its conditions, the release order to Bank of Guam came that same day.

OTIA's approval of the funds release was confirmed yesterday by acting Governor Jesus C. Borja, who in a news conference also announced the administration's concurrence to the three-party agreement.

"The governor signed the letter yesterday and I received word just this morning that OTIA has agreed to the release of \$10 million," said Borja.

He, however, expressed concern about a condition Turner put in her letter with regards to the withholding of the release of CIP funds for fiscal years 1993 to 1995 until an agreement has been arrived at.

"The governor and I feel we could in good faith enter negotiations with Interior and arrive at an agreement and not jeopardize the release of those CIP funds, especially that for FY 1993," said Borja.

He said he would want to start negotiations for the partnership agreement as soon as possible.

"We want negotiations to start right away as we feel that only if we start right away can we arrive at an agreement that won't jeopardize release of those CIP funds," said Borja.

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EDITORIAL

Back to school, back to old problems

MORE than 10,000 students will troop to different schools beginning Monday. It's another opportunity for hardworking mentors to impart knowledge to the young minds and provide training for the maturing children.

But is everything ready for the opening of classes? If parents and school officials were to be asked, the response would be an emphatic "no." Indeed, not all is okay. The countenance of some students enrolled in overcrowded schools will tell it all. Perhaps their only excitement in going back to school is to meet campus peers, and not to stay inside the suffocating four walls of each classroom in the Public School System.

They cannot be blamed if their level of interest in education is low and their pace of learning is below par. They are not well attended. This is not new in schools where student population is swelling with no additional facilities and teachers. We can only expect the worst if this scenario remains unchanged.

Public school teachers are neither to be blamed. They are not super heroes. If by any chance the educational needs of one or more school kids are not met, in more cases than one, it's because of the same old problems—lack of facilities which results in overcrowding. How can a poor teacher attend to the needs of a very big class?

The Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High, San Vicente and Koblerville have been identified as among PSS schools that have very large population. School officials are helpless since they do not hold the key to the CNMI treasury. They are at the mercy of the powerful administration officials and legislators.

The core of the problem is lack of budget. Overcrowding will continue to plague our schools if the budget crisis is not resolved.

Fortunately, PSS officials and the Board of Education are working for the school kids. Short-term remedies to the shortage of school rooms and other facilities seem to be the best solutions, at least for the meantime while squabbles on appropriations continue.

Thanks to BOE for its foresight that it pushed for the year-round program. Also known as alternative scheduling, this scheme offers a lot of benefits to both school kids, PSS and schools.

Aside from addressing the problem on overcrowding, the year-round program also increases "retention of knowledge," improves attendance, and provides students with more individualized attention. The year-round program is also aimed at maximizing the use of available resources, personnel, building and funding.

This plan is now being implemented by San Vicente Elementary School. So far the only reason why some sectors oppose the program is because of a limited understanding of its benefits. But that does not justify the rejection.

The program is practical and innovative and must be adapted by all public schools that are experiencing chronic overcrowding.

Only, PSS should step up its information dissemination. It should educate parents, school officials and even students about the program. And while our leaders engage in non-sense fights, we can sit down and rest assured that school children are getting what they deserve, for the meantime.



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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

U.S. cozies up to a world-class killer

SURABAYA, Indonesia—While American warplanes are gearing up to restore democracy in Haiti, American warships here are embracing one of the world's most brutal dictators.

Anxious for warm U.S.-Indonesia relations and investment money, the Surabaya base here has an agreement to allow U.S. warships to use repair facilities—which the U.S. Navy did just last month during joint U.S.-Indonesian naval exercises. It might seem harmless and friendly but only to the uninformed.

The Indonesian military, headed since 1965 by President Suharto, has topped up a pogrom-like body count. Suharto, with hundreds of thousands of deaths to his name, is responsible for a hundred times as many killings as Saddam Hussein—putting him in line behind Pol Pot (more than 2 million), Hitler (more than 6 million) and Stalin (more than 20 million) for the number of non-combatants killed in this century.

American allies in this region have long been frustrated by the lack of attention paid to the backwater brutality of Suharto's government while smaller-scale killings in places like Iraq, Yugoslavia and Haiti have received a far greater response from the United States.

Less than 30 years ago, in 1965, the canals in this city ran red with the blood of thousands of alleged Communists who were butchered by the military in the wake of a failed coup. Suharto used the fizzled coup as an excuse to slaughter hundreds of thousands of nominally left-leaning peasants and wealthy ethnic Chinese.

But old history is not what will complicate President Clinton's appearance here in mid-November. It's Suharto's continued 20-year military occupation of East Timor and the murder of as many as 200,000 East Timorese that will challenge Clinton's commitment to human rights.

Clinton has been an integral supporter of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum. In Seattle last year, he hosted the first-ever "leader level" meeting of APEC. This year, with Indonesia chairing APEC, Clinton and the other 14 leaders are planning to sit down for a second session.

American diplomatic sources say all the details have yet to be worked out but claim there is no room for human rights in the APEC context. If a

bilateral meeting between Clinton and Suharto occurs—as is likely—then the issue of the continued East Timor occupation "might" be raised, officials say.

"Might" is not good enough for groups like Amnesty International, which have cataloged a wide range of human rights abuses in Indonesia, including torture of political prisoners and widespread imprisonment without trial. Not the least of the concerns is the East Timor issue. Portugal abandoned its former colony on the eastern end of Timor island in 1975. But rather than tolerate an independent nation in the middle of its 17,000-plus island archipelago, Indonesia invaded that same year.

By murder and starvation, as many as one-fifth of the almost 800,000 East Timorese died. Suharto officially admits that only 5,000 have been killed in the fighting in the last 20 years, and that another 25,000 died by hunger. But in 1977, Indonesia's own foreign minister admitted that as many as 80,000 might already have been killed by that time, just two years into the occupation. A comparison between the Portuguese census figures in 1974 and Indonesian census figures since that time shows a pogrom must have occurred.

Even the governor of East Timor, Abilio Soares told a group of foreign journalists in April that it was "probably true" that between 100,000 and 200,000 people had died. The journalists were meant to see some of the new roads and other development East Timor's "benign" benefactor, Indonesia, had undertaken. It's all part of an image cleanup the Indonesian government is anxiously conducting before the November APEC meeting.

Western diplomats tell us it's not going to work—especially with the United Nations still steadfastly refusing to recognize Indonesian rule of East Timor. "The thousand-plus journalists from the United States, Canada and elsewhere coming—with the 14 heads of state will all probably be covering two stories when they come here in November—the APEC meeting and what the hell is going on in East Timor!" one diplomat predicted to our associate Dale Van Atta.

Diplomats here also see it as a crucial test of Clinton's foreign policy prowess and his commitment to human rights. Clinton's pragmatic economic side already greatly disappointed activists when he rolled over and continued China's most favored nation trade status despite grave human rights concerns.

Letters to the Editor

Tinian resident lashes Borja on leaseback deal

Dear Editor:

THIS is to express my disappointment over your newspaper's lack of response to my request in printing a letter I forwarded for the Lt. Governor concerning the leaseback fiasco.

Editor note: The following is your letter in full.

Dear Lt. Governor:

THIS is to express my deepest disappointment over your action in proceeding to affix your signature on the Leaseback Agreement despite our attempt last week to convince you that the people of Tinian had not been afforded the opportunity to hear what the agreement entailed ahead of time. For emphasis, as we have you last week, THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON!!!

We have unsuccessfully tried to obtain a copy of the draft through conventional means, ultimately we had to steal a copy of the draft and make ourselves copies so that we could find out exactly what was in the agreement. This, in itself, indicates the total unwillingness of those involved to publicly announce anything about this deal, consequently, giving rise to the notion that there is something very fishy about it.

You have stated in your public speech that you were happy with the agreement, the Tinian representatives were happy with the agreement, and the people of Tinian, you were informed, were happy with it. It appears, sir, that you would listen only to those in office and not the words of the people, who sought your help, that we were never once informed about the agreement other than limited information gathered from the media.

You may think that you can exonerate yourself by passing the bucket of blame on to our representative for not informing you truthfully, but ultimately, responsibility is in your hands given that you had been otherwise informed but chose not to do anything about

I noticed two days ago that your newspaper had covered a press release issued from the Mayor's office. My letter would have challenged a lot of what he was saying, and it should have been given the same consideration.

You stated in a telephone conversation that you wholeheartedly believe that the agreement was the BEST thing for the people of Tinian.

The BEST thing for the people of Tinian, is not for you alone to decide for, in all truthfulness, you don't know anything about the people of Tinian other than what you saw immediately during your brief visits here. You don't know how we feel, how we think, and most especially, what we truly want. And, after reading through the Technical Agreement, the Tinian Land Lease Agreement, and the draft of the leaseback agreement, I wholeheartedly disagree with you that this is the BEST thing for the people of Tinian.

There will never be another time that the United States Government or the Military will come back to us and give us another bargaining chip - THE NEED FOR MORE LAND FOR EXCLUSIVE USE - that you and our Tinian representative had cashed in so cheaply.

The exclusive use zone was an integral part of the Technical and Tinian Land Lease Agreement. This part of the leased lands were under total control of the Military and the Commonwealth did not have a say in how it was used. The increase of this zone altered the Technical Agreement, thus the leaseback agreement is an amendment of part of the Technical Agreement, which I believe requires mutual consent and compensation. So, the question is: Who consented and what is our compensation?

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the people of Tinian to express what THEY DESIRE and a once in a lifetime opportunity to amend portions of the Technical Agreement to be

Before the news reporters from various media companies left Tinian, an old man, who would be greatly affected by this leaseback agreement and the expansion of exclusive use zone, plead with the reporters to please help us. How-

more beneficial to the PEOPLE OF TINIAN than what you agreed to by signing that Leaseback Agreement today, of which no one knew - other than you and a few elected officials and their representatives - its contents until today.

For one thing, we could have negotiated to get our land back for free as compensation for the changes in the Technical Agreement. Part of the Technical Agreement was the Commonwealth's right to leaseback excess land. In order for the exclusive use zone to be increased you had to sign a waiver releasing the people's rights to lease that land back. So, what did we get in return for giving up that right? What kind of compensation is having to buy back and lease back land that the Military had declared surplus and have no use for? Why couldn't they be returned to us and use the 2 million instead to upgrade our dock facility?

Which brings me to my next point: How is it best for the people of Tinian for the Military or United States Government to retain the RIGHT to use the dock facilities and block off portions of the land for their use whenever they need to? In essence, the Military did not want to spend money or contribute to renovating the dock for us, but we are so hungry for our land that not only do we purchase it, but we would also upgrade the dock and have them use it without charge, since they have the RIGHT to use it. Not a privilege, mind you, but a RIGHT!

We have been cheated once, and we are being cheated again. The Commonwealth, especially the people of Tinian, have yet to see the true benefit of Military presence. Now I ask you to convince me, and those who are still in doubt, that we, the people of

it, appears that in this case your newspaper is only interested in what the officials have to say about this matter and not those that are expressed by the people.

For your information, I am not alone in this outrage, and I am

writing on behalf of all those people who felt they were cheated out this deal.

Sincerely,

/s/JUANITA M. MENDIOLA

Why the urgency to sign this agreement? Why weren't the people informed?

The Technical Agreement, although not desirable in its entirety since the people of Saipan and Rota decided that for us by voting unanimously for the Covenant, at least contained in it the opportunity to negotiate. Now, by signing that agreement you have closed off any future negotiations that could have been greater for us in the end. By having that bargaining chip, we could have turned things around to truly benefit us.

The Military is restricted by Article 10 of the Tinian Land Lease agreement to assign or sublease any portion of the leased land without acquiring approval from the lessor (MPLC/COMMONWEALTH), but my interpretation of this is that it applies only to areas that were designated leaseback areas and the exclusive use zone is excluded from this provision. This is where voice of America comes in.

We don't know who or what is Voice of America. It is not a recognized government agency, but they are highly privileged for some reason, that it is difficult to determine whether or not they are a part of the government. However, they want to come to Tinian, and the Military wants them here. This was something that we could bank on.

The only consent we gave you was voting you into office, and your term is guaranteed for 4 years if you did not do anything calling for your impeachment, and this is true for any other elected official. Under no circumstances are you to make decisions this big, affecting our entire future without any consultation. You should always take into consideration that your

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Borja earns praises

To: Local Newspaper

YOUR support and approval in printing this appreciation letter in your newspaper is highly appreciated.

I would like to extend the highest degree of recognition and appreciation to our Honorable Lt. Governor Jesse Borja for his exceedingly inspirational remarks on August 11, 1994, at the dinner reception at Hopwood Jr. High School, for over 900 Pacific Region educators at the 11th Annual PREL Conference.

The immensity of unsolicited commendations of his remarks by many professionals from all over the Pacific Region, inclusively the State of Hawaii, and other States,

are powerful reflections of how this great individual sincerely appreciates the countless contributions of our Pacific educators in educating our children.

Lt. Governor Borja's remarks on that beautiful evening drive us more than ever, as educators, to consistently excel our maximum capabilities in providing our children the best education possible.

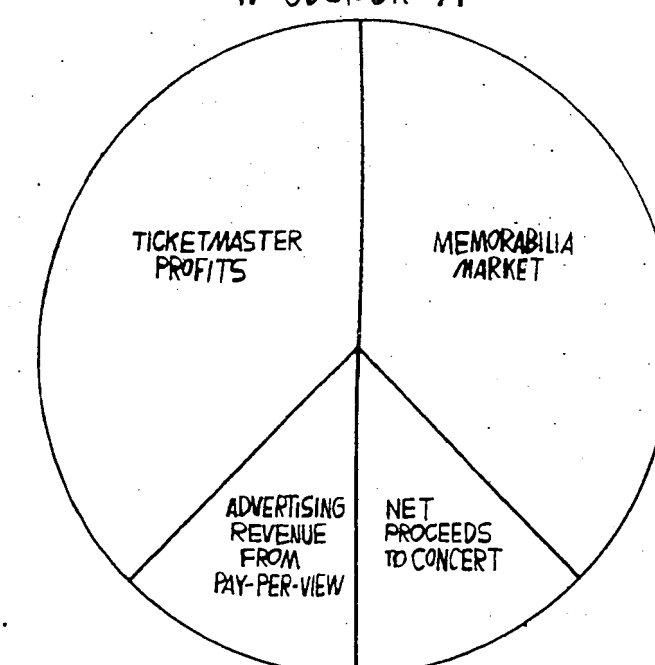
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/s/TOM PANGELINAN

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Hocog blasts Rota Task Force

SENATOR Eusebio A. Hocog, Chairman, Committee on Resources, Development and Programs expressed anger and disappointment regarding the recent Alien Labor Task Force report expounding for the termination of Rota Resident Department Head of Commerce and Labor, Mr. Glenn H. Manglona. "I am baffled by the sheer mishandling of this inquiry. How will removing Mr. Manglona solve the prob-

lem of alien labor abuses? Instead of extracting the root of the problem, the task force decided to 'chop' off a limb," said the Senator in a press release.

Based on preliminary task force findings, alien labor abuses occurred long before Mr. Manglona's appointment to office. "The problem resides in the employers not in Mr. Manglona," said Hocog. "How can the Task Force allow the differences in

personality to overshadow the real substance of labor abuse?" Senator Hocog asserts that the recommendation from the Task Force to replace Mr. Manglona was an unproductive and vindictive solution.

Senator Hocog was further miffed because he was not provided a preliminary report of the findings prior to its dissemination to the public. "As Chairman of the Standing Committee on Resources and Development, I feel I should be provided with all information relative to issues confronting the committee. It is clearly evident that the Task Force slighted the committee by not extending this information to my attention. Rota employs many alien laborers for its development projects, therefore, it is imperative that I be kept abreast of violations," Sen. Hocog stated in the press release.

Senator Hocog offers his assurance to the citizens of Rota and the Commonwealth that he will critique the committee's report to determine its thoroughness. Based on the actions of the Task Force, Hocog is compelled to believe that the final report is riddled with questionable details relative to its accuracy. "Slip-shot reporting," expressed Hocog, "only serves to hinder the economic development of Rota. We are on the brink of an

economic boom, so it is in the interest of my constituents that I

press for honest, unbiased reporting," he said.

Developers in hot water for forgery

By Rafael I. Santos

A COMPANY president and his deputy have been charged with forgery and attempted theft for allegedly altering the amount of three US Treasury checks from \$70 to \$175,000.

Carlito Dimla and Romeo J. Francisco were each charged with three counts of possession of forged writing and one count of attempted theft (course and scheme conduct).

The charges were filed Tuesday, ten days after the alleged crimes were committed. Dimla and Francisco are the president and vice-president of the Commonwealth Developers, Inc dba Computer Services International, respectively.

On August 5 of this year, Dimla "knowingly possessed forged...United States Treasury Checks...in which the amount payable" were increased from a very small amount to tens of thousands of dollars, the government said in a complaint.

One check amounting to \$4.11 was increased to \$62,804.11 and another check of \$34.23 was made \$56,034.23, the complaint filed with the Superior Court stated. A US treasury check amounting to \$32.46 was also increased to \$57,032.46.

A police report accompanying the complaint indicated that all checks were deposited to the Union Bank, Saipan branch on August 5 by Dimla.

Both defendants "attempted to unlawfully take the property of the US Treasury and Union Bank by depositing forged...checks in the amount of \$175,870.80 into the account of [CDI]..." the complaint partly read.

Dimla and Francisco appeared in court Tuesday during which they were released to third party custodians. Dimla was released to Geraldine Dimla while Fran-

cisco was placed under the custody of Monina Francisco in San Vicente.

An arraignment has been set for Monday for both defendants.

Charges were filed against the two after a DPS report indicated that the three US Treasury checks deposited at the Union Bank were indeed altered.

On August 5, a Union Bank teller notified bank branch manager Ken Kato that an "unusual large amount" of checks was deposited into the account of CDI. The depositor, who was later identified as Dimla, was told by Kato that since the checks were off-island checks, the amount of deposit will have to be held for 15 days until the checks are cleared, the DPS report said.

Six days later, the bank informed CDI that the checks were not properly endorsed and that it would not credit the amount of \$175,870.80 to the company's account without proper endorsement, Kato was quoted as saying in the report.

Francisco allegedly inquired what was the reason for holding the three checks. On the same day, Dimla endorsed his signature on the back of all three checks.

DPS investigators said they communicated with the U.S. Secret Service in Hawaii and they were informed by special agent Joe De Santos that a research conducted revealed the three checks were prepared in Pennsylvania. He also said the names that appeared in the checks were legitimate but the amounts and dates were altered.

The DPS report said investigators were told by Kato on August 12 that he was told by Union Bank main office in San Francisco that the three US Treasury checks were indeed altered. The information came from the Department of Treasury, the report said.

MHS to issue class skeds for students

MARIANAS High School will be issuing each student their class schedule for school year 1994-1995 on August 19, Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 noon to 3:30 p.m. at Building A for seniors, Building B and C for Juniors, Building D for Sophomores, and Building E for Freshmen.

Students who have not attended this school year's parent and student orientation must attend the make-up orientation on August 19 at 2:30 p.m. and on August 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria before class schedules will be issued.

Obligations also need to be taken care of before class schedules are issued. Students without class schedules will not be admitted into the classroom on August 22, 1994. For more information please call 234-6204.

Also, MHS has been accepting student parking requests effective August 16, Tuesday. Students must have a valid driver's license, pay a \$5.00 fee, and have their parent or legal guardian sign necessary forms. See Frank Rabauliman at the Student Services Office. For more information please call 234-0867.

CRM opposes jetski bill

By Rafael I. Santos

THE COASTAL Resources Management Office Administrator yesterday expressed his formal opposition to a proposed measure that aims to lift restrictions on jetski operation near and about the tourist island of Managaha.

"Our biggest concern is the safety of our visitors and local residents," CRM Administrator Manuel C. Sablan said.

Congressman Benjamin A. Sablan introduced a bill the other day in the House of Representatives that seeks to permit jetskis and other types of related recreational watercrafts at Managaha.

Under his proposal, such activities would be exempted from the regulatory arm of the CRM member agencies.

Rep. Sablan believed that barring jetskis around the area unfairly deprives local and foreign tourists of fun. At the same time, jetski operators, who according to him are mostly local entrepreneurs are deprived of earning a decent living. The restrictions also affects the tourism industry by making the islands less attractive, he said.

Administrator Sablan however said the government must take into consideration the possible harm that may result should the bill be approved by the legislature and eventually become a law.

Hundreds of swimmers near and



Manuel C. Sablan

about Managaha and in hotel beachfront areas are exposed to risks of being hit or injured by the speeding jetskis, he said. The administrator estimated that between 700 to 1,000 people swim on the beaches and in areas where jetski operation is prohibited.

"We don't oppose non-motorized watercrafts [which] will not injure [swimmers]," he said. What the CRM opposes is the total lifting of the restrictions on jetskis in areas where hundreds of people go swimming everyday, he stressed.

At least two jetski accidents have been reported to the CRM so far. Sablan did not specify when the accidents occur. But he indicated that the accidents involved swimmers.

The administrator warned that swimmers may be struck by jetskiing individuals. If the victim became unconscious, he might

drown. Such incidents, he said may discourage other tourists to come to the Northern Marianas.

