Help urged vs GATT plan

By Rafael H. Arroyo

WASHINGTON Representative Juan N. Babauta has called on Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial & International Affairs Leslie M. Turner to help delete the planned phaseout of the CNMI's Covenant grants from the Clinton Administration's proposal to fund the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT).

In a letter to Turner Thursday, Babauta said he hoped that OTIA would advocate for the Commonwealth's interests in the GATT funding issue, being the federal agency tasked with insular area concerns and issues.

"The proposal was not developed through a process of mutual agreement as the Covenant directs," said Babauta. "Nor does the proposal appear to have any relationship to the actual cost of essential infrastructure still needed in the CNMI to assure the health and safety of US citizens there," he added.

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Japanese family trips to NMI rise

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE MARIANAS Visitors Bureau has observed a growth in the family market among Japanese tourists coming to the CNMI, according to MVB acting Managing Director Priscilla T. Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz told the Variety that the "surge" in the family market, which is another positive development in the tourism industry, needs to be focused on.

"We have seen in growth in the family market...it is something we should begin to capitalize," she said.

Although the figures were not immediately available, the acting managing director claimed that the trend (increase) was noted during the summer season.

Before, most of Japanese tourists were office ladies, Dela Cruz continued, but recently there was an increase number of parents who tagged along with their children.

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Munson accepts slightly amended PSS settlement

By Rafael I. Santos

THE U.S. District Court has accepted a proposed settlement in a discrimination lawsuit filed in 1992 by the U.S. Department of Justice against the CNMI government, Board of Education and the Public School System.

Judge Alex R. Munson however made some minor amendments to the consent decree with the concurrence of both parties. The changes, he said, did not change the substance of the decree. They were purely technical aimed at ensuring "a fair and just settlement," he said.

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Solid Builders' barracks burn

By Priscilla T. Dela Cruz

A FIRE of still unknown cause gutted the barracks of Solid Builders in San Vicente yesterday afternoon.

No one however was reported injured in the blaze, Department of Public Safety arson investigators said.

Initial information gathered by the Variety showed that the fire started at about 4:20 p.m. in one of the rooms, which was unoccupied at the time.

The fire swiftly spread and razed two other rooms. Several washing machines were likewise damaged.

Responding firefighters prevented the blaze to spread to adjacent rooms. The blaze was placed under control after 30 minutes.

Damage to property was undetermined.

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New leader reviews pact on Lepa

By ERIC NURSE

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) - A senior leader of Barbados said Wednesday he would reserve his position's week-old agreement to supply psychopharmacopoeia to the United States in response to an invasion of Haiti.

The agreement was reached after an ex-communist leader in Haiti's National Assembly pledged to support the United States in its effort to oust the government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The leader, who declined to be identified, said the agreement with Haiti would be reviewed after the United States' invasion of Haiti.

The leader said the agreement was an attempt to prevent a potential conflict with the United States.
Deposit, new rates topics of CUC Board meeting

THE BOARD of Directors for the Consolidated Marianas Corporation (CUC) will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m.

As the CUC Board is newly organized, the Chairman will be appointing Board members to their various committees.

Other agenda items include reports from the Executive Director, Legal Counsel and Comptroller. The Board is prepared to discuss and finalize the new security deposit and late fees, proposed rate structure studies, contract administration, the UMDA cable television increase proposed for the island of Rota, the Marianas and American Management Au­

doctrine of the U.S. Constitution. Stipends are paid for five years of part-time study in the U.S. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1995. For full information, contact:

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Make sure your cigarette is all you burn.

farrell now backs settlement

By Rafael I. Santos

DESPITE strong opposition to the terms of the settlement agreement be­
tween the Public School System and Dr. Farrell, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education, who said the board would support the implementation of the accord.

“We do live in a right-wing state,” Farrell said Friday, referring to the decision of the BOE to approve the consent decree after it was upheld in the U.S. District Court for the CNMI.

Judge Alex Marion accepted the decree last Friday with minor changes which were purely tech­

tical. The decree provides among other things that $1.2 million should be given to Filipino teachers who were paid low salaries and benefits that their state-side American counterparts. A total of $2.2 million will also be used to compens­
te all other disparities in employment benefits.

The rest of the $5.2 million promised by the CNMI, BOE and PSS will be used for other pro­

grams such as the hiring of an equal opportunity coordinator.

Farrell said he approved the settle­
ment knowing it would not appear

that there has been a discrimina­
tion going on at PSS. The non-Filipino educators, he said Filipino teachers have been discrimi­

nated against in August 7, 1992 lawsuit of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Although he expressed concern about the implications of the terms of the agreement and its proper implementation, Farrell said he is giving his sup­port to the consent decree. He said he has expressed his sup­port to the rest of the education board.

After the hearing, the federal court ruled that all the defendants in the case, including the CNMI government, will be liable for the payment of the $2.2 mil­

lion. Farrell expressed relief.

