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CUC Loses Top Manager

By Tom Anderson
Managing Editor

Commonwealth Utility Corporation Operations and Management Director Darrel Pierce said good-bye on Monday to members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Monday and left them with a disturbing message.

"For personal reasons" said Pierce, "I am leaving CUC." He went on to try and give a progress and problems report of CUC.

In his report, progress was highlighted at the reports beginning, but the future of CUC, un-

less changes were made, was not painted by Pierce as being a bright one.

The long awaited overhaul of the main generators at Lower Base is to begin this week, with preparations being made to start it today, said Pierce, and improvement in the distribution system of electrical power is also underway.

But the lack of planning, the long neglect of the electrical system and other infrastructure systems, the lack of venture capital and other problems with the operations of CUC coupled with the tremendous growth of the

island of Saipan will keep CUC operating in the hole, said Pierce.

"I have never been any place that I have seen so much growth as here," he said. "We just can not respond to the needs of the consumer. Our distribution system is deplorable."

Pierce also went into why it has taken and continues to take so long for CUC to respond to an application of service. He outlined the scenario which happens when a request for service is made. First, said Pierce, a person fills out an application and then a field survey is performed to see what equipment would be

needed. As an example, said Pierce, three power poles and a transformer may be needed, but CUC does not have an inventory of such parts and those parts can not be ordered from the United States on a piece by piece basis but must be ordered in bulk. The lack of venture capital to make investments in inventory is a part of the reason why the process is slowed, he said.

"With out venture capital of \$2.5 million up front to your system it will not improve," said Pierce.

With a still unpaid fuel bill

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Removal Of PCBs Begins In Village

by Shirley Scott

EOC - This weekend, residents of Tanapag saw first-hand how the efforts of a well-coordinated response team composed of staff from three CNMI departments resulted in an operation that removed 20 of 35 discarded industrial electrical capacitors leaking the highly toxic PCBs near their homes. The remaining 11 cylinders are scheduled to be removed early Monday morning.

According to James Reyes, CNMI Disaster Officer, the operation went very

smoothly with fewer problems than expected. "The capacitors are over 20 years old, so one of the problems we had planned for was the possibility of breakage during the removal operation, which might cause a greater contamination of the surrounding area," explained Reyes. Fortunately, that did not happen, and the project proceeded without incident.

At a meeting in the Governor's Office, on Friday, December 2, the option of waiting for a greater federal response was discussed. Because of the Gover-

nor's concern for the safety and well-being of the residents of Tanapag and upon advice from the US Environmental Protection Agency's technical consultant, Larry Baczeski, it was determined that local staff had the expertise and equipment to perform at least the immediate removal of the devices from Tanapag.

A total of five specially-equipped staff from the EOC, DEQ and Fire Division formed the nucleus of the response team. In addition to their co-workers, they were supported by heavy-

duty equipment and operators supervised by Vicente Delos Reyes from the Mayor's Office. "The capacitors weigh over 500 pounds each, so this equipment was absolutely necessary for this operation to be a success," stated James Reyes.

The operation began Saturday with the removal of the four capacitors around the Tanapag Social Hall and one from the Headstart Center. The protective gear worn by the primary response team proved to be overbearing in the after-noon sun and

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Rape Suspect In Court

By Tom Anderson
Managing Editor

A 16 year old was arraigned in Commonwealth Trial Court Monday for the rape of an American woman in San Vicente. The rape occurred on Oct. 15. Judge Jose Dela Cruz, because of the seriousness of the crime, declared that the youth, Roger C. Taitanto, would be tried as an adult in the proceedings against him. Taitanto faces charges of: aggra-

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Zoning Map Could Be Dropped

By Tom Anderson
Managing Editor

Members of the Senate leadership are considering dropping the controversial old land use planning map from proposed legislation on establishing zoning on Saipan. Senate President Benjamin Man-



FORUM: A MEETING PLACE FOR OUR OPINIONS... AND YOURS

Editorial

Pierce got the word out

Members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce heard Darrel Pierce speak of the situation of CUC today, but perhaps many of them did not focus as sharply as we did when Pierce said he was leaving the island and his job at CUC in the near future.

As one who has attempted to cover the Commonwealth Utility Corporations I can tell you that when I first came across Pierce I was astounded. It was at a regular meeting of the CUC Board and there was this man telling openly talking about the problems CUC was having and actually making hard suggestions on how to improve the situation. But Pierce not only dwelled on problems but also spoke of the stage various CUC projects were currently at and where they would be in the future.

Having been accustomed to almost no information coming out of CUC and having been told early in my stay here by CUC Executive Director Pedro Sasamoto that his job was to get the power running and not to talk to reporters, even though this reporter was trying to find out why the power was not on during a time when power outages were a daily occurrence, I had assumed that CUC was some kind of secret organization which had executive approval, legislative approval, it Board's approval and the people's approval to operate in the dark as most of the island was also operating in the dark at the time.

Pierce brought a lot to his job at CUC. Even Board members who should know something about what is going on a CUC made remarks after Pierce's presentations as to how they were more informed than ever before because of the information he had shared.

Perhaps it was that Pierce did share information that led to his leaving, although he said Monday it was "personal reasons" which made him decide to leave.

But Pierce not only gave out information freely, information that you the public has a right to know, but his hard suggestions on how to improve things, like take CUC personnel out of Civil Service, give more room to CUC at Lower Base than the Department of Public Works which has less duties more takes up about 75 percent of the Lower Base Facility, and to get venture capital to operate the utility in a manner that would lead to better service for customers, maybe all that too added to the "personal reasons" behind his departure.

Pierce will be missed by this member of the media. I guess it will be back to guess work as far as just what is going on at CUC after he leaves.

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LETTERS To the editor:

YOUR Opinion

Garment Position Stated

Dear Mr. Editor:

This letter is written to clarify the common misconception being echoed for nearly 1 1/2 years now that there appears to be no moratorium on garment factories here in Saipan, and also as a letter to address sentiment concerning those factories that appear to setting up operations here long since the administratively enacted a moratorium on June 27, 1987.

First, let it be understood that the Garment Industry Association, which had eleven members on June 27, 1987, was very active in supporting the implemented temporary 120 day moratorium. (The moratorium is still in effect today.) We lobbied strongly in the 5th Legislature to have moratorium legislation passed, and when it appeared such legislation was stalled requested an administrative order. Today in the 6th Legislature we have entered testimony on H.B. No. 6-15, which passed from the House to the Senate, and once

again strongly recommend its passage and signing into law.

At the time the moratorium was enacted, a panel consisting of the Director of Commerce and Labor, the Director of Finance, and the Attorney General was formed to review those who wished to utilize the corporation and business license they had been issued to set up operations here. Of the 66 licenses granted (excluding those already in operation) 16 went before the Members of Interagency Committee for Textile Policy. After review, 12 of these applicants were allowed to set up operations in Saipan, as a result of having met guidelines for substantial construction. Forty licenses were in essence nullified.

