

Worker TB prevalent

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MAJORITY of the non-resident workers in the CNMI are infected with tuberculosis, according to a study of the Department of Public Health Services.

In the annual 1995 public health progress report, Public Health Medical Director Dr. Jon B. Bruss, however, stressed there's no evidence to show that these workers are suffering from "active TB."

Bruss said statistics indicated that in 1995, the CNMI had a TB rate of 70.8 cases per 100,000 population. Of the total number

DPHS report points to growing infection rate

of cases, 68 percent accounts for non-resident workers, he said.

Of the 25-35 workers who develop active TB every year, the medical director pointed out that most of them were already living in the Commonwealth for two to five years before becoming "active."

He said only 10 of 41 or 24% newly diagnosed active cases last year were among the indigenous population (Chamorros and Carolinians).

TB is the most prevalent com-

municable disease in the world today. It is the leading cause of death by a single infectious agent.

In his report, Bruss estimated that 1.7 billion persons, or about one third of the world's population, are infected with the disease.

He said Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific have some of the highest rates of TB in the world.

Bruss said among the DPHS goals and objects is to reduce the

rate of active TB to less than 20 cases per 100,000 population by the year 2000. The special emphasis will be to reduce the indigenous rate.

The medical director said the department aims at developing policies and addressing the issues of initial screening of non-resident workers.

He underscored the need to conduct a yearly monitoring for at

least the first five years to pick up those individuals who have become "active."

Part of the goals, Bruss said, is to identify all active cases of TB and provide appropriate treatment with the aim of curing the patient and preventing further spread by screening contacts.

He added that other objective is to screen all children at one year of age then again at entry into headstart or preschool, elemen-

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Bill to require night spots to be closed by midnight



Dino M. Jones

By Zaldy Dandan
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A BILL to be introduced by House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan) would

require all CNMI nightspots to close at 12 midnight.

The still unnumbered bill would prohibit the selling or serving of alcohol after 12 midnight except on Friday and Saturday nights.

The morning hour of opening would also be moved to 10 a.m.

The bill states that "there is no compelling social necessity for bars and nightclubs to be open after midnight."

Currently, CNMI bars and nightclubs stay open until 2 a.m.

Jones, in an interview, said his bill would help reduce crime and incidences of alcoholism in the community.

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Acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja signs proclamation for Cultural Heritage Month during ceremonies held yesterday at the Manamko Center in Garapan. Flanking Borja are DCCA Sec. Tom Tebuteb and Frances M. Sablan.

Ex-Trust Territory official doubts Compact impact suit will succeed

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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A FORMER trust territory official doubts the demand of CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii for the United States government to reimburse them for the costs of unrestricted Micronesian migration had any statutory bearing.

"There is no mention in the (Compact of Free Association) itself of impact compensation, and as far as I know, Interior officials testified to Congress a few years ago that the United States has no statutory obligation to pay for the impact costs," said former trust territory official Sam McPhetres.

McPhetres, now president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, served for the government from 1982 to 1991 as coordinator for international or-



Sam McPhetres

ganizations. He was assigned with political education program.

McPhetres, however, does not rule out "moral obligation" on the part of the US government since the three islands were not represented when the Compact of Free

Association was negotiated upon.

"The issue here is that Northern Marianas, Hawaii and Guam had no part in the negotiation that took place to set up the compact and therefore should not be forced to bear the costs of migration," McPhetres said.

The Compact allows the unrestricted entry of Micronesian citizens to the three US territories.

"There may be verbal commitment from Congress to reimburse (the three islands) for the impact costs," McPhetres said.

Such verbal commitment might have placed the US government under moral obligation to pay, but this "is not legally binding," he added.

"When we're talking about

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Thieves strike twice using same pattern

THIEVES broke into two houses and took appliances in separate incidents in San Antonio and Fina

Sisu Wednesday night.

Acting Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta said in both cases the suspects used the same pattern in gaining entry by tearing down the bedrooms' window screen before removing the louvers.

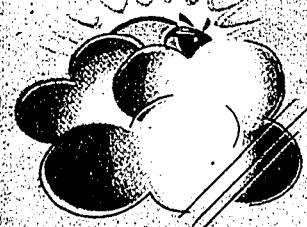
Babauta said in San Antonio case which was reported at 7:49 p.m., the suspects stole a TV set owned by a 37-year-old woman.

In Fina Sisu, a TV set and a VCR belonging to a 42-year-old woman were also taken away. The incident was reported at 9 p.m., Babauta said.

Meanwhile, a 29-year-old man was injured when two unidentified men mauled him in Garapan before dawn yesterday.

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Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon showers

Palestinians begin strike

By SAID GHAZALI
RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - Showing a united front against the Israeli government, Palestinians observed a general strike Thursday in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem to protest the planned expansion of Jewish settlements.

The strike, observed by nearly 2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, was ordered by PLO leader Yasser Arafat. He had faced growing criticism at home over his failure to win concessions from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Merchants shut their shops and banks and government offices closed during the four-hour protest. Compliance was enforced in some cases by Palestinian police who patrolled town centers and



Yasser Arafat

told motorists and shoppers to go home. The strike marked the first open confrontation between Israel and the Palestinians since Benjamin Netanyahu was elected Israeli prime minister in May.

Arafat also called for mass prayers at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque Friday. Faisal Hussein, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said the prayer call would test Israel's claim that it has assured freedom of worship in the disputed city.

Under Israel's six-month blockade

of the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinians have been barred from entering Jerusalem.

Israeli radio reports said Israeli troops had been placed on high alert and would increase checks at army roadblocks on the outskirts of the city.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, meanwhile, Arafat received Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti for talks on how to restart Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi said Thursday's protest was intended as a distress signal to the world. She accused Netanyahu of deception, saying that while he claimed he was committed to peace, he had taken many steps that hurt chances for reconciliation.

"We are not going to put up with Israeli smoke screens," she said. "This (the strike) is the first step to bring to the attention of the Israelis and the rest of the world that we have a serious problem here."

Survey: Pakistan may use nuclear weapons if it is attacked by India

By KATHY GANNON
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Most Pakistanis believe another war with India would surely result in the use of nuclear weapons, according to a survey released Thursday.

Barely six percent of those who took part in the survey wanted Pakistan to give up nuclear weapons.

According to the survey, jointly prepared by the American Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame and the Fourth Freedom Forum, 98 percent of those questioned felt "that nuclear weapons could be used if India were about to attack Pakistan across the international border."

Both India and Pakistan are be-

lieved to be capable of building nuclear weapons, a worrisome possibility for the international community given that the longstanding rivalry between the two countries has already resulted in three wars.

And in 1990 the belligerent neighbors came perilously close to a fourth war that many feared would result in

the use of nuclear weapons.

The 910 people who participated in the survey were Pakistani intellectuals, professionals, military personnel and bureaucrats.

The country's right wing religious parties have been vocal proponents of Pakistan declaring itself a nuclear power.

Russia warns against Japanese incursions

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) - A senior commander warned Thursday that he would use any means necessary to stop Japanese fishing vessels violating Russian territorial waters.

Col. Gen. Vitali Sedykh met with Japanese Consul General Hirose Tetsuya to deliver the warning one day after a Russian patrol vessel opened fire on Japanese fishing boats. Two Japanese fishermen were injured in the attack.

Sedykh said incursions by Japanese fishing boats had jumped in recent months and Russia would not tolerate the violations, Rus-

sian officials said.

The incident Wednesday happened off the northeastern tip of Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido, about 1,025 kilometers (640 miles) northeast of Tokyo.

Russian border guards spotted the two Japanese boats moving inside Russian territorial waters and warned them several times before opening fire, Sedykh said.

Russian officials say Japanese poachers invade waters near the islands thousands of times every year. The area yields 1.5 million tons of seafood annually, or about 25 percent of Russia's total catch.

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Varela: No more 'strippers'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
 Variety News Staff
STRIPTEASERS from the Philippines who intend to work in the CNMI will find their names in the hold-departure list at Manila's international airport, a Philippine labor official on Saipan said yesterday.

The Philippine labor attaché office is trying to block their entry into the CNMI, and is requesting

the Commonwealth government's assistance in stopping the recruitment of Filipina nude dancers.

Labor attaché Jesus Varela said his office is now screening thoroughly all contracts submitted by employers, and those found "dubious" are being sent to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, and placed under hold-departure re-

quest.

"We give them (POEA and NAIA) names of the recruits and ask that they (recruits) be barred from leaving the Philippines," Varela said.

One contract, for example, described a recruit's job as follows: "To perform various type of dances before an audience. Dances alone, with partner or in group. Perform classical, cultural, modern, solo or acrobatic type dances. May choreograph own dance routine."

Varela said there were employers who had submitted to him contracts of similar type, and told them outright that their applications would not be approved.

"We do not want any more dancers to come here," Varela

said, but clarified that "this is not another ban."

In the first place, Varela added, "nude dancers" are not under any of the job categories covered by the recently lifted workers' ban.

"Our government has never allowed the export of nude dancers," the labor official.

Dancers who had made it to the CNMI managed to get employed through illegal means, Varela said.

"They just present show money and come here as tourists. In a democratic country, one enjoys the freedom to travel, so it's hard to stop them," Varela said.

Making it easier for these dancers to get employed, Varela added, is the fact that the CNMI

is a visa-free government and the Department of Labor and Immigration readily grants them work permits.

Varela said the recruits get their papers easily processed through under-the-table negotiations. This, he added, holds true in both the Philippine and CNMI agencies.

Varela urged the CNMI government to be scrupulous in issuing work permits to entertainment workers.

"After all," he said, "this was one of the agreements between the two governments after the workers' ban was lifted."

Varela said there has to be a bilateral action to stop the recruitment of striptease dancers "since both governments don't encourage this type of work."

Flu outbreak in Majuro

By Giff Johnson
 For the Variety
MAJURO - An epidemic of flu has hit Majuro, with hundreds of people coming down with the virus, according to Majuro Hospital officials.

Dr. Masao Korean, the hospital's chief of staff, said that this strain of flu is particularly strong and more difficult for people to recover from. Symptoms of the current flu epidemic are body aches, nasal congestion, loss of appetite and fever.

The hospital has been overwhelmed with patients seeking treatment for the illness. But Dr. Korean explained that the only treatment available for this strain of flu is tylenol, lots of fluids and juice, and plenty of rest.

"This is a different strain of virus," he said. "It stays longer than the normal three-to-four days." He

described the current flu outbreak as "an epidemic." It started about three weeks ago, and is showing no signs of letting up. "I was working at the emergency room Wednesday night and a lot of people came in with flu symptoms," he said.

Some patients who are suffering severe effects of the flu epidemic including high fevers and vomiting have been admitted so they can be rehydrated with intravenous fluids. People with less severe cases are being given tylenol and told to rest.

The crowded conditions in urban Majuro, where about 25,000 Marshall Islanders live, and the communal way of life is a contributing factor to the quick spread of the current epidemic. People share everything, from drinking cups to cigarettes, making spread of illness difficult to halt.

Laulau withdraws its bid for lease extension

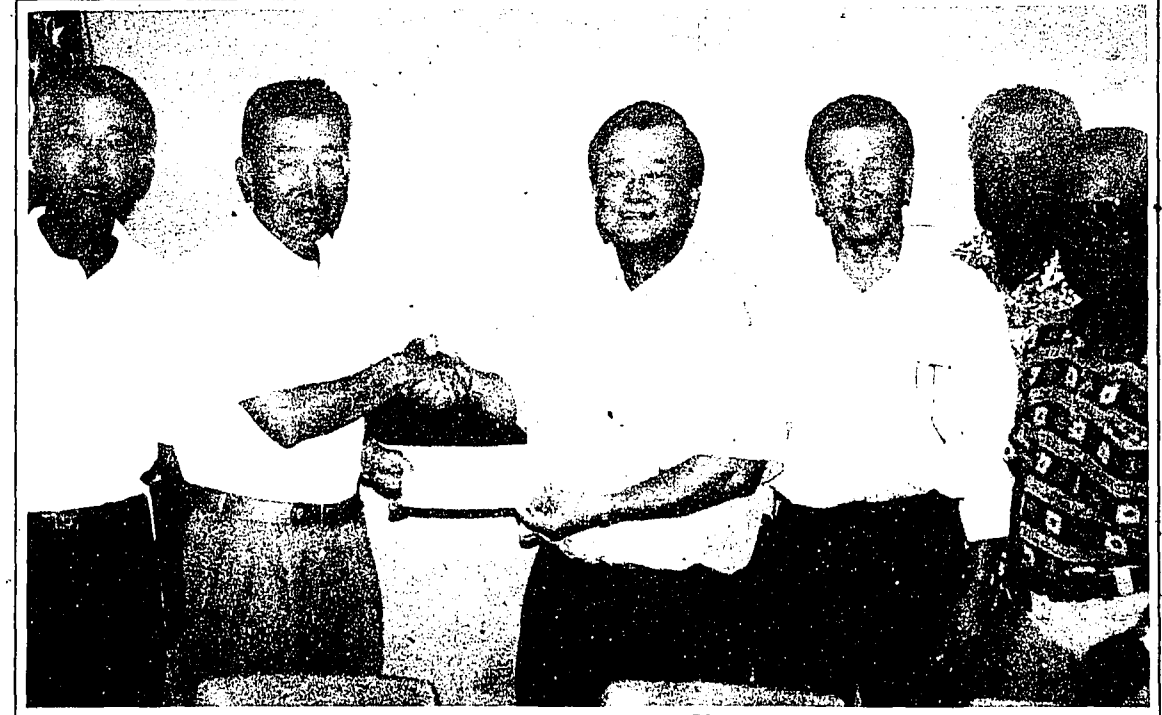
By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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DISCOURAGED by the conditions set by the Legislature, the Saipan Laulau Development Inc. has withdrawn its request for a 15-year extension of its lease of a property in Kagman.

SLDI President Itsuo Okuyama, in a letter to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, said "it has become very apparent that the request for extension has encountered an ambivalent responses from the Legislature which has resulted in a list of proposed conditions for approval set forth in a joint committee report now being circulated," Okuyama wrote in an Aug. 20 letter to the governor.

SLDI, which operates the Laulau Bay Golf Course in Kagman, has an existing 25-year lease agreement with the government.

One of the proposed conditions set by the committee is for SLDI to construct a 100-room lodge hotel and golf academy "within a construction schedule."

"Although the company acknowledges its contractual obligations and has every intention of complying fully with the terms," Okuyama said, "it is not prepared to agree or conform to a construction schedule which serves as the basis for a contingent approval of a 15-year extension of its lease."



Acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja receives \$150,000 check from Saipan Laulau Development Inc. President Itsuo Okuyama representing part of the company's public benefit contribution for its lease of land occupied by the Laulau Bay Golf Course. Also in photo are Laulau GM Osamu Kumasaka, Rep. Dino Jones, DLNR Sec. Benigno M. Sablan and consultant Pete A. Tenorio.

Dispute in Kinney camp a case of greed, says Donnici

By Ferdie de la Torre
 Variety News Staff
PETER Donnici, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Larry Hillblom Charitable Trust, said yesterday that the dispute in Kaelani Kinney's camp is a case of "greed and suspect motives" on the part of the guardians and their lawyers.

In a press statement, Donnici noted the recent infighting and accusations of Johnnie Cochran against David Lujan as well as the wrangling between Naoko Imoeng and her daughter Kinney over guardianship of Junior Larry Hillblom and which lawyers should be involved.

"It is a sad commentary that Larry's (Hillblom) bequest of \$450 million to aid charity and medical research, which would greatly benefit the public-at-large and the residents of Saipan specifically, is being held up by these meretricious claims, driven by greedy lawyers trying to line their own pockets with millions of dollars of Larry's money," he said.

Donnici said Hillblom's integrity and character as best exemplified by

the nature of his bequest, has been unjustifiably tarnished as a result of these legal manipulations.

He said these suggest that monetary gain is of primary concern to the lawyers and the children's so-called guardians.

Donnici said while Hillblom's estate is tied up in legal battle, his two brothers have yet to receive the monies passed down to them.

Hillblom's 80-year-old mother has been deprived of any of her son's personal effects, Donnici said.

With regards to Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexander Castro's remedial order issued recently,

Donnici welcomed the reinstatement of the Bank of Saipan (BOS) as executor of the estate.

However, Donnici expressed opposition to the removal of Joseph Waechter as the estate's representative, saying it is clearly a breach of justice.

Donnici pointed out that the Hillblom Charitable Trust representatives have raised questions about special administrator William I. Webster's management of the estate's cash flow.

The court has required BOS to replace Waechter with Webster as the executor's representative.

Aloot to leave AGO

By Zaldy Dandan
 Variety News Staff
ACTING Attorney General Sebastian Aloot is not resigning.

He is just "leaving" the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

"It's just a transition," Aloot said yesterday. "It's time for me to move on, to try something different."

Aloot, who was sworn in recently to the CNMI bar, said he expects to still work for the administration "in a different capacity."

In an interview Tuesday, Aloot said he's "definitely not resigning" over any policy disagreement with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

There might be changes in the set-up of AGO, and such changes might include his moving out of AGO, but Aloot said he has no disputes with Tenorio.

"The question," Aloot said, "is how the legal and policy interests of the CNMI can be advanced in a better, more efficient way by taking another approach."

He said he will discuss with the governor his (Aloot's) and AGO's future roles.

"We are looking at different ways to advance CNMI's legal and policy interests in a different structure," Aloot said.

"Nobody's irreplaceable and nobody has a lock on a particular position."

But Aloot on Wednesday confirmed to the Variety that he is leaving AGO.



Sebastian Aloot

He still won't call it "resigning," however.

Aloot, last June, was supposedly considering quitting his job over policy differences with Tenorio.

Sources said Aloot was "exasperated" over the governor's "accommodation policy" at the Labor and Immigration Department.

Tenorio admitted having differences with Aloot, but added that he still had confidence in his attorney general.

Aloot later joined Tenorio in his trip to Manila, and testified on behalf of the administration in U.S. congressional hearings.

Working in an acting capacity since early 1995, Aloot lacks the required two-year residency to be appointed attorney general.

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EDITORIAL

Let's not lose developers

FORGET IT. We will make do with what we have at the moment and maybe try again some other time.

This was what the developers of the Laulau Bay Golf Course had to say with regards to their earlier request for a 15-year extension of their public land lease in the Kagman area.

Instead of risking the already secured 25-year lease which allows its

In pulling out their extension application, the developer has subtly indicated its resentment over how the Legislature has been handling land lease and commercial development matters.

Aware that the extension issue might give lawmakers another chance at a "leveraging tug-of-war" designed to get the most out of an investor, it may be a good decision for the company to just drop the whole idea of a lease extension for the time being.

Not that an extension is not important, but rather because it makes sense not to push it at this time as it may actually jeopardize the already existing lease.

The apprehension is understandable. There have been countless number of times when very promising projects get stalled even before they take off the ground.

We have seen big development projects like those of UMDA, Haas & Haynie and others waiting years before they can actually begin doing business, if at all. And the reason—they get mired in the legislative approval process—with all the dealing, bargaining and haggling attendant to it.

Another example of how things may be stalled is the recent move by GST Telecom to lay the proposed fiber optic cable project. The company played by the rules and yet the Legislature prevented their entry because it had a better idea on how to do things.

Of course, lawmakers may not always be to blame if they decide to stall a project as they are working for what they think is good for their communities. They can always argue they are acting according to what they think is in the best interest of their constituents.

But it has to be noted that sometimes, some of our lawmakers are doing an "overkill." They tend to impose conditions that defeat the whole purpose of development, which is to gain investor confidence with the hope that it could spur the economic ripple effects of growth and progress.

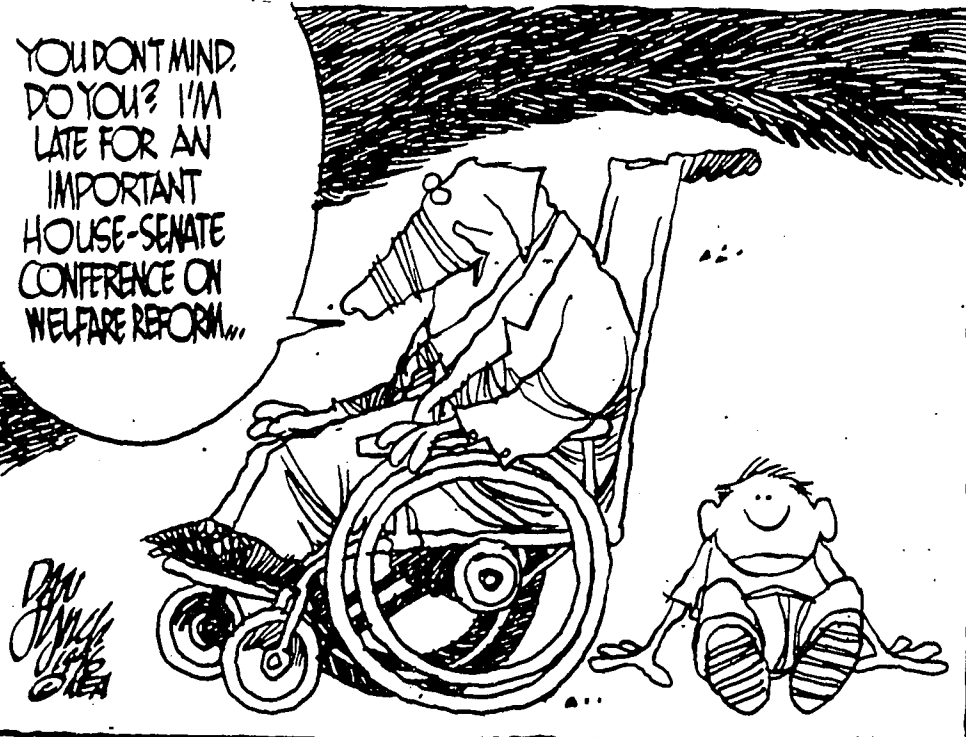
Haven't our lawmakers noticed how developers have lately been trying to avoid having to go to the Legislature for approval of their projects.

Developments have been opting to go small scale in terms of public land leases, just so the five hectares up constitutional requirement of legislative approval would not be invoked.

We feel that Laulau Bay Golf's decision to rescind its application should be an eye-opener for some of our policymakers that the time when the CNMI calls the shots on development business dealings may have been long gone.

We are in a different economic situation now, and so developers should be dealt with more cautiously and conscientiously and with good faith.

Otherwise, we may see less and less of them and more and more of economic difficulties.



TR's Marianas
By: John DelRosario

Tourism vs. Garment

ECONOMIST Bill Stewart presented a provocative view on what happens if and when the garment industry closes shop and deploys elsewhere. Most importantly what additional number of tourists do we need to replace revenue losses when garment leaves a vacuum in the local economy.

According to Stewart, in FY 1995 the garment industry paid user's fee to the tune of \$13.9 million. He noted that approximately \$110.4 million circulates in the economy on such items as insurance premiums, bank charges, water, power and sewer charges, housing expenses, food costs for employees, land lease payments, telecommunications, sea and air freight in and out of the CNMI; fuel purchases, building maintenance costs, transportation and charity on community contributions, etc.

"It has been estimated that approximately \$21.8 million in payments are made to the government in one form or another such as the Business Gross Revenue Tax (BGR) on manufactured products sold within the CNMI, user's fee (a form of export tax), payroll taxes, immigration, hospital, vehicle registration fees, land lease payments and excise fees on imported material to mention the more significant payments. A approximately 27,100 additional visitors should generate expenditures in the economy equal to this amount", he said.

