

Drastic action coming

NMI Legislature's inaction may force the hand of Congress, warns De Lugo

ON THE eve of a U.S. Senate Subcommittee hearing in Washington, Congressman Ron DeLugo (D-Puerto Rico) has told



Ron DeLugo

Commonwealth legislators and members of the business community that reforms sought by the Tenorio administration must be enacted very soon if a federal takeover of immigration control is to be avoided.

The veteran Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs met with Governor Froilan C. Tenorio as the latter prepared for his testimony at the hearing of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources', Subcommittee on Mineral Resources, Development and Production, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. (Washington time).

Governor Tenorio is the only

witness scheduled to testify for the CNMI.

DeLugo told Governor Tenorio bluntly, "You are not the problem," but emphasized that, "your friends in Congress are not going to go along with any further labor abuses in the Northern Mariana Islands."

DeLugo stressed that, "your House of Representatives and the business community must understand if these problems don't get

fixed very soon, they'll be fixed by action in Washington... And the fix from Washington will be a lot more drastic than it would be on the local level."

Like other officials here, DeLugo credited the Tenorio/Borja administration with making a sincere start on reforms, but said that continued inaction by the legislature on the reform measures would not serve as an excuse much longer.

One example of what might be ahead is permanent loss of Covenant funds; current legislation authored by Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-Calif.) would do just that.

Recalling his April visit to Saipan, DeLugo said that his discussions with legislators, "couldn't have been more clear. Perhaps they didn't take me seriously."

DeLugo said that if reforms

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\$1.5M grant sought for vets' cemetery

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE DEPARTMENT of Community and Cultural Affairs has submitted its state cemetery grant application before the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C., seeking \$1.5 million assistance in establishing the State Veterans Cemetery in Saipan.

DCCA Secretary Thomas A. Tebuteb likewise expressed optimism that their application will be granted after Harold F. Graber, DVA State Cemetery Grants Service director, informed him that VA is willing to fund the project.

Tebuteb explained that under the project, the funds will be used for construction of administrative, maintenance and chapel facilities and approximately 800 burial plots.

If DCCA gets the funding, actual construction will start immediately in January 1995 and is expected to finish by 1996.

"It's a combined two-year effort by DCCA, CNMI Veterans Association, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Governor's Office, and CNMI-Washington Liaison Office... a concerted efforts that involved a

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Manila gov't wants report on Rota rape

By Rafael I. Santos

THE PHILIPPINE government, reacting to information that another Filipina worker had been



Renato Villapando

raped on Rota, has asked its consular officials to submit a report about the incident and closely monitor the developments regarding the case.

At the same time, Manila's Department of Foreign Affairs instructed Consul Renato Villapando to "take care of her (rape victim's) needs."

A Filipino domestic worker reported to the Department of Public Safety last week that she was

repeatedly raped by her male employer.

The Variety has gathered that the woman, a former employee of the posh Manila Peninsula Hotel (not Manila Hotel as earlier reported), was sexually assaulted several times at the suspect's ranch located in the "mountains."

She is now staying on the island and is "safe" but is still recovering from the traumatic experience.

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PSS settlement may have complications

THE CNMI government may find itself having to contend with the possible reopening of the recently settled Public School System discrimination lawsuit if it fails to produce the \$2.25 million settlement amount by the agreed October 1st deadline.

Such a scenario looms after acting Governor Jesus C. Borja yesterday expressed concern that efforts to raise the settlement money may get snagged due to strained relations between the executive and legislative branches.

"The US Department of Justice may go back to court if we fail to meet the October 1 deadline," Borja warned in a news conference yesterday. "This could very well lead to another legal proceeding where DOJ lawyers may go back and ask the court to force us into coming up with the money," he said.

According to Borja, the money required by the lawsuit



Jesus C. Borja

is available but that its release may get preempted by differences of opinion between the two branches of government.

"We have to talk with the House of Representatives about it. But I have the feeling they may probably not be too cooperative again. Maybe we have to tell the court that," said Borja.

Thacting governor's remark may have been borne out of

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Students from Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School gather around a CUC staffer as he explains the importance of electrical safety both at home and at school. CUC has lately embarked on a safety awareness program in the aftermath of a recent electrocution incident in Chalan Piao that left at least two persons seriously hurt.

US told Cedras to stop brutality

By DAVID BEARD

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - The motorcade roared up to Haitian army headquarters carrying the top U.S. general in Haiti with a message for the country's military rulers: Stop beating up your people.

Another 1,000 U.S. military police flew in to help back up Lt. Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton's words.

And thousands of people at the seaport Wednesday cheered as Bradley Fighting Vehicles clanked off a ship ramp onto the docks and rode through the capital's streets.

By late afternoon, American troops arrived at the Haitian army's only munitions depot to dismantle the Caribbean nation's heavy artillery, equipment and weapons.

Haitian police sheathed the clubs they had used Tuesday in full view of American troops. But they still shoved and threatened people and in one case hurtled through a crowd in a van to break up a demonstration.

"Get out of way! I'm going to kick your butt!" one policeman shouted. He was pushing one of at least 5,000 Haitians who have been drawn to the U.S. beachheads here, hoping that America's Operation Uphold Democracy will actually do so.

A 9-year-old boy was shot by military-backed gunmen, according to his mother and other witnesses, although there were conflicting reports as to whether he had been killed or only wounded.

Haiti's de facto government banned public gatherings, an action criticized by the U.S. Em-

bassy as anti-democratic and largely ignored Wednesday by thousands of Haitians.

The encounter between Shelton and Haitian strongman Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras dramatized the tensions between American and Haitian soldiers, enemies just days ago but now uneasy partners in keeping the peace.

Human rights organizations and Washington itself until recently had depicted the Haitian police and army as killers, rapists, extortionists and kidnappers. Since the 1991 coup that ousted the elected government, up to 3,000 Haitians have been killed in military-tolerated political violence.

But now U.S. officials are publicly trying to portray some of the Haitian troops as professional, while not ruling out stronger action to protect the Haitian people.

"The habits of violence will not be shed overnight," President Clinton said. "We will make steady progress. We will restore democracy. ... We will also work to moderate the conduct of Haitian security forces without assuming their responsibilities."

However Shelton, in an interview with The Associated Press, said there were limits to the U.S. mission. "We certainly cannot police 100 percent of Haiti," he said. "It's a rather large area."

Exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who is to return to office under the agreement reached last weekend with the Haitian military, finally voiced his support for the U.S. effort, after days of indirect criticism.

"Nothing must block this light of peace - neither violence nor vengeance, guns nor provocation, impunity nor retaliation," Aristide said in a ceremony on the steps of the Pentagon. "Peace must flourish in Haiti."

Aristide's statement muted his objections to allowing Cedras to remain in power through mid-October and to possibly remain in Haiti afterward.

Fleets of helicopters, planes and amphibious boats kept ferrying in the American troops Wednesday. Shelton, who counted 35 C-5 and C-141 landings by midmorning, expected up to 10,000 troops by day's end, not including the 1,000

military police.

"(The) use of unnecessary force is a matter of concern to us," the general told reporters Wednesday morning. "The (Haitian) military and police have not had to deal with such large amounts (of people). They are not trained in crowd control."

As if to illustrate the point, while Shelton was visiting the seaport, Haitian soldiers scattered a crowd waiting outside by driving a van straight into it. Anyone who had stumbled would have been run over.

Shelton then took off in a motorcade, including three Humvees with machine gun-toting guards, and speeded through downtown Port-au-Prince to Cedras' headquarters. Shelton spent 75 minutes inside, his security men standing out on the veranda with Haitian guards.

He came out and said Cedras had agreed to cooperate in reining in his soldiers and police.

Haiti's military-installed government banned street demonstrations "to avoid the chaos and the bloodbath so evidently desired by

some." But the ban was generally ignored Wednesday.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schragger criticized the ban as anti-democratic. But he and several pro-Aristide groups also called for order, asking Haitians to wait to demonstrate until the full 15,000-member U.S. force was in place.

U.S. troops late Wednesday occupied the Camp d'Application in suburban Petionville, where such heavy equipment as six V-150 armored vehicles, 40mm and 20mm anti-aircraft weapons, anti-tank weapons and artillery is stored. The equipment was to be "rendered inoperable," and a U.S. Special Forces battalion would share the barracks with Haitian soldiers.

"There's not going to be any more coup d'etats in Haiti," jubilantly declared one neighbor, 65-year-old Marcel Emile. Emile, white-haired and toothless, enthusiastically slapped the palm of a visitor in a high-five gesture known in Creole as "papash."

Soldiers from the base helped lead the 1991 overthrow of Aristide.

Sisters gouged out sibling's eyes

By KATIE FAIRBANK

DALLAS (AP) - Myra Obasi and her sisters say they were fleeing the devil.

They gave away their children, tried to drive into traffic and off bridges, and eventually abandoned their car, saying it was cursed.

Finally, prosecutors say, they tried to remove the evil possess-

ing Myra by pummeling her and gouging out her eyeballs, possibly with their fingernails.

Doretha Crawford, 34, and Beverly Johnson, 35, both of Arcadia, La., were found guilty of aggravated assault Wednesday against their now-blind sister. They will be sentenced Thursday and could get up to 10 years in prison.

Ms. Crawford and Ms. Johnson

have told police that they were fleeing demons but that they don't remember how their sister lost her eyes.

Ms. Obasi, 30, also testified that she can't remember how she was blinded, but that she doesn't believe her sisters were responsible.

"It's the truth," said the former second-grade teacher, who told authorities that she didn't want

her sisters prosecuted.

Assistant District Attorney George West accused Ms. Obasi of changing her story to protect her sisters. He said Ms. Obasi told police after the March 18 incident that her sisters gouged out her eyes to free her from the devil.

Clinton asked to declare immigration emergency

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Gov. Pete Wilson asked President Clinton on Wednesday to declare an immigration emergency in California.

"You have acknowledged the illegal immigration crisis in other states," he wrote, referring to Clinton's recent aid to stop Cubans flooding Florida. "I implore you to take immediate action to assist the people of California."

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno responded that the Clinton administration had made great progress in tightening the border and blamed the extent of the problem on decades of neglect.

The motives of the Republican incumbent were questioned by the opposition.

"He's an election-year phony on immigration," said John Whitehurst, campaign spokesman for Democratic challenger Kathleen Brown. "We're entitled to the money. But he waited until 48 days before an election to ask for it."

Both candidates have called on the federal government to reimburse California for the costs of providing health, education and welfare services to illegal immigrants, as mandated by federal law.

Wage hike good start point

By Rafael H. Arroyo

ACTING Governor Jesus C. Borja yesterday said raising the local minimum wage to the federal level as proposed under Senate Bill 9-142 may be a good starting point, but that there is a need to study the matter more closely.

During one of his regular news conferences yesterday, Borja expressed the Administration's intention of pursuing higher wages,

but stressed such a complicated issue should be weighed very carefully.

"For me it (the bill) may not be enough so I am asking our people to look into this and see if it would be alright as a start or whether we should ask that they look into other concerns we have on the issue, the governor said.

Borja was commenting on the Senate bill introduced by Senate President Juan S. Demapan ear-

lier this week and which passed the upper house on first reading.

The bill, which took after the administration's hourly minimum wage proposal of \$4.25, is seeking imposition of such a local wage by July 1, 1995, regardless of industry and job category.

The Administration proposal was to hike the current \$2.45 minimum wage to \$4.25 initially for the garment industry effective 1995 and on all other industries a year later, with exemptions for domestic workers, farmers and the like.

In his bill, Demapan proposes a \$4.25 wage across the board with no exemptions so that all workers in the CNMI are of equal footing as far as the minimum pay is concerned.

"Our current state of the law does not take into account other factors, so I'm just wondering whether we should go with this," said Borja during yesterday's news conference. "So all I could say is we are looking into this matter."

Specifically, Borja indicated there may be a need to quantify the overall value of the incentives required of employers to give their workers and make this a consideration in assessing the "actual" and "real" wage employees receive.

"For example, let's set a value on room and board; on medical expenses paid for by employers. Let's then arrive at that value and say for how much that person is really being employed so we can also tax them," said Borja.

"These are the matters going

through my mind to see whether we could have a comprehensive revision of the current state of the law," said Borja.

The acting governor pointed out that the CNMI government is pushing for a fairer minimum wage level not because the US is forcing it to do so, but more so because doing it is right for the people working here, regardless of nationality or origin.

As to how Demapan's bill compares with the Administration's version submitted last January, Borja said theirs may have been more drastic for the garment industry.

"We wanted something gradual also, but I don't think it is as gradual as what the Legislature wants," said Borja.

Outage on Saturday as CUC trims trees

THIS Saturday, September 24th, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crews will trim the trees at the base of Capitol Hill, a news release from CUC said.

The area is located within wetlands where bucket trucks are not allowed. Therefore, the crews will have to climb each power pole and trim all debris from the area. In order to protect their lives, the electricity will be turned off while they are on the power poles.

Saturday's project is limited to power distribution feeder number four - that's the line that runs from Lower Base, up Cap-

itol Hill through Kagman. The power outage will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last approximately four hours, until 1:00 p.m.

"Overgrown trees are causing damage and power outages to Saipan's electrical system," the CUC release said.

According to Power Distribution Manager, Angel Falig, the trees are growing dangerously close to high voltage electrical lines. In addition, the rains and the wind push the trees and branches into the lines which results in power outages so CUC crews have been out trimming the trees around power lines.

Settlement in dope case nixed

By Rafael I. Santos

A SUPERIOR Court judge yesterday rejected a proposed plea agreement reached by a criminal defendant and the attorney general's office.

Andres Celado Lang-ay, who is facing a marijuana charge, was scheduled for a change of plea yesterday morning, but the hearing was postponed until in the afternoon.

When lawyers returned in the afternoon, they were told by a court clerk that Judge Marty Taylor did not want to accept the plea agreement. No reason was given to Assistant Attorney General Russell E. Marsh and to the Public Defender's Office.

A hearing has been scheduled for today.

Lang-ay has agreed to plead guilty to the charge of delivery of a controlled substance in exchange for a lighter sentence. The terms of the agreement were not known, but they were supposed to be pronounced yesterday during the change of plea hearing.

Last week, the government filed a one-count information against the defendant, accusing him of engaging in distribution of marijuana. Marsh has said that the marijuana seized was a branch and probably worth a hundred dollars.

The filing of complaint followed the arrest of Lang-ay in Chinatown area. Little information is known about the suspect. His arrest on September 10 came seven days after he allegedly engaged in the delivery of marijuana.



Andres Celado Lang-ay



Saipan 7th Adventist School P.E. teacher Rebecca Holtry guides her students how to play football at San Antonio basketball court yesterday.

Outcome of Itibus case irritates Saipan solon

REACTING to a denial of grievance from Pedro I. Itibus by the Civil Service Commission, Congressman Stanley T. Torres said the Commission did not consider all the facts in the case, and thus denied Itibus justice.

Itibus earlier this year submitted a written letter of resignation to his supervisor, Board of Parole Chairperson Guadalupe P. Manglona. However, he reconsidered and asked her to withdraw the letter of resignation. She informed him that she would do so.

Another Board member, Ursula L. Aldan, who later submitted an affidavit, confirmed that Itibus was informed by Manglona that his resignation would be withdrawn by the Chairperson.

However, Manglona proceeded to forward the letter of resignation to the Personnel Office for processing despite her assurance to Itibus. The Personnel Office processed the resignation. Itibus subsequently filed a grievance.

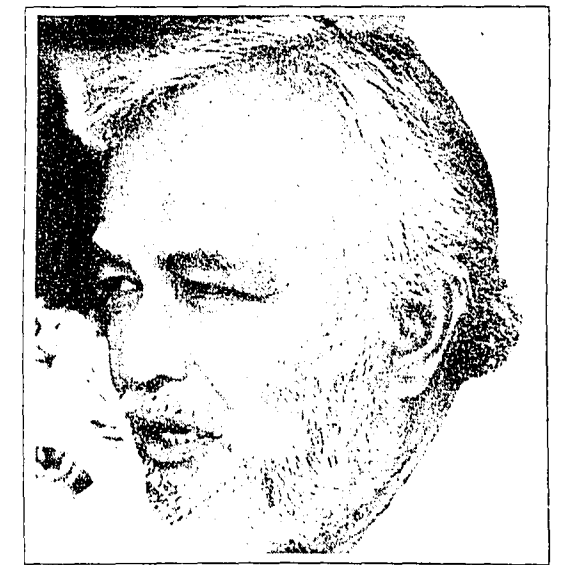
The Civil Service Commission issued a findings of fact, conclusions of law and order which denied Itibus' grievance. In their conclusion, the CSC cited a rule where all withdrawals of resignation must be in writing.

Torres said the reason that Itibus did not submit a written letter of resignation was because Manglona had verbally informed him that she would withdraw it, a claim supported by Aldan in her affidavit, also signed by two other board members. Based on the trust and assurance of his supervisor, Itibus let the matter rest.

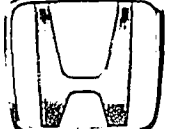
Torres said CSC never cited Aldan's supporting statements, and allowed "deception" on the part of Manglona to

prevail.


Itibus has filed suit in the Superior Court on the case. Upon learning what happened, Torres said he was not impressed by the sloppy job done by CSC and fears that the public will be burdened again with an unnecessary legal expense.




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EDITORIAL Time to listen

THE MESSAGE from Virgin Islands Congressional Delegate Ron De Lugo relayed to the people of the CNMI yesterday is alarmingly clear. Congressional action would be quick, decisive, merciless and with reason. Reason backed with a great deal of patience and tolerance.

The scenario looming in the horizon is gloomy and seemingly inevitable. The threat has never been this real.

It appears as sure as sunshine the CNMI is indeed faced with the prospect of losing immigration, federal financial assistance and more importantly, dignity. That is if stubbornness continues.

The CNMI has been given a lot of chances at redemption, only to fail everytime.

For years local leaders have been promising Congress immediate steps to correct problem areas that served as crux of federal irritation, to no avail.

Whatever the reason is — be it an unwitting citizenry or a perennially arguing leadership — the point is, attempts at reforms has always fallen short of expectations, to the chagrin of the powers that be.

Ron De Lugo's message relayed days ago to Governor Tenorio is crystal clear. "You are not the problem yet the continued inaction of your House of Representatives and the business community would not serve as an excuse any longer. Your friends in Congress are not going to go along with any further abuses."

For all it seems, De Lugo may have a point in what he said.

Just the mere fact that the words of warning came from one key official widely perceived as an untiring advocate of the CNMI, should open the eyes of our local leaders on the need to get together under one common goal.

The Virgin Islands delegate was here last April urging local leaders to endeavor reforms. In meetings with both executives and lawmakers, he stated his point loud and clear — reforms are needed or else.

The Tenorio Administration may have been consistent with what it has been saying since taking power. Follow up on the previous administration's promises of reform. Do our best in putting our local labor, immigration, taxation and minimum wage policies at par with federal standards; take a shot at financial self-reliance and in the process earn our rightful place in the American family.

