

Laude killers get life

By Rafael I. Santos



Joseph Anthony Bowie

CONVICTED killers of Filipino carpenter Eladio Laude yesterday were each given three life sentences and both were ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$50,000 for the family of the murder victim.

Joseph Anthony Bowie and Mario Muna Reyes were also ordered to pay the amount of \$25,000 to Nilo Rivera who was abducted together with Laude in November 1992 but managed to escape.

The two were also meted another year in jail for assault and battery.

The three life terms will be served concurrently, Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex Castro said. This means that in actuality, the convicts will just serve one life term because the three life sentences are served all at the same time.

"It's an appropriate sentence," government prosecutor Charles Rotbart said shortly after the sentencing.

Defense lawyer G. Anthony Long however said the sentence was "very severe." "We felt somewhat disappointed because the sentence was too severe as it applied to Joseph Bowie," Long told the Variety.

The defense lawyer said he will appeal the case with the Supreme

Court. Long did not say when exactly he is going to challenge the conviction of his client to the high court, but said Bowie and Reyes have 30 days to appeal the case.

Reyes's counsel Antonio Atalig said he will consider all available options, referring to the possibility of challenging the case in an appellate court or filing of a motion for reduction of sentence.

The sentencing came more than three months after a six-member jury convicted Bowie and Reyes of first degree murder and two counts of kidnapping "beyond reasonable doubt" in connection with the abduction of the two Filipinos and the subsequent death of Laude in Dan Dan homestead area.

Laude and Rivera were kidnapped along Beach Road near Joeten Motors last November 5,



Charles Rotbart

1992 and were transported to the Department of Public Safety by the convicted killers who posed as police officers.

From DPS, they were brought to Reyes's house in As Lito where

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Hotels generate \$12.5M in 1993

THE HOTEL Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) announced this week the results of a statistical survey of its members showing \$12.5 million in taxes were contributed by the industry to the local economy in 1993. The figures were reported by 10 hotels on Saipan, and included gross receipts tax, hotel room occupancy tax and bar tax payments made to the CNMI government. HANMI estimates that the total hotel industry on Saipan contributes approximately 10 percent of the national budget.

The hotels also gave generously to the community in 1993. Seven hotels reported giving a combined total of more than \$183,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to local charitable organizations and schools in 1993.

Despite a continuing economic depression in Japan, the Marianas Visitors Bureau reported that visitors coming in Saipan increased by 12% in 1993. According to HANMI statistical reports, the average guest room occupancy of the nine major hotels on Saipan was 73.31%, which was a 5.59%

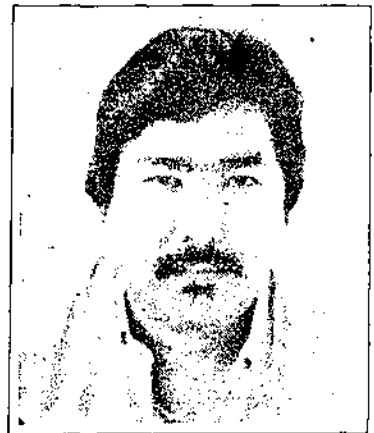
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Abraham, DL Cruz get King's support

By Rafael H. Arroyo

ACTING Directors Pedro Q. Dela Cruz and Isamu J. Abraham may be headed towards confirmation by the Senate as heads of the Departments of Commerce & Labor and of Public Health & Environmental Services.

In a telephone interview from



Esteven M. King

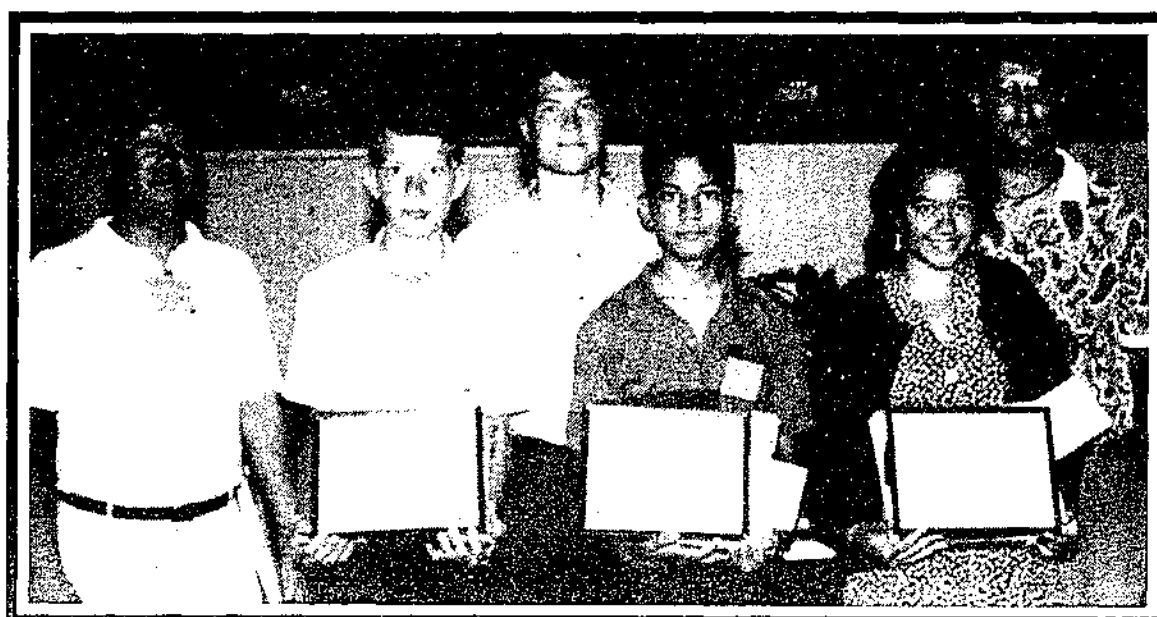
his senatorial office on Tinian, Sen. Esteven M. King, who is chairman of the Executive Appointments & Governmental Investigation, said he and other members of his committee are inclined to recommend the approval of both nominees' appointments to the full Senate.

"We are impressed by the credentials of both nominees. They got support from the public at-large on Tinian and in Rota. The mayors of both islands sent in favorable testimonies. There was no opposition from anyone," said King.

"That, coupled with their impressive credentials, makes the committee strongly in support of their nominations," said King.

King's EAGI Committee yesterday took both Abraham and Dela Cruz on Tinian for the sec-

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The winners of this year's Northern Mariana Islands Geography Bee got together with teachers from their respective schools after last Friday's competition. Shown here, from left to right, are Ramiro Trinidad of Marianas Baptist Academy, second-place finisher Dan Tollet of Marianas Baptist, Kevin Eichhorn of Grace Christian Academy, first-place finisher Jon Abraham of Grace Christian Academy, third-place finisher Alina Haas of Saipan Community School and Brian Cook of Saipan Community School.

Tax deadline today

TODAY, April 15 is the filing deadline for individual income tax returns, so everyone is encouraged to beat the rush and avoid penalties for late filing.

Finance Director Maria D. Cabrera issued the reminder yesterday in a telephone interview with the Variety wherein she also announced that tax rebate checks will be sent out in two weeks time.

According to the Finance director, the Division of Revenue & Taxation may extend its office hours today beyond 4:30 p.m. to accommodate last-

minute filers depending on their volume.

"I would like to call on the public to file their income tax returns early and avoid the rush. We also would like to tell them that their tax rebates would be sent by mail on a first in first out basis," said Cabrera.

She added that the Revenue & Taxation Division will start sending the rebate checks two weeks after the April 15 deadline, meaning starting April 29.

According to Cabrera, Finance would no longer ready the rebate checks for pick-up by recipients as in previous years, opting that ev-

erything be mailed to the addresses indicated in their wage and tax statements.

Previously, such checks were being mailed while filers without addresses were being picked up from the Treasury Office.

At times in the past even those whose checks have been mailed prefer to pick their checks up causing long queues in the releasing offices.

"We feel that it would be best for everyone to just have everything mailed. Besides, it would be a lot more convenient," said Cabrera.

U.S. pushes new dialogue on Bosnia

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton telephoned Israel's prime minister to stress that a bombing that killed six Israelis must not derail implementation of an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord.

Clinton offered condolences to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a seven-minute phone talk, White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said late Wednesday.

