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Serving CNMI for 20 Years**50¢****Legality of shooting gallery licensing in limbo**

The Attorney General's Office is currently reading an opinion to determine whether a shooting gallery firm somewhere in San Vicente might have been operating illegally in the absence of regulations that govern such a business.

A reliable source said should the license reportedly issued to the said shooting gallery by the Department of Commerce and Labor's Business Licensing Section in January be found to be invalid, an order to cease operations may be served to the firm.

The firm, which is reportedly making quite a "killing" from a growing number of customers, caters to Japanese tourists who are ferried from their hotels to the shooting range in company-provided vehicles.

Unconfirmed reports had it that a high government official, a former legislator, and a prominent lawyer are among the partners in the said business.

A look into CNMI laws indicate that the shooting gallery currently in operation may be in business illegally because of the non-existence of a regulatory statute that governs the licensing of this activity.

Pursuant to Section 2252, 6 CMC, Division 2, the Shooting Gallery Act of 1985 permitted to license a maximum of five galler-

ies on each of the islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian for a period of three years beginning July 25, 1985, ending on July 24, 1991.

The statute was superseded by Public Law 6-22 which was signed by then Governor Pedro P. Tenorio in May 15, 1989 to set minimum standards and qualifications for shooting gallery licensees.

However, the statute governing the shooting gallery business was said to have died in 1991, along with it, the termination of insurance coverage for shooting gallery activities.

As per law, Section 701 states that the termination of the insurance coverage will result in immediate revocation of the shooting gallery business.

In an earlier interview, DOCL's Economic Advisor Linda Romisher said that since the laws on shooting gallery licensing died in 1991, no applicant for this type of business may be issued a license to operate until a new law is enacted to govern such a business.

"The regulations will not be enforceable because there is no statute to substitute the law that died, so DOCL may not be able to issue a license," Romisher was quoted as having said in an interview last April 9.

According to her, there would first have to be the enactment into law of an existing bill being considered by the House of Representatives before any shooting gallery may be licensed to operate.

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by Efre T. Dayauon

Two prominent Gualo Rai residents were held by customs authorities on Wednesday night for attempting to bring in 60 grams of crystal methamphetamine or "ice" into the CNMI valued at about \$90,000.

A police report stated that Juan W. Torres and his brother Jesus, 52 and 49 years old respectively, were intercepted by customs officers after arriving at the Saipan International Airport at about 10:40 pm on board Continental Airlines flight 986 from Guam.

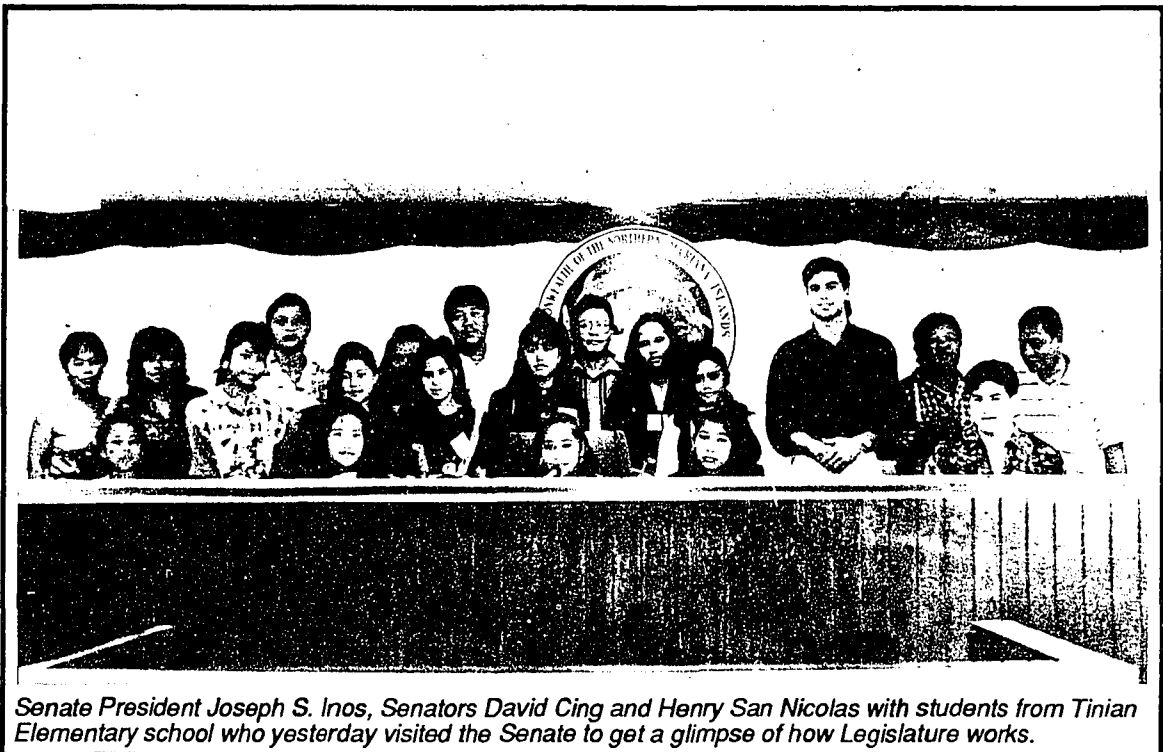
A source at the Customs service said they received confidential information that the Torres brothers were coming in with the contraband last Wednesday night. Customs agents were thus immediately alerted to be on the lookout for their prey.

Soon as they came to the customs clearing counters at the airport, the Torres brothers were thoroughly inspected and frisked. And after a while, customs officers found the controlled substance at the hollow sole of Juan's shoes.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that elder brother Jesus made a recent trip to Manila and later contacted his younger brother for them to meet in Guam, then proceed together to Saipan.

When the brothers met at the transit lounge of Guam's international airport, they switched shoes with Jesus now wearing Juan's shoes where the contraband was hidden, the investigation report stated.

At a bail hearing held yesterday, Prosecuting Attorney Dennis O'Shea recommended a \$100,000 cash bail for the temporary release of the Torres brothers.

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Senate President Joseph S. Inos, Senators David Cing and Henry San Nicolas with students from Tinian Elementary school who yesterday visited the Senate to get a glimpse of how Legislature works.

Torres urges DFS, Hakubotan: Stop free transport service

by Rafael H. Arroyo

Senator Juan S. Torres yesterday urged the management of Duty Free Shoppers and Hakubotan Saipan Enterprises to refrain from providing free hotel ground transportation for tourists wanting to shop at the two convenience stores.

In separate letters to DFS President Tom Picarro and Hakubotan General Manager Joe Ayuyu, Torres maintained that such a privilege given to shoppers comprises unfair competition to local taxicab operators on Saipan.

According to Torres, who is chairman of the Senate Committees on Public Transportation and on Resources and Development, such a practice may cripple the business of providing cab service and may detriment the livelihood of the small taxicab driver, who

relies on a meager income for a living.

"I truly believe in encouraging our local people to be part of the tourism industry by becoming small entrepreneurs, and for this reason I wish to sincerely urge DFS and Hakubotan to consider giving a chance to our local people," said Torres in an interview at his office.

The Saipan senator emphasized that government has always seen the need for the local people to participate in the tourism business and that being a taxi driver may be one means for them to take part in the efforts to engage in the tourism industry.

"I want these big companies to give a chance to these small ones so that they can also be part of the system. How can these small people compete with these companies when they provide free

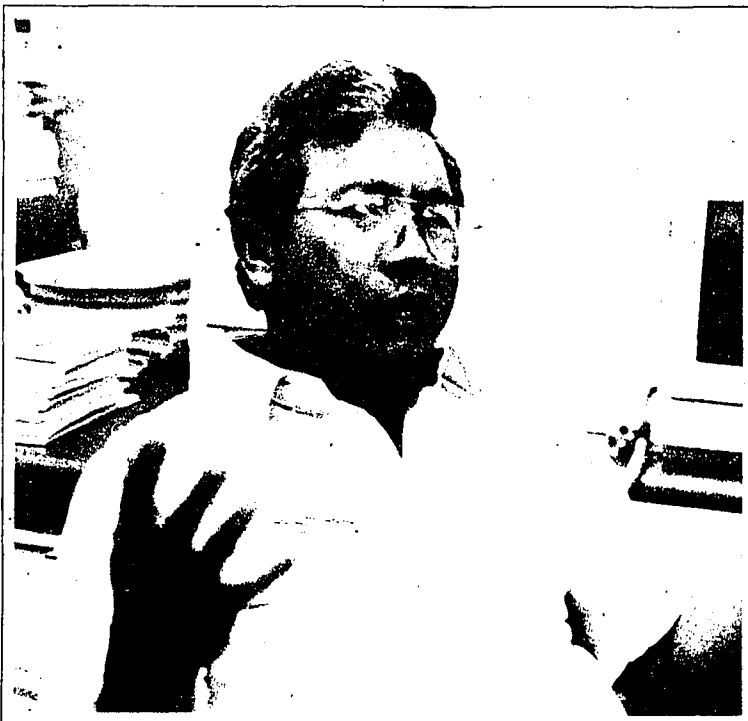
transportation. This is very unfair to the small guys who are out to earn an honest living," he added.

Torres concedes that such a practice among the two stores may be their prerogative as part of their service to their clientele, but then there is a need to protect the interest of the cab operators who are mostly small investors.

"There has to be a more equitable distribution of wealth on the island, lest the taxi cab industry may die a natural death," said Torres.

Torres' letter came about after a big number of taxicab operators and drivers sought his assistance to put an end to such a practice.

A petition was routed and signed by some 40 taxi operators who also aired their concerns to the management of the two big

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Senator Juan S. Torres

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EDITORIAL

Learning with tragedy

Last Good Friday, another one of the increasing number of traffic accidents claimed the life of an individual.

Seventeen year old Kristan Coldeen was the victim of what may be perceived as leniency on the road where the occurrence of mishaps has been commonplace.

Kristan's death could have easily been just another statistic, except for the fact that the fatality is one young lady who has shown such promise enough to make everyone hearing the bad news cringe in disbelief as to why such a tough fate should befall a seemingly very nice girl who has not yet enjoyed young life to the fullest.

Kristan was an A-1 student, always full of life and vitality as any talented girl her age could be. She was an active student at the prime of her youth and is definitely the pride and joy of her parents. She had the makings of a good journalist, and may be remembered as the nice, promising young lady who used to tag along with Saipan Cable TV's news crew where she works as an apprentice reporter.

Further lending credence to her being an exceptionally talented girl was the fact that she had just recently won honors in an oratorical contest at her school, the Marianas Baptist Academy and was president of that school's student council.

From the looks of it, Kristan projects the typical young girl, vibrant, full of promise, and pretty. With her talent and a well-rounded personality, it would not be difficult to imagine her as a successful CNMI professional someday, who may be anchoring the daily news at the least, or maybe a doctor, a government official or even a congresswoman.

Why did it have to happen to a very nice and idealistic youngster like her who might have been someone great in the future. Who knows.

Kristan died after being hit by a wayward station wagon driven by another youth, reportedly a 14-year old girl.

We do not condemn this girl for what happened since we've learned that she has been in such a very paranoid position having caused so much pain and misery to her parents, Bob and Martha.

We know that this little girl may have been projected to be a good example of what the CNMI youth should be.

Too bad such a bright future would all be gone in a flick of finger due to some degree of complacency on the part of the island's enforcement agencies.

What is surely needed is a careful inspection of the laws concerning road and traffic.

The Department of Public Safety must know better than just pushing for safety on the roads. It must learn from past experiences that being remiss on the road may pose potentially dangerous situations.

Abuse on the road is becoming rampant, with many drivers who choose a time to drive when the streets of Saipan are empty of police members doing the rounds.

Or there may be the ones who have not enough skills to take the road. We feel that there is not enough restrictions for driver license holders such that securing a permit to drive is very easy as long as the applicant pays the fees and pass a minor driving test.

We could see that the beginner stumbles on the road, creating traffic and potentially dangerous situations on the road. And much more if the car he or she is driving is equipped with the dark material meant to provide a poorer visibility for the driver, and that is glass tinting.

Indeed, we believe that the DPS, with a little more dedication, attention and monitoring can secure the safety of others on the road so there would not be more Kristans in the future to cry about.

It was seventeen years ago that I was in Chuuk State (Truk) last covering the First Micronesian Law of the Sea Conference. I revisited the place last month on an official trip. It was the site of the Board of Directors meeting for the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures.

Before the trip, I looked forward to seeing a different Moen-a-Moen that has changed from its traditional way of life (laid back and all) to a more dynamic and modern community.

It hasn't changed a bit! It's the same old place—buildings and all—when I last was there in 1975. It's as though I had set the time clock to full stop until I return from an errand.

It seems that nothing has moved an inch other than the new outboard motors from the outer-islands that cruise in and out of Moen at dawn and dusk for basic supplies on weekends. I was somewhat disappointed. But I was equally aware that those at the helm are wary of the lack of financial resources to improve, with progressive stride, upon their basic infrastructure.

I met informally with Chuuk State Governor Sasao Gouland who related that the drought season is so severe as to force the state government to lease the FSM Patrol Boat so it could haul water to the outer-islands. I started thinking how fortunate we are in the Northern Marianas. We may not have twenty-four hour water service on some areas here. But we know that our water situation isn't as critical as that of Chuuk.

Most nights, I'd sit at the bar at Continental Hotel to enjoy the majestic scenery out in the lagoon fronting the horizon. The islands outside Moen stand tall and proud as divers from as far away as

Australia explore the many sunken Japanese ships in the lagoon. A little whisper in me keeps saying "It isn't all that bad" given the lack of activity for nightlife in this far away island.

I started thinking of what I would have done if I were in charge of the place a totally unlikely situation which leaves me nowhere else but in dreamland. But I am equally aware too that the land tenure system isn't about to allow development to creep in.

People hold on to land in such a way as to make it almost impossible to get any economic activity going. It is land that is owned collectively by a clan system. It is land that they've held and passed on from one generation to another for hundreds of years. Everything revolves around land. But almost nothing can be done to utilize it for entrepreneurship. No wonder it remained unchanged for seventeen years now.

But against all that I had envisioned of a new Chuuk, I realized with a sense of humiliation that the only person revolting to see Chuuk changed was me, myself and I. I had to dismiss my personal frustrations in the comforting view that what matters after all is whether my brothers and sisters in Chuuk State are happy. I know they are happy with their lifestyle. So who am I to come in and try to force the government to lease the Chuuk State is beautiful unto itself. There's still a personal longing to return someday if for no other reason than to fish in its huge lagoon and visit Piserach where some of my ancestors came from.

I sailed away in a modern ship known throughout the region as Continental Air Micronesia seventeen when will I ever return. I hope it isn't another seventeen years. And whether Chuuk State changes or not, I'll leave my personal fantasy to myself. Let change be in the hands of the real indigenous people of Chuuk. Ghilisou.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
As Chairman of the Minority Members in the House of Representatives of the Eight Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, I would like to express my opinion regarding the issue on the 15 year extension on public land leases whether such amendment is practical, necessary or not.

The view of Mr. Jesus M. a Rotanese and CNMI descent, published in our local newspapers dated April 17, 1992, was feasible and noble. There was a clear, concrete message for the welfare of the CNMI. Such idea was also in line with that of Senator Don Parkinson of the Guam Legislature, published recently in the Pacific Daily News. Senator Parkinson is introducing a bill to construct another hydro-electric power generator to help alleviate power shortages besetting the island of Guam which will be financed by the U.S. Navy, the Guam Visitors Bureau and by a \$2.00 tax imposed on every occupant of hotels visiting Guam, thus exempting Guam residents from paying overburden taxes.

As one of the elected public servants to the Eight Northern Marianas Commonwealth Leg-

islature, it is incumbent upon me, to consider and review the merits of the request for a 15 year lease extension and either to approve or disapprove it. Such extension requests may be for any of the recently approved public land leases: United Micronesia Development Association (UMDA), Haas and Haynie Corporation, or the NICO Corporation. It may also be requested on behalf of the current public land leases by other developers in the Commonwealth. Whatever the case may be, in my own personal opinion as an elected official, the 15-year lease extension has merits and should it ever surface on the legislative floor, it should be considered based on its own merits. As elected officials, we also have the prerogative to request or to include package deals which will benefit our constituents.

Such package deal may require the developers to contribute or share funding to subsidize the Commonwealth utilities Corporation's (CUC) fuel consumption or the Commonwealth Health Center's (CHC) medical services. Such subsidy would assist qualified indigenous families who are not able to pay for their utilities consumption or

medical bills.

In order to determine on the merits of the 15 year lease extension requests by the various developers, it is paramount to conduct extensive public hearing before a joint session is called to approve or disapprove the various requests.

The 15 year lease extension request is in the offing, and my decision to the matter, should it ever be presented to the Legislature, will be judge by all concern and recorded in our history books, as a decision based on its merits wherein I put the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth as a whole before my own personal interest.

Your public servant,
/s/MAMETTOU. MARAITTA
Congressman -
Election Precinct I

Dear Editor,
When I read about the tragic accident on the night of Good Friday which claimed the life of a very young girl and injured others, I felt so affected by the loss of another life. Although accidents do happen any minute, any place and to anybody, I found myself filled with mixed emotions all

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Jr's Agenda

by John DelRosario

Governor lauds trade mission for job well done

by Rafael H. Arroyo

The Commonwealth's first trade and investment promotion mission to the Republic of China and Korea held last April 4 to 16 had been successful in attracting the attention of potential investors into considering the CNMI as a venue for business.

In a press conference held yesterday at his office, Governor Lorenzo I. DL. Guerrero said his group may have made quite an impression among high level Chinese and Korean government officials and private businesses, in the process fostering closer ties with the two Asian nations. He lauded all the members of the group for making a good impression of the CNMI.

"The two stated objectives of the mission have been fully achieved. Through the various meetings, seminars and presentations, I believe we have successfully informed government officials, business leaders, and potential investors in the two nations about favorable business and investment opportunities available in the CNMI," said Guerrero in a huddle with reporters and mission participants.

As a result of the mission, a growing number of businessmen were said to have been contacting Guerrero's office for further information on doing business in the CNMI.

Although initial results may seem to be recognizable, the governor said the full impacts of the mission may not be apparent until 12 to 18 months after.

"We are confident that because of our mission, favorable development opportunities have been created for Rota and Tinian, in addition to Saipan, and some meaningful development activities will take place on our islands during the next one to two years," the governor pointed out.

The purpose of the mission was to introduce the CNMI's investment potential and its business climate to these selected groups in an effort to encourage more diversification within the Commonwealth's economy in terms of light manufacturing, mariculture, agriculture and fishing particularly in those endeavors where local Commonwealth

businessmen might join as full investment partners.