To generate the \$110.4 million in revenues being generated in the local economy, the islands would need an additional 137,100 visitors to make-up this revenue loss when the garment industry closes shop. "This further assumes that additional hotel rooms will be available to accommodate this increase in arrivals. In 1995, the CNMI recorded 646,550 air arrivals and the hotel inventory consisted of 3,650 rooms. To accommodate the additional visitors another 1,660 rooms will be required at which time the total annual visitor expenditures have been estimated at approximately \$630.0 million. Assuming an average annual hotel occupancy of 80 percent, we can expect an average daily tourist population of 7,500", Stewart said.

In terms of constant daily NMI population, the garment industry required (in 1995) 5,000 employees. The hotel industry, by its very nature, generates an average of another 6,100 persons (tourists), on island on any given day. "So, in terms of generating population, the score is: garment industry, 5,000 versus the hotel industry of 11,100".

Stewart pointed that the "tourist multiplier effect is further complicated by the use of coupons which are purchased in Japan in yen and later redeemed at a particular business for goods or services provided in the CNMI and then remitted back to Japan at some point. The extent to which the coupon is used in the CNMI is unknown". This issue needs to be studied to determine the extent of the use of coupons.

Said Stewart: "It should be realized that should the garment industry ever leaves the Commonwealth for whatever reason, their departure will have an adverse economic impact on certain sectors of the economy which additional

tourists arrivals will not entirely alleviate since the symbiotic relationship of the garment industry to certain business sectors is not comparable to the relationship the tourists sector has with its counterparts."

"In other words, the relationship of the garment industry to their local suppliers is not the same as that of the tourist sector and its inter-locking business relationships. For example, in terms of the garment industry, bank charges, hospital fees, land lease payments, etc. The industry's departure will result in a significant modification and restructuring of the Commonwealth's economy".

In summary, it is estimated that an additional 17,300 visitors would be required to generate the income needed to cover the \$13.9 million in user's fee (total annual visitors of 663,800); another 6,300 visitors to equal the \$5.1 million paid in wages and salary taxes (total visitors of 670,150) and 137,100 additional visitors needed to generate income equal to the total estimated garment contribution to the economy of \$110.4 million (total annual visitors of 783,700 including the level of 1995 entries of 646,550)."

The tourist industry too has its own downside, including the fact that it is a "fickle" industry. In other words, any major earthquake or global conflict knocks out the wind in this industry. Recent newspaper publications between here and Guam of tourists leaving the islands with bad memories of crime committed against them isn't going to help the industry either. We have seen too many stories with bold headlines about purse-snatching in the Garapan hotel area.

If tourism is to match the projected revenue loss when garment leaves (which is highly unlikely), it still means that the island would need an additional 1,660 hotel rooms. This runs head on collision with the obvious lack of public land for this purpose. We also haven't been able to keep up with meeting hotel requirements for more water, power, sewer and other basic infrastructural needs. In fact, there are residential areas today who have yet to have running water on a 24-hour basis for some 27 years now.

Meanwhile, the replacement of the garment industry over the next decade (as the NAFTA and GATT are replaced by the World Trade Organization) is inevitable. Perhaps our intellectual jewels in private sector development gathered in that august business organization known as the Saipan Chamber of Commerce should roll-up their sleeves and begin the task of preparing for this eventuality. I hope it doesn't get bogged down to burgers and hot dogs economics.

Perhaps it's all a question of leadership or the ability to listen to the real economic pulse of the CNMI over what alternative is best over the long-term. Nevertheless, the public and private sector needs to regroup and forge a working relationship to guide the economic growth of the CNMI. For as long as the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing, nothing would work to our collective advantage. This attitudinal deficiency calls for a complete overhaul and we need to work on it right here and now!



Variations

Zaldy Dandan

Mad Max

MAX" IS mad.

Outraged by the Variety report "Figures Show Garapan Is 'Most Unsafe' District," Max, that's what he said his name is, called up our reporter Mar-Vic C. Munar last Tuesday to demand an "apology."

Max said Mar-Vic ought to come up with one "or else." "You better write an apology," yelled the man who said he's from Garapan. "If it doesn't come out, be careful. I know who you are now. I know where to find you. Tell your editor to be careful too. I won't let you go on this. I'll go to the Legislature."

Asked by Mar-Vic if he want to talk to her in person, Max declined, saying that he doesn't want to see Mar-Vic. "You're getting on my nerve," he said.

What followed was some gibberish on the Philippine president and the mayors.

Max, who spoke in a voice usually exclusive to humans, said he works for the government. Considering the nature of his outburst and the apparent lack of any semblance of wit behind it, we believe him.

Probably without knowing it, he is mad at a news report wholly based on statistics provided by the same government he works for.

Max said Mar-Vic, who stands 5-feet and weighs 90 pounds, should "be careful," presumably of his wrath.

Max, please lean on a wall or, better yet, take a seat while reading this. I have to tell you something that is in the best tradition of what is known as a friendly advice.

Max there is only one thing worse than being intellectually-challenged, a compound word my editor would rather I use—and that is letting other people know you're one.

Please behave in a more civilized and a more gentlemanly manner. There. Wasn't I civilized and gentlemanly myself?

Incidentally, Max, Mar-Vic has already told the police about your "threats."

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Two former South Korean presidents were recently tried for sedition and corruption. One was sentenced to death, while the other will be jailed for 22 years.

Back home, the cadaver of a dictator who oppressed a far more numerous population for a lengthier period of time lies in an opulent airconditioned mausoleum, fully made up and fully preserved. A huge statue of his face still juts out from one of the northern provinces' mountains. Numerous streets and government offices are still named after him or after his father who was executed by the guerrillas for collaborating with the Japanese during the war.

His widow won a seat in Congress while his son almost became a senator.

Most of his cronies are back in power. However, comparing South Korea with the Philippines is quite unfair—to South Korea, of course.

That country's leaders—though apparently also afflicted with an unfortunate urge for graft—went on to pursue a highly-successful nationalist industrialization program closely patterned to that of Japan's (see also Taiwan's economic story).

South Korea can now be classified with other highly-developed countries. They make and export their own cars, computers, heavy machineries and equipment.

The Philippines, on the other hand, listened to its Oxford and Ivy League economists, who have remained hopelessly addicted to IMF-World Bank prescriptions.

Urged by its Amboys, the Philippines continued producing raw materials for export and importing the rest from other countries.

The result—a chronic balance of payment deficit for which the Philippine government borrows money from IMF-WB whose recommendations were precisely the cause of us getting into debt.

Meanwhile, we have become the prime exporter of the postmodern coolie. Some of whom are morons, er, intellectually-challenged persons who managed to be recruited for a job here on Saipan.

Recently, I saw one on an MCV program telling his countrymen that "We came here to work, not to complain."

Even if you're not being paid on time? Even if you're beaten up or molested?

Amazingly, the Philippine Labor official who was, I think, the guest of this whatshisname nodded in apparent agreement.

Well, a people always deserves the government it gets. Anyway, I never cared to get the title of this pathetic excuse for a Filipino TV program, nor the names of these persons whose, uh, obtuseness I had to inflict on myself as I couldn't find the remote.

Later, I was told that the program was a replay.

No matter. I'm now happily hooked up with Saipan Cable. (I can always catch KMCV news on the radio anyway.)

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Wonder what the "Adam & Eve" and "Spice" pay-per-view channels are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zoning is good for Saipan

Dear Editor:

There is talk around town of reviving the zoning law. The Saipan Zoning Law was adopted by the Saipan Legislative Delegation on April 19, 1993. It was signed into law by then Gov. Larry Guerrero on April 29 of that same year. Just over one year later, in August of 1994, the law was suspended for three years. Prior to enactment, during its existence and after its suspension, I have heard many arguments, for and against zoning.

The popular phrase in favor of zoning is "uniform and harmoni-

ous development". In a recent Marianas Variety article, one David Hoshino made remarks about the CNMI tourism industry, including comments to the effect that Guam has "messed up" and perhaps Saipan should avoid following a similar path. The point is well noted and an implication is derived from such comments regarding real estate development on Guam. Saipan's neighbor to the south has made great strides in development with a zoning law that has been around for the better part of twenty some years. But many would agree that such development has been

anything but "uniform and harmonious".

Notwithstanding the intent of public protection and benefit, zoning laws are only as good as the effort to enforce those laws. Ambiguous zoning regulations can be sidestepped as investors, developers, contractors, and property owners eagerly seek loopholes in the zoning laws, in their efforts to maximize profits. Such zoning laws can be modified to fit a development concept least desired by the community and not "in the best interest of the public". More often

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Broadhurst not hiding anything

Dear Editor:

Here we go again.

I'm writing in response to your front page article, "Governor has hired another consultant in your Thursday, August 29, 1996 edition. I am not bothered by your headline of your story, although its clear that you angle is only focused on number of consultants not the benefits of having these consultants on board.

What bothers me is the paragraph devoted to me which read, "Administration spokesperson Mark Broadhurst won't give de-

tails about the government's contract with Lapin." Is this really true? I refuse to give you any details?

In order to make you story more accurate, let's recount the event which led to your erroneous reporting of my refused to provide information. Recall, Ms Reporter, that you telephoned my home after 8:00 pm asking for details on a contract. During the call, I informed you that the power in my house had just gone out (a freebie news tip not followed up, too). I also mentioned that like many people, I don't take my office files home with me each night.

Then I reiterated what the reporter had already known—that I have been out of the office on sick leave.

Your reporting and its lack of veracity creates a perception that I am trying to hide something which is absolutely as false as your reported "refusal" of mine. As I told your reporter, once again, I'll be happy to discuss with you the virtues of Applied Business Ethics International's contract with the CNMI government when I am back in the office.

Sincerely

Mark Broadhurst

Early start for election year giveaways

Dear Editor:

Let me see if I have this straight.

The Government wants to tax my 15-year-old child's college savings account, as if he were in business like Duty Free Shoppers, so that it can raise retirement benefits so that some people can quit the Government at age 45 or so with a full pension and then go out and work in the private sector for a full salary.

What's wrong with this picture???

Election-year political giveaways seem to have started earlier than usual. Unfortunately, common sense seems to have been lost

in the shuffle.

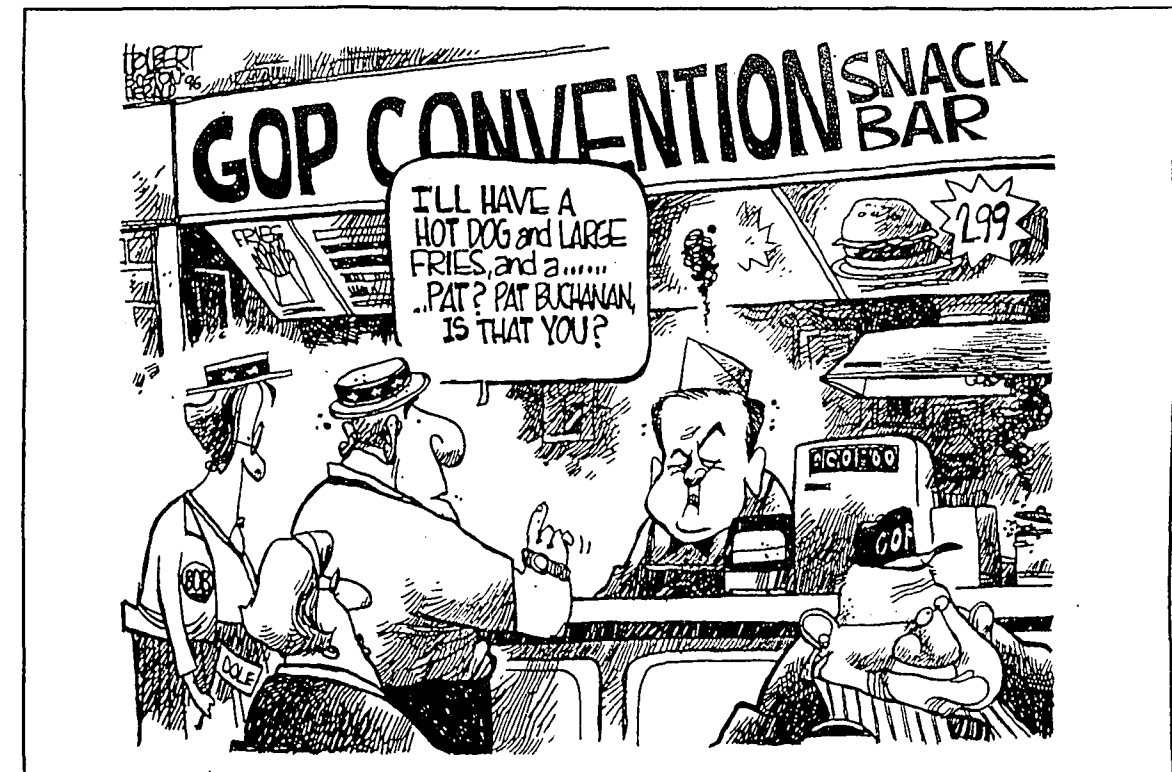
I don't think anyone ought to expect that a CNMI Retirement Fund pension should provide a person's sole source of income. That isn't expected from the U.S. Social Security System, or any other public retirement system in the U.S., as far as I am aware. A Government pension ought to be a supplement to, and not a replacement of, whatever other income a person can earn.

While our politicians are busy raising benefits, the taxpayers of this Commonwealth realize that the money to pay for those benefits isn't free. It comes right out of our pockets—our tax dollars. The bill

which is currently under discussion up on the hill would require the people of this Commonwealth to tax themselves at the rate of 30% of the Government's annual payroll, just to pay for past, present, and future retirement benefits. Surely, we have better uses to which at least some of this money can be put—new school facilities, 24-hour water, relocating the dump, repaving the roads in Chalan Kanoa and Tanapag, and more.

Who pays for this stuff? We all do. When you raise taxes on businesses, businesses raise the prices of the goods and services they sell. It's simple: when you raise retire-

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Northern Isles population dips

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

WHILE the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota showed tremendous increases in their population from 1990 to 1995, the Northern Islands showed a decrease.

A comparison of the CNMI 1995 and the 1990 censuses of population and housing prepared by the Department of Commerce shows that the population of the Northern Islands slumped by 77.78 percent from 36 in 1990 to 8 in 1995.

On the other hand, the populations of Saipan, Tinian and Rota increased by 38.22, 24.08 and 53.16 percent respectively.

Saipan's population jumped from 38,896 in 1990 to 53,762 last year; Tinian from 2,118 to 2,628; and Rota from 2,295 to 3,515.

CNMI's total population now stands at 59,913, or 38.22 percent more than the 1990 count of 43,345.

Among the listed ethnic groups, every entry posted an increase except the Koreans who decreased by 183, from 2,571 in 1990 to 2,388 in 1995.

The Chinese had the highest increase rate at 147.14 percent, from 2,881 to 7,120, followed by the Caucasians, 147.09 percent, from 875 to 2,162.

The Marshallese were a distant third, 52.17 percent, from 92 to 140.

Filipinos overtook the Chamorros in terms of number as they now constitute the CNMI's biggest ethnic group.

They now number 19,668. In 1990 they numbered 14,160, trailing close behind the Chamorros who numbered 14,194.

Chamorros, who number 16,986, are now only second to the Filipinos.

In terms of percentage to the total population, the Chamorros slid down from 32.7 percent in 1990 to 28.4 percent in 1995, while the Filipinos slightly upped their percentage from 32.7 percent to 32.8 percent.

The Chinese now constitute 11.9 percent of the total CNMI population. In 1990 they constituted only 6.6 percent of the total population.

World Corp project flawed, says Cing

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

THE AGREEMENT the CNMI entered into with the federal government and World Corp. may lead to complications for the CNMI, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Federal Affairs said.

Sen. David M. Cing (D-Tinian), in an Aug. 26 letter to a Federal Highway Administration (FHA) territorial representative, said under the agreement with the federal government and World Corp., the CNMI government would provide the required funding for the seven-year road improvement project if Congress fail to appropriate for it.

But the only way that the CNMI could guarantee such funding is through legislative appropriation which has not been made, Cing said.

"How can (FHA) enter into such an agreement without the approval of the Legislature, and... what happens if the funding for highways is not made in a specific fiscal year."

Cing, in the same letter, asked FHA if Tinian and Rota could apply for federal grants as a "governmental entity or as a separate grant area."

He said the two municipalities are not included in the grants given to Saipan, "and... it appears we will not be included for future grants for at least seven years."

Rota and Tinian, Cing said, both need federal assistance for the improvement of their own roads and highways.

Cing has earlier asked Senate President Jesus R. Sablan (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Digo T. Benavente (R-Saipan) to help Tinian and Rota get their share of the \$22 million federal highway

funds granted to the CNMI.

The entire amount has been allocated for Saipan through a contract awarded to World Corp.

Cing said no federal highway funds were made available to Tinian and Rota despite the two islands' recent action "to become eligible" for the funds.

Tinian and Rota now require its motorists to use seat belts.

"(B)oth have highways... comparable to (Saipan's) which qualified for federal highway funds," he said.

Cing said the two islands each need at least \$1 million a year for the next seven years for highway improvements.

World Corp., together with another South Korean company Dong Bu, signed an agreement with the CNMI government last year to finance the improvement of Chalan Pale Arnold and Cross Island roads.

The CNMI will repay the two companies with grants from FHA.

Baby Rikki needs help for life-saving bypass

RIKKI Marielle Patawaran is a four-month old baby born on April 26, 1996 in Saipan by a single mother from the Philippines who has been diagnosed with congenital birth defects. Little Rikki has a hole in her heart, with constricted left and right valves, cyanoses, respiratory distress.

Dr. Fox of CHC recommended the by-pass operation to correct a total of four defects. She will be going to the Philippines for her op-

erations at Philippine Heart Center. Friends of Little Rikki are requesting for your kindheartedness to support these life saving operations. Please contact the following for your donations on or before September 30, Liza Santos office hours: 288-3441-3/after 5 p.m. 235-3448, Mayette Arii office hours 682-2744/after 5 p.m. 288-2744, Ellen Abanes after 5 p.m. 235-6529 and Maristella Caraig 235-3464 (leave message on daytime).

Ruling on Waechter appealed

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE BOARD of Trustees of the Hillblom Charitable Trust appealed yesterday the Superior Court's order replacing Joe Waechter with William I. Webster as representative of the Larry Hillblom estate.

The replacement of Waechter was among the eight conditions set by the Superior Court when it reinstated Bank of Saipan as executor of the late Larry Hillblom \$450-million estate in its Aug. 20 order. Along with this condition is the retention of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting as counsel for Webster for at least one year.

Webster's term as special administrator for the estate is supposed to expire today, but the Superior Court ordered that he be allowed to continue his contract for another year.

In a motion filed with the Supreme Court yesterday, Trust chairman Peter Donnici asked that Waechter's replacement be stayed.

Under lawyer Paul Lawlor, Donnici pointed out that Waechter "is universally acknowledged as the person most knowledgeable about the estate and its complex assets... and is an advocate for the Trust's interests as devisees."

The creation of a charitable trust was contained in the will executed by the late multimillionaire on Jan. 12, 1982.

If Waechter is barred from participating in the administration of estate, Lawlor said, "the Trust will be deprived of the crucial benefit contemplated by Mr. Hillblom."

On the other hand, Lawlor said, having Webster as a replacement for Waechter would cause financial burden to the Trust.


Webster, Lawlor said, "appears to have administered the estate to a dangerously cash-poor condition, leaving it susceptible in the next quarter on several major commitments and obligations, including tax payments and its debt on the Danao investment."

"Moreover, one-year contracts with Mr. Webster and the White law firm, if executed as ordered by the trial court, cannot be easily undone without significant cost to the estate," the lawyer said. "Continued management of the estate by these contractors, with-

out Mr. Waechter's assistance, will make their replacement difficult as a practical matter because the estate is so complex."

Judge Alejandro Castro, in his Aug. 20 order, recommended the appointment of Webster saying he "possesses the business acumen and financial expertise that the bank greatly needs."

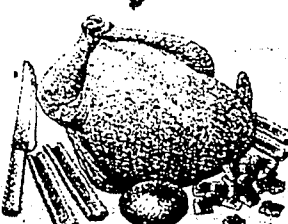


On the other hand, the judge said, Waechter, despite his wide knowledge about the Hillblom estate has a "limited understanding" of the "fiduciary obligation."



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Bellas drops 'ice' case vs Japanese tourist



Timothy Bellas

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court has dropped the case against a Japanese tourist who was charged for possession of 114 grams of crystal methamphetamine also known as "ice."

Associate Judge Timothy Bellas dismissed the case against Satoru Sasabe without prejudice.

Dismissed without prejudice means that the prosecution could

still reopen the case.

Bellas, however, said that the dismissal will be without prejudice until May 14, 1997.

Unless the prosecution files a motion to extend or presents evidence during this period, the judge said the dismissal becomes with prejudice, or the government could no longer open the case.

During Tuesday's hearing, Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross asked the court to drop the case without prejudice.

Norcross said Sasabe, who was not present in the court, has been taken into custody by federal authorities.

Sasabe was arrested upon his arrival at the Saipan International Airport when two bags containing "ice" were seized inside his shoes last July 29.

He was charged before the Superior Court with importation of a controlled substance, illegal possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, and illegal possession of "ice."

Saipan shop suggests way to recover stolen jewelry

BURGLARIES And robberies are unfortunately becoming commonplace in the CNMI.

Items stolen often include appliances, electronic equipment, money, and especially jewelry.

But most valuable household items are manufactured and distributed with serial numbers and model numbers help in the identification and recovery of those items in the event of loss.

Jewelry items are rarely marked with any identifying feature other than the Karat or gold quality stamp and the manufacturer's Trademark.

According to David Winnie, general manager for the Perfect Setting Jewelers, this and the fact that most jewelry is mass produced makes positive identification nearly impossible when personal jewelry is lost or stolen.

The manufacturing jewelers are offering a new service designed to aid in the recovering of missing valuables.

Winnie, explains, "Prevention of loss is of course the best action. Insurance companies and security companies can provide valuable information and services in preventing loss, however, we are addressing action that needs to be taken in the event of loss."

"We are using patented equipment to provide unique identification codes to nearly any item of value, especially jewelry," he said.

The coding combined with a computer database registration service provides our customers with the ability to provide identification reports to the police, insurance companies, and other businesses involved in the servicing or buying of jewelry and valuables, pawnshops for example.

The identification reports include a complete description, a photo image, and the value of the item, he said.

"We can also provide current appraisals on a perpetual basis

after the articles have been registered and entered into our database."

When asked what the appropriate actions are when a theft occurs, Winnie recommended, "First notify the police, a police report must be made before anything else can be done. Then provide the records, documenting the lost goods, to the police, insurance company, second hand stores, pawnshops, etc."

"The quicker the information can be provided, the more likely information that can lead to recovery will be obtained," he said.

To explain the problems most people experience when faced with trying to recover their valuables, he said, some people aren't even sure what was taken.

"Most don't have any records for identification and they usually provide only a vague listing or rough sketch to the police and they fail to report the items to the resale merchants," said Winnie.

He added it doesn't take a genius to see that the culprits will probably not take the items to the police for disposal and that notifying the merchants is very important.

"We have assisted in recovering several expensive pieces belonging to our clients, including jewelry and fine watches. In every case the customer provided us very detailed descriptions of their property and we were able to recognize it when it was brought into our shop," he said.

2nd suspect falls in kidnap, shooting case

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE POLICE arrested yesterday another suspect in the shooting and robbing a Chinese man at Talafofo Beach last June.

Authorities served a warrant of arrest against 20-year-old man Yu Jian Ben.

Ben, a Chinese, is the second of five suspects arrested in connection with the Talafofo incident.

Ben was allegedly among the suspects who kicked and punched Rui Ping Cheng.

Court information showed that last June 27, five Chinese men allegedly blocked Cheng's car at the parking lot of L&T Garment Factory in Lower Base.

The suspects drove the victim to Capitol Hill then brought him to the beach where he was mauled for refusing to give them money.

One of the suspects grabbed Cheng's wallet containing \$3,000 cash and 20,000 Japanese yen.