All began, or continued, start-up almost immediately. However, 3 companies, for some reason, chose not to until recently. These are Kyung Suh (Saipan) Company, Ltd., Micronesian Garment Mfg., Inc., and Mariana Management Agency, Inc. We do not know

the reasons for their delay. We have questioned the Textile Board concerning this matter.

We have read Guadalupe C. Borja's request for a major siting review and public hearing. We empathize with her concerns much as we were active in trying to protect the industry and the Commonwealth by helping set up the moratorium. Unfortunately we had no hand in determining who would be allowed to situate here after the moratorium was signed.

Please understand we share some sentiments regarding the industry and its growth, and are truly aimed at a mutually beneficial existence.

We still believe diversification is the answer to the Commonwealth's goals, which should put foremost the realization of prosperity for each and every resident of these islands.

/s/Richard A. Pierce
President
Garment Industry Ass.

Willie Tan Answers Critics

Dear Editor:

I am writing you a letter to express my personal view about Poker Machines in the CNMI.

Poker machines have been in operation in Saipan many years before my family and I came out to live in the CNMI. At that time there were not as many tourists or aliens in Saipan as there are today. In comparison, there are much fewer local people playing poker machines today than before.

Today, there are more local people getting benefits because of poker machines than before. These include local people who are now retired from government, those local people employed by JTPA, lease money received by local landlords, local employment, tourist attraction, and other economic benefits. I feel very bad that some people are criticizing this business because of me. I did not hurt anybody in the CNMI yet some people are now hurting me. Since my family moved to this island, I have been contributing my fair share of community activities because I am a part of the community and feel morally obli-

gated. I have been trying to accommodate all kinds of activities as much as I can. I am doing my community activities because I believe in helping people.

During the public hearing of the poker machines, I said in my testimony that I will agree to ban the machines if the disadvantages are much greater than the advantages. Up to this moment, nobody can show me how bad my business is. Like cigarette and alcohol, we have put warning signs in most of our locations: we do not allow children to play, we do not cash checks, we do not make any promotion, and many other self policing measures.

I feel very bad when Joeten spoke out in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting to ban poker machines. I respected Joeten. I truly believed that he is a great businessman and leader of our island. I am doing many businesses with Joeten group of companies. I had hoped Joeten will treat my business similar with other businesses in Saipan. If Joeten is sincere about his concern for people "spending money for nothing" then he should champion a move to

immediately ban other forms of gambling, the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (which killed many local people this year) and prohibit night clubs which contribute to many local family break-ups. How many Saipanese wives are now without husbands because of night clubs?

I have been a member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce for many years. I believe that the action taken by the Chamber is unfair to me because I was not given an opportunity to present my views concerning the poker machine issue before the entire membership. My business is legitimate. I paid my business license and all taxes. My business is just similar to other businesses in the CNMI. I do not think the Chamber should treat me differently especially when I am doing business with most of them.

Finally, I hope the people in the CNMI will accept me as one of them instead of an outsider.

Sincerely,

/s/Willie Tan

More LETTERS To the editor:

Keep Land Forfeiture

Dear Editor:

The Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee plans recommendations to the House that the land forfeiture law against growing marijuana be changed. Former Governor Carlos S. Camacho said, "Land is priceless here in the Northern Marianas, and... the only asset a parent has other than their kids."

I believe anyone willing to risk losing their children to addiction in order to hang on to the land, could only want the land to make money growing marijuana. Only the growers, or those profiting from it, would clamor the law is "unjust." (Could some be

getting paid off by the growers?)

If they really wanted to save the land for their children, they wouldn't chance losing it by letting anyone grow marijuana on it. It only takes a small leak for the dam to collapse. Leave a crack for marijuana to seep in and the whole island will soon be inundated with hard drugs. Then our impressionable young people will be the ones who drown first.

I agree with Attorney General Alex Castro, that our children, not land, are our most precious asset, and "... large scale traffickers in marijuana are actively working to corrupt and diminish that most

precious asset." And I repeat what I said before, "What does it profit anyone to save their land and lose their children?" Who are they saying it for?

It's like "talking out of both sides of the mouth" to say they want to save it for their children, if their growing pot. If they aren't growing, they would oppose any tampering with the law as most law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth do.

I hope the CNMI voters and legislature will support the law enforcement agencies trying to protect both them and their children, by insisting that the land forfeiture law NOT be changed.

Sincerely,

/s/Bobbie J. Lynch

Rape Case Continued from page 1

vated rape, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, aggravated burglary and theft.

In the arraignment at 1 p.m. yesterday, Taitano through his legal counsel, Public Defender Tony Atalig, entered a plea of not guilty to the charges. A bail of \$25,000 has been set.

Department of Public Safety Information Officer Capt. Antonio Reyes said Taitano was arrested on Dec. 1. The Assistant Attorney General in the case is Ray Buso. No further information could be obtained from DPS on how the

investigation of the crime led to Taitano.

Also as the week begins, there has been no information from DPS or the Attorney General's Office on the two unsolved murders of recent weeks. The deaths of Delores Ayuyu and Testson are apparently under investigation by DPS, and the Attorney General's Office.

Information concerning crimes or accidents that occurred over the weekend was not available from DPS.

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Rosary will be said nightly at their residence in Gualo Rai, behind Chongs' Corporation.

Rosary will begin on the 6th of Dec. 1988 at 8:00 p.m. and will end on Dec. 14th.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



DANIEL LITULUMAR KAIPAT of Pagan View, Garapan, died on Wednesday, November 30, 1988 at the age of 22.

Last respect may be paid on Tuesday, Dec.

6th, 1988 starting at 2:00 p.m. at their residence at Pagan View, Garapan. Funeral Mass will be offered at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 7th, 1988 at Christo Rai Church. Burial will follow to Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Daniel is survived by his father Mariano Borja Kaipat and his mother Guadalupe Litulumar Kaipat. He is additionally survived by his bothers ans sisters, Antonio, Francisco, Diego, Jose, Ricardo, Emery Kaipat. Joaquin Ada (deceased) Clotilde Aldan, Isabel and Josepha Kaipat.

He is additionally survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Francisco Ada, Toby Aldan, Denis Davis, Bill Lee, Francisco Ada, Celina, Damiana, Jacinta and Maryann and also numerous Nieces, Nephews, Uncles and Aunties. Godparents Jesus Taitano and Maria Taitano, Daniel Castro.

THE FAMILY

Hazardous Material Removed

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Reyes postponed further activities until early Sunday morning. To avoid another day of exertion in the blistering heat, they began at 4 a.m., using spotlights to pinpoint the locations of the capacitors.

The five primary hazardous material responders wore Level "C" protective suits, indicating that a moderate level of protection was necessary. The suits resemble white hooded overalls and are made of Tyvek, a plastic fabric specially designed for protection against exposure to toxic chemicals.