Rabin "agreed with the

president on the need to reach prompt agreement" and Clinton made clear "the United States is ready for its part to ensure negotiations reach a successful conclusion as rapidly as possible," Myers said. In a letter to Clinton made public earlier, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat strongly rejected attacks on Israeli civilians and said the violence is designed to destroy Arab-Israeli negotiations.

The letter was sent to the White House through the U.S. Embassy in Tunis on Tuesday

night.

On Wednesday, another in a series of attacks took the lives of six Israelis on a bus in northern Israel.

Before Clinton's seven-minute talk with Rabin, he issued a statement condemning the new attack in Hadera as "a further attempt by extremists to derail the peace process." He said "they must not be allowed to succeed."

The Islamic group Hamas said it bombed the crowded bus in retaliation for the

slaying of 30 Muslims by a Jewish extremist Feb. 25 in a mosque in Hebron. Hamas also had claimed responsibility for the bombing of a bus last week in Afula. Seven Israelis died and scores were injured, some severely.

The Palestine Liberation Organization issued a statement offering its condolences to the families of the victims, but the Clinton administration called on Arafat to condemn the attack. State Department spokesman

Michael McCurry said Wednesday after quoting Arafat's letter to Clinton that it was "a stronger statement than the chairman made last week."

Arafat wrote Clinton that "he regretted and strongly rejected such actions because they are directed against innocent people and claim to strike against the peace process and destroy it," McCurry said.

"It's clear from his statements that the chairman recognizes these acts for what they are and he strongly rejects them."

Fossils on monkey-ape-human family found

By MALCOLM RITTER

NEW YORK (AP) - Scientists exploring a Chinese quarry found what could be the earliest known member of the family of monkeys, apes and humans, part of a fossil trove suggesting Asia was a cradle for early primate development.

The quarry was likened to a "Garden of Eden for primates" by one expert because its fossils show a variety of early primates from about 45 million years ago.

"People tend to think of Africa as being the center of origin of this group," said Mary Dawson, co-author of a report on the findings.

The findings, she added, are "opening up the strong possibility that Asia was indeed a cradle for the development of early primates."

Primates include monkeys, apes and humans as well as other animals such as lemurs and tarsiers.

Some of the fossils found were

from the early member of the monkey-ape-human family, a monkey about the size of a mouse. They included three jaw fragments with teeth, some toothless jaw fragments, about a dozen isolated teeth and parts of elbow and ankle bones, Dawson said.

The fossils are from a period long before humans evolved, and Dawson said they reveal nothing about human evolution. For example, *Australopithecus afarensis*, the human ancestor from Africa best known for the partial skeleton "Lucy," is known from only about 4 million years ago.

The discoveries are reported in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* by Dawson and Chris Beard of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh with colleagues from Beijing.

The fossils were unearthed between 1987 and 1993 from natural crevices in a limestone quarry in the Jiangsu Province of

eastern China. Dawson said the small primates may have lived in the fissures, or predators may have dropped their bones there.

The quarry is dug out of two sides of a hill that rises above nearby rice paddies. The fossils were found in three towering, nearly vertical cracks about 6 feet wide that were filled with dirt and rock, Dawson said.

Researchers removed the dirt and rock, washed it and put it through sieves to filter out the fossils.

Dawson said the fossils from the mouse-sized monkey may be older than three monkey teeth found earlier in Africa. The African find had been regarded as the oldest known fossils of monkey-ape-human family. She said she suspects the Chinese fossils are actually younger.

Richard Kay, a fossil primate expert at Duke University, said the ages of the Chinese and African fossils are so uncertain that the Chinese creature may well be older.

Kay said the Chinese fossils were probably from a monkey but that other scientists might disagree.

Kay, who had discussed the findings with Beard, said if they are, then "he's got practically the Garden of Eden for primates" in the Chinese site.

Findings also included a dozen teeth revealing the earliest known tarsier, a big-eyed, tree-dwelling creature now living in Asian rain forests. The discovery pushes back the fossil record of tarsiers

Landslide buries 20 in Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - A landslide buried at least 20 people in a remote jungle mining settlement, an official said Wednesday.

It was the second such disaster in less than a week. A landslide

killed 20 people Friday in the central Andes.

The latest landslide occurred Tuesday in the gold mining community of Los Laureles, 255 miles (410 kms) south of Quito, said Alonso Rodriguez, governor of the southern province of Zamora Chinchipe.

A landslide in the same area last May killed at least 130 miners. The slopes of the jungle area have been weakened by indiscriminate logging and tunneling.

Ecuador is pounded by torrential rains during the rain season, from December to April, and landslides are frequent.

Quake hits Australia

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - A strong earthquake shook Australia's northern coast Thursday, the Australian Geological Survey Organization said. There were no immediate reports of damage or injury.

The quake occurred at 0330 GMT and was centered about 600 kilometers (372 miles) north of Darwin in the Banda Sea, where two continental plates meet. It had a magnitude of 6 on the open-ended Richter scale.

A stronger quake, measuring 6.5, struck about four hours earlier in the highlands of Irian Jaya in neighboring Indonesia, about 3,150 kilometers (1,970 miles) east of Jakarta.

Scientists doubted the two quakes were related.

An earthquake with a magnitude of between 6 and 7 can cause severe damage.

Torres threatens action vs. firm

By Ferdie de la Torre

EDUCATION Commissioner William S. Torres recently threatened to take legal action against an insurance company for non-compliance of agreement in connection with the delayed construction of the five new classrooms for two public elementary schools on Saipan.

In his letter to Mr. Thomas

Cantos, manager of JTS Insurance Co. Inc. dated April 11, 1994, Torres stressed that the Public School System is giving the company official warning for failing to comply with the agreement to the construction of classrooms at San Vicente and Koblerville Elementary Schools. The commissioner told Cantos that last March 21, the company agreed to place 10 workers at each

school site.

However, Torres said, as of Monday or three weeks after the agreement, he found out that there was no agreed number of workers on site at the two schools.

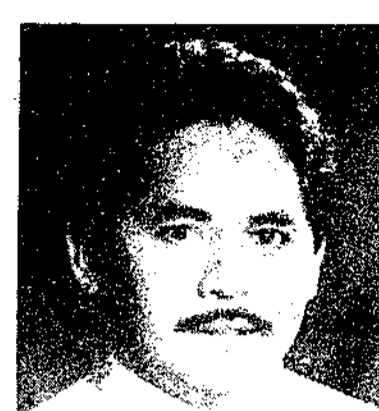
"On behalf of the children of San Vicente and Koblerville we cannot allow this to continue," Torres emphasized. "If this absurdity continues we will be forced to take action against your company for non-compliance."

The Commissioner told Cantos that the PSS is expecting immediate action on his part to have both sites fielded at least 10 workers each.

In another letter sent to the JTS manager the other day, Torres however, told Cantos that following their meeting on Tuesday, the PSS understands that the company will take all necessary action required to complete the classrooms.

Noticing positive development, Torres said last Sunday he learned that there were men working at San Vicente.

The Commissioner asked



William S. Torres

Cantos also for immediate action to do the same for Koblerville.

Congresswoman Anja S. Terego sent a letter to Torres and Board of Education Chairman Daniel O. Quitugua last April 4, expressing her disappointment over the delayed construction of the classrooms for the two schools.

Quitugua told Variety earlier that they were not "sitting" on the projects, saying they were just

following the proper procedures.

He said Torres first sent a notice to the contractors about the delay and informed them that they were unable to complete the projects as agreed.

The next procedure, Quitugua explained, the Commissioner delivered another notice to the bonding company of the contractors to take over and proceed with the construction.

He pointed out that it was not only the San Vicente and Koblerville which were affected but also the construction of the same five classrooms at Garapan.

The BOE Chairman stressed that he was informed that the contractors failed to complete the projects apparently due to financial problems.

The contractors working on the three projects have the same bonding company which is the JTS Insurance Co. Inc.

The bonding company would assume responsibility and mobilize equipment and personnel in case a contractor fails to complete a certain project.

More vigilance sought against tree snakes

REPRESENTATIVE Stanley T. Torres has written Governor Froilan C. Tenorio asking that government intensify efforts to ensure that the brown tree snake is not introduced in the Commonwealth.

Reacting to the recent discovery and capture of a live brown tree snake near the commuter terminal at the Saipan International Airport, Torres said Quarantine personnel should be more vigilant in its guard against possible transporters of the reptile.

"There is no doubt as to the potential destruction that the brown tree snake could do here. We must step up efforts to prevent this menace from establishing itself here," said Torres.