This will degrade the quality of Saipan's water recreation, he said.

Cong. Sablan has already addressed the issue of safety in his bill by recommending more safety measures and stronger regulatory oversight.

But for Administrator Sablan, the issue is not solely safety. He said the government will be put in a very difficult situation if jetskis are allowed near Managaha.

He predicted that more operators will apply to the government

for jetski operation. The government may not be able to accommodate all applicants and this would be unfair to them, he said.

CRM's Sablan was also concerned about pollution. Motorized activities in the beaches will increase the probability of having an unsafe and dirty beaches, he said.

"If I were to testify [regarding to the bill], I would definitely oppose it," Sablan told the Variety yesterday afternoon.

CRM wants to limit the operation of jetskis in the area between San Jose and Benavente Bldg. in Garapan. Such area is not frequented by swimmers unlike hotel beachfront areas.



Benjamin A. Sablan

Jazynka gives CUC board results on cost-cutting

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation (CUC) the other day reported progress on internal cost-cutting efforts aimed at achieving financial recovery. According to Executive Director Timothy Villagomez, the public utility must feel the pain first before seeking outside assistance.

"This utility has to endure the internal bleeding. Cut expenses, find illegal or tampered meters and increase revenues by attracting new customers," said Villagomez.

In a report to the Board of Directors this week, the corporation

comptroller detailed the financial improvements. "On an annualized basis, the public utility is saving approximately \$1 million thanks to internal cut-backs," explained Scott Jazynka.

By comparing figures from 1993 to 1994, the Comptroller cited a 59% drop in travel expenses, a savings of 36% in vehicle gasoline expenses, and a 14% drop in housing obligations due to competitive bids.

The Board of Directors has taken an assertive role in monitoring the utility expenditures and

accounting practices. Double signatures are now required on vendor checks. The Board has ordered monthly budget reports. The utility continues to turn over closed and past due accounts to collection agencies and is encouraging customers to pay their utility bills before the services are disconnected.

"It's called accountability. People are supporting their community utility because they see specific improvements. We're dedicated to our cost recovery plan," Villagomez reiterated.

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Senate starts work on '95 budget

SENATOR Eusebio A. Hocog yesterday quelled speculations about a possible override of the fiscal year 1994 budget veto saying it's about time that attention be given to the FY 1995 budget.

In an interview at his Capitol Hill office, the Rota senator who is also chairman of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee said he has officially begun work on the \$180 appropriations measure proposed by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

He said he most recently started consultations with members of the Governor's Council, namely, the Commonwealth's four island mayors.

"I really cannot say what the majority's position is with regards to the FY 1994 budget. But rather than dwell on the veto, maybe we must get on with the agenda for FY 1995," said Hocog.

The possible override of the budget veto was an idea that has been tossed for some time in the House of Representatives owing to what House leaders said was a need to provide for more fiscal accountability in government operations for the year.

However, House members know that such an override should not even be attempted if there is no support from the Senate.

Under the law, a bill vetoed by the governor may be overridden by the Legislature through a two-thirds vote in both houses.

Hocog said earlier entertained

thoughts of a possible override but that he concluded such may not be the right thing to do as "we don't have the numbers."

"I was in favor of an override because I felt at that time that a budget was necessary. However, in less than 45 days the fiscal year will be over so if we're having a

budget that may be without substance anymore, I don't think that would be responsible," said Hocog.

He said since the governor already indicated that the government does not have the resources to get through FY 1994, it would be irresponsible to continue to

push for an expenditure level that may not already be realistic.

"I don't believe that it would be to the best interest of the Commonwealth at this late in the year to attempt an override," he added.

"The 1995 budget is now my target. I have done preliminary information gathering with the

purposes of expediting the overall review of the Commonwealth budget," said Hocog.

He said he has started getting inputs from the senatorial districts as to the individual island's budget needs and has expressed present fiscal conditions to the appropriate officials.

New anchor joins KMCV7 news team

SAN FRANCISCO based DEBORAH LEE joins the islands most watched KMCV7 News and Marianas CableVision News Team as a Reporter and Anchor. Lee's most recent credits include the hosting of a weekly TV Magazine Show about China on San Francisco Independent Television Station KCNS. At the same time she ran her own television production company in the Bay Area said in the press release.

Lee's extensive background in television includes a recent stint with China Central Television in Beijing. While there she was the first American to host an internationally syndicated English magazine program about China.

Her initial assignments with the KMCV 7 News Team have her covering the judicial system and the Department of Public Safety, said in the MCV release.

Lee says her interest in the Pacific Rim and the desire to learn more about the many peoples of

the region led her to take on this new challenge. KMCV 7 News Director Travis Coffman says Deborah's background, experience and talent will add yet another dimension to the island's number one news Team.

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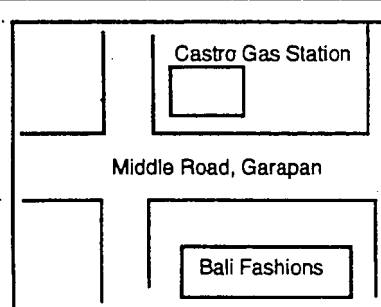


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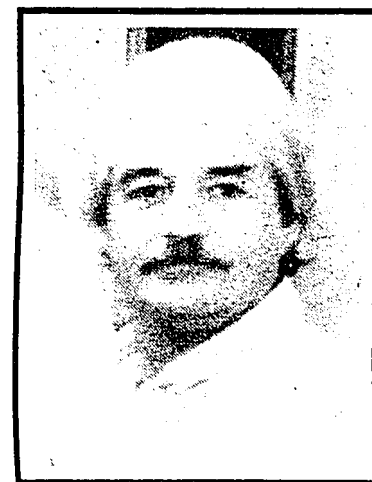
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Russians gone, everything's OK



Atty. Ted Mitchell
By Rafael I. Santos

THE RUSSIAN ship whose crew have been accused of violating CNMI labor laws by doing stevedoring work, has left the island of Tinian and that "everything has been resolved."

Atty. Ted Mitchell, counsel to Tinian Marine Stevedore, Inc., said he has been informed that the vessel, which collects fish from various Pacific islands and transports them for canning in Puerto Rico, has already departed.

Last week, the company expressed concern that the Russian crew members of the Kapitlan Lazarev may have violated commonwealth laws for doing stevedoring job without work permits or any permission from Department of Commerce and Labor.

Commonwealth Ports Authority

rules and regulations may have also been violated, company president James Fleming said in an interview.

Workers of the Tinian Stevedores, Inc. last week unloaded the M/V Big Z, by transferring its bulk cargo tuna catch to the Lazarev. The workers who did the unloading were legitimate employees of Tinian Stevedores,

but those who performed the loading work were seamen employed by the Russian ship, Mitchell said in his letter to the Attorney General's Office last week.

According to Fleming, such a scenario is not new to the people of Tinian, recalling that as early as the mid-80s, foreign vessels involved in

shipping of fish from various Pacific islands have been circumventing CNMI laws.

As a result Tinian residents and local stevedoring companies were deprived of revenues, he said. He also blamed the authorities for what he called lack of action on their part to correct or stop such alleged illegal

activities.

Yesterday, Fleming was quoted as complaining that he was never informed of what had happened regarding the apparent violations.

Mitchell said he was told "everything has been resolved" but that he could not elaborate since no details were given to him.

NMC concludes human resource workshop

THE NEWLY established Office of Human Resource Training at Northern Marianas College, in conjunction with PITI (Pacific Island Training Initiative), recently gave its first workshop, entitled DILOG Reconciliations, August 8-12, at Department of Finance's EDP Room.

According to HR Training Coordinator, Mona Clothier, DILOG is the name of the particular FSM software system developed for local government accounting in the United States. This particular course helps government accountants to produce certain specialized reconciliation reports. A total of 27 current users, from both Department of Finance and the Public Auditor's offices attended the 20-hour course given by Jim Ley who is a training consultant supported by PITI.

Pruning experts offer assistance to public

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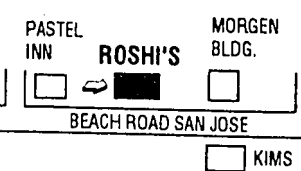
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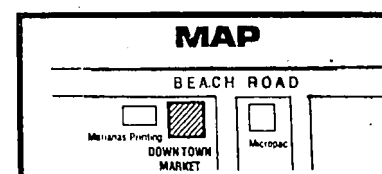
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Next week: Family Project: Cataloging Your Museum.

Car burns in Kobler

A FIRE of unknown cause totally burned a car which was parked at a residence in Koblerville yesterday before dawn, the Department of Public Safety said.

DPS said initial investigation showed that the fire was noticed only when the 33-year-old owner was awakened at 2:34 a.m.

The man claimed that he parked his four-door 1993 sedan outside their house before he slept Wednesday night.

Police are still investigating the case.

Meanwhile, a report was received Wednesday afternoon that 10 doors were missing at the Old Civil Defense Office in Capitol Hill.

In Susupe, a man complained that his Suzuki 1989 four-door sedan car was taken by an unknown person while he parked it at the Grand Hotel Wednesday night.

In Garapan, a woman lost her wallet containing \$30 and miscellaneous items at Benki Dive Shop Wednesday morning.

On the other hand, two male juveniles were arrested after they were caught trying to sneak out cigarettes and noodle soup at Arlene's Boutique Wednesday morning.

At Hafa Adai Beach Hotel in Garapan, a male tourist said someone entered his room and took his 30,000 yen which he placed inside a safety box Wednesday morning. (FDT)

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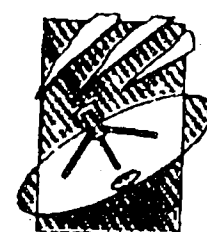
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BOE nixes US Senate education bill

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE BOARD of Education has adopted a resolution expressing its opposition to the proposed changes in the U.S. Senate substitute for a House Resolution on the quality education that could be provided by the CNMI.

The BOE resolution, which was

approved during Wednesday's board meeting at Garapan Elementary School, recognizes the potential impact of the U.S. Senate amendment for House Resolution 6 on the quality education for the commonwealth.

In its resolution, the BOE however, has expressed strong support for the House version of H.R. 6.

The BOE headed by Daniel Quitugua hopes that the program and funding relationship between the various Insular Areas and the U.S. Department of Education remains as it has been and as proposed in the original H.R. 6 as passed by the House.

The BOE said "they are considering taking other actions as may be

needed to ensure their absolute opposition to the Senate substitute is clear to all members of Congress."

Quitugua said the members likewise agreed to transmit copies of the board resolution to appropriate members of U.S. Congress, Federal Officials and Officers, all Insular Area Boards of Education and Chief State School Officers, the Pacific

Region Educational Laboratory (PREL) and its Board of Directors, CNMI Governor Froilan Tenorio, members of the Commonwealth Legislature and others as deemed necessary.

BOE Vice Chairman Don A. Farrell explained in the meeting that the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 6 which would extend for 6 years the authorization of appropriations for the programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and for other purposes which contained language favorable to the CNMI and all other Insular Areas.

Farrell pointed out that the U.S. Senate however, passed a substitute H.R. 6 which contains certain language effecting the quality of education available within the Insular Areas.

The Senate version very much concerns the BOE for the Public School System of the CNMI, he stressed.

Under the amended resolution, authorized to be appropriated is \$7,500,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years.

From that amount appropriated for payments to States for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve a total of 1 percent (\$75,000,000) to provide assistance to the outlying areas.

The distribution will be on the basis of their respective need for such assistance according to criteria as the Secretary determines will best carry out the purpose of this part.

In general, from amounts made available in each fiscal year, the Secretary shall make grants to local educational agencies in the outlying areas in accordance with recommendations from the PREL which shall conduct a competition for such grants.

The Secretary shall provide 5 percent of amounts made available for grants in each fiscal year to PREL to pay the administrative costs of such laboratory with respect to the activities.

The outlying areas include the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the CNMI, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau.

In the House resolution, only five outlying areas will supposedly share the funds. They are the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the CNMI and Palau.

Bill Matson, Federal Program Coordinator for PSS emphasized that the main reason for the BOE opposition is that the resolution can cause "competitions" and potential problem with regards to the "sharing" among the PREL members.

Matson said the addition of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia as well as the 5% which goes to PREL, would mean less money distribution to the membership of PREL.

"It is the loss of the relationship between the U.S. and the Commonwealth because the PREL decides who will get the money and not the U.S.," he stressed. "It should be direct from the U.S. and not given to somebody else who will decide what to do with the money and how much to give."



Gregorio T. Camacho PTA President Bill Bezzant (extreme left) and GTC Vice Principal Del Oco switch on the air-condition in one of the classrooms after the completion of the PTA's air-conditioning project yesterday. Also in the photo are (right to left) PTA officials Dora Decena and Wyatt McMillin, Nikko Hotel General Manager Yuzo Takano, and carpenters Fred Cabaobas and William Kintz.

New site for early childhood classes

THE NEW location announced previously for San Vicente and Dandan Kindergarten and Headstart classes was incorrect.

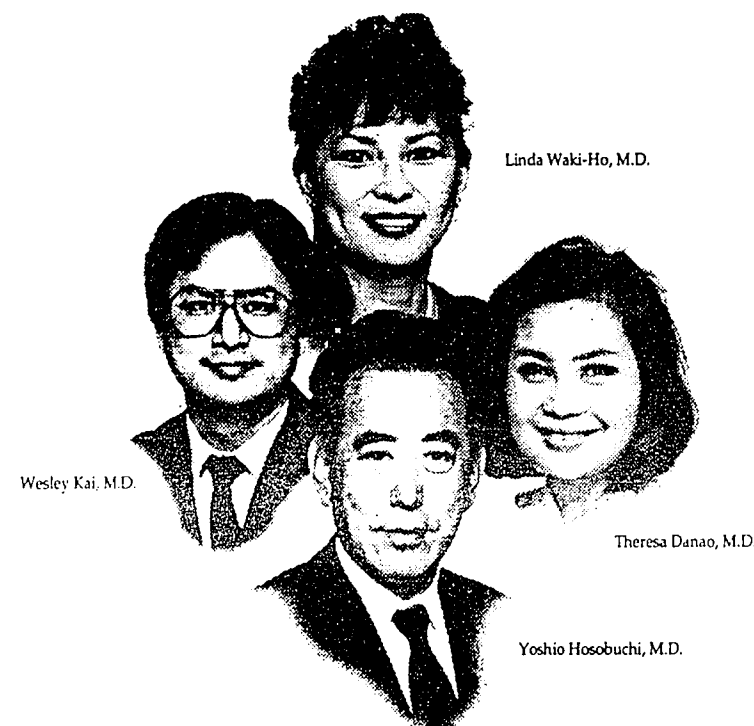
The new center for Kindergarten and Headstart students is not located along As Lito Road, as announced on Aug. 5.

The new location for these classes will be a fenced compound of three buildings, located along the paved road connecting San Vicente and Dandan. The compound is located on the corner of the dirt road leading to the Younis farm, which is just north of the Ben-Ki II Store and just south of the Flora's Store.

Headstart Program students from San Vicente and Dandan will be attending classes at the Prudencio M. Cabrera Social Hall, which is located next to the basketball and tennis courts in San Vicente.

For more information, call San Vicente Elementary School at 234-6219.

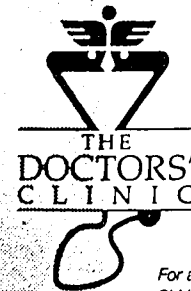
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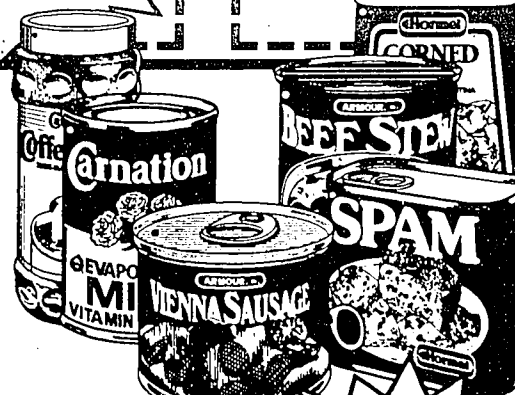
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CUC...

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rate related measures like attracting new customers, meter enforcement and other means," she said.

Mathis noted that the plan to raise water and sewer rates has already been approved during the time of the previous board under the Guerrero Administration and was even published in the Commonwealth Register January of 1993. Such plan however, was

stymied by a joint resolution passed by the Eighth Legislature to defer such rate hike.

The water and sewer rates hike was deemed imperative if CUC was to make water and sewer division self-sufficient.

Currently, CUC's power division is said to be subsidizing water and sewer operations with power revenues, unduly burdening power customers with the task of keeping the water and sewer divisions alive.

The problem has been viewed

to be a chronic concern for full cost recovery advocates, notably the US Interior Department who in a recent OMIP Third Year review recommended that such rates be raised.

As of last week, DOI was said to have expressed continued interest in seeing the recommendation through.

On the other hand, the rate hikes are also a common ingredient in a recent CUC management audit performed by Meltzer Associates, the FY 1993 operations audit con-

ducted by Deloitte & Touche and the preliminary audit of CUC's Utility Rate Structure by the Interior's Inspector General.

"The draft audit report of the IG is set to be discussed in the board's September meeting. CUC submitted its response to that July 28th. the rate hike is one of the recommendations," said Mathis.

Figures cited by Mathis indicate that as per the FY 1993 Deloitte & Touche audit, the water division is losing between \$5.5 million and \$7.5 million per year and that sewer on the other hand falls between \$1.5 to \$2.1 million short of recovering costs of operations.

Under the law, CUC is mandated to fully recover its costs in operations in all three services — power, water and sewer.

Mathis said the board is poised at doing all it can to achieve that mandate.

"The new board is aggressive and serious about meeting full cost recovery requirements. They have more accurate figures at

their fingertips, better computer and data systems, a new controller and adequate internal cost-cutting controls to back such an effort," Mathis explained.

According to Mathis, although the planned rate hike is not assured of making it in the September agenda, CUC staff are expecting it to be included.

After the board decides in favor of it, it gets published in the Commonwealth Register for at least 30 days for public comments.

The board then considers public input and then calls for a series of public hearings on all three islands, Saipan, Rota and Tinian. Only after that will the comments be incorporated in the proposed rates and then put through a final vote by the board.

Asked how much increase could be expected, Mathis declined giving specifics except saying that the raise will be enough to cover around \$5.4 million and \$1.1 million in shortfall for water and sewer respectively.

perhaps, make the recruiting agencies financially liable for the workers they send," said Dela Cruz.

According to the CNMI director, his two-day trip and meetings with Confesor, Joson and three other Labor Department officials is being arranged by Philippine Labor attaché on Saipan, Vicente Manzano.

Confesor is a top Ramos Cabinet member while Joson heads the agency that has oversight jurisdiction over the multitudes of Filipino workers stationed overseas.

Dela Cruz...

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"If we could devise a policy with RP Labor to make sure we deal only with licensed and accredited recruitment agencies, then we could effectively reduce the problem," said Dela Cruz.

"We will make sure our employers on island will not be taken for a ride by those people who pose as skilled workers. We will push for an arrangement that might

Demapan... Continued from page 1

redesignation or mergers of certain agencies, including the creation of new entities and positions.

The end result of all these changes, according to the administration was more efficiency and accountability in government.

In a session Tuesday, the House approved House Joint Resolution 9-6 expressing the lower chamber's intention of modifying the governor's Executive Order 94-3 into a more functional and acceptable plan that better fits the needs of the people of the Commonwealth.

The resolution now goes to the Senate, which has to approve the proposed changes for them to get reflected in the reorganization plan of the governor.

Under Section 15, Article III of the Constitution, the governor may make changes in the allocation of offices, agencies, and in their duties and functions that are necessary for efficient administration.

If the changes affect existing law, they shall be set forth in executive orders which become effective 60 days after submission by the governor, unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of members of each house of the Legislature.

The modifications proposed by the House, however, will have no weight unless the Senate through a simple majority vote approves the joint resolution.

In yesterday's interview,

Demapan expressed the leadership's position that it will stick to its earlier decision to support the EO as is.

EO 94-3 was approved by the Senate majority June 24th, the same day that it was issued by the governor.

Earlier, the same group voted for the first reorganization plan, but such action was declared null and void by the Superior Court.

This necessitated the issuance of the second EO, for which the House found time to hold the hearings that it failed to do on the first proposal.

But although the Senate may not be too keen on the revisions proposed by the House, the administration seemed to be maintaining an open mind approach on the modifications.

Acting Governor Jesus C. Borja, when asked for comment in a news conference yesterday indicated acceptance on some of the modifications, saying the very same provisions are being incorporated in a planned EO 94-4 which may be released after EO 94-3 takes effect.

"The new measure is being circulated among the people who worked on (EO) 94-3. I think we will issue that as an amendment so we don't have to go through the 60-day process again," said Borja.

"Some of the recommendations were good, some we may not see eye to eye with the House on that we're considering them," said Borja.

The Japan Foundation forge ties with NMC

THE NORTHERN Marianas College School of Business & Hospitality Management has recently established a collaborative effort with The Japan Foundation.

The networking relationship became a reality through the Business & Hospitality departmental effort and commitment to continuously improve its programs.