But such a noble objective, notwithstanding, the effort sadly got lost in the myriad of issues confronting the CNMI.

Disagreements on these issues happened. Conflicts worsened and presto, reforms get stalled.

The House has since been a very worthy adversary to Tenorio's reformist style of management. The latter's tendency to be a drastic mover of changes has earned him critics in the Legislature, especially the House.

The House on the other hand cannot be entirely blamed as its leaders are only championing the cause of good government, making sure that every gubernatorial move is prim and proper.

Call it politics or just plain 'checks and balance.' The bottomline is that the CNMI has a Democrat governor not in best of terms with a Republican House of Representatives.

So even if the House has been very convincing at arguing for good government, it slowly dawned upon some people, De Lugo included, that such preoccupation at finding ills in government is rearing an ugly head — the promises for reforms are gone.

In contrast to being the champion of good government, it appears that in the eyes of Congress the Legislature is slowly taking the villain's role.

Obviously aware of what's happening, it is really time for De Lugo to come in and give his thoughts on how he sees the problem.

Although all he has is but barely four months left in his term, it is thoughtful of him to advise us the storm may be coming soon after the 104th Congress convenes. A welcome advice from an outside observer looking in.

With the impending adverse knee-jerk reaction from US Congress, it appears the loser in this never-ending squabble is the people of the CNMI. When will we listen? When will we learn?



JR's Agenda

by John S. DelRosario, JR.

The House Subcommittee on Taxation has no choice but to recommend approval of a tax reform measure before the end of the year. I don't envy the delicate work of the committee who is tasked to strike a balance in tax rates for both big and small businesses. Definitely, there are big businesses here who have reaped millions of dollars who, interestingly, are the strongest opponents of any cut in the capital gains tax. How about showing us your sense of community?

I also heard through the grapevine that the same tax reform measure would include a sneaky provision to delay implementation of the minimum wage comparable to the federal government's \$4.35 an hour. If this attempt is successful, then it would have confirmed my suspicion that the Republican controlled House of Representatives is waltzing with the "we few" rich and famous friends in this community. This is the group who forced the US Congress to keep the CNMI under its microscopic lens. For once in your life, please represent those who elected you into office and not those who paid for your comfortable seat!

For the first time since its inception last January, House Democrats and Republicans displayed an ultra-sense of unity when it resoundingly approved a gambling measure without blinking. How I wish that it could forge the same sense of unity to consider substantive issues we have shelved for three years now, i.e., taxation, labor, minimum wage and immigration.

The legislature's ability to fuel the final destruction of our community's fragile social fabric with gambling is stunningly extraordinary. Members have donned new shiny suits brokering for organized crime to bust open the floodgates of paradise and sink it into the abyss of hell. Each has decided to become an accessory to the demise of the CNMI from a proud self-governing entity to one of a territory run by the federal government because its leaders are long on approving destructive measures and quite short when tasked to consider substantive legislation.

Poker was expanded some years back because we wanted it as a diversionary activity for tourists. We approved it. We found out later that the targeted group of players aren't the tourists. It's the local people who can be found in poker joints all over the island dumping their savings into a device that is hardly regulated. It attracted weekend players from Guam, including food stamp recipients from here. Isn't the subtle destruction of families here sufficient enough for our lawmakers to employ reason over greed?

If you will, gambling in Japan is illegal. Therefore, Japanese tourists are not necessarily gamblers. It's the wrong targeted group. We need not go further than Timian. Has the casino gambling industry worked? It's disintegrating, right? So who's fooling who? The only winners in this venture are the brokers who would have collected their huge fees not to mention the Yakuza. What revenue are we talking about?

Pure speculation, isn't it? Since when is throwing the floodgates open for organized crime to parade into our islands a matter of state duty? What an alternative to growth and development—gambling and organized crime!

Though the gambling measure was railroaded in the House of Representatives, its approval may be unconstitutional given the terms of the 1979 referendum when casino gambling was shut down by an overwhelming majority of our people. Please scrutinize both that instrument and the provisional nature of pertinent constitutional amendment. It pre-empted the legislature from approving casino gambling in the CNMI unless it is taken up either by popular or legislative initiative.

I find the effort by a member of the Board of Education calling for the termination of the commissioner of education rather precipitous. The discriminatory salary schedule isn't without its own history. And the board ought to know full well that it is a replica of the old TIG pay scale espoused by the federal government which, over thirty years, was accepted as legal though the indigenous people knew that it was discriminatory since its inception.

When similar discrimination lawsuit was litigated in the US Supreme Court, the highest court in the union acknowledged it is discriminatory though it never ordered either the Departments of the Navy and Interior or the federal government to cough up what was sought by indigenous litigants to bring this matter to justice.

The non-resolution of this matter doesn't absolve the US Government of its obligations either. And we will forever hold the US Government responsible for the flawed fashion it has enforced justice out here.

The discriminatory pay scale didn't come into force when Commissioner William S. Torres took over the helm of PSS. Neither is he the culprit of the final settlement that had to be inked given that such a decision requires board approval. Though the figure was negotiated it remains a public obligation. The federal tribunal has ruled it discriminatory. The choice is either you pay now or face contempt of court. And no matter how you skin it the consequence remains the same!

The lawsuit could have been resolved amicably. But a former government attorney (now in private practice) assigned to handle the matter allegedly treated it with half-cocked commitment. Thus, the costly mistake originated with the former government legal eagle who neglected his fiduciary responsibilities. This negligence forced PSS to retain outside counsel for an exorbitant fee. The CNMI taxpayers must now cough up more than \$2 Million to settle this issue.

Why would anyone dump thirty odd years of discrimination on the commissioner's lap who was only a kid when Uncle Sam, through the Departments of Navy and Interior, effected its own discriminatory salary scale where holes make \$1-plus an hour with grand amenities for living in paradise, while ignorant indigenous people had to make do with bread crumbs like \$3.33 an hour. I suppose justice protects the interests of the stronger of the two parties, right? (Note: Beginning October, this column will appear three times a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; Asuntun Marianas on Tuesdays and Thursdays.)

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Byrd brings home a NASA gold mine

WASHINGTON—At a recent tribute dinner for Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., President Clinton engaged in some good-natured needling of a politician renowned for his fidelity to the founding fathers as well as his two-fisted efforts to bring home the bacon for West Virginia.

Clinton explained how he tried to overcome Byrd's opposition to NASA's space station. "He said he couldn't do that unless I were willing to move the Capitol to West Virginia," quipped Clinton. "I'm still considering it."

The joke was not wide of the mark Byrd has delivered more than \$1 billion in federal money to his home state redeeming a 1989 promise made when he took over the Senate Appropriations Committee. Sometimes that has meant uprooting bureaucracies—such as the FBI's fingerprint lab—and moving them to West Virginia.

Now Byrd and Rep. Alan Mollohan, D-W. Va., have entered the space age: They have engineered the relocation of a NASA project and its 200 jobs from White Sands, N.M., to the city of Fairmont in Mollohan's district. A draft copy of a "Rapid Action" audit by NASA's inspector general we've obtained shows that the misguided move will waste nearly \$140 million of taxpayer money.

The audit—marked "For Official Use" only because it contains "procurement sensitive information"—shows that the move is "inefficient and without technical merit" and that NASA "may be exposed to security risks" because Fairmont isn't equipped to handle the project.

Although Byrd complained during debate over the space station last year that some "things on Earth need a little attention sooner than those things in outer space," Byrd and Mollohan attended the dedication of the Fairmont complex this summer. It was built by West Virginia University with \$12.4 million in federal money that Byrd helped to secure. NASA sources say that in order to help justify the construction of the new complex, Byrd and Mollohan successfully lobbied for the data production facility of NASA's Earth Observing System (EOS) to be moved to Fairmont.

"It doesn't make much sense to put it in West Virginia," one NASA official told our associate Ed Henry. "I don't see any justification for

John Lawrence of NASA's legislative affairs office simply told us: "You know how the process works." A Byrd spokeswoman had no comment, and Mollohan didn't return our phone calls.

EOS is being developed to observe the Earth from space, collect and process the data, and then distribute the data to scientists in order to study global change. EOS's data production facility was slated to be at White Sands because the raw data is transmitted there anyway. The move to Fairmont will duplicate operations and management personnel.

"Several identical positions are currently intended for operations in Fairmont and White Sands," reads the audit. "These positions can be eliminated with the consolidation (of the two facilities) in White Sands."

But now "massive communication lines" will be needed to send data from White Sands to Fairmont, racking up an extra \$20 million in equipment costs alone—including over \$16 million for new circuits. In all, the audit estimates that the move will cost taxpayers an extra \$39 million from now until the year 2000, and an extra \$97 million beyond then.

NASA officials are also concerned because some of the data handled at Fairmont will be classified as "sensitivity level 3," which means the data may affect "safety of life, safety of spacecraft or major mission failure." The audit notes that while the White Sands complex is located in a secure environment, the Fairmont complex is not.

"Other tenants planned in Fairmont will be involved in activities that require open access to the facility," it warns. "Because of the public nature of the other tenants in Fairmont, NASA's secure environment for the EOS data and mission-critical EOS program could be vulnerable."

The audit also claims there may be insufficient space at Fairmont to house all of the archived data. "Only 2,000 square feet has been allocated for the archive function at Fairmont, whereas 5,000 square feet is currently required to archive" the data, according to the audit.

While most politicians would be defensive, Byrd has been refreshingly honest. As he said during a 1991 debate on a pork-laden transportation bill: "Oh, they say he is trying to get everything he can for West Virginia. I would not be worth my salt if I did not attempt to represent the people of West Virginia.... They may call me provincial if they wish, I do not care."

Letters to the Editor

Reyes lashes back at Taisacan

Dear Editor:

PLEASE allow me to respond to some comments made by Jesus M. Taisacan which was published by your column on September 16, 1994.

Mr. Taisacan obviously took the initiative to express his views on the issue of "Tax Reform" in support of the Governor's proposal under House Bill 9-250. In expressing his support for such tax reform proposal, Mr. Taisacan contends that such proposal would cure our current deficit problem which he has referred to as "\$30 million deficit of the past administration." Further Mr. Taisacan said: "It is a well known fact that the past administration incurred a \$30 million deficit. Repre-

sentative Reyes chooses not to assist in alleviating this chaotic problem."

In response, I wish to tell Mr. Taisacan that he is free to say whatever he thinks on the issue of tax reform particularly as it pertains to the Governor's proposal in the form of H.B. 9-250. However, I would like to caution him that my position on this issue has been and remains one of support for a proposal that is "fair and beneficial to all taxpayers." Nevertheless, he chose not visit my office so we could discuss our differences on this issue. I have practiced an open door policy here at the legislature so I see no problem in discussing the pros and cons of the issue with him.

Since Mr. Taisacan seems to know the content of H.B. 9-250, I suppose that he would be more than willing to share with the reading public what provisions are there in the tax reform package proposal which the House of Representatives, can convince the hardworking CNMI taxpayers as being fair and beneficial to them. Let me also remind Mr. Taisacan that we are currently reviewing and seriously scrutinizing two other pieces of tax reform legislation; one being submitted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; the other being the house version proposed under H.B. 9-83. I would be the first to admit that this is not a simple task to undertake.

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Feeling cheated of school hours

Dear Editor:

ALLOW me once again to use your column to convey some very serious concerns both to the leadership on Capitol Hill and those in Lower Base. My concerns are specifically related to the issue of education; specifically in regards to the idiotic concept of double session at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary. In these sessions classes begin at 7:30 in the morning and end at 11:00. That is only 3.5 hours a day and is short of the regular school session by about two whole hours.

I tried to discuss this issue with the principal who abruptly cut me

short by saying that it is the responsibility of the parents to compensate for the inadequacy of the Public School System to provide the instructional time as specified in its own policy. The principal seems to be convinced that the two hours of instructional time they fail to provide can be compensated by giving students homework. I have a better idea. Why don't PSS just give us the taxpayers' money they're allotted for the education of each student and we'll take over from here.

The reason the school gave for the double session is the shortage of classrooms. My question is, have they looked at all other op-

tions? I know they cannot build new classrooms immediately but what about the classroom they now utilize as the library? In ten visits to that school I have not once seen students in that library. Besides you can fit all the books in that library on two classrooms book shelves. Then there is that building where administration used to be. What ta hell is in there? Has it ever occurred to them that the same building where administration is now housed can fit two classes but, is now used as offices for two administrators and a secretary. Just three people and to think we can fit between 40 to

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Conserve our forests, beaches

Dear Editor:

EVER embark on a hike down a well-known trail and discover a poorly marked route overgrown with thick tall grass, muddy terrain, and trash strewn along the way? Hiking can be one of the most enjoyable ways to enjoy Saipan's natural beauty. It can also be one of the most frustrating.

One solution is to create a Conservation Corps that will maintain our forests and beaches. During the Great Depression, Franklin

Delano Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), which sent thousands of young Americans into the woods. They cleared debris, removed fallen trees, and created hundreds of trails that people still walk on. For many participants, the experience stayed with them for a lifetime. My grandpa always said that it was one of the best things he ever did.

During his campaign, Bill Clinton revived this idea once again: Be a part of a youth corps for a couple years, help improve

your community, and get a college education or money for a down-payment on a house in return. Not a bad deal.

Last Fall President Clinton delivered on this promise by signing the National Service Trust Act, and funds are now available for youth service programs. Such a program is in the planning stages right now in Saipan. It's not too early to show your support or interest. If you would like to help improve our community, in exchange for college or money, pick

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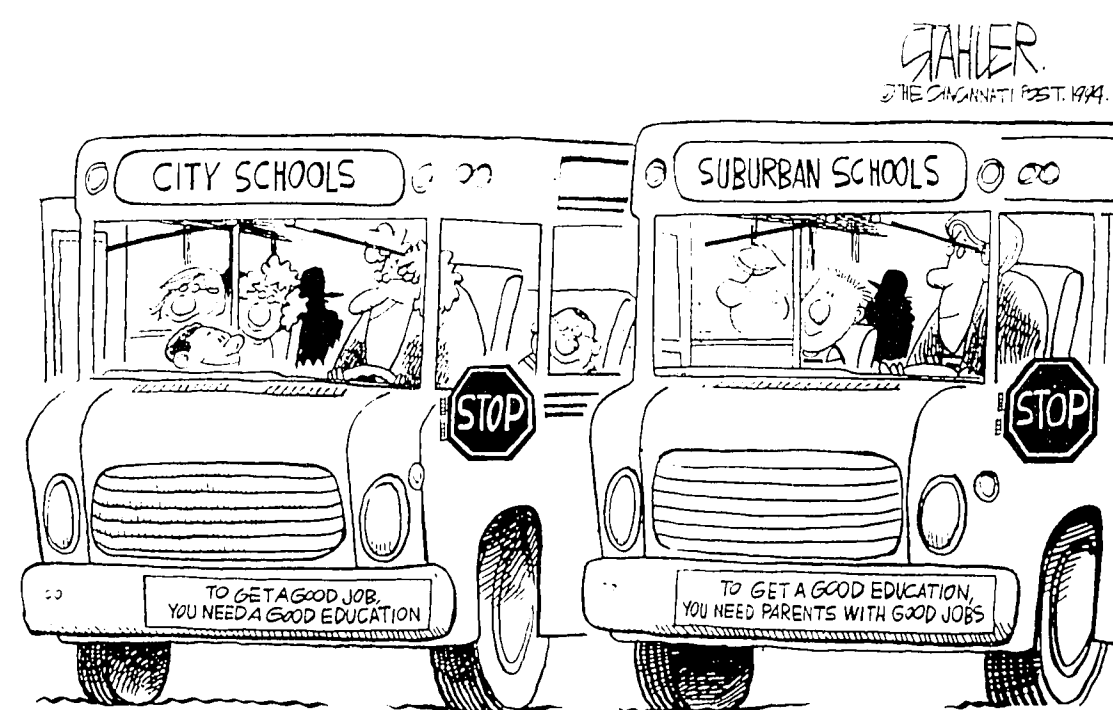
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2 months for drug conspiracy

By Rafael I. Santos

A MAN who admitted conspiring with his aunt to deliver marijuana on Saipan was sentenced yesterday to five years in jail and fined \$500.

Superior Court Judge Miguel Demapan however suspended four years and ten months of the

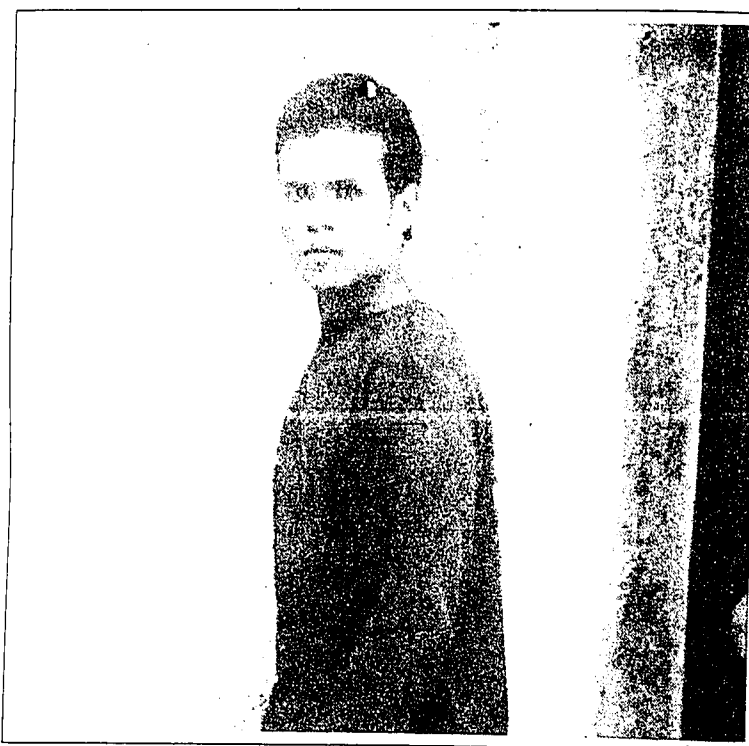
sentence imposed on Charlie Rechesengel. This means that the defendant will only spend sixty days in jail.

Under the Commonwealth Code, a person convicted of drug conspiracy faces a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

The sentence was handed down

by the judge after advising Rechesengel his rights. Rechesengel, who hails from Palau, will begin serving his sentence beginning next month. He was ordered to report to the Division of Corrections on October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Rechesengel will also perform 480 hours of community work



Charlie Rechesengel

service within six months following his release in November.

The defendant initially pleaded innocent to a charge of aiding and abetting importation of marijuana. Yesterday, however, he pleaded guilty to a related charge of conspiracy to deliver marijuana following plea negotiations between him and the attorney general's office.

As part of the agreement, the aiding and abetting charge was dismissed by the government.

Rechesengel agreed to cooperate with the attorney general's office and government investigators in tracking down the source of the marijuana he picked up from the Saipan International Airport last month.

The agreement stipulated that he will provide truthful and complete information regarding the drug case filed against his aunt, Hermiana Spesungel.