These ventures are to be designed to diversify the economy and reduce reliance on imports particularly in areas such as food production and import substitution.

Guerrero stressed that he wanted to see Commonwealth citizen participation in the ownership of any new productive endeavors that might result from the mission.

"I am confident that more CNMI citizens will enter into business and other development activities, either by themselves or through joint venture arrangements with foreign investors," he added.

It was also said that with the trade mission, an increasing number of CNMI citizens may be exploring joint venture opportunities in the future rather than simply leasing their land to foreign businessmen and investors.

Pointing to the mission as just a beginning, the chief executive said there is a need to continue additional research and develop a sound social and economic development plans for the islands.

"We need to chart out our development programs beneficial to the CNMI and invite foreign businessmen and investors to participate and help us in achieving our development goals rather than sit and wait for foreign investors to come along and propose projects which may or may not be compatible with our goals," said Guerrero.

He also made mention of a proposal to put up trade and investment offices in the two nations and other countries where potential investors may get more information on how to go about doing business in the Commonwealth.

According to the governor, some 20 states of the US have put up similar offices in Taiwan in an effort to shore up foreign investment flight into the US mainland.

Also, a Danish and a Brazilian trade mission were in Taiwan at the time of the group's stay in the ROC.

The governor's group held meetings and visited business facilities in Taipei, Taichung, and Hsinchu in Taiwan, as well as

Seoul and Pusan in Korea.

The governor held meetings with the Taiwan Board of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs; the Magistrate of Changhau County, the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center; Taichung World Trade Center and Industrial Park, Taipei Hotel Association; and the ROC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs which hosted a reception in his honor.

In Korea, Guerrero met with the Korean Prime Minister, the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and later with the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

In addition, more than a dozen separate business observation and inspection visits were made to a wide variety of firms which included fish and seafood processing, aquaculture, furniture and sporting goods, electrical appliance production, hydroponics (the soil-less production of vegetables) and many other facilities.

The investment seminars in Taipei were well-attended, with some 25 to 30 private businessmen from the manufacturing sector came, while another group of 21 hoteliers had a separate meeting.

In Seoul, more than 200 participants attended Governor Guerrero's three-hour briefing seminar during which the group presented a 20 minute promotional

video describing the Commonwealth's investment climate. This presentation was supported with a series of oral presentations explaining various economic, geographic and business factors in the islands.

Included in the presentation was an overview of the Commonwealth's location, political history, geography and its present economy, as well as the advantages of doing business in the CNMI like Headnote 3a of the US Customs Code, a very liberal tax system, and reasonable wage rates.

It was, however, emphasized that the Commonwealth is not seeking additional garment factories or labor-intensive businesses which may offer competition to existing industries here.

The Taiwan economy today is said to be where the Japanese economy was in 1986, and is "booming" on account of it having the largest financial reserves per capita than any nation in the world. This is why it is encouraging its business community to invest outside of the Republic of China.

With 20 million people, Taiwan is said to have more liquidity than most nations five times its size.

Over the past 20 years, there was only one year that it did not save more than it earned and can boast as being one of the world's nations with the biggest accumulation of

financial assets.

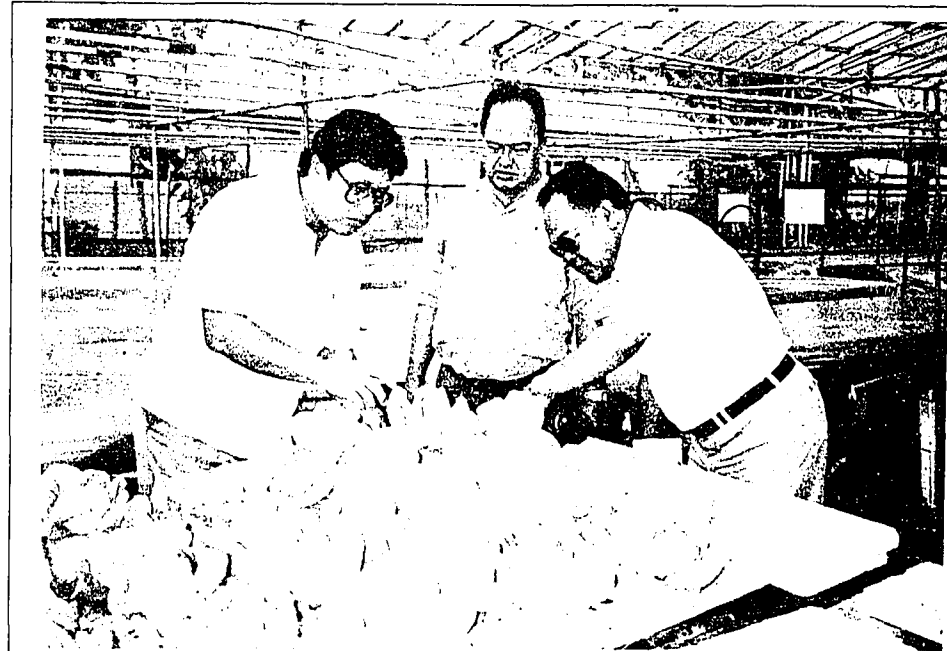
At the beginning of 1992, Taiwan's legal banking system had deposits of about \$300 billion or \$15,000 for every person in the country. The nation reportedly has foreign reserves of over \$82 billion which is projected to reach \$100 billion in 1993.

"The country has the largest concentration of idle personal wealth in the world and it is virtually on the Commonwealth's doorstep," said a mission news release.

Described as a well-selected cross-section of CNMI business and government, the mission participants included, aside from Governor Guerrero, Senate President Joseph S. Inos, Tinian Mayor James M. Mendiola, Rota Mayor Prudencio T. Manglona, Jose "Joeten" Tenorio, Special Assistant for Planning Budget David M. Sablan, Finance Director Eloy S. Inos, Hotel Association chairman Toshimi Yoshida, Saipan Chamber of Commerce President Dennis Yoshimoto, Economist Bill Stewart, Lawyer David Wiseman, Dr. Yun Kim, Robert Campbell, MIHA Executive Director John M. Sablan, former Lieutenant Governor Pete A. Tenorio, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tan, Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Rivera, Mary Ellen Friedman, and MVB Managing Director Bennet Seman.



The CNMI trade mission delegation poses for a souvenir shot with some Taiwanese officials at the World Trade Center in Taichung, Taipei.



The members of the CNMI trade mission headed by Gov. Larry I. DeLeon Guerrero (third from left) visits a television assembly plant in Taiwan. Also in the photo are from left: Finance Director Eloy S. Inos, Rota Mayor Prudencio Manglona, Commerce and Labor's Mary Ellen Friedman, Saipan businessman Jose C. Tenorio and CNMI economist Bill Stewart.

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Senate measure seeks land for Retirement Fund's own offices

by Rafaél H. Arroyo

A resolution has been filed in the Senate the other day urging the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund to cease renting its current office space and consider putting up its own headquarters to do away with an irrecoverable expense.

Senate Resolution 8-14 was introduced by Senate President Joseph S. Inos requesting the Marianas Public Land Corporation Board of Directors to convey a freehold interest in public land of approximately 5,000 square meters in the area of Sugar King Park or Lower Navy Hill on Saipan, and approximately 2,500 square meters at locations yet to be determined on the islands of Rota and Tinian, to be used for the offices of the Fund.

The Retirement Fund has been renting commercial office space since its inception and is currently renting space in Nauru Building in Susupe, with the monthly rental expected to double to approximately \$4,900, or nearly \$60,000 per annum.

It was observed that the current office space and the accompanying facilities for the Fund are too cramped for its files and personnel and are therefore inadequate to deal with the natural growth and demands of the Fund's business and proper services to its



Senate President Joseph S. Inos members.

Likewise, additional space is needed for the office to be able to discharge its functions and transact its present and anticipated business and services.

Office conditions are said to be worse in Tinian and Rota in terms of size and the quality of facilities and maintenance.

Moreover, if the Fund were to purchase private land sufficient in size and conveniently located for the Fund's offices on each of the three islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian, the purchase prices would be of an amount that the Fund could not justify as expenditures at this time.

According to the measure, there is public land available at either Sugar King Park or Lower Navy Hill in Saipan, and in Tinian and Rota which may be of sufficient size and convenient location for the Fund to construct an office building for its main offices.

Inos, in an interview yesterday at his Senate office, said having its own building to house its office can amount to savings for the Fund in that it may also lease other office spaces to other tenants.

"If the Fund were to have its own land and offices, the monthly rent would be terminated and the Fund would have assets that would likely appreciate in value," the Senate President said.

Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution states that a freehold interest in public land can be transferred by MPLC to another government agency if its use would be for public purposes.

According to the proposed resolution, there is a compelling public purpose for the MPLC to transfer public land to the Retirement Fund so that this land may be used for the construction of offices on the islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Taxpayers file motion to reject IG bid for CNMI audit

A motion to intervene was filed at the U.S. District Court in connection with the legal action taken by the U.S. Inspector General in its effort to audit the CNMI's tax system.

The motion to intervene was made by Attorney Robert O'Connor who represents two CNMI taxpayers in a civil case and in behalf of all Commonwealth taxpayers.

The intervenor affirmed the position of the CNMI government, opposing the IG's motion for a summary enforcement of an administrative subpoena ordering the Commonwealth government to open its books for auditing.

The IG intends to audit CNMI's 1990-1991 tax collection operations.

Over a week ago, CNMI government lawyers submitted a memorandum in opposition to the IG's subpoena enforcement.

The Washington-based law firm Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, in its memorandum questioned the IG's authority to audit local funds, to use the subpoena power and to have access to confidential tax records.

The motion said the tax audit being pressed by the IG to conduct is "not routine" because it has never happened before.

It also said the IG must not treat the CNMI like Guam or American Samoa since CNMI is no longer a territory but a Commonwealth.

On the other hand, U.S. Assistant Attorney Mikel W. Schwab who represented the IG said the tax audit only intends to recommend improvements in the CNMI tax system aiming to report to the US Congress and to the people of CNMI as to how their taxes are being used.

He said tax audit results and recommendations have been adopted in Guam in previous years.

The CNMI government asserted the right of the Commonwealth to local self-government as provided by sections 103 and 105 of the Covenant. It said, "Judicial enforcement of this right requires the court to give meaningful con-

tent to the right of local-government and evaluate critically the IG subpoena under the standards set forth in the Covenant. Whatever difficulty there might be in defining the outer limits of local self-government protected under the Covenant, an Inspector General claiming unrestricted authority and a subpoena that ignores local laws and court orders present an easy case."

Governor Lorenzo De Leon Guerrero was first informed on the proposed investigation by Assistant Inspector General for Audits of the Department of Interior Harold Bloom in May, 1991.

Bloom said that the IG office wants to determine if the CNMI is capable of generating sufficient revenues to support its operations and if the government assessed and collected the income tax imposed.

After the notice for the proposed investigation, the government received a subpoena from the IG, directing the Governor or the recorder of the local finance Department to present all information and records of the Commonwealth tax system and the education and employment information for Department of Finance employees involved in the tax system between 1989 and 1991, and the administration of the Commonwealth's tax system and enforcement of its income tax laws from 1989-91.

However, Governor Guerrero refused to respond on the said subpoena stating that the Commonwealth's operation of its income tax system is a local government function and that auditing of the tax system would intrude on the Commonwealth's right to self-government.

The turning over of the tax return information of Commonwealth citizens would violate their statutorily guaranteed right to privacy and expose the Governor to civil and criminal penalties.

The government insisted that the Commonwealth has a guaranteed right to a "maximum local-self government" separated from its right to have its own constitution.

Pier Wave Shop in Susupe burglarized

On April 21, 1992 at approximately 9:41 a.m., Lisa Decadiz called the Department of Public Safety and reported a Burglary and theft incident at the Pier Wave Shop in Susupe village. The gift shop is located on the second floor of the Kaizoku building right across from the Grand Hotel. The thieves forced their way into the building by removing the front sliding windows and robbed the store of about \$15,000 worth of brand name merchandise such as Quicksilver, Local Motion, Body Glove, Island Magic, Bolle, other Surf Brands and also took \$340.00 from the cash register.

If anyone has any information about this crime or any other crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-7272. PARA.



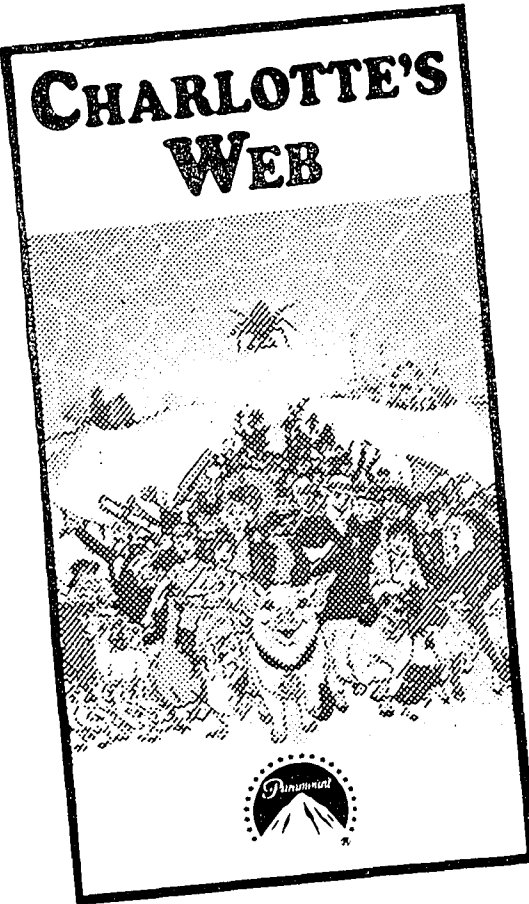
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Marianas Public Land Corporation PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 CMC 4141 et sec, the PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1987, notice is hereby given of Marianas Public Land Corporation's intention to enter into an exchange agreement involving the parcels of land described below. Concerned persons may request a hearing on any proposed exchange by contacting MPLC by or on May 6, 1992. If so requested, hearings on the transactions listed below will be scheduled on May 8, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of MPLC.

PUBLIC PURPOSE - Roadways Acquisition

PRIVATE LAND - Saipan Lot/ Tract No. 024 F 01
Containing an area of 4,233 square meters

PUBLIC LAND - Saipan Lot/ Tract No. 028 F 01
Containing an area of 20,000 square meters

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PROPOSITON PUPBLIKU - Roadways Acquisition

TANO PRAIBET - Sitio Numiru 024 F 01 giya Saipan yan ha Konsisiste 4,233 metro kuadro na area

TANO PUPBLIKU - Sitio Numiru 028 F 01 giya Saipan yan ha Konsisiste, 29,051 metro kuadro na area

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FALAWAL ARAMAS - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 024 F 01
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Another Filipino with bogus U.S. passport ordered deported

by Effen T. Dayauon

A Filipino illegal alien was ordered deported after he pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to travel with fraudulent travel documents.

Court documents showed that Crisostomo V. Sanguyu tried on April 20 to travel to Japan from Saipan using a tampered U.S. passport. Alert immigration officers quickly detected the fraudulent travel document presented by Sanguyu and prevented his departure.

The same records indicated that Sanguyu, who is a carpenter by profession in Pampanga, Philippines, earlier arrived in Saipan on April 16 as tourist bearing a Philippine passport which he subsequently destroyed before his aborted departure to Japan.

Deportation Officer George Camacho also disclosed that Sanguyu initially denying that he knew his American passport was tampered.

Sanguyu, however, confessed later that the passport originally issued to a U.S. citizen identified as

Joseph M. Suarez was indeed tampered with Suarez's photo taken out and replaced with his own photo, Camacho said.

He said Sanguyu likewise admitted that he paid \$4,800 to an individual in Manila, whom he did not identify, for the tampered passport along with a bogus U.S. social security card also found on him by CNMI immigration officers.


A check with the U.S. Passport Office in Honolulu revealed that the passport was indeed issued to Suarez on November 1985 but was reported stolen, Camacho said.

Sanguyu's apprehension follows a string of similar cases involving Filipinos who were likewise apprehended by immigration officers in Saipan for attempting to go to Japan with forged U.S. travel documents.

Judge Marty Taylor imposed a suspended five year-prison term plus a fine of \$500 on Sanguyu after the latter pleaded guilty to the charge filed against him.

Sanguyu is scheduled to be flown out today and ordered never to return to the CNMI.

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Asiana Airlines to service Saipan

Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) Executive Director Roman T. Tudela announced yesterday that Asiana Airlines will commence direct service to Saipan from Seoul, Korea beginning May 27, 1992. Asiana plans to operate three flights a week, he said.

In a news release, Tudela said the entry of Asiana Airlines into the Commonwealth is one more example that the CNMI economy continues to improve. He said the government of the Republic of Korea recently eased travel restrictions on its citizens resulting in more Korean nationals traveling abroad. It also means that more tourists will be visiting into the CNMI.

Tudela also indicated in the news release that Mr. Chan Yong Park, Managing Director of Asiana Airlines, stated in his April 16 letter to CPA Board Chairman J. M. Guerrero that the airline service to Saipan "will bring much benefit and convenience to the community of the CNMI and the general public travelling between the two cities."

Asiana Airlines, Inc., is a Korean-owned company and will be servicing Saipan every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, Tudela

said. He added that initially the airline will be operating a B767-300 aircraft with a seating capacity of 259.

According to Tudela, the company proposes to operate according to the following schedule: depart Seoul at 9:20 p.m. and arrive on Saipan at 2:40 a.m. and depart Saipan at 3:40 a.m. and arrive in Seoul at 8:10 a.m.

Asiana Airlines replaced Korean Airlines which until recently serviced Saipan. This action complies with the terms of a Bilateral Agreement between the United States and the Republic of Korea, Tudela said.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CPA, Tudela thanked Governor Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero and the U.S. Directors of Transportation for supporting the entry of Asiana Airlines into the Commonwealth.

In addition to Asiana Airlines, Continental Air Micronesia, Japan Airlines, Japan Asia Airlines and the Northwest Airlines also service the CNMI.

Pacific Island Aviation, Alliance Air and Freedom Air are also serving the Islands of Tinian, Rota, Saipan and Guam.

Orders for durable goods rose 1.6 percent in March

WASHINGTON (AP)—Orders to U.S. factories for durable goods rose 1.6 percent in March, with gains registered in nearly every category, the government said Thursday.

The Commerce Department said durable goods orders, for items such as trucks and turbines expected to last at least three years, totaled \$122.6 billion last month.

March marked the third month without a decline. Orders were unchanged in February and up 2.4 percent in January.

Economists had been expecting an overall increase, but they looked on the wide dispersal of gains for many types of goods as a favorable sign for the durability of the unfolding economic recovery.

