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1,350 workers await court decision

by Teri M. Flores

United States District Court Judge Alex Munson is expected to hand down a decision this morning on a case seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) on several garment factories which were named in a labor suit filed by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

Labor representatives are ask-

ing the court to grant a TRO that will inhibit Saipan-businessman Willie Tan from shipping garments that have allegedly been produced in violation of the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act.

A TRO is also being sought for Tan or any of his company's representatives to be inhibited from harassing and intimidating Chinese and Filipino employees who were named as plaintiffs in

the case.

The suit was filed on Friday at the U.S. District Court by DOL attorneys Stephen R. De Smith and Faye Von Wrangel on behalf of 1,350 factory and office workers employed in companies where Tan serves as corporate officer.

The 1,250 respondents who were named in the case have been employed in Tan's companies from July 1, 1988 to July 28, 1990 while those who have worked from July 28, 1990 to the present are also being represented in the case.

Named as plaintiffs in the suit are the American International Knitters Corp., American In-

vestment Corp., Pacific International Corp., Pacific Garment Manufacturing Corp., L&T International Corp., Tan's brother Jerry and his father, Siu Lin.

The suit stems from an investigation made by two U.S. labor officials on Tan's group of companies which was prompted by complaints alleging that Tan's factory workers were not being paid overtime compensation and that they were being paid on a piece-rate basis.

The workers are also alleging that company representatives have failed to keep accurate time records and that

they were also illegally deducting fines for defective products from the employee's paychecks.

The initial hearing on the case was held on Friday and Tan posted a \$200,000 bond which guarantees that no worker will be sent off-island.

A decision on the case was expected yesterday however, the hearings had to be postponed twice as the representatives of both parties have been in "in-chambers" session with District Court Judge Munson during most of the day.

The discussion in the in-chambers session centered on the issue on whether or not a TRO will be

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NMC President Agnes McPetres (right) signs documents for the release of \$313,500 in reprogrammed funds for 141 recipients of scholarships as Board of Regent Member Karl Reyes looks on.

Tinian casino gaming commission refutes charges from AG's Office

by Rafael H. Arroyo

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission has recently asked the Superior Court of the CNMI to deny a declaratory ruling being requested by the Attorney General, arguing that the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 is constitutional.

In a defendants' brief submitted to the trial court, the Commission further pointed out that

the Attorney General's thorough review during the certification process and its vehemently attacking the initiative as being unconstitutional, should have been addressed at the outset of the certification process or during the formative stages of the Commission.

The AG filed a civil suit against the Commission in behalf of the CNMI, charging that the initiative is in conflict with one or more provisions of the US or CNMI Constitutions and/or Commonwealth laws.

The Commission, however, said that granting the AG's Office is against the initiative as to its constitutionality, the Office should have "attacked" the issue prior to its being sub-

mitted to Tinian voters for approval.

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the CNMI Constitution, the Attorney General shall certify an initiative petition prior to it being submitted to the voters.

The Commission argued that the AG's Office exhaustively reviewed and examined the initiative whether it conflicted with any of the said constitutions or with the Commonwealth law.

It was also claimed that the thorough review notwithstanding, the office certified the initiative which subsequently became law, but was now attacking the same initiative as being unconstitutional and at variance with Commonwealth law.

According to the brief signed by

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Casino initiative hatched, this time for island of Rota

by Rafael H. Arroyo

The Attorney General has created a task force to review and evaluate a petition recently filed at his office seeking to legalize casino gambling in the island of Rota.

Attorney General Robert C. Naraja said that he has assigned Assistant Attorney General John F. Cool to look into a casino initiative submitted by a certain Justin Manglona that calls for the operation of a casino in the island.

The initiative was reportedly a result of a petition drive which reflected the apparent desire for the enactment of an act legalizing casino gaming for the Third Senatorial District.

The petition and the initia-

tive were submitted to the AG's Office to assure compliance with Article IX, Section (1) (b) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

Reportedly similar to the one being proposed for the island of Tinian, the petition has to be accompanied by the signatures of at least 20% of the total number of registered voters on that senatorial district before it gets to be considered for balloting.

The task force created is presently reviewing the signatures gathered to verify if each signature indeed comes from persons in the registry of voters from the island.