Spesungel, who was arrested while attending a regional conference on education at Hopwood Junior High School last month, is awaiting trial. Charged against her included importation of marijuana.

The Palauan teacher was accused of bringing in 1,119 sticks

of marijuana joints concealed in a cooler containing fish. The controlled substance weighed less than one kilogram, according to Assistant Attorney General Russell Marsh.

On August 8, Rechesengel went to the Continental Airlines Air Freight to claim some cargo from Palau. When a shipment consigned to him was inspected, marijuana was found between the cooler and the liner.

Customs inspectors X-rayed the cooler and noticed some spots on the sides and bottom of the cooler. When the inner lining of the cooler was pulled out, rolled marijuana sticks were discovered.

Rechesengel told Customs officers and Department of Public Safety agents that he met the previous night with Spesungel during which he was asked by his aunt to get the cooler, according to the government.

He further told authorities that he had agreed to deliver the marijuana for his aunt. Rechesengel was then booked into the DPS jail but was released later.

Spesungel was nabbed a day after her nephew's arrest. Her case is now pending in Superior Court.

Plan will train youth as aviation mechanics

CONGRESSMAN Stanley T. Torres lauded Continental Micronesia for plans to develop a junior aviation mechanic training program for young adults in the Commonwealth.

"Aviation mechanics are excellent jobs with great salaries and benefits, and Continental Micronesia is to be commended for opening the door to these opportunities for our local people," Torres said in a news release yesterday.

The House of Representatives recently passed a resolution sponsored by Reps. Torres, Jesus Attao, Ben Attao, Ray Dela Cruz, and Heinz Hofschneider endorsing a proposed hiring and training program by the Continental

Micronesia Aircraft Maintenance Department.

Torres noted that Floyd Statham of Continental Micronesia has developed a program to fill four junior mechanic slots with young adults recruited from the Commonwealth at wages comparable with their mainland counterparts. More importantly, according to Torres, junior mechanics would have the opportunity for advanced training at off-island schools and greater responsibilities and promotion.

Torres, who has long advocated government support for a jet maintenance facility on Saipan, said the CNMI would benefit by creating a pool of skilled aviation mechanics here.

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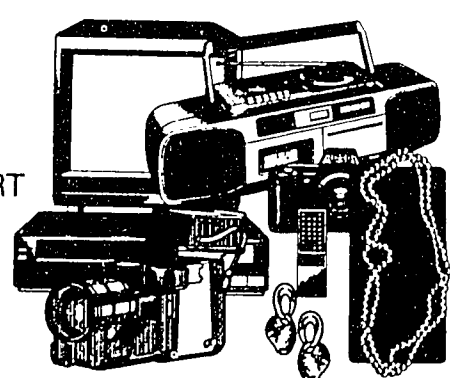
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DPS forming diver rescue team

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety is likely to form a 20-man rescue divers team in the CNMI after the completion of an intense rescue training for DPS personnel.

Lino Tenorio, DPS deputy commissioner for operations, told the Variety that the dive rescue training is primarily geared toward law enforcement type of diving rescue operation.

Tenorio said Mike Alvensesleben, an instructor with 25-year diving experience both recreational and commercial from California, is closely working with Northern Marianas College instructors Patrick McArthur, Jim Bingham and Felix Mendiola.

"These guys will be working together to train and certify our officers. our aim is to operate a group of specialized rescue divers team," he said.

The deputy commissioner for operations explained that the training

program came up after the Boating Safety received a grant which allows 20 personnel to undergo such course.

The three month-training, which will be five days a week, involves all Boating Safety personnel and DPS officers from Tinian and Rota. Training will start in the last part of October or mid-November. The personnel will be divided in two sessions.

Tenorio said the instructors are currently in the process of showing the equipments.

He said strict selections will be made since it will be a very intense training.

"We have a lot of recreational divers and fishermen here but the water condition is treacherous...the people tend to figure in an accident," Tenorio said.

With the certified dive rescue personnel, he stressed, there will be a more capable dive rescue team to accomplish the search and rescue mission.

"It will benefit us a lot. It means a quicker response time, with up to date equipment, and certified personnel equipped with rescue techniques," he said.

At present, DPS has its Search and Rescue Recovery Unit under Lt. Juan Aldan. The officers however, are assigned to different divisions and units at DPS.



Lino Tenorio

On the other hand, Claudio K. Norita, Federal Programs Coordinator for DPS Office of Highway Safety and Federal Programs, explained that the training is realized through the Recreational Boating Safety grant amounting \$243,000.

Norita however, stressed that the funds will be used not just for the diving rescue training but also for boating safety activities, educational programs and to purchase equipments.

The Federal Programs coordinator said the United States Coast Guard approved the grant to assist the DPS Boating Safety programs since a number of reported drowning occurred in CNMI.

Norita claimed that in 1991 more than 10 persons drowned while in 1992 there were close to 10.

He underscored the need to create a diver rescue team in CNMI as part of Search and Rescue Operation.

He said the personnel who will undergo such training are all DPS personnel—eight from Boating Safety, three each from Tinian and Rota and the six remaining—are reserved for DPS units in Saipan.

"Now we are finalizing the recruitment of people...we have to be strict in the selection because the training is physically and mentally demanding," he said.

"It's beneficial to the community...we are on islands and we have a lot of local fishermen...the main economy is tourism...tourists are enjoying beaches, fishing and scuba diving, we must keep our water safe," said Norita referring to the training.

When the team takes effect, he added, there will be a quick in response time and more public education in boating safety as well.

In CNMI, there are a lot of certified scuba divers but no certified rescue divers, Norita emphasized.



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Korean arrivals up, Japanese down

By Ferdie de la Torre

VISITORS from Korea made another impressive 80% growth while Japanese arrivals reported an 8% decrease for the month of August as compared to the same period last year.

Marianas Visitors Bureau statistics indicated that last August, there were 12,525 Korean tourists as compared to only 6,971 of the same month in 1993, resulting to a significant 80% increase.

Japanese tourists have always been the dominant in terms of arrival, however, Korean visitors have been making an imposing mark in the CNMI.

Arrivals from Korea posted 62% growth for the month of July as compared to last year while Japanese visitors reported a 7% increase.

The MVB monthly statistics also showed that for Japanese travels, there were 36,432 visitors as compared to 39,792 in 1993 of the same month, indicating an 8% drop.

It was the first time such a big decrease in Japanese arrivals so far this year as compared by months.

In the month of July, Japanese arrivals reported a 7% increase.

Except in August, the highest was only a 2% decrease. This happened in the month of December

when 32,259 were registered in 1993 but dropped to 31,612 of the same period.

Majority of visitor arrivals to the CNMI arrive in Saipan. The 6% increase in visitor arrivals to Saipan

include sea travels.

The controversial Rota island posted a very high 66% increase while Tinian again experienced a decline of 88%.

The figures do not take into account visitors who travelled to Rota

and Tinian through Saipan, MVB stressed.

The MVB's advertising agency, the Dentsu Young and Rubican has been successful in promoting CNMI in Korea and Japan as a safe tourist destination.

Mitchell trial resumes Monday

By Rafael I. Santos

A JUDGE in the celebrated Theodore Mitchell trial, which started Wednesday, has ordered a recess until Monday to enable the government to present more witnesses.

Nine witnesses, including a local businessman and an aviation technician took the witness stand at the start of the trial Wednesday. The first four witnesses related before the jury how they saw the Cafe Mogambo altercation that left Saipan lawyer James Grizzard injured.

The 1992 incident landed

Grizzard to hospital where he underwent cranial surgery for severe head injuries which he sustained when his head hit a cigarette vending machine.

Among those who had already testified are Diego Mendiola, a Saipan businessman, Ernesto Murrone, an aviation technician and Craig Bidelsbach, a manager at Rudolph's restaurant.

All three were among a number of people who saw the bar room fight inside the Garapan establishment.

Some of the witnesses said they saw and heard Mitchell screaming at David Wickline, a Saipan consultant, on the night of August 9, 1993. Apparently agitated, Mitchell did not only yell at Wickline prior to the incident but he also uttered foul words, the witnesses told the jury Wednesday.

Later, Grizzard approached Mitchell to calm him down. It was during this time that Mitchell pushed him with all force, causing the victim to fall, according to the witnesses.

The defense has said Grizzard should be blamed for his own injuries. Howard Trapp, lawyer for Mitchell, told the court that the victim's blood alcohol content was .192 % which is considered very high.

He said another person in Wickline's group was pushed by Mitchell twice but did not fall on the floor, the defense lawyer said.

Mitchell faces one count of aggravated assault in connection with the 1993 incident. He had earlier claimed that he acted at that time in self-defense.

Jurors are to determine whether or Mitchell did commit the offense out of self-defense.

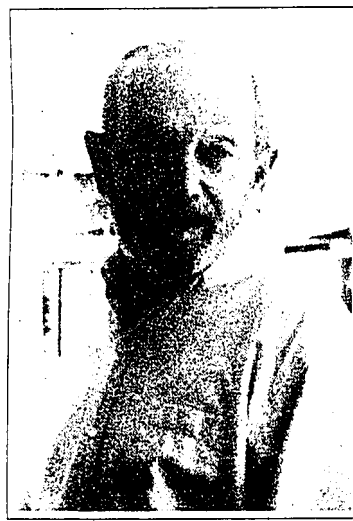
Media coverage of Mitchell's trial has been extensive due to the defendant's prominence in the community.

For many landowners who were able to get back their lands leased by foreigners fraudulently, Mitchell is their hero.

The long-time Saipan lawyer has won many cases involving Article XII which restricts ownership of land in the commonwealth to people of Northern Marianas descent.



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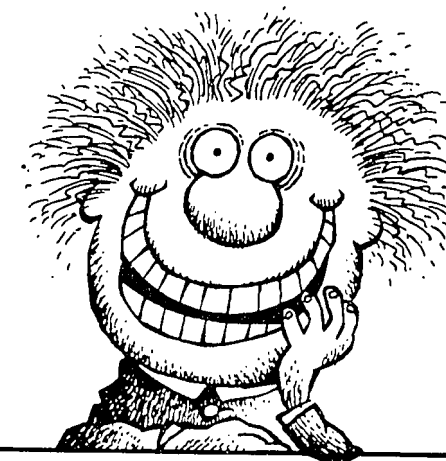
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Gallery hails verdict, but appeal looms

By Rafael I. Santos

THE DIAMOND Gallery yesterday hailed the verdict returned by jurors in the labor case filed by its former employee last year, saying the jurors made a decision.

"I'm very happy about [it]. It's a good decision," Steven Pixley, lawyer for Davey, Inc. which owns the jewelry store located at the Cabrera Center.

Eight jurors, six of them men, rejected the other day more than \$130,000 monetary claims against

the jewelry store. After more than two hours of deliberation, the jury came back with a decision relieving the Garapan shop of financial obligations to David Winnie.

Winnie, a former employee of Davey, Inc., brought a lawsuit against the company on December 1, 1993, alleging breach of contract and Fair Labor Standards Act violations.

He demanded that he be given \$53,015.95 in overtime compensation. He also asked the federal court to award him \$78,807 in

compensatory damages. The amount represents benefits such as travel expense, medical bills, gemological training expenses, taxes withheld and salaries from September 1993 until December 1995.

Winnie said in his testimony that an oral agreement was struck between him and Davey, Inc., on December 1991. He claimed both sides agreed that he would work for Diamond Gallery for a period of four years.

His lawyer, V.K. Sawhney,

claimed the plaintiff was forced to resign in September last year in violation of the four-year contract. The defense insisted no such contract was agreed by Winnie and the Diamond Gallery.

The eight-member jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, rejecting all the claims raised by the jeweler-salesman.

"We're happy [because] it's over. It's good it's over," Frank Saucedo, president of the Diamond Gallery said in a press conference yesterday. Saucedo himself testified in court contradicting most of the allegations raised in court.

Pixley, a former CNMI prosecutor said jurors made the right decision. They found defense witnesses credible, he said, referring to Saucedo, his brother Roy, a Bank of Hawaii employee and a Davey accountant.

Jurors indicated in their special verdict form that Davey did not contract to give Winnie a 1% commission on all his sales during his employment. No contract also existed that medical bills he incurred for the birth of his child must be paid for by the company, accord-

ing to the jurors.

The special verdict form filled out by jurors also indicated the jewelry store did not have any agreement with Winnie that the latter would be paid for his laboratory fees and travel expenses while undergoing a training.

Diamond Gallery did not agree to reimburse plaintiff for excess social security taxes which the company withheld in 1992, they said.

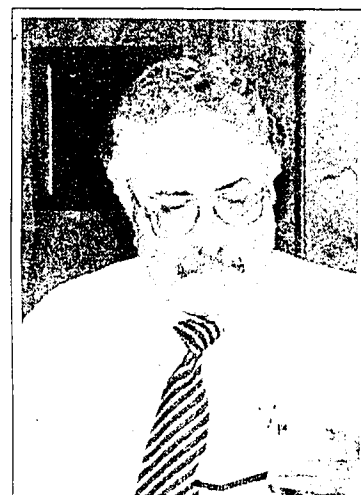
Since there was no 4-year contract between Winnie and the Diamond Gallery, the complainant was not awarded any compensation.

While the defense hailed the decision, the losing party as expected, expressed disappointment over the jury's verdict. Civil rights lawyer Joe Hill, co-counsel for Winnie described the decision as "unfortunate." Sawhney, the lead counsel for the complainant was not immediately available for comment.

Hill indicated the defense has a lot of options to consider. When asked if Winnie might appeal the case or ask for a reconsideration, Hill said it was up to the lead counsel and Winnie.



Steve Pixley: It's a good decision.



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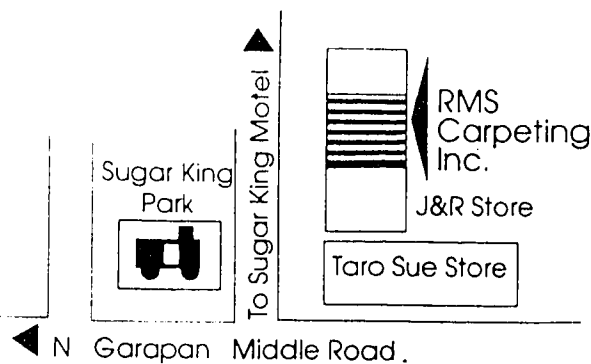
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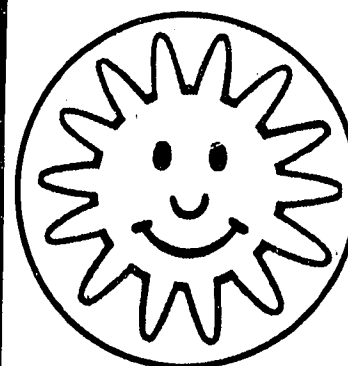
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Court denies motion anew to free Japanese suspect

By Rafael I. Santos

ATTEMPTS to have a Japanese businessman released from police custody have failed anew.

Superior Court Judge Alexandro Castro denied the other day a defense request that Kojo Ishibashi be released to Arnold Palacios who is said to be the president of Sun Splash where the defendant is also connected.

Ishibashi, who is facing multiple gun charges, has been in custody since mid-August for violating his curfew. His third-party release was revoked by the court after he was found to have violated his release conditions.

The court was later asked to forfeit a \$1.5 million property bond posted by businessman John T. Sablan to secure Ishibashi's re-

lease because of the violation. Judge Marty Taylor however chose to set a bail with the same amount and did not forfeit Sablan's property as requested by the prosecution.

On Wednesday, Atty. Antonio Atalig asked the court to release his client to Palacios. But Castro refused to accept the Sun Splash president as third-party custodian.

In April, Palacios also acted as a third-party custodian for the defendant. Ishibashi was under his custody when (he) defendant was found to have violated his curfew.

Also on Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General Russell E. Marsh asked the court to have Sablan's property appraised. The land, he said, was last appraised in February of 1992.

Marsh said the value of the property may have changed due to "fluctua-

tions" in land value.

The defense has been told to go back to court with a new third party custodian and upon determination of the present value of Sablan's property.

Police arrested Ishibashi in April during a search at his Garapan office. During the search, law enforcers seized two handguns, one high-powered rifle and 138 rounds of assorted ammunitions.

The government later filed a 12-count information, charging him with illegal possession of firearms and ammunitions, and drugs.

Ishibashi was subsequently released to Palacios after the custodian posted the company's assets worth \$80,000 as appearance bond.

Sablan also mortgaged a \$1.5 million property.

Deadline nears for Governor's Awards

ON TUESDAY, September 20, 1994, Acting CNMI Governor Jess Borja officially declared October 1994 as the CNMI Arts and Humanities Month. The Tenth Annual Governor's Awards in the Arts will be part of this month long celebration honoring our creative Island Artists from Northern Marianas.

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture is still accepting nominations for: 1) Outstanding Performing Artist or Group; 2) Outstanding Traditional Craftmaker; 3) Outstanding Visual Artist; 4) Outstanding Literary Artist; 5) Outstanding Organization in Support of the Arts.

All nominations must include the artist personal resume or biographical information and what

significant contribution the person have made for 1994 as well as the past. Additional letter of recommendation are encouraged and may be attached. Deadline for submission is Friday, September 23, 1994 at 4:30 p.m. and must be turned in to Arts Council Office. High School Students Division should be submitted through the School's Principal and schools to turn in to CCAC on the same deadline. Nomination forms is available in the Arts Council Office in Capitol Hill.

Awards presentation and ceremony is scheduled on Friday, October 21, 1994 at Hyatt Regency. This ceremony hosted by the CNMI Governor will recognize those dedicated Artists who have made a significant contribution in preserving and enriching our Cultural heritage and who have kept the arts a vital force for the citizens of the CNMI.

For more information, please contact the Arts Council Office at 322-9982/83 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bands up at the Gardenia

BACK to back incoming new group, The Ambassadors, is the outgoing Chosen Fools Band. Originally formed by Roland, Raul and Edgar, this group started performing in Manila. In 1976 and during the early 1980s, the group became Shakey's main attraction with Boy Mendez and Hermes Guilde as the newest members.

From jazz rock, slow rock, pop, rock 'n roll, oldies but goodies hits, boogie, twist, cha-cha, through the current Reggae and some top 40's collections, the group is one which music lovers love to listen and watch. Their legacy that started from Shakey's Manila, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Bistro RJ, International Pub (IP) Fire and Rain in Makati, had been in the island for almost two years. This time with a new member, Freddie.

So - The Ambassadors, the incoming new group, together with the Chosen Fools, on their farewell performance, playing back to back, it seems there would be no better place to go but at the Sunset Bar and Grill, Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

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Students get best C.A.T. scores ever

STUDENTS in the Commonwealth's public schools excelled in 1994 test scores, outperforming previous years' scores, a news release yesterday said.

Students in grades 4, 8 and 11 took the California Achievement Test (C.A.T.) in May 1994, answering questions on the subjects of reading, language, spelling, math, science, social studies, word analysis and study skills.