The partnership linkage with the non-profit organization will greatly enhance the Japanese Language program effectiveness.

Recently, The Japan Foundation provided a generous donation of educational materials for immediate use in NMC's Japanese Language courses. The Foundation donated various Japanese textbooks, dictionaries, cassette tapes, video tapes and other teaching tools worth more than \$2,000. In addition, the Foundation's

Japanese Language Institute has invited Mrs. Etsuko Kinoshita, NMC's Japanese Language Instructor, to attend the "1994 Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language" from November 24th to December 22nd.

The Japan Foundation was established by a special legislation in the Japanese Diet in 1972 and operates on endowment and subsidies contributed by the Japanese government and private companies. The organization's primary objective is to promote international cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and other countries.



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Letters...

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position does not ethically and morally entitle you to make long term decisions without consulting your constituents. If this pattern of leadership continues in the CNMI it would be obvious where we would be heading. I thought that when you and Governor Froilan Tenorio came into office, it was time for positive changes, but it looks like we are back to our old system of few deciding for the majority: Totalitarianism in disguise!

If everything I say in this letter is wrong and you and those few Tinian representatives are correct, then I stand corrected, but this is the result of people being purposely kept in the dark. You never gave us a chance to know any better; in that, you have totally failed in your fiduciary duty to keep the people, especially those who helped in your election, because they believed in you, well informed of matters greatly affecting them.

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Samaritan program ends

THE CNMI Lottery has selected Vicky Olopai to be the "Good Samaritan of the Week" for her volunteer work teaching the young people of the CNMI various Carolinian craft activities.

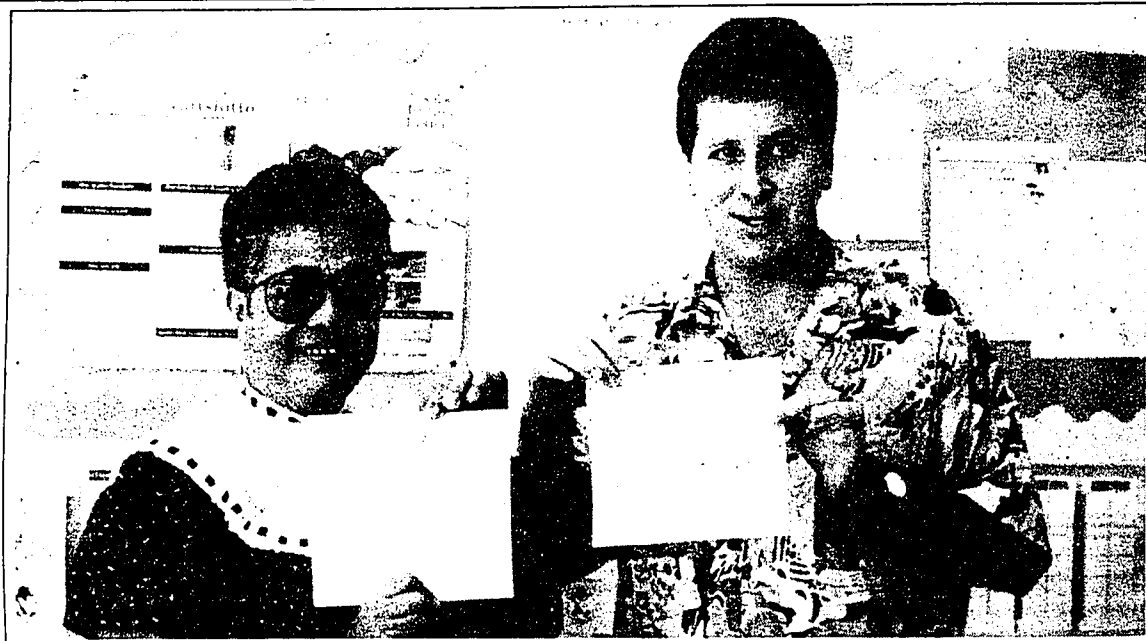
Olopai has been recognized nationally and internationally as a master artisan for her abilities in Carolinian crafts, including loom weaving, beadwork, and mwar mwar making.

In addition to her volunteer work, Olopai spent the past several years working with the Arts Council to teach others these valuable skills. Olopai has also taught these crafts at both Marianas High School and Hopwood Junior High School as well as at many of the elementary schools here on-is-

land. Through her efforts, this important part of the island heritage will not be lost. Instead, it will be handed down from generation to generation.

For her contributions to the CNMI, Olopai received \$100 cash and a \$100 check to the charity of her choice, compliments of the CNMI Lottery. Olopai donated the check to Karidat, a local social service agency. "It helps a lot of people that really need help," explains Olopai.

This week concludes the CNMI Lottery's "Good Samaritan of the Week" program. The CNMI Lottery would like to thank all those that participated in the program and congratulate all of the "Good Samaritans of the Week."



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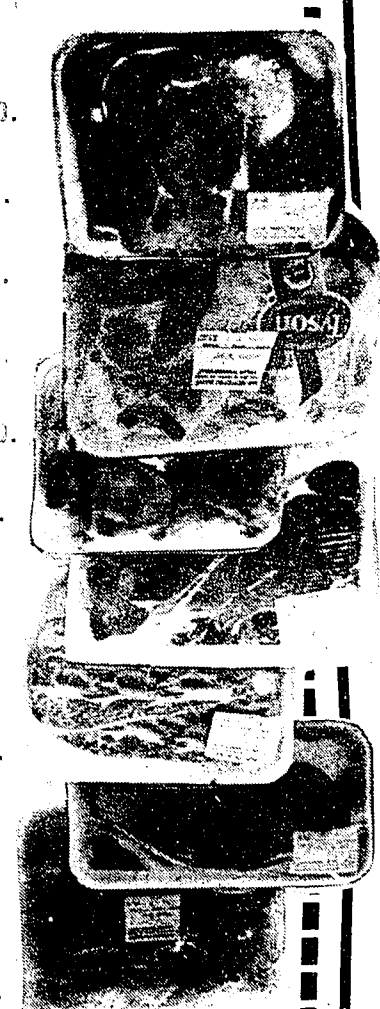
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of regular school classrooms in any of Saipan's elementary schools.

The GTC PTA however, set a long-term goal to provide air-conditioners for all of classrooms. Over a period of four years' fundraising, and with a \$2,500 donation from the Nikko Hotel,



Alvaro Santos

the PTA saved \$42,000.

The cost estimates exceeded the PTA's funds by about \$10,000. But with the aid of Congressman Alvaro Santos of the 4th Precinct, Governor Froilan Tenorio granted assistance from the Department of Public Works for the actual construction work required for the job which otherwise would have cost an extra \$10,000.

The PTA spent \$30,000 on air-conditioning equipment alone.

On the other hand, Variety noticed several students extending their assistance to their teachers by cleaning and painting the rooms at GTC.

GTC 5th grader Timothy Mafnas said he was doing anything at home so he decided to volunteer and help his teacher by cleaning their classroom.

Despite being busy devoting their time, promoting the year round program, Board of Education Chairman Daniel Quitugua and Education Commissioner said they see to it that the school facilities are ready for next week's



Dino Jones

class opening.

As early as June, BOE member Dino Jones led an inspection team composed of crew from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Department of Public Works Building Safety Division in the assessment on facilities, electrical, sewer and water at different schools in the CNMI.

Meanwhile, all eyes are focus at the San Vicente Elementary School. The school will be "pilot-

ing" in the implementation of the year round program by adopting a multi-track schedule.

SVS has so far expressed their readiness to adopt the program as the best alternative to the overcrowding of classrooms problem brought about by the increase of student population.

Commissioner of Education Torres disclosed that four other

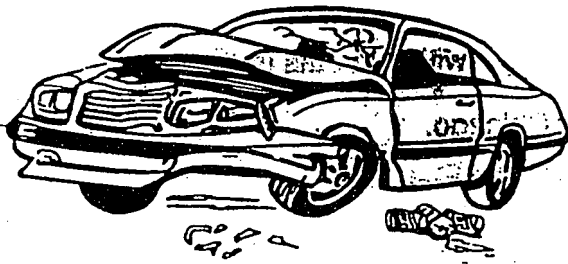
elementary schools on Saipan—William S. Reyes, Garapan, Tanapag and Koblerville have indicated their desire to proceed with the implementation of the new scheme.

As of yesterday, the four schools failed to submit plans establishing their readiness and support needed to implement the program.



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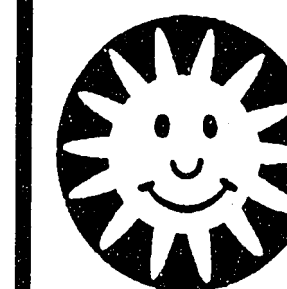
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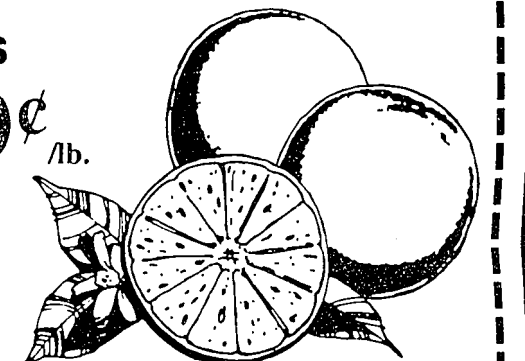
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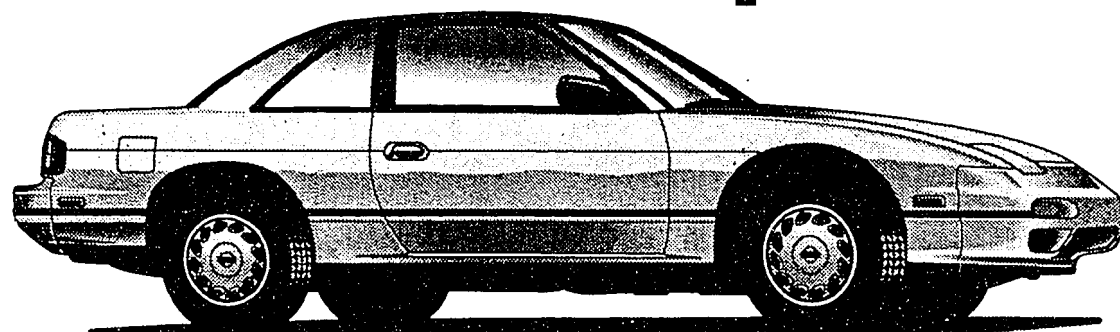
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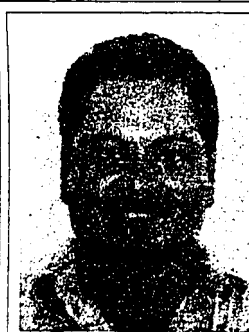
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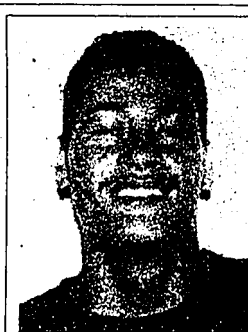
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Clothier in Who's Who

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His biography will be published in the 28th Annual Edition (1993-1994) of Who's Who among American High School Students. This nomination came from Cheyenne Mt. High School in Colorado Springs where Chris has been a student the past three years. Cheyenne Mt. High School is rated one of the top ten academic schools in the nation. Its students score high on the national percentile on the SAT and other tests. The school also has a 90% college enrollment. A news release yesterday said Clothier has been an honor student at Cheyenne Mt. for the years he has attended. In addition, he is a member of Jr. Varsity Tennis, Honors French and Honors Choir. Chris has also been cited for excellence, representing his school at Pike's Peak Annual Regional Talent Competition.



Christopher Jason Clothier

Since 1967, Who's Who has been the largest most respected publication in the nation, having a distribution to 15,000 colleges and universities, libraries, high schools, and youth groups.

Chris has recently come to Saipan to join his parents. He is the son of Dr. Eugene R. and Mona Clothier who now resides in Capitol Hill. Chris is currently enrolled at Northern Marianas Academy and will be taking college courses at NMC.

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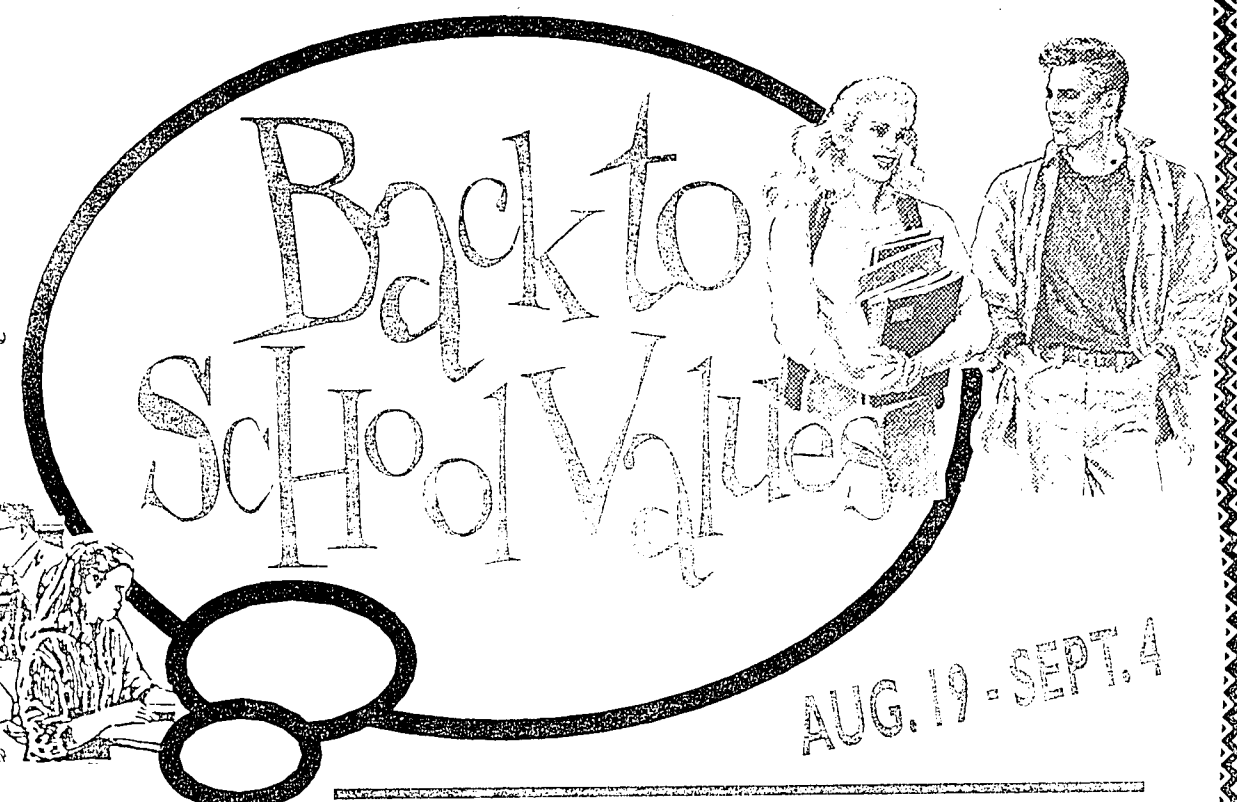
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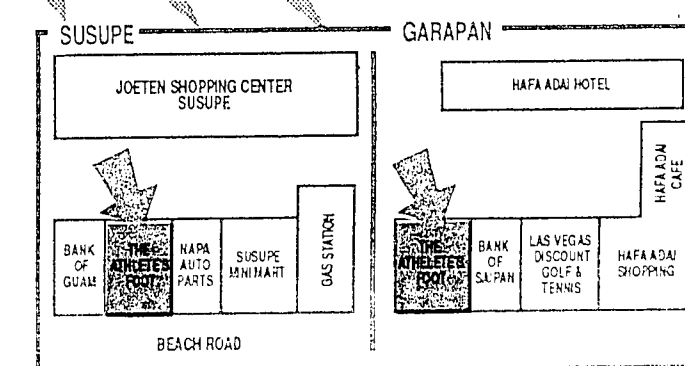
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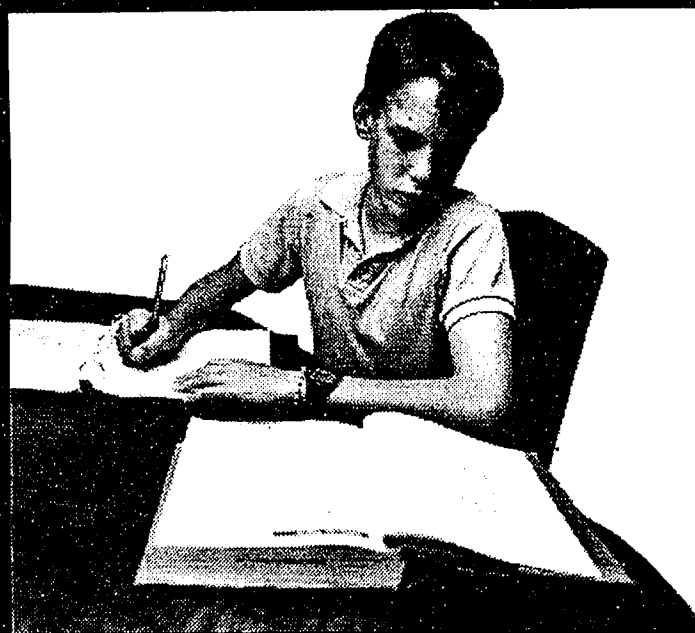
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Mandela's first 100 days yield changes

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI

SOWETO, South Africa (AP) - Scores of needy mothers with wailing children line up for hours every day for free examinations and vaccinations at the Pimville Community Health Clinic.

Public health clinics dotting the sprawling Soweto metropolis are the first concrete proof of Nelson Mandela's election promise to raise the living standards of black South Africans.

Free health care for pregnant women and children up to 6 years of age is also the only social program to get off the ground by Thursday, Nelson's 100th day as president.

In his state of the nation message after taking office in May, Mandela, the country's first black president, promised South Africans they would start seeing changes within 100 days.

The long waits and overworked staff at the public clinics testify to the way black South Africans immediately took their new president's promise to heart.

Dr. Soomati Natha, who administers the clinics run from Baragwanath Hospital, said no

one was ever turned away in the past for lacking the 8-rand (\$2) basic medical fee.

But now worried mothers don't delay before bringing in their children, and the clinics are inundated as a result.

"No one ever got anything free in Soweto before," Natha said with a laugh.

On Thursday, Mandela is scheduled to give parliament an appraisal of his government's performance so far, and outline new plans.

Assessments from South African commentators so far have been favorable. "Appears to have been born for the job," The Star of Johannesburg said of Mandela on Wednesday.

But even the more sycophantic observers admit not much of substance has been accomplished so far.

In his first acts, Mandela underlined South Africa's readmit-

tance to the world community after decades as an international pariah.

His government rejoined international organizations such as the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of African Unity and the Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies.

At home, working long hours, he used his presidency as a pulpit, calling for hard work and discipline, emphasizing the need to moderate expectations and urging reconciliation between the races.

Typical of his even-handedness, he called on blacks to learn to sing the once-hated anthem of whites, "Die Stem," while urging whites to learn the liberation movement's "Nkosi Sikelel'i Afrika." Sung together, they now comprise the official national anthem.

Political violence ebbed, but

did not vanish. Killings between the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party continued in KwaZulu-Natal province and the East Rand townships near Johannesburg.

The first of 1 million new houses promised by 1999 has yet to be built, and the government's centerpiece 40 billion rand (\$11 billion) national reconstruction and development plan is still on the drawing board. However, 714 million rand (\$200 million) is budgeted to be spent within the next seven months.

Government ministries are barely getting started on planned water and sanitation projects, merging the racially segregated school systems and returning land confiscated from blacks during the apartheid years.

The first 100 days also saw a series of strikes and labor unrest in retailing, mining and auto-

motive industries, and hoped-for foreign investment has not poured in.

Crime also seemed to surge, with gangsters blamed for attacks on ANC offices; drug dealers accused of threatening to assassinate a provincial governor; and police officers being killed at a rate of nearly one a day.

Some black supporters have already become restive, staging strikes and invading land that the government has set aside for future construction of low-income housing.

But the majority seems willing to grant Mandela's government more time to make progress toward reducing poverty, creating jobs and ending violence.

"It's too early to say if this government will do something or if it won't do anything. For that you need a year at least," said Dorothy Mosaka, a Soweto nursing service manager.

RP actor says film scandal ruined him

MANILA (AP) - Actor Gabby Concepcion says he's facing financial ruin even though charges against him in connection with falsifying awards during the Manila Film Festival were dropped.

Concepcion was among seven people initially charged with fraud in the incident, in which the wrong winners were announced for best actor and best actress. He was wrongly named best actor.

Last Monday, however, prosecutors dropped charges against him and another accused. Charges were filed against the other five, including actress Ruffa Gutierrez, the second runnerup in the 1993 Miss World pageant and the bogus "best actress" in the June festival.

Theater owners in Manila and other major cities banned films starring Concepcion and Miss Gutierrez after the scandal broke.

In a statement Wednesday, Concepcion said the scandal had ruined his career. A major film company had cut off payments and a Philippine television network had canceled a contract.

"He has lost practically all of his income," Concepcion's lawyer Marius Corpus said. "Gabby has been suspended and his movies have been banned by theater owners."