Manufacturers' first response to rising demand usually is to ask existing employees to work overtime. But, if orders increase consistently, eventually factories start hiring more workers. The broader the dispersal of order increases, the broader the rehiring.

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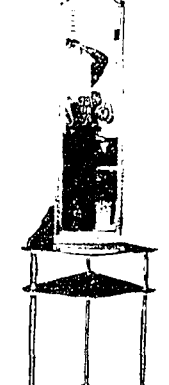
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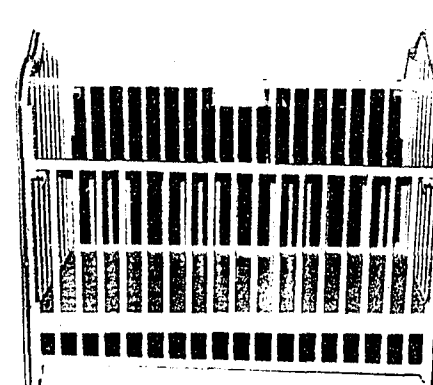
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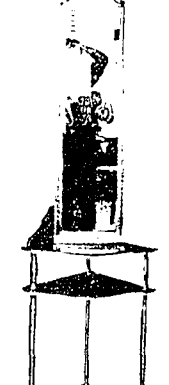
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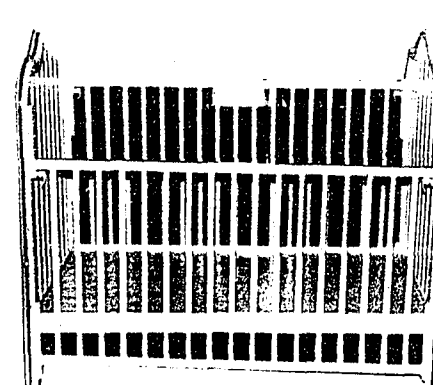
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U.S., Europe still hope for trade accord by July

WASHINGTON (AP) - With a long history of missed deadlines, the United States and Europe are now searching for a breakthrough in global trade talks before a July summit of world leaders in Munich, Germany.

Hopes for concluding an agreement in April disappeared Wednesday as President Bush and European leaders remained deadlocked in a long-running dispute over farm subsidies.

"We exchanged a lot of ideas," U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills said. "I don't think that any of the ideas hit home." No date was set for a resumption of the talks.

Mrs. Hills and Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said they hoped for progress before the July 6-8 sum-

mit of Bush and the leaders of Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Japan. The summit partners have set repeated deadlines - always missed - for reaching a trade agreement.

Bush met for 2 1/2 hours with Delors and Portugal's prime minister, Anibal Cavaco Silva, who is president of the European Council.

"We are committed to achieving an early agreement," the president said afterward.

Bush and Cavaco Silva spoke of "new ideas" but did not elaborate. Mrs. Hills indicated the ideas were a combination or repackaging of old proposals.

Now in their sixth year, the negotiations involve 108 nations and are aimed at removing trade obstacles such as quotas, tariffs

and subsidies that distort prices.

The chief sticking point is the refusal of European leaders to slash agricultural subsidies, as demanded by the United States to equalize competition internationally.

"We explored a lot of things and I would say that clearly that Mr. Delors wants us to move fur-

Trade Minister calls for economic cooperation in Asia and the Pacific

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Trade and Industry Minister Hahn Bong-soo on Thursday called for economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region to meet the challenge of single markets elsewhere.

ther and his side to move less," Mrs. Hills said. Despite the impasse, she said "Both sides were searching for a way around the impasse and that was constructive."

European leaders are under pressure from powerful farm lobbies not to give up agricultural

subsidies long accepted as a way of life. France has led the resistance.

For his part, Bush faces domestic opposition from a coalition of groups arguing that a global agreement would undermine environmental, consumer and labor laws in the United States.

In a speech addressed to a meeting of American businessmen in the Asia-Pacific region, Hahn said the region must work toward "broader multilateral forms of economic cooperation." He added the Asia-Pacific re-

gion needs to promote a cohesive trade system to counter the challenge of regional groupings, such as the integration of the European Community.

He predicted the EC may in the future turn inward and work more closely with Eastern Europe.

The four-day meeting of the Asia-Pacific Council of the American Chambers of Commerce opened on Wednesday in Seoul to address trade issues facing American businessmen in the region.

Organizers of the meeting said primary issues will include market access, export promotion, intellectual property rights, taxation affecting competitiveness of U.S. business and environmental protection.

Robert D. Orr, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore, attended the meeting as a guest speaker.

Toyota Motor Turns Down Offer to Buy Rolls-Royce

TOKYO (AP) - Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest automaker, has turned down an offer to buy Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, a financially troubled British luxury car company, saying it could not reach a decision in the time required, a company official said Thursday.

Hiroshi Hashimoto, a Toyota spokesman, quoted Toyota's President Shoichiro Toyoda as saying in Osaka Wednesday that the company refused the offer from the British engineering group Vickers PLC.

"We were approached by Rolls-Royce, but we turned down the offer it because there was insufficient time given to consider it," Hashimoto quoted Toyoda as saying at the news conference.

Toyoda did not give other details, including the timing or size of the offer, Hashimoto said.

Vickers said last year it was seeking a buyer for the money-losing luxury unit, and that its offer has been reportedly refused by other European makers, including German automaker BMW.

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Hawaii solons busy to wrap up session by Wednesday

By BRUCE DUNFORD
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) - State lawmakers spent Wednesday shuttling between conference committee meetings on a variety of major issues as they seek to wrap up work in the 1992 session and go home on time Monday. Conferees on the state supplemental budget were expected to meet late Wednesday night and early Thursday in a last-ditch effort to reach agreement on adjustments to the two-year, \$10.3 billion budget approved last year.

Complicating the mission has been the longest slump in state tax revenues in 30 years, resulting in \$360 million less than projected when the budget was approved last year.

One proposal aimed at gaining \$25 million in revenues was killed Wednesday morning in the Senate Ways and Means Committee where it had been proposed.

Committee Chairman Mamoru Yamasaki, who made the last-minute proposal to find more money for social programs, said House and Senate conferees on the state's budget will have to look elsewhere for revenues. House Finance Committee Chairman Joseph Souki, who sat in on the hearing, agreed that raising taxes is the wrong thing to do.

Representatives of the state administration and the business community told the committee that raising taxes during the current slump in the state's economy would only make the situation worse.

Lowell Kalapa of the business-supported Tax Foundation of Hawaii said if anything, lawmakers should consider a tax reduction in order to stimulate the economy and thereby increase state revenues.

Kalapa said the current tight money situation "might be considered a wonderful event" because it has finally forced the current generation of state administrators and lawmakers to take a hard look at the state's spending practices.

Sam Slom of Small Business Hawaii called the capital gains tax hike proposal "outrageous."

ADB gives loan for rehabilitation of Pinatubo damage

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The Asian Development Bank approved Thursday a \$37 million loan to help in rehabilitating areas damaged by the Mount Pinatubo eruptions last year.

The loan will provide assistance to the Philippine government in the quick restoration and construction of infrastructure and agricultural facilities in Pampanga province north of Manila.

The government's rehabilitation project involves development of resettlement sites for displaced families, reconstruction of two bridges, schools and public markets, clearing of debris from farmlands; improving post-har-

vest facilities and providing credit for income generating activities.

Last June, Pinatubo, 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Manila, exploded in the most violent volcanic eruption this century.

More than 700 people died from the effects of the eruptions. Millions of tons of ash and other volcanic debris damaged agricultural areas north of Manila and forced the closure of the U.S. Clark Air Base.

Avalanches of volcanic debris on the slopes of the volcano that could be triggered by heavy rains are now the most serious threats to communities around Pinatubo.

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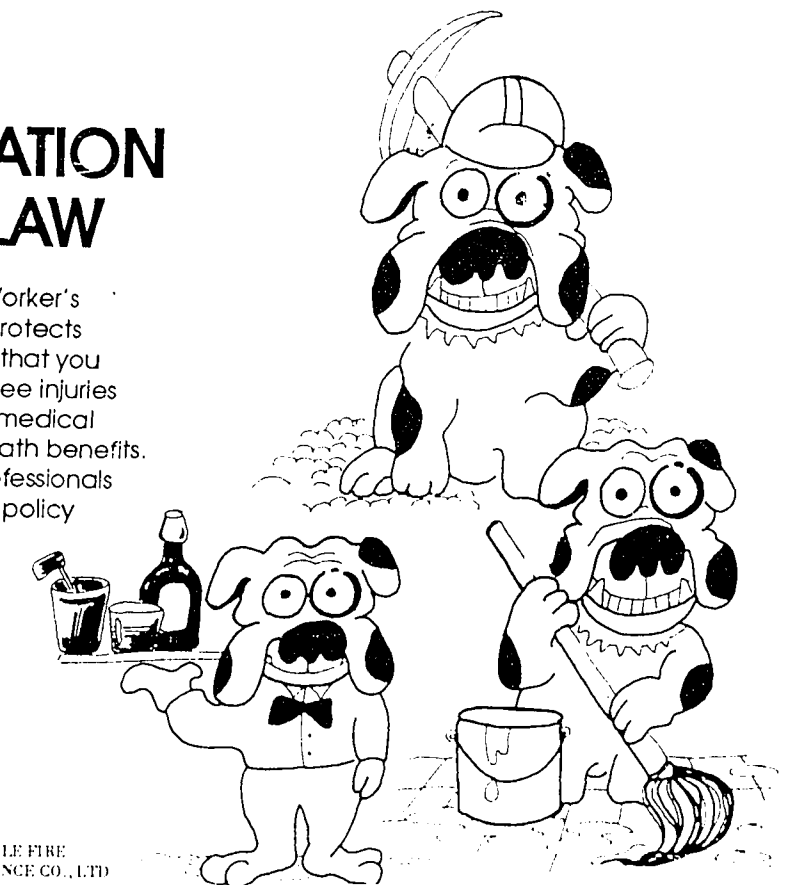
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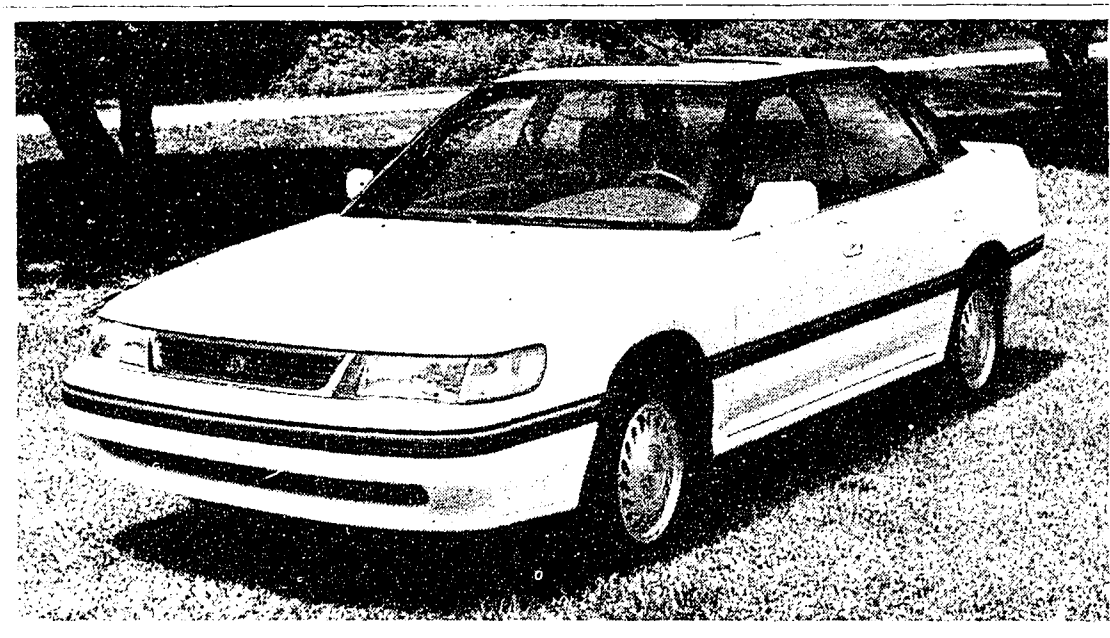


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PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM Public School Registration Begins April for Next School Year

Commissioner of Education William S. Torres has announced that the CNMI Public School system will conduct its student registration for school year 1992/3 during the month of April in the schools on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Documents such as an immunization card or health certificate, birth certificate and transcripts are required.

The registration dates are as follows:

1. Elementary School (K-6) : April 6 - 10, 1992

(All students entering KINDERGARTEN and FIRST GRADE next school year need to register.)

(Only New Students for Grades 2 to 6 will register.)

2. Junior High School (7-8) : April 13 - 16, 1992

(The Junior High Counselor will go to Elementary School to register Incoming 7th Graders.)

3. High School : April 20-24, 1992
 - Current Freshmen : April 20-24, 1992
 - Current Sophomores : April 20 - 24, 1992
 - Current Juniors : April 20-24, 1992
 - Incoming Freshmen : April 27 - 30, 1992

(Marianas High School Counselors will go to Hopwood Jr. High School to register Incoming freshmen.)

Transfer students to high school will register July 1st and 2nd 1992.

MVB gears up for CNMI Tourism Week celebration

The first week of May has been declared as CNMI Tourism Week and in line with its celebration, the Marianas Visitors Bureau has lined up a number of activities throughout the week of May 3-9.

On April 27, a mini-Japanese language course will be offered at the Northern Marianas College (NMC), Police Academy Bldg. It will be conducted by NMC instructors for Department of Public Safety personnel.

NMC students and personnel will also be joining in the celebration Tourism Week by participating in the NMC/Coral Ocean Point (COP) Arbor Day on May 2 at 8 a.m.

A three-mile fun race dubbed as the Tourism Ayuda Sports Run will be held on May 3 at 6:30 a.m. from DFS Garapan to the Morgen's Building in San Jose. Proceeds will be donated to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association.

On May 4, the official unveiling of a collection of art work by

CNMI students will be officiated by Gov. Larry I. DL Guerrero at the Saipan Diamond Hotel. The artworks will be displayed at various participating hotels.

From May 6-8, Gov. Guerrero, Senate President Joseph Inos and House Speaker Thomas Villagomez will officially open the three-day job fair at the Diamond Hotel. Tourism related companies will have booths set up and accept employment applications. CNMI high school students will be invited to the fair which will be held at the hotel's Banquet Hall.

A Goodwill Golf Tournament on the other hand will take place at the COP on May 7 starting at 7 a.m. Government leaders, MVB members and other island residents are expected to take part in this friendly competition the proceeds of which will be donated to a Tourism Scholarship Fund.

On May 8 at 8 a.m., The Wakai Nekko No Kai or the "Young Root Generation" from Japan will make their 23rd voyage to Saipan with about 600 passengers on board the ship. The Office of the Mayor is coordinating the trip.

The 11th Annual Flame Tree Festival, the highlight of this year's celebration, will be held from May 9 & 10 at the American Memorial Park. The event will feature a display of traditional crafts, cultural demonstration and performances, art exhibits and a food sale. The fair is sponsored by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture and is supported by the MVB, the Carolinian Affairs Office and CNMI artists.

Other Tourism Week activities also include hotel/school tree planting and tourism awareness presentations at CNMI high schools.

CUC limits use of Gualo Rai reservoir

The Gualo Rai Reservoir will soon be operating once a day instead of its normal twice a day operation.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero said in a press release, that normal pumping rates will resume as the season improves. At present, the CUC pumps are not pumping at their normal rates due to the dry season.

The CUC said that in doing so, Water services will be longer than 30 minutes in some areas since more water will be accumulated in the reservoir. Water will also be distributed equally among residents and there will be less complaints from residents of the Upper Gualo Rai area.



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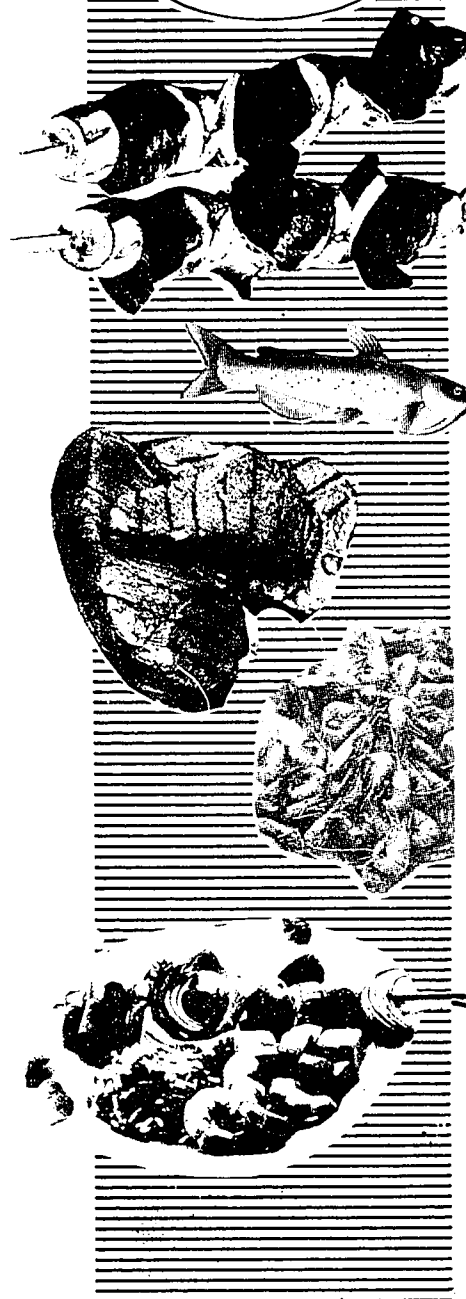
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Aviation firm, former execs found guilty of missile parts sales to Iran

TOKYO (AP) - A Tokyo court on Thursday found a leading Japanese defense contractor and four of its former executives guilty of illegally exporting missile parts to Iran during the Iran-Iraq war.

Japan Aviation Electronics Ltd. was fined 5 million yen (\$37,000) and the four former employees were each given prison sentences of two years, which were suspended for three years.

The court said the firm shipped 1,357 stabilizers for U.S.-made Sidewinder missiles to Iran via Singapore in 1988 and 1989. The shipments worth about 35 million yen (\$260,000) were made without the required approval from the Japanese trade ministry, it said.

A U.S. embargo on sales on weapons sales to Iran was in effect at the time. But the Reagan White House secretly sold arms to Iran in 1985 and 1986 in transactions that led to the Iran-Contra scandal.

Last month, JAE pleaded guilty to a separate court case in the United States and paid \$15 million in criminal and civil fines for illegally exporting U.S. mili-

tary technology to Iran.