"We are also checking if the signatures would meet the 20% requirement before the initiative gets to be voted upon by the Rota electorate," Cool said in an in-

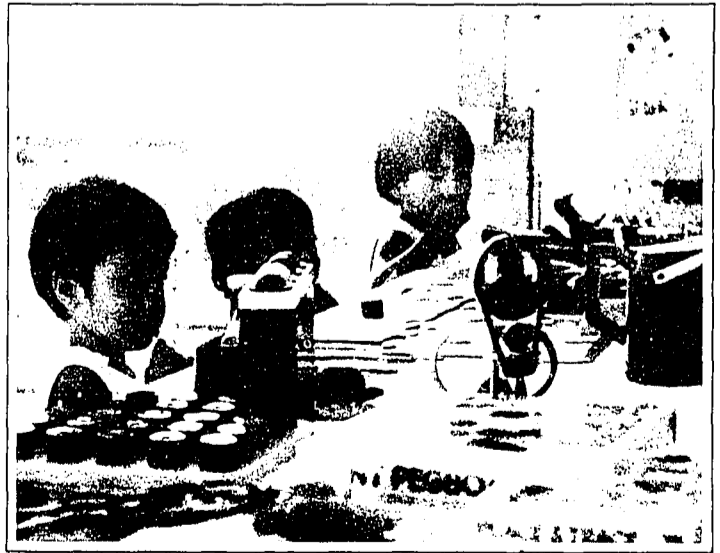
terview.

The Constitution requires that an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of voters from the senatorial district be gathered in the balloting before government approves the initiative into law.

The Rota proposal came at a time when arguments for and against the legalization of casino gambling in Tinian is currently being subjected to public opinion.

The AG's Office, as of late, has questioned the constitutionality of some provisions of the Act that created the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission.

The Office, however, declined to give further details about the Rota casino initiative.



J.R. Cruz, Dianne Flores, and Minnie Jardinero (from left to right) look at some of the displays featured in last Saturday's Toy Show at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. The show was mounted by Sharon Robbins, a teacher, to introduce a new line of educational toy products that are available on order.

Free enterprise must not hurt consumers — Torres

by Rafael H. Arroyo

Senator Juan S. Torres yesterday said that CNMI-based businessmen must not take advantage of a laissez-faire economy to further their profit motives and effect high prices of prime commodities at the expense of consumers.

This was in order that the system of free enterprise may not hurt the populace in view of the recent high level of prices for fuel and other basic commodities observed in the Commonwealth.

A known advocate of consumer protection, the senator said that dealers and entrepreneurs must realize that although gov-

ernment intervention in business is being minimized, they should take the responsibility of maintaining fairly low prices among themselves.

His call came as he awaits word from the Energy Office about his earlier request that the office undertake an inquiry on what is holding up the price of gasoline in the Commonwealth.

Torres said that he expects the Energy Administrator and the Office of the Attorney General to come up with something "substantial" this week in order that his bid to lower down petro prices may gain ground.

"Starting next week, I may consider making official calls to concerned agencies. We have to

initiate inquiries in order that legal questions about consumer protection may be addressed," Torres was quoted as having said.

The senator pointed out that at the moment, he does not think that legislation is the answer to the problem of high prices in fuel products, since this would run counter to the ideals of a laissez-faire economy.

He, however, did not discount the possibility of coming up with legislation, if needed.

It was noted that high prices of fuel may have a direct bearing on why prices of prime commodities are also high.

"If ever I do consider passage of a bill that will seek lower gas prices, I will also look into the

possibility of lowering the prices of basic food commodities as well," Torres added.

Currently, the Energy Office under Administrator Jocelyn DL Guerrero has started meeting with officials from both Shell Marianas and Mobil Oil

Micronesia, Inc. to come up with answers on how pricing schemes are being implemented.

"We are still awaiting word from the officials of the two petroleum companies about the inquiry we have begun," the Energy Administrator said.

Carolinian Office's Employee of the Month: There when needed

Antonio M. Taitano, the Community Development Specialist of the Carolinian Affairs Office is the right person to call whenever problems need be answered.

Taitano finds answers to the problems that has been brought to his attention, particularly among those of Carolinian descent. One might say that he is the middleman because when something goes wrong, he knows who to call and where to go to correct the situation.

"We receive complaints from the Carolinian public. Sometimes, they do not have water. I have to go to the Mayor's Office to ask for help. Then, I stick around to make sure that the water gets delivered to the people," he said.

Taitano will help with land problems, housing and as he put it, "Anything. Anything at all." For his efforts, Antonio was

named as the department's Employee of the Year. "They told me I worked very hard, that I help in the office, that I keep the Carolinian Park clean and that I always help the public," he said.

Taitano said as hard as he tries to help people sometimes things just do not work out for them. "But it all works out, then we really feel like we have accomplished some work," he proudly said.

He does not take all the credit either. Antonio said that he likes the staff of the Carolinian Affairs Office. "We all cooperate and help each other. Even the supervisors help out on projects," he explained.

The latest project at the Carolinian Ut building is the expansion of the Bar-B-Que pit. That is where you will find Antonio these days - working to make life better for everyone else.