The snake sighting and catching incident happened less than a month ago. The reptile was found by an airport worker clinging to the wire fence between the international and domestic air terminal.

It was immediately caught and brought to the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

According to the Saipan lawmaker, airport personnel from Quarantine must thoroughly inspect all arriving aircraft from Guam and the Philippines and the entry port areas.

"Whatever the best solution is to address this problem, I believe the seriousness of it warrants high-level action and implementation of an effective plan," said the solon.



Stanley T. Torres

"They must do more than picking up documents. Perhaps dogs or traps would help," Torres added.

'Navajo Code Talker' exhibit to come to Saipan

FROM June 2 to July 9 Kenji Kawano's photographic exhibit "Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers" will be on display in American Memorial Park in Saipan. The exhibit is currently being shown in Japan.

According to a news release from the committee on the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of World War II, the 40 black and white photographs will be part of the 50th Anniversary of World War II Commemoration.

Throughout the Pacific - in Okinawa, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Iwo Jima, Riu-nanur, the Marshall Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, Bonin Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, New Caledonia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Palau Islands, Christmas Island, Tarawa, Guam, Tinian and Saipan - Navajo Marines

used a code based on their complex, unwritten language to defy Japanese master cryptographers.

The Navajo Code Talker's primary job was to talk; over telephone and radio he transmitted information on tactics and troop movements, orders and other vital battlefield communications. The Navajo code was the only U.S. code not broken during World War II. It remained top secret until it was declassified in 1968.

More than 400 Navajos served as Code talkers during the battle of the Pacific. An estimated 50 took part in the Battle of Saipan. They were considered so valuable that each was assigned a personally body guard. One story tells of a Code Talker who was skinny-dipping in Saipan's lagoon. As he emerged from the water, he was greeted by a

bayonet between his eyes and marched back to camp in his birthday suit. Only the common Code Talker nickname "Chief" saved him from being mistakenly taken for a Japanese soldier and made prisoner.

This remarkable and little known chapter of World War II is made all the more remarkable by Japanese photographer Kawano, who met the Code Talkers in 1976 on the Navajo Indian Reservation in the Southwestern U.S. In 1982 he was made an honorary member and official Navajo Talker Association photographer. He dedicates his work to the code talkers, "who defended their country by speaking their own language."

For more information about the exhibit and the Navajo Code Talkers, call the Commemoration Office, 233-3393.



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Persecuting prosecutors

A tripartite system of government like ours, patterned after that of the United States, is obviously intended to ensure a healthy and functioning government.

As such, the three branches of government perform the so-called check and balance. Sometimes, however, each branch does not realize that it may have been stepping on the other's toes.

Just this week, prosecutors made it clear that they should be left alone in performing their tasks.

While the legislature has the right to check and review the policies of the government including the functions of the Attorney General's Office, it should not be imposing any restrictions on prosecutors on how to do their job.

It is unthinkable indeed for legislators to try to limit the prosecutorial discretion of government lawyers, just because an offender is given lenient punishment for violating anti-prostitution provisions.

The Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General has said its piece: it's against any law setting a limit on plea bargaining practices of prosecutors.

It would be a crime to conclude that the reason why government counsels dispose off some cases such as Evelyn Lo's is because of lack of determination to prosecute offenders.

For sure, there are a thousand and one reasons why plea negotiations are essential. For one, just imagine how can six lawyers handle at least 500 cases in a year?

It takes only common sense to think that more serious cases must be given more attention by the government.

Undeniably, prostitution is a moral problem, it's a serious offense. But if the government has to choose between murder and prostitution as far as prosecution is concerned, the former deserves more lawyer's time and public money.

It took several years before the CNMI came up with a weapon against prostitution. It is true that for the fabrics of the society to remain intact, laws such as Public Law 8-14 must be vigorously enforced.

But to push for a restriction on plea bargaining is another thing. It would not only be tantamount to meddling into the affairs of the AGO, but it would also be mean a persecution for lawyers who have to attend to numerous cases at the same time.

We believe the solution is not a new law, but better understanding of the functions of each branch of the government and perhaps more funds for the AGO.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CARE MORE ABOUT HEALTH CARE THAN THEY DO ABOUT WHITEWATER... DON'T YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTH CARE?

IF YOU'RE IMPEACHED WILL YOU STILL BE COVERED?



Jr's Agenda

by John DelRosario

Echoes from Afar

US Congressman Ron De Lugo was here recently re-echoing the same message conveyed to the CNMI some two years ago about the need to consider and positively approve major reform measures. These measures include, among others, the proposed minimum wage submitted to the legislature a month or so ago by the administration.

So what's so important about the proposed minimum wage? May I illustrate a point in hopes that our policymakers would engage in constructive discussions aimed at resolving this issue once and for all.

The State of Hawaii and the neighboring island of Guam to the south are paying their employees in both the public and private sectors more than the prevailing federal minimum wage. Yet, the cost of basic necessities in these two jurisdictions are far cheaper than the CNMI where the minimum wage is twice as low.

At \$2.45 an hour, a family of two would only have \$196.00 every ten days to pay for food, clothing (seasonal), an inexpensive family car, health, mortgage on a new inexpensive house, and tuition or school supplies. With a monthly income of \$392 or \$4704 per year, logic tells you that this family would have to join the Food Stamps Program from the very start in order to survive. What a way to start a family—turn our very own people into invalids and beggars. Is this our policymakers' vision of life in paradise?

The other dangerous social effect of the current low minimum wage is the fact that it has built the notion among the indigenous people that we can afford live-in-maids. Therefore, the responsibility of parenting is conveniently passed on to the maid. Both parents then have time for themselves and friends. But there's hardly any quality time allocated to spend with their children. As a result, we leave open opportunities for our siblings to treat the live-in-maid as a slave or some object to abuse with impunity.

I have seen this happen in too many households to the extent where we change maids like changing disposal diapers. It is this aspect of affordability born by cheap hourly wage that opens up both the abuse of this group of workers and the gradual building of a master/slave relationship that is contributing to the demise of some of the most revered traditions of our people. It is up to our policymakers to assist families here get back to basics on traditional parental responsibilities. This anomaly (low minimum wage) warrants immediate consideration and resolution. Or you can leave it be so you could

contribute further to the familial and social disintegration of your very own people.

De Lugo need not remind us to instill hope and dignity in our indigenous people by providing a decent means of earning a living. But his words of encouragement is timely. It isn't De Lugo's spoken words that I find troublesome. Rather, it is the fact that if we don't handle this issue on our own the federal government—through the US Congress—would come in and do our work for us. No one needs to be reminded that we have no control whatsoever if this issue is considered on Capitol Hill. I'd rather see that this is done on our own mini-Capitol Hill. The bottom line is obvious: If we don't do it, they will whether we like it or not.

While some of you may disagree, the important thing to remember is that either we resolve this issue once and for all and be masters of our destiny or treat it with complacency and let others determine our future for posterity. Let's not forget, we have had over 400 years of foreign domination. For once, let us take the reins of leadership and demonstrate to the world that though our pearly islands are small and hardly visible on the global map, we are a people with dignity and pride and are ever willing and determined to perpetuate our peoplehood as others have done in history. If you're not willing to resolve this matter now, I will definitely bring it to the people in the not too distant future.

Multi-Million Dollar Squatter

If Saipan Cable TV pays \$7.50 per pole to transmit its daily programs to households throughout the island, I want to know whether Micronesian Telecommunications is remitting any form of payment to the people of these islands for the use of public land it uses for its underground cables. If not, can someone explain why MTC is going Scott Free raking in millions of dollars while Saipan Cable TV and other users of public facilities and public lands are assessed fees?

Other Freebies

How gratifying that appropriate governmental agencies have begun probing the use of public land around the hotel area in Garapan. These businesses have used our land however small without paying their dues accordingly. It's a good move to begin levying fees where appropriate. After all, nothing's free these days and not when we're scrounging for every penny we could dig up for public purposes. What about the Marina at Smiling Cove? Whatever happened to deposits made by some boat owners? Why weren't fees levied against boat owners since its completion a year or so ago?

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Mexican journalists live perilously

MEXICO CITY—Mexico's journalists certainly aren't reveling in the murder their country's leading presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio, from an assassin's bullet. Yet some of the press here believe it's a case of the ruling party, the PRI, getting a quick dose of medicine that has been dispensed to others for decades.