In that case, the company admitted selling F-4 Phantom fighter jet components in 1986 while knowing they would be illegally exported to Iran. JAE had licensing agreements with U.S. companies to sell the equipment only to the Japanese military.

Found guilty with the company in Thursday's ruling were former President Yukio Kaito, and senior executives Keiichi Fukuzumi, Yoshiharu Fukunaga and Hironobu Takahashi.

Last October, the Japanese government imposed an 18-month export ban on the aerospace manufacturer that will last until April 30, 1993.

In 1987, Toshiba Machine Co., an affiliate of Toshiba Corp., was found to have sold advanced milling machines to the Soviet Union. U.S. officials claimed the machines allowed the Soviet navy to produce silent propellers capable of eluding coastal defenses.

Toshiba Machine was fined 2 million yen (\$15,000) and two of its executives received suspended sentences.

16 perish, six injured in crash of skydivers' plane in rural airfield

PERRIS, Calif. (AP) - A plane loaded with U.S. and Dutch skydivers crashed during takeoff at a rural airfield Wednesday, killing 16 people and badly injuring six, authorities said.

The twin-engine De Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter plunged into a grassy area at the end of a runway at Perris Valley Airport, shearing off the plane's nose and both wings. It didn't explode or catch fire.

Fifteen people were dead at the scene and another died at a hospital, said fire Capt. Travis Witten. Six survivors were hospitalized with injuries ranging from serious to critical.

The plane, leased by Perris Valley Skydiving, had just taken off and was about 30 to 40 feet (nine to 12 meters) in the air and 200 yards (meters) off the runway when school owner Jeff Jones saw it was in trouble, said Witten.

Jones "said he heard him feathering an engine, then he lost sight of the plane and it crashed," Witten said. Feathering an engine changes the angle or pitch of propeller blades, essentially putting the engine in neutral.

Twenty-two people, including two crew members, were aboard the plane, Witten said. Some victims were members of a local skydiving team and another team from the Netherlands, Witten said.

Jim Wallace, chief instructor for the skydiving school, said there were also three instructors and

three students aboard the plane, which had received its preflight inspection and made two or three flights earlier in the day. The pilots were not school employees, he said.

Wallace said the Dutch team had been in Perris less than a week, practicing for its national championship.

Fred Parle, 33, owner of Ultralight Safaris at the airport, said he was inside his business when he heard the plane in trouble.

"It sounded like it took off normal, then it sounded like the engine quit, or it pitched in reverse," Parle said. Adjusting the propeller blades' pitch adjusts them for greater or lesser thrust or to reverse thrust for braking during landings.

Parle rushed out and saw the plane down off the main runway. "People inside were yelling. I thought it was gonna blow. Gas was dripping and the engine was smoking," he said.

Bystanders helped one or two stumbling survivors get out, he said.

Parle said a friend told him the plane appeared to take off at a high angle, one engine coughed, and the right wing dropped sharply and hit the ground. The plane bounced upright, then nosed into the ground, he said.

At the airport, bodies of the dead lay covered by a single white tarp about 20 feet (six meters) from the fuselage.

Fiji general elections set for May 23 - 30

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - Fiji has set May 23 as the starting date for its first general elections since two military coups in 1987, President Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau said Thursday.

The balloting, spanning eight days in the South Pacific country that comprises more than 300 islands, had been scheduled to get under way a week earlier. A changeover to a computerized system forced the latest in a series of delays.

In May 1987, army Col. Sitiveni Rabuka led soldiers into Parliament and arrested the month-old, Indian-dominated government of Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra. Rabuka led a second coup four months later, saying the rights of the ethnic Fijians remained threatened.

Fiji, which gained independence from Britain in 1970, declared itself a republic, and Rabuka broke ties with the Commonwealth.

An interim government was established with the goal of writing a new constitution and holding an election within a year, but the procedure quickly bogged down.

A racially weighted constitution that guarantees indigenous Fijians political dominance, including majorities in both houses of the new Parliament, finally was approved in 1990, despite criticism from within and outside the country.

Navin Maharaj, secretary general of the opposition Fiji Labor Party, said Thursday the group will meet Saturday to decide whether to drop plans to boycott

the election. If the boycott is lifted, any Labor candidates elected to Parliament would refuse to take their seats, he said.

The Indian National Federation Party, which in coalition with Labor was ousted in the 1987 coups, has already announced its list of candidates.

Rabuka, who has resigned from the military and a brief stint as a Cabinet minister, has been elected president of the new Fijian Political Party, which is expected to win the elections. He has said he would like to be prime minister.

Ethnic Indians, brought to Fiji by the colonial British last century as indentured sugar plantation workers, comprised a majority of Fiji's 720,000 population before the coups. Emigration since has left them a minority.

Fiji is approximately 2,200 kilometers (1,400 miles) east of Australia. Tourism has emerged as one of its key industries, and the international airport at Nadi is used by a number of international airlines as a refueling stop on trans-Pacific flights.

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Solvent blamed in Mexican blasts

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - The industrial solvent blamed for a deadly series of sewer explosions Wednesday in Guadalajara, Mexico, also ignited 11 years ago in Louisville in a chain of blasts that ripped up two miles of streets.

No one was killed in the Feb. 13, 1981, explosions caused by hexane, a gasoline-like cleaning solvent. Four people received minor injuries and 23 deep craters were left in streets south of downtown.

The Ralston Purina Co. later admitted discharging the volatile chemical into the sewer system from a soybean plant, and conceded it had no evidence that anything but hexane could have caused the explosions.

At the time, the blasts were believed to be the worst sewer disaster in U.S. history.

Ralston Purina later paid out at least \$31 million in settlements, including \$15 million to 16,592 people who filed claims in a class-action lawsuit and another \$2 million to residents who chose not to sue. The rest went to businesses and government agencies.

The company pleaded guilty in 1982 to four counts of violating federal environmental laws and paid a \$62,500 fine.



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Toyota plans to cut auto production at one of 12 plants

TOKYO (AP)-Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest auto maker, said Thursday it plans to cut production at one of its 12 plants in Japan beginning May 6 because of declining sales.

Considering the market situation, Toyota plans to reduce one of four assembly lines from a two-shift operation to one shift at the Tahara plant in Aichi prefecture (state) in central Japan, Junichi Kawamura of Toyota said.

Kawamura said two passenger models-Crown Majesta and Aristo-are being produced at the line, but declined to specify current production figures.

He said 7,300 workers work at the Tahara plant, Toyota's largest plant in Japan in terms of employee numbers. In all, Toyota has 82,000 employees. Workers on the affected shift would move to other assignments, he said.

The Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a leading Japanese economic newspaper, said the line has a monthly capacity of producing 15,000 cars, but 6,000 cars are being produced now.

Kawamura said Toyota produced 998,387 vehicles including

trucks and buses in the first three months of this year in Japan, down 3.4 percent from a year earlier, and sold 623,390 vehicles, down 2.9 percent from a year earlier.

Toyota's operating profits for the second half of 1991 plunged 62 percent from a year earlier to 77.03 billion yen (\$575 million), the company announced two months ago.

Kawamura said Toyota hired 4,210 college graduates this year, but "the number might be reduced next year."

Overall, motor vehicle sales in Japan fell by 3.9 percent in 1991, the first year-to-year decline in 10 years, according to the Japan Automobile Dealers Association.

Of the 5.74 million vehicles sold, imported vehicles accounted for 199,920, down 10.7 percent from 1990.

The association attributed the first overall decline since 1981 to an economic slump, a new law to crack down on illegal parking and higher interest on auto loans.

South Korea hires Russian scientists for defense technology

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)-South Korea has hired 35 Russian scientists, including fighter plane designers, and plans to invite another 120 by year end to bring in advanced technology, news reports said Thursday.

In a related development, Gong Ro-myung, head of a Foreign Ministry think-tank, said Korean officials are in Moscow for joint projects with Russian defense industries.

The move is seen as an attempt by South Korea to reduce its heavy reliance on American weapons and technology. Seoul officials complain that U.S. companies are reluctant to transfer advanced defense technology.

Gong, director of the Research Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, told business leaders that South Korea needs to expedite ties with Russia in nuclear technology and bioengineering.

He also encouraged businesses to invite more Russian scientists. Gong did not elaborate, but The Chosun Ilbo, a major Seoul newspaper, said South Korea already has invited 35 Russian scientists, including three experts in designing software for MiG jet fighters.

South Korea has announced plans to produce fighters. Currently, most of South Korea's weapons are produced under U.S. license.

Opposition continues protest, faces police crackdown

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)-About 1,000 demonstrators continued a sit-in in downtown Taipei for the fifth day Thursday to demand direct presidential elections in Taiwan.

The protesters, mostly members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, shouted slogans and listened to speeches by opposition leaders.

At one point, protest leaders removed one of the barbed-wire barricades police had set up around the demonstrators.

Chuang Heng-tai, head of the National Police Administration, said police would take action soon against the demonstrators.

"We are losing patience. They

have to end the protest or face forced dispersal," he told reporters.

Traffic around the Taipei Railway Station has been paralyzed since Monday afternoon, when the demonstrators began an indefinite sit-in on the street outside the station.

James Soong, secretary general of the governing Nationalist Party, said the opposition party should return to the National Assembly to discuss constitutional reforms instead of shouting its demands on the streets.

"Good proposals will not be excluded from the meeting," he said. The National Assembly, which elects the president, is

holding a 70-day special session that ends May 30 to debate constitutional reforms. However, the governing party has shelved a proposal for direct presidential elections.

Direct presidential elections have been backed by President Lee Teng-hui and other Nationalist liberals, but conservatives contend that the plan gives too much power to the president and could encourage moves to declare Taiwan independent of China.

The Nationalist government, which fled to Taiwan in 1949, still claims to be the legitimate government of all China. The Communist government in

Beijing considers Taiwan a breakaway province, and has

threatened to intervene to stop any independence moves.

Bush to visit Poland

WASHINGTON (AP)-President Bush will visit Poland early in July enroute to a summit meeting in Germany and also will stop in Helsinki for another international gathering before returning home, it was announced Thursday.

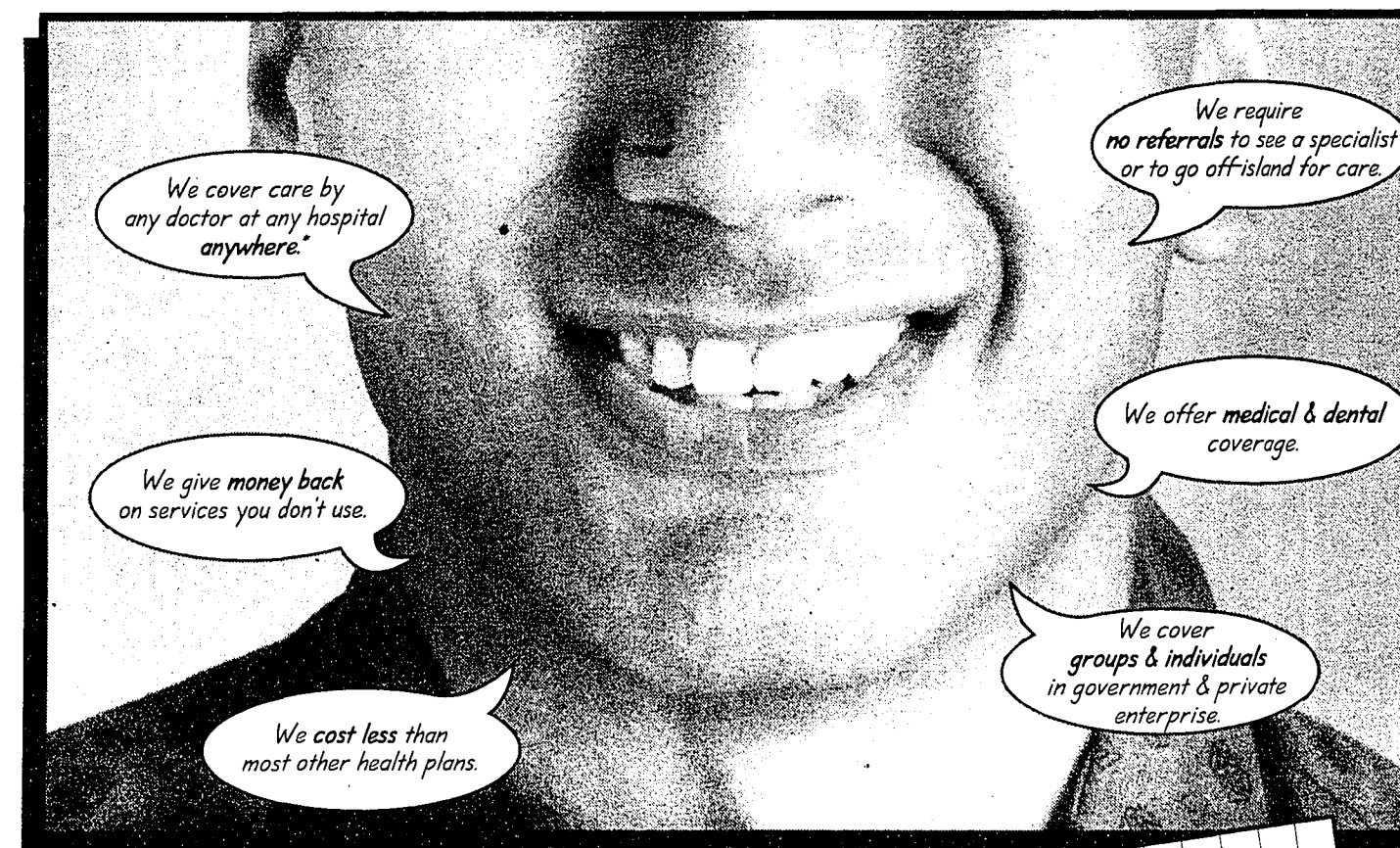
At the invitation of Polish President Lech Walesa, Bush will go to Warsaw on July 5 to meet with government leaders. Later that same day, he will fly on to Munich for the annual

economic summit of the United States, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Canada and Japan.

He will spend four nights in Munich for the July 6-8 meeting.

From Munich, Bush will go to Helsinki, Finland, for a summit July 9-10 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. He is to return to the United States on July 10.

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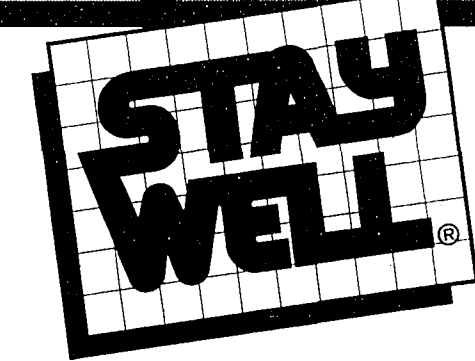
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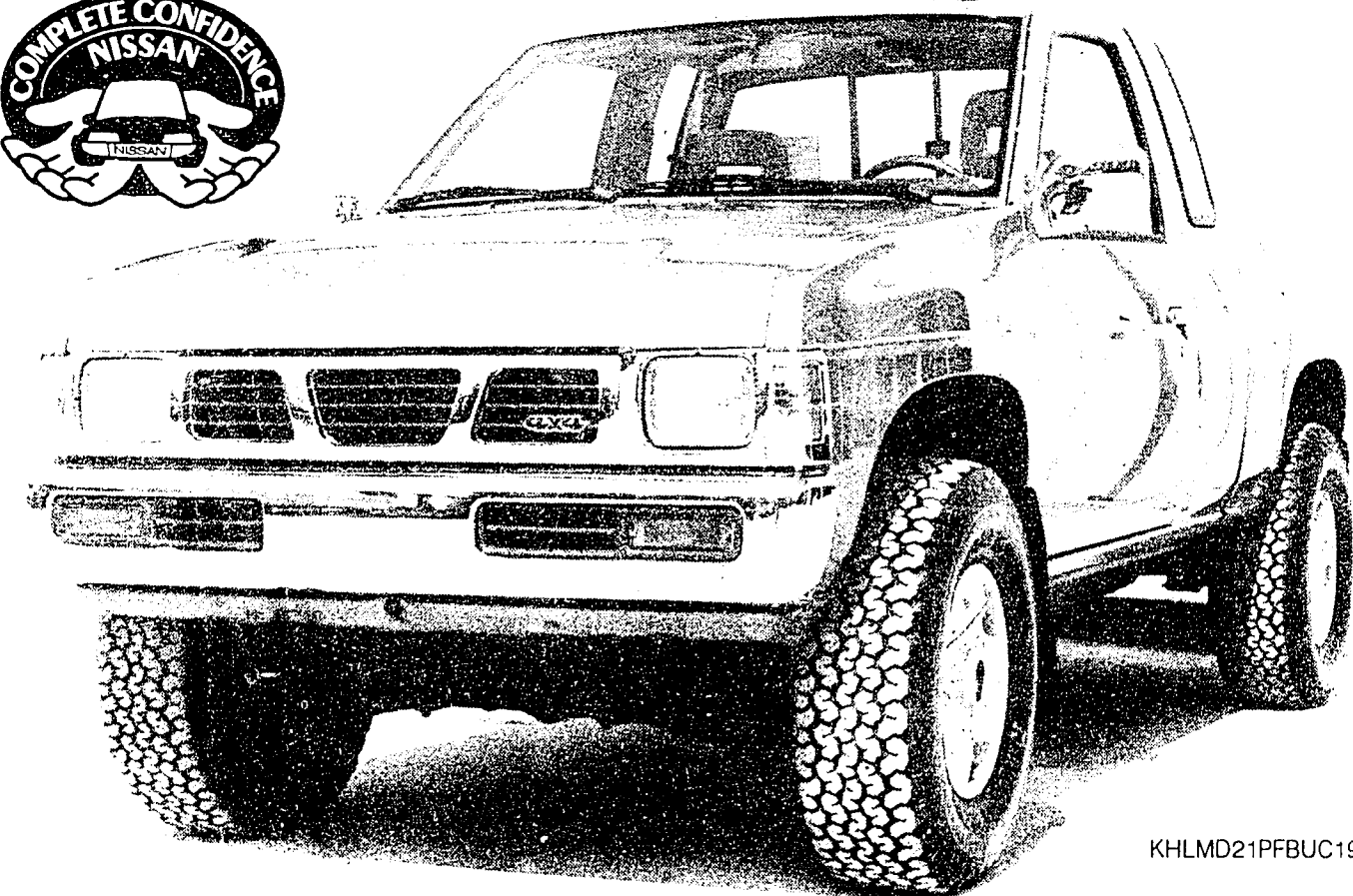
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The Millie Bush syndrome: Dogs, Owners and Autoimmune Diseases

LONDON (AP) - A British study inspired by the immune-system illnesses of U.S. President Bush, his wife and their dog suggests an environmental agent may be causing such disorders, a researcher said Thursday.