The disposable suites cover the entire body except for the face and hands and must be changed frequently, as soon as a rip in the fabric occurs. Additional protection is provided by special boots, two sets of gloves, and self-contained breathing apparatus. The special precautionary measures are necessary because the team must handle the capacitors extensively, digging some of them out of years of

tangled undergrowth.

The operation of removing each capacitor consisted of several synchronized steps. First, team members removed all obstructions around each capacitor. Then a rope suspended from a boom on the end of a piece of heavy equipment known as a cherry picker was wrapped around the cylinder to lift it into an empty 55-gallon drum. The rope was then transferred to the drum to hoist it to a flat bed truck where other team members were waiting to secure it for transportation to a locked temporary storage area in the Lower Base.

Simultaneously, soil samples were taken to be tested at the laboratory at Guam's Environmental Protection Agency to determine the extent of contamination until the test results are back, perhaps sometime next week," stated Russell Mechem, DEQ Chief. At that time, according to Mechem, information will be relayed back to the US EPA in San Francisco where decisions

will be made regarding additional federal response to the situation.

Further investigation is being conducted into the origin of the capacitors and what kind of public health operation should take place. In the meantime, the Headstart Center remains closed and warnings have been issued to the public to stay away from the barricaded areas marked with warning signs, even after the four-foot cylinders have been removed.

Residents have been advised to avoid eating livestock, fruits or vegetables suspected to be contaminated as well as refrain from swimming or fishing near Tanapag Beach until more information about the degree of risk is known. Reyes urges anyone with knowledge of the location of other capacitors to contact the 24-hour Emergency Operations Center at 322-9529 or 322-9572. Also items that appear dangerous should not be handled, said Reyes.

Bank Robbery Suspect Hops Taxi, Goes on Shopping Spree

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A bank robbery suspect who couldn't resist the urge to do a little Christmas shopping hired a taxi outside the bank and rode from store to store for more than an hour before he was arrested.

Willie Carroll Williams, 37, of Atlanta, had his shopping spree cut short Monday afternoon when police found him in a cab stuffed with shopping bags full of shirts, shoes and pants.

"When you've got the money, you might as well spend it," the cab driver, who asked not be identified, quoted his passenger as saying.

According to police, Williams phoned for the cab at about the same time Coast Federal Savings and Loan was robbed. After hopping into the cab outside the bank, Williams visited the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport to buy plane tickets, and then visited several

shopping centers — running up a cab fare of \$26.70 in the process.

"I was cracking up most of the time I was in the cab with him," said the cab driver. "He was kind of like a character from a TV sitcom. He looked like George Jefferson. He was having a good time."

Bank employees told police they thought the suspect fled in a taxi.

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Ada pleads innocent

By Tom Anderson
Staff Reporter

Joseph Emill Ada, age 21, from Palau appeared before Associate Judge Ramon Villagomez Monday morning and entered a plea of not guilty on the charges brought against him for the knife attack of two Filipino workers in the Samba Night Club during the Veteran's Day weekend.

A hearing date of Dec. 12 was set by Judge Villagomez and Ada will be represented by the Public Defender's Office.

A jury trial, the first in Rota in a number of years, was also set Monday for the hearing of charges against William C. Kani. He faces charges of rape, two counts of kidnapping, two counts of assault and battery and a charge of false arrest. The charges stem from an incident on Oct. 12 when Kani allegedly raped a 17 year old woman who is a relative of his.

Over at the Department of Public Safety no progress was reported towards bringing to trial the persons or person responsible for the rape in San Vicente, the stabbing death of Kephas Tetsen, the death of Delores Ayuyu or the Ladder Beach incident.

During the weekend, reports Lt. Joaquin J. Castro, DPS had one of the lowest instance of DUI arrest with only two of any weekend in some time.

In all, DPS personnel answer 64 calls from Friday to Monday with 15 accidents occurring, 8 thefts, 7 burglaries, 10 assault and batteries, and 9 disturbing the peace complaints.

Sablan wants last wetlands protected

By Tom Anderson
Staff Reporter

Commonwealth wetlands are the last refuge of many endangered species of wildlife and Rep. Vicente Sablan would like to see those habitats protected.

Sablan has introduced legislation calling for the Commonwealth's government to take wetlands and other critical habitat's out of the hands of private landowners through buying the land or exchanging the land through the Public Purpose Land Exchange Authorization Act of 1987.

The bill entitled "Critical Wildlife and Endangered Species Habitats Acquisition Act of 1988" directs Coastal Resources Management to designated wetland sites and for Marianas Public Land Corporation to begin negotiations with private landowners for the habitat sites.

Recently several government agencies attended a seminar on the subject of wetlands conducted by the U.S. Soil and Conservation Service. The seminar was held last week and was attended by CRM, DEQ, MPLC, Fish and Wildlife Division, and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

The U.S. Soil and Conservation service is in the process of identifying all wetlands within the jurisdiction of the U.S. They have identified several wetland sites in the Susupe area and a chain of small wetlands running from Micro Beach to San Roque.

However, each agency has its own set of definitions of just what must be found on a site in order for it to be considered a wetland. Some agencies go by the vegetation found in the area, some by the hydrology, and also soil composition is considered.

Currently several different maps of wetlands in the Commonwealth have been produced. Sablan's legislation would not only require CRM to work on the map to be used in the acquisition of wetland areas but also directs the Division of Lands and Survey to help in the mapping of areas affected by his bill.

Alternatives sought to jail time

By Tom Anderson
Staff Reporter

Saipan's correctional facility's overcrowding is the subject of a recently passed House Resolution. Rep. William Ada has asked, in the resolution he introduced, for Department of Public Safety to look into alternative sentencing.

Correction's Chief Vicente Seman said last week the population of the facility fluctuates but that as of Friday there were 60 long term prisoner housed at the facility which has a occupancy limit of 44. Seman said that did not take into account the large number of persons spending 72 hours under the supervision of DPS because of DUI convictions.

Ada's resolution not only speaks to the problem of overcrowding, but also addresses the problem of the non-constructive use of time imposed upon person in confinement.

"There is little of constructive value for the prisoners to do while incarcerated in the Commonwealth correctional facilities. An

alternative sentence would relieve prisoner overcrowding and provide a more rehabilitative environment to the prisoner.

The resolution asks DPS Director Edward Manibusan to prepare a report on the feasibility of prisoners being given alternative sentence as to submit the report back to the House.