Although the reformist regime of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari has been widely praised for democratic and free-market reforms during his administration, Mexico remains one of the most dangerous places in the world to be an investigative reporter. By several independent counts, at least 60 journalists have been murdered here since 1980.

Mexico's constitution, like our own, provides for freedom of speech and of the press. But Mexico's press freedoms occur in an environment where public officials and those who report on them are closely linked. According to the U.S. State Department's Human Rights Report for Mexico for 1993, "A number of journalists depend on under-the-table payments from the often public entities they cover to supplement low wages." Although the government has officially banned the old practice of paying the press for running material it provided as news articles, this practice may still occur, according to the State Department.

Although the print media is not subject to official censorship, the ties between officials and the press have bred a culture of self-censorship by many in the media. PRI officials make little secret of wanting to keep the media under its thumb, creating what one of our colleagues calls "a climate of fear and intimidation" for those who want to buck the government.

It is unknown how many journalistic deaths can be attributed to elements within the PRI. One tactic that has been proven, for instance, is the hiring of ex-law enforcement officials and cronies to do the dirty work. Many of those who have died are undeniably victims of ongoing non-political criminal violence in Mexico—mostly at the hands of drug lords and their protectors.

Unfortunately, PRI officials and the law enforcement officials they appoint do little to protect journalists from assassination, including those crusading reporters who go after drug lords at great risk. And PRI is even more lax in investigations of media murders after the fact.

We've been tracking this pattern since 1984. Early that year, our reports on PRI corruption resulted in a ban forbidding us from visiting Mexico.

Then in May, Mexico's most famous investigative journalist, and most widely syndicated columnist, was assassinated. The murder was so stunning the even the president of Mexico attended the funeral. The murder remains unsolved.

Just last year, five journalists were murdered in Mexico, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. Even if they were all non-political common crimes, the committee writes, "the chilling effect on Mexican journalism is nonetheless real."

Here's just a tiny sampling of anti-media intimidation here in recent months:

—The editor of Forum, a periodical published by the National Autonomous University of Mexico, was threatened last November by PRI authorities after he dared to publish part of a master's thesis that criticized the military. The author of the thesis, an active general in the Mexican Army, was imprisoned for the crime of defamation.

—Six independent-minded reporters at the Mexico City News have been fired or have quit since December 1992. That was the month one of the reporters, Zachary Margulis, was dismissed after writing an article on Mexican press censorship for the New York Times. The following March, Richard Seid, opinion page editor of the Mexico City News, was fired after writing an opinion piece for The Christian Science Monitor, decrying the lack of press freedom in Mexico.

—Ignacio Mendoza, crusading editor of a 10-page magazine in the Caribbean coastal town of Playa del Carmen, was shot to death on the same day in November 1992, that he appeared across from the foreign press club here to protest corruption. Having used his magazine to criticize corrupt local officials in his state, he appeared with several other journalists carrying a small banner that read "We Ask You to Investigate Aggression Against the Press." The message was intended for Salinas, who was scheduled to speak that day.

The death of Luis Donaldo Colosio from an assassin's bullet is a tragedy for all Mexicans. But before a monument goes up in his honor, we suggest that this city should erect a Martyr's Monument, in tribute to the crusading journalists here who try, despite obstacles unfamiliar to American reporters, to make this country a freer and better place to live.

Letters to the Editor

Reorganize legislature too!

Dear Editor:

MEMBERS of the CNMI Legislature, while the Governor is at the stage of Reorganizing Governmental Structure, its high time the Legislators review their overall structure in the same process.

Just as making an amendment to existing laws that ensures further protection and stability to coincide with our changing needs. The existing rules and procedures of the Legislator's financial expenditures pertaining to the so-called majority vs. minority is grossly unjustified.

Better still let the record of achievements dictate who gets what and how much, rather than this business of political bunk.

What the present procedure is doing is promoting those unproductive members to be as they were. My recommendation is not only fair, it suggests that one must work hard to earn a keep, the way the rest of us have been earning a living.

There should be a standardized allotment right across the board, lets say \$50,000.00 to maximize the potential of all members to make productive choices which

are congruent with the well-being of the CNMI. Requisition of additional fund warrants justification like any budgetary measures, projection is back-up by credentials. Tested ground didn't finish at the polling booth. It is the beginning. Only then we may have a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,

/s/ CONNIE F. POWER

Representative
Women's Affairs Office
Office of the Mayor, Tinian

Poker bill affects bigwigs only

Dear Editor:

I'M WRITING to register my support to SB 9-32 which was introduced by Tinian Senator David M. Cing in the 9th Northern Marianas Legislature.

Although the enactment of the present Poker Law (PL 5-3), which the proposed SB 9-32 tends to replace, had the blessing it needed for its passage, the inequities contained had me wondering if personal gains has edged the upholding of public trusts, in such case. As a result, huge revenues in taxes which may have otherwise been realized by the CNMI Government are being lost through the absence of enforcement problems in the present law. In an article of July 19, 1993 Marianas Variety released, now

Vice Speaker Jess Mafnas indicated that "income taxes from gambling is chronically unreported, resulting in an income tax enforcement problem".

Consequently, the solution in hurdling of the CNMI's financial problems should not be aimed at placing the burdens to our local people as proposed in the Tax Reforms measures but rather should focus in reforms of the present poker law so much as to generate additional revenues by increasing the number of poker machines, where, I believe, no one gets hurt but TAN HOLDINGS. Why should the poker industry which had been ripping the pockets off of our people be left untouched by the Tax Reforms?

Therefore, I wish to urge our elected Public Officials to address

the problematic PL 5-3 and replace it with acceptable provisions such as those provided in SB 9-32. The bottom line is, PL 5-3 is monopolistic in nature, it is bad for our economy and bad for our people who needs to be treated equally as guaranteed by our Constitution which prohibits discrimination. Right now, the situation dictates that any local entrepreneur who wishes to open a poker business needs to acquire slots rights from either T & C, L & W, or from the dominant TAN HOLDINGS, whose Board Members or Officer's political connections are not secret.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ JOSE S. CAMACHO

"Like there's no Chamorro"

Dear Editor:

AI! ADAI!

"Like there's no Chamorro" said a lady to her Toast Mistress' - She was speaking of her observation and experience in Tinian. To her, Tinian at first glance is rich in its diverse history. Except for the Taga Latte Stones, the island like its people are distinctly the mixture of their many experiences.

What could she mean by the comment "like there's no Chamorro"? What mixtures? Who are these 21st century American Chamorros? How does this Americanism operate in a Chamorro orientation? Today's extended Chamorro family has not really changed, or has it?

In my immediate family, it is composed of mother, father, children, matrilineal grandparents, patrilineal great grandparents, extended with aunts and uncles,

grand aunts and uncles, great grand aunts and uncles, first cousins, second cousins, third cousins, fourth cousins, fifth cousins, and cousins of a number of times removed and, due "respect" in the order presented. However, in an election year, this list of relatedness is magnified. And there's no never mind about it!

How then did this new democracy and its abstraction play in this group orientation? Frankly, I

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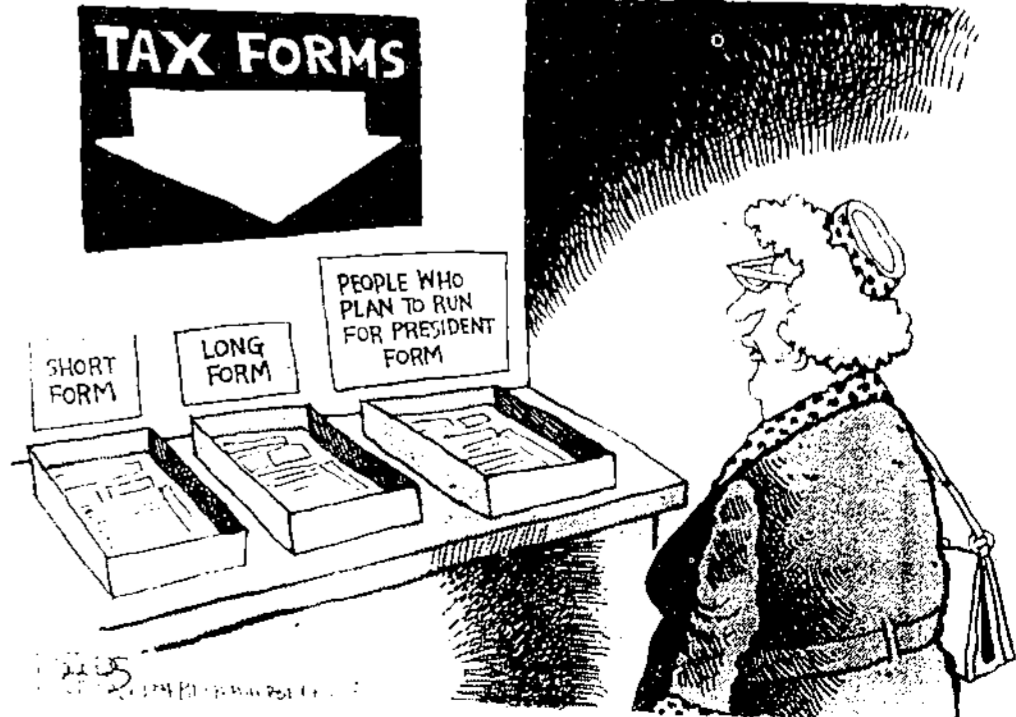
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From the Administration On Ron De Lugo, Immigration & Wages