Another suspect identified as Guo Xiong Chen then allegedly shot the victim with a rifle on the forearm.

The police picked up Chen last July 23. He was charged with kidnapping, attempted murder in the second degree, assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, and robbery.

School enrollment increases

ENROLMENT in both public and private schools have steadily increased in the last 14 years, according to the 1995 CNMI Statistical Yearbook produced by the Department of Commerce.

The department report said that the total enrollment of 10,749 in school year 1994-95 "was almost twice the enrollment in school year 1981-82."

The report attributed the school population increase to three factors: natural growth in population, migration to the CNMI, and programming changes in the public school system.

One of the changes in the program was the integration

Kobler school celebrates new campus road, fence

While many Public School System leaders were flying to Tinian on Friday to celebrate the opening of the new Tinian High School, Koblerville Elementary School quietly celebrated some campus improvements of its own that day.

In a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, the school celebrated the completion of a perimeter chain-link fence and the paving of its U-shaped entrance and exit road.

Both the fence and the road were completed quickly, in the break between school years that lasted only from June 11 until Aug. 12.

The fence was a capital improvement project built by Railings Pacific Inc, while the paving of the school's old U-shaped road was done by the Saipan Mayor's Office with the help of some funding from the Legislature.

Koblerville Elementary Principal Brigida DLG Ichihara said she was impressed and pleased with the promptness and the quality of work done on both the fence and the road, and that she was glad both were done before the new school year started.

Rep. Karl Reyes was on hand for the occasion, as were Board of Education members Tom Pangelinan and Jovi Masiwemai (who is a teacher at Koblerville Elementary), Commissioner of Education William S. Torres, PSS Deputy Commissioners Margaret Dela Cruz and Ana Larson, and Father Gary Bradley. There were also representatives from the offices of Rep. Manuel A. "Brown" Tenorio and the Saipan Mayor's Office.

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of kindergarten in all public elementary schools which started during school year 1990-1991.

Before this year, only Tanapag, San Vicente, Rota and Tinian elementary schools had grade K.

Also during school year 1990-91, 7th graders from Saipan public elementary school moved to Hopwood Junior High and ninth graders from Hopwood to Marianas High School.

Total enrolment in public schools for school year 1995-1996 was 8,565, an increase of 1,728 in five years.

Statistics from 1990-1991 showed a total enrolment of 6,837.

Enrolment in private schools also shows an increasing trend in the last five years.

"Since school year 1981-82, nine new private schools opened their doors and the rate of increase in total enrolment in private schools was more

than the rate of increase in public schools in the 80's," the report said. "Since SY 90-91, private schools' total enrolment has been about 20 percent of total CNMI student population."

Total enrolment in private school during the last school year was 2,184, an increase of 699 from 1990-91 enrolment.

Grace Christian Academy has the highest enrolment rate among 12 private schools in the Commonwealth. It had a total of 663 students during the last school year.

Statistics also showed that:

- The student population, like the CNMI total population is multiethnic;
- There are more single ethnic groups now and the number of students in each ethnic group is increasing;
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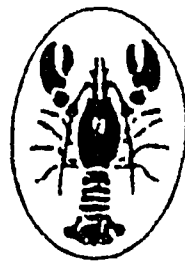
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Aid for Bougainville

CANBERRA (PNS) - The Australian government is having talks with the International Committee of the Red Cross in the hope of providing emergency help to people in refugee camps on Bougainville. Pacnews Canberra Bureau says an estimated 70,000 people are living in the camps after being forced to flee their homes during seven years of fighting on the island.

A spokesperson for the Australian Agency for International De-

velopment (AUSAID) has confirmed reports from Papua New Guinea that only 8 million Australian dollars (US\$6.3 million) of the 24 million dollars (US\$18.9 million) allocated by Australia to the rehabilitation of Bougainville since 1991 had been spent on the island.

The spokesperson said the dangerous security situation on Bougainville had prevented several rehabilitation projects, including health and education programs

from starting.

Also, emergency supplies to the refugee camps had been blocked by the fighting.

Pacnews Canberra Bureau says the balance of rehabilitation funding has in fact been spent on Buka Island, where the people have supported the PNG government in its fight against the rebels, and on outer atolls which have hardly been affected by the secessionist movement....Pacnews

Vanuatu provinces dissolved

PORT VILA (PNS) - Vanuatu's prime minister, Maxime Carlot Korman, has dissolved the country's six provinces, alleging financial misuse and election irregularities.

The six provinces were established in 1994, replacing 11 local government councils which had been in place since independence in 1980. The prime minister says the Elec-

toral Disputes Committee had found that there were irregularities in the elections of three provinces - Sanmar, Penama and Tafea.

And there have been instances of misuse of public funds by the councilors and staff of the other three provinces - Torba, Malampa and Shefa.

Carlot Korman says the government agreed to dissolve the provinces fol-

lowing a recommendation from the minister of home affairs, Charley Nako.

Elections for the new provincial governments will be held in two months time, at a date yet to be set.

Meanwhile, the prime ministers has appointed six commissioners to oversee the running of the provinces until the new elections....Pacnews

Cabinet revamp in Kiribati

TARAWA (PNS) - President Teburoro Tito of Kiribati has made a reshuffle in his cabinet.

He has also appointed Tevarake Borau the new Environment and Social Development Minister to complete his eleven member cabinet, Radio

Borau replaces Natural Resources Development Minister, Anote Tong, who resigned last month over unpaid taxes.

However he takes over the ministry from Timbo Kearikir who now becomes minister responsible for the Linnix group

of islands.

Former Linnix Minister Teiraoi Tetabe has been moved to the Education, Training and Technology portfolio formerly held by President Tito.

The former education minister Willie Tokatake, is now the new Minister for Natural Resources Development.

Meanwhile, Radio Kiribati reports that Tokatake has made his first ministerial overseas trip to a meeting of the South Pacific Environment Program (SPREP) which ends in Tonga today....Pacnews

Tonga road project on

NUKU'ALOFA (PNS) - Tonga's acting prime minister, Dr Hua akavameiliku, will unveil a plaque tomorrow to mark the commissioning of phase two of the road improvement project on Tongatapu.

Phase two of the project will stretch from Taufa'ahau road in the capital, Nuku'alofa, to Fua'amotu airport, Radio Tonga reports.

The project involves two components - the asphalt, concrete surfacing and the supply of road maintenance equipment.

All expenses will be funded by the Japanese government under its general grant aid programme for 1995/96 worth about 4.4-million pa'anga (US\$1.1 million).

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Majuro braces for forum visitors

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The onslaught of visitors to Majuro for the South Pacific Forum began Wednesday, with the arrival of about 40 delegates from member countries and the Forum Secretariat. Another 300 or more, including journalists, are expected to be arriving every day through Monday.

The media contingent for this Forum is huge, with some 70 journalists already confirmed, including three television crews, according to Forum organizers.

While the ranks of the media are big, at least four and possibly five heads of state will not be attending the Majuro meetings. Forum organizers say, however, that this not unusual and that generally there are a handful of heads of state who cannot attend at each Forum.

"The number of media is unprecedented for a small island," said Richard Stinson, the chief Forum organizer who has assisted previous Forums. "In my experience, there has not been this number of television crews or media at Forums in the smaller countries."

He said that one of the TV crews is bringing their own satellite ground station and will be broadcasting live from Majuro. Japanese, Australian and New Zealand television stations will be on Majuro the next week. A number of the major wire services and regional news organizations including Agence France Presse, Australian Associated Press, Kyodo News Service and Radio New Zealand are sending correspondents to Majuro.

On the official delegation front, heads of state from Fiji, Palau, Solomon Islands and Federated States of Micronesia will not be coming. Fiji Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka, who is receiving the report of a major constitutional review this weekend, will be represented by Foreign Minister Filipe Bole.

Solomons PM Solomon Mamaloni, who rarely attends Forums, will be represented by Deputy PM Danny Philip; Palau President Kuniwo Nakamura, who is facing an election primary a week after the Forum, will be represented

by Education Minister Billy Kuartei; and FSM President Bailey Oler, who is still in Hawaii recovering from a stroke, will be represented by FSM Vice President Jacob Nena.

Vanuatu PM Maxime Carlot Korman has confirmed his participation, although he is facing a vote of no confidence in Parliament.

Stinson said that the appearance of 11 or 12 heads of state in Majuro was "good representation of heads of state" for a Forum meeting. In addition to other island leaders, Australian Prime Minister John Howard, whose stop in Majuro marks his first overseas trip since taking over in Canberra, will be here, as will New Zealand PM Jim

Bolger. Both Howard and Bolger will fly in on air force planes of their respective countries.

There will be other special flights as well. Air Nauru will fly in Nauru's President Lagumot Harris on Friday morning, and Air Niugini will fly in Papua New Guinea PM Sir Julius Chan and his delegation on Monday afternoon.

PNG-Solomons ties improve

PORT MORESBY (PNS) - Improved communication links between Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands is expected to strengthen relations between the two countries.

PNG security officials are now in the process of installing the communication network, the national radio NBC reports.

This came out after a meeting between senior security officials of both countries which was held in Solomon Islands last month.

PNG Deputy Police Commissioner Ludwick Kembu says they are now implementing some of the measures agreed upon at the meeting. Kembu says his officers have gone to Buka island to set up the communication network and an antenna.

He says HF radios will also be installed at Taro and Lofung on Solomon Islands side of the border and on Toarato island on the PNG side.

Last month's meeting also agreed to further discuss security and common border issues affecting both countries at a meeting on Toarato island next week..

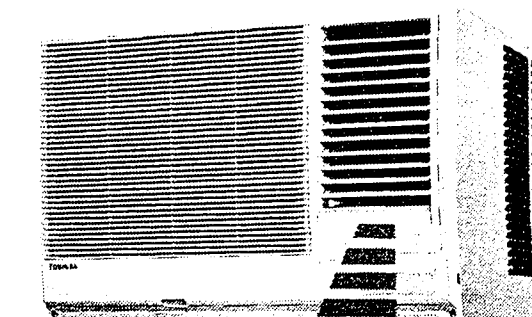
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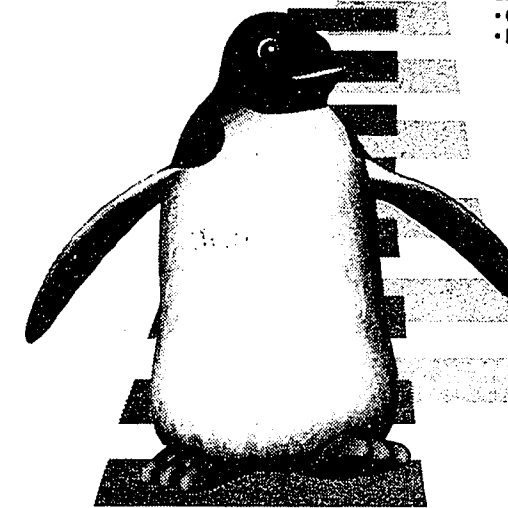
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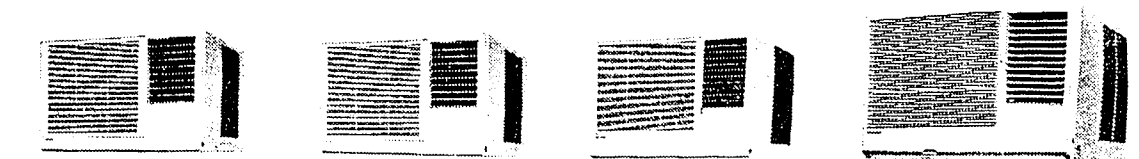


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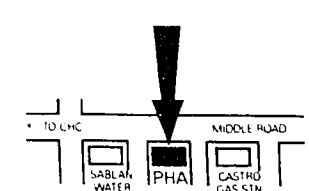


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Saipan abattoir now open

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
SAIPAN's slaughterhouse, idle for the past 15 years, is now open to the public. Land and Natural Resources Secretary Benigno M. Sablan announced yesterday.

Sablan said the slaughterhouse has two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspectors who will see to it that local livestock meet are suitable for consumption.

The slaughterhouse will charge separate fees for livestock to be used for commercial and non-commercial purposes.

"I advise anybody in the CNMI, if you have any animal to slaughter, please bring them to the slaughterhouse," Sablan said.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, he said, is now working on a possible tie-up with a Japanese pig farmer in Marpi who

has over one thousand pigs "ready for slaughter and for local consumption."

Sablan said he has advised the USDA inspectors to "take quick action" on the animals needed to be slaughtered.

With the opening of the slaughterhouse, local farmers can now try to meet local demand for livestock.

"We have numerous hotels that are bringing meat products from abroad," Sablan said. "I thought we could help the economy by opening up a slaughterhouse. It's a very good project."

Sablan said the slaughterhouse is primarily for supplying local demand, but meat that gets the nod of the USDA inspectors can be imported to countries like Japan which accept USDA-approved livestock products.

The slaughterhouse, however, is

not for supplying the export market.

"It's not big enough," Sablan said. He said opening the slaughterhouse "took a lot of work and effort," but DLNR spent "only less than \$100,000 for it."

The project was funded by DNLNR's accumulated reimbursable accounts, which was never used until the refurbishing of the slaughterhouse was started, Sablan said.

End to 26-year RP war nears

By GHAFUR FAOYL
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The Philippine government and Muslim rebels began a final round of talks Thursday on a pact to end 26 years of fighting that has killed 150,000 people.

The two sides say they are prepared to sign a peace treaty Monday after negotiating the final details of how rebel fighters will be integrated into the Philippine military.

"Already, the draft of the final agreement is on the table ready for consideration and adoption," Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said at the opening session of the fourth round of talks.

The Moro National Liberation Front has agreed to accept more autonomy for Muslim-dominated regions in the south of the Philippines, Asia's only predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

About 5,750 rebel fighters are to join the armed forces, while 1,750 others will join the Regional Police Force, according to Indonesian diplomat Hasan Wirayuda,

chairman of the peace talks.

Other rebels are to become civil servants.

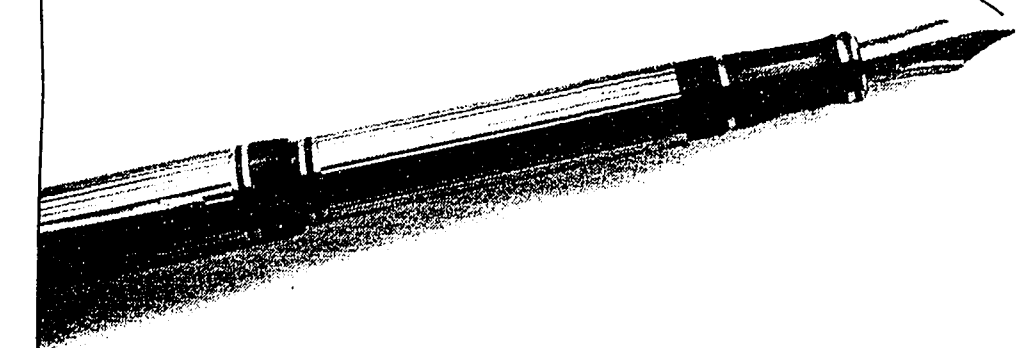
Government negotiator Manuel T. Yan and rebel representative Nur Misuari are to sign a preliminary agreement Friday at a ceremony attended by President Suharto and secretary-general Hamid Algabid of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

In Manila, Philippine President Fidel Ramos said the treaty would bring "a new era of peace in Mindanao."

"With peace installed, the government commits its total efforts and available resources to accelerate economic, social and human development in the southern Philippines," he said in a statement.

Under the agreement, the MNLFI is to lead a council that will oversee economic development in 14 southern Philippine provinces until an election is held in 1999 for leaders of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

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Borja: CNMI can handle Micronesian migration

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
ACTING Gov. Jesus Borja said the CNMI can offset the impact of unrestricted migration of Micronesians if allowed full control of its immigration affairs.

Borja said the CNMI's autonomy over immigration is what gives the Commonwealth edge over Guam.

"The situation in Guam is different," Borja said in a press conference. "Guam, perhaps, should ask

for a renegotiation of the compact with their input as to the immigration matter."

The CNMI can control the people coming in and out of the Commonwealth, Borja said.

But just the same, under the Compact of Free Association, the Commonwealth is obligated to allow the entry of Micronesians, and this entails huge economic costs.

"The United States is supposed to be paying us for the impact," Borja said. "We're studying the possibility of doing it ourselves."

Borja noted that immigration is a major issue Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio wants to be discussed in the 902 talks with the federal government.

Tenorio, exasperated over the US government's failure to reimburse the CNMI for the costs of unrestricted migration, has disclosed plans to impose fees on Micronesian students coming to the CNMI.

"Whether it succeed or not, remain to be seen," Borja said.

Guam is receiving reimbursements out of the CNMI's Covenant funds. However, Guam officials believe the amount received by the island is not adequate to cover the costs of migration. (See related story on page 1)

RP sees lower debt burden

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The Philippine government said Wednesday it expects the national debt burden to drop significantly in the next few years although it will remain higher than Southeast Asian neighbors.

In a report, the Department of Finance predicted that the 1997 ratio of debt to gross national product will drop to 45.9 percent from 56.6 percent in 1995 and 75.9 percent in 1993.

But it said the government will need to achieve larger budget surpluses before it can reach the 39.1 percent level of Indonesia and the 11 percent of Thailand.

Although the national government's debt service has been increasing in nominal terms since 1987, it has been decreasing as a percentage of GNP or expenditures.

Overall foreign debt, including obligations taken on by the private

sector, has dropped from 97 percent of GNP 10 years ago to 53 percent.

"Our country's status (has) improved from that of a heavily indebted country, an infamous trademark attached to us in the early 1980s, to a moderately indebted country," the report said.

It said the Philippines' overall debt-to-GNP ratio is now better than the ratios of Indonesia and Hungary but still higher than those of Thailand, Malaysia, Colombia and Turkey.

The department set a goal of maintaining a government surplus of at least 10 billion pesos (\$385 million) a year and low interest rates to reduce the debt ratios further.

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GTC half-day sessions set for Sept. 4-6

ON SEPTEMBER 4th, 5th and 6th, the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School will be on a half day session as its staff will be involved in an Accreditation Workshop, Island-Wide Education Conference and Assessment Conference.

According to the acting Principal Paz C. Younis the students will be released at 11:30 am on those dates.

September 4th, the day for the accreditation workshop, will also be the school's staff development day for the First Quarter.

September 5th and 6th, will see the holding of the Island-Wide Education and Assessment Conference at the Hyatt from 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

"The Assessment Conference is open to parents also. You are invited to attend," Younis said.

Parents of all Kindergarten Afternoon Sessions students were placed on notice that their kids will be attending morning sessions for these 3 days.

On Monday, September 9th, they will return to their regular schedules (afternoon session).

Should you have any questions, please call 322-9842.

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Health Feature:

Never too late for fitness

CARYL Smith couldn't wait to sign up for Gold's Gym, and the new Saipan Fitness club couldn't find a more fitting first member.

Smith, a special education teacher, is an excellent example of how combination of determination and the right help can make the kinds of improvement in a person's quality of life that words simply cannot describe.

Consistency and the desire to change has paid off big for Smith, who describes herself as once being "the original couch potato."

She said that although she was already improving her diet by cutting fat intake, the inspiration to get into regular exercise came near the end of last year.

"I was always feeling tired and had very little energy. My clothes were tight and when I went to visit my doctor (in the U.S. mainland), he said that I had high blood pressure and that I had gained 45 pounds since the time I last saw him about three years ago. That got me thinking about how important it was for me to live and to see my grandchild-



Personal Trainer, John Davis, sets the pace for Caryl Smith on her regular 2.5 mile walk through American Memorial Park.

dren growing up," said Smith, who has three grown children and one grandchild so far.

Her condition was such that she had a hard time walking up the hill from the "lower campus" to the "upper campus" at San Vicente Elementary, where she now teaches her fifth year.

When she came back to Saipan in February of this year, Caryl went to talk to Lori Bachman, a bodybuilding enthusiast who was then teaching in San Vicente. And Bachman introduced Caryl to personal trainer John Davis.

"I signed up with John, and I have to tell you that I think he saved my life. He has helped me so much. To me, he walks on water! In fact, the first thing he did was come over to my and go through my cupboards, telling me which foods were bad and had too much fat," Caryl said.

Her routine with Davis started in April. For the first few weeks, the routine consisted of only better eating and walking twice a week.

"John told me to cut the red meat out of my diet, and to eat more fish, chicken, turkey, fruits and vegetables. So I did," Caryl said.

After doing the walking for about three weeks, Davis took her to the gym for the first time.

"It was very hard in the beginning, but I was determined to stick with it. When I started, a lot of people got a good laugh, while others were very supportive and encouraging. Now, I am

hearing from a lot of people who thought that I wouldn't be able to stick with it," she said.

She recommended that anyone who wants to improve their physical fitness find a trainer like John, at least in the beginning, because without a trainer, it can be much more tempting to procrastinate or quit.

Her routine has resulted in the loss of 57 pounds since the beginning of March, and Caryl has settled into a schedule of walking three days a week and working out in the gym three times a week.

These activities are done every other day, with one day of rest. She usually walks in the evening and usually goes about two miles.

Caryl is very enthusiastic about signing up for Gold's Gym, which is expected to open its doors next to Garapan Central Park on Nov. 1.

"As soon as I saw the ad in the Island Locator, I went to Joeten (where Gold Gym has a clothing section) to give them my membership sign-up check," Caryl said.