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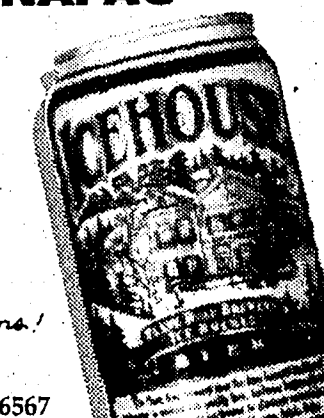
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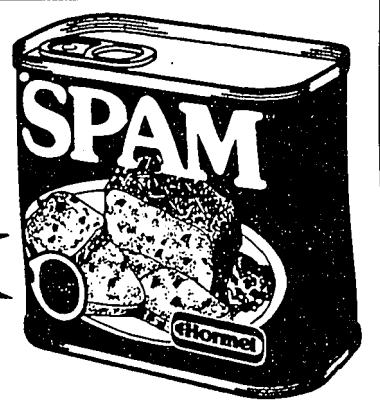
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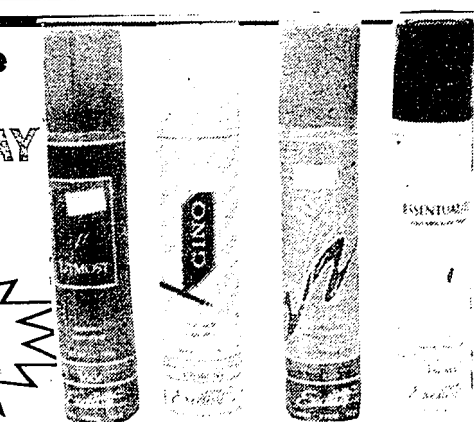
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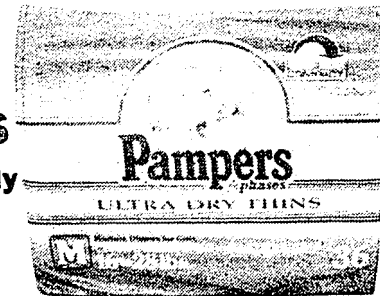
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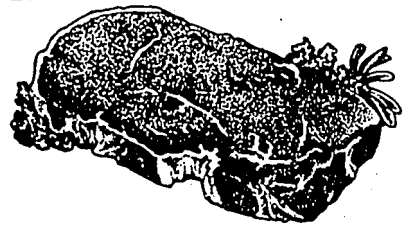
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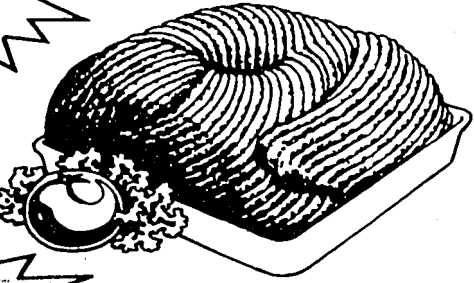
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KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) - Florida's governor asked the U.S. government for emergency help in handling the largest wave of Cuban refugees to arrive in the state since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

Gov. Lawton Chiles' plea came amid reports that Cubans were fleeing the communist-ruled island without police interference.

The U.S. Coast Guard picked up more than 500 Cubans Wednesday, the biggest single-day total since the Mariel boatlift brought 125,000 people to Florida during a five-month period. On Tuesday the number was 339 and Monday it was 282. So far this year, 6,872 Cubans have arrived, compared to 3,656 in 1993.

"This is approaching an emergency," said Chiles, who also repeated his request to the U.S. Justice Department to make money available to help state and local governments pay for immigration costs.

Cuban journalists who spoke to The Associated Press in Mexico City by phone said refugees were setting off openly from beaches and harbors around Havana with no apparent interference from

police.

Unidentified U.S. officials told The New York Times and The Miami Herald that Fidel Castro has quietly begun allowing refugees to leave.

"Our impression is that border guards are not enforcing Cuban law as energetically as they were before," a U.S. official said in the Herald's Thursday editions. "People are able to build rafts and leave in boats without interference."

An anonymous senior State Department official said in Thursday's editions of the Times that Castro was still stopping large boats but was letting people on rafts go.

"This is a policy decision he took a week and a half ago," the official said.

Rafael Dausa, director of political affairs at the Cuban Interest

Section in Washington, told the Times that Cuba hadn't changed its policy on departures. But he said Cuba would stop trying to halt refugees if the United States didn't take measures to stop the flow. Among other measures, Cuban officials want the United States to lift its economic embargo of Cuba.

Meanwhile, Chiles called on the federal government to increase the number of Navy ships in the Atlantic Ocean between the United States and Cuba and to prepare to put into effect its emergency plans for handling a large influx of aliens.

"I'm insisting that the federal government be prepared to invoke its emergency plan as soon as possible and that a number of emergency measures be put in place," he said at a news conference in Key West.

Earthquake hits Algeria, 50 die

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - An earthquake struck northwest Algeria early Thursday, killing at least 50 people, local rescue officials said.

The quake, which hit about 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of Algiers, registered a magnitude of 5.4, according to the Global Physics Institute in Strasbourg, France.

At least 190 people were injured and there was considerable damage to buildings and property, according to rescue officials, quoted on national radio.

Many people were left without shelter, the report said.

The British Geological Survey said the quake hit at 2:13 a.m. local time (0130 GMT) and registered a 5.2 magnitude. Its epicenter was near the city of Sig.

"This is nothing unusual for the area," said geologist John Lovell of the British organization.

"The whole of the Mediterranean is susceptible to quite large earthquakes from time to time because of the shifting tectonic plates."

Hardest hit were Bou Hanifia, a hot springs resort, and Bou Henni, the radio said. The quake also struck the city of Mascara and was felt in Oran, the regional capital on the coast about 100 kilometers (62 miles) north of Mascara.

Two aftershocks were felt one hour and four hours after the initial quake, officials said.

Rescue work was hampered because many roads were blocked by debris, they said.

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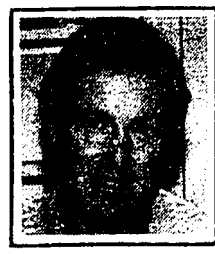
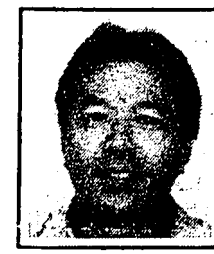

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Israel, PLO agree on expanded autonomy

By KHALED DAWOUD

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP) - Israel and the PLO on Thursday set a date for the first time for giving Palestinians more control over their lives in most of the West Bank still under Israeli occupation.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and chief PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath said education and cultural affairs will be turned over to the Palestinians on Aug. 29.

The transfer of education and culture would be the first extension of self-rule outside Gaza and Jericho. Israel and the PLO agreed to limited autonomy for Gaza and Jericho in their accord signed last May in Cairo.

But the two sides failed to issue an expected joint statement on terrorism, and a communique issued after more than nine hours of talks left many details open on how the Palestinians would be given other responsibilities.

In lieu of a terrorism statement, Shaath told reporters the Palestinians were committed "to the maintenance of peace and doing everything possible to stop violence."

In response, Peres said: "I take the declaration by Dr. Nabil Shaath as a real commitment."

He added, "We never said that the Palestinian Authority would have 100 percent success (in dealing with extremists) but we would like to see 100 percent effort to do so as we are doing because this is very serious."

Peres' talks with Shaath followed a meeting Wednesday between him and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and a statement by Peres that saw progress in talks between Israel and Syria.

One example he noted was that Syrian President Hafez Assad had responded positively to suggestions to meet a group of American Jewish leaders.

The negotiations between Peres and Shaath came amid tensions in Israel over attacks by the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, against Jewish settlers in the autonomous Gaza Strip.

An Israeli was killed and six were

wounded in drive-by attacks claimed by Hamas last weekend.

Palestinians close to the talks said their negotiators opposed issuing a joint statement on terrorism because it could appear to be undercutting Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, who already has condemned the violence and ordered his police to put a stop to it.

A three-page communique at the end of the meeting said the two sides agreed on starting a promised "safe passage" for Palestinians to travel between the self-rule zones in Gaza and Jericho.

It noted that Palestinians, forbidden to enter Israel, would still be allowed to travel between the two zones in buses escorted by Israel soldiers.

On Wednesday, the two sides also said they would try to finish talks within a week on widening Palestinian authority for health, tourism and taxation. And they set a deadline of Sept. 1 for inviting some 400 volunteers from Canada, Finland, Turkey, Australia, Norway, and two unnamed EU countries to participate in an unarmed observer force in the autonomous areas.

Other points of agreement included:

-The release of 249 Palestinian prisoners still held by Israel.

-The start of work by Palestinian liaison officers at border crossings from Egypt and Jordan, where Palestinians have complained of inordinately long delays.

-A joint effort to seek up to \$40 million from Western nations to help the Palestinian Authority until it is able to collect taxes to cover its expenses.

A major issue left unresolved was when the Palestinians will be allowed to hold elections to select a 100-person legislative council.

"We feel that elections should not be delayed because they are an expression of democracy," Shaath said. "They are the only way a real mandate from the people can be given."

The Palestinians earlier this week presented a paper to the Israelis calling for balloting no later than Dec. 15.

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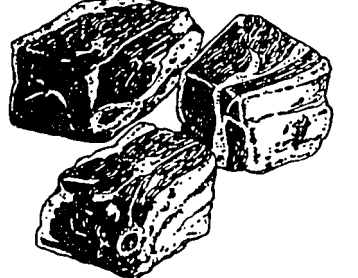
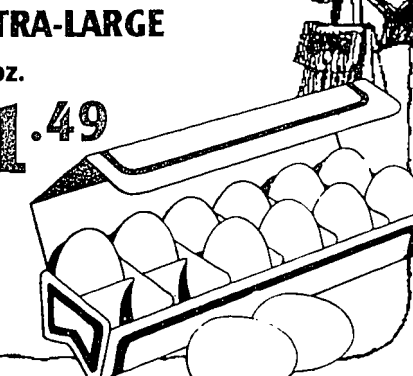
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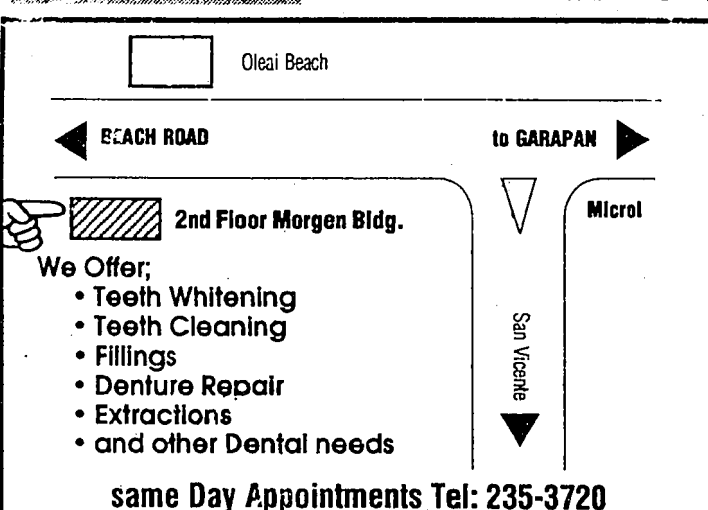
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Stepped-up effort vs nuclear smuggling urged

By TERENCE PETTY

BONN, Germany (AP) - Chancellor Helmut Kohl demanded guarantees from Russia on Wednesday that it would increase its efforts to stop the theft of plutonium, despite Moscow's claims that none is missing.

German police have seized four caches of weapons-grade nuclear material since May. The seizures led the Clinton administration to demand Tuesday that Russia tighten control of nuclear weapons components so the material doesn't fall into the hands of terrorists.

German officials have said they believe the material originated at Russian warhead factories or

nuclear labs. Stern, a German news magazine, reported that some underpaid workers at Russian facilities were eager to steal uranium and sell it to anyone. The report came from a Russian journalist who posed as a middleman.

However, a well-placed German official disputed assertions that the material comes from Russian military nuclear plants. The U.S. State Department on Wednesday also said that was unlikely.

Russia has said the threat is exaggerated and no plutonium is missing. Some Russians claim Western officials are running a smear campaign as a way of pressing for Russia's nuclear materials to be put under international control.

"This is pure provocation," Yevgeny Mikerin, Russian deputy nuclear power minister, told the newspaper Literaturnaya Gazeta on Wednesday.

However, nuclear officials and scientists in Moscow and in Siberia admit that Russia has no system to protect and account for nuclear materials. The New York Times reported in Thursday's editions.

"We would like to bring some order to the area of stockpile accountability," Yuri Vishevsky, the director of Russia's nuclear regulatory agency, was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

"Unfortunately today, there are too many possessors of nuclear materials. We have to find out who possesses nuclear materials and get them to carry out inventories." In a television interview, Kohl asked President Boris Yeltsin to take stronger measures to ensure that radioactive materials are not spirited out of Russian facilities.

"Now we have to tell our Russian friends 'you must guarantee that these possibilities for theft are reduced as much as possible,'" Kohl said in an interview on SAT-1 television. "We are not talking about car theft here.

We're talking about dangers that are far different."

Kohl's spokesman, Norbert Schaefer, said Yeltsin has written Kohl a letter promising to cooperate with German authorities in investigating the source of the seized plutonium.

The well-placed German official has seen the analyses of the confiscated material and said a minuscule amount of plutonium 239 seized Friday in Bremen could have come from anywhere in eastern Europe.

The sample contained 50 millionths of a gram of plutonium and could have come from a smoke detector, he said.

But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the make-up of the larger amounts of plutonium that have been seized indicate Russian origin.

That material, said the source, probably did not come from Russia's warhead stockpiles or factories, as some German officials have claimed. He said it probably was produced in a normal breeder reactor or as a byproduct of nuclear fuel reprocessing.

Stern interviewed a Russian

journalist, Kyryl Belyaninov, who said he spent six months posing as a middleman shopping for weapons-grade plutonium.

Belyaninov said at one facility outside Moscow he asked a worker, "Can you steal something for us?" The worker disappeared and came back with low-grade uranium tablets that he offered to trade for 20 bottles of vodka, Belyaninov told Stern.

Kohl's top intelligence aide, Bernd Schmidbauer, told legislators Wednesday that one of the accused smugglers claimed to have been offered \$100 million by an unidentified country to come up with enough nuclear material for a bomb, ZDF television reported, quoting legislators.

The amounts of plutonium confiscated in Germany have been far short of what would be needed to produce a bomb.

Police, meanwhile, searched seven Berlin apartments Wednesday for two Poles, a German, a Pakistani and plutonium believed bound for Pakistan, the newspaper Die Welt reported in its Thursday edition. The report couldn't be immediately confirmed.

Mexican poll watchers report attacks, threats

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The government has lagged in certifying observers for Sunday's presidential election and several monitoring offices have been raided or robbed, crusaders for a clean vote said Wednesday.

Martha Perez, executive secretary of Civic Alliance, told a news

conference that a series of robberies, break-ins and threats around the country have been aimed at organizations affiliated with the group.

Civic Alliance was formed to monitor the election and includes some 380 organizations, ranging from far-left to center-right. As of Tuesday, just 1,200 of the 13,000

proposed observers had received credentials from the Federal Electoral Institute.

The electoral agency is registering tens of thousands of Mexicans to monitor some of the 96,000 polling places on Sunday. It is part of a large-scale effort to ensure what the government vows will be Mexico's cleanest election ever.

Perez said suspicious events include a break-in by unknown people at offices of a group associated with Civic Alliance in the border city of Matamoros. Registration materials for observers were stolen and materials for the group's campaign to promote clean elections were destroyed.

She said several other unsolved break-ins have been reported by Alliance-affiliated groups in Mexico City.

Perez also said an Indian human rights group associated with Civic Alliance in the state of Tabasco had been searched by police who said they were looking for guns.

Perez said several newspapers and broadcasters around the country had accused the observers of being partisan or even guerrillas. That was apparently an effort to undercut their image as an independent and non-partisan group of observers, he said.

Some international visitors who also have come to watch Mexico's election expressed concern about the slow pace of official credentials for the Civic Alliance.

"It's a lot harder for them to get accreditation than for us," said Katharine Kilbourn of U.S.-based Grassroots International, one of the foreign groups working with the Civic Alliance. "We're international and the whole world's watching."

Cubans wait by hundreds to leave

By JOHN RICE

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Cubans gathered by the hundreds early Thursday along a seawall near Havana, waiting for boats to carry them to the United States.

Journalists in Cuba, who described the scene to the Associated Press by telephone, said police in the East Havana harbor did not intervene except to fend people away from boats docked near the metal bridge over the Cojimar River.

Some people carried bottles of water and had brought their children to the edges of the little harbor, telling reporters they were waiting to abandon the country. It was not clear if any actually boarded any boats.

The eerie midnight vigil and the lack of immediate police response appeared to indicate that Cuban President Fidel Castro had carried out a threat to loosen restrictions on departures from the island, suffering from its most serious economic crisis since Castro's 1959 revolution.

Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles on Wednesday asked the U.S. government for emergency help in handling the largest wave of Cuban refugees to arrive in the state since the 1980 Mariel boatlift - the last time Castro unleashed a tide of emigration.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Coast Guard picked up more than 500 Cubans who had attempted the 150-kilometer (90-mile) sea journey to the United States. It was

the largest single day total since 1980.

Nearly twice as many Cubans have been rescued by the Coast Guard in the first 17 days of August - 2,213 - than arrived from 1983 through 1990, when the collapse of the Soviet Union kicked the main foreign support from under Cuba's economy.

The United States treats Cubans as a special class of migrant, almost automatically granting asylum to those who reach U.S. shores, while turning away most Mexicans and Haitians.

The journalists in Havana said they had seen increasing numbers of Cubans in recent days openly setting out to sea from beaches or harbors in the area, an act that until recently was carried out in

secrecy for fear of arrest.

Castro on Aug. 5 threatened to stop restricting exits if the United States did not stop encouraging illegal immigration from Cuba.

His threat followed the largest reported riot in years in Havana, apparently set off by a failed attempt to hijack a Havana harbor ferry.

The Cuban leader charged that the United States welcomed to its shores those who used criminal violence to steal planes or boats while rejecting all but a tiny percentage of those who apply for legal visas.

He said Cuba honors nearly all requests for exit visas from those who have received visas from foreign countries.

"They have a single policy: to

limit legal departures, to encourage illegal departures, to create a whole organization to help those who illegally leave Cuba," he said on Aug. 5.

Three days later, hijackers allegedly killed a Cuban navy lieutenant in seizing a boat they sailed to the United States. U.S. officials are holding some of those involved in that incident for investigation.

On Sunday, about 700 Cubans swarmed aboard an oil tanker at Mariel harbor, apparently while police were at a memorial ceremony for the slain lieutenant.

They left the vessel a day later after officials insisted they would not let the ship leave. It was the largest attempted mass exodus from Cuba since 1980.

Aid groups squabble over squatters

BUKAVU, Zaire (AP) - On a muddy hillside teeming with Rwanda's poor, a stooped and aged woman with an empty pot tried and failed to beg a little food from her neighbors.

Her begging is a poignant illustration of the lack of international aid for refugees in this dusty town. Aid organizations deliver only to six refugee camps 40 to 60 miles (65 to 100 kms) to the west which hold an estimated 320,000 people.

But there are 60,000 refugees in Bukavu, and the organizations disagree about how much mercy

they should show to the town's 60,000 squatters.

The donors are trying to use food to get the refugees to leave town and head for the camps. More than 2,000 refugees arrive every day, but UNHCR has enough trucks to move only about 1,000 to camps.

They are mostly ethnic Hutus who fled Rwanda fearing Tutsi revenge for massacres in the 14-week civil war in which as many as 500,000 Tutsis were slaughtered.

"I have been putting pressure

on the World Food Program since July 20 to face up to the reality that we must deliver food in town," the head of Bukavu's U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees office, Peter Romanovsky, said Wednesday.

But the head of the U.N. World Food Program's rapid-response team in Bukavu, Trevor Page, insisted malnutrition rates in Bukavu's squatter camps were not alarming and that the outlying camps were much worse.

"There are no starvation deaths in Bukavu. None," he said.

There is hunger. Many refugees claim they have no money for food and some, such as the old woman, resort to begging scraps from others.

"We have been here a month and no food has been given out. Families try to cope, but if you don't have money, you don't eat," said Pierre Muderhwa, one of those camped out in the town.

Page said the refugees have looted Cyangugu, the Rwandan town just across the border which is in a zone protected by French troops who will hand over the

town to Ethiopian forces on Friday.

Paul Sitnam, the regional director for CARE, said his agency estimates 200,000 to 250,000 new refugees will trek to Bukavu when the French complete their withdrawal from Rwanda next week.

"That number would destroy us," said Romanovsky, who insisted the U.N.'s food agency already is not delivering enough food to Bukavu. "I am not delivering in town because I don't have it."

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UN workers threatened in Zaire

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS

GOMA, Zaire (AP) - In a sign of growing lawlessness in the refugee camps, soldiers of the defeated Rwandan army threatened to blow up grenades if U.N. workers didn't give them blankets and plastic sheeting.