Farrell was obviously worried as to how to get the money for the affected Filipino teachers. At present, PSS is experienc­ing financial crisis that made it impossible for the construction of additional school facilities, resulting in serious overcrowd­ing in public schools particu­

larly at Mariana High School.

In an interview with the media, Farrell said some teachers have to have adjusted salaries, the same should be done to the rest of PSS teachers. The PSS settlement benefits only the supposed “discriminated” Filipino teachers. The agreement did not reserve any amount for other teachers.

Farrell indicated that it would not be fair to extend such a benefit to a particular group of teachers.

“We should do it all,” he said. He promised quickly after the federal court accepted the con­
sent decree.

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All proposals are to be received by the college on or before the deadline.

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AIDS training at CHC Wednesday

By Fidelia de la Torre

TWOKNOWN AIDS "targets" are expected to arrive and contract as an in-service training at the Department of Public Works, Public Health, Public Works and Environmental Health Department, Saipan. The goal of the training, which is expected to start on Monday, Sept. 11, is to provide training on the proper handling of infected individuals.

According to figures compiled by the Department of Public Health and Social Services from 1985 to 1994, there have been 10 AIDS cases in CHC. Nine cases have been reported in the CNMI, eight cases have been reported in the U.S. and the others in Guam and Saipan. The two known AIDS cases in Saipan are expected to arrive in the next three weeks.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services is expected to implement a program to provide the necessary training to the CNMI government employees and officials to handle and manage the infected individuals.

CRAFTS FAIR AT LA FIESTA

The Arts Center, Inc., in partnership with all interested local vendors, will present the Crafts Fair at La Fiesta Shopping Mall in Saipan. There will be 3-5 booths provided by La Fiesta Mall in Saipan. For further information, call Carol Santeria at 771-2578 or at 233-9093/2.

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Back to School Raffle

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

EDWARD Ferrer, the Power Plant Maintenance at the Maintenance Department is the top employee for the month of August, 1994.

After graduating from Lucio College in the Philippines (year 1989), with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Ferrer was awarded a job where he would provide his family with enough security, welfare, peace and happiness.

Consequently, he was considered a man with a great position for his business, a smooth accomplishment that was all in line of work and how he established a good working and friendly relations with everyone - A GOOD WORKER.

He truly believes, since then, that in a company, it is not only necessary to have enough security, welfare, peace and happiness.

By applying his experiences, he obtained up-to-date knowledge and efficiency of his job and skills.

Within a year he helped streamline the department's systems and procedures to maintain good maintenance operations accordingly.

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The recommendation and acceptance to win this award commends him as an employee of the Department.

The Maintenance Department is very happy that COP's officials have accepted our group's winning bid through new learning ideas and techniques.

According to Maintenance Manager Wilfredo Tiongson, Mr. Ferrer's capabilities, knowledge and work performance is expected to improve and grow.

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Monsoon... Continued from page 1

The National Monsoon Survey, a government-sponsored study of the physical and cultural aspects of the monsoon season, has been conducted at the Northern Marianas National Park Service. The survey examines the impact of the monsoon season on the local economy and the environment. It also investigates the relationship between the monsoon and other natural phenomena, such as floods and landslides. The results of the survey will be used to develop strategies for managing the monsoon and improving the quality of life for residents of the Northern Marianas.

Japanese... Continued from page 1

The government has decided to pay reparations to the families of Japanese soldiers who died during World War II. The amount of money to be paid will be determined by a committee of experts. The government has also agreed to fund the restoration of war-related sites, such as cemeteries and memorial monuments. The government will also provide financial assistance to the families of Japanese soldiers who were captured by the Allied forces.

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A foreman said faulty electrical wiring could be the likely cause of the fire. He noted that the house had been recently renovated.

The fire started in the kitchen and quickly spread to the living room and then to the bedrooms. The family was able to evacuate safely.

The fire was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring. The family was able to extinguish the fire using a portable fire extinguisher. The cause of the fire is now under investigation.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Many of the American samurai who liberated the United States are disappearing, found a former naval academy official.

"It's an effort to protect them from history," he said.

People visiting unprotected sites push over walls, roll boulders over fences, dig a beach to collect, cut artifacts and cause other damage, explained Richard Walton of the National Park Service.

"It's a problem," he said. "It's an effort to protect them from history."

Several small statues of samurai about 8 inches tall, with a sword in one hand and a flag in the other, were stolen from a small museum in a U.S. military base in California. The statues were made from wood and had been on display for several years.

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Military strives to better conditions at Guantanamo

**By TONY WINTON**

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) - U.S. military officials appealed for calm in the first edition of a newspaper for detained Cubans on Wednesday.

They also stepped up work on improvements to the tent city camps, many of which lack running water, medicine and other essentials.

The founder of the paper, the Rev. John Hagee, said it will help diffuse the frustration that led to a riot-making show down on Tuesday. The incident, which was contained, left 20 injured and led to the evacuation of up to 400 Cubans.

The outburst, which involved as many as 3,000 people, was the first violence directed at U.S. personnel by Cubans, U.S. military officials said.

The paper, which is distributed through a distribution system run by the U.S. military, has been promised to all the detainees.