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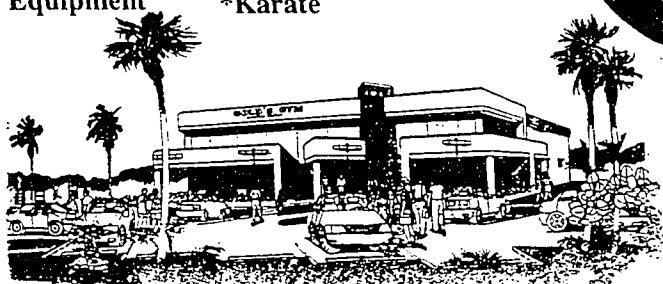
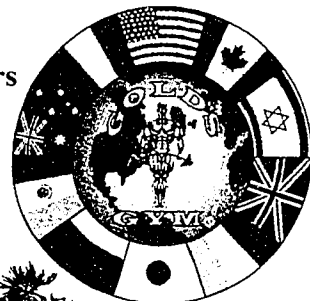
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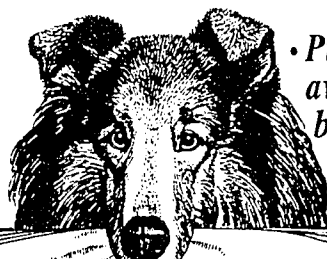
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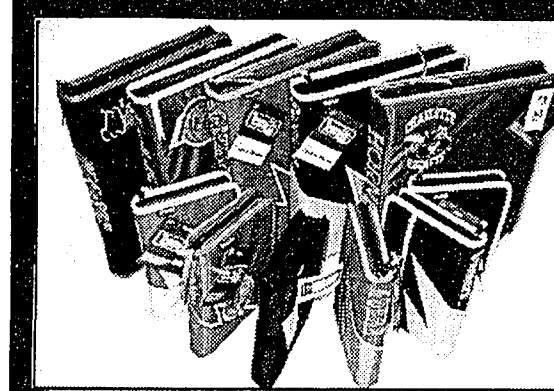
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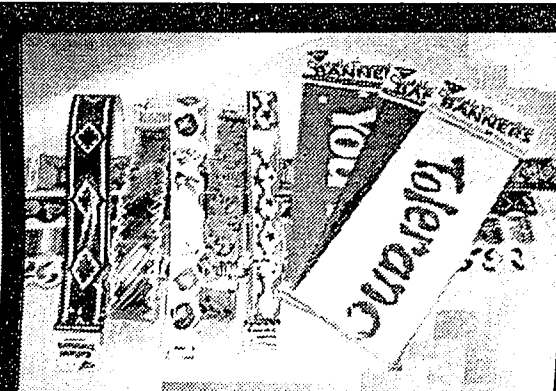
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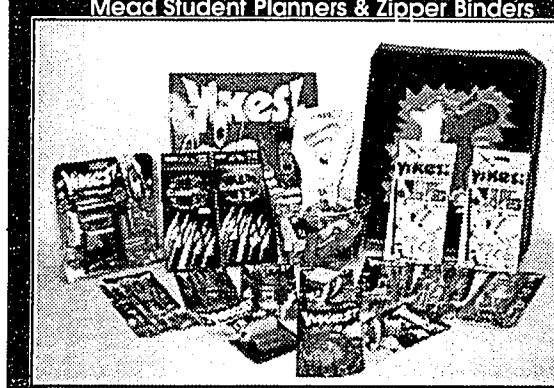
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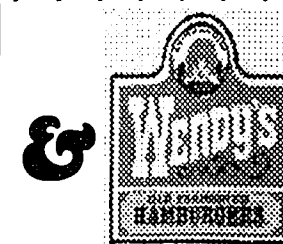


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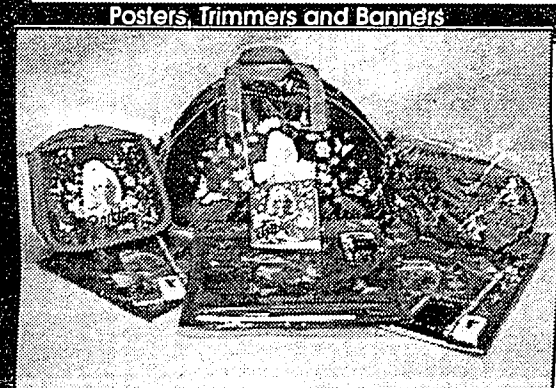
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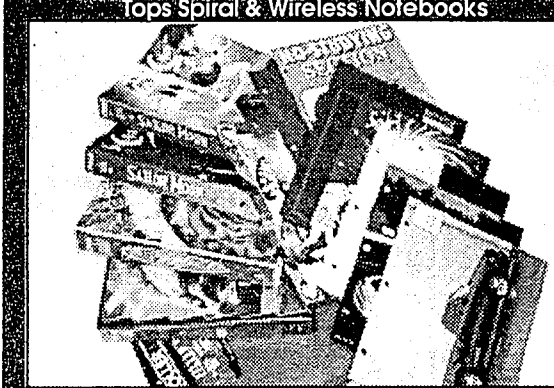
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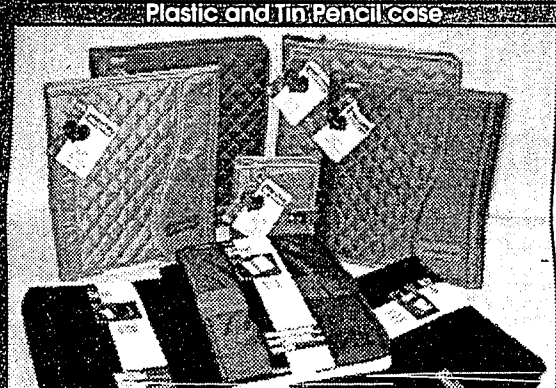
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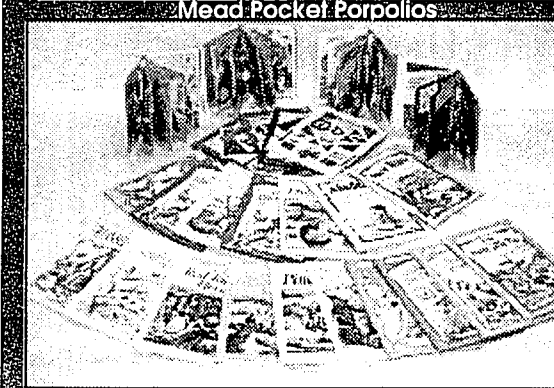
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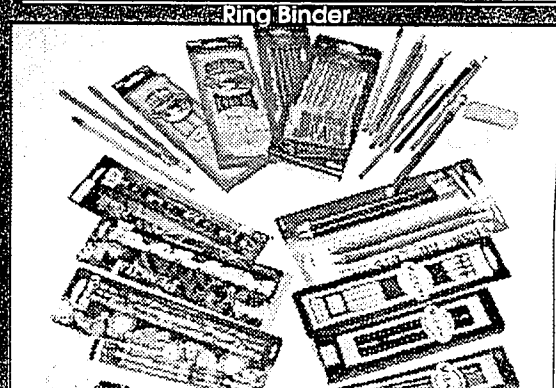
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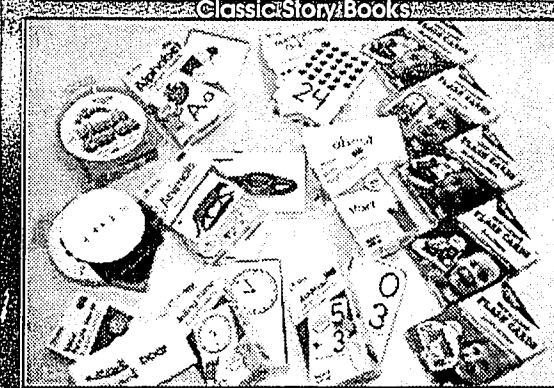
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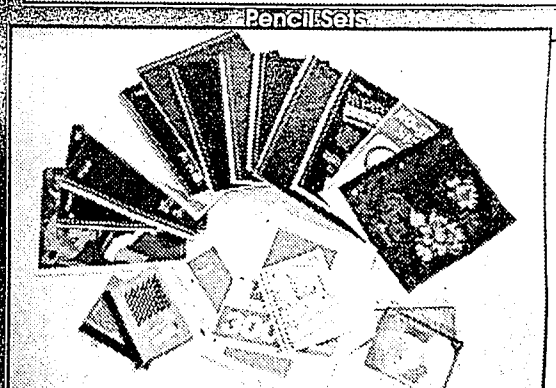
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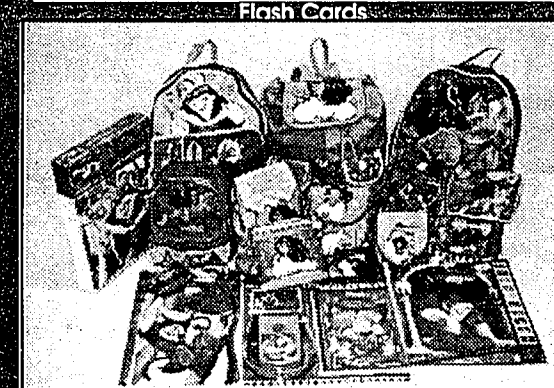
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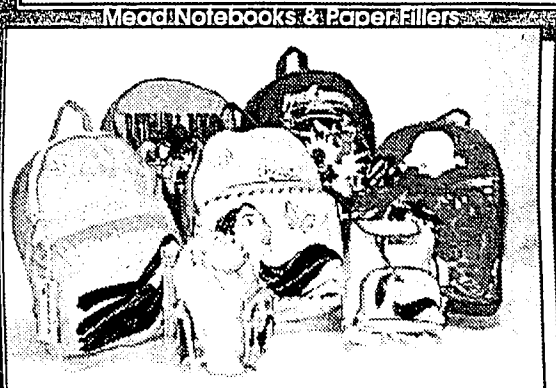
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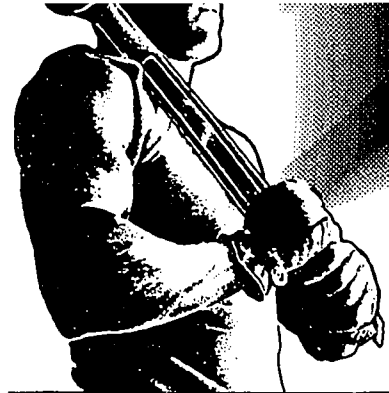
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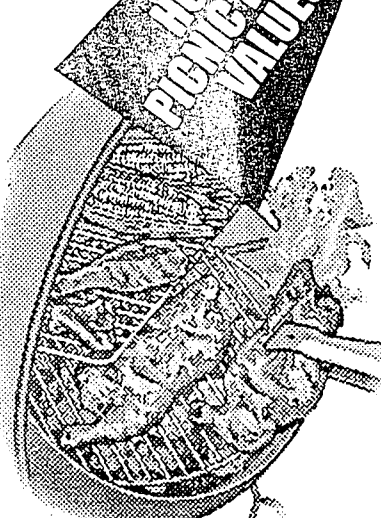
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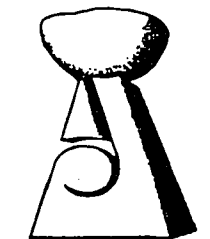
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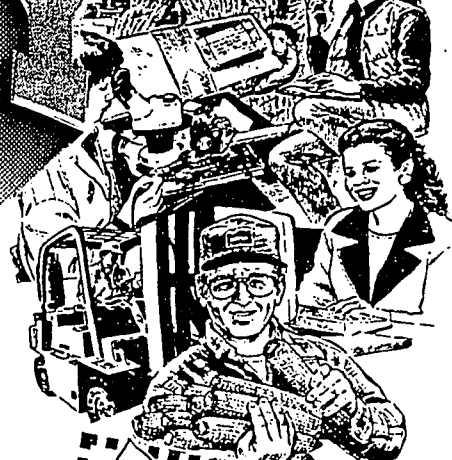
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A major portion of the funding will be used towards drug-free education to include among others, the annual Parent Summit slated to be held in January of 1997, three (3) parental seminars/conferences each for Saipan, Rota and Tinian PTAs, anti-drugs and alcohol brochures/leaflets for mass distribution, TV and radio public services ads, drug-free shirts, hats and bumper stickers.

The CNMI Council of PTA is not a non-for-profit, legally chartered, tax-exempt organization whose main goal is to advocate, through direct parental involvement, for the welfare and benefit of all the CNMI's school children from primary to secondary education.

The Council's active membership includes all member of PTA's from Rota, Tinian and Saipan who pay their respective annual dues, possess by-laws, be legally chartered by the Attorney General's Office and sanctioned by the Council, attend monthly meetings and submit an annual financial and program report.

Six overall officers elected at large constitute the executive council, while

eleven (11) Committee Chairs comprise the Board of Directors.

The Council will be meeting this Thursday, August 29, 1996 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Multi-Purpose Center. The main agenda will be the election of new officers and the appointment of incoming Committee Chairs.

The meeting is open to public. Further, the CNMI Council of PTA will appear as guests live on Cable Forum on Tuesday, August 27, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saipan Cable Channel 12.

Says the current Chairman, Mr Tomas J. Camacho, "I would like to switch the focus of PTA's here in the CNMI. Instead of PTA's being labeled as an organization which fundraises, PTA's, through direct parental involvement, should be perceived as a support organization taking a lead in assisting the schools improve the educational environment for all students."

PTA treasurer, Remedio R. Sablan states, "Parents and Teachers must also realize that in order for a critical organization such as PTA's to survive, have its voice heard and its credibility respected, accountability in its actions and financials must be consistently recognized and practiced at all times."

Archibald named branch manager of Saipan Paging



Agnes Archibald

Archibald originally from Chalan Kanoa, Saipan is married to Wayne Archibald, a Motorola engineer who retired in 1994. They have three daughters: Marie, 27; Suzanne 24 and Jennifer, 19.

Agnes' father is Herman "Pan" Guerrero, Saipan's famous baker. He established Herman's Bakery immediately after World War II and developed it into a thriving business that remains healthy today.

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carrier based forces. For the next 30 months fighting continued in various locations in the Pacific with U.S. forces eventually attacking and neutralizing Japan's Micronesian Mandate within the central Pacific. For Saipan and Tinian this island hopping strategy culminated in the invasion of June 15, 1944. The island's sandy beaches and mountainous terrain were the scene of one of World War Two's bloodiest battles. After the island's were secured by American military forces, airfields were constructed from which long-range B-29 aircraft attacked the Japanese home islands. In 1945 the airfields on Tinian were the busiest in the world. It was from one such airfield that the Superfortress Enola Gay was based and from which the first atomic bomb was launched for detonation over Hiroshima in August 1945 thereby hastening the end of the war.

During this same year the United Nations was organized as a successor to the League of Nations and two years later the islands were placed under the purview of the Security Council with the United States appointed as administrator. The United States accepted the obligation to develop the area economically, socially, and politically for eventual self-government. This three million square mile area consisting of the Marshall Islands, Eastern and Western Carolines, and the Northern Marianas became known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and was administered first by the United States Navy and later by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Japanese facilities in the Northern Marianas had been totally destroyed and the infrastructure which remained in place was falling into disrepair from lack of maintenance. Dense jungle growth quickly reclaimed much of the landscape previously cleared for sugar cane which had been a subsidized activity during the Japanese period.

At that time to even think of a hospitality industry based on Japanese tourists was an unimaginable dream. The economy was as listless as the doldrums which frequent the islands. Cold war tensions of the period resulted in the United States Navy virtually closing off the Marianas to all but the military and the indigenous population. This situation prevailed until the late fifties and early sixties.

At that time there was actually very little potential for development and, more important, the population of some 6,300 people were too few to undertake the process to any significant degree.

These were the days before widespread use of commercial jet aircraft when travel from Hawaii to these isolated islands required many exhausting hours. For example, in the early fifties a flight from Honolulu to Wake Island required about nine and one half hours from Wake to Saipan was still eight hours further. In those days Japan was occupied by the United States Armed Forces. The country was concerned

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Passenger in hijacked Sudanese jetliner:

"It was like a soccer riot"

LONDON (AP) - The hijacking of a Sudanese jetliner started out like a soccer riot. Passengers and crew fought with armed hijackers. Women screamed and children cried.

"They had knives and we thought they wanted to kill people on board," Ahmed Abubasher, 42, a Sudanese businessman from Khartoum, told the British news agency Press Association in the first passenger account of the hijacking.

"At first it was like a football riot," he said.

"People were hitting each other and fighting with the terrorists. ... A security man hit one of the captors in the face. One of the others had a knife and he stabbed him," Abubasher said.

"There was shouting and screaming. There were women and children there. They were crying and very frightened," he said. "For half an hour we were absolutely terrified until the plane refueled in Cyprus."

Sudan Airways Flight 150 was hijacked Monday night about 25 minutes after it left the Sudanese capital of Khartoum heading for Amman, Jordan. It landed at Lamaca International Airport in Cyprus to refuel before being forced on to London, the final destination demanded by the hijackers.

Seven Iraqis surrendered to police

Tuesday after freeing more than 180 passengers and crew members at Stansted Airport. Six women relatives traveling with them were detained by police and two children were being cared for by Essex county authorities.

Police said Wednesday that two people suffered minor knife wounds during the hijacking, a crew member and a passenger. One man could be seen inside the Hilton Hotel near Stansted Airport where passengers were staying with his right arm bandaged and in a sling and bloodstains on his clothes.

Abubasher, who was traveling with his wife and two children, said the hijackers first took two airline stewards hostage and threatened them with knives.

"Then they started hitting security people who were on the plane," he said.

"Suddenly after a few minutes we realized there were seven of them. One at the back of the plane started shouting and we thought he had a bomb," Abubasher said.

"Then, the other hijackers began standing up around the plane. They were shifting seats all the time. They had knives and we thought they were going to kill people."

"But by the time we arrived at Cyprus, everything was becoming calm. We began to realize that they meant us no harm," he said.



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carrier based forces. For the next 30 months fighting continued in various locations in the Pacific with U.S. forces eventually attacking and neutralizing Japan's Micronesian Mandate within the central Pacific. For Saipan and Tinian this island hopping strategy culminated in the invasion of June 15, 1944. The island's sandy beaches and mountainous terrain were the scene of one of World War Two's bloodiest battles. After the island's were secured by American military forces, airfields were constructed from which long-range B-29 aircraft attacked the Japanese home islands. In 1945 the airfields on Tinian were the busiest in the world. It was from one such airfield that the Superfortress Enola Gay was based and from which the first atomic bomb was launched for detonation over Hiroshima in August 1945 thereby hastening the end of the war. During this same year the United Nations was organized as a successor to the League of Nations and two years later the islands were placed under the purview of the Security Council with the United States appointed as administrator. The United States accepted the obligation to develop the area economically, socially, and politically for eventual self-government. This three million square mile area consisting of the Marshall Islands, Eastern and Western Carolines, and the Northern Marianas became known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and was administered first by the United States Navy and later by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Japanese facilities in the Northern Marianas had been totally destroyed and the infrastructure which remained in place was falling into disrepair for lack of maintenance. Dense jungle growth quickly reclaimed much of the landscape previously cleared for sugar cane which had been a subsidized activity during the Japanese period.

At that time to even think of a hospitality industry based on Japanese tourists was an unimaginable dream. The economy was as listless as the doldrums which frequent the islands. Cold war tensions of the period resulted in the United States Navy virtually closing off the Marianas to all but the military and the indigenous population. This situation prevailed until the late fifties and early sixties.

At that time there was actually very little potential for development and, more important, the population of some 6,300 people were too few to undertake the process to any significant degree.

These were the days before widespread use of commercial jet aircraft when travel from Hawaii to these isolated islands required many exhausting hours. For example, in the early fifties a flight from Honolulu to Wake Island required about nine and one half hours from Wake to Saipan was still eight hours further. In those days Japan was occupied by the United States Armed Forces. The country was concerned

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Passenger in hijacked Sudanese jetliner:

"It was like a soccer riot"

LONDON (AP) - The hijacking of a Sudanese jetliner started out like a soccer riot. Passengers and crew fought with armed hijackers. Women screamed and children cried.

"They had knives and we thought they wanted to kill people on board," Ahmed Abubasher, 42, a Sudanese businessman from Khartoum, told the British news agency Press Association in the first passenger account of the hijacking.

"At first it was like a football riot," he said.

"People were hitting each other and fighting with the terrorists. ... A security man hit one of the captors in the face. One of the others had a knife and he stabbed him," Abubasher said.

"There was shouting and screaming. There were women and children there. They were crying and very frightened," he said.

"For half an hour we were absolutely terrified until the plane refueled in Cyprus."

Sudan Airways Flight 150 was hijacked Monday night about 25 minutes after it left the Sudanese capital of Khartoum heading for Amman, Jordan. It landed at Larnaca International Airport in Cyprus to refuel before being forced on to London, the final destination demanded by the hijackers.

Seven Iraqis surrendered to police

Tuesday after freeing more than 180 passengers and crew members at Stansted Airport. Six women relatives traveling with them were detained by police and two children were being cared for by Essex county authorities.

Police said Wednesday that two people suffered minor knife wounds during the hijacking, a crew member and a passenger.

One man could be seen inside the Hilton Hotel near Stansted Airport where passengers were staying with his right arm bandaged and in a sling and bloodstains on his clothes.

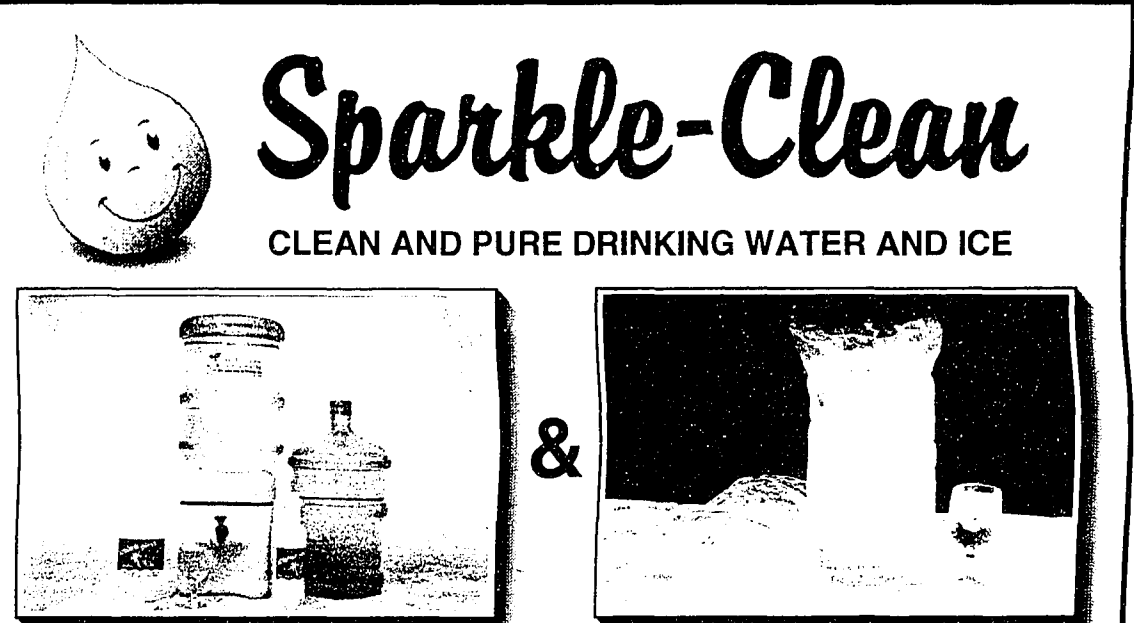
Abubasher, who was traveling with his wife and two children, said the hijackers first took two airline stewards hostage and threatened them with knives.

"Then they started hitting security people who were on the plane," he said.

"Suddenly after a few minutes we realized there were seven of them. One at the back of the plane started shouting and we thought he had a bomb," Abubasher said.

"Then, the other hijackers began standing up around the plane. They were shifting seats all the time. They had knives and we thought they were going to kill people."

"But by the time we arrived at Cyprus, everything was becoming calm. We began to realize that they meant us no harm," he said.



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Troops retreat from Grozny

By DAVE CARPENTER
GROZNY, Russia (AP) - Despite increasing domestic and international pressure to declare an end to the Chechen war, Boris Yeltsin has stayed silent - even as his disheart-

ened soldiers retreat from the ruined capital. Chechnya's mostly Muslim rebels celebrated Wednesday's withdrawals, whooping and chanting "Allah Akbar" as they strode

through Grozny, punching their fists in the air. "They're simply afraid of us. We saw it in their eyes during battle," rebel Salambek Shamsadov, 34, said of the Russian troops. "They have

very strong weapons - but not very strong spirits."

Spirits were low on the other side of downtown Grozny, where Russian troops moved boxes out of the battered building that was their headquarters until guerrillas overran the city on Aug. 6.

"I hope this is our final withdrawal of the war," said a Russian colonel, who gave his name only as Vladimir.

The rebels handed over 16 Russian prisoners of war Wednesday, another hopeful sign for the deal engineered last week by Russian security chief Alexander Lebed.

Previous attempts to end the war have collapsed. Lebed's pact is the first step in what Lebed says will be a final settlement to the conflict Yeltsin ignited 20 months ago by sending in troops to snuff out Chechnya's bid for independence.

In Moscow, a spokesman for Lebed said the security chief likely would return to Chechnya this weekend for further negotiations.

A Kremlin spokesman said the vacationing president had looked over Lebed's peace proposal, but gave no clue about Yeltsin's reaction.

The pressure on Yeltsin to end the unpopular war cranked up another notch Wednesday, with several influential Moscow newspapers throwing their weight behind plans for anti-war demonstrations in the Russian capital next week.

Yeltsin also got a call from German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who, like many Western leaders, has been urging him to end the war. Kohl's office said he would visit Yeltsin Sept. 7.

The Russians suffered heavy losses in the rout of Grozny: around 500 dead and another 1,400 wounded at the hands of the relatively lightly armed



Boris Yeltsin

Chechen guerrillas.

Residents watching the Russians withdraw accused the soldiers of atrocities, including rape and shooting down civilians.