Wednesday's threat was the latest example of the deteriorating situation in the squalid camps.

Earlier in the day, food distribution to 350,000 refugees in two camps was suspended because of riots and thefts by machete-wielding gangs.

Others have died in fights for limited supplies of food.

In southwestern Rwanda, meanwhile, thousands more Rwandans fearful of reprisals were fleeing west toward Zaire as French troops handed over the eastern third of

their safe haven to blue-bereted U.N. troops.

The French force, which once topped 2,500 soldiers, will completely withdraw by Sunday, replaced by up to 3,000 U.N. troops. The zone in southwestern Rwanda was set up by the French June 23 during the civil war.

Officers from France and Ghana, which assumed control of the eastern third with 600 troops, insisted the handover would not provoke a second exodus from Rwanda like the 1.2 million who fled into Zaire when the warring ended last month.

"The situation is absolutely calm. It demonstrates the confidence the people have in the Ghanaian army," said the area's French commander, Lt. Col. Erik de Stabenrath.

Nevertheless, U.N. officials re-

ported 20,000 people were seen fleeing west toward Zaire from the Gikongoro area in southwestern Rwanda. The French military put the figure at 8,300. So far, the numbers have yet to constitute an exodus, but officials say more may head for Zaire as Sunday's pull-out nears.

Thousands are also reportedly returning to Rwanda.

About 800,000 refugees remain encamped around Goma after a civil war that left an estimated 500,000 dead. The Hutu-dominated army defeated by ethnic Tutsi rebels has refused to shed its uniforms and disband, preventing it from qualifying for assistance as refugees.

Wednesday afternoon, Rwandan soldiers in the Mugunga camp, the site of their makeshift barracks, surrounded a U.N. ware-

house filled with nonfood items including plastic sheeting, water jugs and blankets.

"They went around with grenades in their hands and threatened the workers. They said they would loot everything inside," said Panos Moutzias, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Moutzias said he did not know the exact number of soldiers involved.

Extra U.N. staff and a French jeep patrol went to the site and negotiated with the soldiers. "We calmed them down and convinced them to leave," Moutzias told reporters. No injuries were reported.

"Security is continuing to deteriorate in the camps," he said. "It's becoming clear that we can't wait any longer to move the sol-

diers to a new camp."

Talks have dragged on with the military leaders on establishing a camp for the soldiers several miles (kilometers) from Mugunga. Further south, 10,000 Hutu soldiers and militiamen are exiled on the edge of Bukavu, and a handful are dying each day of infections, gangrene and malnutrition.

Desperation among soldiers and refugees alike has increased in recent days as afternoon thunderstorms bring cold rain that swamps huts lacking protection. The downpours are reminders the rainy season officially begins next month.

In two other camps near Goma with some 350,000 refugees, food distribution was suspended for the day after machete-wielding gangs seized more than 20 tons of food, Moutzias said. "It's clear they were organized," Moutzias said.

Distribution was to resume Thursday at the Kabumba and Kitale camps.

Also Wednesday, one Rwandan relief worker was killed and four other people were wounded when a truck belonging to the International Organization for Migration hit a land mine in northwestern Rwanda.

The organization, which is transporting refugees in Rwanda, said the truck was in a convoy accompanied by U.N. forces. Details of the incident were sketchy because of communication problems, said spokesman Peter Schatzler.

Aussie army probes child prostitution

TOWNSVILLE, Australia (AP) - The army is investigating allegations that soldiers have had sex with children as young as 13 on one of its major bases.

A welfare organization said Thursday it had information related to personnel from Lavarack Barracks, a base near the northeast city of Townsville.

Barracks spokesman Capt. Murray Cornish described the claims as serious and said an inquiry has been launched.

Brian Kelly of the Westcourt Youth Center said some soldiers had brought child prostitutes onto the base.

"We have had reports which have been corroborated that a 15-year-old girl lived at the barracks for 10 days at least," he said.

Kelly said soldiers met the prostitutes, both boys and girls as young as 13, in nightclubs.

S. Korean premier to visit south Asia

SEOUL (AP) - South Korean Prime Minister is to visit Vietnam, Singapore and Bangladesh starting August 29, government officials said Thursday.

During the eight-day trip, Lee Young-duk is to push for Seoul's bid to head an international trade organization and explain the progress of the nuclear standoff with North Korea, they said.

Tensions have been high on the Korean peninsula because of suspicions that the communist North Koreans are developing nuclear weapons.

In Hanoi, Lee is also to discuss increasing trade and investment with his Vietnamese counterpart, Vo Van Kiet, and call on Communist Party Secretary-General Do Muoi, they said.

Lee is the highest ranking South Korean official to visit Vietnam since the two established diplo-

matic relations in 1992. South Korea had fought against the present Hanoi government during the Vietnam War, contributing some 320,000 troops.

South Korea is Vietnam's third largest investor, with 77 projects worth some \$749 million. Two-way trade grew by 60 percent to \$819 million in 1993.

In Singapore, Lee will hold talks with Prime Minister Koh Chok Tong to promote joint venture investments in third countries. Lee is to ask Bangladesh to ease restrictions on increasing South Korean investments in the nation.

South Korea's Trade Minister Kim Chul-su is bidding to become the head of the newly initiated World Trade Organization, scheduled to begin in 1994. The WTO is to replace the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Amnesty Int'l protests on behalf of professor

BELJING (AP) - The international human rights organization Amnesty International has issued an appeal on behalf of a university professor belonging to China's Mongolian minority it says is imprisoned for political reasons.

Ulaanshuvu, a former lecturer at Inner Mongolia University, is suffering from heart, kidney and other health problems that have grown worse during three years of detention, Amnesty International said in the appeal obtained Thursday.

The group, citing recent reports from Inner Mongolia, said that Ulaanshuvu had been denied adequate medical care and food and subjected to verbal and physical abuse as well as long periods of interrogation.

Ulaanshuvu was detained in 1991 and was sentenced to five years in prison in April 1994 for

having participated in pro-democracy activities during mass demonstrations 1989, Amnesty said in a statement.

It said Ulaanshuvu was a key member of the Inner Mongolia Alliance for the Defense of Human Rights, an underground group founded in 1986 to promote awareness of human rights.

Chinese officials say such activities reflect the views of a small minority, although dissent is banned on the grounds that it threatens social and political stability.

Authorities have imprisoned thousands of people for peaceful acts such as putting up posters, worshipping in unapproved churches and advocating Western-style democracy. Human rights groups report police have been given further powers to restrict dissent in recent months.

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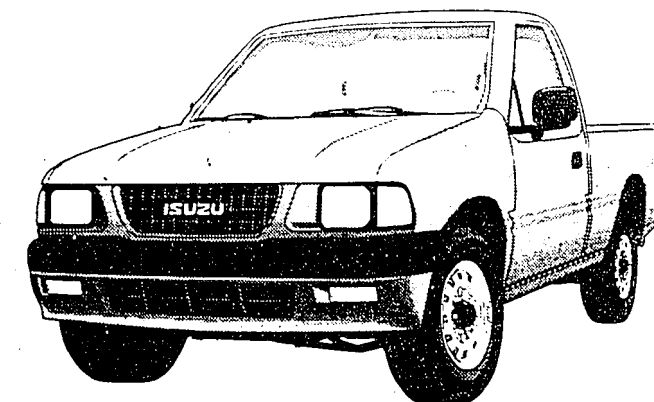
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16% of Manila women underwent abortion

By OLIVER TEVES

MANILA (AP) - More than 16 percent of women surveyed earlier this year in metropolitan Manila admitted they had undergone abortions even though the procedure is banned by the constitution, an academic group said Thursday.

The Population Institute of the University of the Philippines, which conducted the survey, said the results underscore the need for strengthening the country's family planning program.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy strongly opposes the government's family planning

program because it includes promotion of condoms and other forms of artificial contraception.

Last Sunday, about 200,000 people turned out for a rally called by Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, archbishop of Manila, against the government program.

The Institute said its findings were based on a survey of 1,169 women aged 15 to 44 interviewed last April and May in Metro Manila.

Of that group, which included married and unmarried women of all socio-economic classes, 194, or about 16.6 percent, said they had undergone one or more abortions during their lifetime, the

Institute said.

It could not be determined if any of the rest of the women had actually undergone abortions but would not admit it.

About 77 percent of the women who admitted to abortions said they were Roman Catholics. The Institute said 80 percent of all those surveyed professed Catholicism.

Those who admitted to abor-

tions cited several reasons for terminating their pregnancy, among them economic problems, conflicts with husbands or boyfriends, the size of their families and that they were not ready for the responsibility.

Only about 40 percent of those surveyed said they now use artificial contraceptives.

Dr. Josefina Cabigon, an official of the Institute, said she per-

sonally opposes abortion as a family planning method. But she said the rate of secret abortions "shows the importance of strengthening the Philippine family planning program to prevent abortion."

She said the rhythm method, approved by the Church, had proven unreliable especially among poor women who are incapable of tracking their menstrual cycles.

Police colonel nabbed for drugs

MANILA (AP) - Anti-narcotics agents arrested a senior police officer during a drug buy-bust

operation in a Manila suburb, police said Thursday.

Superintendent Carlos Dacanay is the highest ranking police officer to have been arrested in connection to the police's stepped up campaign against police misfits.

Senior police officer Elpidio Balneg said Dacanay was arrested early Wednesday after handing an undercover agent 20 grams (0.7 ounces) of methamphetamine hydrochloride crystals, a banned stimulant locally as "shabu," at a hotel in Quezon City.

Dacanay was a former anti-narcotics agent and is presently assigned to the police headquarters' support service unit.

"He used to be my superior officer," said Balneg. "He was a good anti-narcotics agent but somehow the temptation that goes with the job overtook him."

Dacanay is undergoing further questioning and anti-narcotics agents are on follow-up missions, Balneg added.

On Wednesday, police dismissed four officers from the anti-narcotics unit. Two were dismissed for illegal drugs possession while two others have been absent without official leave.

A fifth officer, assigned to the police traffic management bureau, was also dismissed for extortion.

18 die in New Delhi after drinking poisonous liquor

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - At least 18 people have died in eastern India after drinking homebrewed liquor that was laced with poisonous chemicals to give it an extra kick, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The deaths occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday in the town of Purosutampur in the coastal state of Orissa after the victims

went home from a party and began fainting, the Times of India said.

More than 40 other people who drank the illegally-brewed drink are still in hospital.

Many poor people in rural India buy illegal alcohol because they are cheaper than the government-certified bottles on which taxes are levied.

Murayama plans to visit China

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama hopes to visit China and establish a personal relationship with Chinese President Jiang Zemin in the near future, an official said Thursday.

An official of the Foreign Ministry said a senior member of Murayama's coalition

government, Koichi Kato, personally relayed Murayama's wish to Jiang Wednesday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Jiang agreed to invite Murayama to China.

Murayama took office as prime minister in late June.

Club fire kills 14

SEOUL (AP) - Fourteen people were killed in a fire that swept through a nightclub in central Seoul, police said Thursday.

The fire was believed to have been started by an electric short-circuit. It began shortly before midnight Wednesday.

About 30 people were trapped in the nightclub as flames filled the narrow entrance hallway.

Survivors escaped through

windows or emergency exits, police said. Fourteen people, including 10 customers and four hostesses, were killed in the flames or smoke inhalation, they said.

A waiter at the "Palace" nightclub, Lim Un-ki, 40, said the fire started in the ceiling and spread rapidly. Police suspected that an electric short-circuit might have started the blaze.

US rebuked on car imports frictions

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea has rejected U.S. suggestions that it lower tariffs and take other steps to increase foreign car imports, government officials said Thursday.

But negotiations on increasing access to the South Korean auto market by U.S. cars will continue, with several of the U.S. suggestions as the basis for the talks, Trade Ministry officials said.

In a letter by its trade representative, Mickey Kantor, the United

States has recently asked South Korea to use U.S. cars for government vehicles and launch a media campaign encouraging Koreans to use more foreign cars.

South Korea is one of the world's major auto exporting nations, but high tariffs and negative perceptions have kept its borders closed to foreign cars.

In 1993, South Korea exported 640,000 cars abroad, 111,300 of them to the United States, but it imported only 1,463 foreign cars

that year, 0.2 percent of its domestic car sales.

Experts predict South Korea's auto market will grow by 10 percent a year for the next two years.

South Korea this spring agreed to lower its auto tariffs from the present 10 percent to 8 percent and to allow foreign dealers equal access to advertising. It also promised foreign car owners would not be targeted for tax probes.

But the United States is pressing the Seoul government to lower

tariffs down to 2 percent and publicize the use of foreign cars among its 42 million people, officials said.

Those suggestions were considered inappropriate and have been rejected, they said.

But other suggestions included in Kantor's letter were still being studied, along with counterproposals made by South Korea, the officials said.

U.S. negotiators have said Seoul must rectify the bad im-

age created by past campaigns against foreign car ownership with another government campaign supporting the use of foreign cars.

For years, foreign car ownership had been taboo, and owners considered disloyal.

It was unknown what U.S. proposals are still being considered, and the full contents of the letter was not released.

Negotiations are expected to continue in the fall, officials said.

US-led group to build China's coal pipeline

BEIJING (AP) - An international consortium led by Custom Coals Corp., a Pittsburgh-based firm, and Australian-based MRL Ltd. (a subsidiary of China Strategic Holdings Group) is to sign an agreement Thursday with the

Chinese government to build a \$888.6 million coal slurry pipeline in China.

The 800 kilometer-long (500 mile-long) underground pipeline will run from the landlocked central Chinese province of Shanxi

to the coastal province of Shandong, Custom Coals announced Thursday.

The pipeline, which Custom Coals said would be the world's longest, is expected to carry 15 million tons of clean, crushed coal in a 50-50 water-based slurry per year.

"We believe this is the first infrastructure project of its kind to have Western financial and management control," said Peter Oei, chairman of China Strategic Holdings. "The pipeline is planned as a first step in bringing major relief to the overstrained Chinese transportation infrastructure."

The project also involves operation of a coal-cleaning plant,

the pipeline and port facilities, Custom Coals said. Construction of the pipeline will begin in mid-to late-1995 and is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 1997.

Operating as China Pipeline Holdings Ltd., the consortium will hold 51 percent equity interest in the project, with the remainder to be held by the China Coal Construction and Development Corp., a unit of the Ministry of Coal Industry. After 50 years, project ownership will be transferred to the Chinese government. The project will be funded through revenues from long term sales contract.

Custom Coals and China Stra-

tegic Holdings will be project developers, Willbros Butler Engineers Inc. will be the primary contractor; Goldman Sachs (Asia) Ltd. financial advisor and William Technologies Services LLC the project manager and pipeline operator.

The world largest coal user, China consumed about 1.2 billion tons in 1993. Since over 80 percent of the coal burned in China is not cleaned of pollutants, the problem of air pollution has grown increasingly severe.

The coal slurry pipeline will be used to remove pollutants like sulfur from the coal as well as to solve problems of transporting it from inland regions.

Economic growth in RP seen

MANILA (AP) - The Philippine economy is expected to grow up to six percent next year because of increased investments and greater business confidence, the government says.

In a report Wednesday, the National Economic Development Authority projected an increase in the Gross Domestic Product of between 4.1 percent and 6.2 percent in 1995.

The Authority expects the GDP, which excludes remittances from workers abroad, to increase no more than 4.4 percent this year.

According to the Authority, the projected increase is expected because of lower interest rates, economic stability, liberalization of the telecommunications sector, and the entry of foreign banks.

Private consumer spending will be encouraged by the lower inflation rate target of 6.5 percent for 1995 from 9.5 percent in 1994. Improvements in agriculture and manufacturing are also expected to boost incomes.

The Authority did not mention next year's congressional and local elections. Traditionally, the Philippine economy perks up during election years because of heavy spending by candidates.

In its report, the Authority forecast exports to grow between 14.5 and 16 percent because of improvements in the global economy.

Exports will also be encouraged by lower costs of financing, reduced tariffs on imported raw materials and capital equipment, it said.

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German airlines urges RP to improve airport

By ROBERT H. REID

MANILA (AP) - Lufthansa Airlines called on the Philippine government Wednesday to improve Manila's crowded airport and streamline arrival procedures to attract more tourists in an increas-

ingly competitive travel market.

"We expect support in terms of basic infrastructure to effectively serve the development of Philippine trade and tourism," Guenther Fischer, Lufthansa's general manager for the Philippines, told reporters.

He urged physical improvements in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, an automatic baggage and passenger transfer to the domestic airport, and where possible allowing travelers to have their bags inspected by customs at final destinations outside Manila.

"Tourists expect an airport to be clean, an air-conditioning system to be working and an effective baggage transfer system, all of which have not been realized," Fischer said.

He also recommended that parts of Manila, such as the old Spanish quarter Intramuros, be developed to encourage travelers to spend time in the capital. Many long-haul flights from Europe and the United States arrive too late for travelers to connect the same day to provincial destinations.

Tourism is a major component in the government's development plans. But most of the country's beach and mountain resorts are far from Manila and can be reached only by connecting domestic flights.

"White sand beaches and clear blue waters, tropical resorts and friendly and charming people: these are the main selling points of Philippine tourism," Fischer said. "Yet before a tourist can get to the nearest beach resort, one has to drive at least two hours on a semi-

concrete road."

Travelers must also contend with Manila's international airport, the main point of entry.

Tourists must clear customs and retrieve their bags at the congested, chaotic international terminal and then journey about three kilometers (2 miles) to the domestic airport.

Only Philippine Airlines, in which the government owns a substantial percentage, offers a baggage transfer service between the two airports. Philippine Airlines carries about 45-50 percent of international travelers entering the country.

By contrast, Fischer said Thailand now offers automatic baggage transfer from Bangkok to beach and mountain resorts. Travelers clear customs at their final, provincial destination, he said.

Last year, 41,000 Germans visited the Philippines, Fischer said. But 380,000 Germans traveled to Thailand.

Despite political and economic improvements here, Fischer said most Germans still consider the Philippines as a dangerous and unstable country. That means the Philippines must struggle harder to attract visitors than other Southeast Asian nations with a more positive image.

The government plans to build a new international terminal by the end of the decade. But Fischer said some improvements should be made as soon as possible to encourage tourism.

"We're not talking about the year 2000," he said. "We want tourists now."

Dollar declines, stocks end slightly in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar fell sharply against the Japanese yen Thursday, while share prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose slightly.

The dollar closed at 99.88 yen, down 0.95 yen from its Wednesday close and also down 0.30 yen from its overnight finish in New York.

After opening at 100.00, the dollar traded in a tight range from 99.70 yen to 100.10 yen.

The U.S. currency's early morning fall below the psychologically important 100.00 yen-level scared off some buyers, said Merrill Lynch analyst Dan O'Keefe.

The dollar had been expected to gain against the Japanese yen following a rise in two key U.S. interest rates. But the currency's brief rise on Wednesday was eroded by the German mark's appeal.

Trader Gilberto Suzuki of Citibank said trading in Tokyo was lackluster as investors waited for the outcome of a German central bank policy-making meeting later Thursday. The bank was to consider cutting interest rates, which would depreciate the mark.

Suzuki said an interest rate reduction in Germany could restore some of the dollar's previous strength.

On the stock market, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average was up 38.21 points, or 0.18 percent, closing at 20,862.77. On Wednesday, the Nikkei gained 38.20 points, also 0.18 percent, closing at 20,824.56.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section fell 0.66 point, negligible in percentage terms, to 1663.09. The TOPIX rose 5.07 points, or 0.31 percent, to 1,663.75 the day before.

Volume on the first section was estimated at 250 million shares, down from 365 million shares Wednesday.

Declining issues outnumbered advanced 505 to 435, with 215 issues unchanged.

Traders said the stock market was sluggish because of disappointment in the dollar's performance on the back of the U.S. interest rate rise, which usually tends to support the dollar.

Export-dependent Japanese companies' earnings are higher when the dollar is strong.

Financial Summary

Stocks end mixed

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ended mixed Wednesday as investors considered the aggressive interest rate increase by the Federal Reserve could slow down economic growth. According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 8.09 points to 3,776.48. Bonds were ended slightly lower after Tuesday's 1 3/4 point gain in the Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond. That followed the Federal Reserve's half-point increase in short-term interest rates and helped nudge stock prices higher.

Hyundai strike nears end?

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Labor and management reported some headway Wednesday in talks to end a work stoppage that has crippled the world's largest shipyard for nearly two months. Most of the 21,000 unionized workers showed up at the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard in Ulsan, 280 kilometers (175 miles) south of Seoul, but refused to work for a 55th straight day. Union leaders on Wednesday retracted their demand for a greater say in company policy-making while the company agreed to increase bonuses.

American Home Products buys competitor for \$9.7B

NEW YORK (AP) - American Home Products Corp. agreed Wednesday to buy drug industry competitor American Cyanamid Co. for \$9.7 billion. American Home will pay Cyanamid shareholders \$101 per share in cash, creating a drug, food and agricultural chemicals concern with more than \$12 billion a year in sales. American Home's flagship brands include the painkillers Advil and Anacin, its Chef Boyardee, Gulden's mustard and other foods. Cyanamid makes Centrum vitamins, surgical devices, vaccines, and a variety of insecticides and herbicides. It is the biggest of a series of health care industry mergers over the past several years spurred by reform and cost cutting.