Carolinian Affairs Employee of the Year, Antonio M. Taitano.

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Garment companies in "rare lawsuit"

by Teri M. Flores

The labor lawsuit that has been filed by the U.S. Department of Labor naming five companies owned by garments tycoon Willie Tan has been described as a "rare lawsuit" meant to eliminate the need for an impending grand jury trial.

Robert O'Connor, the defending attorney on the labor case filed on Friday at the U.S. District Court, said that he welcomes the lawsuit as the issues that have been brought against Tan will be discussed openly and in good faith.

O'Connor said that he personally requested U.S. Labor officials on a March trip to San Francisco that the department file suit against Tan and his companies.

During his meeting with U.S. Labor officials, O'Connor said that a proposal was made so that a system that will satisfy the regulations of the U.S., the CNMI and the People's Republic of China.

He also proposed to federal labor officials that they can have access to all the information pertinent to the case and that he was confident that the U.S. Labor department would have finally appointed someone to discuss the case with company officials.

"Instead of sending a representative to discuss about this case, this lawsuit was filed by federal labor officials," O'Connor said yesterday.

When asked if the company's move to ask the DOL to file a lawsuit against them was an admission of guilt on Tan's part, O'Connor said, "Contrary to being an admission of guilt, the move we made opened the doors for litigation so that we can negotiate the problem at hand. This will also do away with the need for a grand jury investigation.

O'Connor said that the grand jury investigation was a result of the reports and allegations made by a federal labor official John A. McCann and CNMI labor investigator William Jones.

In a civil action suit filed by Tan against the two labor representatives in late March, McCann was accused of misleading the US Attorney and the federal grand jury by half-truths and deceptions.

"Instead of using a secret grand jury session to file charges against Tan, we have opted for this lawsuit where the facts of the case will be openly discussed by both parties," O'Connor said.

The charges that have been filed by the federal labor officials against Tan include the non-payment of overtime compensation, the improper record keeping of the employees time sheets and violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The same allegations including several more were also contained in a labor suit filed by 39 Chinese workers who were em-

ployed as cutters, sewers and packers at Tan's American International Knitters Corp.

In the suit which was filed by attorney Joe Hill, the employees have accused Tan of implementing company regulations that have been designed to force the workers to work long hours without overtime pay.

The workers are asking that an uncertain amount which have been deducted from their paychecks for housing and food provision be returned to them and that further compensation arising out of breach of contract as well as an additional amount for unliquidated damages and costs.

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We the family of the late **JOSE FAUSTO ARRIOLA** would like to invite relatives and friends to the 2nd Anniversary Rosary of our beloved Father Jose Fausto Arriola. Rosary will be said nightly at our residence in Koblerville beginning August 2, 1991 at 8:00 p.m.

Mass will be offered at 6:00 p.m. on August 10, 1991 at San Jose Church.

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Palau warned on new airport funding

by: Howard Graves
Associated Press Writer

Honolulu (AP) - Alarmed by wheeling and dealing Palau officials, the Interior Department has put a clamp on Japanese investors' offer to spend upward of \$300 on a new airport and tourist-related facilities on Babeldaob, Palau's largest island.

Assistant Interior Secretary Stella Guerra wrote Palau's president that she had received numerous reports of alleged improper and inappropriate contacts and arrangements between the investors and political leaders in three tiny states on whose land the airport and tourist hotels would be built.

She told President Ngiratkel Etipson that her office has not

approved the project and that it cannot proceed without her approval.

She said the airport would be considered only in the context of a Palau master development plan.

Under an Interior Department secretarial order, Guerra's Office of Territorial and International Affairs, must approve any expenditure of \$250,000 or more by Palau.

Interior administers Palau's affairs under a 44-year-old U.N. trust territory agreement.

She also has asked a newly named special prosecutor, David Webster, to investigate whether Palau national and state government officials illegally contacted foreign governments and corporations controlled by foreign governments to arrange financing of the proposed project.

State Department regulations prohibit Palau from government-to-government contact with its or Interior's prior approval.

Guerra's letter, delivered Thursday, is a "warning that we're watching and we think other players need to know that," Larry L. Morgan, a top Guerra aide, said in Washington.

In 1990, Copros Japan Co. Ltd. of Tokyo, entered into a joint venture with the governors of Ngeremlengui, Ngatpang, and Ngeohsar states to build the airport to help promote tourism on Babeldaob a 150 square mile island which has been largely undeveloped.

The investors said they would sell the airport and its facilities to the states for \$10.

The project began to unravel last December when Guerra told

the Japanese investors at a Honolulu meeting that they would have to provide an environmental impact statement. She also told the investors that because of Palau's trust territory status that U.S. regulatory agencies must be involved and that U.S. laws would apply.