"Lots of civilians were killed by these slime. We just came to see who they were," one on-looker, Umar Sagaitov, said.

An estimated 30,000 people, mostly civilians, have died in the war so far.

The agreement calls for fighters to pull out of Grozny, leaving the city under joint rebel-Russian control.

The Russian commander in Chechnya, Lt. Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, has said his troops will be out of Grozny by the end of the week.

He and the top Chechen commander, Aslan Maskhadov, met Wednesday to discuss the truce.

In Moscow, Yeltsin spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky told reporters the president had studied Lebed's plan and "issued instructions" to a number of ministries, including the armed forces and Security Council to "consolidate the peace process."

Lebed's spokesman, Alexander Peslyak, said Lebed had received no direct communication from the president.



Chechen soldiers pray before combat in a shelter in Grozny last week. Russian troops unleashed a fierce bombardment on the Chechen capital today, moving to retake the city from separatists while civilians tried to flee. AP Photo

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Palestinians: End Israel contacts



Children try to stay out of the sun amid the tents for Palestinian refugees in a no-man's land between the Egyptian and Libyan borders. More than 180 Palestinians have been trapped at the camp since Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi expelled them a year ago to protest the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. AP Photo

By SAID GHAZALI
RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - Yasser Arafat accused Israel on Wednesday of declaring war on Palestinians by expanding West Bank settlements, and the Palestinian legislative council called for an end to contacts with the Jewish state.

The Palestinian leader's attack was his toughest yet on the 3-month-old government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He ordered a general strike Thursday and mass prayers Friday to protest planned expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

"They declared war on us," Arafat said.

Arafat's strike call came in response to Israeli plans to build 900 new apartments in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Sefer, ending a four-year curf on settlement expansion, and Israel's demolition of a youth center in disputed east Jerusalem.

Palestinians have also become increasingly bitter over Netanyahu's refusal to meet with

Arafat and his failure to commit himself to pull troops from most of the West Bank city of Hebron, as agreed in the self-rule accords.

Arafat was present at the council meeting that called for ending contact with Israel and did not oppose the decision.

"It is necessary for the Palestinian people to draw up a comprehensive plan to confront Israel's declaration of war against the Palestinian people," said deputy council speaker Rahi Sayouh.

Arafat has the decision on whether to continue relations with Israel.

Netanyahu reacted angrily to Arafat's challenge Wednesday, saying Israel takes "a very grave view of all attempts to bring about an escalation or violence that are likely to harm the peace process."

He also urged Arafat to maintain his close watch on Islamic militants, saying Israel "will not allow a return to a situation of massive terrorist attacks carried out by the Hamas, the Islamic Jihad or any other body that is acting with in the Palestinian-controlled area."

4 killed in underworld shooting in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - Gunmen raked an outdoor cafe with automatic weapon fire early Wednesday, killing four people, including a part-time bodyguard for Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller, in an apparently underworld vendetta, the Anatolian news agency reported.

Seven people were wounded in the attack in the cafe on the Bosphorus.

Anatolia said the attack was aimed at underworld figure Tefik Agansoy, who died while being taken to a hospital.

Ciller's bodyguard, who protects her when the ex-premier is in Istanbul, was sitting together with Agansoy when gunmen opened fire at the popular cafe in the affluent Bebek district, the daily Hurriyet said.

The connection between the bodyguard and Agansoy was unclear.

Also killed were the cafe's owner and Agansoy's bodyguard.

Some in the cafe including a well-known talk show host and two singers, jumped into the sea to escape the attack.

The assailants, who fired from a car, fled.

Ciller was in Ankara at the time of the attack.

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Union leader tells about rift among French labor

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
PARIS (AP) - France's Communist-led labor union announced plans Wednesday for wider protests this fall, but mentioned no new strikes and indicated the labor movement was divided.

"We solemnly call on all employees to take the offensive," said Louis Viannet, secretary-general of the General Labor Confederation (CGT), told a news conference.

But Viannet did not announce any specific strike dates, only promising "increasingly united actions in the coming weeks" with other unions.

Asked if labor protests this fall would be as strong as last year's paralyzing strikes, he said: "I don't have a thermometer."

Reeling under 12.5 percent unemployment, France's powerful labor unions have resumed tough talk, and the French have been bracing for more unrest. Last year's strikes, the worst since 1968, virtually

crippled the country. The government of Prime Minister Alain Juppe since has searched without success for means to fight unemployment while trying to reduce its budget deficit with austerity cuts and freezes.

Viannet said he expected announcements of protests in the public sector and defense industries "in the coming days."

Unions representing 1 million education workers on Tuesday announced plans for a strike in early October and set a Sept. 3 meeting to pick an exact date. Teachers belonging to another union already are slated to strike on Sept. 24.

Viannet, however, said the CGT would not participate in a Sept. 21 protest by the Workers' Force, the other leading French union.

He also noted disagreement with Nicole Notat, head of the French Democratic Labor Confederation, who has expressed continued support of the drive towards a

single European currency - a move requiring government austerity measures.

Viannet demanded a moratorium on job cuts, an increase of the monthly minimum wage to 8,500 francs (\$

1,700) and a 35-hour work week without salary cuts.

President Jacques Chirac, whose conservative government has been shaken by the simmering labor unrest, urged his Cabinet on Wednesday to

tackle the troubles "in a spirit of conquest."

"Everyone in charge of our country - politically, socially and economically - has their role to play for France's recovery and for jobs," he said.

France to help businesses sidestep US sanctions law

PARIS (AP) - Bristling at new U.S. trade sanctions on investment in Iran and Libya, France is drafting legislation to help businesses get around it, the foreign minister said Wednesday.

Herve de Charette confirmed a report in the business daily Les Echos that the move was an attempt to get around the d'Amato-Kennedy bill, contending it clashes with World Trade Organization rules.

"We're not going to start a trade war or a legal battle with the Americans," de Charette told the newspaper.

"But we will make our friends and partners understand that we must all respect WTO regulations."

At a news conference Wednesday, de Charette said: "We're telling the United States very frankly that everyone is his own master, but everyone must respect WTO rules and not impose on others rules that aren't internationally valid."

De Charette did not disclose details of the legislation but said it

would let French businesses seek recourse if they are affected by the U.S. sanctions.

Earlier this month, President Clinton signed the law placing sanctions on businesses that invest in Iran and Libya, both accused of terrorist acts.

That law came on the heels of the so-called Helms-Burton Act, which threatened sanctions against companies doing business in Cuba.

In mid-July, Clinton put off enforcing the law's anti-Cuba sanctions for at least six months by imposing a moratorium until Feb. 1 on lawsuits against foreign firms using property in Cuba confiscated from Americans.

The French government has already threatened to impose sanctions on U.S. companies if French companies are hurt by the law sanctioning companies doing business with Iran or Libya.

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Poll: Thai military want PM out

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - The Thai military signaled a desire for a change in government in an opinion poll published Thursday, three weeks before a scheduled no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Banham Silpa-archa.

No coup appears imminent from the military, which has overthrown more than a dozen governments since the absolute monarchy was abolished in 1932. The last military-backed regime fell in 1992 after bloody street protests.

But the military's opinion is still taken seriously in this Southeast Asian country, and the poll showed that a large number of soldiers are fed up with Banham and the widespread accusations of corruption trailing his year-old administration.

The poll, published in Bangkok newspapers, was conducted Aug. 9-26 by the independent Rajabhat Suan Dusit institute. Questions were posed to 706 officers and 911 non-commissioned officers based in and around Bangkok.

According to the survey, 48.42 percent wanted Banham to resign to remedy political problems, 27.94 wanted parliament dissolved, and 23.24 percent said a Cabinet reshuffle would do the

job. However, 67.53 percent of those polled thought Banham would muster enough support from his six-party coalition to survive the vote. The coalition has a 209-182

seat majority. No consensus was shown for a potential successor to Banham, though Chatichai Choonhavan - toppled by the last coup in 1991 by officers who accused him of

corruption - surprisingly topped the list, with 26.83 percent.

No margin of error was published, though such samples generally have a variable of 2-3 percent.

Cholera cases rising in Mongolia

ULANBATOR, Mongolia (AP) - People worried they have contracted cholera are streaming to hospitals in the Mongolian capital, an infectious diseases specialist said Wednesday.

Twenty-eight people are confirmed to be suffering from cholera and doctors are awaiting test results on seven suspected cases, said Dr. Sukh of the Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Ulan Bator. Many people have turned up at clinics throughout the city, and doctors unsure of their diagnoses have been sending them to the hospital, Sukh said.

"Our hospital will soon be trampled under the crowds," said Sukh. Like many Mongolians, he

uses only one name. Health officials in the capital have set up a special group to treat those with the disease and said that they are sure the outbreak can be contained.

Nationwide, 11 people have died and 151 others infected with cholera since the epidemic started Aug. 8, according to Health Ministry figures. Nineteen others are suspected of having the disease.

Ninety-two of the cases have been in Khoetol, the town 300 kilometers (180 miles) northwest of Ulan Bator where the outbreak began. Khoetol remained entirely quarantined Wednesday.

The town of Zuunbayan and its surrounding oilfields have also been

isolated in order to protect nine American oil workers.

The nine, drilling engineers and other technicians with Nescor Energy, have been checked for cholera with no traces found so far, said a company spokeswoman who declined to give her name.

"We cannot drive anywhere outside the oilfields. The roads are blocked everywhere," she said. "They want everybody to stay in the camp."

The group will be flown by helicopter to Ulan Bator, 500 kilometers (300 miles) to the northwest, for further tests as soon as it can be arranged, the spokeswoman said.

Opposition members charged with contempt

SINGAPORE (AP) - The government has charged four opposition figures with contempt of parliament in connection with incorrect statistics they submitted on falling health care subsidies.

The subsidies are being cut from about 40 percent to 25 percent, but during a hearing Aug. 12, secretary-general Chee Soon Juan of the Singapore Democratic Party said the decline was to just 5 percent.

Party members blamed the mistake on a typographical error, saying they accidentally dropped the number 2 in preparing their figures.

Health Minister George Yeo said that explanation "defied logic." In a 10-page complaint released Wednesday, he accused the SDP members of perjury, misconduct and giving false information to parliament.

If convicted, the SDP members could be fined 50,000 Singapore dollars (\$ 35,000) or jailed for the rest of the parliament session.

Parliament Speaker Tan Soo Khoo said he has referred the complaint to the Parliamentary Privileges Committee. There was no indication when the committee would act on the complaint.

Report: Dust pollution may expose Bangkok to cancer risk

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Despite an attempted crackdown on building contractors, dust pollution levels in the Thai capital remain at deadly levels, exposing the population to lung cancer.

The health ministry warned this week that dust levels in central Bangkok - mostly from massive, uncovered building sites - are more than double the World Health Organization standards.

According to the study, cited in Bangkok newspapers Thursday, dust levels varied between 163 and 267 micrograms per cubic meter. The WHO maximum is 100.

Bangkok officials recently launched a crackdown on the dust-swirled building sites, issuing fines for contractors who fail to use tarps to contain dust.

But enforcement is spotty, and the accumulation of dust along the city's roads after a decade of unchecked construction seems to defy cleaning up.

The study showed that children in areas where extensive dust particles were found risked developing respiratory problems, chest pains and lung problems.

Tamil rebels attack village

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Tamil rebels overran a police post and attacked a village in eastern Sri Lanka early Thursday. At least 27 people, including 20 policemen, were killed in the fighting.

At least seven civilians were among the dead in the pre-dawn attack on the ethnic Sinhalese village of Kudapokuna, about 190 kilometers (115 miles) east of the capital, Colombo.

The military feared the death

toll could rise, saying reconnaissance patrols may find more bodies in the surrounding jungles.

The rebels overwhelmed the nearby police post with grenades and machine gun fire. They set the building ablaze before moving on to the village, a military spokesman said.

Residents of the small farming community fled into the surrounding jungles.

Rebel casualties were not immediately known. At least

13 civilians were wounded in the attack and taken to a nearby hospital.

Separatist Tamil rebels frequently attack ethnic Sinhalese villages in areas bordering the northeast, where the rebels are fighting for a homeland for minority Tamils.

Tamil separatist guerrillas say they face widespread discrimination from Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese population.

More than 45,000 people

have been killed since fighting started in 1983.

Thursday's attack was the largest rebel assault in more than a month, with fighting having died down after thousands died on both

sides when the guerrillas overran a northern military base.

The army retaliated to the early attack by laying siege to the Kilinochchi, the biggest rebel-held town.



Tamil refugees cross into government-held territory near Vavuniya after fleeing from fighting in northern Sri Lanka. The U.S.-based relief organization CARE has warned that some 200,000 civilians displaced by the latest military offensive are in desperate need of food, water and shelter. The guerrillas are fighting for a homeland in the north and east for minority Tamils and accuse the Sinhalese majority of discriminating against them. The war has killed more than 45,000 people since 1983. AP Photo

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DPW96-ITB-022

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Marianas Visitors Bureau, is soliciting separate sealed bids for the Construction of Pavilion and Toilet Facilities, Rota, MP 96951 and/or Construction of Toilet Facilities, Tinian, MP 96952. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m. local time, September 20, 1996 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.

Plans and specifications for the project will be available on or after August 13, 1996 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set, payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer, Credit Account No. 4466.

Pre-Bid Conference for this project will be held at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, Lower Base, at 2:00 p.m., local time, September 3, 1996.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be certified check, cashier's check, bid bond, or other form acceptable to the government, made payable to the CNMI Treasurer.

The bidder is required to submit with the bid a copy of their business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards for Wage Rate Determination in accordance with the project specifications and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages must be paid as set forth in the Wage Rate Determination.

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 checks which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section titled "Instructions to Bidder," Section 5 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.

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COMPUTER SKILLS IBM APPLICATIONS							
CM 010 IBM PC: THE BASICS	12	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Sept.16-Oct.2	W-2	F. Oliver	\$110
CM 009 BUSINESS APPLICATIONS OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS	12	T,Th	6:30-8:30PM	Sept.17-Oct.3	W-2	F. Oliver	\$110
CM 064-1 WINDOWS 95	10	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Sept.16-30	W-3	D. Cooper	\$90
CM 064-2 WINDOWS 95	10	T,Th	6:30-8:30PM	Oct.8-22	W-3	F. Oliver	\$90
CM 064-3 WINDOWS 95	10	SAT	9:00-11:30AM	Sept.21-Oct.12	W-3	D. Cooper	\$90
CM 011 INTRO TO IBM PC DISK-OPERATING SYSTEM (DOS)	6	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Oct.7-16	W-2	F. Oliver	\$65
CM 059 ADVANCED DISK OPERATING SYSTEM (DOS)	6	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Oct.21-28	W-2	F. Oliver	\$65
CM 018 INTRO TO WINDOWS	9	T,Th	6:30-8:45PM	Oct.29-Nov.7	W-2	F. Oliver	\$85
CM 019 ADVANCED WINDOWS	9	T,Th	6:30-8:45PM	Nov.12-21	W-2	F. Oliver	\$85
CM 040 BEG. WORD PERFECT	12	SAT	9-12 Noon	Oct.19-Nov.9	W-2	B. Sablan	\$110
CM 041 ADV. WORD PERFECT	9	SAT	9-12 Noon	Nov.16-30	W-2	B. Sablan	\$85
CM 020 INTRO TO LOTUS 1-2-3 v.5.0 FOR WINDOWS	12	M,W	6:30-8:30PM	Nov.6-27	W-2	F. Guerrero	\$110
CM 061 INTERMEDIATE dBASE III PLUS APPLICATIONS	15	M,F	6:30-9:00PM	Oct.21-Nov.15	W-3	S. Mensah	\$140
CM 063 ADVANCED COMPUTERIZED ACCOUNTING	24	T,Th	6:30-8:30PM	Oct.29-Dec.10	W-3	S. Mensah	\$175
CM 065 MICROSOFT OFFICE 95 (PROFESSIONAL) BASICS			COMING SOON!	CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION			
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CM 015 MACINTOSH: THE BASICS	6	SAT	9-12 Noon	Sept.28-Oct.5	W-1	R. Newport	\$65
CM 035 INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD 5.1 FOR THE MAC	9	SAT	9-12 Noon	Oct.19-Nov.2	W-1	E. DL. Guerrero	\$85
CM 036 INTRO TO EXCEL v. 5.0 FOR THE MAC	9	SAT	9-12 Noon	Nov.16-30	W-1	E. DL. Guerrero	\$85
BUSINESS							
BU 039 EFFECTIVE LETTERS AND MEMOS	6	T,Th	6:30-8:00PM	Oct.15-24	V-205	B. Johnson	\$65
BU 033 GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION FOR THE OFFICE	6	T,Th	6:30-8:00PM	Sept.17-26	A-4	B. Johnson	\$65
BU 034 RESUMES THAT WORK	3	M,W	7:00-8:30PM	Oct.7 & 9	V-110	M. Actouka	\$40
OT 010 OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	10	T,Th	6:30-8:00PM	Oct.1-22	W-4	B. Sablan	\$90
BU 044 INTRODUCTION TO BASIC FINANCIAL PLANNING & INVESTMENT	10	M,W	6:00-8:00PM	Sept.16-30	C-4	S. Samari	\$90
LANGUAGE							
JA 040-1 BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE	20	M,W	6:30-8:00PM	Sept.16-Oct.30	A-11	K. Seki	\$105
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JA 042 INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE	20	T,W,Th	6:30-8:00PM	Nov.5-Dec.5	A-11	K. Seki	\$105
EN 010 BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH, LEVEL A	24	M,W,F	7:00-8:30PM	Sept.16-Oct.23	A-7	B. Perez	\$130
EN 011 BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH, LEVEL B	24	M,W,F	7:00-8:30PM	Oct.28-Dec.6	A-7	B. Perez	\$130
EN 012 INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH	24	M,W,F	7:00-8:30PM	Oct.28-Dec.6	A-9	Staff	\$130
CH 010 BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL CHAMORRO	20	T,Th	6:30-8:00PM	Sept.17-Oct.29	A-6	M. Rosario	\$105
CH 011 INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL CHAMORRO	20	T,Th	6:30-8:00PM	Nov.5-Dec.19	A-6	M. Rosario	\$105
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GC 077 NUTRITION AND YOUR HEALTH	8	T,Th	6:00-7:45PM	Oct.1-22	C-4	M. Davis	\$80
GC 090-1 BASIC CPR AND FIRST AID	12	M,Th	6:00-9:00PM	Sept.23-26	V-110	M. Davis	\$95
GC 090-2 BASIC CPR AND FIRST AID	12	SAT	8-12 Noon	Oct.12-26	V-110	M. Davis	\$95
GC 060 GOLF FOR BEGINNERS AND THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	12	SAT	3:00-5:00PM	T B A	Lau Lau Bay Res.	Staff	\$100
GC 021 AEROBICS	12/P/M	M,W,F	6:00-7:00PM	Sept,Oct,Nov,Dec.	Bldg. K	J. Ulloa-Heath	\$48/P/M
GC 083 GENERAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY	7	Th	8:00-4:00PM	Nov. 7	V-108	A. Johnson	\$25.
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ARTS & CRAFTS							
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AC 015 WATERCOLOR PAINTING	18	T	6:00-9:00PM	Oct.8-Nov.12	R-1	C. Adams-Scott	\$85
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US denies Farrakhan bid to take \$1B Libyan donation

By JIM DRINKARD
WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government has denied Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan permission to accept a promised \$1 billion gift from Libya to help American blacks economically and politically.

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Accused of supporting global terrorism, Libya for years has been under U.S. sanctions that bar most financial transactions between the two countries and limit travel.

Farrakhan had applied last week to the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, asking that he be granted an exemption from the sanctions to permit acceptance of the \$1 billion pledged by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi during a visit Farrakhan made to Libya in January.

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Clinton envoy calls for coalition against Cuba

By JOHN RICE
MEXICO CITY (AP) - Amid a barrage of criticism about a new law directed at Cuba, a U.S. presidential envoy attempted to rally support for efforts to bring democracy to the island.

Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat began a mission Wednesday following widespread negative reaction to a U.S. law that tightens a trade embargo against the communist state. At a time when the world is moving inextricably toward democracy, he said Cuba remains the only non-democratic nation in the Western hemisphere.

"It is an anachronism," Eizenstat said in the statement released by the U.S. Embassy after his arrival in Mexico.

"And just as the United States and Mexico have worked together to expand trade, address environmental problems, and fight narcotics trafficking, we should work more closely together to bring democracy and free-

dom to the entire hemisphere," the statement said.

Eizenstat's visit became the focal point for criticism of U.S. policies toward Cuba - particularly the new Helms-Burton Act denounced by most key American allies.

Just two days before Eizenstat's arrival, President Ernesto Zedillo called the Helms-Burton law "simply a violation of international law."

Signed into law in March, the measure is designed to punish foreign companies using Cuban property that was expropriated from American firms after President Fidel Castro came to power 37 years ago.

American companies could sue foreign firms using their former Cuban properties and the American government could refuse U.S. visas to those firms' executives.

Most countries see the U.S. law as an American attempt to dictate their trading partners and an attack on their national sovereignty.

Eizenstat acknowledged in a brief-

ing for U.S. reporters that "we do have differences." But he said he hoped to separate the Helms-Burton law from U.S. efforts to promote democracy in Cuba.

He also hinted at a carrot-and-stick approach.

If countries worked together to promote democracy in Cuba, President Clinton would take that into consideration in deciding whether to allow lawsuits against foreign companies, Eizenstat said.

Clinton recently delayed lawsuits under Helms-Burton for six months. By Jan. 16, he must decide whether to permit suits or continue to block them.

Eizenstat denied he was trying to pressure other countries. "We're not coming here with a gun to anyone's head," he said.

Eizenstat, a Commerce undersecretary, met Wednesday with Mexico's foreign and commerce ministers, as well as business leaders. He was to visit Canada later this week and then travel to Europe.

Simpson gets warm reception at church



O.J. Simpson

By LARRY MARGASAK
WASHINGTON (AP) - O.J. Simpson was greeted with cheers and thunderous applause at an inner-city church and told his admirers: "I've got the Lord on my side."

Prohibited by a gag order from discussing the pending wrongful death civil suit against him, Simpson spoke instead Wednesday about his faith in God and about "the barracudas" and

"bottom feeders" in the media.

More than 1,000 well-wishers paid \$10 each to hear Simpson speak at Scripture Cathedral, a Baptist church in Washington's predominantly black Shaw neighborhood.

It was Simpson's first appearance in the nation's capital since his acquittal last October of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. Their relatives filed a wrongful death lawsuit and the civil trial is to start Sept. 17.

Speaking without a prepared text, Simpson did not discuss the specifics of his murder trial. But during a question-and-answer session, he acknowledged that he had "a lot of anger" when he got out of jail, where he was held until the murder trial was concluded.

"People worked with me, and I got rid of my anger," he said. "I've got the Lord on my side." The crowd roared its approval.

Referring to the way the criminal justice system treats minorities, Simpson said: "When I was walking the halls (in jail) all I saw was blacks and Latinos."

Simpson reserved his sharpest criticism for media coverage surrounding his murder trial and its aftermath.

"Who holds the media responsible?" Simpson asked. "Who's watching the media? They would rather run with the rumors and innuendoes. How many times did they have to be wrong before it cost them their jobs."

Simpson, who wore a business suit and frequently wiped his face with a towel in the warm church, drew laughter by describing a news report that he had gone off and gotten married.

"I was in my own bed in Los Angeles," he said. "I wasn't even invited to my own wedding."

Before Simpson spoke, a series of speakers whipped up the overwhelmingly black audience by denouncing coverage of Simpson's trial and injustice toward blacks.

The former football star stood at the microphone for several minutes before he could speak as the crowd thundered his nicknames, "O.J." and "Juice."