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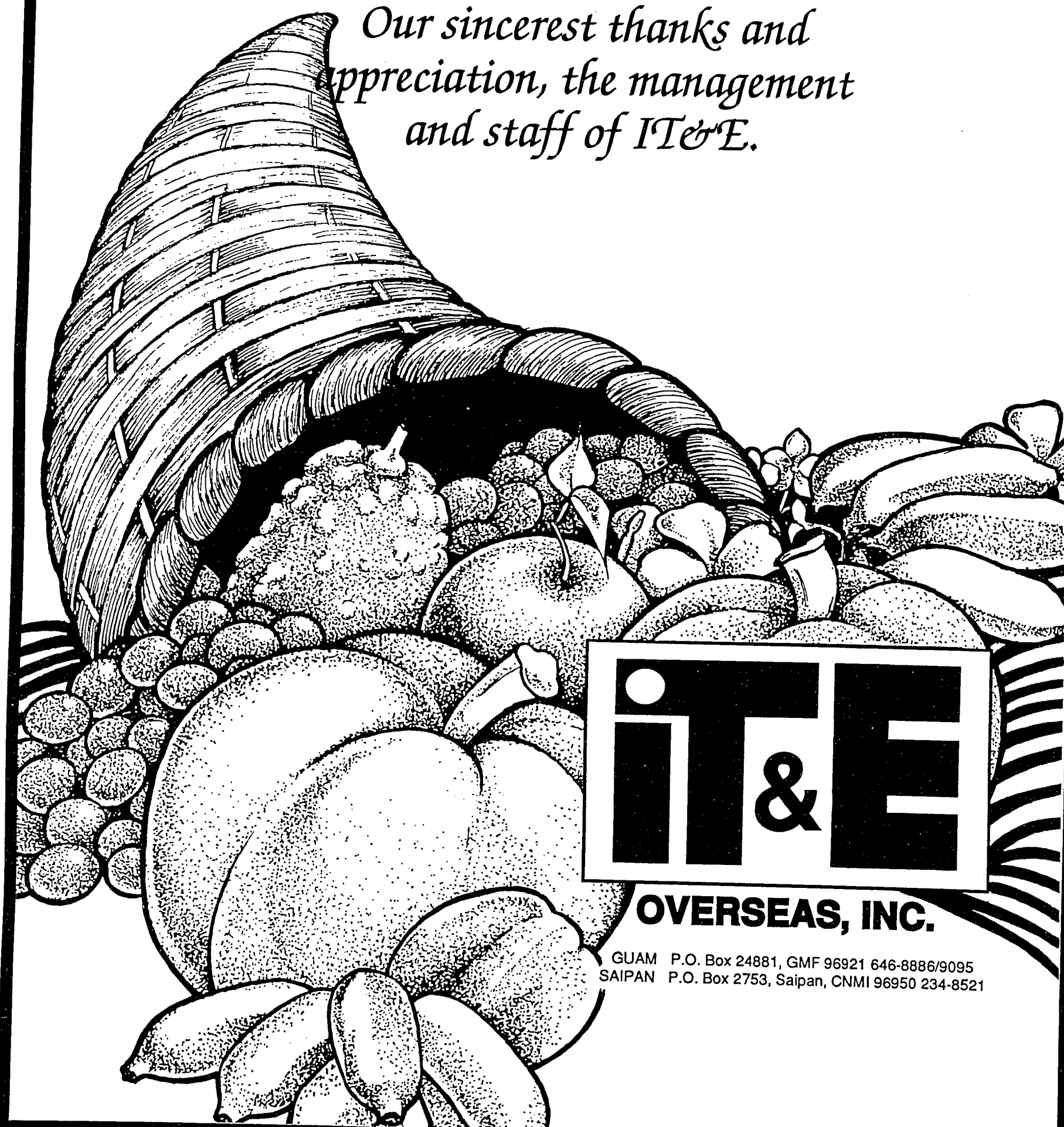
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War Claims . . . From page 1



War Claims funds beneficiaries were the special guests of the CNMI and U.S. officials Monday.

of the islands, and the Commonwealth especially, had suffered during the second world war.

Guerrero said that many residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota lost all their possessions when "they used our property as bombing practice. . . . Many of our loved ones were killed in that war in which we were just innocent bystanders, it was not our war."

While talking about all that was lost and was partially being repaid by these first checks, Guerrero made passing mention of the men who died during the U.S. Marine invasion of the "playground" in 1944. The battle for Saipan was one of the bloodiest of the way and virtually leveled what was Garapan at the time.

While he had the attention of the small audience, Guerrero used the Forum to say that the United States should be more responsive to requests made for help, as well as war reparations. The speaker said that he hoped this small ceremony which handed out 10 checks to recipients from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, as well as a man from Guam was part of the signal that "our requests won't be falling on deaf ears, "as they have in the past, he alleged.

Almost in the same breath as he was vilifying the United States, Guerrero said that he felt "our beloved country (meaning the U.S.) should pay more attention to the people of Micronesia as a

people. He also said the Commonwealth was fortunate to have someone of McCoy's stature, experience and understanding of the area in such a high office in Washington."

The speaker and Senate President Benjamin Manglona also paid homage to the literal scores of earlier leaders and political figures who had worked so hard over the years. Sen. Herman Guerrero was praised for his work, as was Bill Nabors, for the early and continuing efforts they expended to force the U.S. to pay their fair share for the loss of life and damages done to the Commonwealth during the war years.

While Manglona's rebuke of the U.S. was less pointed than the



The first check was presented to Pablo N. Igitol by McCoy.

speakers, he too was critical of the time it has taken the United States to finish the task of determining just who was entitled to be compensated for their losses.

The Senate president said that while 1,400 persons or their heirs were going to receive checks

within the next six months or so, he knew that that were 500-1,000 more in the villages "who didn't file claims and who are entitled to them."

Manglona said that he was in favor of making a village-to-village tour. *Continues on page 9*

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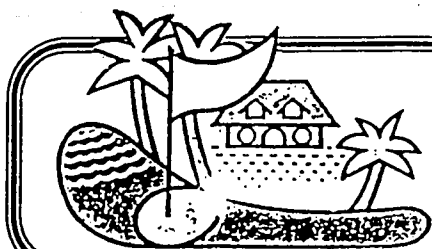
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lage survey and "getting the rest of the people who are due checks to fill out the claim forms."

Such an effort may be futile, however, McCoy said in a press conference following the check presentations that the War Claims Commission was disbanded. "As far as I know, this is the last of the checks (meaning the Title I payments being made in the next six months.)"

Others, including the governor and Lt. governor, made speeches hailing the check presentation, as well as calling for closer ties to the United States. Governor Pedro P. Tenorio said that he was happy for the recipients, and felt the efforts expended by the U.S. and others on the war claims committee were good, and the recipients in the Commonwealth have a lot of people to thank.

Lt. Governor Pedro A. Tenorio echoed the chief executive's good wishes and happiness that the long process of haggling over the payments was finally at an end.

"Today's event is a culmination of many efforts by many people, including some of our people who have passed away."

He made special mention of the efforts expended by the late Senator Olympio T. Borja who worked long and hard on the effort.

The Lt. governor's remarks included words like "respect," "gratitude," and "admiration" for the efforts of the U.S. in the whole 42-year-long problem.

"May this problem of war claims, which has been an emotional and thorny issue in our

political relationship with the United States be put to rest so that we can move forward with our common objective to establish a close, enduring and permanent political relationship with the United States of America."