Dr. D. Rhodri Jones of Queen's Medical Center in Nottingham said the Bushes' situation prompted him to search for similar cases among British dog-owners.

The Bushes' dog, Millie, a springer spaniel, suffers from lupus, an immune-system disorder that causes widespread damage in the body. The president and his wife, Barbara, suffer from Graves disease, an immune-system disorder that affects the thyroid gland.

Both are diseases in which the immune system attacks the person's body rather than foreign agents such as viruses.

The trio of illness in the White House suggested an external cause rather than an inherited defect, Jones said. However, it could be a coincidence that all three inherited faulty genes.

Preliminary evidence from the British study suggests that dogs owned by people with immune-system diseases are likely to have similar defects, pointing to an environmental cause, Jones said.

He presented the findings of his study April 14 at the Third International Conference on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus in London. Investigators compared the immune systems of 15 dogs of lupus

sufferers, nine dogs of healthy people and 10 dogs known to suffer from lupus. Jones said dogs of lupus patients had antibodies against their own cells, similar to the condition suffered by their owners. He said immune cells of these dogs were significantly different from dogs of healthy people and similar to dogs suffering from lupus.

"I wouldn't want to stick my neck out and say lupus is caused by infection at the moment, but that would be, in the back of people's minds," Jones said. These findings suggest "some sort of external factor, something in the

environment might trigger the pathology of the disease."

Dr. Robert G. Lahita, a lupus expert at Columbia University in New York called the findings "extraordinary" and said they could serve as a launching pad for further studies.

Lahita is the author of the medical textbook Lupus and chairman of the board of the Lupus Foundation of America Inc.

Lupus strikes about one in 1,000 white women and one in 500 black women worldwide. The disease is less common among men, who are about one-tenth as likely to get the disease.

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Vice President Eugene Tiwanak said Thursday the hospital received a cashier's check Wednesday for \$415,843.05.

"St. Francis is sensitive to the local and international implications of this payment delinquency and we are relieved and thankful that full payment has now been received," Tiwanak said.

The former Philippine president ran up a bill of slightly more than \$1 million while he was hospitalized from Jan. 15, 1989, until his death on Sept. 28 that year.

The family made payments to-

talling \$585,000 but had not made a payment since July 28, 1989, Tiwanak said.

The hospital has been making requests for payments since then, through its routine collections procedures and legal channels, he said.

The hospital made contact with representatives of the Marcos family last January and was assured that full payment would be made, Tiwanak said.

A state legislator earlier had urged Gov. John Waihee to use his authority to prevent Marcos' body from being removed from Hawaii until the hospital bill was paid.

Marcos' widow, Imelda, plans to have the body taken back to the Philippines for burial on May 12. The Philippine government has said the body cannot be returned until after the national elections on May 11.

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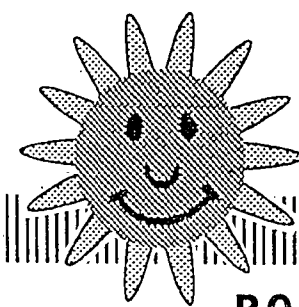
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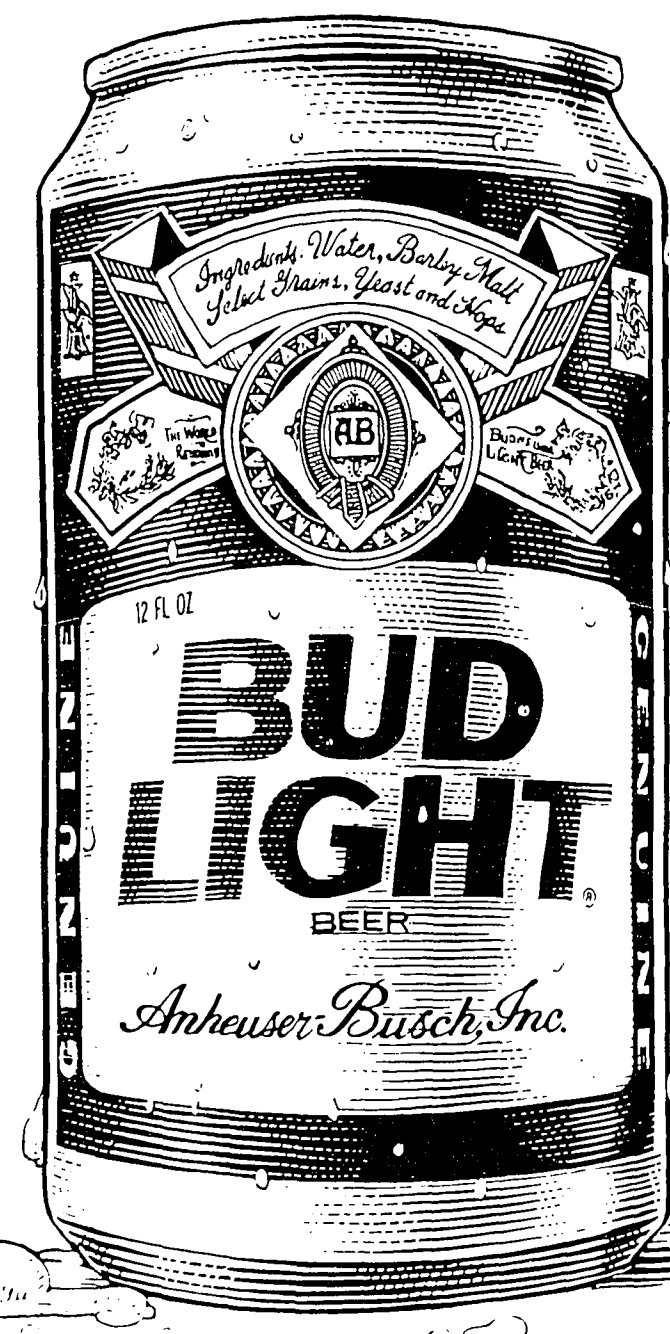
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North Korea plans major military parade for anniversary

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Communist North Korea plans a large-scale military parade for the first time in seven years to mark the 60th anniversary Saturday of the founding of its armed forces, South Korean intelligence officials said.

The parade, the first since 1985, will be staged at Kim Il Sung plaza in the center of the North's capital of Pyongyang, the officials said Thursday. They requested anonymity, and declined to disclose the sources of their information.

They said North Korea plans to mobilize thousands of modern weapons, including Scud missiles, T-62 tanks and MiG-29 fighter jets, making the parade the largest ever in its history.

Although North Korea's history dates only to the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945, it traces the foundation of its army back to 1932 when Kim Il Sung, the nation's only leader, joined a Chinese guerrilla organization.

Economic reasons apparently account for North Korea skipping armed forces day parades in recent years. North Korea's economy began to deteriorate sharply in the mid-1980s.

South Korean officials said North Korea appears to be trying to use this year's parade as a show of its military might and respect for its new military supreme commander, Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Il, son and heir-apparent of the North Korean president, was named supreme commander of the North's armed forces in December. He was awarded a new military title, marshal, this week.


South Korean officials said the big parade would boost the junior Kim's standing in the military. The 50-year-old Kim, who has no military experience, is expected to review the parade in a marshal's uniform, they said.

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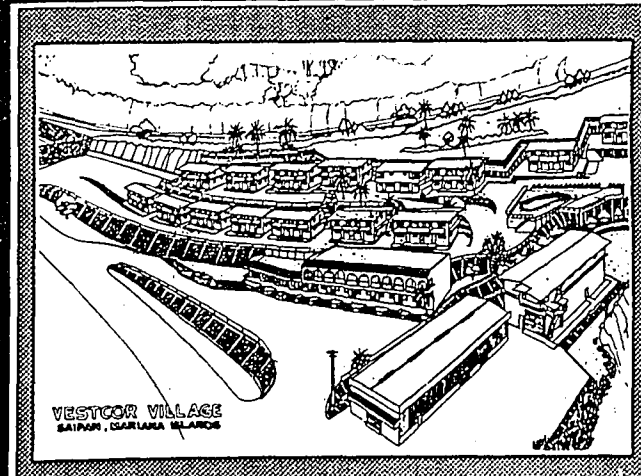
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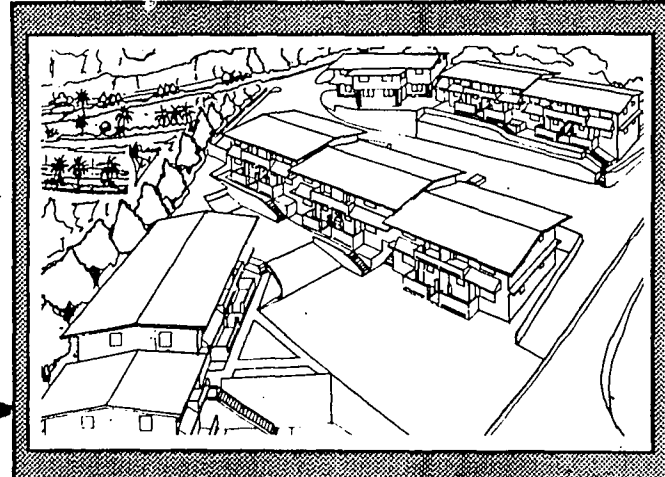
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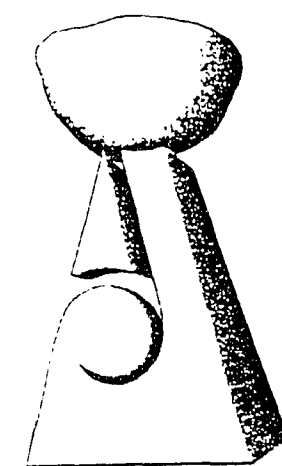
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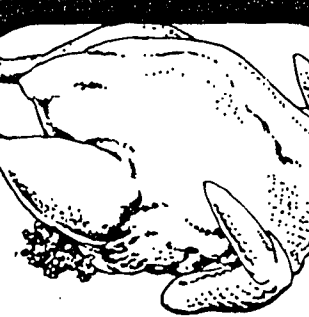
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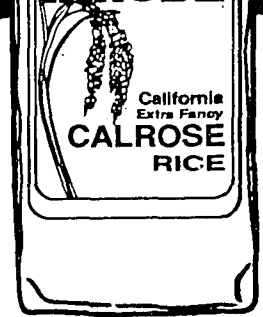
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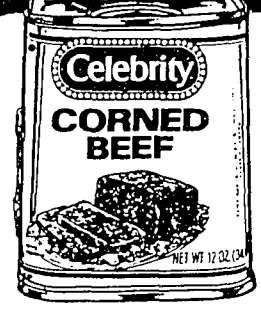
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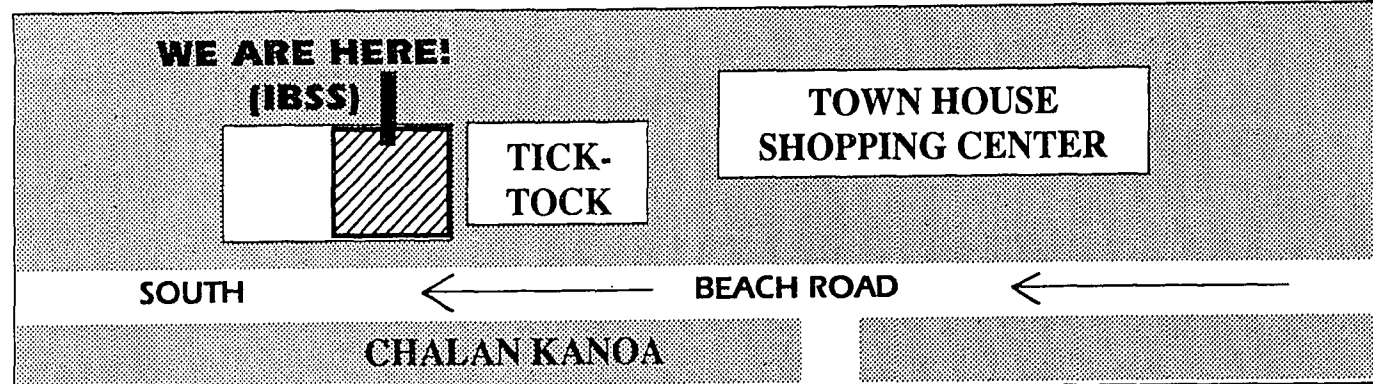
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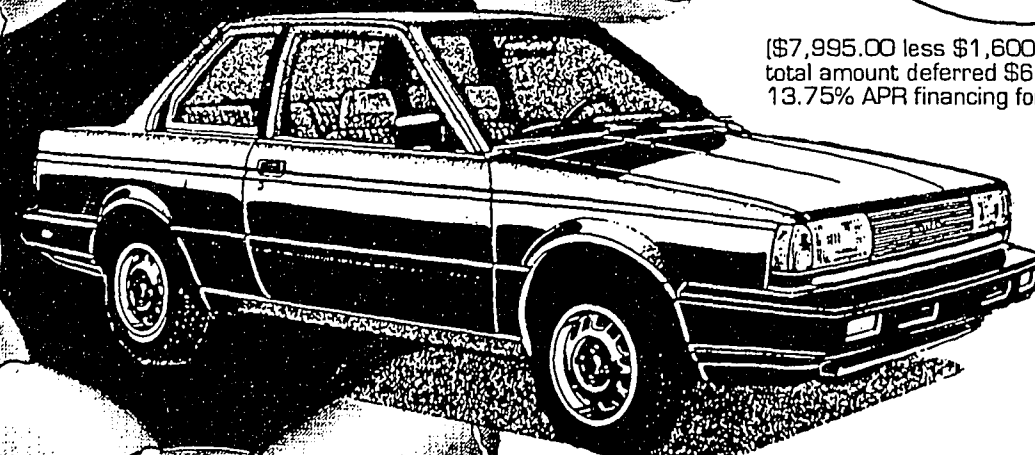
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OTIA extends assistance for University projects

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"With this project, our objective is to develop local expertise to enable governments of the freely associated states and Palau, to operate local programs," Ms. Guerra said.

Guerra said that the funds will be used to complete selected pilot projects. Among the projects were the formation of a draft wildlife management plan and related conservation education materials for Palau; a project to begin plans for landscaping campus grounds and establishing a waste management and recycling program for the College of Marshall Islands; program to assist the Pohnpei Division of Historic Preservation, Museums and Cultural Affairs in long-range planning in the areas of conservation, public education, and research; development of a drug and alcohol prevention education program for the health curriculum of Yap state schools.

Mt. Carmel School to celebrate 40th anniversary

Mt. Carmel School will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year and in line with this, the school is seeking the assistance of its graduates interested to share their stories, information and data to the public.

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Those who are interested in developing an alumni chapter to register as a non-profit organization are advised to contact Rita Kazuma Guerrero and Laura Tenorio Torres and any information should be addressed to them at Mt. Carmel School P.O. Box 6 CK, Saipan, MP, 96950.



Government asks companies to help reduce record trade surplus

by David Thurber
Associated Press Writer
TOKYO (AP)-Japan's trade minister summoned top executives from 177 companies Thursday and urged them to do more to reduce Japan's trade surplus, currently at record levels.

Officials at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said they were worried that the internationally sensitive surplus would not decline in coming months because of Japan's weakening economy, which has reduced import demand.

Commercial tour plane reported missing between Hawaiian Islands; 10 aboard

HONOLULU (AP) - A commercial plane that carries sightseers around the Hawaiian Islands disappeared with nine people on board while en route here from Oahu Island, authorities said.

Navy and Coast Guard aircraft searched the ocean for the twin-engine aircraft that disappeared Wednesday during a 250-mile (400-kilometer) flight between Hilo, on Oahu, and Honolulu, on Hawaii Island.

"There were no reports, no maydays," Lt. Scott Flemming of the Joint Rescue Coordination Center said Wednesday night. "All we know is that the plane didn't arrive in Honolulu and we're looking."

OPEC fears attack on oil industry at Earth summit

by Sally Jacobsen
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - OPEC's president expressed concern Thursday that the oil industry would come under sharp attack at the United Nations conference in June on global warming.

Jibril Aminu, the Nigerian oil minister who presides over cartel meetings, said worries about global warming may be motivated more by political than scientific factors.

"The richer nations continue to prosper, while the poorer ones remain in the increasingly polluted environmental backwaters," he told an environment meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The U.N. conference will be held in June in Rio de Janeiro. Carbon dioxide emissions - a major byproduct of the burning of oil and other fossil fuels - have been blamed for threatening to raise the earth's temperature.

Somen OPEC nations fear Western nations are using the environmental issue as a way of cutting back on oil and developing alternative energy sources instead.

In advance of of the U.N. conference, OPEC invited other oil producers to Thursday's meeting to develop a common approach. Attending the talks were a dozen non-OPEC producers, including Angola, China, Egypt, Malaysia,

Yemen and Canada's Alberta province. The former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Russia also sent representatives to their first cartel meeting.

OPEC ministers will meet separately Friday to discuss whether to change their output ceiling of 22.98 million barrels of oil a day, which was set for the April-June period.

On Wednesday, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azadeh said the group should immediately lower the cap by 500,000 barrels a day to drive prices higher.

His proposal would amount to a cut of about a million barrels a day in current output estimated by analysts at 23.5 million barrels a day.

Saudi Arabia, though, was expected to oppose any move to trim the ceiling, arguing some nations, including Iran, had not yet made promised supply cuts.

The cartel last February agreed on the cutbacks in an effort to avoid a price collapse in spring when demand for oil normally falls.

The average price of an OPEC marker was \$17.83 a barrel last week, up a nickel from the previous week but still under the cartel's \$21-target.

OPEC members are: Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Companies that import at least 10 percent more manufactured goods than in previous years are eligible for a tax credit equal to 5 percent of the increased imports under a special law that went into effect in fiscal 1990 and expires this year.

Takashi Sagisaka, director of the ministry's Import Division, said the government now is deciding whether to extend the credits.

"We are very afraid that unless we extend the measures, we will be helpless in expanding imports," he said.

Sagisaka, who briefed reporters on Watanabe's meeting, said the ministry fears that Japan's high trade surplus is likely to continue until there is an upturn in the nation's economy.

"Japanese exports now have strong competitiveness and an appreciation of the yen doesn't affect their sales. However, imports are very much influenced by the Japanese economic situation, and we don't expect them to improve in the near future," he said.

MITI has summoned top business leaders to urge them to import more every year at about this time since 1985, when Japan's growing trade surplus began aggravating trade friction. Each company is expected to submit an import expansion plan, and then defend the plan in an interview with a MITI official.