As people filed into the church to hear Simpson speak, across the street about two dozen domestic violence protesters carried signs, saying "What If We Took Domestic Violence Seriously" and "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

"We don't think a known abuser of women should be a role model for anyone, much less speaking in a church, much less speaking in our nation's capital, and that's besides my personal belief that he got away with murder," said Caitlin Hills, 26, of Washington.

Washington attorney Mary Cox, an organizer of the appearance, said despite Simpson's acquittal, his trial "exposed to the world an unjust system" for black criminal defendants.

On a radio show Monday, Simpson said, "It is my opinion that if the victims were not white, I wouldn't be in the situation I'm in."

Democrats' focus off foreign issues

By DAVID BRISCOE
CHICAGO (AP) - The world from Chicago looks pretty good, but who's looking?

With no obvious international disaster and no U.S. troops in dire peril, foreign policy is under a dim spotlight at the Democratic National Convention and in the 1996 presidential campaign.

Vice President Al Gore summed up the world in one sentence in his showcase nomination-night address Wednesday:

"And our strength at home has led to renewed respect abroad, nuclear missiles no longer targeted at our cities, democracy replacing tyranny in Haiti, peace replacing war in Bosnia, leadership toward reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Middle East."

President Clinton is expected

to expand on that in his acceptance speech Thursday night, but election battle lines that are along backyard fences, not international borders.

It's staxes, not U.N. dues; teenage smoking, not foreign wars, that dominate the debate.

Only a handful of speakers who paraded to the podium in the United Center over the convention's first three days touched on foreign issues.

And only George Mitchell, politician-turned-diplomat, gave a spirited defense of four years of Clinton foreign policy. In a little-noticed address on the convention's second day, the former Senate majority leader, now chairman of Northern Irish peace talks, said the president has guided the spread of freedom and democracy with a "sure hand and steady nerve."

"Never has a nation combined

so much strength and respect as the United States does today," said Mitchell, echoing foreign policy sections of the party's platform.

The Democratic Party's task, Mitchell said, is "to make sure that as we enter the next century, America is still leading the world and Bill Clinton is still leading America."

Two of the most prominent Democrats involved in foreign policy came to town but stayed away from the convention and away from any partisan defense of Clinton's actions, observing diplomatic tradition.

Madeleine Albright, ambassador to the United Nations, and former Vice President Walter Mondale, ambassador to Japan, touted Clinton's world view before hundreds of foreign observers gathered for an international conference in a downtown Chi-

cago hotel.

Neither Albright nor Mondale directly addressed the scathing attacks from top foreign policy figures at the Republican convention, former Secretary of State James Baker and former U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

The two Republicans who once commanded respect around the world as the chief proponents of U.S. foreign policy talked as if describing a different world from the one Democrats claim to have shaped.

Baker's assessment of Clinton's presidency: "Four years of flip-flops and photo-ops passing for a foreign policy." Kirkpatrick accused Clinton of sending U.S. soldiers "on dangerous missions which were not vital to our national interests."

The low illumination given foreign policy at the Democratic Convention hasn't kept throngs of foreign journalists and diplomats from keeping close watch on a presidential election process that many find amusing and mystifying.

More than 600 diplomats and foreign officials are camped out at the Hotel Intercontinental in downtown Chicago with giant video screens to monitor the convention.

They're attending a series of forums sponsored by the National Democratic Institute to explain the process.

More than 2,000 foreign journalists and crew members compete with the thousands of domestic reporters, photographers and other media workers covering the convention from tents and trailers surrounding the convention arena.

Senator: Safer America a good reason to vote for Clinton-Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) - Success in making America safer and stronger is reason enough to vote for President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, a U.S. senator told the Democratic convention Wednesday night.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, credited the Clinton administration with ending the era of big nuclear stockpiles as well as the era of big government.

"From the silos of Ukraine to the laboratories of North Korea, nuclear programs are frozen and nuclear bombs are being dismantled," Lieberman said.

He brought cheers with the often-repeated declaration that no nuclear missiles are now pointed at U.S. cities.

Lieberman noted Clinton support for treaties banning nuclear tests and chemical weapons, saying, "Unless we keep America safe and secure in the world, all that we try to do to make life better here at home will be worth very little."

Clinton has projected American power and moral leadership throughout the world, Lieberman said. "American resolve has projected peace and held dictators at bay," he said.

He credited Clinton with ending genocide and helping revive NATO in Bosnia and praised him for enforcing strong sanctions against Iran, Iraq, Libya and Cuba.

The U.S. military, Lieberman said, has completed a successful restructuring.

"It is leaner, but by any measure - readiness, force structure, technological edge - it is also meaner and is prepared to meet the security challenges of the post-Cold War period," he said.

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N. Zealand buys French missiles

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - New Zealand ended an eight-month ban on French military purchases on Thursday when its defense minister announced its army will buy French-built heat-seeking anti-aircraft missiles.

The \$1.5 billion (NZ \$2.3 billion) missile deal was arranged last year, but was suspended by New Zealand in retaliation against French nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

France conducted a series of six tests in Polynesia despite protests by New Zealand.

Australia and Pacific island countries.

France ended the test series in January and promised not to detonate any more blasts. It also signed a treaty that declares the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone.

A New Zealand foreign ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the purchase is part of a "cautious and deliberate" approach to restore relations with France.

Defense Minister Paul East said the Mistral heat-seeking missiles are designed to protect ground installations from low-level

air attack. They will be used to protect New Zealand troops on United Nations peace-keeping duty, he said. The price includes night sights, targets, early warning radar and training for the army.



Some of the 200 pilot whales stranded on rocks are rescued by volunteers near Dunsborough, West Australia. Residents alerted rescuers after cries from the mammals were heard late the night before. Most of the whale were herded back to sea but 20 died before the 500 volunteers could complete the rescue. AP Photo

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Indonesia seeks Dutch help in fight against drug's entry

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Indonesia's health minister said Wednesday he will ask Dutch leaders to help Indonesia combat trafficking in the psychedelic drug Ecstasy, much of which comes from the Netherlands.

Health Minister Sujudi said he would make the request during a visit next month by his Dutch counterpart, Els Borst. "I will definitely discuss Ecstasy with her. But I won't accuse the Netherlands of anything," said Sujudi, who uses one name.

Authorities in Jakarta alone have seized 128,500 pills of Ecstasy since March. Several Dutch nationals and Indonesians have been arrested arriving from the Netherlands, whose liberal drug policies have been a target of criticism by foreign law enforcement officials.

Indonesia is considering raising the possible jail term for trafficking in Ecstasy to 20 years from seven years and raising possible fines to 400 million rupiah (\$170,000) from 124 million rupiah (\$53,000).

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Proposal packages can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan MP 96950. The proposal packages cost \$30. Checks can be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The pre-bid conference will be held on August 16, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Rota ARFF Building, Rota International Airport.

Proposals will be received by the CPA until 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 1996 in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on September 13, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, Second Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

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

Victor B. Hocog, Chairman
CPA Board of Directors

/S/Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer



Boomer, an Australian cattle dog, leaps over Daisy, a Chesapeake Bay retriever to catch a Frisbee during a performance at Cal Expo in Sacramento, Calif., last Friday. The pair, part of a group called the K-9 Comets, are owned and trained by Rocket Hoskins and perform three times daily during the California State Fair. AP Photo

Boy's body recovered from cave in Chiapas

CHENALHO, Mexico (AP) - Rescue workers have recovered the body of a 13-year-old boy from a cave in the troubled southern Chiapas state and planned to continue efforts Thursday to extract four more bodies.

Volunteer firefighters used ropes Wednesday to pull the body of Nicolas Entzin Gomez from a 300-foot (90 meters) -deep, trash-filled cave.

Family members said the boy had been thrown down the pit after being kidnapped Aug. 19, along with three other youths, from this highlands town 12 miles (19 kilometers) north of San Cristobal de las Casas.

Authorities believe the remaining bodies include those of the other three boys.

One badly decomposed body was recovered by firefighters Monday, but remains unidentified.

The possible identities of the other two bodies in the cave, as well as the motive for the killings, continues to puzzle authorities and human rights workers.

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4. Water must be available 24 hours a day. Building must either be connected to a septic tank or a sewer system.
5. Any work whether inside or outside of the building must be completed prior to September 09, 1996 before the commencement of the HeadStart operation.
6. Price quotation can be on a \$ per square foot of the interior space or bulk figure. If bulk figure is given, the available interior space must be given.
7. The lease period must be for one year.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope facemarked "IFB96-009" and submitted to the Procurement and Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., September 23, 1996 at which time and place all bids will be read aloud.

A non refundable fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check or a cashier's check or other forms acceptable by P S S Treasurer and made payable to the P S S Treasurer. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit. The P S S has the right to award or reject any or all bids if its to the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to this bid maybe directed to Mr. Dino R. Taitano, Director HeadStart Program at telephone numbers 664-3751 or 664-3755.

/S/William S. Torres
Commissioner Of Education

/S/Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

Drug kingpin retracts accusation vs official

LIMA, Peru (AP) - A reputed drug kingpin who claimed he made payoffs to a top presidential adviser has changed his story, saying he wasn't feeling well the day he made the accusation.

Demetrio Chavez Penaherrera, who is on trial for drug trafficking, testified Aug. 16 that he had paid national security adviser Vladimiro Montesinos \$50,000 a month during 1991 and 1992.

But on Wednesday, Chavez Penaherrera told the court that he never met Montesinos.

"I don't remember things. I'm not well. I talk to myself at night and scream," Chavez Penaherrera told the court.

Chavez Penaherrera, known as "Vaticano" or "Vatican" was sentenced to 30 years in prison in 1994 on charges of treason for helping Shining Path guerrillas.

He has admitted to cocaine trafficking and has said he also paid off army officers to protect his business. But he denies helping the Maoist guerrillas.

Montesinos, de facto head of Peru's national intelligence service, is one of Fujimori's top advisers and is considered an architect of the government's counter-insurgency campaign. Many consider him to be the second-most powerful man in the country.

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On the Charles-Diana saga

Divorce opened new chapter

By AUDREY WOODS
LONDON (AP) - Freed from an unhappy marriage played out in public, Prince Charles and Princess Diana may be hoping for a little privacy. But a headline-hungry press has a very different idea.

Their divorce opens up a whole new set of soap opera-quality questions: What will Diana do with her life? Can Charles win back British

hearts? And most riveting of all, whom will they love?

The Sun newspaper celebrated the birth of a new story by covering Thursday's front page with a closeup of post-divorce Diana - topped with the headline "Bye Bye Big Ears."

The ever-watchful tabloids have not yet spied a new amour for Diana. But with the red ink barely dry on Wednesday's divorce decree, Prince

Charles' sometime lover Camilla Parker Bowles is under renewed attack.

Tabloids are mounting phone-in polls about whether she should marry the future king, and running long stories saying awful things about the horsey divorcee.

"She smokes, she jokes, and is capable of dressing for dinner after a day in the saddle without pausing to



Charles and Diana in AP file photo

have a bath," the Scottish newspaper The Herald sniffed, without saying how it got to know herso well.

Commentators have acknowledged, however grudgingly, that Mrs. Parker Bowles has maintained a dignified silence in the face of constant criticism, never spilling even the smallest tidbit of personal information to a press corps avid for crumbs of any kind - regardless of taste.

The verdict of statistically meaningless phone-in polls organized by some tabloids is that Charles should not marry Mrs. Parker Bowles. Or as The Sun put it on Tuesday: "Bed Her Don't Wed Her."

"If Charles does indeed love Camilla Parker Bowles it is a love which will have to survive persecution and humiliation on a bleak and epic scale," The Guardian newspaper said Wednesday.

Neither she nor he has ever indicated they wished to wed. Charles has

repeatedly said through his office that he has no plans to remarry.

Royal historian and expert Hugo Vickers thinks he means it.

"He's very much a loner you know," Vickers told Sky News. "My feeling is he will now present himself as a bachelor Prince of Wales and, in due course, a bachelor king."

Prince Charles, hidden away in Scotland with his children on Wednesday, faces a big job when the vacation is over. He has to win back the approval of future subjects disillusioned by his affair. Today's constitutional monarchy, which costs the taxpayer at least 50 million pounds (\$ 75 million) a year, ignores public opinion at its peril.

Diana's affair - with her riding instructor James Hewitt appears not to have hurt her much in the eyes of the public.

"She is immensely popular in her own right," Vickers pointed out. And "she's very, very good at her charity work."

The princess dropped nearly 100 of those charities six weeks ago, the day after the interim divorce decree. Although Diana is mistress of the grand gesture, this one may have backfired, leaving many with the impression she was sulking.

Nevertheless, Diana remains part of the royal family because her sons Prince William, 14, and Prince Harry, 11, are in line to the throne.

The divorce settlement has also left her very rich - news reports put her lump-sum divorce settlement at upwards of 17 million pounds (\$ 26.35 million).

And apparently still very well liked. As The Daily Express shouted Thursday morning, she's "Divorced But Not Defeated."

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Report: Military officials in South Russia pocketed funds

MOSCOW (AP) - Military officials in southern Russia sold the railway terminal used to supply troops in Chechnya and now the army has been forced to rent it back, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Proceeds from the sale disappeared, said the weekly Moscow News.

The railway terminal in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan was sold for 800 million rubles (\$ 151,000) to a local branch of the Russian natu-

ral gas monopoly Gazprom, the newspaper said.

The deal was sanctioned by Lt. Gen. Leonid Shatvorian, deputy commander of the North Caucasus military district, the report said.

The 8-hectare (acre) terminal has several depots, and its real value is at least three times higher, said a military transport chief, who was not named in the report.

The station is the only railway terminal for delivering sup-

plies to army units in the region, including the breakaway republic of Chechnya. Now the army has to rent the facility from Gazprom, the newspaper said.

The Russian media has carried numerous reports on corruption among the top brass. In a highly-publicized speech to the Russian Parliament last month, Gen. Lev Rokhlin, the chairman of parliament's defense committee, accused top military leaders of embezzling millions of dollars in state funds.

20 people get death sentences in China

BEIJING (AP) - Twenty convicted criminals were sentenced to death in Southern China, according to an official report.

The Zhanjiang City Intermediate People's Court handed down death sentences for rape, robbery and murder convictions, an official newspaper reported Wednesday evening.

The Yangchang Evening News report was received in Beijing Thursday.

More than 2,000 death sentences have been handed down since China began its "Strike Hard" anti-crime campaign last April.

One of those sentenced was Zheng Pingzhong, an unemployed man convicted of tossing a stick of dynamite into the home of a neighbor who had criticized him for entertaining prostitutes.

The neighbors' 4-year-old daughter was killed by the exploding dynamite, the report

said.

The report did not give details of any of the other crimes.

Zhanjiang is in Guangdong province, about 450 kilometers (280 miles) southwest of Hong Kong.

Western rights groups have criticized the large number of death sentences being handed down in China's current crime crackdown, saying that trials are often hasty and executions carried out without appeals.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC RFP 96-0036

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One (1) original proposal and four (4) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC RFP 96-0036 to the Special Advisor for Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than Monday, September 23, 1996, at 1600 hours (4:00 p.m.), local time.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose or obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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

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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF 3 MGD REVERSE OSMOSIS DESALINATION PLANT AUGUST 23, 1996

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1. Design, engineer and erect a seawater reverse osmosis plant capable of producing not less than 3.0 million gallons of desalinated water per day.
2. Perform all civil works including construction of sea water wells or intake, connection to the existing distribution system including foundations and structures and possible rehabilitation of an existing 9 million gallon underground storage reservoir and/or construction of new storage tanks.
3. Submit, as Option No. 1, construction of a 1 MGD reverse osmosis plant capable of expansion to 3 MGD. Submit, as Option No. 2, construction of a 3 MGD reverse osmosis plant with financing schemes and a minimum repayment term of five (5) years. Present options to build and operate the plant, train operators and transfer operation and/or ownership of the plant over to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) at one, two or three years.
4. Provide and install all hardware, equipment and devices needed. Upon completion, the plant shall be fully functional.
5. The plant and all water produced by the plant must meet all Environmental Protection Agency, other U.S. and CNMI codes and standards applicable to design, construction and operation of the plant, including a chloride level of less than 250 milligrams per liter. All codes and standards must be of the latest revision in effect at time of transfer to CUC.
6. The plant shall undergo a 180 day continuous acceptance test at full output.
7. All permits required to erect and operate the desalination plant shall be secured by the contractor.
8. A rate analysis, which identifies the consumer's final cost per gallon of water produced including administrative costs, shall be included as part of each proposal.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections made based on experience of firm on related projects (25%), overall plan (20%), quality of materials and membrane warrantee (20%) project schedule (20%) and price and cost to consumer (15%).

A pre-proposal conference will be held in the CUC Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 1996. All interested persons are strongly urged to attend.

Ten (10) sets of proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC RFP 96-0037, to Mr. Timothy P. Villagomez, Chairman of the Governor's Water Emergency Task Force, c/o Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, October 3, 1996.

The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the necessary funding and/or required approval to enter into legally binding arrangements to complete the entire projects.

Firms must provide a bid bond equal to 2% of the first year's contract amount, and, upon award, a performance bond equal to 100% of the installed value of the completed facility.

All responses to this RFP should take into account and all taxes that will be charged to the successful bidder in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

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.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors, who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

The Governor's Water Emergency Task Force reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in the proposals if, in its sole opinion to do so, would be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the property of the Governor's Water Emergency Task Force.

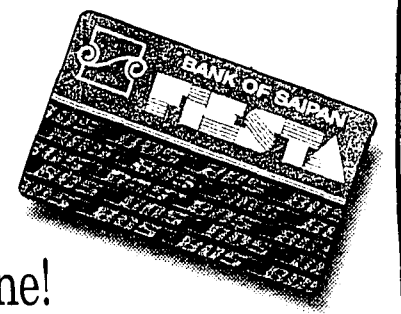
For further information, please contact Mr. Preston L. Fisher at telephone number (670) 322-9383 or fax (670) 322-9382.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Chairman, Governor's Water Emergency Task Force

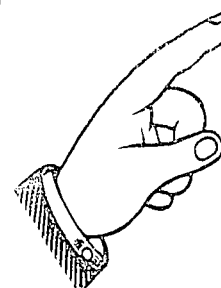
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Floral Lane	Morika's Gallery	Video Land
Futuristic Systems	Mother & Child Care	Watch Discount & Repair
Getaway Travel	National Office Supply	White House/Photo Lab
Glory Market	New Fresh Market	WST Auto Shop
Golden Lobster Restaurant	Orchids Club	YCO Corporation
Halina's Kitchen	Pacific Basin Insurance	
Happy Market	Pacific Gardenia Hotel	

8 die in new Bangladesh floods

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Eight people, including five children, drowned in swirling flood waters as a rain-swollen river inundated at least 50 villages in northern Bangladesh, officials said Thursday.

The deluge in the remote region marooned at least 45,000 people in their homes on Monday and Tuesday, government officials in the region said.

In July, floods killed at least 115 people and affected tens of thousands of people who either lost their mud-and-thatch huts and rice crops.

The latest floods hit Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts when the Mahananda river burst its banks after heavy rains.

Because communications links were disrupted, news of the floods did not reach Dhaka until Thursday.

day.

Three children were washed away by swirling flood waters on Tuesday in Rajshahi district, 192 kilometers (120 miles) northwest of Dhaka, the capital city.

Another two children and three men drowned in the neighboring Chapainawabganj district, officials said over telephone.

The government has sent rice and water-purifying tablets to the

area.

Bangladesh, a low-lying delta nation of 120 million people, is buffeted by floods and cyclones that kill hundreds of people every year. At least 2,000 people died in the nation's two worst floodings in 1987 and 1988.

World Bank urges India to complete reform agenda

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Despite record industrial and economic growth in recent years, India must maintain its reform program and encourage foreign investment to keep up with the rest of Asia, the World Bank said Wednesday.

India's ambitious free market program, introduced five years ago, has taken great strides to improve growth, the bank said in its annual India country report released to the media.

But an unfinished reform agenda needs strong support from international donors to rebuild the country's aging and in cases dilapidated infrastructure.

India is facing an "imminent crisis" because of its undeveloped infrastructure, including inadequate power supplies and poor road, rail and port facilities, the bank warned.

India, however, is trying to attract investment in its infrastructure sectors.

India needs \$ 200 billion in foreign and domestic investment over the next five years to upgrade its power, telecommunications, roads and ports.

India says it needs about \$ 10 billion in foreign investment each year to maintain a growth rate of around 6 percent of gross domestic product.

The World Bank estimated that India would need \$ 8 billion this year and \$ 13 billion annually for the next four years, the latest report said.

The bank, however, said benefits from the reforms could be quickly lost unless the government reduced dependency on subsidies for food and fertilizers. The government must also trim public sector employment by selling off state-owned companies.

Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, who took office on June 1, has promised to continue reforms started by former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Congress Party government.

But Gowda's new center-left coalition government is unlikely to agree to many of Rao's reforms because it draws much of its support from the farm lobby, which enjoys heavy subsidies.

Also, communists in Gowda's coalition are opposed to selling public sector industries and the reduction of food subsidies.

The World Bank report said the federal government needs to reduce its fiscal deficit to around 3.5 percent of GDP. That would free resources for public investment and create conditions for growth of seven percent a year.

APEC adopts environment friendly energy approach

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Pacific Rim energy ministers reached broad agreement on Thursday on how to power the region's economic boom in a financially viable and environmentally-friendly way.

The ministers from the 18-member Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum adopted a 14-point non-binding plan to cope with a huge rise in energy demands forecast next century.

APEC currently uses more than half of the world's energy output. An estimated \$ U.S. 1.6 trillion investment will be needed to build power plants and other energy infrastructure by 2010.

The meeting's host Australian Resources and Energy Minister Warwick Parer said the private sector will be encouraged to help fund this expansion as regional governments don't have the economic strength to do it alone.

The meeting, which is the first of its kind for APEC energy ministers, resolved to reduce energy subsidies by governments and to drop other protection progressively.

It called on governments to implement energy prices that reflect true economic costs and the cost to the environment.

The plan also calls for greater energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Alternative sources of energy will also be researched.

In the past environmentalists have

suggested that the Pacific Rim's economic boom break major environmental damage from growing numbers of oil and coal-fired power plants.

"The environmental concerns of the region were paramount in our discussions. There was very broad consensus of the importance of attending to the environmental considerations if this region is to meet its growth aspirations," said Charles Curtis, U.S. deputy Secretary of Energy.

"We recognize that the production and use of energy not only defines the capacity of economic growth it also defines environmental quality."

During their two-day meeting the ministers agreed to work towards the imposition of environmental controls on new power plants.

A working group on regional energy will devise a framework to integrate environmental conditions into plans for energy networks and approval processes for proposed plants.

"A strong sentiment came through from all parties that environmental aspects were a fundamental part of energy policy situations," said Bob Alderson of Australia's Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

The 14-point plan will be discussed by individual governments as well as APEC heads of government at their annual meeting in the Philippines in November.



Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity pray for Mother Teresa at her convent in Calcutta Friday. Mother Teresa's condition worsened Friday, one day after her heart stopped beating for about a minute. Doctors decided to keep her on a respirator. She suffered left ventricular failure, which constricts the flow of blood to the heart, doctors said Friday. They said they were using intravenous medication to control the problem. (AP Photo)

Mother Teresa starts eating something solid

CALCUTTA, India (AP) - Mother Teresa ate solid food for the first time in more than a week on Thursday in a Calcutta hospital, where she was admitted for malaria and later developed cardiac and lung problems.

The Catholic nun was progressing steadily, doctors at the Woodlands Nursing Home said.

But because of an ongoing irregular heart beat, doctors are still keeping a close watch over her recovery.

"Because of her age we have to be very cautious," said Dr. S.K. Sen, medical director of the nursing home. Mother Teresa turned 86 on Tuesday.