The investors were incensed, according to insiders who attended the meeting. They had hoped to have the project underway in early 1991 and finished in five years.

Earlier this year, bickering developed between at least one of the governors and the representative of Palau International Airport Corp., set up by Copros in Koror, Palau's business and government center.

Copros opened a \$1 million bank account in Palau and, in

addition, gave each of the three states \$100,000.

In April, Palau Senate President Joshua Koshiba, in a letter to Palau's vice president, accused one of the governors of being paid \$1,000 per month in service fees. Koshiba asked the vice president, who is justice minister, to investigate. Morgan said Interior had not confirmed Koshiba's allegations or other accusations from various Palau government and non-government sources whom he declined to identify.

Morgan also said Guerra had been asked by several U.S. government and congressional sources to investigate the airport project, the roles of national and state government officials with the Japanese investors, and any foreign government involvement.

Saipan Fishing meet takes off August 3

The 7th Annual Saipan Fishing Tournament will be held on Aug. 3 and 4, according to Frank Aldan, president of the Saipan Sports Fishermen's Association.

Aldan said that he is confident this year's competition will be "the best one ever held on Saipan." He said that since becoming a member of the International Game Fish Association, the Commonwealth has gotten a lot of national and international publicity.

"Our local fishermen, government leaders and local businessmen have always been strong supporters of this tournament. Without their support and assistance, this tournament will never have become the successful and popular event that it is today," Aldan said.

The tournament will kick-off with an August 2 5 p.m. parade. It will start from the Fisheries Complex in Garapan and will commence at the Smiling Cove. Following the parade is the Welcoming Ceremony and the registration of boat and anglers. The tournament rules provide that fish not caught on a registered boat by a registered angler will not be qualified for prizes.

The actual fishing hours are from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4.

The Marianas Visitor's Bureau, the Mayor's office, the Commonwealth Development Authority, the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources.

Those who are interested to participate in this year's tournament can contact Aldan at 234-6868, Norman Tenorio at 234-5562, Cris Guerrero at 234-6208 or Arnold Palacios at 234-9095.

Potent investment schemes up at chamber workshop

A workshop on "Investment Opportunities in the CNMI" which is sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be conducted on July 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Aqua Resort Hotel in Achugao.

Among those who will be featured in the workshop come from reputable companies such as InterPacific Investors Services, Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc., Daniel Zisler, Bank of Guam, Trust Department, Wickline and Co., Century 21, Touche Ross and Co. and the Bankers Association.

The topics that will be discussed during the workshop will include stocks and bonds, money markets, mutual funds, certifi-

cate of deposits and other potential ways of investing.

For Chamber members, the registration fee is \$30 and a \$40 charge will be asked from non-members. The fee includes coffee, tea pastries, lunch, handouts and certificates.

The deadline for the registration of applicants is at 12 noon today and a cancellation after this date will not be accepted.

The Northern Marianas College is offering college credit to interested participants by paying a \$5 registration fee at the workshop date.

For registration and additional registration, contact the Chamber Office at 234-7058/6132 or fax at 234-7151.

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granted and the extent by which the TRO will be in effect, Labor representative Wrangel said in an interview minutes after the in-chambers session have ended.

When asked whether Tan can

still ship garments for export, Wrangel said that Tan may still be to ship merchandise up until the time a decision has been issued by the court.

Wrangel however, was unable

to comment on the direction of the in-chambers session because everything was still on the preliminary stage.

An 11 a.m. hearing today has been set on the case.

Tinian casino. . . Continued from page 1

Attorneys Francis X. Lame Bull and Fredric E. Gushin, not only did the AG certify the initiative, his staff observed and to some degree acquiesced in the actions taken by the Commission from January 1, 1990, until the suit was filed in June 1991.

It was argued that courts have stressed judicial restraint to review challenges to initiatives during the certification process when it would interfere or disrupt the people's right to vote.

The procedure called for the review after signatures of about 20% of the total registered qualified voters in the senatorial district have been gathered. After the AG's review, the initiative undergoes balloting wherein an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of registered voters can have it passed into law.

The initiative satisfied all of these.

"Due to the AG's decision to certify the initiative, the plaintiff is estopped from challenging its constitutionality," the defendants' brief read.

The initiative legalized casino gaming in the Second Senatorial District and created a regulatory structure to strictly regulate gaming activities.

The Commission was likewise established as an autonomous agency of local government. The initiative also specifically designated a method by which the Commission and its activities will be funded and mandates the promulgation of regulation in certain areas.

As embodied in the brief, the

initiative was said to be enacted in full conformity with Articles XXI and IX of the Commonwealth Constitution.