Treaty on conservation to end dispute on fishing

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Conservation rules should apply both inside and outside nations' territorial waters, the European Community fisheries chief said Wednesday. J. Almeida Serra, the EC's director-general of fisheries, said that 90 to 95 percent of all fish stocks are in coastal zones, not on the high seas. A conference is trying to write the first legally binding treaty on conservation, management and dispute resolution for fishing outside countries' 200-mile (320-kilometer) territorial limit.



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House panel reaches agreement on GATT bill

By DAVE SKIDMORE

WASHINGTON (AP) - A House of Representatives panel agreed Wednesday to move ahead on legislation implementing a new global trade accord and permitting the Clinton administration to negotiate future trade pacts on an expedited basis.

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee worked out most of their differences after spending much of the day closeted with Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

The agreement authorizes the administration for three years to negotiate trade agreements on a fast-track basis, which requires Congress to accept or reject pacts without amending them. The president could extend the authority for another three years, unless Congress objected.

The House committee plans to hold a conference with the Senate Finance Committee to resolve differences between the two panels' versions of legislation putting in force the trade accord negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade.

The process is an informal one, intended to give the administration a

sense of what Congress will accept before it submits the GATT bill for an up-or-down vote.

The Finance Committee had declined to include additional fast-track authorization in its GATT bill. Conservatives objected to the administration's desire to link trade to labor and environmental standards in other countries.

The administration's compromise proposal de-emphasizes the importance of labor and environmental standards but would allow the sub-

jects to be raised in trade talks.

"The fast-track proposal permits us to go after barriers to trade, including environment and labor. It is a very detailed proposal that has been hammered out in good faith by both sides. It is balanced. It's flexible. It's fair," Kantor said after the Ways and Means session.

Meanwhile, the panel agreed to the bulk of the administration's \$11.5 billion proposal to offset tariff revenues that would be lost during the first five years that GATT is in force.

Armored personnel carrier assembled at Subic freeport zone

SUBIC BAY, Philippines (AP) - The first Philippine-assembled, British-designed "Simba" armored personnel carrier rolled out Thursday from a factory at the Subic Bay freeport, a port official announced.

Richard Gordon, chairman of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, said he took the personnel carrier on a trial run through the rugged Subic forest terrain before parading it through the streets of nearby Olongapo City.

Subic, a former U.S. naval base, was turned into a freeport after the Americans left in November 1992.

Gordon said the Philippine military has ordered 100 of the personnel carriers as part of its modernization program.

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Elizabeth Taylor sues NBC over program

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The actress Elizabeth Taylor sued the NBC television network on Wednesday to block the broadcast of a miniseries based on a book that contends she was beaten by three of her seven husbands. The still unreleased book by C. David Heymann also claims Taylor labored to make current husband Larry Fortensky presentable in her upper-crust social circles. Taylor met the working-class Fortensky in a drug-rehabilitation

program.

The lawsuit contends the miniseries would be an inaccurate invasion of Taylor's privacy and hurt her financially. The network plans to broadcast the show next season, but no date has been set.

Also named as defendants were Heymann, producer Lester Persky and screenwriter Gerald Ayres. NBC spokesman Flody Suarez said network officials had not seen the lawsuit and would not comment.

He noted that another NBC

miniseries based on a Heymann biography, "A Woman Named Jackie," won an Emmy Award two years ago.

Taylor's attorney, Neil Papiano, said Heymann's work was inaccurate in damaging ways.

"For example he says that a number of her husbands beat her," Papiano said. "That is not true."

The book contends that Taylor was beaten by Mike Todd, Nicky Hilton and Richard Burton. She married Burton twice.

According to the lawsuit, Taylor earns her livelihood exclu-

sively from her name, image and likeness in movies, television, personal appearances and the sale of her cosmetics and jewelry products.

If the miniseries is broadcast, the lawsuit said, Taylor's ability to make money off her name would be damaged.

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Japan forced to ration water

TOKYO (AP) - Some 5 million Japanese are faced with water rationing as the country's reservoirs continue to dry out, officials said Thursday.

Spigots will be reduced to a drip in 139 cities and towns around the country.

Hardest hit was western Japan, where some municipalities have temporarily had no water at all, the ministry said.

The situation around the Tokyo area will be serious in a couple of weeks, city officials said.

Water reserves in eight reservoirs along the Tone River system, the main source of water for Tokyo, have dropped to 25 percent of capacity. If the hot spell continues, the city will be without water in three weeks, they said.

The Meteorological Agency predicts that the dry weather

would continue through the end of the month.

The water supply to Tokyoites has already been reduced by 30 percent.

Tokyo had only 93.5 millimeters (3.7 inches) of rainfall in July, 74 percent the average, weathermen said.

Rainfall for the first 10 days of August is only 11 percent the average for that period, they said.

Japanese manufacturer opens plant in Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Another Japanese auto parts manufacturer will build a plant in West Virginia, Gov. Gaston Caperton said.

The Shinsei Harness Inc. plant in Silverton will make automo-

bile wiring systems for ignitions, heating, venting and air conditioning units, Caperton said Wednesday.

The plant, expected to open next year, eventually will provide 150 jobs, Caperton said.

The plant will be part of G.S. Wiring Systems Inc., a division of Nagoya, Japan-based Shinsei Harness.

Earlier this year, NGK Spark Plugs announced it was opening a plant in Pocahontas, West Virginia.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES

1. SERVICES REQUIRED

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting interested insurance brokers, singularly or in partnership with others, to submit formal proposals for providing insurance brokerage services to the CPA. Interested insurance brokers must be licensed in the Northern Mariana Islands and have a current business license.

2. THE PROCESS

The process will consist of the receipt and evaluation of sealed offers for technical services, followed by oral interviews with each of the proposers. The proposals should demonstrate the ability of the brokers to perform and provide the services enumerated in the Scope of Work stipulated in the RFP package. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the highest rated broker will be selected to negotiate fees for services with the CPA. If successful, the broker will be appointed as the CPA's exclusive insurance representative on a year-to-year basis for a period not to exceed three years.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected broker shall assist the CPA in obtaining coverages consisting of Property, Liability, Automobile, Crime, Boiler & Machinery and Director's & Officer's Liability insurance and providing such other services as are stipulated in the RFP package or as may be negotiated during the selection process.

4. SUBMITTAL DATE

Proposal packages will be available after 8:00 a.m., Monday, August 22, 1994, in the CPA Administrative Office at the Saipan International Airport. The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. Sealed proposals shall be submitted in triplicate to Roman T. Tudela, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, MP 96950, not later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 1994.

5. PROPOSAL

The contents of the proposal is specified in the RFP package available at the CPA Administrative office.

6. EVALUATION

The factors to be used in evaluating the proposals shall be criteria set forth in the RFP package. Each criteria will be assigned a weight of ten points, with the proposer receiving the highest overall score being selected to negotiate a fee for services.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any proposals in accordance with Section 3.2 (7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

If there are any questions relative to this notice, interested parties are asked to contact Mr. Carlos H. Salas, Comptroller, at 234-8315 anytime during the hours stated above.

/s/ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

INVITATION TO BID DPW94-ITB-00297

The Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction and renovation of the CNMI/Guam Liaison Office, Tamuning, Guam. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, August 26, 1994 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1471"

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Territory of Guam.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after August 12, 1994 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday August 19, 1994 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Saipan.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, "Instruction to Bidders" Page 1-2, Paragraph No. 05, Bid Guarantee.

"The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands"

REVIEWED BY:

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA, P.E.
Secretary of Public Works

Date: 7/20/94

Sanctions against Serbs appear working

By JOVANA GEC

SREMSKA RACA, Yugoslavia (AP) - Bosnian Serb truck drivers lost their most profitable route when their Serb brethren closed the border to war supplies.

They are embittered, but not desperate enough to want to see their leaders accept an international peace plan that would require them to relin-

quish some of the territory captured in 2 1/2 years of war.

"We are not crazy to abandon all the strategic points. Too many of our people have been killed in the fighting," driver Slobodan Milic said. "We shall never accept the plan, we must fight to the bitter end."

Hundreds of trucks used to cross the border at Sremska Raca each day until Serbia

proper, the chief supplier of fuel and weapons to Bosnian Serbs, broke off relations with the Bosnian Serbs two weeks ago.

On Wednesday, the crossing was nearly deserted, save for three truckers transporting timber from the Serb-held regions of Bosnia to Yugoslavia.

Eager to see crippling U.N. sanctions against his republic biting, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic closed the border Aug. 4 after Bosnian Serbs rejected the latest peace plan. Milosevic is blamed for fomenting the war that has left 200,000 dead or missing.

Now, only food, clothes and medical supplies are allowed to cross from Yugoslavia to Bosnia.

"Even for that they need permission from the Yugoslav chamber of commerce," a customs officer said, just before he was or-

dered not to talk to reporters.

The harsh Serbian measures included severing all telephone and communication links. Serbia, however, apparently has not stopped Bosnian Serb imports.

"This is horrible," said Bosnian Serb truck driver Zeljko Radic. "These sanctions are worse than those imposed (by the U.N.) on Yugoslavia."

In Bosnian Serb-held territory, the Yugoslav sanctions are already biting. Shops are almost empty, and prices have doubled. The drivers said 1 liter (about one quart) of gasoline costs the equivalent of as much as \$5, if fuel can be found at all. The U.N. negotiator for the former Yugoslavia, Thorvald Stoltenberg, said Tuesday that the sanctions appear to be working. But the foreign governments remain skeptical of Milosevic's move and has demanded international monitors

along the 500-km (300-mile) border. Milosevic has so far rejected the idea.

Even with international monitors, smugglers could easily transport arms or other goods along obscure routes or by ferries across the rivers.

"This is the war of profiteers. None of them go to the front-lines and they'll find a way to smuggle goods," an angered Milic said.

Like the drivers, the Bosnian Serb leadership remains defiant in the face of the sanctions.

They have scheduled a referendum Aug. 27-28 to bring a final decision on the peace plan that would reduce their 70 percent holdings of Bosnia to 49 percent of Bosnia, giving a Muslim-Croat federation the rest.

But with the leadership still opposed, the referendum is expected to go down.

Socialist eyed as new Sri Lankan prime minister?

By KRISHNAN GURUSWAMY

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - President D.B. Wijetunga met with the opposition leader whose party won the national election and will soon appoint her as prime minister, sources said Thursday.

Chandrika Kumaratunga - who entered politics after both her parents served as prime minister and one was assassinated - has promised to begin negotiations with the Tamil rebels who have been fighting for independence in Sri Lanka for 11 years.

She could struggle with Wijetunga because she wants to reduce the broad powers of Sri Lanka's presidents and restructure the government so it is ruled by Parliament and the prime minister.

On Wednesday, Kumaratunga's socialist Peoples' Alliance became the first opposition party to defeat Wijetunga's governing United National Party in a parliamentary election in 17 years.

Although the coalition fell eight seats short of a majority, other parties have promised to join its government.

As president, Wijetunga has the power to choose anyone as prime minister, and there were fears he could pick someone from his own party, even though it finished second in the election.

The United National Party refused to concede defeat Thursday, saying no party had won a majority in the balloting.

The president called Mrs. Kumaratunga, 49, to his presidential palace Wednesday night, and the opposition leader asked his permission to form a coalition government as prime minister.

It was not immediately known what the president told Mrs. Kumaratunga. But two sources said on condition of anonymity that the talks were positive and she will lead the new government.

Wijetunga is expected to wait until the election commissioner announces that all ballots have been counted, and that is likely to happen late Thursday, the president's office said.

Leaders of the five-party Alliance spent Thursday selecting Cabinet ministers, which Wijetunga also must approve.

The opposition won the balloting after promising to try to end the ethnic Tamil war that has killed 34,000 people and costs the gov-

ernment 20 percent of its budget every year.

The governing party appears to have lost public support because of its authoritarian practices, widespread corruption and its refusal to negotiate with the guerrillas.

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Should you have any question, please call Pat de-Beer or Celina M. Muna at telephone numbers 235-9889/9890/9892.

17th subject of US plutonium experiment identified by paper

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A 17th person who was injected with plutonium as part of the Manhattan Project has been identified as an Ohio schoolteacher who died in 1946, The Albuquerque Tribune reported Wednesday.

The experiments began in 1945 when scientists working on atomic energy wanted data on the retention and excretion of plutonium to set safety standards for nuclear workers.

Tribune reporter Eileen Welsome won a Pulitzer Prize this year for detailing the experiments and identifying five of the 18 now-deceased people subjected to the radiation study.

The U.S. Department of Energy has declined to release the subjects' names, saying it

wanted to protect families' privacy. Seventeen of them have been identified by The Tribune and other media.

The Tribune said it had learned Una Macke's identity through clues provided by documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

Macke, 56, of Dayton, Ohio, was hospitalized in poor condition with breast cancer, lymphatic disease and mononucleosis in 1945, the newspaper said. She was injected

with 5.8 microcuries of Plutonium 239 on Dec. 27, 1945, at Billings Memorial Hospital in Chicago and died 17 days later, weighing 85 pounds.

In only one of the 18 cases was the paper ever able to find any evidence of patient consent.

Plutonium was a classified material at the time the tests were done and the paper said it was unlikely that any of the patients were told the truth about the experiments.

3 Japanese fishermen sentenced for poaching

TOKYO (AP) - Three Japanese fishermen caught by Russian au-

thorities in disputed waters earlier this year have been sentenced to 15 months in prison for poaching, Japan's Foreign Ministry announced Thursday.

Sentenced were Masanori Sawada, Kinzo Kubota and Noriaki Terasawa, the captains of three vessels found operating in waters off the southern Kuril islands, which are claimed by both Russia and Japan.

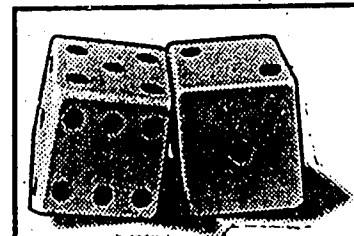
The Foreign Ministry said the ships were seized last February and the sentences handed down last month on Shikotan, one of the disputed islands. The ministry said it was informed of the sentences only Wednesday, but did not explain the delay.

Earlier this week, a Russian patrol ship fired on and hit two Japanese vessels, injuring the captain of one. That incident has led to a flurry of protests and exchanges between Moscow and Tokyo.

The dispute over the islands, which Russia seized from Japan in the final days of World War II and continues to occupy, is the main obstacle to improved relations between the two nations. The two have never signed a treaty officially ending their wartime hostilities.

The waters around the islands are rich in sea life and are an important source of food and money for Russians in the Far East.

So far this month, Russian border guards have detained five Japanese boats and 45 crew members, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. There are currently nine Japanese fishermen still in Russian custody.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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All proposals must be in duplicate and submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Vehicle" to the MIHA Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., September 1, 1994, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received late will not be considered.

MIHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the government.

/s/ JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

Experts see high-tech battlefield in future

By JOHN DIAMOND

WASHINGTON (AP) - Technology and the swift exchange of battlefield information are likely to be the keys to winning future wars, in which a smaller U.S. military will be asked to do more, Pentagon planners say.

One of the chief architects of military strategy says the battlefield of the future will link high-

tech eyes and ears - satellites, radar planes and unmanned camera drones - with commanders controlling precision missiles and bombs.

Stopping a well-armed enemy quickly will require commanders to grasp "the dramatic effect of technology, if we can envision where it will take us, to see it in its expanse in the way it could affect our overall ability to do joint war

fighting," Adm. William A. Owens told reporters Wednesday.

As vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Owens is the nation's second-highest ranking officer and one of the military's top battle scenario planners.

Technology now being developed will enable commanders to monitor in detail a battlefield 200 miles square, aware of virtually everything going on above ground, Owens said.

Improvements in weapons and surveillance technology continue because of, rather than in spite of, military spending cuts. Smart bombs that can pinpoint targets, single shells that can knock out multiple tanks, and surveillance equipment that can give commanders a clear picture of the battlefield mean that a smaller military can do more, he said.

"We're not quite there yet, frankly," Owens added. "We've come a long way since Desert Storm.

Our forces are much more capable." That problems remain despite an

already formidable array of technology was underscored in April, with the accidental downing of two helicopters over northern Iraq, killing all 26 on board, Owens said. Human error and poor communication among the Army helicopters, an Air Force AWACS radar plane and two Air Force F-16s led to the tragedy.

Owens heads the five-member Joint Requirements Oversight Council, a group of four-star officers from each military service that is overseeing war games and touring the major military commands, looking for ways to improve military coordination among the service branches.

A key focus for Owens and the military leadership is improving communication between battlefield commanders and reconnaissance assets such as U-2 spy planes, satellites and unmanned camera planes. The Pentagon is also investing hundreds of millions of dollars in improving and expanding its array of "smart" munitions.

These include laser-guided glide bombs, shells that contain multiple explosive devices with their own sensors, longer-range artillery, antitank ordnance that blasts downward on the vulnerable tops of tank turrets, and an array of so-called standoff weapons that can hit distant targets while keeping U.S. planes out of enemy range.

Owens said the military is aware that not all battlefields will present the neat, treeless target field encountered in the Gulf War. Military exercises increasingly include scenarios involving refugee flows and enemies who are difficult to distinguish from civilians.

Even in these messy situations, technology can help, Owens said. In Rwanda, for example, surveillance aircraft are helping the military track the migration of refugees across borders and in and out of relief camps.

Murdoch appoints son to run newspaper firm

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Media magnate Rupert Murdoch has appointed his son to run of a major group of Australian newspapers operated by News Corp.

A News Corp. statement Thursday said Lachlan Murdoch, 22, will become general manager of Queensland Newspapers Ltd. on Aug. 22.

Queensland Newspapers is the major operating subsidiary of Queensland Press, which is 46 percent owned by News Corp. and 54 percent by Rupert Murdoch's family company, Cruden Investments.

It publishes the daily Courier-Mail and the weekly Sunday Mail in Brisbane, the third largest city.

Journalist shot dead

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) - A Tajikistan state television executive was killed outside his home Thursday by a gunman who escaped, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Davlati Rakhmonaliev, 41, was on his way to work when he was attacked, police said.

Rakhmonaliev, director of the republican television program, had strongly advocated the restoration of a republican form of government in Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic that has been wracked by civil war for two years.

Tajik opposition forces are frequently blamed for the assassinations of government officials and Russian soldiers serving in Tajikistan.

Broadcast exec dies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Anthony P. Catella, a retired broadcast executive and former newsman for The Associated Press, is dead of a stroke at age 75.

Catella died Wednesday at his summer home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, according to his son-in-law, Joe DeCarla.

Catella joined the AP in Washington in 1939 as a dictationist, and worked his way up to newsman. He later helped develop the Washington "city wire," a service that included the Washington calendar of events and condensed national news stories.

In 1967, he became a broadcast executive, and launched the sale of the city wire to non-news outlets, such as corporations and government agencies. He retired in 1984.

Catella, who lived in Potomac, Maryland, was born in Washington in 1919. He took a leave from the AP to serve in the Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Tilly; a daughter, Patricia, of Florida, and three grandchildren.

Message of Appreciation

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Office of the Public Auditor is soliciting proposals for a general audit of Marianas Visitors Bureau for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994. The audit must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Government Auditing Standards, revised, and other generally accepted auditing standards, where applicable. Proposals must at least include the following information:

1. Fee schedule and method of payment;
2. Firm's experience and local client listing;
3. Name and qualification of staff members to be assigned to the audit;
4. Affirmative statement that at least the firm's partners are certified public accountants;
5. Dates of entrance and exit conferences; and
6. Date on which the audit report package will be delivered to MVB.

The contract for this audit will be awarded on September 20, 1994. The audit work shall commence on October 17 and completed by November 17, 1994. Award shall be based on four evaluation factors: fee, technical competence, prior experience, and ability to meet the deadline.

Proposals must be submitted stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" to the Public Auditor labelled as follows:

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The Public Auditor and MVB reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if such rejection is in the best interest of the CNMI. The deadline for submission of proposal is 12:00 noon, September 15, 1994.

Most advanced civilian space radar ready

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - The shuttle Endeavour and the world's most advanced civilian space radar were ready Thursday for an Earth-monitoring en-core.

NASA began fueling the space-ship late Wednesday for a 1054 GMT Thursday launch. Good weather was expected.

The shuttle and the \$366 million radar flew in space just four months ago. Scientists hoping to understand global change will compare the radar images of volcanoes, forests, deserts and oceans acquired during the first mission with images from this 10-day flight.

About 2,000 researchers and students worldwide will again verify the radar findings by counting trees, measuring rocks, tracking wind and making other observations. Thousands of photographs taken by the shuttle crew will complement the data.

One of the six astronauts from

the previous flight is back - planetary scientist Thomas Jones, who is in charge of the radar equipment. Barring a long launch delay, he'll set a U.S. record for the shortest time between space flights.

There will be a few new twists during this flight.

German oceanographers plan to spill more than 100 gallons of oil into the North Sea next week to test whether Endeavour's radar can track the mess. The oil will be cleaned up within 24 hours.

If the experiment works, permanently orbiting radar instruments could be used to detect oil spills and get cleanups under way promptly, said Heinz Stoewer, managing director of the German space agency.