By: Froilan C. Tenrio
GOVERNOR, CNMI

LAST week we were visited by U.S. Congressman Ron de Lugo. In a sense, this was a farewell visit, because Ron de Lugo is leaving Congress next year. But he will still be in Washington, and he will be an important player in Capitol Hill politics. And, of course, he has been a U.S. Congressman for twenty years. We should pay very close attention to what he had to say.

De Lugo has been a friend of these islands for a long time now. As a friend, he has never hesitated to praise our accomplishments...and point out where we are still falling short.

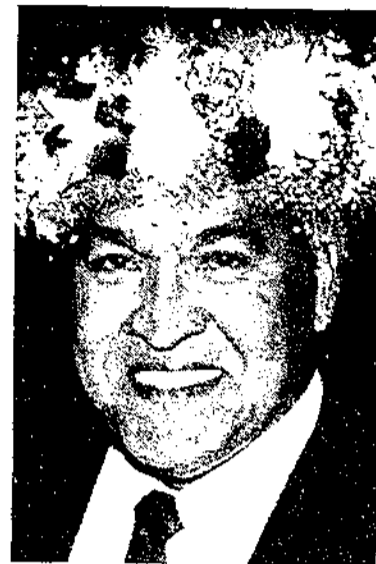
One issue he pointed to repeatedly this time was the minimum wage. Although we raised the wage from \$2.15 to \$2.45 last year, this is simply not enough. We will continue to have difficulties with the Federal Government as long as we have a

minimum wage that is so far out of line with the U.S. standard.

Over the last few years, Congress has come to perceive us as "sweatshop economy". There is a perception that we have gained economic prosperity by exploiting low-wage Asian workers. The CNMI is seen as a place where labor and human rights abuses are commonplace, where the laborer is not valued because his labor is so cheap.

Unfortunately, there is some truth here. Our economic success owes much to foreign labor, but we have not always treated our workers as well as we should have. Congress' perception may be exaggerated, but it is not completely unrealistic.

The previous administration did very little to deal with these problems. Instead of working with our Legislature to institute serious reforms, they listened to certain special interests who wanted to maintain the "status quo". They took a stand of defiance and denial.



Froilan C. Tenrio

In all their dealings with the U.S. Congress, they consistently refused to acknowledge that the CNMI had serious problems with alien labor. As a result, Congress is now very suspicious of us, and there is a strong sentiment that the CNMI should be placed under tighter federal control.

One way to do that would be to take away our control over immigration into these islands.

We could lose our immigration

Our control over immigration is a privilege, not a right. Congress can remove it at any time. And the danger has never been so great. Congress is interested, not only because of the particular problems of the CNMI, but because restricting immigration has recently become a major political issue in the Mainland. There are more than one hundred bills before the present Congress that deal with immigration. Almost all of them seek to increase controls and restrictions. Four of them are directed at the CNMI, and would either reduce our control over immigration or eliminate it altogether.

When we first negotiated the Covenant, local control over immigration was one of the

highest priorities. We should all remember why that was so. It was not so that we could bring in thousands of low-wage Filipino and Chinese Workers. That was a side effect that none of the negotiators expected. No, the reason we wanted local control was to protect our local culture. If the U.S. took back power over immigration, aliens could come here directly. They could take up permanent residency and, eventually, full citizenship. Since we are so close to Asia, there is a very real danger that many would choose to come and live here instead of emigrating to the U.S. Mainland. In a generation or two, indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians could be outnumbered—and outvoted.

For this reason, it is all-important that we continue to keep our local control over immigration. And that means that we must address

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TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE CNMI:

We have suffered much through the unfairness and discrimination that came with the enactment of P.L. 5-3, the Poker Law of 1986. We have long been denied of our Constitutional right to freely own and operate any type of business in the Commonwealth.

Presently, no one on Saipan except for three existing companies can own and operate a video poker machine business regardless of whether or not you're an Uncle Sam or CNMI citizen. Will we, the voters who have power over our government, sit idly and watch *Tan Holdings et al* reap the fruits of the poker industry here by destroying this business opportunity that fittingly belongs to local entrepreneurs. Must we put up with this discriminatory law forever or is it for us to decide if justice is to prevail?

With respect to the above, A bill has been introduced in the Senate (S.B. 9-32 to remove the 200-poker machine limit for the Saipan Senatorial District and inject reform measures that would definitely increase needed revenues to aid our ailing economy.

In light of this, we have circulated a petition to help support the passage of S.B. 9-32. If you wish to help out on this endeavor, please contact us at Tel. 322-1808 or write to P.O. Box 2133 CK, Saipan MP 96950.



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Red Cross winners in walk-a-thon

THE NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross is proud to announce that this year's 8th annual Walk-a-thon, held last March 5, was the most successful to date with a total of 862 walkers participating and over 100 volunteers working to help support the event.

The top school which raised the most money (per student) this year was Whispering Palms School, with 26 out of 28 registered students participating, who raised more than \$50 per student. Whispering Palms School will receive the first prize of a TV, VCR and stand set donated by Town House. Second prize honors and \$300.00 cash donated by Saipan Health Clinic go to Stepping Stone School of Koberville which raised close to \$20 per student. The third prize, consisting of a set of sports ball equipment and a \$50.00 certificate from Lappert's Ice Cream go to Seventh Day Adventist School of San Antonio which collected more

than \$13 per student. Fourth prize of \$200.00 cash donated by Saipan Health Clinic goes to Smith Preparatory Academy which raised more than \$12 per student.

The top individual students to raise the most money were: Deyna Apatang in the K-6 category, a 6th grader at Seventh Day Adventist School; Patrick M. Camacho in the grade 7-8 category, a 7th grader at Mt. Carmel School; and Alice Khang in the 9-12 category, a 10th grader at Marianas Baptist Academy. Each of the top student winners will receive \$200.00 worth of gift certificates. The top adult money raiser once again this year goes to Jess Malabed of Micro Pac who will receive a weekend stay at PIC with all meals included.

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter would like to thank all of its sponsors, volunteers, participants and supporters in the community once again for their support. The total net proceeds raised from this year's Walk-a-thon will be over \$20,000.00.



N. Islands mayor meets with residents

THE MAYOR of the Northern Islands, Mr. Joseph T. Ogumoro together with MPLC Homestead Administrator, Mr. Sonny Flores would like to inform all Northern Islands Residents that there will be a

meeting on Monday, April 18, 1994, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carolinian Utt Pavilion.

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NMI needs to lure doctors back

DEPARTMENT of Public Health and Environmental Services Acting Director Dr. Isamu J. Abraham, yesterday underscored the need to encourage the off-island CNMI young doctors to come home and go into private practice.

Abraham likewise cited the importance of cutting down on all the medical referrals and instead focus more on the prevention program which will be the key in keeping the people in the Commonwealth safe and healthy.

The DPHE acting director revealed his plan of actions before the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations (EAGI) which resumed its CNMI-wide hearings for the second batch of director appointees.

Abraham and Pete de la Cruz, acting director of the Department of Commerce and Labor, appeared the hearing which was done in question and answer format at Senator Esteven King's conference room on Tinian yesterday morning.

Abraham explained that in encouraging the off-island CNMI

doctors, it must be attractive and profitable for them because the Commonwealth want them to continue in providing the best of care and outreach for the community.