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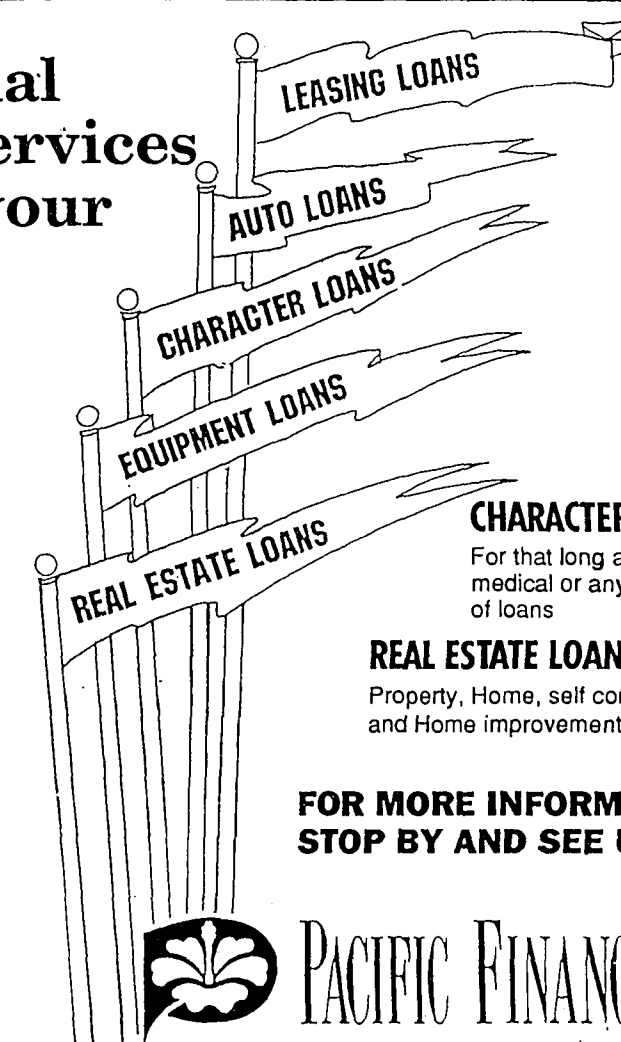
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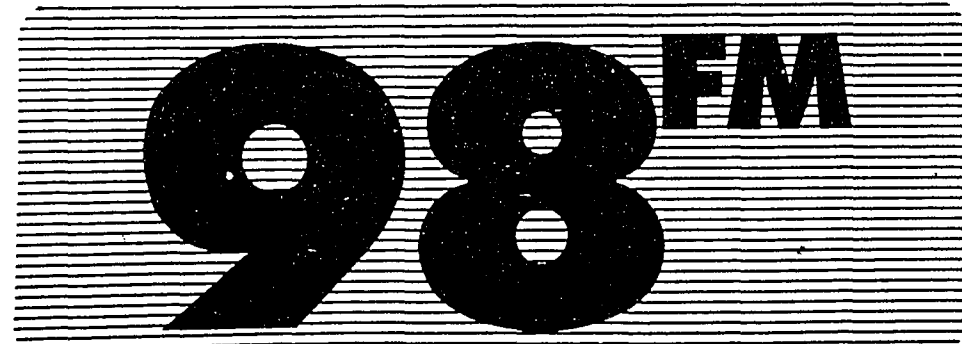
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Seoul-Hanoi reconciliation follows consultation with Washington

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)-Recent exchanges of liaison offices between South Korea and Vietnam, a former adversary, came only after close consultations with the United States, a senior official said Thursday. Washington has pressured South Korea to slow the pace of establishing ties with Vietnam until some major issues, including an accounting for American soldiers missing from the Vietnam War, are resolved.

More than 300,000 South Korean troops fought alongside U.S. troops in the Vietnam War. Yet Seoul announced Monday it will open a liaison office in Hanoi in July as a step toward full diplomatic relations.

Assistant Foreign Minister Chang Man-soon told foreign reporters Washington has not objected to Seoul's recent move to exchange liaison offices with Vietnam.

"(The signing of the agreement) was done only after close and intensive consultations with the United States," Chang said.

Chang said South Korean businessmen are eager to see Seoul-

Hanoi political ties improved to help boost their business in Vietnam.

Despite the lack of formal diplomatic relations, South Korea and Vietnam have substantially enhanced trade in recent years. Two-way trade increased from \$140 million in 1990 to \$220 million last year.

Chang denied speculation that Hanoi demanded economic aid from Seoul in exchange for the normalization of relations.

"They demanded economic cooperation, not economic aid," he said.

Critics have accused the Seoul government of providing large amounts of economic aid to socialist countries in exchange for the normalization of relations.

A \$3 billion loan package was promised by Seoul after it opened diplomatic ties with the former Soviet Union in 1990. About half of the loans had been provided before the Soviet Union disintegrated late last year.

Chang said the loans will be resumed when Russia provides documents guaranteeing repayment.

Students clash with police in anti-government protest

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)-About 400 radical students fought with police Thursday, hurling firebombs and paralyzing traffic, to demand the ouster of President Roh Tae-woo, witnesses said.

The protest was the first major action since dissidents and radical students on Wednesday declared a "week of mourning" to mark the first anniversary of the police killing of a young demonstrator.

The fatal beating of Kang Kyung-dae, a university student, on April 26 last year touched off seven weeks of violent anti-government demonstrations in which 12 people set themselves afire in protest suicides and hundreds of others were injured in clashes with riot police.

In Thursday's clash with police, witnesses said, students from Dongkuk University blocked an entire six-lane street in downtown Seoul for two hours.

"Down with the regime (of President Roh)," they quoted the students as shouting. The students also threw about 300 firebombs to riot police, who were equipped with gas masks

and shields, witnesses added. No injuries or arrests were reported. Also on Thursday, about 500 students from another university in Seoul marched about two kilometers (1.3 miles) to commemorate the anniversary, vowing to overthrow the government.

The students from Sungkyunkwan University marched peacefully, while riot police stayed away to avoid clashes.

Both student groups also protested alleged military vote-rigging in last month's parliamentary election and demanded abolition of the main military intelligence agency for its alleged role.

Two days before last month's election, an army officer alleged at a news conference that many of the 560,000 absentee ballots cast by soldiers were rigged in favor of government candidates.

The allegation invited a strong voter backlash. The governing Democratic Liberal Party fell one seat short of a majority in the 299-member National Assembly. It had held 215 seats before the election.

Distribution of world's wealth getting more unfair, U.N. Says

by Nick Ludington-Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)-The huge gap between rich and poor countries has doubled since 1960, according to a U.N. report released Thursday. "It's a very sobering view," said William H. Draper, administrator of the U.N. Development Program at a news conference presenting the 1992 Human Development Report.

"In a world of 5 billion people, we discovered that the top billion people, the top 20 percent, hold 83 percent of the world's wealth, while the bottom billion have only 1.4 percent of the income of the world," he said. The report said that in 1960, the richest 20 percent of the world's population had incomes 30 times greater than the poorest 20 percent.

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by SALLY B. RIVERA

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- banana leaf

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3. Add tapioca starch and sugar into the grind coconut flesh, and mix it.
4. Add a little amount of water for moisture if needed in order to mix it.
5. Separate the mixed coconut flesh into small amounts, two or three tablespoons each, and make it into a flat portion about six inches square.
6. Roll each portion in a banana leaf and grill for 10 minutes until banana leaf turns brown and dry.



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Drug traffickers tighten grip on Rio shantytowns

By KEN SILVERSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - Cocaine traffickers are tightening their grip on Rio's shantytowns with a combination of violence and community aid, helped by the cynicism of residents about public authorities.

Slum dwellers often view the traffickers as Robin Hoods, and they have become a parallel power in politics, commerce, even crime control.

"The drug lords are rich, heavily armed and they have bought off the police," said a religious activist who has worked in the slums for 20 years. "They have never been stronger."

Like many people interviewed, she spoke on condition of anonymity, for fear of reprisals.

Annual cocaine sales in Rio are estimated at \$85 million, three times the 1991 profit of Nacional, Brazil's fourth-largest private bank.

A group called the Red Command controls most of the traffic. Its top leaders are in prison, but are said to remain in charge. The Red Command reportedly was formed during the military rule of 1964-1985, when leftist guerrillas were jailed with common criminals and taught them how to organize.

Cocaine use cuts across class lines, but sales are concentrated in the shantytowns that house one-fourth of Rio's 9 million people.

Drug gangs pay corrupt police officers to stay off their turf or to warn them when a raid is planned. They operate openly because of the bribery and plenty of arms smuggled from Paraguay, the United States and Israel. Until a police raid this month, customers lined up all weekend in Andaraí, a shantytown on the north side known for the purest cocaine in Rio. Across town in the hillside slum of Santa Marta, drugs dealers operate 100 yards (meters) from a police post.

Politicians generally ignore the slums, except at election time, and drug dealers fill the vacuum by offering services.

They sponsor dances, parties and soccer teams, and give candy to children on holidays. Drug lords have even forced some bus owners to provide free service to slum residents in exchange for "protection."

Young men earn far more working for the traffickers than they could in conventional jobs. About half of Brazilian workers earn no more than the minimum wage, equal to about \$50 a month.

"We've been able to get what the guerrillas couldn't: the support of the needy population," William da Silva Lima, a Red Command spokesman now in prison, said in a newspaper interview. The case of a 20-year-old

trafficker known as Cueca, killed in mid-March by a member of a rival gang, is an example.

Cueca, said to have killed 40 people, paid rents and bought medicine for residents of the Amarelinho slum and provided school supplies for their children. More than 15,000 people attended his funeral Mass in a community center rented by the residents' association.

"We don't have any connection with the drug trade ... but (we) acted on behalf of residents, who loved him," said Robson dos Santos, president of the association.

Good deeds are not the only tactic of traffickers. They have taken over about 100 of the 680 slum neighborhood associations by threats and murder.

"Most slum dwellers are hard-working people who oppose the drug trade, but they live with these people and have to make accommodations," said Alba Zaluar, a sociologist. "When the traffickers tell you to do something, it's an order. There is no argument."

"They leave us alone for the most part, but there are certain

things I can't do," said Maria, a maid who lives in a slum. "If I had a romance with a policeman, they'd put an end to it, and maybe to my life."

Maria said traffickers had successfully banned petty crime in her community, mostly to keep police away, but she complained of frequent gun battles. She showed a red blotch on her leg, the result of falling as she scrambled for cover during a police raid.

"Life there is hellish, but I've got no place else to go," was her summation. Anyone caught talking to authorities is tried by the traffickers' courts, and punishment is swift. More than a dozen slum leaders have been killed since late 1991 because they demanded police protection for their communities.

"We've had to hide entire families," said Josilea Gomes Chagas of the Brazilian Center for Children and Adolescents. "In one case, a youngster sought by a drug gang escaped, but they killed his mother."

Traffickers allowed a reporter to visit a shantytown overlooking

Copacabana beach one weekday afternoon, on the condition that neither their names nor that of the slum be revealed.

At the foot of a long flight of steps leading into the community sat two "little planes," children hired by the traffickers as look-outs, drug runners and messengers. They waved the reporter through only after recognizing his companion and guide, a resident of the slum.

Above were six young traffickers, smoking marijuana and making an occasional sale. Most carried pistols and one had a machine gun over his shoulder.

A 22-year-old who called himself Black said there was an occasional police raid, but little other official trouble.

"The cops are bad, but every one of them has a price," he said, holding up a fat wad of cruzeiros and dollars.

Shantytown residents came and went, some stopping to chat with the young dealers, who grew up in the community.

A little barefoot girl licking a strawberry ice cream cone got a kiss from Rafael, the group's

leader, who is 25 and has three children of his own.

"If we didn't have the community's support, 'The Movement' wouldn't be here," he said. "Our only enemy is justice - the justice of man, not of God." Rafael and the others said working for the Red Command gives them a certain security.

"The Red Command's motto is 'never forgotten,'" said Rafael, a thin man dressed in purple shorts. "If one of us is killed, our families will be taken care of. If I was arrested, I'd still receive a salary while in prison." He took up a rifle and led the reporter on a tour of the slum along dirt paths between hovels made of cheap hollow brick.

Trash was piled in open areas. Mothers took advantage of the hot sun to bathe their children at wells. Men chatted over cold beer.

Rafael said he had seen many friends killed and had no fear of dying.

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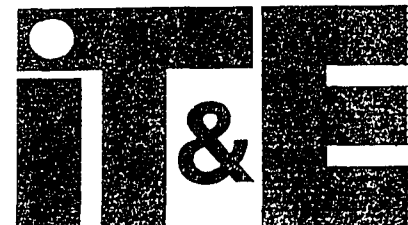
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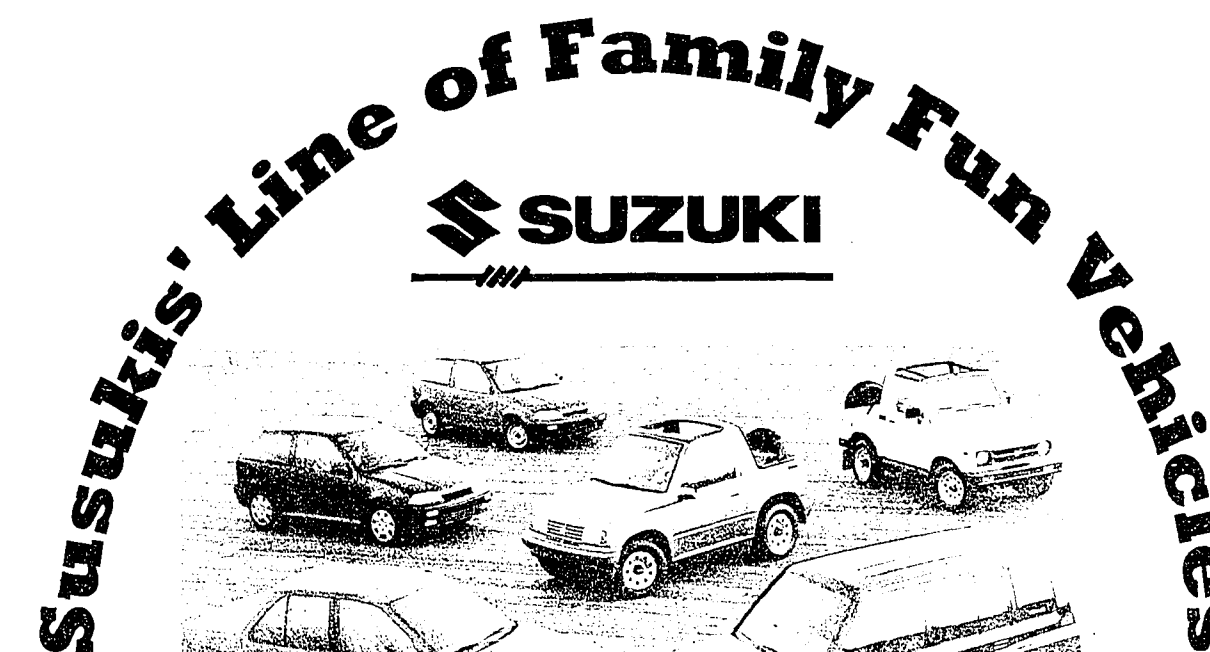
though I do not even know the girl! I felt that somehow, somebody was responsible. Sadness, because somebody has been robbed of a bright future and a family has been left suffering for the loss. Fear, because it reminds me that after all, we are just human and no matter what we do or where we are, Somebody Up There, may call us anytime.

Frustrations, maybe not for myself but for the loved ones left behind. There are so many questions on my mind, so many ifs. If she was not there at that precise moment, she would not have died! If the driver was not driving too fast, she would not have died! Could we do something to prevent similar accidents to occur? Maybe not but we could discourage those drivers unfit to drive to go out on the road, at all! We could provide stiffer penalties for those caught abusing the law: drunk drivers, reckless drivers, etc.

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Nearly 200 arrested in abortion protest

by David Germain
Associated Press Writer

AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) - Police arrested nearly 200 abortion opponents who charged a women's clinic in a melee that was in sharp contrast to the staid abortion arguments being presented before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Anti-abortion demonstrators Wednesday surged onto a four-lane highway and tried to rush past police barricades and about 150 abortion-rights activists in front of the suburban Buffalo clinic.

The arrests occurred on the second day of large-scale abortion demonstrations in the Buffalo area by Operation Rescue. At the same time, the Supreme Court was hearing arguments on an abortion case from Pennsylvania.

Several hundred demonstrators also waved placards and chanted outside the Supreme Court in

Washington, D.C.

In Philadelphia, about 100 abortion-rights activists demonstrated in front of the Liberty Bell and another 40 marched to the city morgue, predicting the high court would curtail abortion with drastic consequences.

About 300 abortion opponents rallied at the Illinois Statehouse in Springfield to demand passage of a bill requiring women to be told their options before having abortions.

In Buffalo, the Rev. Robert Schenck, an abortion protest organizer from suburban Tonawanda, said the demonstration hadn't been timed to coincide with the Supreme Court arguments.

Protesters went limp and were carried or dragged by police through the crowd of abortion-rights demonstrators to buses. Police bound protesters' wrists

with plastic handcuffs.

Police also used the handcuffs to bind the feet of the Rev. John Hunter, an anti-abortion leader from nearby Lockport, after he broke through the line of abortion-rights activists and dashed toward the clinic door.

Some of those arrested lay handcuffed in the street for 30 minutes as demonstrators on both sides taunted one another from opposite sides of the road. Police blocked traffic on the highway, and about 100 officers tried to keep the two sides separated.

A bus in which some Operation Rescue demonstrators had arrived was towed away from the front of the clinic.

Abortion-rights activists chanted "God is a woman, and she's pro-choice!" They mocked abortion opponents by shouting, "A baby a year until you drop!" Anti-abortion demonstrators

prayed and sang hymns, holding signs such as "A Baby Is a Person, No Matter How Small," and a poster showing a baby in the womb with the caption, "Mommy, Please Go Home, I Want To Live."

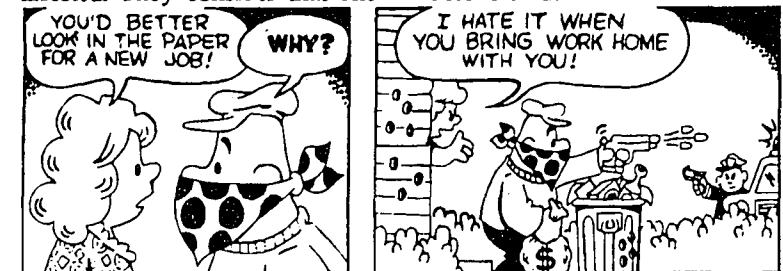
"We have some very courageous and conscientious people who are braving humiliation to save human life," Schenck said.