"The real problem is those people dumping tons and tons at night ... and never being caught for it," Stoewer said.

Researchers also will aim the radar at the area around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine to see how the envi-

ronment is recovering from the 1986 nuclear disaster.

Toward the end of the flight, Endeavour's pilots will attempt to fly over the same spot twice, and perhaps three times, so the radar can note any changes in the terrain. Such precise measurements could lead to earthquake predictions.

"This is a gleam in our eye at the present time," said Charles Kennel, head of NASA's Mission to Planet Earth office.

Endeavour's three-frequency

radar can penetrate clouds, vegetation, ice and dry sand.

Among those requesting more shuttle-radar images: archaeologists searching for ancient river channels in the Sahara Desert and remnants of a lost civilization in Oman; mineralogists in search of oil and minerals in Saudi Arabia; and the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, which is trying to save the endangered mountain gorillas of Central Africa. Primatologists will use the radar images to help track the gorillas.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THIS IS A RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR RE-BID DUE TO REDUCTION IN APRON SIZE. THE APRON HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM APPROXIMATELY 18,789 SY TO APPROXIMATELY 6,856 SY.

COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS FOR APRON EXPANSION AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP Project No. 3-69-0003-07, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands, 96950, until 2:00 pm September 2, 1994, at which time and place the sealed bid will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of building an expansion of the existing apron at Rota International Airport, including apron edge lighting, apron striping, and apron floodlights all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) and by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening. Depending on the availability of funds, the Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for ninety (90) days from date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, on September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. A copy of the Department of Labor Wage Rate Determination is applicable to this contract and is made a part of the specifications (See Section 70-24).

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (AIP No. 3-69-0003-07) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (see specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the bid forms and specifications.

b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that, with respect any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is called to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

If the bidder has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instructions, the bidder shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period or such other period specified by the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, requests prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director requests.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM, at 11:00 A.M. on August 12, 1994 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of bids.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Furthermore, each prospective bidder shall submit his/her qualification statements not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening bids.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any bids in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: 8/1/94

1. The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions.
2. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.
3. Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.
4. The EEO requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents and are available for inspections at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
5. Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the bid), the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause" and the Certifications of non-segregated Facilities" as contained in the Bid Proposal.
6. A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
7. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements which are contained in the specifications.
8. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
9. Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of minorities.

Congress presses Smithsonian over show

WASHINGTON (AP) - A member of Congress stepped up pressure Wednesday on the Smithsonian Institution to revise its exhibit on the airplane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

Republican Rep. Tom Lewis of Florida said in a statement the National Air and Space Museum had agreed to make changes, but warned that they must be more than "window dressing."

Last week, two dozen lawmakers sent the museum a letter complaining that the exhibit, still being developed, wrongly portrays Japan as an innocent victim of the atomic bomb dropped by the B-29 bomber known as the Enola Gay.

The lawmakers were concerned that the exhibit, scheduled to open next year, includes 84 pages of text and 97 photographs on Japanese suffering but less than one page and only eight photographs on the suffering inflicted by the Japanese from 1930 to 1945.

Museum spokeswoman Kathleen Brooks said Wednesday that exhibits are always revised until they open. She would not give details of any planned changes.

"I hope this is not simply a delaying tactic by the Smithsonian, because we are not going away," Lewis said.

The Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. A second atomic raid on Nagasaki three days later led to Japan's surrender and the end of World War II.

Head of Armenian Orthodox Church dies at age of 85

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) - Catholicos Vazgen I, the spiritual leader of Armenian Christians, died early Thursday after a bout with cancer. He was 85.

Vazgen, born Levon Karapet Palchian in 1908 in Bucharest, Romania, died at his villa in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, just months after returning from Paris where he had been undergoing treatment.

Vazgen was patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

He was graduated from the Literature and Arts Faculty of Bucharest University in 1936 and worked as a teacher for several years. He was ordained in Athens in 1943 and appointed head of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Romania.

He was elected Catholicos of All Armenians in 1955, and moved to what was then Soviet Armenia.

Vazgen won many foreign and Soviet awards for his service and pacifist activities. This summer, he was awarded the order of the National Hero of Armenia.

Earlier this year, he met with the spiritual leader of Muslims in the Caucasus Mountains in hopes of ending the war for control of Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian enclave located within neighboring Azerbaijan.

INVITATION TO BID/ NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED COMPETITIVE BIDS for the IMMIGRATION AREA EXPANSION at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. A-CPA-S-00194, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950, until 2:00 p.m., August 26, 1994, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general consists of construction to expand the Immigration area, part of the holding room, and other miscellaneous work, all in accordance with the project plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA). The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two (2) months from the date of bid opening. Depending on the availability of funds, the CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months from date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, September 24, 1965, as amended, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established in the specifications. The bidder's attention is called to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the Contract and Labor Provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his/her subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

If the bidder has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instruction, the bidder shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Executive Director requests prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award or both to furnish such other information as the Executive Director requests.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the office of the Executive Director, CPA, Saipan International Airport, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for each set of project documents. This amount is non refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre bid conference and site visit will be held at the CPA Conference Room at the Saipan International Airport at 10:00 a.m., August 16, 1994, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, in writing at least six (6) days in advance for answers at this conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference and site visit is considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding of the project elements.

Each prospective bidder shall file with CPA, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his/her intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied with the project document, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of bids

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations

ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director/Contracting Officer
Dated July 26, 1994

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INVITATION TO BID

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For **DPS Food Service Program**

Opening Date: **August 22, 1994 Time: 2:00 P.M.**

Interested individuals or firms may pick up Bid forms and specifications at the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

/S/ David M. Apatang

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

IFB. NO. **IFB94-0038**

For **Procurement of a Bulldozer**

Opening Date: **August 22, 1994 Time: 2:30 P.M.**

Interested individuals or firms may pick up Bid forms and specifications at the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

/S/ David M. Apatang

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-719

FREDERIC A. LEON GUERRERO

Plaintiff,

-v-

WANG CHUAN

Defendant.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

The Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to Defendant, Wang Chuan.

You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty (20) days after final publication of this summons, to wit on or before the 30th day of September, 1994, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the Complaint to Plaintiff, Frederic A. Leon Guerrero, and serve a copy of your answer upon the Plaintiff's attorney.

TIMOTHY H. SKINNER
Attorney-At-Law
P.O. Box 2845
Saipan, MP 96950

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said Court. The Complaint contains allegations that Defendant has failed to maintain his lease payments on Lot No. 592-2 and Lot No. 592-3 as required by the lease executed between Plaintiff and Defendant on May 7, 1993.

/s/ Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-349

GEORGE F. FLEMING, dba FAS MOVING & STORAGE CO.,

Plaintiff,

-v-

SERVANDO S.P. REGIS, dba NOR-MAR RECRUITING SERVICES, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on June 24, 1994, I have levied and executed upon, and will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: all that certain tract or parcel of real property situated in Fina Sis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as North part of Tract 22746-1, containing an area of 1,064 square meters, all as more particularly set forth in that certain Ground Lease Agreement from Juan S. Mendolia, Lessor, to Servando S.P. Regis and Olelia C. Regis, as Lessees, Commonwealth Recorder's file no. 90-3759.

The sale will be held on Friday, August 26, 1994, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the Police Station in Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held without any warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, all of which are hereby expressly disclaimed. The sale is subject to approval by the Court. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, for any reason.

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/s/ S.W.O. ISIDRO R. SABLAN
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 93-1336

MARIANA ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY Plaintiff,

-v-

LORENZA S.N. WARNICK and DAVID L. WARNICK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 12, 1994, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: all that certain tract or parcel of real property situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, described as Lot 0051 545, containing an area of 816 square meters, more or less, as shown on Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The sale will be held on Friday, August 26, 1994, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., Police Station in Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held without any warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, all of which are hereby expressly disclaimed. The sale is subject to approval by the Court. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, for any reason.

Dated, this 18th day of July, 1994.

/s/ S.W.O. ISIDRO R. SABLAN
Department of Public Safety

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-349

GEORGE F. FLEMING, dba FAS MOVING & STORAGE CO.,

Plaintiff,

-v-

SERVANDO S.P. REGIS, dba NOR-MAR RECRUITING SERVICES, Defendant.

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1 (ACCOUNTING) MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3,500 per month.
Contact: CREATIVE TOURS MICRONESIA, INC. P.O. Box 152 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-7417/(08/19)/16278.

Accountant

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$800-\$1,000 per month.
Contact: PACIFIC INT'L. CONST. INC. P.O. Box 2939, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1676/(08/19)/16270.

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1 CIVIL (STRUCTURAL) ENGINEER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$700-\$1,200 per month.
Contact: BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, P.O. Box 545 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6800/6549/(08/19)/9646.

1 HOUSEWORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: MAGDAL ENA F. ORBINO dba JL Enterprises, Callor Box AAA 2569, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5348/(08/19)/16290.

1 BUSINESS CONSULTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$56,000 per annum.
Contact: UNITED MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. Box 5235, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9253/9388/(08/19)/9665.

3 COOKS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: GRACE INTERNATIONAL INC. PPP 109 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9682/(08/19)/16282.

10 IRONING WORKERS (MACHINE PRESSERS) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: UNITED INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, P.O. Box 689, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-6888/7888/(08/19)/16302.

1 MECHANICAL DRAFTER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$1,100 per month.
Contact: EMC2 MECHANICAL, INC. (CNMI), PPP 226 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-3532/(08/19)/16281.

1 HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
1 CARPENTER - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: JOSEPH T. TORRES, P.O. Box 714 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6098/(08/19)/16284.

1 PROJECT MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2,000 per month.
Contact: KEY COMMUNICATION (SPN), INC. P.O. Box 2273, Chalan Lallau, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8400/(08/19)/16277.

1 ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$1,000-\$1,200 per month.
Contact: AUSAKO'S TRADING CO. LTD. P.O. Box 2273, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5500/(08/19)/16276.

Miscellaneous

1 CARPENTER
1 MASON - High school graduate. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: ANICIA C. SONODA dba Chamorro House Restaurant, P.O. Box 975, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7361 or 3657/(08/19)/16275.

1 LPG TECHNICIAN (CYLINDER FILLER) - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: SAIPAN INDUSTRIAL GAS, INC. P.O. Box 5034 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5105/(08/19)/16274.

1 CARPENTER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: PEDRO C. SANNICOLAS dba PAS Construction Company, P.O. Box 1102, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-3045/(08/19)/16272.

1 WAITRESS, BAR - High school graduate. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
1 BARTENDER - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: SHIP ASHORE, INC. dba Ship Ashore Restaurant, P.O. Box 530 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-7170 or 234-7776/(08/19)/16271.

1 BEAUTICIAN - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: PABLO L. SOLOMON dba Goodearth Enterprise, Jeanine Beauty Salon, P.O. Box 5425 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-1323/(08/19)/16279.

1 AVIONICS TECHNICIAN
1 AIRPLANE MECHANICS - Salary \$6.50 per hour.
Contact: JONAH P. VANDERGRIFT dba Lasco Airpower Services, PPP 330 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-6330/1136/(08/19)/16280.

5 JANITORS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: MIDWEST TRADING CORP. AAA 695 Callor Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-8752/(08/19)/16285.

20 DANCERS
10 WAITERS/WAITRESSES, BAR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: AL & R CORP. dba Roppongi Night Club, Callor Box AAA 895, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-7070/(08/19)/16287.

10 WAITERS/WAITRESSES, BAR
20 DANCERS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: MALLE CORP. dba Tokyo Tower, Callor Box AAA 895, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-8680/(08/19)/16286.

2 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3.50-\$3.75 per hour.
1 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3.50-\$10.50 per hour.
Contact: HAWAIIAN ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION, Box 10000 PPP 139, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-0407/(08/19)/16288.

1 SHOP MAINTENANCE MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$1,000-\$1,300 per month.
Contact: BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, P.O. Box 545 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6800/6549/(08/19)/9657.

1 DRESSMAKER
4 HOUSEWORKERS - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: AGNES P. DL GUERRERO dba 6DLG's Enterprises, P.O. Box 1271, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8808/09/(08/19)/9659.

1 DENTAL ASSISTANT - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$4.50 per hour.
Contact: SAIPAN ADVENTIST CLINIC dba Family Dentistry/Optical Clinic, P.O. Box 169, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6008/(08/19)/16363.

1 WAITER, CAPTAIN - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$5.00-\$8.10 per hour.
1 PURCHASING CLERK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45-\$2.85 per hour.
Contact: SAIPAN HOTEL CORP. dba Hafadai Beach Hotel, P.O. Box 338, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6495 ext. 806/(08/19)/9658.

1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2,000 per month.
Contact: KIM, SUNG SEO dba Kae Poong Corp. P.O. Box 2462, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9018/(08/19)/16288.

2 GARBAGE COLLECTORS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: KIRK J. VERGITH dba B.K. Enterprises, P.O. Box 1575 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-0232/(08/26)/16375.

3 COOKS - High school graduate. Salary \$2.50-\$3.00 per hour.
5 WAITRESSES - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: ACE INCORPORATED dba Satsuki Restaurant, Callor Box AAA 818, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-4514/(08/26)/16377.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College graduate. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel, P.O. Box 369, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6601/3 ext. 112/(08/12)/9588.

2 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRERS - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Work days: Monday to Saturday. Hours: 9:00a.m. to 12:00 noon, 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Salary \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: MORNING SUN (SAIPAN), INC. P.O. Box 78, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5790/(09/02)/9860.

1 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (BUILDING) - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Work days: Monday to Saturday. Hours: 07:00 to 16:30. Salary \$2.70 per hour.
Contact: DANIEL J. HIGH dba Tapochao Estates, P.O. Box 5062, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-9464/(09/02)/9859.

8 WELDERS (COMBINATION) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Work days: Various days according to employer's requirements, (1) day off per week. Hours: various hours. Salary \$2.45-\$3.00 per hour.
Contact: TANO GROUP, INC. dba Tano Group, Inc. P.O. Box 5817 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-6652/(09/02)/9858.

11 SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS
1 CUTTING MACHINE OPERATOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Work days: Monday to Sunday, (1) day off per week. Hours: 08:30 to 18:00, 19:30 to 06:00. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
1 QUALITY CONTROL CHECKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Work days: Monday to Sunday, (1) day off per week. Hours: 08:30 to 18:00, 19:30 to 06:00. Salary \$3.00 per hour.
1 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Work days: Monday to Sunday, (1) day off per week. Hours: 08:30 to 18:00, 19:30 to 06:00. Salary \$700 per month.
Contact: ADVANCE TEXTILE CORPORATION, AAA 440, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5798/(09/02)/9857.

1 WELDING SUPERVISOR/INSPECTOR - High school grad., 5 years experience. Work days: various days to meet employer's requirements, (1) day off per week. Hours: various hours. Salary \$1,500 per month.
Contact: ROBERT J. BRACKEN dba HGWT Services, P.O. Box 5017, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-6653/(09/02)/9861.

2 TRANSLATORS - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: XIMEILING INC. SAIPAN dba Sun Island Paradise, AAA 569 Callor Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-4101/(09/02)/16440.

1 AUTO BODY REPAIRER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: OLIVIA P. FRANCISCO dba Jowill Auto Shop, SPS 592, P.O. Box 10006, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-3054/(08/26)/16365.

1 MAINTENANCE WORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: EVER TRUST CORPORATION dba 123 Discount Store, PPP 519, Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-1230/(08/26)/16362.

1 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$4.00 per hour.
Contact: SAIPAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, P.O. Box 69, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6687/(08/26)/16369.

1 AUTO BODY REPAIRER
1 AUTO PAINTER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45-\$3.00 per hour.
1 AUTO MECHANIC HELPER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: B & R CORPORATION dba Beach Road Auto Repair Shop, P.O. Box 2412, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7184/6019/(08/26)/16361.

100 MACHINE PRESSERS (PRESS OPERATORS) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45-\$7.00 per hour.
Contact: SAM MARIANAS, INC. P.O. Box 3244/45/6/(08/26)/16360.

1 ASSISTANT COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3.56 per hour.
2 WAITRESSES, Restaurant - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50-\$2.87 per hour.
1 SUPERVISOR, WAITRESS (Restaurant) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3.85 per hour.
1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$810-\$900 per month.
1 ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., who understands Japanese language, 2 years experience. Salary \$1,800-\$2,000 per month.
Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel, P.O. Box 369, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6601/3 ext. 112/(08/12)/9588.

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1 AUTO MECHANIC - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: SJ CORPORATION dba SJ Auto Repair Shop, P.O. Box 1926, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3977/(08/26)/16370.

2 WAITRESSES
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4 HOUSEWORKERS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
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2 CARPENTERS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: DR. IGNACIO T. DELA CRUZ dba Ike's House & Land Rental & Construction, P.O. Box 677, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7248/(08/26)/16368.

1 SUPERVISOR - Salary \$2.70 per hour.
Contact: PRINCE ENTERPRISES LTD. dba S.M. Mart, Mailer 348, Box 10005, Beach Road, CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7821/(08/26)/16366.

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2 CLEANERS, HOUSEKEEPING - Salary \$2.88-\$5.00 per hour.
1 COOK HELPER - Salary \$2.88 per hour.
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Contact: SY'S CORPORATION dba Pacific Gardenia Hotel, P.O. Box 144, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3455/6677/(09/02)/9856.

1 CUTTER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: ONWEL MFG. (SAIPAN) LTD. P.O. Box 712, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9522-25/(09/02)/16446.

1 CUTTER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
5 SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: ONWEL MFG. (SAIPAN) LTD. P.O. Box 712, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9522-25/(09/02)/16445.

1 CLEANER/HOUSEKEEPING - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: NICANOR A. BOCAGO dba Bocago Enterprises, P.O. Box 774, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3071/5232/(09/02)/16444.

1 CLEANER, HOUSEKEEPING - High school graduate. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
1 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER, BUILDING - Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: PARKS CORPORATION, P.O. Box 1039, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6835/(09/02)/16441.

2 WAITRESSES - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: H.O. LEE INC. dba Chung Hua Restaurant, P.O. Box 1968, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-7768/(09/02)/16458.

2 WOOD CARVER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: MR. RODRIGO M. CAPATI dba Saipan Woodcraft Ent. P.O. Box 2314 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-5607/(09/02)/16455.

1 MASON - High school equiv., experience preferred. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: INTERTEX INT'L INC. PPP 319 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5000/6000/(09/02)/16451.

1 BEAUTICIAN - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: JESSIE & ALICIA O'C MILAM dba Alvi Exclusive/LaLaine's Beauty Shop, P.O. Box 5691 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-4985/(09/02)/16452.

1 ELECTRICIAN - Salary \$400 per month.
Contact: TALON ELECTRONICS & DEV. CORP. dba TEDCO, P.O. Box 1041, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7108/(09/02)/16454.

10 WAITRESSES
5 SINGERS
7 DANCERS - Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: IL-JIN CORPORATION dba Paris Club, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-0977/(09/02)/16462.

1 SALES PERSON - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$450-\$800 per month.
Contact: TASI TOURS & TRANSPORTATION, P.O. Box 1023, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7121/(09/02)/9870.

1 ELECTRICIAN (MAINTENANCE) - High school graduate. Salary \$650 per month.
Contact: SNE SAIPAN CO., LTD. PPP 611 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8884/2829/(09/02)/16464.

1 ENGINEER, SALES - Salary \$3.50-\$5.00 per hour.
Contact: JESUS B. YUMUL dba YCO Corporation, P.O. Box 932, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7425/(09/01)/9846.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a charismatic, creative, quirky, and often mischievous individual, and you are never eager to take the blame for those things which transpire because you've indulged yourself in a flight of fancy. When young, you're likely to point the finger at others, laying the blame elsewhere for those things you've done yourself. When older, you have two choices: You can either take the blame — and the consequences — for your misdeeds; or you can use your considerable ability with words to persuade others that you were only doing what you were doing in everyone's best interest.

Home life is an essential aspect to your own individual universe, though you don't always insist that everything be sweetness and tranquility. Indeed, you may do best with a mate who shares your temper — and your penchant for playing games. In the end, however, you do believe in love.

Also born on this date are: Bill Clinton, U.S. president; Malcolm Forbes, publisher; Ron Darling, baseball player; Ogden Nash, author and poet; Gene Roddenberry, TV producer, creator of "Star Trek."

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.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Try not to out-think or out-wit yourself in any way today. Trust your heart and soul, and your mind will follow. Give credit to your own feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may feel some tension at work today, as a result of a minor misunderstanding between yourself and co-workers. Focus on your own specific issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Don't take things so personally today that you make every issue revolve around yourself. Someone may be more in need than you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Make sure you take the time to make yourself perfectly clear today. Your intentions may otherwise be misconstrued and misapplied.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Someone near you may need some extra-special attention today. Don't think of yourself; extend courtesies with increased frequency. Consideration!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A major challenge is coming your way soon. Rise to the occasion, and dive right in, for nothing can stop you if your mind is made up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — When you find yourself feeling overworked, overburdened and overwhelmed by life's minor traumas, get back to basics and hold on to a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Do something daring today, and you're sure to enjoy the results. Let your mischievous side fly free, and settle on the most enjoyable perch.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be particularly careful to follow through on commitments at this time. Letting small things slide can only threaten something big.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Try to take a good, hard look at yourself and be more honest. Don't skirt the issues; take more responsibility for your own actions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is a good day to keep a low profile, and keep your comments to yourself. Assuming knowledge you haven't directly gained is dangerous today!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let things build up inside to the point of feeling overwhelmed or even defeated. Trust your instincts and abilities. Let off steam slowly!