"Without these guys, this place will just be a place full of old people and babies—no young people helping us out in our old age...not just any young people, but our young people," he stressed.

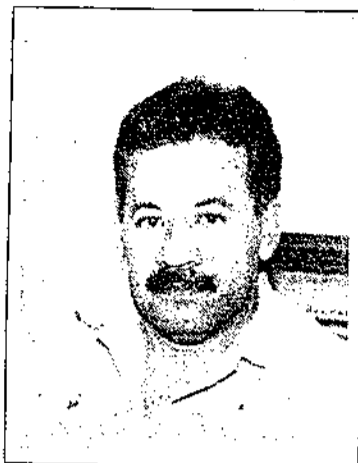
He said some CNMI people who go away and have their degrees, don't want to return home because of low pay. They are working for high salaries and don't think of coming home.

By urging these people to come home and go into private practice, Abraham said, "that way they can earn more than, say, working for the government."

He said to attract them, the health building on Tinian and Rota must be good and updated.

Abraham mentioned the States where private doctors can use public hospital facilities.

With regards to cutting down on all the medical referrals as another way to offer quality care for less cost, Abraham pointed



Dr. Isamu J. Abraham

out that CNMI has some of the best doctors around.

For years the Commonwealth has been sending patients to Guam, Hawaii or the Mainland U.S. for anything the people think the CHC could not handle, he said.

"But now look at us! We have some of the best doctors around...we have, for example, an eye doctor...but he's not just an eye doctor, he's one of the best," Abraham said referring to Dr. Khorram, an ophthalmologist.

He said Khorram can do some pretty fancy surgery, like laser surgery for cataracts.

"Think of the savings before everyone went off island to get their cataracts fixed...no one has to leave home," Abraham said.

He said as part of the DPHE program, they spent money to purchase some good equipment for Khorram who soon can be able to come over to Tinian and Rota and do the surgery.

"For a few thousand dollars of equipment, we've saved many thousands more on travel to go somewhere else for a simple eye operation," he emphasized.

The next step will be to make Tinian Hospital better so that Khorram can come on the island and the patients don't have to even go to Saipan to get their eyes fixed.

He said the money needed to get better equipment and maintain good health building will be coming from the yearly Federal grant money.

Abraham however, stressed that prevention program is the key word at present in addressing the health problems in the CNMI.

He said their strategy will be to develop an efficient diabetes control program since most of the eye problems in the Commonwealth are caused by this disease.

The program will focus on getting people to care for themselves in a healthy way so that they don't get problems in the future.

For the people of Tinian and Rota, Abraham said, they are planning to establish a "Diabetes Control Program" based on the two islands.

"This will be a most excellent program, because the people in it will go into your villages and will help all of you and your families to learn about diabetes," he said.

Concerning tobacco-related diseases, Abraham said they are coming up with the tobacco control project with the help from the "Centers for Disease Control" in the Mainland.

"We start letting you guys know what tobacco does to you...we help you resist the temptations of starting," Abraham said. "We help you see not smoking as a positive move rather than an 'uncool' move."

He added that the DPHE has started to lobby to the Legislature to increase tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products so that fewer people particularly the youths can afford to buy it.

Meanwhile, the Senate will be conducting a public hearing on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Senate Chamber on Saipan for the other appointees.

The appointees who are requested to appear to entertain questions from the EAGI Committee and the public are Mr. Vicente M. Sablan, Appointed Member of the Civil Service Commission; John S. Dela Cruz and Ms. Guadalupe Flores, Appointed Members to the Board of Directors of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA); Mr. Lorenzo DLG Cabrera and Mrs. Carmen C. Gaskens, Appointed Members to the Board of Directors of the Marianas Public Lands Corporation (MPLC).

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China says it will fire on smugglers at sea

BEIJING (AP) - China said Thursday that its off-shore patrols will open fire on any shippers suspected of smuggling who refuse to let their cargo be examined or try to escape.

The new policy, reported by the China Daily newspaper, is likely to worsen tensions in shipping lanes off China, where international maritime authorities have reported a sharp increase in attacks on ships by Chinese security forces.

The International Maritime Organization, a United Nations

body, said it received reports of 42 attacks in the South and East China Seas from May to December 1993. In some cases, ships were attacked with explosives and machine guns.

Foreign shipowners have accused the Chinese of seizing legitimate cargoes in their zeal to crack down on smuggling. The Chinese government has denied any wrongdoing and claimed the right to inspect ships not only in its waters, but in undefined "adjacent zones."

The China Daily report quoted

an unidentified customs official as saying that "a few cases of misunderstanding or disputes over customs checking have been reported, as people generally are unfamiliar with the customs regulations on anti-smuggling checks."

The official also acknowledged that some "unidentified agencies" had illegally checked ships by posing as customs employees. Hong Kong news reports have suggested that some local governments along the coast

may be doing just that in order to seize cargoes for their own profit.

The official said customs inspectors are now required to wear uniforms, use designated boats flying the national flag and customs insignia, and show their identity cards when accosting suspects.

Inspectors can open fire "on those who resist, try to escape from the examination by using

violence or try to recover their confiscated contraband or other smuggling evidence," the official said.

China says billions of yuan (dollars) worth of goods are smuggled into the country each year, including tens of thousands of cars and most of the foreign cigarettes that are sold here. The government says smuggling costs it trillions of yuan (dollars) in customs revenue.

Seoul wants friendship treaty with China

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea has proposed signing a friendship treaty with China, the only major Communist ally of Seoul's rival, North Korea, officials at the Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

Lee Chang-choon, assistant foreign minister for policy planning, made the proposal during two days of South Korea-China policy planning consultations that ended in Beijing Wednesday, the officials said.

Lee told his Chinese counterparts that such a treaty would lay a firmer foundation for the two countries' expanding relations, the officials said.

Seoul and Beijing established diplomatic relations in 1992. It was not known how China responded to the South Korean proposal. China fought on North Korea's side in the 1950-53 Korean War.

Ministry officials said the proposed friendship accord with China is similar to the one South Korea signed with the former Soviet Union after they opened

formal ties in 1990.

The former Soviet Union was a longtime ally and arms provider to Communist North Korea. Russia replaced the former Soviet Union in relations with South Korea.

Meanwhile, China is assigning military attaches to its embassy in Seoul for the first time, South Korea's Defense Ministry said Thursday. It said two Chinese army colonels would arrive this weekend.

South Korea sent a military attaché of similar rank to Beijing last December.

South Korean officials hope the presence of the two Chinese military attaches in Seoul will send a message to Pyongyang that Beijing does not support any North Korean moves to increase tensions on the peninsula.

Tensions along the Korean border are high because of the dispute over North Korea's nuclear program. The North denies making nuclear weapons, but its long refusal to accept full inspections has heightened suspicions that it is doing so.

DYS lauds Tebuteb appointment

By Ferdie de la Torre

STAFF employees from the Division of Youth Services warmly welcomed educator Thomas Tebuteb as the administration's new appointee for the directorship of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Tebuteb met the employees as he toured the DYS and other divisions at the DCCA Wednesday at about 4 p.m.

It can be recalled that 11 staff employees from the DYS voiced out, asking for the rejection of appointment of Margarita Olipai-Taitano as director of DCCA.

The DYS employees led by Eloise A. Furey, DYS-Child Protective Services supervisor claimed among others that throughout the tenure of Taitano as DYS administrator, she failed to provide such needed qualities to her staff and clients.

The Senate officially rejected Taitano's appointment last April 7.

In an interview with Variety, Furey expressed her strong support to Tebuteb's appointment as the new DCCA acting director.

Furey said she believes that with

Tebuteb's bright, excellent background and working experience, he has all the capability of running the department efficiently.

She explained that she knows Tebuteb much because they worked together for several years as members of the Youth Advisory Council.

"Most of us being social workers know him also as a former active

principal of Tanapag Elementary School," Furey said.

Erma Ngirchongor, another social worker of the Child Protective Services, likewise expressed her support to the acting director.

Ngirchongor said in her opinion Tebuteb is the right person to handle the DCCA because "he is someone who can bend, easy to talk, respect your views and not like the kind of person who knows all and does not

listen."

The social worker did not hesitate to tell that she was among those who stood up and opposed the appointment of Taitano in what she thinks for the community and the best for the department's program.