After all the speeches were made McCoy took the microphone and said she was very pleased to have been chosen by Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel to be the bearer of such good news and money to the Commonwealth and other Pacific areas. She said that the \$2.4 million was the last of the monies approved by Congress for reparations, but "I surely am not carrying all that money in one hand," she said with a chuckle. "nor, am I carrying 1,400 checks in the other. With the exception of the ten checks I brought with me today, the rest will be mailed within the next six months from the United States."

Pablo N. Igitol of Saipan was the first person to receive his check and a kill from McCoy as the final documents were signed. Quickly following were Edward Peter, Felisima Debrum, Thomas Guerrero and Thomas A. Cepeda, also of Saipan.

Rota was represented by Albert Toves and Romanu Maritita.

Tinian's recipients were Frederico T. dela Cruz and Emerincina A. Hofschneider.

Isaia Maritita of Guam was also given his check.

During a press conference following the ceremony McCoy declined to speak candidly about the attacks made on the United States by Guerrero, However, she

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said that "this is the first time something like this has happened on this trip. In other areas I was greeted happily because I was bringing the money."

A small announcement was made by McCoy following the check passings in which she announced that she had been promoted to Undersecretary of the Interior, effective Wednesday. "But, it will probably be the shortest appointment on record because almost as soon as I am sworn in, I will be submitting my resignation to the President."

McCoy said the resignation was a matter of protocol because with the election of George Bush and the new president, political appointees such as McCoy do so as a courtesy.

Asked if she wanted to continue in the Interior Department, she said that "it was the best job in the world, but these 10,000 mile trips take a toll on you."

She also declined to discuss how much each check was for, or what an 'average' check would be. However, Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Trial Court, Robert Hefner said he estimated that the 'average check was for \$4,000 or less."

He came by that figure because under the War Claims Probate laws passed by the legislature his court virtually gives "same-hour" service on the funds which are not contested. The public defender's office usually represents the claimants and that speeds things up. They may also retain a private attorney if wanted.

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Governor Pedro P. Tenorio welcomed McCoy to Monday's ceremonies saying that the first checks she brought with her were spelling the end of a long and difficult struggle by the people of the Commonwealth to receive what they were due from the World War II damages done to their homes and the loss of life by loved ones.



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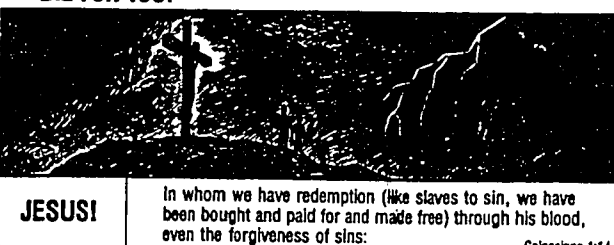
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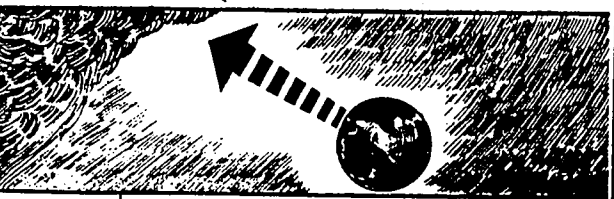


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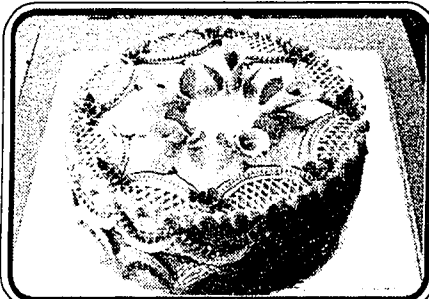


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Hefner said several of the claims have already been adjudicated. "I remember one claim was for one-forty-second of the total amount, he said. That person was the relative of a relative of the original entitlement.

Total funding for the entire Micronesian area was \$34,402,711, with \$11,660,723 paid already.

Truk residents received the highest repayment - with \$13,359,901 distributed to 5,701 recipients. Kosrae received the least amount, \$136,445 distributed to 153 persons.

During World War II Pacific combat between American and Japanese military forces, many Micronesians sustained the loss of life, limb and property as a result of fierce fighting between the two forces. Recognition of a mutual obligation to address the existence of legitimate claims was contained in the United States' 1952 Treaty of Peace with the Government of Japan.

Negotiations were begun shortly after the Treaty was signed, but reached a stalemate when the Government of Japan took the position that Micronesian claims were offset by the value of Japanese property abandoned by Japanese nationals after the War. In 1966, at the urging of the United Nations, the United States and Japan resumed negotiations which resulted in a 1969

agreement in which both parties agreed to contribute \$5 million into a Micronesian Claims Fund which would be administered by the United States.

The United States Congress then enacted the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971 which provided for the creation of Micronesian Claims Commission and the adjudication and award of meritorious claims by the inhabitants of Micronesia who suffered loss of life, physical injury or property damage during and immediately after World War II.

Title I of the Act was intended to provide for adjudication and payment for claims "directly resulting from hostilities" between the governments of Japan and the United States "between December 7, 1941 and the dates of securing the various islands." Title II, which did not include Japan, provided for the consideration and adjudication of claims against the United States arising from the events in the immediate postwar period.

The Micronesian Claims Commission began accepting claims on October 16, 1972. A total of 11,104 claims were received and the commission acted on some 10,976 of the claims prior to issuing its final report in 1976. Recognized were claims of \$34,349,509 under Title I and \$32,634,403 under Title II. However, as noted in a Congressional Report, "the claims determined by the Commission proved to be substantially larger than Congress had envisioned." The Micronesians were paid for their losses on a pro rata basis to the extent allowed by available funds.

Congress authorized the appropriation of the additional moneys in Public Law 95-134 and in 1978 appropriated the \$12.6 million necessary to pay the entire amount of remaining Title II claims.

The Congress, however, also declared that the appropriation of final awards under Title I was not authorized until the "Government of Japan has provided to the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands a contribution . . . which has a value as determined by the Secretary of the Interior equivalent to not less than 50 per centum of the total awards made pursuant to Title I."