The compromise paragraph was added to the policy document, but still urged one U.S. territory - all with Roman Catholic ties - to refuse access to religious workers.

The compromise was weakened by the definition of the family, which allowed Cubans and Haitians at the island nation on rickety rafts to go with their coupon book, there's still no cash to shop at so-called "merchant stores," where we Cubans have to go with our coupon book, there's still no cash to shop at so-called "merchant stores," where we Cubans have to go with our coupon book.
India, Singapore agree to realize trade projects

By VIJAY JOSHI

SINGAPORE (AP) - The prime ministers of Singapore and India are expected to sign several trade deals during a state visit to Singapore this week, officials here said.

Prime Minister Narasinha Rao, returning from talks with his Singapore counterpart, Mr. Goh Chok Tong, was quoted as having had "friendly, cordial and practi-
cial" discussions.

"Very practical... That's the impression we got. We went into several areas of cooperation and decided to do things to make the project fruitful," said Rudra Pratap, Eloilo's chief of staff.

Earlier, Rao and Prime Minis-
ter Goh agreed to the need for a memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the foreign ministries of the two coun-
tries. Details of the agreement were not immediately available.

Russia rigs still king of Vietnam's offshore oil patch

By BRUCE STANLEY

HCM CITY, Vietnam (UPI) - Russia will remain the king of Vietnam's offshore oil patch for at least the next decade as much of the existing pipelines are still under construction, industry sources said.

"There is a huge pipeline being built to carry production to Ha Long Bay," one source said.

The pipeline, which runs from the Russian-built platform, R1, to Ha Long Bay, will be able to carry up to 200,000 barrels per day.

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Triathlon began in 1978 with only 15 competitors. Its explosive growth required race organizers to implement qualifying procedures in 1983. The race field now is limited to 1,400 contestants due to safety concerns and the championship nature of the event. Organizers credit much of the race's success to more than 4,000 volunteers and many corporate sponsors who donate their time and money toward the event.

For further information contact:

Mike McCoy of Saipan, has qualified for the Gatorade Ironman World Championship on October 15, 1994, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Nearly 20,000 triathletes from more than 50 countries annually attempt to qualify for triathlon's most prestigious event.

The Gatorade Ironman consists of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike race and 26.2-mile run, to be completed within 17 hours. Training for the race typically requires 18 to 24 hours per week for six to eight months to develop the stamina and endurance needed to complete the 140.6-mile event.

Mark Allen, 36, of Cardiff, California, once again set a course record, completing the 1993 race in 8 hours, 7 minutes and 45 seconds. Paula Newby-Fraser, 32, a Zimbabwe citizen living in Encinitas, Calif., won the women's race in 8 hours, 58 minutes and 23 seconds. Her sixth Kona victory ties her with Dave Scott for most Ironman wins.

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Striking baseball players prepare a new offer

By RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK (AP) - Major League Baseball players prepared to offer a new proposal to club owners and bargaining teams reassembled Wednesday, just 48 hours shy of the deadline for canceling the rest of the season.

Heading for New York City was a six-person delegation representing owners and 12 players from the union's negotiating committee. Both sides said a meeting was possible either later Wednesday or on Thursday.

"If we make a proposal, it will be because we believe we've come up with something new based on information we were given last weekend," union head Donald Fehr said.

Fehr said the union had received additional details on the revenue-sharing plan owners agreed to in January, but wouldn't say definitely that players will present a new proposal.

"There is speculation we may get a proposal," management negotiator Richard Ravitch said. "I hope we do."

Players who did not show up last match were told to expect a new proposal.

Under this plan, the limit on players' salaries that owners have been demanding would be replaced by a system in which richer clubs would share a higher percentage of their locally generated revenue if they exceed certain levels of payroll or revenue.

Players went out on strike Aug. 12 to preempt the decision by owners to impose a salary cap. The owners feel that a cap is needed to keep clubs economically viable, but the players insist the financial situation is continuing on page 16.

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US Court denies Mike Tyson claim

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A U.S. District Court judge has denied boxer Mike Tyson's claims he is being wrongfully held because of his conviction by a Marion County court.

Judge Sarah Evans Barker, in a ruling filed Tuesday, dismissed Tyson's writ of habeas corpus. She ordered the petition "dismissed with prejudice," meaning Tyson can't raise the same issues in her courtroom again.

Tyson was convicted in February 1992 of raping Desiree Washington, a Rhode Island beauty pageant contestant, while the two were in Indianapolis. He is due to be released next May from the Indiana Youth Center.

In his petition to Barker, Tyson said Indiana's youth prison was a "bad place" and that his constitutional and due process rights were violated.

Tyson is challenging his status as a convicted sex offender and whether his conviction was based on a coerced confession.

NOTICE: Remember - no new players may be added to your roster within the last 3 matches of the season. ALERT: The Low Lifts have exceeded 8 persons on the roster. One of the players who did not show up last match must be dropped permanently. This declaration must be made prior to next match. Record it on scoreboard.