To the extent, however, that there is conflict with the laws of the Commonwealth, the initiative would prevail as it represents the voice of the people of Tinian.

The issues raised by the declaratory ruling as requested by the plaintiff would negate critical portions of the initiative and would undermine the entire initiative process in the Commonwealth.

The initiative process entails a means by which the voters can pass legislation directly, if the legislature fails to enact a law that the voters want to have enacted.

Article IX, Section 1 states that direct democracy and the will of the people are critical and legitimate foundations of being a part of the new Commonwealth government.

According to that same section, there are no prohibitions in the Commonwealth Constitution, which would remotely suggest or directly limit the power of the people to enact laws, whether general or local laws, utilizing the initiative process.

"On the contrary, direct democracy through initiative is a fundamental precept of a representative form of government. The framers of the Constitution specifically reserved direct democracy through initiative to the people whether it be Commonwealth-wide legislation or

local law directed at each senatorial district. It provides plenary power to enact legislation," the defendants' brief read.

The defendants' counsel lamented that in the plaintiff's complaint, the allegations are vague and do not specify as to exactly what parts or provisions are unconstitutional and why.

The court was therefore urged to apply established constitutional standards and not look to the general propriety, social or economic wisdom of the initiative.

On the issue of conflicts arising between local law passed by initiative and the Commonwealth law, it was pointed out that since the initiative can not be amended or repealed by the legislature, local law enacted by initiative takes precedence over Commonwealth law if there is a conflict.

Moreover, the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission as an autonomous agency of local government, can promulgate rules and regulations at variance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

An examination and review of the initiative revealed a comprehensive statute allegedly unique in establishing and regulating casino type gaming within the island Tinian and Aguigan.

In order for the Commission to carry out the mandated duties and responsibilities contained in the initiative, the establishment of an autonomous agency of

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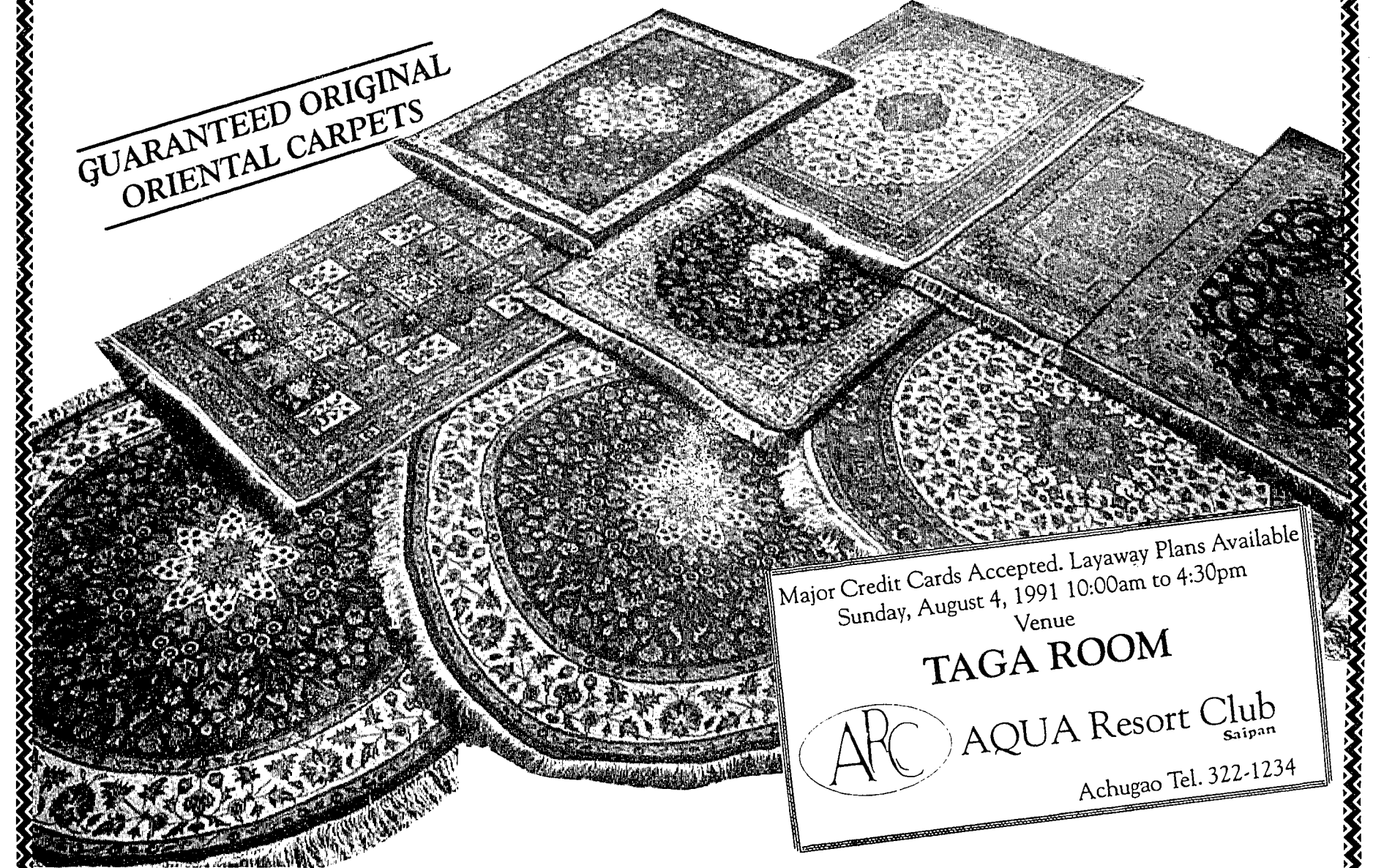
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NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS
TO: Creditors of the estate of Dolores Toves Blas, late of Saipan. You are hereby notified that Victoriana Blas Mesa, of Guam, has been appointed and qualified as administratrix of the estate of Dolores Toves Blas. The administratrix's attorney of record is Reynaldo O. Yana of P.O. Box 52, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby required to serve them duly certified on the said administratrix or her attorney of record at the addresses specified above, and to file them with the clerk of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, together with proof of such service, within 60 days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred. Dated this 24th day of July, 1991. /s/Reynaldo O. Yana Attorney for Administratrix