The fact she ate biscuits and half a banana and had tea for breakfast on Thursday signi-

fied a definite improvement over her condition last week when she was on a respirator and struggling against three heart failures in as many days.

Doctors hope to take her out of the intensive care unit this week, Sen said. But they are not saying when she could leave the hospital.

Mother Teresa was hospitalized Aug. 20 with a 100-degree F (37.8 C) fever brought on by malaria. Doctors say the fever aggravated her heart condition. A respirator to help her breathe had caused a lung infection.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate has been battling illness for years. She suffered a heart attack in 1983. Six years later, a second, stronger, heart attack left her with a pacemaker.

Turkey promises it will donate \$20M for Bosnia reconstruction

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkey and Bosnia on Wednesday agreed that Ankara would donate \$ 20 million to help Bosnia recover from war.

Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan said 25 percent of the money be used for treatment of wounded war vic-

tims and the rest would finance reconstruction projects.

Bosnia's prime minister, Hasan Muratovic, who arrived in Ankara Tuesday, urged Turkish businessmen to invest in his country.

A separate \$ 60 million agreement will be signed later in the day to help Bosnia import Turk-

ish goods over the next three years.

Muslim Turkey has close ethnic and cultural bonds with Bosnian Muslims and has been training Bosnian Muslim soldiers in bases just outside of the capital Ankara.

Erbakan is particularly keen on strengthening Turkey's ties with Muslim nations.

Quake rocks NZ island

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - A magnitude 5.5 earthquake rocked New Zealand's South Island on Thursday.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or serious damage.

The quake shook the city of Christchurch and surrounding towns as far away as 160 miles (250 kilometers) just before 0500 GMT

(5 p.m. New Zealand time). Residents described it as a sharp shudder and jolt.

Seismologists at the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences said it was centered near the resort town of Hanmer Springs, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) north of Christchurch.


An earthquake measuring 5 can cause considerable damage.

10th ANNIVERSARY MASS

In loving memory of our beloved

Olympio Tudela Borja

JULY 26, 1930 - SEPTEMBER 6, 1986



We, the family would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the 10th Year Anniversary of our loved one.

Daily mass will be offered at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral, beginning August 29 (Thursday) thru September 6. On September 1 (Sunday) mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m.

On the final day September 6, (Friday) mass will be offered at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately after the mass at Halina's Kitchen in San Antonio.

Thank You
The Family

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP-NMHC-05/96

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), formerly the Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA), is soliciting sealed bid for the Rehabilitation of the Section 8 Housing Units in Rota, "Exclusively Labor Cost Only". Bid must be in duplicate, must be marked RFP-NMHC-05/96 and must be submitted to the Corporate Director at the NMHC office at Garapan, Saipan, until 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, September 20, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security bond may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond made payable to the NMHC. The bidder is required to submit the following documents with the proposal (1) a copy of his/her business permits in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; (2) current financial statement; (3) a listing of existing and past projects, including dates of completion; (4) a listing of manpower with copies of employee's CNMI issued work permits; and (5) a completed listing of equipments.

Plans and scope of work of the project is available at the respective NMHC offices at Garapan, Saipan or at Songsong Village, Rota. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set of the plan and scope of work. Check should be made payable to "NMHC". The bidder is required to submit with his/her proposal, name(s) of employee(s) and their title(s) who are designated and authorized by the company to inspect the individual housing units for the purpose of submitting bid estimates. This list shall be submitted upon payment of the \$150.00 for the plans and scope of work.

The NMHC hereby notifies all qualified bidders that minority and business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this request for proposal and bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, and national origin in consideration for an award.

Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, September 6, 1996, at the NMHC Office, at Garapan in Saipan. Questions concerning the plans, scope of work and Special Provisions should be submitted prior to the conference.

The NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the NMHC.

Mary Lou Ada Sirok
Corporate Director

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Russian airplane with 141 people crashes in Arctic

OSLO, Norway (AP) - A Russian passenger airline carrying 141 people crashed in the arctic Thursday, spreading its wreckage across the side of a remote mountain. Norwegian rescue officials said.

The plane crashed 10 kilometers (six miles) from the Longyearbyen airport on the Svalbard archipelago's main island of Spitsbergen, according to Rune B. Hansen, acting governor of the Norwegian islands north of the Arctic Circle.

Hansen said 141 people, including the 12 crew members, were reported to be on board. Rescue personnel had not yet reached the scene.

The Tupolev 154 belonged to the Russian carrier Vnukovo Airlines, according to Finn Bjornar Hansen of the Bodoe Rescue Center.

The plane was en route from Moscow and said to be carrying Russian workers to a coal mine in the area.

France expels 88 illegal immigrants to Africa

By JOSEPH SCHUMAN
PARIS (AP)—France deported 88 illegal African immigrants overnight to their countries of origin using two specially chartered planes, the biggest expulsion yet in the government's recent crackdown.

The Interior Ministry said the repatriated immigrants were sent to Mali, Senegal, Zaire and Tunisia.

Witnesses at Tunis airport, where a

French jet dropped off 12 Tunisians, said most of that all-male group had served time in French prisons before being expelled.

"I was supposed to leave prison today, but in place of finding my four-year-old child and my Algerian wife who has French nationality I found myself sent to Tunis," said Lamine Driss, a 34-year-old man who said he served two years in France for a drug-related crime.

It was not clear whether any of the deported were among the 220 illegal immigrants police expelled last week from a Paris church they had occupied two months to protest their undocumented status.

Chanting, "Papers for all," some 10,000 demonstrators marched through

Paris Wednesday night in support of the Africans who had taken sanctuary in Saint Bernard Church and to protest the planned deportations.

The anti-racism activist group known as MRAP called the expulsions "demagogic."

The Saint Bernard immigrants, who have set up their own solidarity organization, said in a communiqué that their "determination to obtain an administrative regularization remains intact."

Of the 220 hauled off from the church before dozens of reporters and television cameras, most have been released. Four were deported Saturday on an air force plane along with 53 other illegal aliens from Africa.

Business & Trade



Sony delays video disc sales

TOKYO (AP) - Sony Corp. said Wednesday the introduction of digital video disc players has been delayed to next spring due to concerns about an initial lack of software.

The company had originally planned to roll out the new devices by the end of the year but has said for some time that production will have to wait until next year.

The DVDs, seen as an eventual

replacement for CDs and videotape, use discs the same size as compact discs but are capable of storing seven to 14 times as much information.

But disputes about copy protection have delayed the production of software, as well as the DVD players, Sony spokesman Masanobu Sakaguchi said.

"We believe that was a reasonable business decision," he said. "You

can't do business just coming out with the hardware."

Other Japanese electronics makers such as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Toshiba Corp. and Hitachi Ltd. still plan to introduce their DVD players by the end of the year.

A Toshiba spokeswoman said the

company's DVD players will hit store shelves in the United States and Japan in time for Christmas shopping. Matsushita will give a Japanese sales date and pricing at a news conference Thursday, a spokesman said.

Goldman Sachs analyst Hitoshi Kuriyama said the only thing hurt by

Sony's staying out of the DVD market until next spring was its brand image as a trend-setting innovator.

"I always doubted whether bringing it out before Christmas was that crucial," he said. "It's going to take five years for it to grow into a major product."

Stocks fall for 2nd day; dollar slips

TOKYO (AP) - A pessimistic outlook on the nation's economy sent Tokyo share prices lower for the second consecutive day Thursday. The U.S. dollar slipped against the Japanese yen.

The Nikkei Stock Average fell 156.65 points, or 0.76 percent, closing the day at 20,553.16 points. On Wednesday, the index had shed 200.46 points, or 0.96 percent.

Stock prices slid on arbitrage-linked selling as many domestic institutional investors held back following Wednesday's release of a key government report that painted a sluggish economic picture.

Traders said the quarterly report, called Tankan, dampened market sentiments already weighed down by a summer slowdown in trading.

Tetsuya Ishijima, chief strategist with Okasan Securities, said the continued slump on the stock market may encourage the government to adopt pump-priming measures.

In late afternoon trading, the dollar stood at 108.29 yen, down 0.19 yen from late Thursday in Tokyo and also

below its late New York level overnight at 108.42 yen. It ranged between 108.25 yen and 108.53 yen Thursday.

Selling by Japanese market participants unwinding long dollar-yen positions around the mid-108-yen

level capped the American currency's gains, traders said.

The Tankan report had helped push the dollar higher, as hopes for an interest rate raise were dashed. Higher interest rates would have tended to push the yen up against the dollar.



Japanese executive Mamoru Konno, right, and his son Kenji Konno bow their heads during a news conference at a Sanyo factory near the U.S.-Mexico border in the Otay Mesa area of San Diego. Mamoru was released after being kidnapped in Mexico for nine days. He read a short statement in Japanese during the news conference. AP Photo

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION VACANCY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT Loan Specialist I

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting employment applications for the position of Loan Specialist I for its central office in Garapan, Saipan.

The position involves moderately complex responsibilities associated with packaging or underwriting loans, and reports directly to the Manager, Mortgage Credit Division and handles federal, as well as local housing loan programs.

Duties and Responsibilities: Includes, but not limited to providing guidance and assistance to applicants during housing loan application intake; interviewing housing loan applicants; obtaining pertinent information regarding housing loan applicants for the purpose of making an informed decision as to the credit-worthiness and repayment ability of applicants; packaging housing loan applications for a variety of housing loan programs administered by NMHC or in which NMHC participates, in accordance with established policies and procedures; counseling of applicants and/or borrowers with credit problems; taking appropriate action with delinquent borrowers; maintaining appropriate waiting list, filing system of housing loan applications, approved and closed housing loans, to ensure quick retrieval of information and prompt follow-up of delinquencies, occupancy and/or mortgage insurance policies; conducting of site investigation of a prospective single-family dwelling unit project, recordation of legal instruments executed at loan closing or to release satisfied mortgages; conducting of research for questionable property ownership of housing loan applicants; service of legal notices for defaulted housing loans; performing other related tasks as assigned.

Salary: Minimum salary range is Grade 32, Step 01 at \$24,889.35 per annum or higher, depending on experience.

Qualification Requirements: Associate Degree in accounting or business administration or equivalent, or a high school graduate with a minimum of five (5) years experience in loan packaging or underwriting.

Equal Employment Opportunity: No person shall be denied employment, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability.

Interested applicant must submit an NMHC prescribed employment application form no later than Tuesday, September 3, 1996, to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950 or to the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan. Employment application forms are available at the Garapan office and may be picked up during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. For further information, please contact Diana Crisostimo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division at 234-9447/7689/7670.

Ms. MARYLOU ADA SIROK
Corporate Director

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JOINT ANNIVERSARY ROSARY



EDWARD MESA CABRERA
3rd Year Anniversary



FERMINA REYES CABRERA
10th Year Anniversary

We the children of the late Edward Mesa Cabrera and Fermina Reyes Cabrera would like to inform relatives and friends that Holy Rosary would begin for our beloved parents starting September 2, thru September 10, at the residence of Norman K. and Cynthia C. Pangelinan in Chalan Piao.

Last day of rosary would be on September 10th. Mass will be given at San Antonio Church at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after mass at Norman K. and Cynthia C. Pangelinan's residence. Please join us in prayers thank your

The Family

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



**RAMON FRANCISCO
DELA DELOS REYES**

Born: June 12, 1957
Died: August 27, 1996

Predeceased by his: Father: Antonio Sablan Delos Reyes Sister: Matilde DIG. Delos Reyes Daughter: Naomi Keola L. Delos Reyes

His peaceful memories will live in the hearts of his family.

Mother: Carmen DIG. Delos Reyes Wife: Ruth Waje Delos Reyes Son: Antonio Jose L. Delos Reyes Father In-Law: Aniceto G. Waje Mother In-Law: Jovita F. Waje

Sisters, Brothers and Spouses: Guadalupe Reyes Hofschneider, Bernard V. Hofschneider, Isabel Delos Reyes Tydingco, Antonio C. Tydingco, Antonio L.G. Reyes, Lola Ann P. Reyes

He is additionally survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews and also survived by various Brothers and Sisters-in-law living in the Philippines.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard V. Hofschneider at San Vicente. Last respect may be paid on Wednesday, September 04, 1996 beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the above residence. The final day, Wednesday, September 04, 1996, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Funeral mass will be offered on the same day at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Burial will follow immediately after mass at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia

Second Anniversary Rosary Regina Camacho Terlaje

We the family of the late Regina Camacho Terlaje would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the Second Year Anniversary Rosary of our beloved Mother & Grand mother.

Daily mass will be offered 6:00 pm beginning on Friday, August 30, 1996 thru September 7, 1996. On the final day September 7, (Saturday) mass will be offered 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately after the mass beside the church. Please join us in prayers thank you

The Families

MASS

8/30/96	FRIDAY	SAN VICENTE	6-PM
8/31/96	SATURDAY	SAN JOSE	6-PM
9/01/96	SUNDAY	SAN VICENTE	6-AM
09/02/96	MONDAY	SAN VICENTE	6-PM
9/03/96	TUESDAY	SAN ANTONIO	6-PM
9/04/96	WEDNESDAY	SAN JOSE	6-PM
9/05/96	THURSDAY	ST. JUDE	6-PM
9/06/96	FRIDAY	SAN VICENTE	6-PM
9/07/96	SATURDAY	SAN JOSE	6-AM

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

We, the family of the late

Juan Arriola Tenorio



son of Lino Pangelinan and Magdalena Arriola Tenorio (both deceased) cordially invite all our relatives, godchildren, classmates and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the Fifth Anniversary of the death of our beloved youngest brother.

Mass will be offered daily at 6:00 a.m. beginning Saturday, August 24th, through Sunday, September 1st at Kristo Rai Church.

Nightly rosary will be said at 8:00 p.m. at the family residence in Garapan. On the final day, Sunday, September 1st, the final rosary will be said at 5:00 p.m. at the family residence in Garapan, and will be followed by dinner.

Please join us and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

The Family

AUCTION SALE

Commonwealth Development Authority

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY DLG. SAN NICOLAS
and ESTELLA C. SAN NICOLAS,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 88-918

NOTICE OF FIRST SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants - Henry DLG. San Nicolas & Estella C. San Nicolas - in the following described real property situated in Tinian will be sold at an auction sale:

1. Tinian Municipality: Lot No. 006 T 85 (formerly Lot No. 008 T 49) (as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 005 T 03, dated April 26, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 906 square meters, more or less, including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property; and
2. Tract No. 033 T 06 containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 035 T 00, dated February 27, 1976, and including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, subject to the following announced terms and conditions.

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

2. Right and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

3. Minimum Bid. The minimum bid for any property listed in this notice shall be the total amount of principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs of sale due and owing CDA by the defendants - or the appraised value of the property - whichever is greater.

4. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the aforesaid property will revert to CDA.

5. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

Dated this 21st day of August, 1996.
/s/Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANCISCO W. TORRES
and DIANA C. TORRES,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 93-1066

NOTICE OF FIRST SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants - Francisco W. Torres & Diana C. Torres - in the following described real property situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, will be sold at an auction sale:

- Lot No. E.A. 881-12, containing an area of 930 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2080/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 14190 on the 7th day of May, 1982. This includes all improvements.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

2. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a.) The withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

3. Minimum Bid. The minimum bid for any property listed in this notice shall be the total amount of principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs of sale due and owing CDA by the defendants - or the appraised value of the property - whichever is greater.

4. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the aforesaid property will revert to CDA.

5. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

Dated this 21th day of August, 1996.
/s/Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,
vs.
GUILLERMINA C. CEPEDA,
Defendant.

Civil Action No. 91-1082

NOTICE OF THIRD SALE

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the defendant - Guillermina C. Cepeda - in the following described real property situated in Saipan and Tinian will be sold at an auction sale:

1. Land situated in Dandan, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as Lot No. 1691-11-1, and containing an area of 1,135 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 2072/81, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Documents No. 11917, on the 4th day of May, 1981. This includes all improvements located on the property.
2. Land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as Lot No. 001 T 38, and containing an area of 1,246 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 T 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 100-A, on the 23rd day of July, 1970, including all improvements.

(This property was earlier appraised at \$231,000.00); and

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at the Department of Public Safety Office, Susupe, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

2. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

3. Minimum Bid. The property is offered without a minimum bid.

4. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the aforesaid property will revert to CDA.

5. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

Dated this 21th day of August, 1996.
/s/Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

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OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 1996
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB96-0140
FOR: PROCUREMENT OF A VEHICLE W/ TRADE-IN

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1996
TIME: 2:30 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD S. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. RFP96-0135
FOR: TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES INCLUDING INSTALLATIONS

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 06, 1996
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB96-0139
FOR: LEASE OF A VEHICLE

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1996
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB96-0141
FOR: LEASE OF VEHICLES

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1996
TIME: 3:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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FOR: SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 1996
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO. ITB96-0131
FOR: LEASE OF A VEHICLE

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 06, 1996
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO. ITB96-0133
FOR: PROCUREMENT OF A VEHICLE

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 1996
TIME: 3:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB96-0142
FOR: LEASE OF VEHICLES

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 1996
TIME: 3:30 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP BID FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIAN OF THE STATE OF:
OF:
EMALYN STEPHANY F. TAIMANAO,
and EDLYN GRACE F. TAIMANAO,
minors,
BY: EDWARD SONGAO TAIMANAO,
Petitioner.

Civil Action No. 96-973

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on September 12, 1996 at 1:30 PM in the courthouse of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Susupe, Saipan, the petitioner will petition the court to be appointed guardian of the estate of the said minors.

Dated this 28th day of August, 1996.

/s/REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioner

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01 MAINTENANCE WORKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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Contact: PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD. Tel. 234-7453(8/30)F225476

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03 TOUR COUNSELOR-Salary:\$800.00 per month
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01 SHOP MANAGER-Salary:\$1,200.00 per month
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01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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02 PAINTER-Salary:\$2.90-3.30 per hour
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01 CIVIL ENGINEER-Salary:\$3.95 per hour
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03 HOUSEKEEPING CLEANERS-Salary:\$3.05-4.17 per hour
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03 RESTAURANT WAITER-Salary:\$3.05-4.17 per hour
02 RESTAURANT WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.05-4.17 per hour
02 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.05-4.17 per hour
02 JANITOR-Salary:\$3.05-4.17 per hour
01 GARDENER-Salary:\$3.05-4.50 per hour
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01 POWER HOUSE MECHANIC-Salary:\$4.50 per hour
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01 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary:\$2.75-3.05 per hour
Contact: ANGELITA M. BUNJAG dba Alana's Enterprises Tel. 234-0695(9/6)F225591

01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: VICENTE C. BARGINAS dba RM Enterprises Tel. 233-2054(9/6)F225590

01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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01 TOUR COUNSELOR-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
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01 MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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01 POWER HOUSE MECHANIC-Salary:\$3.50 per hour
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01 CASHIER-Salary:\$3.05-3.44 per hour
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02 COOK-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
01 CAMP MANAGER-Salary:\$750.00-1,300.00 per month
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01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$550.00-800.00 per month
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01 MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR MARKETING-Salary:\$1,700.00 per month
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01 AUTOMOBILE REPAIRER-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
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01 STOCK CLERK-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 GENERAL MERCHANDISE SALES-PERSON-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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02 ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary: Depends on experience.
05 CUTTING SUPERVISOR-Salary: Depends on experience.
05 QUALITY SUPERVISOR-Salary: Depends on experience.
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FRIDAY, Aug. 30, 1996
STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are one of the most aggressive and ambitious individuals born under this or any other sign, and you will not share what little vulnerability you have with anyone. There are times when you can be quite secretive about your life and about your endeavors. However, your activities are so remarkable in their own right that people will not talk about you in a threatening way. In other words, you package yourself in such a special way that what lies underneath is rarely seen, much less scrutinized.

You like to appear fearless, but it is impossible to be truly fearless in everything and you are no stranger to fear. You are an expert, however, in overcoming any dramatically negative effects of your fears and doubts. You know how to face risk and danger without hesitation.

Also born on this date are: Huey P. Long, politician; Fred MacMurray and Timothy Bottoms, actors; Jean-Claude Killy, skiing champion; Elizabeth Ashley, actress.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone's unpredictable and audacious behavior will fascinate you today, but you don't necessarily have to follow suit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You will not be in the mood for complications today. Try to keep things as simple as possible now and in the days to come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may seem impersonal in your efforts today. When you have reached your goal, make it clear that you were just acting in a businesslike manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Someone will provide you with just the kind of emotional support you need at this time, but you will have to ask for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can avoid major criticism today simply by trusting your instincts and doing the things that you know are right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may seem reserved today, but underneath you may be bubbling with excitement, thanks to a newly uncovered professional opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — The cool and calm approach of a partner may not work for you today because you are far more likely to proceed based on your emotional state.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There are some things you should not try today because you may not feel confident about your chance of succeeding. Stick to what you know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Compatibility will be an issue at home today. You will be asked to spend the most time with a diverse group of people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may suffer from a lack of confidence at this time. Today, focus on things that appear to be routine. Avoid the unfamiliar.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your ability to bounce back after a personal fall will serve you well today. It will be important to get right back in the saddle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your enjoyment will be linked closely with the enjoyment of others today. You can't reap the benefits the day has to offer all on your own.

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BARBS
BARBS BY PHIL PASTORET

How to start a fight with almost anyone: Begin by saying, "I'm doing this for your own good."

Nothing makes a person more round-shouldered than carrying the weight of grudges constantly.

Our neighbor's wife says her husband is like a car with an automatic transmission — he's completely shiftless.

It's one of those days when if we turned over a new leaf, all we'd get for our resolve is a wiggly caterpillar.

Update your dictionary: When you say "past tense," it means you've finally relaxed.

All those make-believe doctors in white coats and toothy smiles in the ads are enough to make the healthiest person sick.

We call our grumpy boss "The Goller" because he's constantly teed-off.

The most-hated person at this time of year is the one who still has a full vacation coming while the rest of us are back at work.

The only thing more disturbing than having a 3-year-old yelling his head off is to have a silent one, and you don't know what he's doing.

Remember when "junkie" was a kind of pudding and not a freebie-laden political vacation?

Thailand is the only country in southeast Asia never taken over by a European power.

The most deadly volcanic eruption in modern times was the 1883 blast on Krakatoa Island, Indonesia, which killed an estimated 36,000 people.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 One of Santa's reindeers
6 Return
11 An omen
12 Tap
14 Grad.-to-be
15 Cleaning utensils
17 "The —" (Steve McQueen film)
18 Wheel projection
20 Music term
23 G's address
24 Elevator name
26 Feltie loam
28 Printer's measure
29 Doctrine
31 Poisonous snake
33 Hatcher's "Lois & Clark" co-star
35 Exchange

premium
36 Indisposition to action
39 Sea birds
42 "Como —" (Italo Calvino novel)
43 Rides the waves
45 Ireland
46 Haul with effort
48 Daytime fare
50 Roman 149
51 In line
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55 Applegate ID
56 Philippine city
59 Old Testament book
61 Former Soviet leader
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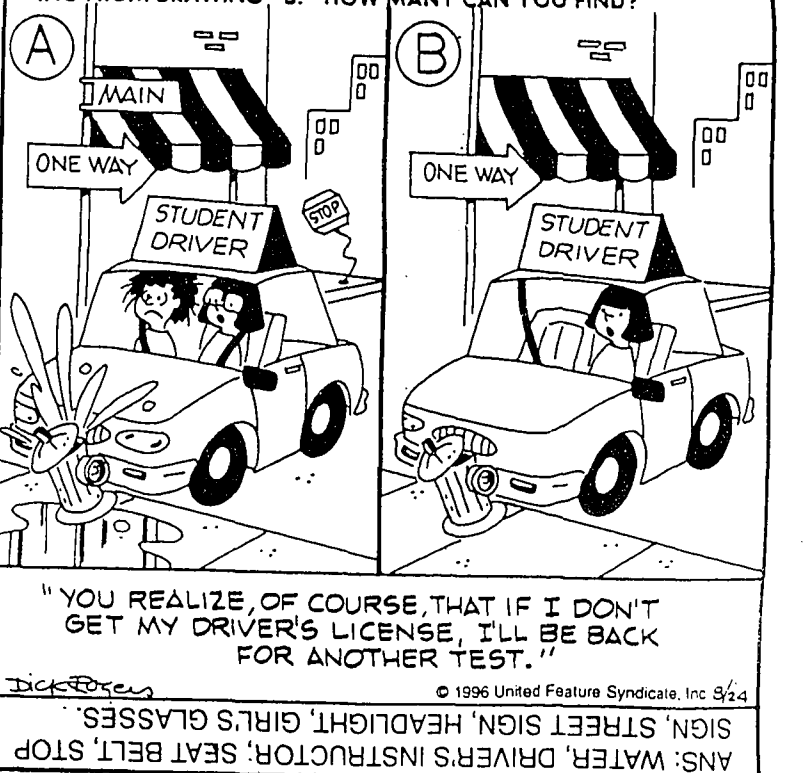
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1 Clergyman
2 King of Bashan
3 Flower
4 God of love

5 Of a variety
6 Flack ID
7 TV's Lou Grant (fruits.)
8 Boy Scout
9 W. Coast coll.
10 Unlock again
11 Necktie
13 Cut of beef (myth. wd.)