In 1984, the Congress sought to interpret the language of P.L. 95-134 to mean that if Japan contributed in goods and services to the three Micronesian governments an amount equivalent of its 50 percent share of the funds to pay Title I claims, the Secretary of the Interior was empowered to certify to Congress that Japan had met its obligation and request Congress to appropriate funds to pay the unpaid claims. The Department of the Interior Solicitor, however, ruled that report language interpreting a law some seven years after enactment cannot change the plain meaning of

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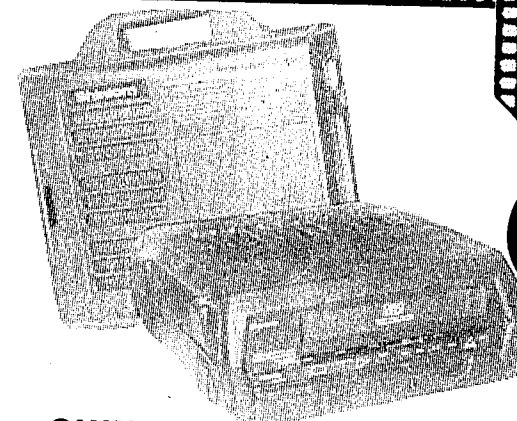
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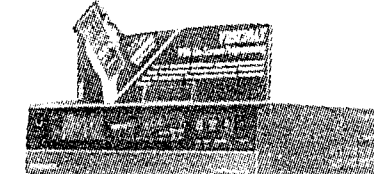
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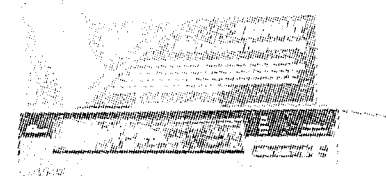
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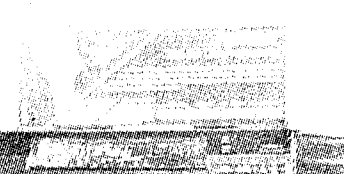
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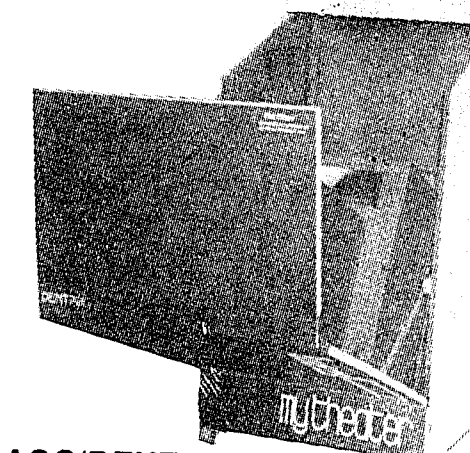
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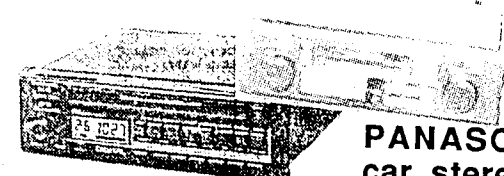
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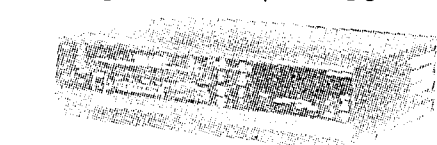
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Beatrice is survived by her parents Manuel Blas Sablan and Cecilia Tenorio Sablan; her sisters Frances Sablan Ramon, Josephine Sablan-Hall, Magdalena Sablan Barker, and Rita Sablan Dela Cruz; her brothers Efrain Tenorio Sablan, John Tenorio Sablan, and Joseph Tenorio Sablan; her sister-in-law Gloria Guerrero Sablan; her brothers-in-law Nick S. Ramon, Judge Jose S. Dela Cruz, Jerry Hall, and Bruce Barker.

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She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her remains will lie in state at the San Antonio Church, on Wednesday, November 23, 1988 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last respects and viewing shall be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., to be followed by the Mass of Resurrection at 4:00 p.m., and her burial thereafter at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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1 LPG TECHNICIAN - High school graduate, 2 years experience. Salary: \$850.00 per month.
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1 ELECTRICIAN - High school graduate, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.50-\$1.75 per hour.
Contact: GAUDENCIO C. MACALINAO dba Unity Trade Service, Inc., P.O. Box 703, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 YARD WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.
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3 BAKERS - High school graduate. Salary: \$400.00 per month.
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Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel, P.O. Box 369, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 FOREMAN - High school graduate, 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.00-\$2.15 per hour.
1 DRAFTER - College graduate, 4 years experience. Salary: \$2.00-\$2.15 per hour.
3 MASONS
1 PLUMBER
1 ELECTRICIAN
3 CARPENTERS

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Contact: MR. JESUS DELA CRUZ dba Galaxy Ent., P.O. Box 433, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 ELECTRICIAN-High school equivalent. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: RIP STEPHANSON dba NORTH PACIFIC ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 2471, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

2 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN - College graduate. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.
Contact: IT&E OVERSEAS, INC., P.O. Box 2753, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 FOREMAN - High school graduate. Salary: \$2.25 per hour.
Contact: GOOD SAMARITAN GENERAL CONTRACTOR, P.O. Box 28, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 FARMER - High school graduate. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: NICOLAS MUNA, P.O. Box 880, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

2 FARMERS - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: EDWARD U. MARATITA, P.O. Box 502, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

2 FARMER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 to \$200.00 per month.
Contact: MARTIN M. TAISACAN, P.O. Box 673, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

3 FARMERS - High school equivalent. Salary: \$200.00 & up.
1 ACCOUNTANT - College graduate, 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: EBH INTERNATIONAL, INC., P.O. Box 1777, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 FARM WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: JOSEPH C. REYES, P.O. Box 710, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 FARMER - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: SEN. BENJAMIN & MRS. MAGDALENA MANGLONA, Rota, MP 96951. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.
1 HOUSE WORKER - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: EDWIN/MILAGROS HOCOG dba Exec. Recruiting & Manpower Services, P.O. Box 2013, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

10 CARPENTERS
10 MASONS
5 STEELMAN

- High school graduate. Salary: \$1.75 per hour.
1 DRAFTSMAN - College graduate. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.
1 CAR BODY BUILDER & FENDER 1 MECHANIC

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1 RECRUITMENT AGENCY MANAGER - College graduate. Salary: \$450.00 per month.
Contact: ANTONIO P. MAREHAM dba AMCO, P.O. Box 2703, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

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Contact: MICHAEL JAMES MCCART dba McCart & Associates, P.O. Box 2471, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: MANUEL A. DEMAPAN, P.O. Box 948, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school graduate. Salary: \$150.00-\$200.00 per month.
Contact: MR. ANTONIO R. DL. GUERRERO, P.O. Box 802, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school graduate. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: GEORGE & VERONICA CABRERA, P.O. Box 2224, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE MAID (Live-In-Maid) - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: VERA T. PANGELINAN, P.O. Box 862, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

10 HOUSE WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.
Contact: TWELVE C'S MGMT., INC., P.O. Box 214, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 88-689P

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSE A. TAISACAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITOR

The Petition of Rosa L. Taisacan seeking to be appointed as Administratrix of the Estate of Jose L. Taisacan, deceased, has been set for hearing before the Commonwealth Trial Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the 1st day of December, 1988, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Any person who has any objection to this petition may file his or her objection with the Commonwealth Court at any time before the hearing, or may appear at the time set for hearing to present such objection or interest in the above-captioned matter.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the Estate of Jose L. Taisacan or against the deceased, that within sixty (60) days after the publication of this notice, they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Trial Court and any claims not so presented shall be barred.
Dated this 20th day of October, 1988.