Susan Ferron, an abortion-rights activist from New Orleans, countered: "Operation Rescue thinks it's a success every time they throw themselves in the street and get arrested. They consider that one

more inch into heaven. They're not doing anything. The clinic is open."

Linda Stadler, office manager for the Amherst clinic operated by Dr. Shalom Press, said demonstrators hadn't stopped women from getting into the clinic for abortions.

Those arrested included 191 anti-abortion protesters, said Amherst Town Justice Sam Maislin. Demonstrators were charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and trespassing, Amherst police Capt. Frank Olesko said.



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Female devices offer better disease protection than condoms

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two birth control devices for women, the contraceptive sponge and the diaphragm, provide women with significantly more protection against some sexually transmitted diseases than do condoms worn by male partners, a health journal reported Wednesday.

A study of 4,162 women found less gonorrhea and trichomoniasis among those using female-controlled methods of contraception, the American Journal of Public Health reported. Incidence of ch-

lamydia was also down, but the article said so few women in the study had this infection that the reduction was not significant.

Gonorrhea, trichomoniasis and chlamydia account for 75 percent of the 12 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases in the United States each year.

"Although STD prevention efforts have emphasized condoms to the virtual exclusion of other barrier methods, there is a need to identify methods that women can use independently of their part-

ners," wrote Dr. Michael Rosenberg, principal investigator for the study.

Rosenberg is a professor of epidemiology and obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and president of Health Decisions Inc., The research was conducted at Health Decisions, a private research organization in Chapel Hill.

The authors said it was particularly important that the women most at risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases have the in-

formation, since they are often young and disadvantaged and may lack the skill to persuade male partners to use condoms.

Diagnoses of gonorrhea were 71 percent less likely, for trichomoniasis 74 percent less likely and chlamydia 13 percent less likely among women in the study who used sponges than would have been the case had they not used a contraceptive.

For women who used diaphragms, the reduction was 65 percent for gonorrhea, 71 percent

for trichomoniasis and 72 percent for chlamydia. Diagnoses of gonorrhea were only 34 percent less likely, of trichomoniasis 30 percent less likely and of chlamydia 3 percent less likely among women whose partners used a condom.

Chlamydia and gonorrhea can cause irreparable damage to the female reproductive tract, the study said. Trichomoniasis does not usually result in such severe consequences but causes pain and other symptoms that require medical attention.

6.0 strong quake rattles southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A strong earthquake made buildings sway in Los Angeles on Wednesday night.

CNMI Contractors meet slated for May 2

Governor Larry I. DL. Guerrero will brief contractors on the successful CNMI trade and investment promotion mission to Taiwan and Taipei this coming May 2 during the general membership meeting of the CNMI Contractors Association. The meeting will be held at 12 noon at the Oceana House of the Hyatt Regency, according to a press release from the organization.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake measured 6.0 in a preliminary Richter scale reading, said Lucy Jones, a seismologist at the California Institute of Technology's seismology lab in Pasadena.

The quake happened shortly before 10 p.m. (0500 GMT Thursday) and lasted about 60 seconds. It temporarily knocked at least one television station off the air. Electricity remained on in downtown Los Angeles.

Initial reports of earth shaking came from as far as 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Los Angeles in Riverside.

Earlier Wednesday night, a moderate earthquake rocked parts of Southern California, knocking out some telephone service. There were no reports of damage or injury.

The earlier quake, at 7:25 p.m. (2325 GMT Wednesday), measured 4.6 on the Richter scale and was centered nine miles (15 kilometers) east of Desert Hot Springs, said spokeswoman Julie

Hakewill. It was followed by several aftershocks, including one measuring 2.7, she said. Desert Hot Springs is about 110 miles (175 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

The quake shook parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

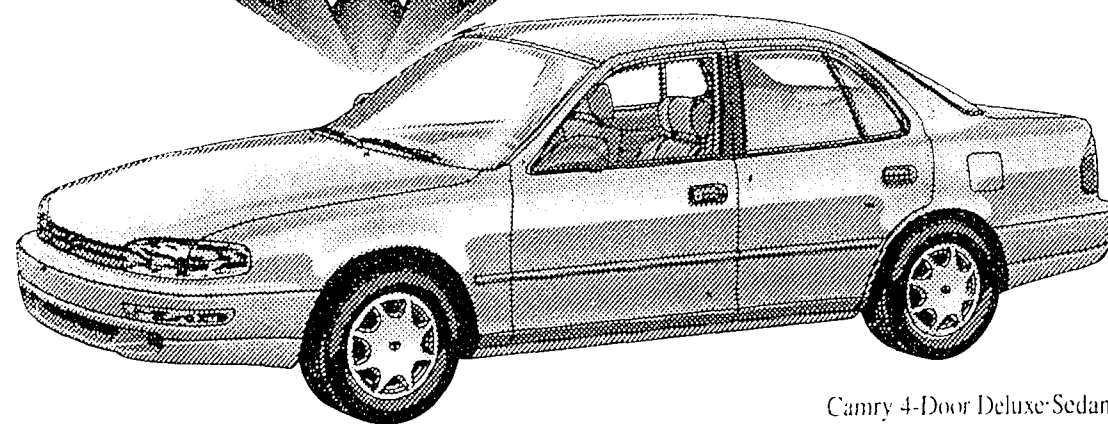
There were no damage or injury reports from the earlier tremor in Palm Springs, 15 miles (24 kilometers) southeast of the quake's epicenter, said a city police records officer who identified herself only as Cathy.

"I was leaning on a file cabinet when the cabinet began to shake," she said. The quake knocked out some telephone service in Yucca Valley and in Twentynine Palms, said Gary Daigneault of KCDZ radio.

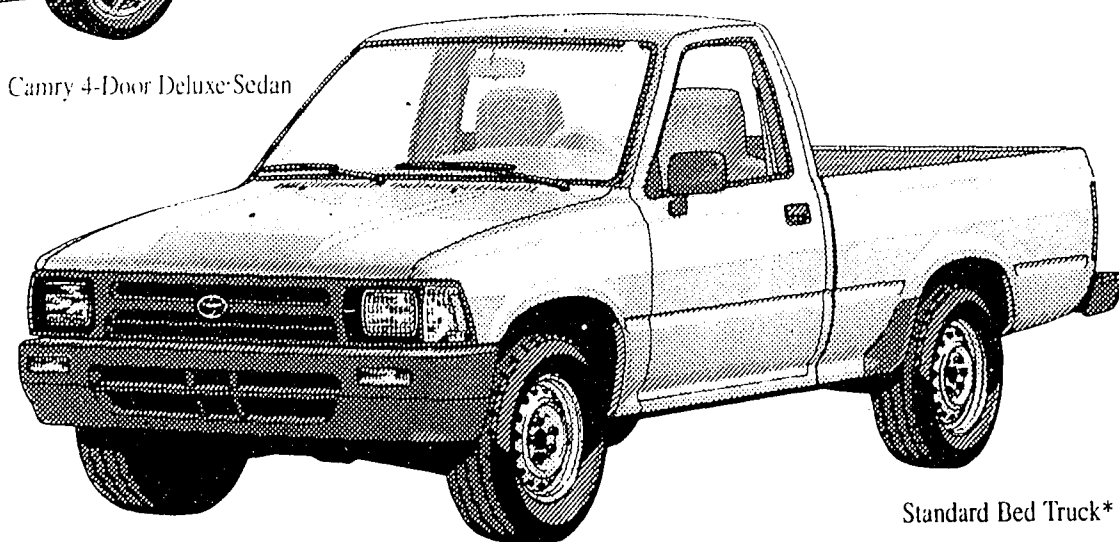
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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at the Civic Center, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary 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 Complaint for Divorce.
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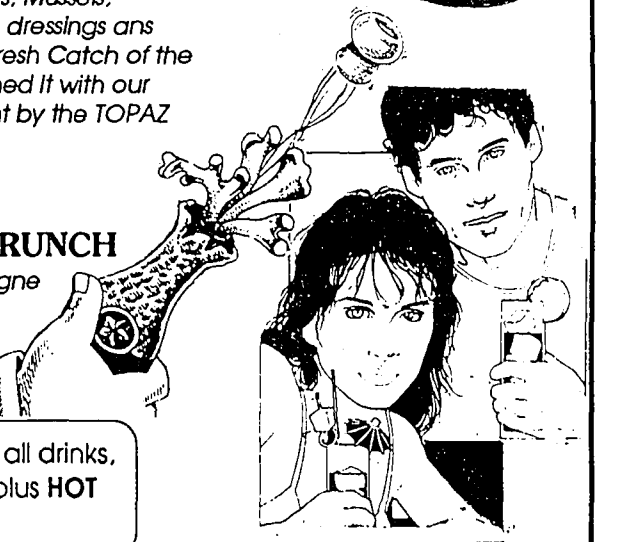
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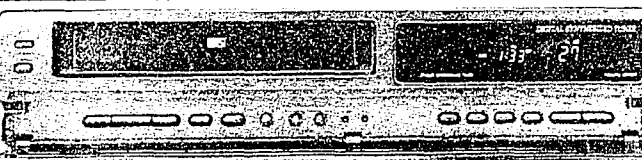
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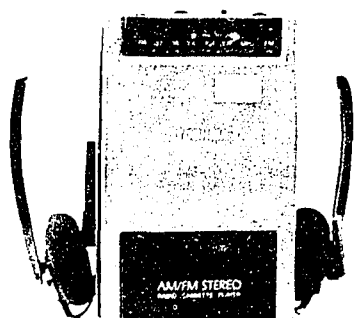
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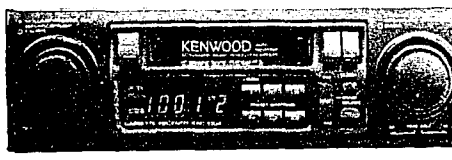
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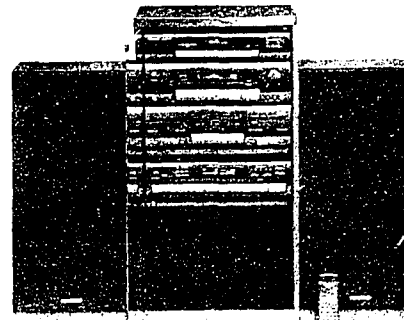
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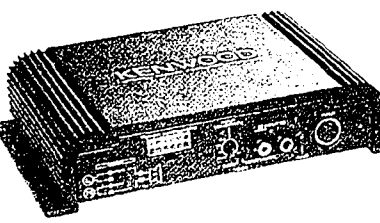
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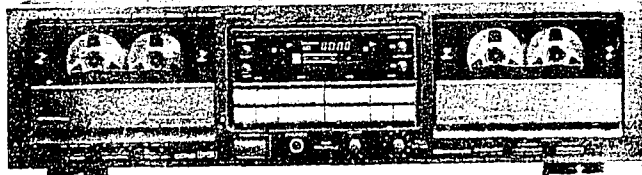
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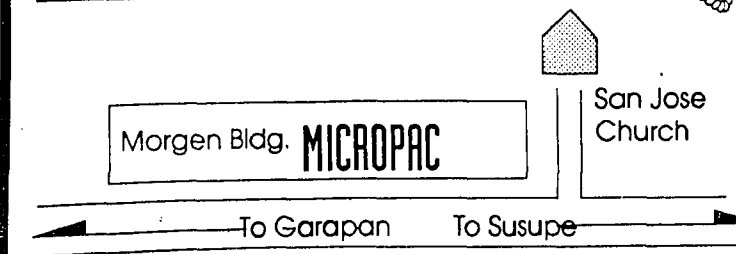
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Ex-Marcos ally says he helped Aquino buy Massachusettes home

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A presidential candidate once allied with Ferdinand Marcos says he helped his cousin, President Corazon Aquino, buy the Massachusettes home where she lived until the murder of her husband, which helped bring her to power.

"I helped buy the house," businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco said in a radio interview Wednesday. "I was asked to help."

Mrs. Aquino refused to comment on the claim but has accused her cousin of using his ties to Marcos to amass a fortune in "ill-gotten wealth." She strongly opposes her cousin in the May 11 presidential elections, in which he is among seven candidates.

Mrs. Aquino and her family moved to Newton, Massachusettes in 1980 after her husband, Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., was released from seven years' imprisonment by Marcos.

Aquino was a leading opposition figure and was arrested along with thousands of others when Marcos imposed eight years of martial law in 1972.

He was sentenced to death for subversion but was allowed to go to the United States for medical treatment. Aquino was slain in August 1983 moments after returning to his homeland to challenge Marcos for national leadership.

His murder touched off a wave of indignation which climaxed in the February 1986 uprising that toppled Marcos and installed Aquino's widow in office. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii in September 1989.

It was the first time Cojuangco has commented publicly on his role in helping Mrs. Aquino's family. But he has often attacked those who sought his financial help and then turned against him for allegedly embezzling public funds.

Cojuangco was one of the closest allies of Marcos during his 20-year rule. He fled the country aboard the same plane which carried Marcos into exile in 1986 but returned in November 1989.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP92-0013

CHALAN KANO/SUSUPE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE IIIA

The Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms for the construction of the CHALAN KANO/SUSUPE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE IIIA, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sealed proposals shall be identified on the outside of the envelope by proposal number CUC-RFP-92-0013. Proposals to be submitted in triplicate will be accepted at the Office of the Manager, Procurement and Supply, CUC at Lower Base, Saipan until 4:00 p.m., local time on May 22, 1992.

The Bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his Business Permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general, of replacing approximately 4.0 miles of asbestos cement pipe (size ranging from 6-inch to 12-inch) with new PVS pipe including installation of new gate valves, fittings, fire hydrants, new house service laterals, new meters and other appurtenances.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections made based on experience of the firm on related projects (10%), qualification of key personnel (20%), availability of equipment (15%), work plan/schedule (15%), and cost for the scope of the work (40%). Proposal evaluations will be weighted in accordance with the percentages noted following each evaluation criteria.

A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set of Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms, available on or after April 27, 1992, at the Water Division Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan. A pre-proposal conference will be held in the CUC Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan at 10:00 a.m., local time, on May 1, 1992.

Firms that have previously purchased bidding documents for Invitation to Bid No. CUC-ITB-91-0035 will be furnished a copy of the revised documents free of charge.

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

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposal if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals shall become property of the CUC.

For further information, please contact Mr. Ernesto Villarin at (670) 322-9383.

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Ecuadorean indians protest over land rights

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Thousands of Indians from Ecuador's Amazon jungle, many wearing colorful feathered head-dresses, marched into this highland capital Thursday after a 12-day trek to demand control of their rain forest lands.

Singing and carrying banners protesting government neglect, an estimated 2,500 members of jungle tribes gathered in historic San Francisco plaza in Quito's colonial downtown.

Some of the Indians wore war paint and carried bows and arrows, but the gathering in the plaza was peaceful.

Police blocked off a five-block area around the Government Palace, two blocks from the plaza.

President Rodrigo Borja met later with a delegation of about 100 Indians to hear their complaints. The meeting was open to the media and the Indians' leaders spoke for more than two hours.

At the end Borja said he would order the Agriculture Ministry to give them property titles over the lands they possess.

The Indians also demanded that the constitution be reformed to give their communities autonomy over a vast section of the Amazon jungle. Borja said such a demand was beyond his authority. But he told the Indians he would relay their demand to Congress.

Later, Manuel Salgado, president of Congress, said he would convene a special session to discuss the Indians' demands.

The Indians began their march April 11 from Puyo, a town 145 miles (240 kms) southeast of Quito. The trek took them from the humid lowland jungles up to Quito, located more than 9,300 feet (2800 meters) above sea level.

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In Re Estate of San Nicolas, Ana P.
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JUDGE ALEX C. CASTRO
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He said she was impregnated with an egg from a 30-year-old woman that was fertilized with sperm from Mrs. Ditezza's husband, who is 53.

The Guinness Book of World Records says the latest age for a birth that medical authorities consider documented is 57 and 1-2. According to a birth certificate, Ruth Alice Kistler of Glendale, Calif., was that old when she gave birth to a daughter in 1956.

News of Mrs. Ditezza's pregnancy brought criticism from Italy's health minister, Francesco De Lorenzo.

"A woman of that age does not have the proper physiological conditions to procreate," he said.

However, he noted, there is no law setting an age limit on such procedures and it is up to an individual doctor to decide.

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 Plaintiff,

vs.
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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT IGNACIO QUICHOCHO:

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CHILDREN & SPOUSES: JOHN & BARBARA ALDAN PANGELINAN, JUAN L. & MANUELA ALDAN BABAUTA, RICHARD A. & MARIAN ALDAN PIERCE, FRANCISCO L.G. & URSULA LIPOFOI ALDAN, ISIDRO R. & PIA ALDAN TAISACAN, MESSALINA ALDAN & RAMON TEBUTE, JUAN M. & ELEANOR TENORIO SALAS, & LEONARD DLR. ALDAN.

HE IS SURVIVED BY THIRTY (30) GRAND CHILDREN, NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

BROTHERS, SISTERS & SPOUSES: ALFRED & ROSALIA ALDAN FLEMING, IGNACIO & MARGARITA A. ALDAN, ENGRACIA ALDAN JOHNSON, FRANCISCO & JULITA ALDAN CASTRO, JUSTO & TERESITA ALDAN SANCHEZ (DECEASED), TOMAS & MARIANA S. ALDAN, ALFONSO (DECEASED) & ELENA ALDAN DIAZ, ANTONIO & MARIA ALDAN SABLAN, LARRY & PAULINA ALDAN CORLISS.

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HOLY ROSARY IS BEING SAID DAILY AT NOON (12:00) and 8:00 PM AT THEIR RESIDENCE IN SADOG TASI. MASS IS BEING SAID DAILY AT 5:30 A.M. AT CHRISTO RAI CHURCH IN GARAPAN.

LAST RESPECT MAY BE PAID AT HIS RESIDENCE STARTING AT 3:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992 UNTIL 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1992. MASS FOR CHRISTIAN BURIAL WILL BE OFFERED AT CHALAN KANOA CATHEDRAL CHURCH AT 11:00 A.M. MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1992 AND BURIAL WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AT THE CHALAN KANOA CEMETERY.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE MOST APPRECIATED.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

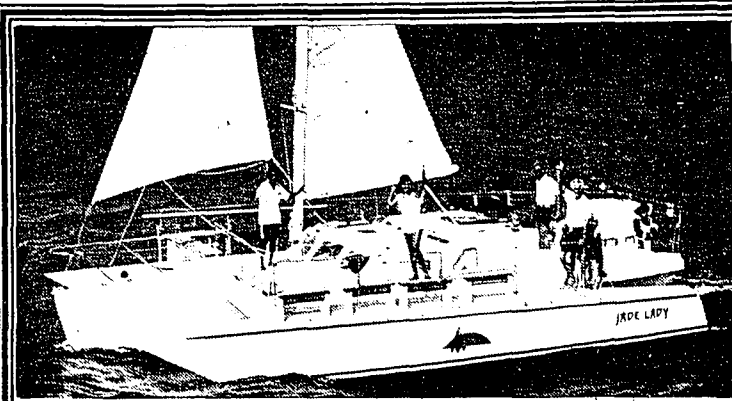
JUAN SAN NICOLAS CABRERA

The family of the late JUAN SAN NICOLAS CABRERA (POTU) announces the beginning of the Fourth Anniversary Rosary on April 25, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. at their residence in Navy Hill. All relatives and friends are invited.