According to the executive summary for a report submitted to the Board of Education and Commissioner of Education William S. Torres, an analysis of the C.A.T. results shows that although the average district scores posted by CNMI students fall short of average scores posted by students in the U.S. mainland, there is clearly a pattern of continuing improvement for CNMI students.

There were several individual students and some individual schools that scored higher than the U.S. national average.

The report incorporated three types of analyses used to evaluate the C.A.T. results. All three together combine to show a clear pattern of improvement, improvement that can be measured both in terms of year-to-year overall scores and in terms of progress made by the same students who take the test again at higher grade levels.

The first kind of analysis that was done had to do with percentile scores, which reflects how groups of CNMI students rank on a U.S. national scale. These "percentile" rankings reflect general trends, not detailed results that reflect how well all students are improving.

A student whose score is at the 26th percentile level scored higher than 26 percent of the other students who took the test, while a student who scored at the 99th percentile range scored higher than 99 percent of the students who took the test. The U.S. national average range is considered to be between the 40th and 60th percentile.

Many of the percentile scores reflected by far the best results ever in the CNMI, which has been using this form of the C.A.T. since 1989. For example, 11th-graders who took the test in 1994 were ranked at the 26th percentile in study skills, a level that was significantly higher than ever before (and almost double the 1989 score).

The second type of analysis done involved the distribution of scores, which reflected how many CNMI students scored close to, at, or above the U.S. national standard. This analysis was done by grade level and by subject area.

The mission of public schools is to ensure that all students improve, not only some students, and these C.A.T. results demonstrate that this is happening in the PSS.

With this score distribution analysis done, the report stated, "In 1994, there are more students scoring at higher levels on the test." A consistent pattern has emerged over the 5-6 year period in which this form of the C.A.T. has been used by the PSS.

The third, and perhaps the most significant, analysis highlighted in the report has to do with "cohorts", which involved the tracking of 11 different groups of students over a period of at least four years. This analysis, for example, looked at the scores of a group of students who

took the C.A.T. in 4th grade and compared the results with the scores achieved by the same group of students when they took the C.A.T. in the 8th grade.

The results of the cohort analysis were remarkable. Out of 11 cohort groups, 10 groups showed improvement from their C.A.T. results in earlier grades.

Even more impressive is the clear trend that the improvements being made by the cohorts have been more and more dramatic with succeeding years. This kind of improvement can be illustrated with the following example (based only on theoretical numbers):

A group of 8th-graders averages a score of 20 (20th percentile) on the C.A.T. in 1990, then the same group of students averages 25 on the 11th-grade C.A.T. in 1993 (an improvement of 5 percentile points). Then, a group of 8th-graders takes the C.A.T. in 1991 and their scores average 22 (2 percentile points higher than the 1990 group), and the same group of students takes the 11th-grade C.A.T. in 1994 and averages a score of 32. The 32 score not only reflects a higher average than the 1993 11th-grade group, but also reflects a higher increase — an

improvement of 10 percentile points since 8th grade, as compared to the 5-point improvement made by the 1993 11th-grade group compared to its 8th-grade results.)

PSS Assessment Coordinator Dominique Buckley said that the first two kinds of analysis tell how a certain age of students perform, while the third kind of analysis shows how much better students get at taking the C.A.T. over time in the PSS.

This is the first time that the PSS has produced a report that incorporated three different kinds of analysis.

Commissioner Torres said that the continued progress on the C.A.T. is one indication that the PSS is succeeding in its mission to make sure that students are learning and continuing to improve. He said that results show that students are making more and more progress, and demonstrate that the PSS is also having more and more success in its effort to provide high-quality education.

The Commissioner also said it is "amazing that with the challenge of tremendous increases in enrollment in the PSS and a decrease in fund-

ing, that scores have risen and that student performance has improved so much overall."

Torres called the results "very encouraging," and added, "We are especially proud of the students at Tanapag Elementary for their high scores this year."

Tanapag Elementary had a dramatic improvement in overall scores and, in fact, topped all CNMI elementary schools with these overall scores.

Other strong scores came from Oleai Elementary, which had high scores in science and in spelling, and at William S. Reyes Elementary, which had very good science scores.

According to the report, the 1994 results showed that more 4th-graders and 8th-graders are scoring above previous levels in study skills, social studies and language than ever before. In addition, 11th-graders continue to score at levels higher than 4th- and 8th-graders. In 1994, 11th-grade scores were higher than ever in five test areas, and closest to the U.S. national average.

Social studies was a strong area for all of the CNMI's junior high schools and high schools. Tinian

High School also had solid results in science and in spelling.

Although the C.A.T. results are encouraging, Torres said that the PSS has put together a new assessment system for the CNMI that would give better indicators of what students know and what they can do. These new assessments will measure the recently developed PSS student performance standards.

Once the new assessment system is refined and put into use, the C.A.T. may become a thing of the past.

The C.A.T. results are only one indicator of student achievement for PSS students. They have also excelled in many other academic areas, including competitions like the Panasonic Academic Challenge.

The report on 1994 C.A.T. results is available upon request from the Board of Education or the Commissioner of Education's office. For more information on the C.A.T., including general explanations of terms used in the C.A.T. study, call PSS Assessment Coordinator Dominique Buckley at 322-6452/6453, ext. 253.

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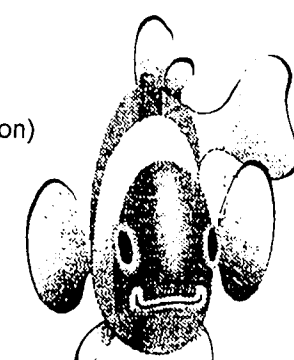
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Audit to push PSS improvement

A LONG-awaited, recently completed management evaluation is expected to help the Public School System provide more responsive and efficient administrative support to CNMI educators and students.

The management audit, which was initiated by Commissioner of Education William S. Torres and the previous Board of Education and was performed by the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche, comes at a time when the CNMI Board of Education is implementing a number of reforms, including new school calendars and the reorganization of the PSS.

The reorganization plans involve decentralizing PSS administrative functions so that more authority is placed at the school level, with the bottom line being more effective delivery of instructional services and materials to the CNMI's students.

Commissioner of Education William S. Torres said that the management evaluation shows that the PSS is serious about getting the most out of its resources and that the audit will enable the PSS to

build on the many improvements that have already been made.

In particular, the comprehensive management evaluation focused on opportunities for cost savings, improved business practices and alternatives for a performance-based personnel system.

The Deloitte and Touche accountants noted that the PSS is the first CNMI agency to request a management review of its own operations.

In addition, Deloitte and Touche came to the conclusion that the PSS has the internal control systems in place necessary to operate as an independent agency, and said that audits are often viewed as negative or critical, "recognizing problems goes a long way toward solving them."

Among the audit's findings and recommendations were:

- The need to not only hire, but especially to retain qualified instructors was noted in the audit, which explored some of the factors contributing to staff turnover.

The audit also noted that starting salaries for CNMI teachers are at least 25 percent lower than salaries

offered on Guam, and significantly lower than salaries offered in the U.S. mainland. "PSS should examine their salary schedules and bring teachers closer to the national norms," the audit recommends.

Similarly, the audit noted that the salaries offered to principals and vice principals are 25-50 percent higher on Guam than they are in the CNMI.

The Board of Education is strongly urging the Legislature to approve a proposed salary reclassification plan for the PSS that would enable the CNMI to stay competitive in recruiting qualified teachers.

- Improvements in the teacher recruiting process were recommended, including making better use of international job fairs and providing to prospective teachers more information about salary levels and the cost of living in the CNMI, as well as copies of personnel policies.

In addition, the audit suggests that the PSS do a cost/benefit analysis to determine if the PSS is recruiting in the best markets and locations.

- Since the PSS is forced to budget its resources according to the CNMI fiscal year, instead of according to the school year, it is difficult to distribute funding equi-

tably. The audit recommended that the PSS "pursue alternatives to the current budget process," and that PSS budgeting should be on a district-wide basis, with funding requests based upon dollars-per-student, instead of by individual school.

- Concerns were raised about "micromanagement" in the PSS accounting system, which can slow the process without adding much control. Cumbersome purchase orders for purchases of less than \$100 and poorly planned procurement were weaknesses pointed out by the audit, which recommended that the PSS reduce its volume of small purchases and expand the PSS Serv Mart. It was also recommended that the PSS provide funds to each school principal for smaller purchases.

Most of these recommendations have been or are being implemented.

- Travel by PSS employees was found to be handled by an administrative system "overburdened by paperwork and signatures, which do little to control the overall cost and effectiveness of travel." The audit recommended that travel be planned better and that travel should be more closely controlled through the planning and budgeting process.

- The audit recommended that

housing allowances be phased out and that teachers hired from off-island be informed about the realistic costs of housing before they are hired, and then given assistance in finding a house to live in once they arrive in the CNMI. In addition, the audit says that a "settling-in" allowance could be added as a first-year benefit.

- The audit noted that although the teacher-to-student ratio in the CNMI, at 17.3, is similar to the U.S. national average, the ratio of central office professionals to students in the CNMI is double the U.S. national average. "Given that fact, teachers should expect that recruitment, contracting, housing, supply purchases and classroom maintenance would be handled quickly, smoothly and efficiently," the audit notes.

- Another concern of the audit was streamlining the PSS computer system so that it fully meets all of the computer needs that the PSS has. The PSS is currently looking into the possibility of setting up an electronic network linking all of the CNMI's public schools and the PSS central office.

- Noting that existing PSS personnel regulations need improvement, the audit recommends that the PSS hire a human relations consulting firm to develop better personnel regulations.

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WHAT IS THE AHEARN CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT ABOUT?
The class action settlement ("Global Settlement Agreement") deals with asbestos-related personal injury claims that might be brought against Fibreboard Corporation ("Fibreboard"), formerly known as PABCO Corporation.

If you are a member of either of two classes—the Global Health Claimant Class or the Global Third-Party Claimant Class—you are covered by the terms of the settlement.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE AHEARN CLASS ACTION?

1.) The Global Health Claimant Class consists of all persons, including their spouses, household members or legal representatives, who were exposed, directly or indirectly, to asbestos or to asbestos-containing products for which Fibreboard may bear legal liability, and who had not filed a lawsuit against, or settled a claim with, Fibreboard before August 27, 1993. The Global Health Claimant Class also includes all persons (or their legal representatives) who filed an asbestos-related personal injury lawsuit against Fibreboard, but dismissed that case without prejudice prior to August 27, 1993 and retain the right to sue Fibreboard upon development of an asbestos-related disease. *To be a member of the class, you do not need to be presently suffering any symptoms of injury, and your asbestos exposure need not be occupationally-related.*

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WHAT DOES THE GLOBAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DO?
Among other things, the Global Settlement Agreement:

- (a) Resolves a dispute between Fibreboard and the Insurers now pending in the courts of the State of California with respect to the extent of coverage provided by insurance policies issued by the Insurers to Fibreboard;
- (b) Resolves all future Global Health Claimant Class asbestos-related personal injury claims against Fibreboard and its Insurers;
- (c) Establishes a \$1.535 billion fund to be devoted to the claims of members of the Global Health Claimant Class; and
- (d) Removes the risk to asbestos claimants of Fibreboard losing the California insurance coverage litigation and being unable to compensate such claimants.

If it is approved and becomes effective, the Global Settlement Agreement provides for the following:

- \$1.535 billion will be placed in a trust (the "Trust") by the Insurers and Fibreboard to pay for qualifying claims of the Global Health Claimant Class members. All asbestos-related personal injury claims of class members against Fibreboard or the Insurers covered by the settlement are cut off. Any such claims may be brought only against the Trust for processing and payment.
- In order to qualify for payment from the Trust, class members must show injurious exposure to asbestos-containing products for which Fibreboard is legally liable and have medical evidence to support their claim of an asbestos-related disease. The Trust will review claims, process them, make settlement offers and pay awards.
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terms of a separate settlement agreement, the Third-Party Claimant Class Settlement Agreement.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS?

The Global Health Claimant and the Global Third-Party Claimant Classes are mandatory non-opt-out classes for settlement purposes. If you are a class member, you may not exclude yourself from the class, and if the settlement is approved, you will be bound by the Court's orders and judgments.

On December 12, 1994, a hearing will be held in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, 221 West Ferguson, Tyler, Texas, 75702, U.S.A. and will continue, if necessary, at such times as the Court orders. At the hearing the Court will consider whether the settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate to members of both classes.

Although you may not exclude yourself from either of the classes, you have the right at the hearing to comment on or object to the settlement, or to any of its terms. If you desire to object to or comment on the settlement in writing prior to the hearing, you must present such objections or comments to the Court on or before November 15, 1994.

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If you are a member of either of these classes, your interests as a class member will be represented in this class action, at no cost to you, by the Class Counsel. You may contact them at any time with any questions you may have regarding the class action settlement. If you wish to be represented in this class action by your own attorney, you may do so at your own expense

and your attorney may enter an appearance in the class action lawsuit by mailing a Notice of Appearance to the Clerk of the Court at the address listed below.

Class Counsel does not automatically represent you with regard to filing a claim for compensation. You may file a claim for compensation yourself or you may retain any attorney of your choice, including one of the attorneys serving as Class Counsel, to represent you individually.

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE AHEARN CLASSES DESCRIBED ABOVE, YOU ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF ONE OF TWO DEFENDANT CLASSES SUED IN CONTINENTAL CASUALTY CO. v. RUDD.

On June 29, 1994, the Insurers filed *Continental Casualty Co. v. Rudd, C.A. No. 6:94cv458 (E.D. Tex.)*, (the "Rudd Defendant Class Action") against two defendant classes, the Trilateral Health Claimant Class and the Trilateral Third-Party Claimant Class. In that lawsuit, the Insurers seek approval of the Trilateral Settlement Agreement, entered into between them and Fibreboard, to settle all liabilities and obligations of the Insurers under certain insurance policies they issued to Fibreboard.

In that action, the Insurers also seek:

- a declaration that the Trilateral Settlement Agreement discharges the Insurers' liabilities and obligations under those insurance policies; and
- other relief, including injunctive relief.

If such relief is granted, the effect will be, among other things, to bar any member of the Trilateral Classes from asserting any claims arising under the insurance policies against any of the Insurers. This includes any claims arising, directly or indirectly, from the exposure of any person to asbestos or asbestos-containing products.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE RUDD CLASS ACTION?

1.) The Trilateral Health Claimant Class includes all persons who are members of the Global Health Claimant Class in the *Ahearn* action, as well as persons who settled an asbestos-related personal injury claim with Fibreboard between August 23, 1993 and August 27, 1993, and whose claim had not yet been included in a lawsuit filed against Fibreboard.

2.) The Trilateral Third-Party

Claimant Class includes all persons or entities who are members of the Global Third-Party Claimant Class, as well as all persons or entities who now have or in the future may have claims arising out of asbestos-related personal injury claims that were filed against Fibreboard before August 27, 1993, or out of asbestos-related personal injury claims that were settled with Fibreboard before August 23, 1993.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GLOBAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE TRILATERAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

If the Trilateral Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, its indemnification and discharge of liability provisions will operate even if: (1) the Global Settlement Agreement is disapproved; or (2) the Global Settlement Agreement, including the Third-Party Claimant Class Settlement Agreement is approved, but the judgment approving the agreements is invalidated in whole or in part, by a future court action.

If the Trilateral Settlement Agreement is approved, but the Global Settlement Agreement is not approved, \$1.525 billion plus an additional \$475 million, less certain deductions, will be made available to Fibreboard, either directly or through a trust, to enable Fibreboard to pay defense costs and claims with respect to asbestos-related personal injuries—not only claims not filed or settled prior to August 27, 1993, but also more than 40,000 then-pending and unsettled asbestos-related personal injury claims against Fibreboard.

Under the Trilateral Settlement Agreement, Fibreboard may use up to \$65 million from the funds for costs associated with asbestos-related property damage claims and non-asbestos claims.

Final, nonappealable approval of either the Global Settlement Agreement or the Trilateral Settlement Agreement will trigger the payment of the unpaid amounts on a large number of presently settled cases, and ultimately, such approval is expected to result in payments from the Insurers for asbestos claims totalling in the aggregate more than \$3 billion (including the amounts paid pursuant to the Global Settlement Agreement or the Trilateral Settlement Agreement.)

If neither the Global Settlement Agreement nor the Trilateral Settlement Agreement is approved and the coverage dispute mentioned above is resolved in favor of the Insurers, Fibreboard would have little or no insurance coverage and would be rendered insolvent, and members of the Global Health Claimant Class and members of the Trilateral Health Claimant Class would be left without any prospect of meaningful financial recovery from Fibreboard on their asbestos-related personal injury claims.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THE RUDD DEFENDANT CLASS ACTION?

A hearing will be held by the District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in Tyler, Texas, U.S.A. immediately after the conclusion of the *Ahearn* fairness hearing, and at such additional times as the Court may announce, to consider whether the Court should finally certify the Trilateral Health Claimant Class and the Trilateral Third-Party Claimant Class. At the hearing, the Court may hear motions that may result in a final judgment in favor of the Insurers and against the Classes, declaring that the Trilateral Settlement Agreement will bar further claims against the Insurers in any way arising under or in connection with the insurance policies. The Court may also at that time direct that a trial be held with respect to any issues outstanding and raised by any of the parties to the proceeding.

Motions to intervene in the *Rudd* Defendant Class Action as a party may be made at any time and will be heard at times fixed by the Court.

WHO REPRESENTS THE TRILATERAL CLASSES?

The Court has appointed the following counsel to represent the Trilateral Health Claimant Class:

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The Court has appointed the same counsel who represents the Global Third-Party Class to represent the Trilateral Third-Party Claimant Class.

SETTLEMENT HEARINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES AHEARN CLASS ACTION

- Deadline to object to or comment on the settlement with the Court in writing, November 15, 1994.
- Deadline to file a notice of intention to appear with the Court to object to or comment on the settlement in person or through counsel, December 1, 1994.
- Date of fairness hearing, December 12, 1994.

RUDD CLASS ACTION

- Date of hearing, immediately after the conclusion of the *Ahearn* fairness hearing.