/s/Margarita M. Palacios
Clerk of Court

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Contact: MARIANAS MASONRY CONST. CO., P.O. Box 121, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

4 CARPENTERS - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.70-\$3.50 per hour.

1 ELECTRICIAN - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.85-\$3.50 per hour.

3 PLUMBERS - High school equivalent. Salary: \$1.70-\$3.00 per hour.

1 MASON - High school equivalent. Salary: \$2.20-\$2.50 per hour.

1 H.E. OPERATOR - High school equivalent. Salary: \$1.85-\$2.00 per hour.

2 BLOCK MAKERS - High school equivalent. Salary: \$1.50 per hour.

3 BLOCK MAKERS - High school equivalent. Salary: \$1.50 per hour.

4 FIBERGLASS WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$1.70-\$2.00 per hour.

1 LATHE MACHINE OPERATOR - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.

3 HEAVY TRUCK DRIVERS - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.90 per hour.

1 TIREMAN - High school equivalent. Salary: \$1.80 per hour.

3 WAREHOUSEMAN - High school equivalent, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.50-\$2.00 per hour.

Contact: CONSTR. & MAT'L SUPPLY, INC., P.O. Box 609, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

5 STEELMAN
20 CARPENTERS
20 MASONS

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Contact: REYNALDO T. DE LEMOS dba Universal Engineering & Sales Corp., P.O. Box 2136, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) F.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$275.00 per month.

Contact: LUCY T. SABLON, P.O. Box 121, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 88-875

NOTICE OF HEARING AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re Estate of
JUAN DE CASTRO,
Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Vicente C. Pangelinan, a resident of Barrigada, Guam, has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Trial Court, to be appointed as Administrator of the estate of Juan De Castro, deceased. The attorney of record is Juan T. Lizama, P.O. Box 1508, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition of Juan De Castro is set for 19th day of January, 1989, at 1:30 p.m., at the Commonwealth Trial Court. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Trial Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1988.

/s/Charlene Teregeyo
Dep. Clerk of Court

1 ASST. SALES MANAGER - High school graduate, 2 years experience. Salary: \$700.00 per month.

1 ASST. OPERATION MANAGER
1 SALES MANAGER

- High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$750.00 per month.

Contact: MAS MAULEG CORPORATION dba MMC Tours, P.O. Box 228 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 LIVE-IN-AID - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.

Contact: JULIANA M. TOVES, P.O. Box 516, Rota, MP 96951. (12/27) T.

1 LIVE-IN-MAID - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.

Contact: ESTANISLAO TAISACAN dba Balbina D.C., P.O. Box 593, Rota, MP 96951. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month.

Contact: ROD ADAMS, C.H.R.B. Gen. Delivery, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

1 HOUSE WORKER - High school graduate. Salary: \$2.15 per hour.

Contact: JOSEPH V. ADA dba Joe's Manpower & Recruiting Services, P.O. Box 1789, Saipan, MP 96950. (12/27) T.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Marianas Public Land Corporation is soliciting proposal for the purchase and installation of the following:

One Personal Computer with the following specifications:

100% IBM Compatible with at least 80286 microprocessor MS-DOS 3.1 or higher
1 MegaByte RAM with expansion capability to 15.5 MB
100 MegaByte Hard Disk
One 5.25" floppy disk drive which supports the following formats:

double-density (360KB)
high-density (1.2MB)
80287 Math Co-processor
Power Surge Protector and power back up unit
Color Monitor with graphic card
Hayes Compatible Modem (1200/2400 Baud)

One Personal Computer with the following specifications:

100% IBM Compatible with at least 80286 microprocessor MS-DOS 3.1 or higher
640 MegaByte RAM with expansion capability
20 MegaByte Hard Disk
One 5.25" floppy disk drive with supports the following formats:

double-density (360KB)
high-density (1.2MB)
80287 Math Co-processor
Power Surge Protector and power back up unit
Color Monitor with graphic card

Networking

Provide hardware and software for the network of three personal computers and interface via switch box with one dot matrix and HP Laser Jet Printer.

Proposals must be received no later than December 21, 1988. Successful bidder must deliver computer units with attachments and components within 7 working days from notice of award of bid. MPLC reserves the right to waive any informalities to protect its interest.

/s/WILLIAM R. CONCEPCION
Executive Director

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northern Marianas Catholic Social Services has a job opening for Community Service Unit Coordinator. Application and job description may be picked up at the CSS Office in Susupe. Deadline for submission of application is December 12, 1988 at 5:00 p.m.

POSITION OPENINGS

1. MUSICIAN ARTIST - Preschool up to Elementary Third Grade

2. VISUAL ARTIST - Preschool up to Elementary Third Grade

Contact: Artist-in-Education program. Grant from National Endowment of the Arts. Short term. Salary \$700.00 bi-weekly. If off-island recruitment necessary, Housing/Round-trip transportation provided.

Submit following by December 30, 1988.

1. Resume
2. 3 letters of recommendation
3. Music or Musician: 1 audio or video sample of work, any sample of student work if appropriate.

Visual Artist: 10 slides personal work
5 slides of your students work

4. Sample of Unit or Lesson plans; or outline of goals for this residency.

5. List of materials, supplies, equipment needed for completion or residency.

6. Special requirements (space, time, class size etc.).

7. IF NOT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH: Short paper on how to live/work on a small island where access to libraries, supplies and resources are limited.

For Application or more information call or write:
CNMI Council for Arts & Culture
(670) 322-9982 or 9983
P.O. Box 553, CHRB
Saipan, MP 96950

CNMI Public School System
(670) 322-9812 or 322-9553
Lower Base
Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION TO BID

The Marianas Public Land Corporation hereby invites interested and capable suppliers to submit sealed bids for the purchase of two (2) pick-up trucks and one (1) jeep. The specifications for the above is as follow:

PICK-UP TRUCK

1. Four Wheels Drive
2. Six Cylinders
3. Air Condition
4. Radio
5. Rust Proofed

JEEP

1. Hard Top
2. Six Cylinder
3. Air Condition
4. Radio
5. Rust Proofed

The price quoted shall be the price in effect at the time of delivery.

Delivery of a truck to Tinian and Rota shall be coordinated by the successful bidder.

Successful bidder must be able to deliver within one week from date of award.

All sealed bids for the above must be submitted in person no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 15, 1988 at MPLC's office on Capitol Hill. At that time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in the bidding to promote and protect the best interest of MPLC.

/s/WILLIAM R. CONCEPCION
Executive Director

INVITATION TO BID

The Marianas Public Land Corporation is inviting all interested and capable individual or firm to submit competitive sealed bid for the design, repair and construction of new sewer line at Lower Navy Hill Subdivision. All bids must be submitted in person at anytime before 10:00 a.m., December 21, 1988, to the Office of the Executive Director of MPLC located on Capitol Hill, Saipan, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid form and specifications are available at the Office of the Executive Director. If you have any questions concerning the bid announcement, please come or contact the MPLC Office at 322-7142/6914/6915.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid if it determines to be in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth.