On the Anniversary itself, May 3, Sunday, the Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in the evening of the same day at their residence.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase.
Gora and daughters.

I familiar in defunto as JUAN SAN NICOLAS CABRERA (POTU) manmalago mana' fanmannugo' todu i familia yan i manatungo', na para u matucha i mina' kuarto na Lisayon Kumple anos gi Abril 25, 1992 gi 8:00 gi kada puengi gi gim'a-niha gi Navy Hill. Gi ha'anen i Kumple Anos, Damengo, Mayu 3, i Misan Kumple Anos para u maselebra gi Katedrat Bithen de Carmen gi 8:00 gi eg'an. I sena para i pupuengi gi oran 6:00, mismu ha'ani, gi gim'a' i familia gi Navy Hill. Si Yu'us ma'ase ginnen as Gora yan i dos na haga-na.



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INVITATION TO BID DPW92-ITB-00224

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of "Proposed American Memorial Park Pavilion, Garapan, Saipan", Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 08, 1992, 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 a 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. 1453".

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

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after April 28, 1992, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$125.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, May 05, 1992, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

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 the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

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

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

/s/ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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INVITATION TO BID DPW92-ITB-00225

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of "Proposed Garapan Central Park Volleyball and Tennis courts", Garapan, Saipan", Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, May 05, 1992, 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 a 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. 1453".

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

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after April 24, 1992, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$100.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 01, 1992, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

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 the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

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/s/ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Devise for protection from sharks tested

SURFERS PARADISE, Australia (AP) - A new way to protect swimmers from sharks and marine life from drowning in shark nets is being tested here.

Initial tests of the electromagnetic barrier off the coast of north Queensland state proved effective against six breeds of sharks. Leading Australian shark experts Ron and Valerie Taylor and staff of the Sea World marine park now are experimenting with the device, designed by South African Norman Starkey and developed in conjunction with the Natal Shark Board.

Starkey hopes the device will eventually replace the shark nets that are used to repel sharks from major beaches in both Australia and South Africa.

Dr. Fabian Fay, general manager of Sea World, said shark nets catch other forms of marine life, like dolphins, whales and turtles, which die when trapped. Netting also was responsible for the recent death of a young surfer who became trapped.

Valerie Taylor, a leading underwater photographer and an expert diver, said initial tests in tanks and the ocean had proved successful.

The device sends electromagnetic signals to sharks' brains, diverting them away from the area where the unit is placed.

"I wore a personal zapper, which scared sharks away after only three pulses," Taylor told The Associated Press. "The sharks are not damaged. They simply swim away."

Starkey plans to modify his invention and offer it for sale commercially.

College professors see pay increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Salaries for college faculty went up 3.5 percent this school year, the smallest increase in more than 20 years, the American Association of University Professors said Thursday.

The association said its 1991-92 Annual Report on the Status of the Profession also found that pay at private schools continued to rise faster than at public institutions.

The average salary for college and university faculty of all ranks was \$45,360 this academic year, up 3.4 percent or only 0.4 percent when adjusted for inflation. Last year, faculty salaries increased 5.4 percent before inflation.

About 2,025 institutions supplied data for the report, which compared 1991-92 pay raises with an inflation rate of 3.4 percent for the period from December 1990 to December 1991.

Garapan Elementary students excels in Academic

Three students from Garapan Elementary School were given recognition for their Academic Achievements and Citizenship Performance for the Schoolyear 1991-1992.

According to GES Principal Lourdes Mendiola, the three students were commended by the administration because of their academic performance and excellent behavior throughout the Schoolyear.

Jihye Lee Choi, a 4th grader under the advisorship of Miss Deikola Olikong was selected Student of the Week from March 9-13, 1992.

Jihye was recommended for her wholesome personality.

For being a straight "A" student, Manuela Sound was named Student of the Week from March 30-April 3.

Sound is a first grader and one of the best student of Miss Lourdes Baloro.

Because of her strong moral values, Teslim Ajuwon was selected Student of the Week from April 6-10.

Ajuwon is a 5th grader under the advisorship of Mrs. Elda La Victoria.



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(1653) 4/24, 27, 28

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC RFP NO. 92-0015 April 22, 1992

The COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) is soliciting proposals for the preparation and publication of the ANNUAL REPORT of the Corporation's operation and activities for Fiscal Year 1991.

Preparation include writing, black and white and color photography, graphics, formatting etc., the total work necessary to produce a professional annual report for the corporation. The annual report will include all CUC's operation including Rota and Tinian. Proposal should indicate the total number of color and black and white photographs to be used. One final draft of the annual report is required for review and approval prior to publication. A copy of the 1990 report may be examined at the office of the Administrative Officer.

Selection of the firm(s) will be based on experiences in annual report preparation, total cost and delivery time of the report.

All proposals from interested individuals and firms shall be submitted to Manager, Procurement and Supply, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, at 2:00 P.M., May 25, 1992. Proposals shall be submitted in triplicates.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest. All proposal shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Ms. Beverly Camacho, Administrative Officer for CUC at telephone numbers (670)322-4033/5088.

/s/Ramon S. Guerrero
Executive Director

(1655) 4/24, 27, 28 & 5/1, 5

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC RFP NO. 92-0010 April 01, 1992

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is requesting proposals from qualified firms for consulting advisory services, that meets the requirements outlined in the request for proposal (RFP) information, guidelines and instructions.

CUC is continuing to evaluate the appropriateness of its power, water and sewer rates and the rate structure to stay within its statutory mandate and at the same time provide the necessary essential services at a cost that is fair and favorable to its customers and conducive to fostering continuing economic development. Further, because of the necessary capital improvements to the power, water and sewer systems, CUC will continue its financial planning. The financial planning will require evaluation of appropriate financing alternatives for the capital improvements.

Accordingly, CUC wants to obtain assistance for general business and financial planning, development of cost of service and rate design studies, determining available financing alternatives, and obtaining a credit rating.

RFP information, guidelines and instructions may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director, CUC.

The proposals shall be numbered CUC RFP 92-0010, sealed and submitted in one original and seven (7) copies to the Manager of Procurement and Supply, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, by no later than 3:00 P.M. local time on May 01, 1992. Late proposals will not be considered.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest. All proposal shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Ramon S. Guerrero, Executive Director of CUC at telephone numbers (670) 322-4033/5088.

/s/Ramon S. Guerrero
Executive Director

(1546) 4/3, 10, 17, & 24/F

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SAIPAN HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is soliciting Proposals from interested offerers to construct and finance the construction work on the Saipan Harbor Improvements project at Saipan, CNMI.

The work includes approximately one million cubic yards or dredging, disposal of dredged material, filling of an approximate eight acre bulkhead wharf, sheet piling, paving, drainage, utilities and others. Relocation of a sanitary sewer outfall is also required. Construction work is expected to cost about US \$40 - \$50 million and such work must be performed without interrupting on-going port operations.

Proposals shall include plans for contractor financing or contractor-arranged financing. CPA will partially finance the project in an amount not to exceed \$21 million.

Proposals submitted must be available for acceptance for a period up to 60 days after deadline. CPA may award a contract on the basis of the initial offers received without negotiations.

Therefore, the initial offers should contain offerers' best terms. CPA may negotiate the contract with any or all the offerers to obtain the most advantageous offer. CPA will evaluate the proposals on factors which include pricing, financing terms, technical merits, construction and completion schedules, responsiveness, and contractor's demonstrated ability to finance and construct the project.

Proposals must be delivered no later than 2:00 P.M., May 15, 1992 to the office of:

The Executive director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel (670) 234-8315/16/17
Fax (670) 234-5962

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the above address at 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 1992. Offerers who have any questions must submit these in writing or by fax to reach the above no later than April 25, 1992.

Proposal documents are available from the CPA with payment of a non-refundable amount of \$300 per set. Cashiers and certified checks or money orders shall be made payable to:

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
P.O. Box 1055
Saipan, MP 96950

/s/J.M. Guerrero
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 3 (TOUR) COUNSELOR, TRAVEL - High school grad. 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$2.50-3.00 per hour.
 Contact: MAS MAULEG CORP., P.O. Box 228 CHR, Saipan, MP 96950 (5/1)F/7610
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 Contact: KAM CORPORATION, P.O. Box 606, Saipan, MP 96950 (4/24)F/7548.
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 1 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (Building) - High school equiv. 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
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 Contact: SAIPAN CATTLE COMPANY, INC. dba COWTOWN, Call Box 699, Saipan, MP 96950 (5/1)F/7600.
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 3 AUTO MECHANIC - High school grad. 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$450 - \$675 per month.
 1 SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - College grad. 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$3,126. per month.
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 1 BARTENDER
 1 COOK - High school equiv. 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$2.75 per hour.
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Spacecraft discovers key evidence about creation of the universe

by Lee Siegel
AP Science Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A NASA satellite has found huge ripples of matter near the edge of the universe, a momentous discovery that explains how stars and galaxies evolved from the "big bang" that created the cosmos, scientists said Thursday.

"What we have found is evidence for the birth of the universe," said George Smoot, an astrophysicist at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and the University of California at Berkeley.

The discovery by NASA's Cosmic Background Explorer spacecraft caps scientists' 28-year quest for the solution to one of their most vexing puzzles: How did matter that was uniformly spread out in the newborn universe start clumping together to produce stars, galaxies and clusters of galaxies?

The ripples, created almost 15 billion years ago, were detected by their radiation, which has been traveling toward Earth at the speed of light.

The Earth-orbiting COBE spacecraft made more than 300 million measurements since its 1989 launch. It detected nearly imperceptible variations in the temperature of the radiation, which measures 454 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (270 degrees below zero Celsius).

By detecting the radiation, COBE is "a wonderful time machine" able to view the young universe, Smoot said.

Smoot and colleagues announced the findings Thursday during a crowded scientific session and news conference at an American Physical Society meeting in Washington.

Coast guard finds plane wreckage on mountainside
by Ben Dipietro
Associated Press Writer
HONOLULU (AP) — A plane carrying nine people was found atop a Maui Island mountain today and there are no signs of life, police reported.

The Coast Guard said a wreckage was found, but wouldn't confirm if it's the commuter plane reported missing Wednesday.

Police at the scene say it appears to be the wreckage of the Beech 18 twin-engine aircraft that disappeared from radar screens Wednesday afternoon, Sgt. Randy Levil said.

The plane was found at the 9,000-foot level of Haleakala, the largest mountain on Maui at 10,023 feet. There were no signs of life at the crash site, Levil said.

The Coast Guard wouldn't confirm the wreckage was that of the Scenic Tours plane that took off Wednesday from Hilo on Hawaii Island to Honolulu on Oahu Island with eight passenger and a pilot on board. Petty Officer Dennis Hubbard said the wreckage found might be from a previous crash.

The Scenic Tours plane was reported missing at 3:49 p.m. after disappearing from radar screens while it passed Maui, Petty

Officer Cameron Hardy said.

A search helicopter found the wreckage around 6:30 a.m., Levil said.

A Coast Guard C-130 plane searched throughout the night but failed to locate the aircraft. An HH-865 Dolphin helicopter and the 110-foot Coast Guard cutter Washington were employed at first light to assist in the search.

Scenic Tours, which operated the plane, has been in business here since 1980, and three years ago had an airplane crash on Hawaii Island that killed a pilot and 10 passengers.

Galaxies about 200 million light years long, he said.

Besides Smoot and colleagues at Berkeley and the Goddard Space Flight Center, the research was conducted by scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, UCLA, UC-Santa Barbara, the University Space Research Association, General Research Corp. and Hughes STX, a research company.

Evidence collected by the satellite also supports the theory that up to 90 percent of the universe is made of invisible "dark matter" that scientists haven't yet been able to identify, Smoot said.

Decisive, Nobel Prize-winning evidence supporting the big-bang theory was discovered in 1964 when Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson detected the big bang's "afterglow"—microwaves known as cosmic background radiation.

The almost imperceptible variations in the temperature of the radiation—only about thirty-millionths of a degree—represent slight differences in the density of matter at the edge of the universe, basically ripples of wispy clouds surrounded by slightly less dense matter, Smoot said.

The smallest ripples stretch across 500 million light years of space, or about 2.9 billion trillion miles, Smoot said. Until now, the largest known structure in the universe was the "great wall," an arc of

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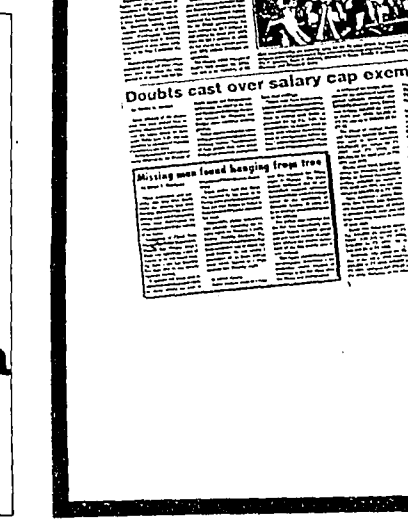
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Heat vs. Hawks for SABA finals

by Efen T. Dayauon

It's championship time!

The final cast for the best-of-three of this year's Saipan Amateur Basketball Association island-wide tournament is completed when league-leading Rainbow Construction Heat and the Marianas Communication Hawks, currently holding second spot, trashed their separate rivals last Wednesday in the last semi-final encounter of teams vying

for the championship.

In the first game, the Heat struggled in the first half action before subduing Joeten Motor Cyclones 104-77.

Five players scored in double figures as the Heat poured everything on in the final half to beat the Cyclones, which displayed some tenacity in the first half. Halftime score was 44-41.

But the Heat had to rely on the 25 points, 9 rebounds performance of Guam-based player Danny Cepeda as well as the double-

digit output of four other players to ensure the victory.

Aside from Cepeda, Tony Luzuma contributed 24 points followed by J. Almoguera with 21 and E. Mendoza along with J. Iakopo who both scored 13 points.

For the Cyclones, it was slotman Ariel Aguas who carried the load as he came up with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

In the second featured game of the night, the Hawks finally showed who had the right to meet

the Hawks for the finals as they repeated with a win over the JV's Mart Ol'Aces, 83-79.

Robert Manansala and John Santos combined with some scoring help from R. Lizama to edge out the Ol'Aces. Manansala topscored for his team with 28 points while Santos contributed 19 points, 7 rebounds and 6 assists. Lizama also added 20 points to his team's output.

For the Aces, it was a heart-breaking loss as four men also worked hard in battling their ri-

vals. Winsor Peter scored 33 big points and Peter Camacho also contributed 18. Lloyd Hartman had 11 points including 9 rebounds and Elias Rangamar also scored 11 points.

Because of the win, the Hawks have earned the right to meet the Heats for the best of three championship series which will start tonight at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces, on the other hand, will square off with the Cyclones for the third spot.

Government Officials deny racial discrimination in Sumo wrestling

by K.P. Hong

Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP)—The highest level of Japanese officialdom sought Thursday to prevent a mammoth Hawaiian's reported allegation that racism was keeping him from the top rank of sumo wrestling from becoming a new irritant in U.S.-Japan relations.

Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe told a Parliamentary committee that the allegations attributed to the 577-pound Salevaa Atisanoe should not be allowed to develop into a big issue.

And the government's chief spokesman, Koichi Kato, insisted that sumo promotions were "based entirely on ability" when questioned about the controversy by reporters.

Even Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa was quoted by Japanese media as saying that he didn't believe there was discrimination in the sumo world.

Atisanoe created a nationwide stir when he was quoted Monday in the nation's leading financial newspaper as saying his failure to win promotion to "yokozuna," or grand champion, after winning his third tournament last month was due to racism.

Atisanoe, a Samoan from Hawaii who is now an "ozeki," or champion, also was quoted as saying his position in the sumo hierarchy was up in the air because it had been linked with U.S.-Japan trade disputes.

High officials' reaction was reported prominently Thursday in newspapers and on television.

Noting that Americans were sensitive to the issue of racism, an opposition lawmaker asked Watanabe at an upper house committee meeting Thursday for his opinion.

After saying that he was unfam-

iliar with the remarks attributed to Konishiki, Watanabe said:

"It is really bothersome when a really small thing turns into a ruckus based on misunderstanding. I believe it is necessary to be sufficiently careful so that it doesn't become that kind of ruckus."

Atisanoe, who wrestles under the name Konishiki, which means Little Brocade, has parlayed his massive girth into three sumo tournament victories since 1989. He has won two of the last three, bringing him closer than any other foreigner to attaining the top rank.

A wrestler hoping to become a grand champion must win two consecutive 15-day tournaments or compile a record "of equal worth." Tournaments are held every two months.

Noboru Kojima, a member of the Yokozuna Selection Committee, recently called for focusing more on the "hinkaku," or dignity, of grand champion candidates.

The call is viewed by many as an excuse to close the door on foreign wrestlers who seek the title, which carries an aura of prestige unmatched in other sports in Japan because sumo has its roots in ancient Shinto religious ritual.

But another selection committee member, Hideo Ueda, has said that Atisanoe has a strong possibility for promotion after the next tournament in May.

Nihon Television reported that Atisanoe met with Sumo Association chairman Dewanoumi to explain the situation. It quoted the sumo official as saying the controversy will not affect deliberations over whether to promote Atisanoe.

The television report also quoted Dewanoumi as saying that Konishiki had told him he never spoke of racial discrimination.



A Marianas Resort Hotel player attempts a short stab at the basket while two Hyatt defenders try to stop him. Hyatt trounced MRC in yesterday's game of the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands Basketball Tournament.



No you don't! A Heat player swats the ball away as a Cyclone cager tries a short jumper.



Furious rebound battle between the Heats and Cyclones during Wednesday's last semi-final encounters.

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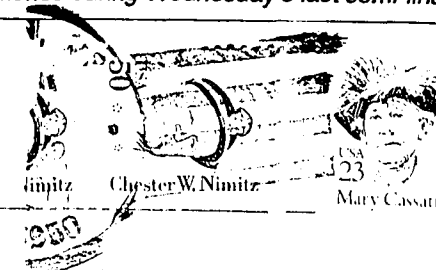


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