THIS NOTICE IS A SUMMARY ONLY. TO OBTAIN A NOTICE PACKAGE WITH COMPLETE AND DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE AHEARN CLASS ACTION, GLOBAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, RUDD DEFENDANT CLASS ACTION AND THE TRILATERAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, COMPLETE THE COUPON BELOW:

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PRODUCTS AND OCCUPATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ASBESTOS

Examples of asbestos-containing products (only a few of which were ever manufactured by any of the Fibreboard Entities) include, but may not be limited to, the following types of products:

Acoustical products, including spray and tile; Adhesives and cements; Air cell; Asbestos blankets; Asbestos cloth or textiles; Asbestos-containing sprays; Asbestos fiber or pellets (raw or processed); Asbestos linings; Asbestos paint; Asbestos paper; Asbestos protective clothing; Asbestos rope, braided tubing and wick; Asbestos tape or thread; Asphalt products, including tile and sundries; Automotive, truck, off-highway vehicular, and marine products (brake linings, pads and shoes, brake blocks, clutch materials, transmission components, gasket materials, shock absorbers); Caulking compounds and coatings; Ceiling panels, tiles and related sundries; Cement products (cement or mortar, board, flooring, panels, pipe, flat and corrugated sheet, siding, shingles, stucco); Ceramic or paint fillers; Commercial and industrial machines or components (brake linings, clutch facings, thermal insulation, transmission components, gaskets); Detackling/demolding agents; Drywall joint treatment products (joint compound, joint cement, joint treatment, joint sealant, caulking compounds); Fireproofing products; Gaskets, sheet packing, and molded products; Gypsum products (including fire retardant gypsum board, lath, finishing and taping compounds); Insulating tape; 85% Magnesia; Mastics, and coating and sealing products; Millboard, rollboard, and mineral wool board; Paint products (including roof coating and floor coating); Phenolic or plastic resins; Plaster and plaster products; Plumbing joint sealant; Refractory products, such as clays, cements, shapes and block (used to build, insulate, or seal structures subjected to high heat such as boilers, furnaces and kilns); Resilient floor covering products

(tile, sheet, backing and sundries); Roofing products (cements, coatings, felts, deckings, flashings, paints, shingles); Siding; Spackling compound; Thermal insulation products (pipe insulation, pipe covering, pipe wrap, cement, block insulation, spray and sundries).

Examples of occupations in which workers at various times potentially worked with or around asbestos-containing products include, but are not limited to, the following occupations: Aerospace and missile production workers; Aircraft manufacturing production workers; Aircraft mechanics; Asbestos textile mill workers; Automobile manufacturing production workers (including automobile mechanics and brake repairs); Boiler makers; Brake and clutch manufacturing and assembly workers; Building engineers; Building material products manufacturers; Cement plant production workers; Coast guardsmen; Construction workers (including insulators, boiler makers, laborers, steel/iron workers, plumbers, steamfitters, plasterers, dry wallers, cement and masonry workers, roofers, tile/linoleum installers, carpenters, HVAC mechanics and welders); Custodians; Demolition and wrecking crews; Electrical workers (including electricians, electrical linemen, and telephone linemen); Insulation manufacturing plant workers; Insulators; Longshoremen; Machinists; Merchant mariners; Packing and gasket manufacturing plant workers; Pipefitters; Powerhouse workers (including locomotive mechanics, car mechanics and rebuilders, and maintenance personnel); Refinery workers (including insulators and pipefitters); Refractory products plant workers; Rubber workers (including tire makers and hose makers); Sheetmetal workers; Shipyard workers (including electricians, insulators, laborers, ladders, painters, pipefitters, maintenance workers, and welders); Steamfitters; U.S. Navy personnel; Warehouse workers.

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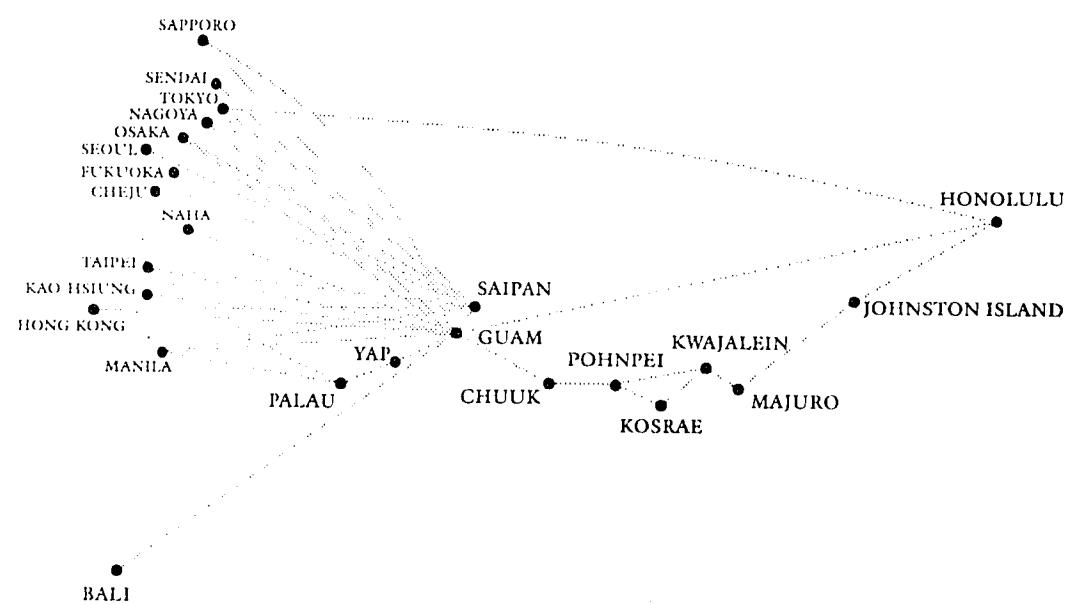
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NMC develops teacher program

THE NORTHERN Marianas College is developing a Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) to meet the needs of the local school system, a news release from the college said. The program is planning to implement a four-year undergraduate-level course of study in an effort to graduate qualified elementary school teachers, and the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Development of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) will provide funding for the field experience portion of that program.

The TPP intends to provide a program with healthy mix of content and field experience for its

enrollees. Field experience will therefore be a part of every NMC Education Department course offering. Those field experiences, in which teachers-in-training will work directly with Master Teachers, will be coordinated and supervised by Education Department Mentors.

Goals for this program include building confidence and competence in teachers-in-training and providing a training program that will blend theory with practice. A general plan for the program has been developed, the specific characteristics of the field experience program are being designed, and a mentor training program is be-

ing developed. Additionally, evaluation instruments that will be used both for the program and for the teachers-in-training are being designed.

The Northern Marianas College is located in one of the most culturally diverse and geographically isolated areas of the USA. Because of a shortage of well-trained local graduates, the Public School System must supplement its staff by hiring non-locals, either from the continental USA or from other countries, predominantly the Philippines. The supplemental staff is brought on board at great expense,

due to the need to provide them with housing, airfare, shipping, and repatriation benefits. Upon arrival, they often suffer from culture shock and commonly lack awareness of local customs and traditions, which affects their performance on the job. Additionally, the majority tend to stay for only the length of their contract, thus they continually need to be replaced at additional expense.

The NMC Board of Regents and the Public School System Board of Education wholeheartedly support NMC in its goal to establish this program. Once the

Teacher Preparation Program is established and running, it will provide quality teachers for the local school system and for the entire region of Micronesia. It will also, through presentations at regional conferences and through word-of-mouth advertisement spread by graduates returning to their home islands, serve as a model for other Pacific Island colleges. Further information regarding this innovative program can be obtained by contacting the NMC Department of Education at 234-5498, ext. 1220.

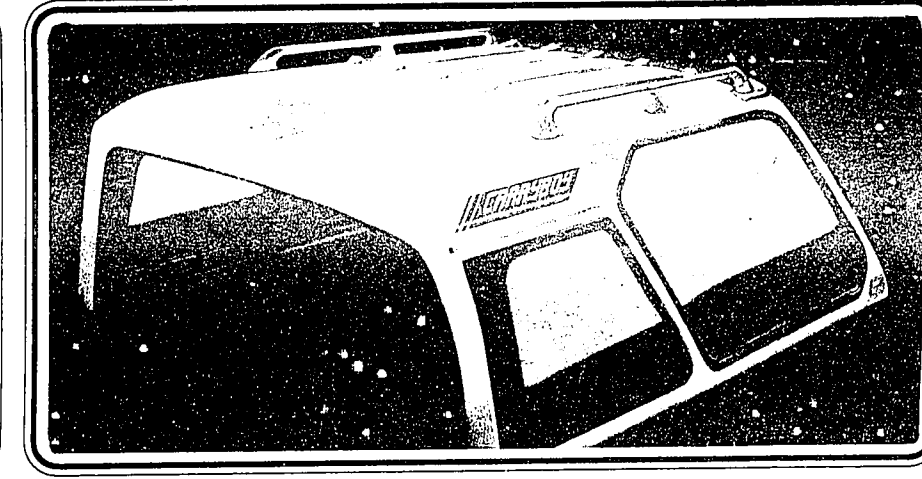
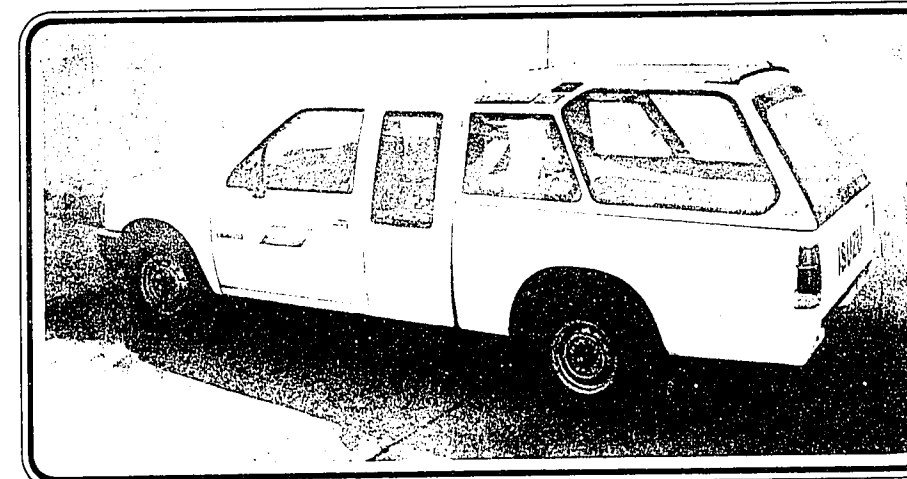


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ence, sources have told the Variety.

Consul Villapando said he has been instructed by the Philippine government to extend "any additional assistance" to the woman who came to Rota on promises that she will be hired as an accountant.

Villapando did not elaborate on what specific assistance his office will extend to the domestic worker.

DFA has told the consul to provide Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo with all the avail-

able information concerning the alleged rape.

Such information may include the accounts related by the victim to the consulate, police reports and the findings of doctors at the Rota Health Center where the victim sought medical attention soon after she escaped from her employer.

Philippine labor representative Vicente Manzano has also been instructed by his superiors back in Manila to transmit a report regarding the case.

DFA and the Department of Labor and Employment work together in addressing problems affecting Filipino overseas contract workers, according to

Villapando.

The alleged rape victim, described as a pretty 24-year-old Filipina, is staying on the island pending investigation of the case.

More than a week since the woman filed a complaint with the DPS, authorities are yet to decide what to do.

So far no arrests have been made and no criminal charges filed against the suspect.

The matter is now in the hands of the Attorney General's Office. "To my knowledge it's with the AG," Villapando said yesterday when asked about the status of the case.

The AG's office confirmed that nothing has been filed in court

yet. "The case is being reviewed and no charges have been filed," Assistant Attorney General Alan Gordon told the Variety yesterday afternoon.

The house worker complained of rape at a time the CNMI government is trying to erase the commonwealth's bad image in the mainland United States particularly in Washington, D.C. where calls for drastic measures against the CNMI have mounted in the past few weeks.

Rota has been described in a Washington Post story as a "hell" for many alien contract workers who complained of non-payment of wages, virtual slavery and forced prostitution.

While admitting that there have been some labor abuses, both Rota and commonwealth officials strongly denied there has been a

pattern of abuse.

They also rejected the report as nothing but an exaggeration and a repetition of previous reports on labor-related abuses. They claimed the abuses were only isolated cases and vowed to punish those who violate the human rights of foreign workers.

A lot of agreements have been signed by representatives of the commonwealth government and the Philippines' labor and employment department in a bid to stop the abuses and protect Filipino workers from abusive employers.

The commonwealth also pushed for the establishment of a CNMI Liaison office in Manila partly for that purpose.

But nothing much has been accomplished since the many agreements have been initiated.

COP honors its top September employees

CORAL Ocean Point recently honored its top two employees for the month of September.

Valentin Abanag is one of the September Employee of the Month awardee. "Mang Val or Daddy" as he is popularly known has been with Coral Ocean Point Resort Club for three years as F & B Department kitchen helper. He is one of the few who maintains a zero record of sick leave since 1991. Neither was he late for work in those three years.

"Mang Val" or "Daddy" is characterized by his managers (Messrs. R. Evora, M. Chiyomori and M. Oikawa) and co-workers as industrious, loyal, hardworking, and dedicated. He always stand on his principles to do everything straight, no shades of gray, either in black and in white.

Before his stints abroad, he was formerly connected at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the Philippines as Maintenance Supervisor for 11 years of loyalty (1979 to 1990).

He is a happy father of 1 girl and 2 boys. Unfortunately, Mang Val's eldest son died last year in an accident. In spite of griefs and sorrows, he continued working even harder - for he has the strong determination to enjoy the "ups" of life and when the "downs" come along, it won't kill not break you but

will inspire you to go along.

On the other hand, Imelda Bal, one of the September employee of the month awardee is one of the best housekeepers who does or oversees the work of keeping the house for three years.

According to Housekeeping Manager Lisa Sablan, Mel maintained the highest standard of cleanliness and accepts any given task.

"Of all areas in the hotel that are the housekeeper's responsibility, the one that often appears to the public to be the simplest is the guest rooms - simplest because all it seems to entail is cleaning the room, changing the linen, and making up the bed. Since others believe that it is so easy, the guests are more annoyed but indeed, will not tolerate - an imperfectly made made-up room. Such an attitude helps to make this functions one of the most difficult in the hotel."

Mel is an industrious person, hardworking employee, shows a lot of guts in doing a hard job.

She led her department in maintaining a well-manicured rooms/cottages daily. She sincerely wants to learn more of her responsibilities because she believes that wisdom shines bright and never grows dim.

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BREAKING protocol, King Juan Carlos of Spain accompanied by Queen Sofia and daughter Princess Infanta Elena, personally drove his green Mercedes Benz to El Pardo Palace and fetched Philippine First Lady Amelita Ramos for dinner at the exclusive restaurant, Cafe del Oriente.

"This is just one light episode indicating how warmly the Europeans welcomed the Philippine President and his entourage when he went on a nine-day official working visit to five European countries," a news release from the Philippine Consulate on Saipan said.

President Fidel V. Ramos said his "whirlwind journey" to Italy, Spain, France, Belgium and Germany succeeded in forging more intimate ties with European leaders and in bringing greater clarity to the mutual understanding between the Philippines and Europe.

Among those agreements signed were financial assistance or soft loans for various projects such as a hydroelectric plant, small and medium scale enterprises, expansion of the domestic aircraft industry, tourism promotion and cultural exchange. On top of these, 23 private joint-venture agreements with an aggregate worth of \$5.7 million were

forged by Filipino businessmen with their counterparts from the five European states.

Ramos began his European tour last September 8, on a principally economic mission, to prove that the Philippines is a good site for investment, trade and tourism. However, he also met with Pope John Paul II at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo. The Vatican formally expressed its appreciation for the Philippine position at the Third United Nations Conference on Population and Development in Egypt. Ramos said "our stand on abortion is non-negotiable. We are for life and we acknowledge the family as the basic social institution and unit in Philippine society."

In Rome, the president was able to generate more than \$2 billion in actual and prospective investments. Topping the agreements was the proposed \$1.5 billion joint venture between the province of Pangasinan and the Societe Italiana per Condotta de Acqua s.p.a., for the construction of the San Roque Pangasinan Multipurpose Project.

In Spain, the agreements signed were mostly infrastructure projects, the biggest of which is the two-way railway system from Manila to Clark Air Base, with a branch line extending to Subic Naval Base under the Build-Op-

erate-Transfer scheme. This project is in connection with the establishment of an international aviation complex in Clark.

The Spanish company Construcciones de Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles signed the agreement with the Philippine Bases Conversion Development Authority. This same company signed another agreement with the Philippines' Arco Dev. Corp. for the construction of a light rail transit system costing about \$678 million.

The RP Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Authority also signed an agreement with Spain's Dragados y Construcciones de Madrid for three water projects in Metro Manila, Bulacan and Cavite which is worth \$1.6 billion.

A 350 megawatt power project involving SI Power Philippines and Ultramar Banking Corp. (Spain) is also lined up. Another 350 megawatt plant is envisioned with the Manila Electric Company or National Power Corporation as the main purchaser.

The Philippines and France signed a defense cooperation agreement, paving the way for France to become the supplier of modern military hardware to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, which is embarking on a 15-year modernization program. The agreement includes training, transfer of technology, joint mili-

tary exercises, acquisition of equipment and exchange of military officials and students.

The Philippines and France also signed seven agreements during Ramos' two-day visit to France. Among these are the 830 million peso French Protocol loan to finance a meteorological delivery system to the countryside and the national telephone program; a grant providing 8.5 million pesos to finance a feasibility study for a hydroelectric project in Baguio; and an inter-university agreement between the University of the Philippines and the Universite de France-Comte for graduate studies. France also provided a \$100 million credit line for exports and projects.

On a lighter note, the artifacts from the Philippine-built Spanish Galleon "San Diego," which was discovered off the coast of Batangas in 1991 by French ex-

plorer Gilbert Fournier, is being exhibited at the Parc de la Villette in Paris. Pres. Ramos attended the September 13 opening as guest of honor. France co-financed this archaeological venture with 16 million french francs.

In Brussels, Belgium, Ramos convinced the Belgian government to provide \$2 billion in direct investments and official assistance to the Philippine economy. Fifteen joint ventures and other agreements were signed between Philippine businessmen and their Belgian counterparts.

In Germany, Ramos met with officials of six top German conglomerates, in a breakfast meeting initiated by the Deutsche Bank A.G. The meeting signaled the start of a series of meetings between the Trade and Industry sector of the Philippine and German businessmen.

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Grateful garment worker writes

Dear Editor:

A GOOD friend of mine came back to China yesterday because of illness. She is a sewing worker. When I sent her off at the Saipan International Airport, she asked

me to write an article for the people that have ever helped her. She said that she would remember this beautiful island forever.

She and I are Chinese. What she said is moving me deeply. So I must write. Today I post this two

articles to your newspaper and I hope it will be helpful to your newspaper.

Reader,

/s/TANG QING LI

Goodbye, Saipan

"THE PLANE to Seoul is going to fly..." When I heard this in the departure hall at the Saipan International Airport, I wept in tears of sadness. For it shows that I'm leaving for China several minutes later. I have even been eager to return to my homeland before. But when the day is really coming I wouldn't leave this small island. Because this city has already been an old friend for myself.

Last year December, I came to Saipan from Nanchang China because of an occasion. All these things were so different from my hometown that I was interested immediately in its politics, economy, society, art, culture, custom.... The land was opulent.

The city is beautiful: sun and flower, sea and sand. These were very sweet, delightful sceneries. My temperament was quite cheerful when I lived here. Saipan is a wonderful place for tour: its roads are broad, the air is fresh and environment is clean. It really is a visitor's paradise. My friends and I often enjoy a pedal-pushing holiday: Saipan Botanical Garden, Sugar King Park, La Fiesta San Roque, Bird Island, Suicide Cliff, Last Command Post, Banzai Cliff.... Looking back on it now, I feel it is especially fun.