/s/WILLIAM R. CONCEPCION
Executive Director

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US Courts Say Marcos Can Be Sued By Philippine Government For Theft

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal appeals court ruled that a prohibition against U.S. judicial review of sovereign acts by another nation does not prevent the Philippine government from suing Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos for allegedly stealing huge sums of money before fleeing their homeland.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also maintained a freeze by a Los Angeles federal judge on the suspected multibillion-dollar worldwide holdings of the Marcoses.

Ronald Olson, a lawyer for the Aquino government, said the court's rejection of the "act of state" defense has implications for the pending criminal case against the Marcoses in New York, where the same defense has been raised. Thursday's decision overturned an earlier ruling by a three-judge panel of the appeals court that the Marcoses were exempt from prosecution

because of the government doctrine.

Olson added he was pleased that the court had allowed evidence of a large, unexplained increase in the Marcos family's net worth over 20 years to raise an inference of ill-gotten gains.

The so-called "act of state" doctrine cited by lawyers for the Marcos family "is meant to facilitate the foreign relations of the United States, not to furnish the equivalent of sovereign immunity to a deposed leader," said the opinion by Judge John Noonan.

He added the prohibition "is not a promise to the ruler of any foreign country that his conduct, if challenged by his own country after his fall, may not become the subject of scrutiny in our courts."

Noonan also said the freeze order by U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer, which prohibits the couple from using or transferring any of their money or property except for necessary

living expenses, was justified as a way to keep the Marcoses from "putting their property beyond the reach of the court."

Olson called the freeze ruling "a critically important affirmation of the courageous ruling by Judge Pfaelzer ... which hopefully has held in place the monies that Marcos has secreted away."

Noonan said the suit by the government of Corazon Aquino has "a fair chance of succeeding." The court voted 11-0 to let the suit proceed and 9-2 to maintain the freeze, which was imposed in June 1986.

The suit, the principal U.S. case brought by the Aquino government, contends the couple used the proceeds of Marcos' looting of the Philippines during his 20-year rule to invest in U.S. property, both before and after he was deposed in February 1986.

On another issue, Noonan rejected the Marcoses' argument that the suit failed to allege any provable evidence of theft.

He said the Aquino government had alleged that \$8.2 million in cash, jewelry and other property that the couple brought to Hawaii had been stolen and was intended to be taken to the United States, the basis of the claim of violations of U.S. laws.

In addition, Noonan said the government had alleged clandestine dealings by the couple since 1970 with a trust based in Liechtenstein, and a \$1.5 billion increase in Swiss bank accounts controlled by Ferdinand Marcos from 1966 to 1986.

Those allegations "give rise to the inference that very large sums of money were amassed by the Marcoses by the unlawful means alleged" in the suit, Noonan said. He said the claims involve the same general set of facts - a pattern of theft and wrongdoing in the Philippines - and can be tried in the same case.

In a separate opinion, Judge Mary Schroeder, joined by Judge William Canby, said it was improper to maintain the freeze on the Marcoses' property outside the United States, because it is not clear that a U.S. court has jurisdiction over the claims relating to foreign property.

The property allegedly stolen in the Philippines and deposited elsewhere "has not been shown to have any connection with the United States itself or violations of our law," Schroeder said.

Calling the freeze order "unprecedented in its breadth," she said that to decide the claims on foreign-held property, the lower-court judge "would have to unravel all of the Marcoses' financial transactions over a long period of time and over much of the globe. It would take a corps of historians years to accomplish the task." AP-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MICHAEL L. CASTRO
December 13, 1988

From: Papa, Auntie Zeny,
Auntie Emily & Uncle Nesto



INVITATION TO BID

PSS-IFB-88-168

The Commissioner of Education is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Saipan's, Various School Projects under Groups "B" and "C". Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, Lower Base, Saipan until 3:00 p.m. local time, December 23, 1988, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond, or other form acceptable to the Government, made payable to the Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Plans and specifications are available at the Planning Office of the Public School System. A non-refundable payment of \$250.00 per set is required for Saipan Projects. A pre-bid conference will be held at the Board of Education conference room at Lower Base, Saipan, December 7, 1988.

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

All bids documents received shall be the sole property of the Public School System 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, "Instruction to Bidders", Page 1-2, Paragraph No. 5, Bid Guarantee.

The Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the CNMI Government.

/s/HENRY I. SABLON
Commissioner of Education



Lt. Governor Pedro A. Tenorio, and CUC Executive Director Pedro Sasamoto, inspect the water source site.



Once the project is completed, water pressure in the Tanapag and San Roque area should be increased.

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Water Project Nears End

By Frank Rosario

(CNS) - The water improvement project at Sadog Agaton (Tanapag Spring No. 1) above Tanapag Village is expected to be completed at the end of this week and water from that spring which is fed by an artesian well will be pumped into the public water system to increase water pressure and volume for Tanapag and San Roque residents.

Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio and Public Works Director John Pangelinan began working on the project last week mobilizing employees from Public Works and the Governor's office.

The Lieutenant Governor said the Agaton spring has been dormant since the early 1960s when the Naval Administration left Saipan. Built and used by the

Japanese and the Navy, the spring is capable of producing up to 90 gallons per minute of clean sweet low mineral water. Daily output from this source alone during the wet season could amount to 130,000 gallons. Minimum flow is about 25,000 to 30,000 gallons per day. The natural spring water has just unused for a long time and was discovered by the Lieutenant Governor, Pangelinan and Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Pete Sasamoto. House Vice Speaker Benigno M. Sablan accompanied the group to that site and another near San Roque.

The employees cleaned the 40,000 gallon filter tanks and laid 600 feet four inch pipes from the well to another holding tank at a lower elevation which leads to a

booster pump. From there the water will be pumped to an elevated Tasa Reservoir where it will be distributed to Tanapag, San Roque and Marpi areas.

Lt. Gov. Tenorio had the employees dig up an under-ground pipe which was redesign to catch diverted spring water from the mountain and lead it into the distribution tank which could further increase the amount of water being put into the system.

Residents of Tanapag and San Roque have been complaining for years of low water pressure and some residence of San Roque has been without water for years. The Lieutenant Governor said the addition of the spring water from the Agaton well will increase the water pressure and volume to these two areas.

Students View Variety

Monday the Marianas Variety was visited by prospective journalist of the journalism class of Garapan Elementary School. The class is under the direction of Mr. Matagolai and has been taught since 1986 but Matagolai said the visit to the Variety was the first time he has been able to take his class to view the way newspapers are written, laid out and published on the island.

The school also has a Newspaper Club with over 20 members. Promotion of local students to enter the newspaper profession is also a goal of the newly formed Saipan Press Club which has offered for members of the media to be guest speakers at schools.



Publisher Abed Younis hosted the students trip to the Variety and explained how the operations worked.



Graphic Artist Henry Solis has students looking over his shoulder as he laid out an ad.



The printing press, the wheels that keep a newspaper on track, got a close look in the visit.

Marianas Variety

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