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In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS
TO: Creditors of the estate of Juan Concepcion Agulto, late of Saipan. You are hereby notified that Joaquin Santos Agulto, of Guam, has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Juan Concepcion Agulto. The administrator's attorney of record is Reynaldo O. Yana of P.O. Box 52, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby required to serve them duly certified on the said administrator or his attorney of record at the addresses specified above, and to file them with the clerk of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, together with proof of such service, within 60 days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred. Dated this 26th day of July 1991. REYNALDO O. YANA Attorney for Administrator

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 4-102 of the procurement regulations of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Commonwealth Zoning Board is requesting a statement of qualifications from computer firms and consultants interested in assisting the board in producing computer generated base maps for the Island of Saipan.

The Zoning Board is currently in the process of drafting the performance zoning ordinance as required under Public Law 6-32, Section 7212 (a) (7). Computer mapping will be used by the zoning Office to assist in the development of Land Use Districts, and Land Use Map for the island of Saipan.

Firms will be ranked on the basis of information submitted on a RFQ form. The top three firms selected will be invited to submit a proposal and be interviewed.

The response to the RFQ will be ranked on the basis of the information provided. The Zoning Board will enter into negotiations with the number one ranked firm.

All interested parties should obtain a Request for Qualifications Form from the Zoning Office, at tel. nos. (670) 235-5018/19 or fax no. 235-5020.

The RFQ forms shall be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Bower Camacho, Zoning Administrator, Commonwealth Zoning Board, P.O. Box 2109, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than August 9, 1991.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP91-0086

The Chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for production of a series of short video Public Service announcements (PSA'S) on fishing and hunting regulations education and general conservation education. Scope of work may be picked up at the division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, during business hours from 7:30 to 11:30 A.M. 12:30 to 4:30 P.M.

These proposals must be in a sealed envelope, marked RFP91-0086 and submitted in duplicate to the Chief, Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 P.M., August 20, 1991 all proposals received late will not be considered. The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/David M. Apatang

Remember if you don't belt yourself, you're kidding yourself

Mt. Carmel schedule course, registration and placement test

All incoming High school students, from Grade 9 to 12, are requested to report to the School Counselors for their COURSE SCHEDULE and REGISTRATION. Please observe the following schedule.

- Seniors (Gr. 12) on July 30, 31 and August 1.
- Juniors (Gr. 11) on August 1, 2 and 5.
- Sophomores (Gr. 10) on August 6, 7 and 8.
- Freshman (Gr. 9) on August 8, 9 and 12.

Time: 8:00 - 11:30 a.m., 1:00

- 3:30 p.m.

B. Placement Test

The Placement Test for all incoming new students of Mt. Carmel, from Grade 9 to 12, will be on July 29, 30 and on August 1, 1991.

The purpose of this placement test is to determine the ability of the student in English and Math.

The time schedule is as follows:
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. English (Library)
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Math (Library)

Tinian casino. . .

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local government was required.