I realize that I like this small island more and more now. I am only an ordinary worker, go in for sewing machine operator and the

working pressures are great. Both workers can help each other and there is also a lot of fun. When I was in China, some people said that bosses and managers were hard to deal with that you needed to spend a lot of time and energy to adapt to them. In actual fact they are not only busy with their business but also care about whether they can find ways to help even more people. For a while, the sewing work wasn't going as I had hoped, my colleagues and mentor comforted me and helped me to overcome the problem. No matter what, I am in expression of my deep gratitude for them. I know that to do good

Reyes...

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This is a serious matter which needs to be carefully scrutinized. Essentially, we are dealing with proposed legislations that would have substantive effects on the economy. Because of this fundamental consideration, we must perform our role as legislators to ascertain the true picture that each proposal would paint in terms of our future economic outlook. We must know how it will impact the taxpayers in the various sectors of our fragile economy. That is, if Mr. Taisacan can comprehend what I mean in this case, he should know how we operate here at the legislature. I frequently see him pacing the legislative hallways and at times I have observed his attendance at several sessions, committee hearings, and hearings. The problem is that even though he hangs around the Legislature, he chose not to see me as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and therefore the proper person to register his concerns and ideas on tax reform legislation.

In light of this, I really doubt Mr. Taisacan's ability to understand the process involved when it comes to

dealing with tax reform proposals - not to mention the incidental priority agenda being intended for by the different proposal sponsors. It seems the Governor has his own list of priorities to be funded by the anticipated revenues projected under H.B. 9-250; the Saipan Chamber of Commerce has provided us their recommended priorities of public expenditures; and the House Leadership's tentative version of priority spending of tax reform funds.

Mr. Taisacan should know where I stand on the issue of reducing the deficit. It has been my position to implement austerity measures that would translate into savings as a result of cutting costs of operations at every level and activity of our government. Simply put, we need to trim the fat and get rid of waste in government spending. Of course, this approach needs to be implemented after strategizing and zeroing in on the types of costs to cut. I am confident that each head of every government agency, entity, or office should be able to follow through in this regard without much difficulty. We have heard representatives of the private and public sector voice their legitimate concerns in this particular area as an alternative of tax increases. In my opinion, this makes a whole lot of sense. Why go full blast with a tax reform proposal when we have not reformed ways at how we spend public funds. Certainly, I am not the person to take the lead. My total budget allocation of which I am fully accountable for as an elected official is merely \$55,000. I have been operating my office for over two years now and I have not incurred any deficit. I was able to live and work within my means. I prioritize my operational spending and I have managed to do well - still productive and able to perform any official responsibilities to the best of my ability.

In short, I do not need to tell Mr. Taisacan who should take the lead in demonstrating to the public and the CNMI taxpayers on how to cut unnecessary costs and waste in government operations. I do not want to point fingers at anybody but should he insist - well, you guessed it right! Just read the headlines for the past months and try recollecting the news stories from the radio and television. Although I was advised not to dignify Taisacan's letter, I hope that my response will not be a waste of my time.

Sincerely yours,

/s/REP. PETE P. REYES

Feeling...

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50 students in there.

So there, now the ball is in your court. I hope you go to sleep each night thinking you're actually cheating so many students out of two hours of education every day.

Sincerely,

Name withheld.

Conserve...

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up the telephone and give me a call. I'll pick up a shovel and help lead the way.

/s/LAURA RETZLER
Tel. 322-1992

Pres. Clinton finally gets his 'Thank you'

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) - It was an all-out blitz, featuring a 21-gun salute and arm-twisting by President Clinton's national security team. In the end, they got the words they wanted from their sometimes aggravating guest from the Caribbean: "Thank you."

But they got little else.

Deposed Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's discomfort with the no-invasion agreement had been obvious almost since former President Carter and leaders of the Haitian junta reached it Sunday evening in Port-au-Prince.

But on Wednesday, flanked on the Pentagon steps by Defense Secretary William Perry, National Security Adviser Anthony Lake and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, Aristide finally relented - somewhat.

"In these past three days something has happened in Haiti," he said. "Operation Uphold Democracy was peacefully deployed. President Clinton, this is the result of the decision that you made. This is the result of your leadership. Thank you."

"Good stuff," said a delighted State Department official, who was worried that Aristide might repudiate the agreement because it allows the military chieftains in Port-au-Prince to remain in power for almost a month.

Some in Congress and elsewhere were incredulous that Aristide could remain silent after thousands of American troops were dispatched to Haiti on a mission to rescue Haitian democracy from military rule.

To Representative David Obey of Wisconsin, Aristide seemed downright ungrateful; "thank you" were the only two appropriate words Aristide could utter under the circumstances, Obey

said.

Administration officials have been courting Aristide feverishly, mindful that the agreement would have been a dead letter if he had spurned it. Aristide aides have been busily trashing the accord, calling it treasonous and even worse but, as officials see it, the populist priest had little choice but to go along.

The State Department official said he was unperturbed by Aristide's refusal to endorse the agreement outright or even acknowledge its existence in his Pentagon appearance.

The official, speaking privately, noted that final approval from the Haitian side was given by Emile Jonassaint, 81, named to the presidency last May by his military backers. In Aristide's view, Haiti has only one president and his name is not Jonassaint.

In his remarks, Aristide talked fleetingly about the need for disarmament in Haiti, one of the most contentious issues that the Clinton administration and the Aristide camp have faced since Sunday.

"The success of this (U.S. peacekeeping) mission is directly tied to the process of disarmament," Aristide said.

His aides say the administration has reneged on a pledge to disarm the Haitian military - a pledge they insist was to have been implemented regardless of whether U.S. forces entered peacefully or with guns blazing.

The State Department official said disarmament is only one element of a program that would target paramilitary groups which, he noted, are principally responsible for thousands of politically motivated killings in Haiti since 1991. Disarmament of the regular military force, he added, will be a staged process linked to plans for the reform of the military.

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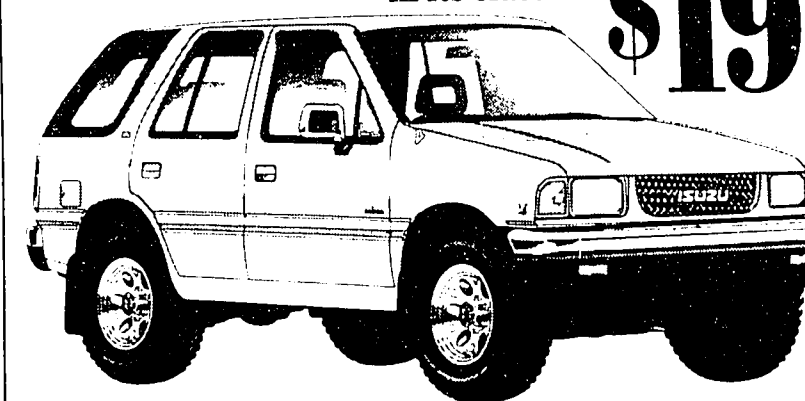
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More letters. . . Strange and wonderful living in the CNMI

Dear Editor:

WHAT do you think?
Has the need by certain U.S. mainland contract workers for power, monetary gain, free housing, retirement benefits, and control gotten out of hand? What happened to the idea that we understood our two-year contract mission was...assisting, training, helping and encouraging the local, indigenous, future workers and administrators? Two-year U.S. mainland contract workers should be invited to this beautiful island with the understanding that they are here for the people, not for their own resume. The sharing of information, while learning a new culture, learning new lessons while passing on our years of hard-learned but well intentioned lessons to our brothers and sisters of the CNMI; this is our mission, is it yours? Contract workers by definition are temporary, should be in the background training and consulting...a kind of on-the-job, on-island "personal trainer." If the contract worker was not provided and did not find a local person to transfer information to, then their mission and the mission of those who recruited them, was not completed. In our opinion, stateside contract workers should not head Federal programs in the CNMI; should not resign from contracts one week and then head Federal programs in the CNMI the next; and should be recruited knowing these facts.

The CNMI Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a federally

funded program with funding source through the Pacific Basin Region IX Rehabilitation Services Administration in San Francisco. The mission of DVR is to assist and counsel disabled persons to achieve their personal goals for gainful employment. I have been working in the CNMI DVR for five months; have 20 years of program experience and administration in vocational services to disabled persons in the states; and certified in Oregon as a vocational rehabilitation counselor based on this experience. And I have learned in these past months more than I care to about the CNMI roller coaster ride of political maneuverings and personal chess games being played.

Reported in the Friday Sept. 16 edition of the Pacific Star, is an article (taken from a memo dated Sept. 6) discussing the appointment of Ms. Patricia Conley (who was a DVR contract worker, but recently resigned with her last day as Sept. 14) as the new DVR Director replacing Mr. Joe L. Itibus. The DVR office was notified of the replacement of Mr. Itibus via a fax from the Protection and Advocacy program. Mr. Itibus was appointed DVR chief of July and has been a local DVR counselor for 12 years. Mr. Itibus was promoted through the civil service process in July as the most qualified of two eligible applicants. The two applicants were Mr. Itibus and Ms. Conley.

Listed in the Friday Pacific Star as Ms. Conley's qualifications for the DVR position, were twenty years of

questionable DVR experience. Questionable because Ms. Conley was hired in 1989 as a speech therapist in the CNMI DVR, giving only speech therapy treatments and incidentally not speaking fluent Chamorro or Carolinian. Ms. Conley unofficially carried a small case load of DVR clients since 1990 due to lack of speech therapy clients—this is her only experience in DVR case management/counseling. When Ms. Conley resigned her government contract position, she was given repatriation allowance...will this money be given back to the government? She is still currently living in government housing refurbished by federal DVR money. Should workers still be in government housing after resigning from a government contract?

When the DVR Chief position was announced in the Government personnel dept. in June 1994 (six months after the retirement of the former DVR chief, Mr. Villagomez), no less than four interim or "acting" chiefs had been in place. Incidentally, acting means "everything is permanently on hold for fear of being replaced" until paperwork becomes official three months later. The "acting chiefs" were Mr. Itibus appointed through the personnel process (Jan. 1994); Ms. Remy Sablan appointed by the Governor not through the personnel process (March 1994); Ms. Conley appointed via Ms. Sablan (May 1994); Mr. Itibus appointed through the civil service appointment process (July 1994). Not

until the appointment of Mr. Itibus through the civil service process as the official DVR Chief as of August 1, 1994, was the DVR program able to move from the political "chess game" of leadership, to focusing on quality client services that follow federal DVR regulations. The political chess game of replacing Mr. Itibus at the whim of faxed memos is distressing to staff and polarizing to Rehabilitation Advisory Council members.

Unfortunately, the political chess game continues, at the expense of the

disabled people of the CNMI. After reading Ruth L. Tighe's Friday Pacific Star column, these DVR issues look like another example of manipulation by the Governor's office.

Warned not to be distracted by island "politics," we feel that we must state our ideals. We would rather be enjoying the island and its people than writing this letter. It is strange and wonderful living in the CNMI.

/s/Mr. & Mrs. DANIEL T. MCGIVERN

Mitchell a champion??

Dear Editor:

YOUR third page headline in your Sept. 20 issue, referring to lawyer Theodore Mitchell as "Champion of Many" is really

laughable. The only person ever "championed" by Mr. Mitchell is Mr. Mitchell.

Sincerely,

/s/JIM KIRBY

Offended by headline

Dear Editor:

I WAS very disturbed by your use of the term "Jap" to refer to a Japanese person in a headline on page 9 of your Monday, September 12 edition.

Words such as this are racist, whether you intend them to be so or not. The word is derogatory and offensive to persons of Japanese ancestry, in the same way

that other racial slurs are derogatory and offensive to other ethnic and religious groups. No responsible newspaper should ever use words like this. You owe all of your readers, particularly those of Japanese ancestry, an apology.

Very truly yours,

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.
Attorney at Law

Good-bye. . . Continued from page 26

work here requires a comfortable atmosphere and good relations between people.

Now I feel that the most precious memories which the past times left are often hidden behind a very ordinary exterior. During the period of the life in Saipan, what impressed me most was not just colleagues' care, but also soulful friendship.

Today, because of illness, I have to leave Saipan, leave this city where I have even lived and worked for nine months. I regret that I

couldn't get to know more about the city. But I will remember everything that has taken place and thank the people that have even helped me soulfully when I met with some difficulties. If you get the chance to Saipan, it is worth experiencing once in my life.

"Let's get a picture as a souvenir" my friend says. Yes. In the coming year, perhaps I have chance to this island no longer. Photos will be memories forever. Good-bye Saipan - my old friend.

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O.J. suffers major blow anew

By LINDA DEUTSCH

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The detective in charge of the O.J. Simpson double-murder investigation recklessly misstated facts to get a search warrant, but Simpson's estate was suspicious enough to justify a search anyway, a judge ruled Wednesday.

The ruling was another blow to the defense, which had fought to get crucial evidence found during the search thrown out.

"I cannot make a finding that this was merely negligent," Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said of the statements made by police Detective Philip Vannatter in a search warrant affidavit.

"I have to make a finding that this was at least reckless," he said.

Nonetheless, the judge upheld the search, saying the presence of what appeared to be blood at the estate

coupled with the discovery of a bloody glove provided probable cause for the search inside the house.

Simpson, 47, has pleaded innocent to murder in the June 12 slaying deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. The trial of the football star-turned-television sports commentator is scheduled to begin Monday.

The judge noted that Vannatter, seeking permission to conduct the search the morning after the slayings, wrongly stated:

"Simpson left unexpectedly for Chicago the night of the killings, when, in fact, Simpson's business trip to Chicago was planned far in advance."

Failed to note Simpson returned to Los Angeles voluntarily.

Described stains and drops found at Simpson's house as blood or human blood instead of saying that they

only appeared to be blood.

Ito said the veteran detective had investigated enough murder cases to know better than to make that many misstatements in a search warrant affidavit, which is drafted to persuade a magistrate to allow a search.

Evidence seized in that search included blood in the foyer and bathroom, a receipt for an airline ticket and a baggage tag.

The judge's ruling undermined part of a key defense effort to keep jurors from hearing about much of the evidence gathered inside Simpson's \$5 million home in the city's Brentwood section. The defense still can try to challenge the evidence on other legal grounds, but the odds of success are even less.

"They get one shot... and that's it before trial," said Loyola Law

School professor Stan Goldman. "Sure, you come up with new evidence and you might be able to reopen it, but that is very, very unlikely."

With the trial less than a week away, the defense argued that police concealed facts and exceeded the authority of search warrants in seizing everything from the bloody glove to a movie script to Simpson's Bentley automobile.

Lawyer Gerald Uelman, who outlined the defense's challenge of seven searches, contended that during a June 28 search, detectives and prosecutors fanned out in Simpson's home

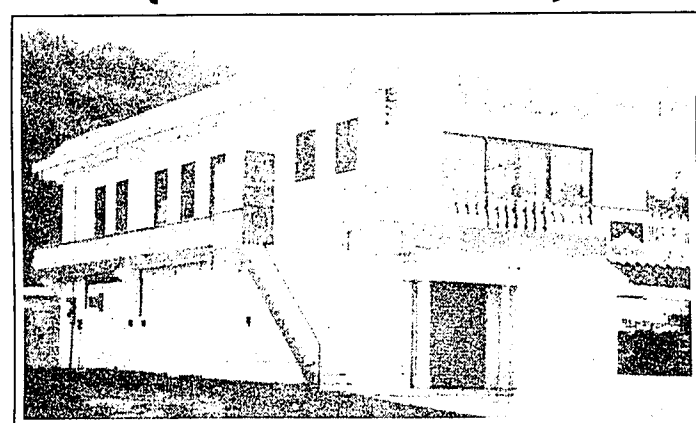
and spent three hours conducting "an impermissible general search."

"It was a grazing and browsing expedition in which district attorneys and officers were looking for whatever might help them," he said.

Similarly, he said, there were insufficient warrants for repeated searches of Simpson's Ford Bronco and his business office.

Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark downplayed the accusations of wrongdoing. She also argued that the defense failed to file proper affidavits and therefore Ito could not rule on the defense issues.

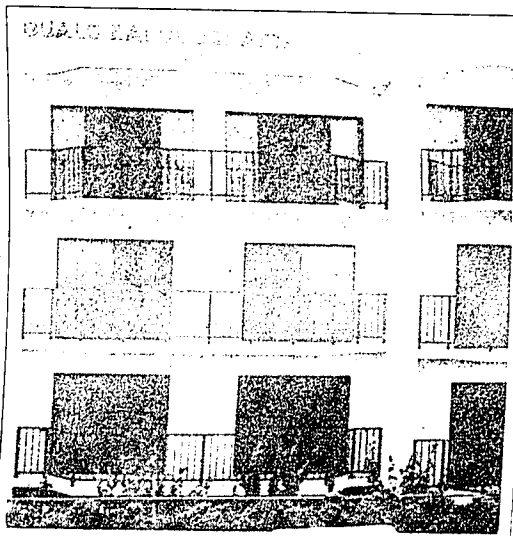
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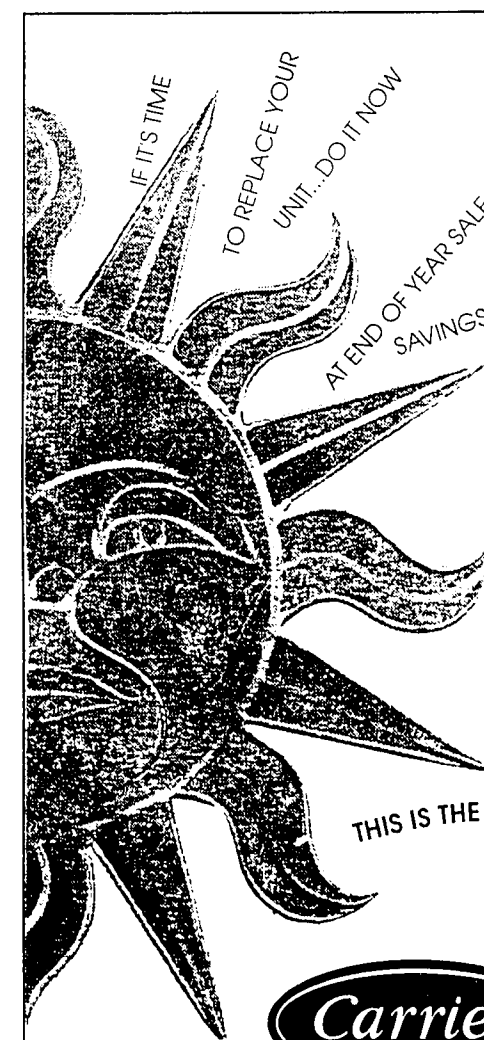


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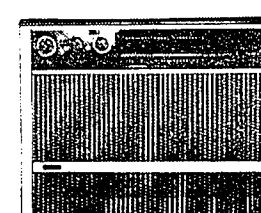
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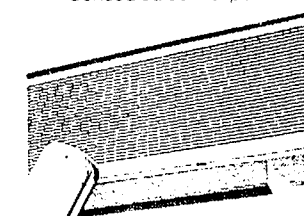
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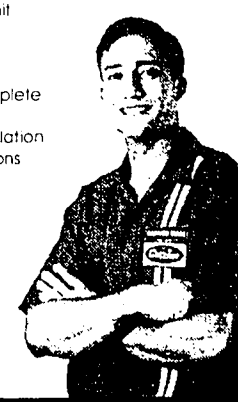
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Admiral denies tipping navy about suit

By ROBERT MACY

LAS VEGAS (AP) - In videotaped testimony heard Wednesday, a U.S. Navy admiral denied alerting the Tailhook Association about his aide's report of sexual harassment at its convention.