Out of 11 DYS employees who questioned the qualifications of Taitano in an attempt to block her confirmation to the top DCCA post, eight are from the Child Protective

Services. The three others are from Adolescents Rehabilitation Services, and Runaway-Homeless Youth & Family Crisis Unit.

Tebuteb had a long distinguished career in the Public School System both as a teacher and administrator.

Prior to his nomination, Tebuteb is member of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College. He is also a special assistant to the Board of Education.

WHO urges business to help prevent AIDS

HONG KONG (AP) - Business leaders must intervene in the fight against AIDS to prevent the epidemic hitting Africa from repeating itself in Asia, a senior World Health Organization official said Thursday.

Dr. Michael Merson, executive director of WHO's Global Program on AIDS, said companies would pay bigger health care bills, lose workers and have fewer customers if the disease were allowed to spread unchecked.

He urged business leaders to educate workers on AIDS prevention, distribute condoms in the workplace and care for workers already infected with the disease, not discriminate against them.

"Corporate leadership is vital to slowing the spread of HIV in this part of the world," he said, referring to the virus that causes AIDS.

Merson spoke to reporters after a conference in Hong Kong that brought WHO, corporate leaders and health experts together to discuss business' role in preventing AIDS.

Merson said the number of people infected with HIV in Asia had increased from 500,000 to 2 million in the last three years, and could hit 10 million by the year 2000.

But he said that number could be halved to 5 million if effective prevention steps were taken.

Stasia Orensky, a health economist, said experts estimated that AIDS could shave between 1.7 and 2.3 percentage points off economic growth in Southeast Asia by the year 2000.

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Hopwood Club holds Drug confab

THE DRUG-FREE Club of Hopwood Jr. High School is sponsoring a Drug-Free Youth Conference with the theme "I'm Too Good For Drugs," at the Diamond Hotel on April 15, 1994, Friday, and April 16, 1994, Saturday.

The main objective of this conference is to practice leadership skills and gain Drug-Free knowledge and challenging experiences and be able to share collaboratively what they will learn from this conference not only to their classmates and friends but also to their family.

Tinian marine water report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Tinian Harbor and recreational beaches this week. None of the samples collected contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzes samples of Tinian Harbor and recreational beaches (16). DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the marine water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.

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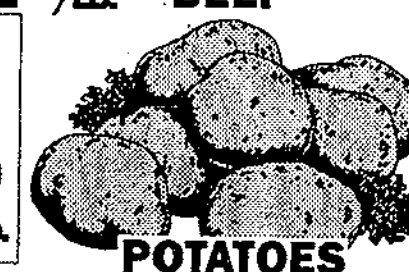
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Cing trade barbs with King

TWO SENATORS from the island of Tinian have traded barbs yesterday in what could be observed as an offshoot of a worsening rift between majority and minority members of the upper chamber of Legislature.

Senators David M. Cing and Esteven M. King, perennial nemeses in Tinian politics, have renewed their age-old rivalry, arguing about the hiring of employees from their home island and the issue of Tinian representation in government boards.

It was recalled that Cing and King in 1991 contested the lone Senate seat up for grabs during that year's midterm elections.

Cing made it to win a seat in the Eighth NMI Senate but not before King took him to court in a fierce post-election contest.

Cing yesterday wrote King a strongly-worded letter criticizing the latter for letting Tinian Mayor Herman M. Mangiona's office pay for the salaries of some of the freshman senator's office staff.

Cing also criticized King for openly coming up with a list of Tinian recommendees for the governor to consider to several government boards.

"I am extremely dismayed by what I uncovered while reviewing the 1994 budget. It appears that



David M. Cing

your office staff are hired under the budget and FTE ceiling of the Office of the Mayor. While you and your staff hold them out as your Senate office employees, clearly this is a case of the mayor picking up the tab for the Senate," Cing told King.

"the gains of your office staffing are paid for out of resources appropriated by the Legislature for the legitimate business of the mayor. This money and FTEs are for the mayor to provide services directly for the people of Tinian. Instead, employees of the mayor are now expected to do more with less workers," Cing complained.

He added this is especially bad since every cent necessary for the operation of the Second senatorial district is only gained after strict scrutiny by the House Ways &

Means Committee.

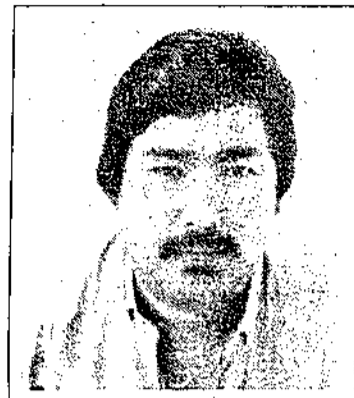
"Dollars appropriated for the operations of local governments must be thoroughly justified. How are we elected officials from Tinian to justify the mayor's budget and FTE request when he has enough excess funds and personnel to assign to your office? This puts us in a very precarious bargaining position," Cing added.

King when contacted for comment about Cing's criticism of his office staffing practices admitted having asked for help from the Tinian mayor to pay for some of his staff.

"There is no denying that. The mayor is Republican, so am I. We are part of the same Tinian leadership so we help out each other. We had a memorandum of understanding on this, the mayor knows what he is doing so there is no problem if he agrees to help out. It's just a matter of understanding and cooperation. After all we have one common goal which is to serve the people of Tinian in the best way we can, so we don't mind pulling our resources," said King.

He added that his colleague senator may be putting the antagonistic stance "because he's jealous."

On another issue, Cing in his letter also charged that King violated the Ethics Law in pushing for the Governor's appointment of Xavier Castro as member of the CUC Board,



Esteven M. King

whom he claims is not even a resident of Tinian.

"You claimed that Mr. Castro was a resident of Tinian - he is not and never has been. Do you not understand the purpose of requiring at least one member of each government board represent Tinian? Someone born and raised on Saipan and who has never experienced life on Tinian is not qualified to represent the island. You used your office to gain the appointment of someone who clearly is unqualified to hold the position thus you violated P.L. 8-11," Cing told King.

He said King, as chairman of the Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation Committee of the Senate, should serve as role model for the people

and the youth.

"You are the teacher of clean government who bears the duty of ensuring that every act of government meets the scrutiny of sunlight and public review. Yet, here you are attempting to influence the process from the very seat which is to ensure impartial operation," Cing added.

Responding, King said the recent endorsements to the governor for Tinian representatives to boards was not done by him alone but was the consensus of the entire membership of the Tinian leadership.

"I believe there's nothing unethical with what I did because it was the governor who asked the mayor, the chairman of the delegation and the municipal council for any recommendees," King explained.

With regards to the Castro recommendation, King said the appointee was a very qualified individual to sit in at the CUC Board having been a financial management major.

He added that Castro's parents are from Tinian and that he would not allow a "brain drain" in the island.

"I support our young people so they would stay and not go someplace else to use their talents. We need to try to find ways to bring in our young people to responsible roles in our community," said King.

Suspect didn't look crazy-victim

By Rafael I. Santos

ARMED robbery suspect Lucia C. Sablan did not look like "crazy" when she held-up Games and

Poker Kingdom at the Cabrera Center last month, rather she was "angry" and demanded all the money at the cashier's box be given to her, the cashier told the

court the other day.

Lea Rosemarie Gaspar, who said he was struck on the head with a hammer "many times" by the suspect, testified in court Wednesday morning in connection with the daylight robbery at the Garapan establishment.

On March 19, Sablan went to the business establishment and asked for coffee at around 9:00 a.m., Gaspar said. The suspect left the place after she was told that there was no coffee available.

Later she came back and approached Gaspar telling the cashier that she (Sablan) had with her instant coffee. While opening the door of the cashier's room, Sablan allegedly aimed a knife at Gaspar and demanded that all the money in the cashier's box be given to her.

According to Gaspar, she was pushed by the suspect and telling her to hurry up and get all the money. She also warned the victim not to tell anyone about the robbery, Gaspar told the court.

After giving the money amounting to more than \$2,000, Gaspar said she was attacked on the head with a hammer "continuously" and "many times."

When asked by the defense lawyer if Sablan appeared to be crazy during the robbery, Gaspar said "no." The suspect, she said, was just "angry."

Aside from Gaspar, another wit-



Robbery suspect Lucia Sablan confers with a police officer and her lawyer, Russell Tansey.

ness was presented to the court by Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Gill who is also the chief of the criminal division of the Attorney General's Office.