16 — gin fizz
19 — meat pie
21 Brain
22 Kind of orange
25 Burns
27 Pointed structure
30 New Testament book
32 In the form of a charged atom
34 Actor Robert De —
36 Moslem countries
37 Of nerves
38 At a distance
40 Author Jong namesakes
41 Hebrew word of blessing
44 Go bad
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49 Return env.
52 Emerge victorious
54 Mr. Rather
57 Roman 51
58 — American in Paris
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Zoning...

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than not, the community will consequently end up with development that is anything but "uniform and harmonious". Guam's zoning law is by no means comprehensive and allows too much room for deviation from the authors' intent of public protection and benefit. Unfortunately, the "I Tanota" Land Use Plan for Guam, a comprehensive zoning code, has fallen by the wayside perhaps because it is regarded as excessively restrictive. Likewise, the most popular sentiment against zoning for Saipan is "too restrictive". Saipan's zoning regulations fueled concerns that land owners could not rightfully and freely decide how to develop their properties. Others expressed concerns that the zoning law was partially responsible for Saipan's stagnant economy and recession or suspension of the law would revive economic growth. The economy here does seem to be alive and poised for moderate growth in light of the flare-up of commercial construction along Middle Road and other pockets around the island. I doubt that recent optimism and development is concrete proof that suspension of the zoning law has accomplished what was intended. Without zoning restrictions, it may seem that commercial property development follows a standard that is complementary to the concept of zoning where such development occurs in

areas that would allow the greatest exposure to the general public, particularly along major roadways. However, I am not convinced that suspension of zoning has created this growth situation. Saipan has seen a level of development commensurate with its size, in comparison to Guam, that is. Aside from golf courses, most commercial development has occurred along Saipan's major roadways, particularly Middle Road and Beach Road. One can still see single family homes located among commercial or industrial uses, along both roadways. Many commercial buildings are no farther than 6 feet from the outside lane of a 35 mph street. Numerous others have parking lots that require drivers to reverse their vehicles onto the highway as they leave a parking space. Without zoning, the Saipan community will eventually suffer from indiscriminate and aimless development. Landowners who can neither afford, nor want to develop their properties could find themselves surrounded by an incompatible mixture of land uses. Construction would continue with questionable lot line setbacks and grossly inadequate or unsafe parking facilities. Rights to privacy and peace of mind would be denied. And the people of Saipan will not have a forum to address their concerns about land use and its effect on the island's limited resources. As we consider the re-implementation of zoning, another question may come to mind: How does

pens when we start to price ourselves out of the market. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Fund. I have a duty to follow the law, whether I think it is wise or not, and I always try to do so. But I am also a citizen of this Commonwealth, who resents it when our politicians — however good their motives and intentions are — can't seem to realize that there is no such thing as a tree lunch, and that we shouldn't buy a Mercedes when what we really need — what we really can afford — is a pickup truck. The views expressed herein are my own, and should not be attributed to the Retirement Fund or any of its members of staff. Very truly yours, Michael A. White

Early...

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ment benefits, you cause the price of rice to go up too. Do poker machines pay for it? Maybe, but at what social cost to our people? (In case anyone hasn't noticed, it isn't tourists who feed those hungry machines.) Can we keep socking the costs to the tourists? Ask MVB what hap-

pening when we start to price ourselves out of the market. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Fund. I have a duty to follow the law, whether I think it is wise or not, and I always try to do so. But I am also a citizen of this Commonwealth, who resents it when our politicians — however good their motives and intentions are — can't seem to realize that there is no such thing as a tree lunch, and that we shouldn't buy a Mercedes when what we really need — what we really can afford — is a pickup truck. The views expressed herein are my own, and should not be attributed to the Retirement Fund or any of its members of staff. Very truly yours, Michael A. White

The administering authority interpreted Article 8 (1) in such a manner to be an effective tool to prohibit foreign investment. This policy precluded Japan from re-

establishing itself in the Marianas and the other islands of Micronesia which were administered under the Trusteeship Agreement. It was largely through the efforts of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held at the Royal Taha Hotel in December, 1972 that the United States was convinced of the need to relax its policy and open the islands to foreign investment. To be continued.

money, we should be talking about appropriation which are made on the basis of legislation, and in my knowledge, there is no legislation requiring this kind of things," McPhetres said. "I hope I'm wrong." He said the Department of Interior is required to file a report about the impact of migration, on which report Congress may base the appropriation. A joint suit filed by the CNMI, Guam and Hawaii against the US government invoked Public Law 99-239 which supposedly mandates the federal government to reimburse the island entities for the costs of unrestricted Micronesian migration. PL 99-239 is the law that set up the Compact of Free Association. McPhetres said the CNMI got a reimbursement five years ago.

Very truly yours, Michael A. White

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Worker...

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tary, and high school. Bruss developed the annual public health progress report with the assistance of DPHS Secretary

Dr. Isamu J. Abraham, Public Health Deputy Secretary Josephine Sablan and public health division staff.

The report allows for the continued surveillance of disease, and the evaluation of the progress in preventing and treating diseases.

Bill...

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"The intent is to bring tranquility to the community." Attendance to schools and to offices would also improve, he said. "Usually, after 12 midnight people want to rest, but it's difficult to do so if you hear cars screeching and noisy people outside." Jones said people who may have

"inputs" regarding the bill should call him up at tel. no. 664-8151. "I'll be more than happy to hear from them." Asked if he expect opposition from the owners of the bars and night clubs, Jones said "there's always room for compromise."

"I like to hear from the business sector if this bill would have a negative impact to them," Jones said. But he said he doubts whether a considerable number of people still go to nightspots after midnight.

Thieves...

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Police said the victim was standing in front of Wencheh's when the suspects called him at the parking lot. The victim approached but the

suspects suddenly kicked and punched him. The victim ran inside Wencheh's but the suspects followed and mauled him again. The suspects fled the scene. The victim suffered swollen cheek, bruises and pain in his back. (FDT)

Ex-Trust...

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(The amount) was a very minor one," he said. There have been no follow-up reimbursements after the first one. Guam, on the other hand, receives its reimbursement out of the remains of the CNMI's \$27 million 702 funds. Under the new appropriation, the CNMI would be getting only \$11 million a year, and the remaining \$16 million is divided between Guam and American Samoa. But just the same, Guam believes the amount it receives is not adequate enough to cover the migration costs. McPhetres, meanwhile, said, all states affected by the Compact should start focusing their attention to the future. "The question is what's going to happen five years from now, when the Compact becomes extinct?" he said. "We should be planning on that. The bigger problems are coming down the highway."

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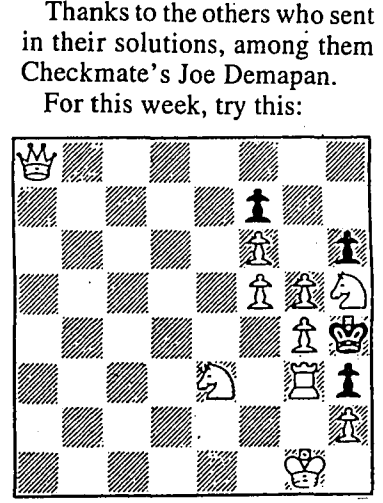
American who held the world title, Bobby Fischer.

Kamsky, commentators say, shares with Fischer a dedication to chess that is both total and profound. The Russian-American devotes 12 hours a day to studying the game. At age 22, he has already reached the highest rungs of the world championship ladder, losing recently to FIDE world champ Anatoly Karpov in their title match.

Kamsky also lost to India's Vishy Anand in the PCA candidates finals. Anand went on to lose to Gary Kasparov. It should be noted, however, that Kamsky beat Anand in the FIDE candidates finals. Both are rightfully considered in a class of their own, probably only a step behind the two great K's. And because of their youth, their time has yet to arrive. It's not difficult to imagine both of them eventually becoming world champs. Here's Kamsky in his 10th game win over Karpov in Elista, Kalmykia: (Annotations by Manny Benitez) Queen's Indian Defense G. Kamsky-A. Karpov 1996 FIDE World Championship match 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Bb7

White to play and mate in three. Answers should be mailed to "64," c/o The Marianas Variety, P.O. Box 231, Saipan MP 96950, or faxed through 234-9271.

Puzzler. Joseph Gregorio, Ariel Urbano, Christian Paul, Aqua Resort's Larry Pascual, Fortune of Essence's Glenn Orlina Jr., MHS's John "Rambo" Jardiner, Rota's E.E. Aguada and Club Jama's Marlon Yucampo—they all got the correct answer to last week's puzzle: 1. Na8! Kd6 2. Kd4 Kc6 3. Qd5 mate. Thanks to the others who sent in their solutions, among them Checkmate's Joe Demapan. For this week, try this:



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Palau...

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said that he really wanted to bring a second team this year, which is why they invited the Palau Sport Fishing Association to join them. But, Remengesau said, "the mistake we made was to invite an older team. When it comes to glory, you have to give way to your elders."

Twelve teams competed, including Pacific Universal Brewing/Guam P.U., Marianas Gamefish Club, Nauru Fisherman's Association, Pohpei Fishing Club, Farr Marine/Kiribati,

two teams from the Kwajalein Atoll Billfish Club, Palau Sport Fishing Association and Team Palau, and the Mobil Oil Micronesia team from Guam.

Mariners...

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first pitch in the eighth was high and inside, and began talking to Marzano. Marzano then bumped O'Neill and threw a punch that missed, and both players wrestled to ground. The benches and bullpens cleared and, when it seemed like things had calmed down, Darryl Strawberry of the Yankees wound up in the middle of another altercation with several Mariners. O'Neill and Strawberry were ejected, as were Bobby Ayala, Chris Bosio and Marzano of the Mariners. None of the players appeared to be injured. Yankees reliever Jeff Nelson hit Joey Cora with the first pitch in the bottom of the eighth, and was ejected. The AL East-leading Yankees lost Monday and Tuesday in Seattle. The Kingdome crowd shouted "Sweep! Sweep!" in the middle of the brawl, which came with the Mariners ahead 8-1.

League Standing Sheet

Results for Week No 15 of 24 Aug 23 Friday Inter-Commercial League - Saipan Bowling Center

Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost	Pct	Total Pins	Ave	Gm	Ser
1	3	PSTC Bowlers	43.0	17.0	71.67	43772	972	1042	3020
2	11	Halina's Kitchen	36.0	24.0	60.00	43015	955	1037	3024
3	1	Toshiba	35.0	25.0	58.33	43850	974	1095	3134
4	9	Saipan Stevedore	35.0	25.0	58.33	43661	970	1053	3099
5	8	Duty Free Shoppers	31.0	29.0	51.67	42606	946	1100	3130
6	10	L&W/Len's	29.0	31.0	48.33	43574	968	1089	3061
7	2	Marpac/Michelob	29.0	31.0	48.33	43514	966	1056	3054
8	5	Wushin Corporation	29.0	31.0	48.33	42924	953	1057	3051
9	6	Joeten Enterprises	28.5	31.5	47.50	43110	958	1041	3041
10	12	Kang's Auto Supply	26.0	34.0	43.33	43497	966	1074	3059
11	4	Micro/Toyota	22.0	38.0	36.67	43180	959	1065	2985
12	7	Marianas Seaside Placers	16.5	43.5	27.50	39798	947	1096	3083

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Championship Flight (Front Tee-Time)		"B" FLIGHT (Back Tee-Time)		"C" FLIGHT (Back Tee-Time)	
06:30	Joe Lizama 5 Ed Manibusan 6 Tetsu Machi 6 Mel Sablan 8	06:30	Jay Santos 15 Fred Sablan 15 R. Nagatsuma 15 Rudy Sablan 15	07:20	Victor Balajadia 19 Manny A. Tenorio 20 Ken Kalen 20 Yasuhiro Irinaka 20
06:38	Brian Reyes 8 Tony Satur 8 Ray Diaz 9 Manny A. Sablan 9	06:38	Wayne Hunt 15 Richard Pierce 16 Ben Aldan 16 Max Castro 16	07:28	Alex Sablan 20 Plex Tagabuel 21 Felix Sablan 22 Oscar Babaut 22
"A" FLIGHT (Front Tee-Time)		06:46	Hide Yoshida 13 Joe Demapan 13 Jack Lizama 17 Roman Demapan 17	07:36	Kin Q. Dela Cruz 22 Lee Camacho 22 Douglas Brennan 23
06:46	Fred Camacho 10 Sid A. Sablan 10 Diego Benavente 11 Yasuhiro Akine 11	06:54	Norman Tenorio 17 Wayne Shimabukuro 17 James Blend 18 Tony Barcinas 18	07:44	Brien S. Nicholas 23 Tom P. Villagomez 24 Mike S. Sablan 25
07:12	I. Katsunoi 13 K. Kato 13 S. Kobayashi 13 Karl Reyes 13	07:12	Song Lim Kim 18 Norbert Sablan 18 David Demapan 18	07:52	Alvin Hofschneider 30 Ernie Lopez 30 Paul Tenorio 30
07:20	Ed Flores 14 Betsin Philip 14 Ben I. Duenas 14	LADIES FLIGHT (Back Tee-Time)		Men's Flights- Medal Play	
		08:08 Marian Aldan-Pierce Frances Borja Mathilde Hocog		Ladies Flights- Net Play	
		08:00 Antoinette Aquino Rose Davis Bobbie Guerrero			
		08:16 Margaret R. Tenorio Bennet Seman Annie Pickelseimer			

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SPORTS



Palau rules Mobil fishing

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO-It's a good thing that defending Mobil All-Micronesia Fishing champion Tommy Remengesau, Jr. of Palau brought a second team with him this year. Team Palau, led by Remengesau came in fourth, but Palau's second team, representing the Palau Sport Fishing Association, took top honors to keep the championship trophy in Palau over the weekend.

For the second year in a row, the

Palauans showed who are the best anglers in the Micronesia region.

In winning first place the Palau Sport Fishing Association team hauled in a 261 pound marlin on a 50 pound test line on the first day then tagged and released a marlin on the second day to accumulate the most points of any of the teams.

Noriwo Ubedei, Francis Tomei and Ada Eledui composed the winning team. They didn't break any records with their marlin, but they were good enough to win roundtrip tickets from

Continental Micronesia, along with enough trophies to decorate their office back home.

Kwajalein Atoll Billfish Club team #2-Imata Kabua Jr., Emil deBrum and Widmark Timothy-tagged and released two marlin, and tied for second place wahoo to come in second place in the tourney.

Marshalls Billfish Club team #1-led by Bwiji Aliven, Robin Reimers and Melven Aliven-came in third.

Team Palau was fourth, catching the winning wahoo, at 23 pounds, the

winning barracuda, also 23 pounds, and the second place tuna.

Mobil Oil Micronesia's team from Guam came in fifth, catching the winning tuna, a 55 pounds yellowfin.

Ada Eledui spoke for the winning Palau team, saying that "this was the best organized event in all of Micronesia." He said the Palau Fishing Association team came not only to compete, but also to observe the organization of the All-mike tourney.

Marshalls Billfish Club received praise and recognition for organizing the 4th Annual Mobil All-Micronesia Fishing Tournament from both the sponsors of the four year old tourney.

"We've heard that the Marshalls Billfish Club is the best organized in the region," he said at the awards banquet Sunday evening at the Lanai. Their trip to Majuro proved it, he said. "Being part of this tourney is the best thing to happen to the Palau Sport Fishing Association."

The Palauans are hosting a billfish tourney next April and extended an invitation to an MBC team to participate. Eledui said that their participation in the All-Mike will be a big help to organizing the tournament next year in Palau.

On a lighter note, Remengesau, he
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PSTC bowlers set the pace at Inter-comm'l bowling tourney

By Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff

THE PSTC Bowlers continue to set the pace in the Friday Inter-Commercial League bowling tournament entering its 16th week and burning the lanes at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Amassing a total of 43,772 pins falls after 60 games, PSTC leads the 12-team field with 43 victories for a high 71% winning percentage. Halina's Kitchenette comes in second with a 36-24 win-loss card. Toshiba is a just a whisker away with 35-25 record for third.

PSTC also figures prominently in the statistics department. The

Bowlers rack 972, 1042 and 3102 pins in individual, game and series averages for a scorching performance. Third running Toshiba leads the field in individual average with 974 and in series average with 3134 pins.

The Duty Free Shoppers, currently mired in fifth place with 31-29 win loss slate, is tops in game average with 1,100 pins.

In other worthy performances in the on-going tournament, L&W/Len's 987 pins is the record to beat in the high scratch game while the Duty Shoppers keggers set the mark in team high handicap game with 1,100.

In the high scratch series,

Saipan's Steve Dor leads with 2,829 pins. Toshiba, on the other hand, sets the tone in team high scratch series with 3,134.

On the individual tally, Manny Tenorio leads all bowlers with his score of 268 and 282 in high scratch and high handicap games. Joe Sablan's 189.70 is the highest so far in the high individual average. On the high scratch and high handicap series, Robert Talavera's 651 and Roman Mamaug's 694 pins top the field. Romy Guevarra, however tied Mamaug's mark when he rolled a similar 294 pins last week.

Hyatt upsets Grand Hotel

Hoping to gain a safer path to the semifinals, Saipan Grand instead ran into an ambush as Hyatt Hotel brought down their favored rivals in an 80-72 upset win. The loss enabled idle Nikko Hotel to tie Saipan at 6-3 win loss card and keep their flickering hopes of entering the next phase of the tournament alive. Coral Ocean Point, Nikko and Saipan are the only teams left capable of joining highly

touted Dai Chi and Pacific Islands Club in the final four.

In the battle of eliminated teams, Hafa Adai Beach Resort needed extra time to whip stubborn Pacific Gardenia Hotel, 96-90 for its third win in ten outings. The loss pushed the Pacific Gardenia five deeper in the cellar along with Plumeria and Aqua Resort at 1-8 cards. (EAC)

Another dart league formed

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AFTER months of careful planning and coordination with a number of bare establishments, including a well-known beer company, Saipan now has another Dart League.

Aimed to re-establish and promote the very concept of darts, the new dart league comes after the heels of the existing Saipan Electronic Dart Association (SEDA).

John Castro, one of the league's founding members, said that there are at least four bars who have already confirmed their participation in the league. Miller Beer likewise agreed to become the main sponsor of the league which will be known as "The Miller Lite Just for Fun Dart League."

Castro added the whole concept behind the creation of the dart association is "to preserve its integrity, generate interest and motivate people to take up the sport and develop those who have potentials

to excel in the game either through fun or a competitive dart game with friends."

With the new league, darts can be played in any format allowed by rules or laws as long as it is under the basic fundamentals of the game.

"I have been playing darts since 1973 and this is the first and only league (SEDA) I knew that has the sole authority to decide which bar can be allowed to join their league," Castro added.

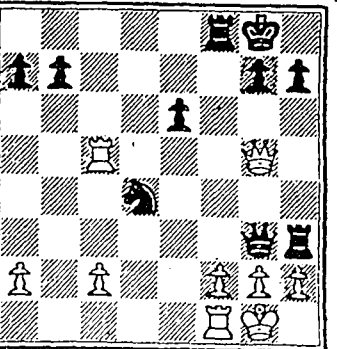
To add fun to the game, Castro said that the "rules have been simplified, the games are tailored to time conveniences, fun replaces seriousness and above all, fees and dues are eliminated." For all avid dart followers, fees and dues, such as player fees, National Dart Association dues and sponsoring bar fees, are significant aspects in playing the game.

For more information about the league, contact Castro at 235-1811 anytime after 12 noon.



• Zaldy Dandan

When essence and law meet



FIFTH round action on Sunday, Aug. 30th, will feature the following match-ups:

Essence of Fortune vs. Yana Law Office

Poor Pawns vs. Saipan Shooting Range

Jet Holdings vs. Juan C. Tenorio & Associates

Owens Enterprises vs. Club Jama

Checkmate takes the bye.

Venue is at the CNMI's chess capital, Rambie's Restaurant. So, Will Yana continue with its winning ways? Will Essence of Fortune foil them?

Will Noli Pamatmat try out his new-fangled "Donna Variation of the Jama Attack" and finally contribute a point to his team?

Can tournament director John Villamin and Yana's Almer Santos really dance the Macarena?

Isn't there a law against such indecent public displays? Watch out for our next episode...

Game of the week. The 22-year old Gata Kamsky is the United States' best hope to win the world chess title. A child prodigy, Kamsky won the strong Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) championship in 1988, when he was only 14. He defected from the Soviet Union a year later.

Kamsky now stays in Brooklyn, former home to the last

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RGA to hold qualifying tournament

The Refalawasch Golf Association (RGA) will hold its qualifying tournament for September on Sunday, September 1 at 6:30 a.m. at the Coral Ocean Point golf resort. Sixteen slots are open on a first-come first-serve basis. Interested members are requested to be at the course at 6:00 a.m. For further information, can call Joe Lizama or Tony Rogolifoi at 234-1001.

Saipan Men's Slowpitch Roundup

Game 1 - Paul Ogunoro and Jerry Ayuyu each blasted two homeruns with six and five rbis respectively as the Happy Market II handed the Lite Hit & Run their first setback in five outings with a devastating 27-14 victory. The Enforcers, behind Ayuyu's two-run homer & Ogunoro's three-run hit jumped on top and never trailed the rest of the way.

Game 2 - Darwin Mista's sacrifice fly brought in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh as Pepsi, Spec won their fourth consecutive game with a 10-9 thriller over the winless team Peleliu. Sherman Ngraidong and Poland Yamada each ripped a two-run shot for Spec.

Game 3 - Mabel Ngirengemelas and Cummins Skang knocked in three runs a-piece to lead the Toyota Nuts & Bolts to their first victory in three outings over the winless J.C. Fadang, 23-2. After picking up five runs in the top of the first to take the lead for good, Toyota closed it out with a twelve runs fifth inning outburst for a fifth inning shut-out.

Game 4 - The Miller Genuine Draft made it four in-a-row defeating the J.E.T. Turtles in the fourth and final game of the night, 6-2. Dave Olopai's lead-off homer highlighted M.G.D.'s four-runs third inning rally to take the lead 4-0.

Mariners, Yankees in clear bench

SEATTLE (AP) - Paul O'Neill tangled with Seattle catcher John Marzano in the eighth inning Wednesday night, triggering a 10-minute, bench-clearing brawl between the New York Yankees and Mariners.

O'Neill was upset that Tim Davis' **Continued on page 47**