Instead, Adm. Jack Snyder said, he sought justice for then-Lt. Paula Coughlin and tried to shield her from retribution within the military's "male society."

Coughlin's report about the drunken lechery of Navy and

Marine aviators at the convention ignited a firestorm of controversy that rocked the naval establishment. Some 90 women claim they also were sexually abused at the convention at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Coughlin, who reached a settlement with the Tailhook Association, is suing the hotel for unspecified damages, alleging it lacked proper security. A dozen other lawsuits are pending.

Many of the women who filed complaints said they were groped

and fondled as they were forced down a gangway of aviators who packed a hallway.

Snyder denied discussing the attack with an employee of the aviators group at breakfast during the 1991 convention, contending Coughlin didn't tell him about the assault until 12 days after it happened.

Heidi Benson, a convention organizer, testified Tuesday in a written deposition that Snyder told her about the attack the morning of Sept. 8, 1991, and said some-

thing needed to be done about it.

The assault came Sept. 7, 1991. Snyder said he was "furious" about the attack, but initially didn't consider it a sexual assault.

"I looked upon it as an incident, and in retrospect an assault, and in further retrospect sexual assault," he said.

Snyder said he tried to come up with a course of action to protect Coughlin, adding that he was concerned because "naval aviation has been, because of the laws of our country against women in

combat, a male society."

A promising helicopter pilot who wanted to fly jets, Coughlin resigned from the Navy in February, citing "covert attacks" and other pressure from the case.

In other testimony, Lt. Cmdr. Dennis Dilucente said in a deposition that women were urged to bare their breasts as they walked along a crowded third-floor hallway at the convention. He said he didn't see any women "screaming for help" or being touched against their will.

Cmdr. James Usbeck said in a deposition he asked a security guard at one point if more help was needed to control the Tailhook crowd. The guard didn't answer, Usbeck said, because at that moment an 18-year-old woman's clothes went flying through the air.

Previously, people testified a drunk teen-ager was found semiconscious on the hallway floor.

Japan sentences Nigerian to 15 years

TOKYO (AP) - A Japanese court has sentenced a Nigerian man to 15 years in prison and fined him 5 million yen (\$51,000) for smuggling heroin into Japan.

Austyn Oguama, 29, received the sentence at the district court in Chiba prefecture (state), 70 kilometers (45 miles) east of Tokyo, a court official said Thursday.

According to the ruling,

Oguama offered a female college student a round-trip ticket to Bangkok, Thailand if she would agree to buy and bring back a package of fashion accessories.

The woman and a friend were arrested in June, 1991 on arrival at Narita Airport in Chiba prefec-

ture when customs officials found four kilos (8.8 pounds) of heroin among the accessories.

The women were not prosecuted because an investigation showed they did not know they were carrying the drugs, said the decision, written by judge Ryoji

Kankaku.

Four kilos of heroin can fetch up to 400 million yen (\$4 million) on Japanese streets, Chiba police say.

The court official who confirmed the details requested anonymity.

Ex-hostage sues gov't for files

WASHINGTON (AP) - Terry Anderson, who spent nearly seven years as the hostage of kidnappers in Lebanon, plans to file a lawsuit against the U.S. government, claiming he's being denied records of his case.

Anderson, Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press when he was kidnapped in Beirut in 1985, scheduled a news conference for Thursday to announce the suit, which is to be filed in U.S. District Court.


"He's been completely stifled," Sheryl Walter, general counsel for The National Security Archive, a private foreign policy research organization, said Wednesday.

Anderson sought access to hundreds of records under the Freedom of Information Act.

"The only thing he got are clips of wire stories or heavily blocked out pieces of paper," Walter said. "He was asked to provide notarized authorization from the terrorists. This is all from our own Justice Department."

The records Anderson is seeking include those that came to public attention as part of the Iran-Contra scandal. Walter said it would name 11 government agencies as defendants.

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/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise C. Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

Fluoride poisoning serious in China

BEIJING (AP) - Smog caused by widespread use of low-grade coal has caused more than 45 million Chinese to be affected by fluoride poisoning, an official report said Thursday.

Fluorosis, overexposure to fluoride, is endemic in practically all Chinese communities.

A recent conference of medical workers in Beijing reported that since 1986, only 4 million people have benefited from treatment and prevention programs, the China Daily said.

Fluoride poisoning causes tooth staining and corrosion. In its most severe form, it can cause paralysis.

The high fluoride content of the coal used by many Chinese households for cooking and heating is a major problem. Many water sources also contain dangerously high levels of the chemical.

The report said that more than 100 million people were threatened by the disease. Official records show that 42.88 million Chinese have dental fluorosis,

while another 2.37 million have contracted skeletal fluorosis.

"China has the world's most severe problem with endemic fluorosis," Chen Junsheng, a member of China's State Council, was quoted as saying. "It will take a long time to get rid of

fluorosis."

Although China's major cities, like Beijing and Shanghai, are gradually replacing coal-fueled cookers and heaters with gas-run appliances, in other areas pollution has grown worse in recent years. The problem is

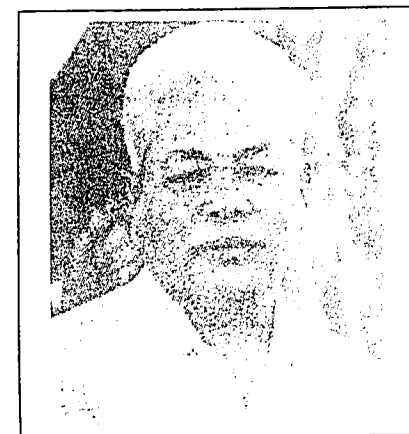
worst in northern China, the report said.

The government is trying to minimize the problem by changing water sources for some communities and by supplying specially designed stoves to cut down on air pollution, it added.

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Wednesday	September 28th	6:00 p.m.
Friday	September 30th	6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served at the residence of Mrs. Maria P. Crisostimo in San Roque after the final Mass of Intention on Friday, September 30, 1994. Please join us.

The Family

Mina Dos Na Kumpleanos Finatai

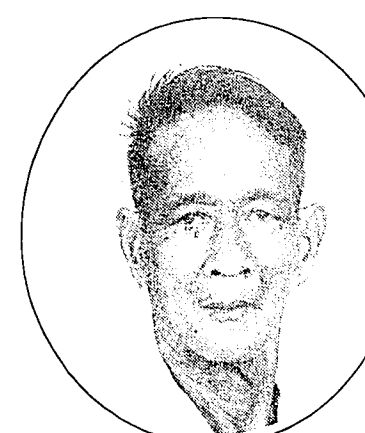
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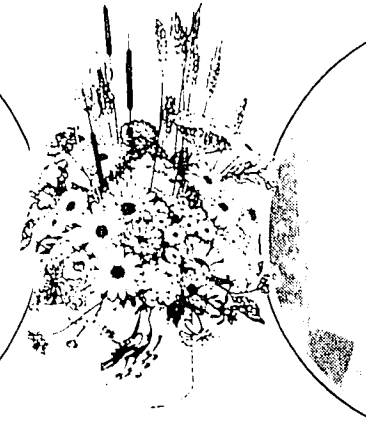
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We, the family of our beloved Ones are inviting all our relatives and friends to join us in our graceful prayers which begin on Saturday, September 17, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of John S. Dela Cruz (Doi) and Juanet J. Castro, in Fina Sisu.

Mass of intention will be offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, Starting on September 17, to September 25, 1994.

On the final day, Saturday, September 24, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon, and, a special mass will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Jose Church. Dinner will follow after the mass at the above residence.

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Denmark's government collapses

By JAN M. OLSEN

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - A lackluster election has ended with an even weaker showing for Denmark's government, forcing the prime minister to leave office while he tries to form a new Cabinet.

But the government collapse is not likely to affect domestic or foreign issues, since Danish politics are traditionally ruled by consensus, political analysts say. Social Democratic Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen will continue as head of a care-taker government, and he is expected to be the first tapped to form a new Cabinet.

"We'll try to make a government with the Center Democrats and the (center) Radicals," Nyrup Rasmussen said after Wednesday's election.

The distribution of votes diminished the strength of the ruling Social Democrats to 43.8 percent, reducing their representation in the 179-seat Parliament

from 89 to 75 seats.

However, the largest opposition group, the Liberal Party, only scored 23.3 percent, an increase in seats from 29 to 42 seats. The second-largest group in opposition, the Conservatives, won 15 percent for 27 seats.

Together the opposition pair grabbed 69 seats, up from 59 in the outgoing assembly.

But political dynamics were complicated by the fact that one of Nyrup Rasmussen's coalition partners, the Christian Peoples' Party, failed to pass the 2 percent margin for holding seats, forcing the prime minister to assemble a new team.

"It's a very unclear picture to me," said Conservative opposition leader Hans Engell. Still, he said his party would try to influence selection of the next government.

Liberal Party chief Uffe Ellemann-Jensen promised "to make use of the jump forward to make the Social Democratic government's work difficult."

With the economy in good shape and no major issues dividing them, Danes had been expected to re-elect the Social Democratic-led government. Campaigning in the last three weeks has been uninspired compared to the hard debate over the economy, NATO ties and the European Union in the past. Minority Cabinets are not unusual in Danish politics.

When Nyrup Rasmussen took office in January 1993, he headed the first majority government in more than 20 years.

But his majority of 90 seats lasted only 13 months, ending when a member of the Center Democrats quit to become independent following a scandal.

Two left-wing parties - the Socialist People's Party and the Red-Green Alliance - scored a combined 10.4 percent for 19 seats.

Although Nyrup Rasmussen ruled out a coalition with either group, his opposition also rejected a coalition on its right flank with the maverick anti-tax Progress Party, which scored 6.4 percent to gain 11 seats in Parliament.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DPW94-RFP-00299

The Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Public School System is soliciting proposals from interested contractors for the construction of a four (4) classroom building facility at Tanapag Elementary School on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The proposal must address the following:

- Profile of the company and key personnel;
- Past experience with similar projects;
- Time frame for design and construction; and
- Financial and manpower capability.

A business license is a requirement and plans and specifications must be prepared and stamped by a CNMI Registered Engineer or Architect.

Proposals must be delivered to the office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Department of Finance, no later than 4:30 p.m., October 10, 1994.

A detailed Scope of Work will be available at the Department of Public Works on or about September 16, 1994. All concerns may be referred to Mr. Stephen P. Lemieux at telephone number (670) 322-9828 or 322-9436.

The government reserves the right to reject or accept all proposals.

/s/ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA, P.E.
Secretary of Public Works
Dated Sept. 6, 1994

/s/WILLIAM S. TORRES
Commissioner of Education
Dated Sept 9 1994

INVITATION TO BID DPW94-ITB-00300

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the American Memorial Park Gates, Ballards, and Walkways. The project is located at American Memorial Park, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI. Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply at Lower Base, Saipan, until 2:00 p.m., local time, October 7, 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 Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the Check: "Credit Account No. 1471" Bid security is not required if bid amount is less than \$25,000.00.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his business permit as a compliance with the contractors' Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after September 14, 1994 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$50.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, September 28, 1994 at the Department of Public Works Conference Room.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specification must be paid on this project.

All bids documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified check or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, "Institute to the Bidders", Page B-5, 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.

STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX, P.E.
Acting, Secretary of Public Works

DATE SEPT. 08, 1994

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS APPRAISAL SERVICES

1. SERVICE REQUIRED

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) requires the services of a qualified appraiser to prepare a valuation to determine:

- The fair market value of land owned by the CPA, and
- The insurable replacement value of all buildings and other improvements, located at the airports and seaports on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The appraisal report shall include at least the following elements:

- Legal description of the property.
- Site plan showing all buildings on the premises.
- Photographs of each building appraised.
- A complete description of each building or other improvement appraised, indicating name, occupancy, size, age and construction.
- A definition of Fair Market Value and Insurable Replacement Value.
- A description of the methods and analysis used to determine the Fair Market Value and Insurable Replacement Cost of the properties.
- A summary page tabulating the results of the appraisal by property and building or other improvement.

3. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF SERVICES

It is anticipated the required services will commence on or after Notice to Proceed and continue for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days.

4. SUBMITTAL DATE

Proposals must be submitted in triplicate to Mr. Roman T. Tudela, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than October 7, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

5. PROPOSAL

The contents of the Proposal shall contain at least:

- A complete resume of the proposer setting forth its experience pertinent to the services to be rendered under this project.
- The qualifications and past experience of the individual(s) who will be conducting the appraisal.
- A statement as to the work load of the proposer and its ability to meet the desired commencement and completion dates.
- Confirmation that the proposer is licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- A brief statement as to what method and criteria will be used in the conduct of the appraisal.
- A list of references appropriate to the work to be undertaken in Section 1.
- The basis upon which the proposer's fee will be determined.

6. EVALUATION

The factors used in evaluating the proposals submitted will be the seven criteria set forth in Section 5. Each criteria will be assigned a weight of 10 points with the proposer receiving the highest overall point score being awarded the contract. The CPA will select a proposal within 30 days following submission.

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

/s/ROMAN T. TUDELA
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OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-716

ESTANISLAO A. BENAVENTE,
Petitioner,
VERSUS
MARIA TERESA BENAVENTE,
Respondent.

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

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

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

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

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1 GENERAL MANAGER - College graduate. Salary \$3,000 per month.

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1 PRODUCTION/OPERATIONS MANAGER - Salary \$3,000 per month.

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1 GENERAL MANAGER - Duties: Plans, directs and coordinates business. Study management method to improve work flow, make study, plan and recommend as to the smooth operation of the business and do other duties and responsibilities. Must be fluent in Japanese and Chinese languages. College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$1,000 per month.

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1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3,000 per month.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$1,175 per month or \$6.78 per hour.

1 MAINTENANCE/ELECTRICIAN - Two years experience. Salary \$6.00 per hour.

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Accountant

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.75-\$3.50 per hour.

Contact: ETU MULTI-SERVICES, INC. Caller Box AAA 1037, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-7727. (09/23)/F/16673.

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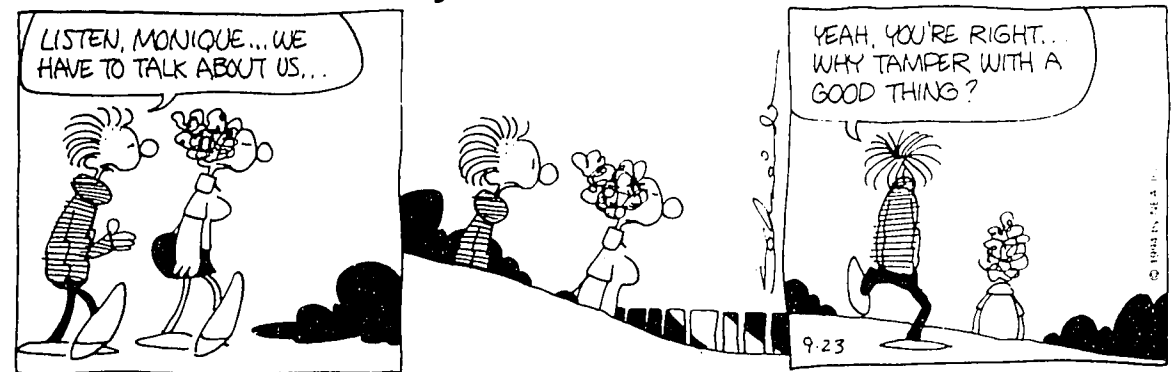
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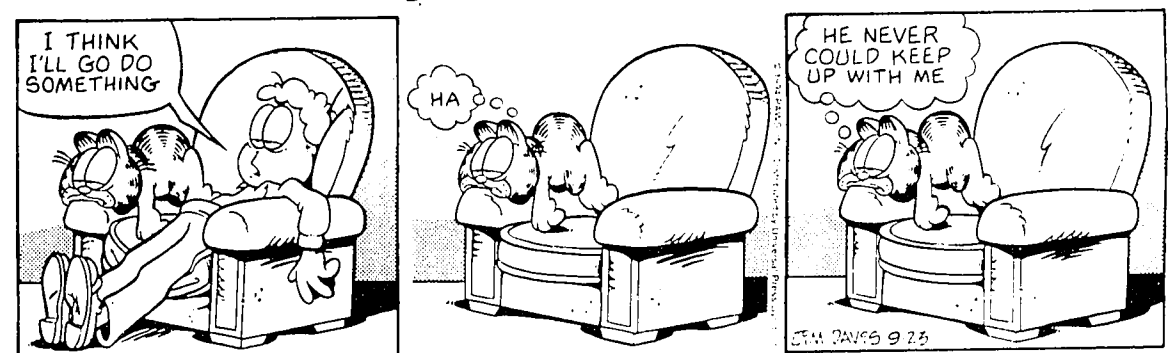
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By Stella Wilder

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Also born on this date are: Ray Charles, singer and musician; Bruce Springsteen, singer-songwriter; Julio Iglesias, singer; Mickey Rooney, actor; Larry Mize, golfer.

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

DATE BOOK

Sept. 23, 1994

Today is the 266th day of 1994 and the first day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1993, the South African parliament voted to allow blacks to participate in the national government for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Augustus

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Everyday concerns will increase today, and you may find yourself immersed in a sort of mystery which revolves around certain key facts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — There is little danger likely to arise today from taking things more personally. If anything, you'll only work harder at given tasks.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You want only the right stuff at the right price today, but you must be willing to negotiate in order to get the best possible deal.