In examining the extent and authority contained in the initiative, coupled with the stringent measures required in enacting that law, the people of the second senatorial district, pursuant to Article VI, Section 8 through the initiative process and Article XXI did not need approval or interference from any other branch of government, accord-

ing to the brief.

It was further believed that the Commission is not required to follow the APA as long as the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act provides a statutory predicate allowing the Commission to promulgate its own rules, since it was not an agency created by the APA.

The attorneys for the defendants thus, called for the denial of the plaintiff's declaratory relief.



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Single Handicap Golf Club

There will be a special 18 holes golf competition, for all Single Handicap Golfers on Saipan to be held on August 2, 1991.

Regrets only 32 registered players will be accepted by July 31, 1991. Please register now.

Place : Coral Ocean Point
Tee-Off Time : 12:00 noon
Entry Fee: \$50.00

All interested participants are asked to pay his entry fee not later than July 31, 1991. No application will be accepted after the deadline.

Purpose of this Event: To conduct a special meeting to organize a Saipan Single Handicap Golf Club, to adopt its governing By-Laws and to establish membership fees.

Meeting Place: Japanese Restaurant immediately after the game.

Interested persons with single handicap are welcome to join this special event.

For more information: Please contact Mr. Tony Satur at the Coral Ocean Point tel. 234-7000 ask Pro Shop or John Del Rosario at CNMI Indigenous Affairs Office Tel.322-5091

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE
GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW BRANCH PAYMENT OFFICE
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1991

LOCATED AT THE NEW OLEAI PLAZA (MORGEN'S BUILDING).
THE NEW OFFICE IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR ALL C.U.C. CUSTOMERS' CONVENIENCE FOR PAYMENTS ONLY OF THEIR MONTHLY UTILITY BILLS. ALL OTHER CUSTOMER TRANSACTIONS SUCH AS: WATER, SEWER, POWER APPLICATIONS AND ALL OTHER INQUIRIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED AND PROCESSED AT THE MAIN C.U.C. OFFICE IN LOWER BASE.

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C.U.C. WISHES TO CONTINUE EXTENDING SERVICES TO ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS THROUGH THE OPENING OF THE BRANCH PAYMENT OFFICE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS ONLY. THIS IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS ENHANCING OUR CNMI GROWTH.

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CNMI composition for South Pacific Games bared

by Rafael H. Arroyo

The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association has recently come out with a tentative listing of the number of people that will comprise the CNMI delegation in the forthcoming South Pacific Games to be held September this year in Papua, New Guinea.

However, names of those who made it to the teams have yet to be disclosed after arrange-

ments have been finalized.

According to NMASA Board Member Bill Sakovich, arrangements for the SPG games are almost in place, and that although the targeted \$200,000 funding for the games was not met, preparations for the games has gone into high gear.

Some 57 to 65 members were tapped to compose the team including: for track and field - 3 persons; board sailing - 2; golf - 5; Hobie Cat - 3; tennis - 7;

swimming - 6; volleyball - 14; and table tennis - 4.

Other members include 2 medical staff, 3 VIPs, 3 administrative staff, and possibly, 2 members of the media.

All participants have been scheduled to undergo thorough medical check-ups on August 5 and 6 at the Commonwealth Health Center.

The group is set to leave September 6, 1991 and is expected to be back by September 22.

Sakovich revealed that original flight arrangements for the CNMI delegation have changed on account of Palau's confirmation that it won't be able to send a delegation and due to the fact that Pohnape's participation is still doubtful.

It was earlier planned that the CNMI will be chartering its own plane along with both Palau and Pohnape. The team was now reported to be planing in with Guam on a chartered plane.

According to Sakovich, total overall budget for the delegation is a little less than \$100,000, with a per head appropriation of \$1,600.

"Originally, we projected some 120 members to be part of the delegation, and this, we estimated, would need some \$200,000 in funding. This was reduced to somewhere between 57 and 65 on account of our not meeting our funding targets," Sakovich said.

3rd annual MARPAC-AMBROS cage meet reels off

by Rafael H. Arroyo

More than 170 Filipino basketball enthusiasts gathered Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court ready to engaged each other in the sport they love most — basketball.

It was the opening day parade of teams for the 3rd Annual Marpac Ambros Basketball Tournament.

Organized by the Philippine Amateur Basketball Association, the tournament is held yearly in order that Filipinos here in Saipan can enjoy the excitement of tournament basketball.

A total of 17 teams signed up for this year's meet, including defending champion RB Electrical, last year's winner.

Other participating teams were those which represent EC Gozum, BPR Royal, CMSI, AD Enterprises, Dollar Up, PDL Enterprises, Sablan Enterprises, Emerald Enterprise/ FT Construction, United Group of Companies, SMI, MPI Home Improvement, Marfran Enterprises, Jayfer International, Sablan Construction, Norpac Builders, and Westpac Freight.