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Scientists puzzled with global warming

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

WASHINGTON (AP) - Scientists trying to take the world's rising temperature have discovered a data dilemma: It is warming more at night in some places and more in the daytime elsewhere.

U.S. researchers reported last year that nighttime temperatures in much of the world were rising three times faster than daytime readings. But there have been conflicting studies. And some wonder about whether divergent cloud-cover patterns mostly account for the phenomenon.

Researchers in fact have found, unmistakably, a general increase in the Earth's temperature in recent years. But they generally agree that it's too soon to declare a trend because the amount of temperature change is small enough to be considered part of normal climate variation.

Meteorologists in India found daytime temperatures going up faster than those at night in some areas, for example. Researchers in Switzerland found that day and

night readings were up by about the same amount for mountain communities, though the valleys warmed more at night than in the daytime.

And a Washington climate conference last fall heard reports that no significant nighttime warming has occurred in polar regions, while some Pacific Islands have experienced equal day and night increases.

In general, studies of global temperatures suggest that nighttime minimum readings are rising faster than daytime maximums. But that doesn't imply everyone is in the same category.

"There are important reasons for differences from one place to another and many seem to be related to changes in cloud cover," said Thomas Karl of the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

The findings are part of research into the threat of global warming. Scientists have voiced concern in recent years that chemicals released into the atmosphere by industry will turn the Earth into a sort of giant greenhouse, raising tempera-

tures everywhere.

Indeed, scientists gathered in Berlin in April considered the possibility that there may even be a threat of global cooling developing - at least in industrialized nations where cloud cover is increased by pollutants.

The British magazine New Scientist reports that an unpublished study by Guy Brasseur and Mai Pham of the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research found that cooling is exceeding warming over Europe, the eastern United States and parts of Russia, China and the Far East.

Increased cloudiness may be the reason that some areas have experienced more warming at night than in the daytime, Karl wrote in a paper in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

Warmer temperatures can cause more water to evaporate, leading to more clouds. Clouds can act as a blanket to prevent nighttime radiation cooling. They may also shade the Earth from the sun, cooling the daytimes.

"One of the problems is, we tend to say: 'What's the single cause of this?' In truth there very rarely is a single cause," Karl said in a telephone interview.

If warming is concentrated at night, some researchers see possible benefits, such as a longer growing season and fewer killing frosts. And they say water evaporation, a threat in a warmer world, would be less likely if higher temperatures occurred at night.

On the other hand, nighttime warming might encourage crop pests. Also, there could be a shorter dormancy period, adversely affecting plant growth. And people might suffer more from heat waves with less nighttime cooling.

James Hansen of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, a pioneer in global warming research, cautioned against accepting claims that global warming is a "benign" night-

time trend.

In the long run global warming will continue despite increased cloudiness or other factors that appear to be reducing its effect, he predicted in a paper presented to associates last year.

The uneven warming trend was first detailed by Karl and a team including George Kukla of Columbia University and Philip D. Jones of England's University of East Anglia. They reported that between 1951 and 1990, nighttime warmed up more than daytime.

They studied the United States, Canada, the former Soviet Union, China, Japan, eastern Australia, Sudan and South Africa.

However, at 121 weather stations in India, average nighttime lows were unchanged between 1901 and 1987, while daytime highs rose slightly, according to a report in the journal Geophysical Research Letters by meteorologists at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune.

Kukla said that, too, is related to cloud cover. While clouds at middle and high latitudes lead to cooling in the daytime, it's a different situation close to the equator, he said.

"We by no means were claiming that changes are uniform all over the world, no way," Kukla said.

A separate study of the period 1951-87, done for comparison with Karl's report, could detect no overall temperature trend in India, researchers K. Rupta Kumar, K.

Krishna Kumar and G. B. Pant reported in Geophysical Research Letters, published by the American Geophysical Union.

They didn't try to explain why Indian findings differ from studies of other areas.

"No one has done an analysis of cloud changes in India since about 1960, it would be very interesting to look at what's happening to clouds" there, said Karl.

"Cloud cover there might have decreased ... From 1960 to 1990 precipitation is less, and normally when you find precipitation going down you find cloudiness going down as well," he commented.

The geophysical journal also carried a report from the Paul Scherrer Institute in Villigen, Switzerland, that had mixed results.

That study of several Swiss, German and Austrian weather stations from 1901 to 1990 was similar to Karl's findings for valley locations, but up on the mountains, daytime highs and nighttime lows both rose more than 1 degree.

The reason for this may be low-level clouds that keep the valleys warm at night, while the mountains poke through the layer and experience equal day and night changes, suggested researchers Rudolf O. Webber, Peter Talkner and Gerard Stefanicki.

But Karl said that similar studies of mountain stations in the Pyrenees failed to confirm the Swiss results.

Nobel prize winner dies

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) - Elias Canetti, winner of the 1981 Nobel prize for literature, has died, a relative said Thursday. He was 89.

The writer - a Bulgarian-born British citizen who wrote in German - died last Sunday, said the relative, who asked not to be identified. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Canetti began writing dramas and novels in the early 1930s, but developed a wide following among German readers only in 1960 with the

publication of the first volume of his major work, "Masse und Macht" (Crowds and Power).

He also distinguished himself as an essayist, dramatist and theoretical thinker.

A novel, "Die Blendung" (Auto-da-Fé), which he wrote in the early 1930s, wasn't published in Vienna until 1963. But his drama, "Die Hochzeit" (The Wedding) was published in 1932 and two years later he completed his "Komodie der Eitelkeit" (Comedy of Vanity).

Canetti won the Nobel at a time when the Swedish Academy was using the prize to draw attention to local masters who were unknown to a worldwide audience.

Alfred Nobel specified in his will that the prize was to call attention to the author who produced "the most outstanding work of an ideal tendency."

Canetti was born on July 25, 1905, in Rustchuk, Bulgaria.

In 1911 he moved with his parents to Manchester, England. On the death of his father two years later he moved to Vienna, where he attended school before continuing his education in Zurich and in Frankfurt, Germany. He returned to Vienna to earn a doctorate in chemistry.

Facing the Nazi takeover of Austria, Canetti, of Spanish-Jewish descent, left Austria in 1938 and went to Paris and then London, where he worked as freelance writer and was granted a British passport.

Later he maintained homes in London and Zurich.

There was no immediate word on survivors or funeral arrangements.

Teams cut back as strike continues

NEW YORK (AP) - As the Major League Baseball strike completes its first week Thursday, teams are starting to make cutbacks.

The Montreal Expos became the first club to announce layoffs, and the New York Yankees said Wednesday that more than half their staff was sent on vacation.

Thirty-five Expos employees put on vacation this week will be laid off when their vacations end after next week.

"After that, for the duration of the strike they will collect unemployment," Expos spokesman Richard Griffin said by telephone from Montreal. "They're mostly in the departments like the ticket office and accounting, where there's going to be the least activity going on during a strike."

They had been warned about the possibility a couple of months ago. They were officially notified last week.

The Yankees sent slightly more than half of their staff of about 100 on vacation, team spokesman Rob Butcher said.

Butcher said the employees are taking as much time off as they've accumulated. He said the Yankees hadn't decided what to do with employees when vacations end.

The total of canceled games rose to 86 Thursday, matching the 1972 strike for the second-longest walk-

out behind 1981, when 712 games were wiped out.

Union head Donald Fehr and management negotiator Richard Ravitch said Wednesday no negotiating sessions were scheduled.

"We're maintaining contact with parties at all levels," mediator John Martin said by telephone from his office in Boston. Asked when talks will resume, Martin said: "It's too tough to call."

Rep. James Traficant, an Ohio Democrat, said on the floor of the House of Representatives that negotiators should be locked in a room with no windows and air conditioning, and should be fed "baked beans, fried cheese, hard-boiled eggs and chocolate kisses."

"In eight hours, they'll be pleading, 'Play Ball!'" Traficant said during his speech.

While players remained at home, with many spending their days on golf courses, the minor leagues provided some unusual replacements.

Mujibur Rahman, a Bangladeshi novelty store owner who gained fame with his appearances on "Late Show with David Letterman," was signed by the Sioux City Explorers of the Northern League and started Wednesday night against the St. Paul Saints. The 39-year-old right-hander,

whose store is on the same block as the Ed Sullivan Theater where Letterman tapes his show, made one pitch - which went over the head of St. Paul Saints batter Doug Kimbler and catcher Tom Cardone - in the Explorers' 8-6, 13-inning win.

"It was the first time I have played baseball," Mujibur said. "I used to play soccer and croquet."

On a more serious note, legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate to establish a national commission that would regulate baseball. The bill sponsored by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, an Arizona Democrat, would establish a five-member panel that would have one player, one owner and three presidential appointees. The commission would have the power to submit labor disputes to binding arbitration and would be given a \$1.5 million budget.

"Once again, the players and the owners have betrayed the American public and put their own self-interests above those of the fans," DeConcini said. "While developing this commission, I envisioned a panel which could act as an impartial commissioner of the national pastime."

Unfortunately, baseball does not have a commissioner at this time despite the repeated promises to appoint one.

The negotiators, who haven't met formally since last Friday, were content not to schedule a bargaining session.

"Is Dick happy?" Fehr, asked reporters during an interview in his office. "This is playing out to his script. He ought to be pleased as Punch."

Fehr says owners are attempting to break the union, giving players no choice but to strike because of a

threat to impose a salary cap after the season. He spent Monday and Tuesday speaking to congressmen considering legislation that would remove baseball's antitrust exemption. Ravitch said the ruling executive council would convene by telephone conference call today. He said numerous suggestions are being made by third parties.

"The list of volunteers is growing at a rapid pace," he said.

Ivanisevic upset

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Seeded players are having a very tough time at the RCA Men's Hardcourts Championships this week.

Top-seeded Goran Ivanisevic joined defending champion Jim Courier on Wednesday in the growing ranks of upset victims at the Indianapolis Tennis Center.

Doubles specialist Mark Woodforde of Australia defeated Ivanisevic, the world's second-ranked player, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. A day earlier, unseeded Alex Corretja of Spain beat Courier, seeded fifth.

Also on Wednesday, sixth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria was beaten by Greg Rusedski of Canada, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and Mats Wilander of Sweden used a steady baseline game to defeat fourth-seeded Todd Martin of the United States.

Also, 10th-seed Jason Stoltenberg of Australia had to quit while trailing Kent Kinnear of the United States, 6-3, 1-0.

The tournament's eighth (Cedric Piolene of France), 11th (Jaime Yzaga of Peru), 13th (Alexander Volkov of Russia) and 15th (Javier Sanchez) seeds previously were eliminated from the tournament.

Couples...

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four rounds, with the 144-player field being reduced to 72 for the third round and to 24 for the final round.

The \$1.4 million purse pays the winner \$252,000.

Seven of the eight former International champions are entered, including defending champion Phil Mickelson and Olazabal (1991). The lone absentee is 1989 winner Greg Norman.

Unlike certain other pros who shun the International because of its format, Couples said he has no problem with it.

"I was never concerned about it," he said. "I never made it to Saturday, so I didn't care if they gave one million dollars to everybody on Saturday or not."

However, the tournament does favor a player who makes an abundance of birdies, as Couples tends to do.

"If I can start making a lot of birdies, bogeys are not that big of a deal," he said. "If I make four birdies and two bogeys, that's six points. That's certainly not going to lead the tournament, but it won't kill you, either. If you shoot 70 in a normal tournament, you get passed by. And if you make an eagle here, you can jump up quite a bit."

Couples said the Buick victory has changed his outlook.

"Up until winning the Buick, I really didn't think I was going to win anything this year," he said. "But I was having a good time playing. I'm going to try to play more the rest of the year, and, frankly, that's one of the reasons I came here. I need to play."

"Because I won, it hit me that, 'Hey, I can win another one.'"

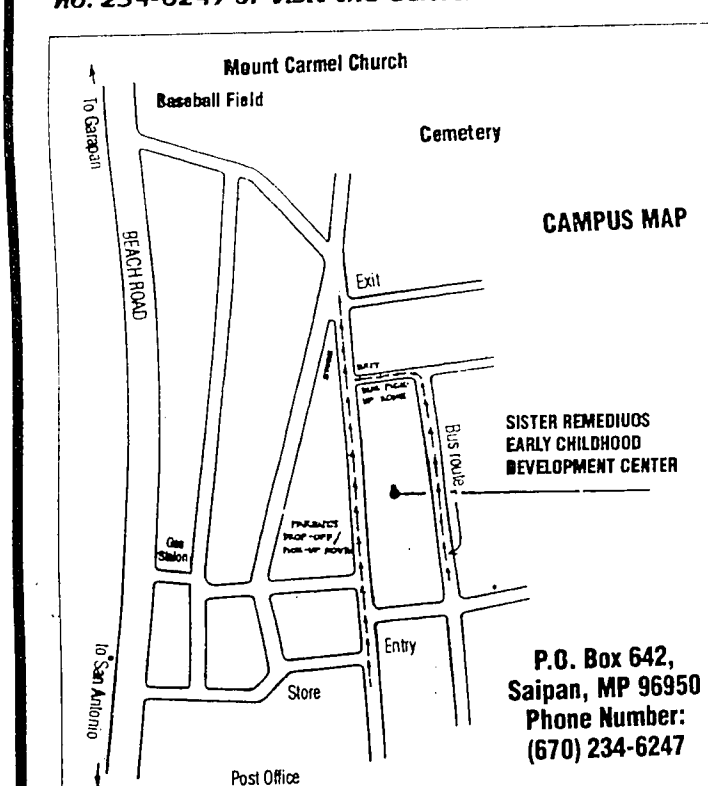


Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center will officially open on Monday, August 22, 1994. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be over at 11:30 a.m. Afternoon care activities will be over by 4:30 p.m.

For those parents who provide their own transportation to and from the Center, the drop off and pick up areas will be in front of the building. The new routing system is illustrated on the map below. Please observe the new designated drop off and pick up areas for the safety and convenience of everyone.

Parents are requested to pick up their children no later than 12:00 noon. Children staying for the afternoon care will be picked up by 4:30 p.m. Uniforms are available and may be picked up on Friday (8/19) and Saturday (8/20) from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Becker advances in Volvo

By CHRISTINE HANLEY

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Boris Becker got the break he needed just in time to beat Roger Smith 6-3, 6-4 before the rain began to fall in the Volvo International on Wednesday.

Becker, the third seed, broke Smith three times, the last coming in the ninth game of the second set for a 5-4 advantage just as

the rain began to fall. Becker was one of seven players to advance before play was stopped about 3:15 p.m. local time.

Play resumed about five hours later for the contest between top seed Michael Stich and Marcelo Rios. But the second-round match, which began about an hour after its scheduled start time, was suspended with Stich leading 6-3, 2-2.

Tournament officials later announced that play would not resume, leaving defending Volvo champion and second seed Andrei Medvedev's match against Grant Stafford postponed until Thursday.

Six players besides Becker advanced earlier in the day. Petr Korda, seeded fifth, defeated Chuck Adams, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; No. 10 Ivan Lendl beat Jonas Bjorkman 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); No. 11 MaliVai Washington overcame Mark Philippoussis 7-5, 6-2, and No. 16 Stefano Pescosolido topped Patrick McEnroe 0-6, 7-6

(8-6), 7-6 (9-7).

Becker, who got a bye in the first round, said he was glad to get his first match of the tournament over with before the weather disrupted play.

"When it started, I just wanted to finish the round before it rained," he said. "It was 4-4 and I really needed to break his serve."

Smith agreed that not being able to hold serve cost him the match. After being broken twice in the first set, he settled down in the second and played well before Becker broke him a final time.

"I really had to have it on the

service point," Smith said.

Becker said he struggled a bit picking up the ball off Smith's forehand, because Smith starts his swing farther back than other players.

"Most players put a top spin on the ball, but he hits it kind of flat," Becker said.

Korda, the 1992 Volvo champion and runnerup last year to Medvedev, was the next highest seed to advance, beating Adams for the third time in three tries.

"I always beat him and I always beat him in three sets," Korda said.

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Team Standing
As of Aug. 15, 1994

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.
Ol' Aces	6	0	1.000
Cyclones	4	1	.800
Hawks	3	1	.750
Sun Risers	3	3	.500
Brothers	2	3	.400
Lite	2	4	.333
Toros	1	5	.166
Peace Makers	1	5	.166

Name	Team	Gm.	Pts.	Ave.
Tony Luzama	Lite	5	113	22.6
Winsor Peter	Ol' Aces	5	106	21.2
Tony Diaz	Brothers	5	103	20.6
Peter Camacho	Ol' Aces	5	97	19.4
Junior Renguul	Ol' Aces	6	115	19.2
Phil Palacios	Cyclones	5	91	18.2
Jerry Benavente	Sun Risers	6	105	17.5
Tony Susuico	Hawks	4	69	17.3
Wise Aguon	Peace Makers	6	104	17.3
Edzel Mendoza	Hawks	4	68	17.0
Ray Lizama	Hawks	4	68	17.0

NMITF plans its season of events

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Triathlon Federation met this week to begin planning another season full of events. NMITF is encouraging all interested athletes to participate in these fun races. There will be a competition nearly every month. Cost at each race will be \$5 for non-members and it will be free for members of the NMITF.

Also want you all as mem-

bers of the federation. This year, as a special incentive, all those that join the NMITF as members will receive a free T-shirt. Membership fees allow the federation to plan and organize safe and fun races. Membership dues are \$20.00.

For information or to join NMITF contact:

John Hoffman 322-2060
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RGA Ace of Month tourney on Sunday

ALL RGA members are reminded that the Ace of the Month tournament will be held this coming Sunday, August 21 at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi. Tee-off time is at 12

noon. Members are urged to show up at least 30 minutes prior to tee time.

For more info, call Jess Wabol at 233-9153 or Tony Rogolifoi at 234-1001.

PSS coaches learn tips from volleyball experts

SEVERAL Public School System teachers who spend some of their extra time to coach youth volleyball teams recently picked up a lot of valuable skills and techniques at a special eight-day clinic.

A total of 12 PSS teachers, who are also coaches, attended the volleyball course, which was held July 29-August 5 at the Gilbert C. Ada gym. The course was put together by the Saipan Amateur Volleyball Association, with assistance provided by the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, said in the press re-

lease.

The 12 teachers received certificates for completing the course, which covered the history and development of volleyball, the role of the coach, volleyball offenses and defenses, teaching volleyball to young children, and various techniques necessary for mastering volleyball.

Another part of the training was putting on a four-team tournament.

The PSS teachers who completed the course were Michael S. Villagomez of William S. Reyes Elementary, Rizalino Sorroza of Oleai Elementary, David Behr of

Koblerville Elementary, Frank Aldan of Garapan Elementary, Jonas Barcinas of San Vicente Elementary, Leticia Capuchino of San Antonio Elementary, Winsor Ngrairbiochel of Hopwood Junior High, and Perry Mesngon and Mike Hopkins of Rota High School, said in the PSS news release.

The private school teachers completing the course were Darrel Hudson and Paul Strickhart of Grace Christian Academy, and Rose Igitol of Northern Marianas College.

Couples among top picks at the International Golf

By JOHN MOSSMAN

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) - Fred Couples, one of the PGA Tour's longest hitters, hits the ball even farther in the International, and therein lies the reason he seldom plays this unique event.

Final SPG qualifiers

THE FINAL round for all SPG qualifiers will be held tomorrow at the Marianas Country Club starting at 6:30 a.m.

Results from Saturday August

13 Qualifier:	
Jim Stowell	78
Jeff Taylor	79
Tony Satur	80
Jess Taitano	82
Jess Wabol	84
John Babauta	86
Rest of field	Over 90's

Couples, returning to Castle Pines Golf Club for the first time since 1989, is among the favorites in the International despite a history of poor results here and near phobia about hitting full shots.

"It's hard for me to stand up from 210 yards and hit a 5- or 6-iron," Couples said Wednesday.

"I want to swing hard, because I don't trust the thin air to carry the ball that far. It's difficult for me to judge distance here. It's just always been frustrating for me to pick the right club."

"Guys who are accustomed to hitting the ball the right distances are going to have a huge advantage. I haven't done that very well."

Couples, who won the Buick Open two weeks ago to complete a comeback from a back injury that had sidelined him for three months, said he intends to temper his game somewhat in the early

rounds, hoping to survive at least until Saturday, which he has never done.

"I think maybe I'll play a little less aggressive than usual," Couples said. "You don't want to be hitting balls over the green all the time around here."

Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal and U.S. Open titlist Ernie Els head the foreign contingent in the appropriately named International, which begins Thursday. British Open and PGA winner Nick Price is not competing, however.

Over the years, the tournament has undergone repeated format changes, although the modified Stableford scoring system remains in effect. A golfer receives 8 points for a double eagle, 5 for eagle, 2 for birdie, zero for par, minus-1 for bogey and minus-3 for double bogey or worse.

Points are cumulative over all

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