Caesar (63 B.C.-A.D. 14), Roman emperor; Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927), social reformer; Walter Lippman (1889-1974), journalist; Mickey Rooney (1920-), actor; is 74; John Coltrane (1926-1967), musician; Ray Charles (1930-), singer-pianist; is 64; Julio Iglesias (1943-), singer; is 51; Bruce Springsteen (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Al Couture achieved the fastest knockout in boxing history: 11 seconds. When the opening bell rang, Couture ran up to opponent Ralph Walton (who was adjusting his mouth

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ACROSS

1 Electric unit
4 "Waiting for —"
9 Conform
12 — Peebles
13 Flaming
14 "— Maria"
15 Buenos —
17 Impolite (hyph. wd.)
19 Toward and within
21 Yes
22 Loser
25 Rare gas
29 Sun god
30 Suppress
32 Goose egg
33 Singer Grant
35 Mr. Chavez
37 Grant
38 Ponce de —
40 Bugle call
42 "— Cowboy"

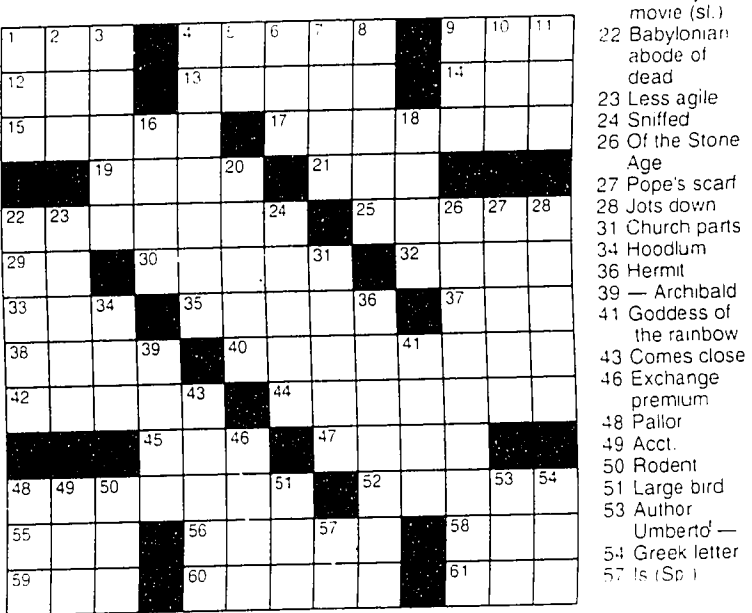
DOWN

44 Complaints about
45 Light meal
47 "Narrow opening"
48 Land measure
52 Guide (to a seal)
55 Mineral spring
56 Icy coatings
58 Fish disease
59 Chapeau
60 Habitual drunkard (sl.)
61 Cry of dove

1 Collection
2 Roman 2 002
3 Singer Grant
4 Of the stomach
5 Resulting from
6 Roman 502

7 Paris airport
8 Message-transmission system
9 Distant

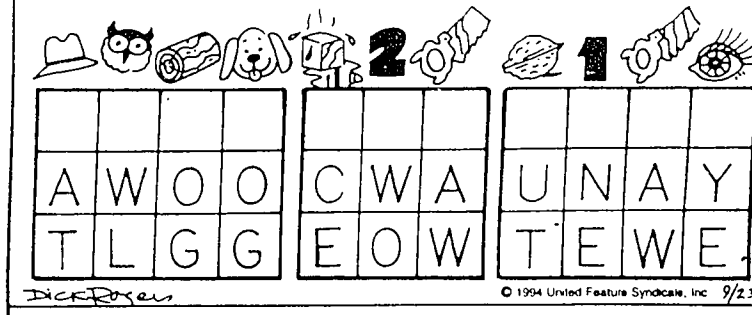
10 "— Got a Secret"
11 Mr. Danson
12 Son of Selh
13 Singer Joan
14 Cowboy move (sl.)
15 Babylonian abode of dead
16 Less agile
17 Sniffed
18 Of the Stone Age
19 Pope's scarf
20 Jots down
21 Church parts
22 Hoodlum
23 Hermit
24 Archibald
25 Goddess of the rainbow
26 Comes close
27 Exchange premium
28 Pallor
29 Acct.
30 Roderic
31 Large bird
32 Author
33 Gorgon —
34 Greek letter
35 Is (Sp.)



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The Department of Public Safety, Boating Safety Unit in conjunction with the Municipality of Saipan Employees' Association are hereby advising those

who intend to participate in the event to make sure that the following boating safety rules are met:

1. All boat registration must be

current. If not, registration must be renewed as soon as possible prior to the date of the tournament.

2. Boat registration cards must be laminated and be on board the vessel at all times.

3. All vessels must have sufficient number of U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD) on board.

4. Fully functional portable handheld marine type or mounted VHF radios must be on board the boat at all times.

5. All lighting equipment must be operational. This includes the navigational lights "running light" and anchor lights.

6. Vessels must carry ABC type fire extinguisher on board that are capable of extinguishing flames of any type that might occur while out at sea.

7. Night and day visual distress signal devices must be available on board the boat.

8. All boats must have sound producing devices such as a whistle, horn, etc., on board.

9. All boat operators should refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages during the event. Other optional items that are of importance and recommended to be carried on the boat include a compass, empty bucket, flashlight or spotlight, ring buoy and a towing rope.

All boaters must ensure that they have an adequate amount of fuel for the estimated duration of time out at sea. Extra fuel is highly recommended in anticipation of unexpected changes in weather conditions.

For further information contact either Assistant Chief J.J. Castro or Sergeant Johnny Tomei at telephone number 322-4037 or Tony Naputi at 234-6208/6280 or you may stop by the Boating Safety Unit office located at Lower Base or the Mayor's Office in Chalan Kanoa.

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MARIANAS CableVision brings more football to Saipan. MCV continues to dominate the grid iron coverage on Saipan. In addition to ESPN's regularly scheduled live football broadcasts

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erage. The additional AFC, NFC, and CFA football games are recorded in the early hours while the games are broadcast live in Guam. They are then flown to Saipan and replayed the same day in Prime Time. MCV is constantly researching potential games they feel will be of interest to viewers. Updated game schedules are listed on the MCV classified channel on a daily basis for viewers.

"Football fans don't want to wait a week to watch the games, especially if they already know which team had won," says Dwight Engler, Acting General Manager of Marianas CableVision. "MCV is constantly striving to provide Saipan viewers with the best possible programming and a variety of viewing alternatives."

In only a short period of time Marianas CableVision has become the most watched television on Saipan garnering over fifty-eight percent of the viewers who watch television. Eighty-nine percent of those viewers tune in to watch KMCV 7 news, local news, local sports, and other creative programming as well as an excellent staff have made it possible for MCV to become this successful.

1994 Summer Youth Basketball League

Games Today
Sixers vs. Panthers (Consolation)
O'Acres vs. Tanapag Eyes (Championship)

Game Results

Monday
Tanapag Eyes, 93-MTC Sixers, 92
Half Time: 41-53

Highest Scorer:
Mariano Aguin 21 Joe Ito 23
Rex Sanchez 20 Luis Cepeda 21
John Acosta 19 Tony Benavente 19

Referees: Trogo, Rang
Scorer: Kapileo
Timer: Brandon

Standings as of 9/21/94

Team	Win	Loss
MTC Sixers	8	2
DFS Panthers	7	3
O'Acres	7	3
Tanapag Eyes	4	6
MCV Susupe Hi-5	4	6
Garapan Waves	0	10

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U94-140	1991	BUICK REGAL	AAS-427	7695
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U94-146	1991	MAZDA 323	ABC-591	3995
U94-118	1985	MAZDA GLC	AAJ-925	795
U94-082	1990	MAZDA 626	AAS-975	5695
U94-131	1990	MAZDA 929	AAP-960	8495
U94-142	1991	MAZDA B2200	AAY-242	4995
NISSAN				
U92-156T	1987	NISSAN MAXIMA	AAC-886	2595
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U94-053	1989	SUZUKI/SIDEKICK	AAW-613	3995
U94-028	1990	ROCKY	AAS-485	6995
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U94-136	1990	4X2	AAS-678	5495
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R94-004	1992	4X2	AAJ-488	6595
U94-129	1991	4X2 (AUTO)	AAR-799	4995
R94-012	1992	4X4	AAW-150	11995
U94-086	1988	4X4 EXTRA-CAB	AAC-265	3995
U94-117	1993	4X4 EXTRA-CAB	AAX-197	12995
U94-137	1991	4X4 EX-CAB	AAZ-562	9495
U94-112	1989	4-RUNNER	AAR-942	6995
R94-013	1990	4-RUNNER	AAU-352	7995
U94-156	1991	PREVIA	AAS-313	7995
KOHLER				
		85KW GENERATOR		5995
TRAILER				
		TRASH TRAILER		595

Chinese...

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2 in Hiroshima, and has set its gold medal goal at 100, a relatively modest aim considering it won 183 golds at the last Asian

1990.

Along with the swimmers, China will be sending "Ma's Army," its record-holding contingent of women long-distance runners.

Coach Ma Junren and his protégés stunned the athletics world

Ex-Soviet...

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and the Sanfrecce J-League soccer club.

THE EVENT - The Asian Games were first held in New Delhi in 1951, with 11 countries participating. Arranged along the lines of the Olympic Games, the Asian Games are held in both winter and summer, once every four years.

THE SPORTS - Competition will be held in 34 sports, with 337 gold medals at stake. Along with such familiar international sports as athletics, swimming and soc-

cer, the Asian Games also feature the largely region-specific sports of kabaddi, sepak takraw and soft tennis.

THE COMPETITORS - All 43 countries and territories with membership in the Olympic Council of Asia are eligible to compete in the Games, spanning an area from the Arabian Peninsula through to the Pacific. New to this year's Games will be five former Soviet republics, while former OCA member Iraq, expelled for invading Kuwait in 1990, will be absent. North Korea is the only eligible country that is not sending athletes.

at last year's World Championships by winning all three distance events - the 1,500, 3,000 and 10,000 meters - and then breaking the world record at each of those distances one month later in Beijing.

Ma's Army also was suspected by many of doping. Ma denied it, but said he had fed his runners turtle blood, caterpillar fungus and a tonic made of earthworm extract.

Last December, Ma sold his "Elixir of Life" formula to a Chinese health food company for

more than \$1 million, and in March found some vindication in out-of-competition drug tests that found no banned substances in his two top runners, world record holders Wang Junxia (3,000 and 10,000 meters) and Qu Yunxia (1,500 meters).

Injuries have made the past season a lackluster one for Wang and Qu. But Cao Jianjie, a sports writer for China's official Xinhua News Agency, said Ma has been training his women at high altitude and expects them, and a few new male runners, to win in Hiroshima.

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juniors is \$5 per person per event.

Entry forms can be turned in at Las Vegas Discount Golf and Tennis or mailed to the NMITA at P.O. Box 5337, Saipan, MP 96950. Entries may also be faxed to the NMITA at 322-1091.

The tournament draw will be held at Pacific Islands Club on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m. Cop-

ies of the draw will be posted at the American Memorial Park tennis facility, PIC, Pacific Postal Plus, and Las Vegas Discount Golf and Tennis on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The tournament directors are Mike Walsh and Eli Buenaventura. For more information, call Buenaventura at 322-5880.

Saipan...

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fees submission is Wednesday October 12, and not later than 5:00 p.m. All applications should be submitted to Las Vegas Discount Golf Shop in Garapan.

For more information call tournament Director Karl Reyes at 234-7937 or Amigos Golf Club President Eli Maravill at 234-7596.

Rangers...

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month. Messier has exercised a clause in his contract permitting him to reopen bargaining over his wages, which are \$2.6 million this season. Messier, who led the Rangers to their first Stanley Cup in 54 years last spring, is believed to be asking for a two- or three-year deal worth about \$6 million a year.

Smith hopes to have Messier in uniform by the start of the season on Oct. 1.

WCW Fall Brawl on Saipan Cable

WORLD Championship Wrestling and Saipan Cable TV present "Blood...Sweat...and Steel, Fall Brawl War Games." On Sunday, September 25, 1994 Saipan Cable TV subscribers can order this exciting event on their home theater club converters for only \$24.95.

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Games will be replayed from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

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SPORTS



US wins 5th PGA title

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) - The United States, sparked by unbeaten John Lee and Walt Chapman won six of the final 10 singles matches Wednesday to defeat Europe 15-11 in the PGA Cup.

The U.S. team of PGA professionals earned its fifth consecutive triumph in retaining the Llandudno International Trophy.

The Americans, who own an 11-4-2 overall record in the Ryder Cup-style event for club professionals, have never lost this event on U.S. soil.

The U.S. concluded Tuesday's rain-delayed second round with a 3-1 triumph in the four-ball that gave the Americans a 9-7 advantage heading into the singles matches.

Lee, the runner-up in the 1993 PGA Club Professional Championship, finished (4-0) as the only unbeaten player on either team. He capped his 2-and-1 victory over Hogan Stott of England with a 30-foot birdie putt on the par-3

17th hole. Lee had clinched the U.S. retaining the trophy by making an eight-foot par-saving putt on the par-4 16th hole.

Chapman, who entered the final day with an 0-3 record, rolled past Russell Weir of Scotland 4

and 3.

In addition, 48-year-old Rick Acton, the oldest member of either team, and J.L. Lewis each posted 4-1 records.

The PGA Cup will renew in 1996 at Gleneagles, Scotland.

Ex-Soviet republics joining Asian Games

TOKYO (AP) - An quick look at the 12th Asian Games, scheduled for Oct. 2-16 in the western Japanese city of Hiroshima:

THE HOST - Hiroshima, a city of about 900,000, is 687 kilometers (429 miles) southwest of Tokyo on Japan's main island of Honshu. Originally a fishing village, Hiroshima later developed into a thriving castle town and

major port. On Aug. 6, 1945, it became the first city ever to suffer an atomic bomb attack, which killed some 140,000 people. Almost completely rebuilt after the war, Hiroshima again is a thriving commercial center. It is also home to two professional sports teams, the Hiroshima Carp of Japanese major league baseball

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Rangers negotiate new contract with Messier

By KEN RAPPOPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Rangers are "chipping away and getting closer" to a new contract with Mark Messier, the emblem player of the Stanley Cup champions.

"We've had more discussions at this point," general manager Neil Smith said Wednesday night. "The negotiations are carrying on as they have been in the past few weeks."

Smith, speaking by conference

call from Los Angeles, where the Rangers played the Kings in an exhibition game Wednesday night, refuted reports that the negotiations were held up by a change in team ownership.

Bob Gutkowski, who had been negotiating with Messier along with Smith, was forced out Tuesday as Madison Square Garden's president. Knicks president Dave Checketts was appointed interim president of the Madison Square Garden Sports Group, which was formed following Viacom's sale to the Cablevision-ITT partnership.

Smith said he would "work very closely with Dave" and report to Checketts. However, Smith is entirely in charge of negotiations with Messier.

"These negotiations are not starting at ground zero. The change in ownership has not hurt," Smith said. "The negotiations are ongoing and this is the way they are to continue."

"No trade has ever been discussed, either internally or externally, regarding Mark Messier," Smith said. "It's something I can't ever imagine. I can't fathom that. It would be a bad situation."

Messier, 33, is in the third year of a five-year contract. He has been a holdout since the opening of training camp earlier this

SABA has new 1994 schedule

THE SAIPAN Amateur Basketball Association yesterday released its 1994 Island-Wide Men's League Playoff Schedule. The playoffs will include the six teams with the best records during the regular season. The playoff tournament will be in a double-elimination format.

The playoffs will start on Monday, October 24, with the fourth place team taking on the fifth place team, followed by the third place team taking on the sixth place team. The winners of those games will meet the first and second place teams on Thursday, October 27. A team will continue in the playoffs until it has its second loss.

The championship game will be held on Thursday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. If the team coming out of the loser's bracket defeats the team coming out of the winner's bracket, the two teams will meet again on Monday, November 14, for the championship.

All games will be held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. In the preliminary rounds, the first games will start at 7:00 p.m., and the second games at 8:30 p.m. or ten minutes after the end of the first games. The general public is invited to attend.

1994 Playoff Schedule
Monday, October 24
Game A: 4th place-5th place
Game B: 3rd place-6th place
Thursday, October 27
Game C: 1st place-winner game A

Game D: 2nd place-winner game B

Monday, October 31
Game E: loser game A-loser game D

Game F: loser game B-loser game C

Thursday, November 3
Game G: winner game E-winner game F

Game H: winner game C-winner game D

Monday, November 7
Game I (7:30): winner game G-loser game H

Thursday, November 10
Game J (7:30): winner game H-winner game I

Monday, November 14
(If necessary) Game K (7:30): winner game H-winner game I

Bud tennis entries due Sat.

TENNIS players of all ages have until this Saturday, September 24, at 5 p.m. to enter the Bud Light Open, one of Saipan's leading annual tennis tournaments.

Players of all ages and abilities

Saipan Classic slated

THE POPULAR 21st Annual Proud Bird Saipan Classic Golf Competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24. The first day of the tournament will be held at Coral Ocean Point and the second and final day will be held at the Greg Norman Design Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort.

Tournament flights consist of Men's Championship A, B, and C, Seniors (50) up and Ladies Gross: and Net.

All first place winners will be awarded a round trip ticket courtesy of Continental Air Micronesia to various destinations such as Honolulu, Bali, Seoul, Manila, Palau and Guam, as well as many other surprise prizes for top finishers in each flight category.

Applications can be obtained at all golf courses and Las Vegas Discount Golf Shop in Garapan.

Entry Fee of \$150.00 dollars will include green fees, carts, and awards banquet.

Deadline for applications and

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are invited to participate in the tournament, which will be held on the weekends of Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 8-10. Doubles play will take place on the first weekend and singles matches will be contested on the second weekend, with the finals to be held on the Columbus Day holiday (Oct. 10).

Players can enter a number of levels, including:

•Singles: Men's or women's open; men's or women's 4.0; men's or women's 3.0; men's or women's novice; men's over-40; junior boys or girls 18 and under; junior boys or girls 15 and under; junior boys or girls 12 and under.

•Doubles: Men's or women's open; men's or women's 4.0;

men's or women's 3.0; men's or women's novice; junior boys or girls 18 and under.

No-ad scoring will be used in all matches except the semi-finals and the finals. All matches will be the best two-out-of-three sets.

Entry forms are available at Las Vegas Discount Golf & Tennis, the American Memorial Park tennis facility, Pacific Postal Plus and Pacific Islands Club.

The registration fee is \$10 per person per event for members of the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association, and \$15 per person per event for non-NMITA members. The registration fee for

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Chinese athletes: no to drugs

TOKYO (AP) - At the last Asian Games, China's women swimmers won every event. At this year's World Swimming Championships, they won 12 of 16 gold medals and set five world records in the process.

What is their secret?

Hard work, say the athletes and their coaches. Simple as that.

But as China prepares to make its next big splash at the Asian Games in Hiroshima - in which they are expected to hoard the gold both in the water and out - the doubts remain.

"Unbelievable," Japanese

newspapers quoted swimmer Suzu Chiba as saying after China's Le Jingyi demolished the world 50-meter freestyle record at the Rome championships. "It's abnormal."

Eighteen coaches at the championships signed a declaration urging FINA, swimming's governing body, to take immediate action against doping and punish any country that impedes short-notice testing of its athletes. It did not name China.

Japan did not sign the declaration, a document which along with all the other grousing about drugs outraged China's swim coach, Ming Zhou.

"The sports world has always been the domain of the Western people," he said after his team broke its fourth world record at the championships. "They just can't tolerate that the Asian people can be as good at sports."

But faced with 24 positive tests last year alone, Chinese sports officials have acknowledged that some of their athletes have been using performance-enhancing drugs and that they are trying to combat the problem.

China plans to send 570 athletes to the Games starting Oct.

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