Guest of honor during the opening ceremonies was Philippine Consul General Julius Torres, who spoke to the large, predominantly Filipino crowd that gathered for the event.

Speaking in his native language, Torres lauded tournament officials for their efforts in organizing the yearly meet, which he

dubbed as an instrument to foster unity among Filipinos on the island of Saipan.

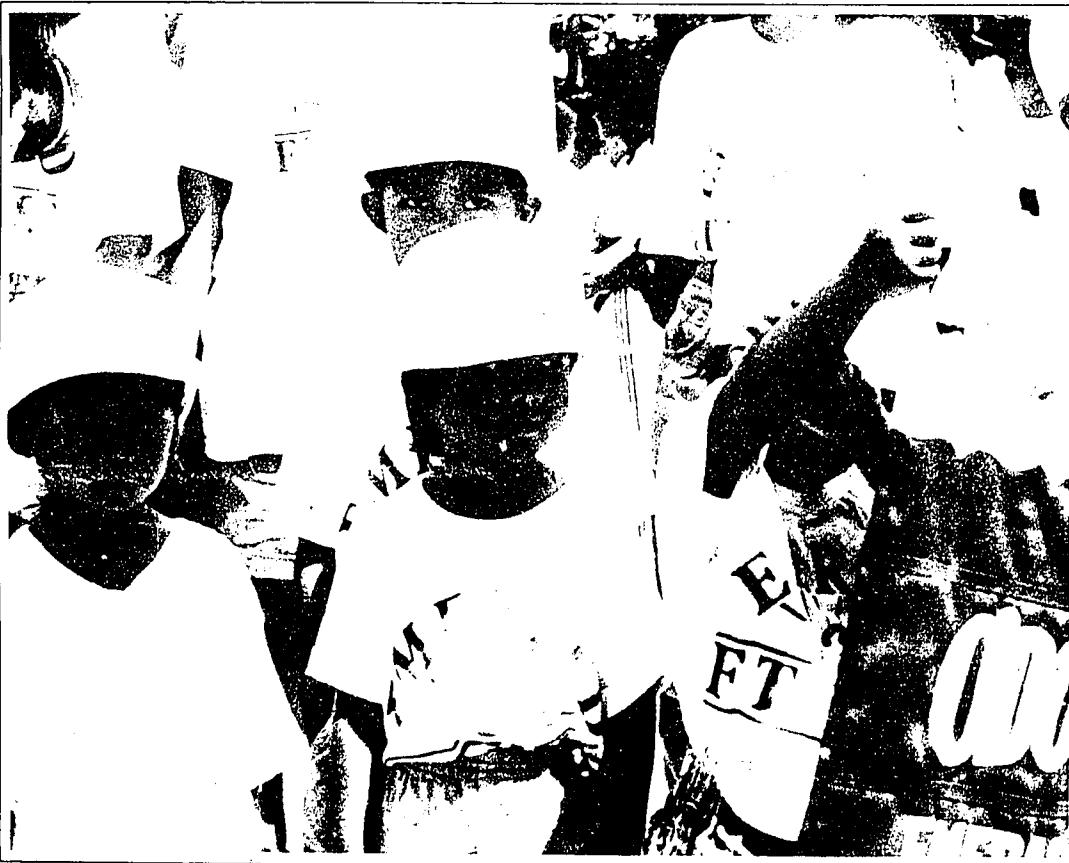
"Through basketball we Filipinos can take time off from our busy schedules to get together and indulge in friendly competition as one way to promote camaraderie among members of the community, Torres said in flawless Tagalog.

Highlight of the event was the selection by a panel of judges of the "Best Muse" among the bevy of beautiful girls who paraded with their respective teams.

Garnering first place in this competition were the three muses of BPR Royal, namely, Mary Joy de Leon, Daicee Navarra, and Daisy Reyes.



Guest of honor Philippine Consul Julius Torres delivers his piece: Basketball can promote unity.



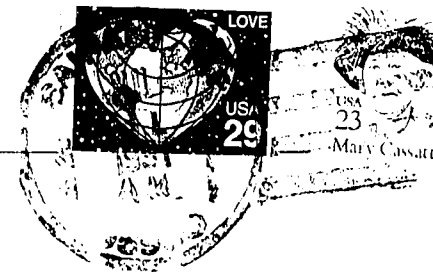
Young muses of Emerald Enterprises/F.T. Construction take refuge from the afternoon sun during the parade.



A portion of the teams that joined the parade and will vie for the championship during the 3rd Annual MarPac-Ambros Basketball Tournament.

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