Special Agent Frank Kapileo took the witness stand and said there were traces of blood on the door of the Poker Kingdom, on the hammer, and vehicle allegedly used by Sablan in the robbery.

A defense witness will testify in court in today's revocation hearing. Superior Court Associate Judge Marty Taylor is expected to announce on whether or not Sablan's suspended sentence be revoked.

Earlier, Gill told the court that the defendant's suspended sentence of five years should be revoked for

violating the conditions of her probation.

Sablan entered into a plea agreement with the government last year and pleaded guilty to 3 counts of issuance of bad checks.

She was given a suspended sentence on conditions that she make full restitution, must be gainfully employed and obey all CNMI and federal laws.

Gill said Sablan did not observe these conditions.

Sablan, who is held on \$100,000 bail, is charged with armed robbery, assault with dangerous weapon, assault and battery and theft. She will appear in court today with lawyer Russell Tansey for the continuation of the revocation hearing.

DL Cruz makes it to dean's list



VINCENT Dela Cruz

VINCENT Dela Cruz, of Chalan Kanoa District I, Saipan, is among the bright students qualified for the Dean's Honor List at Chico State University College of Behavioral and Social Sciences in California.

Dela Cruz, 24, a 4th year Sociology major, is the oldest son of Mrs. Terry R. Dela Cruz, an employee of the Department of Finance procurement and supply division.

His sister Sharlene Cepeda and brother Alvin are very proud of him.

Vincent was a consistent academic honor student during his high school days at Mt. Carmel and Marianas High School. He was also an honor student of Northern Marianas College where he got Associate Art degree.

The Dean's Honor List is an indication of all students in the school who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or better for at least 12 semester units during the last semester.

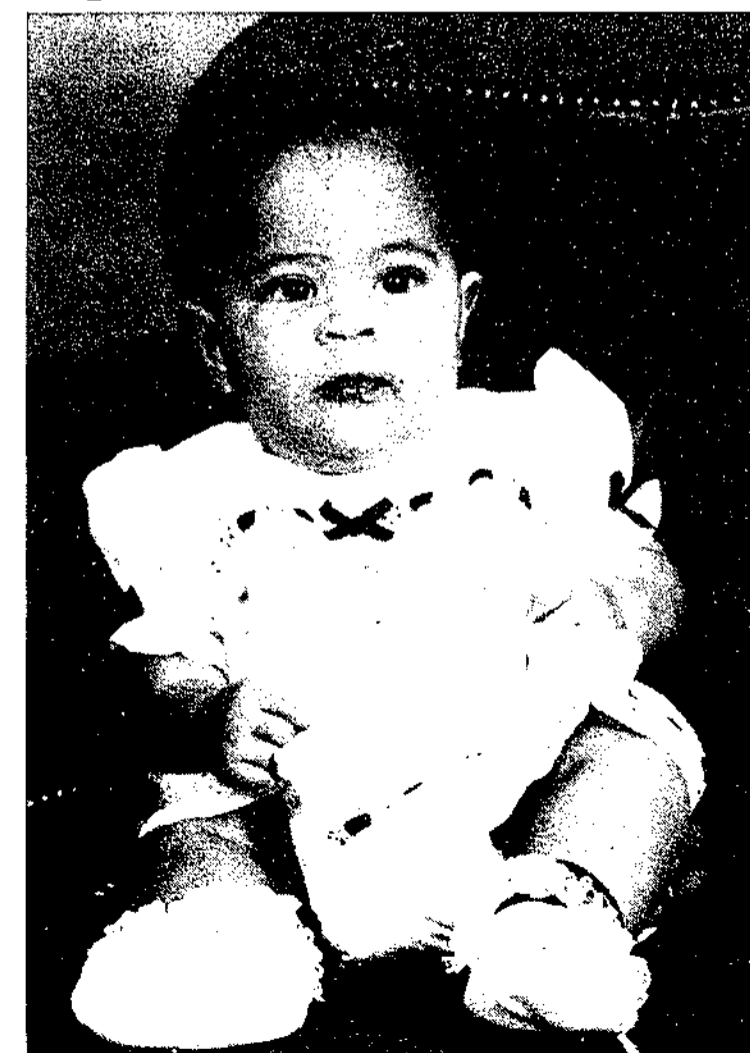
Vincent's record shows a grade point average of 3.76 for 13.0 units during the past semester.

James O. Haehn, Dean of College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, notified Vincent that he met a high standard of academic performance.

"You should be rightfully proud of the caliber of your work in the University and of your being included on this Honor List," Haehn said in his letter.

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Malaysian king arrives in Manila

By CLARO CORTES

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Police broke up a demonstration Thursday by about 50 mostly women protesters after they rallied against the visit of the Malaysian king because of last month's mass roundup of Filipinos in Kuala Lumpur.

The figurehead monarch, Sultan Azlan Shah, arrived Thursday for a three-day visit that was supposed to improve relations between the two Southeast Asian countries. But the visit was clouded by the Palm Sunday roundup of about 1,200 Filipinos, mostly women, at a church in the Malaysian capital as part of a crackdown on illegal workers.

Most of the Filipinos were released. But Filipino lawmakers have urged President Fidel Ramos to recall the country's ambassador and press Philippine claims to the Malaysian state of Sabah in retaliation for the roundup. The king and his wife were welcomed at Villamor Air Base

by Vice President Joseph Estrada and Foreign Secretary Robert Romulo. The party then motored to The Manila Hotel past Rizal Park, where protesters organized by the feminist Gabriela group were waiting with placards.

As the protesters waited for the king to return and lay a wreath at the tomb of the national hero, Jose Rizal, police surrounded them and seized the placards, some of which described Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad as "the Asian Hitler."

"Why are you shooting us away?" shouted Cherrie Padilla, a Gabriela official. "We were protesting quietly, they just started pushing us."

Petite Peredo, another Gabriela official, said police had "no respect for women."

"The government is doing this right here in this country," she told reporters. "Now we understand what is happening in Malaysia."

Mahathir told reporters last week that police had been instructed to use caution in future crackdowns against illegal workers. But he declined to apologize as demanded by several Manila newspapers and lawmakers.

Ramos said the roundup would be discussed in government channels and that the incident should not impede efforts to improve relations with Malaysia.

Relations between the two had been strained for years over Manila's claim to the Malaysian state of Sabah on Borneo Island. Since taking office in June 1992, Ramos has sought to improve ties with Kuala Lumpur.

He and Mahathir have exchanged visits and have initiated plans to increase trade.

But the treatment of Filipinos working abroad is a sensitive issue here. In a column Thursday, Jarius Bondoc, managing editor of the newspaper Today, referred to the king as "Your Unroyal Lowness."

New rice stove invented

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The International Rice Research Institute said Wednesday it has developed an efficient stove that can save precious forests because it is fueled by rice hulls, virtually free and abundant in rural areas of Asia. In a statement, the institute said the stove can burn for one hour with only one-to-1-1/2 kilos (2.45 to 3.67 lbs) of rice hull, which is considered a nuisance byproduct of milling rice.

The stove, called Ipa-Qualan, is easy to fire, has a low smoke level, requires minimal attention and can boil a liter (about one quart) of water in five minutes, the institute said.

Engineers at the institute said that by using rice hulls instead of wood as fuel, a household of five to six people could save at least two tons of wood each year, the equivalent of about one hectare (2.47 acres) of trees.

"If widely used, this rice hull

stove could reduce some of the pressure on forests, which are plundered for firewood for home cooking fuel," said Bernabe Paita, an engineer who developed the stove from an original Vietnamese design called Lo Trau.

Dr. Graeme Quick, head of the institute's agricultural engineering division, said 20 percent of all rice harvested is composed of hull, making it a large fuel resource.

Rice hulls have been largely ignored as a domestic fuel because they are difficult to burn, bulky, generates a lot of smoke and requires constant attention. These problems have been overcome by the new stove, the institute said.

The international institute, based in Los Banos, 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Manila, conducts rice and rice-related researches, which are disseminated globally.

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GCA student wins Geography Bee

GRACE Christian Academy's bright boy Jon Abraham was declared as champion during Saturday's highly competitive Northern Marianas Islands Geography Bee.

As the Commonwealth's champion, Abraham, a seventh-grader at Grace Christian, earned the right to compete in the National Geography Bee against winners from all over the United States.

This year's National Geography Bee will be held on May 24 in Washington D.C. Education Commissioner

William S. Torres was among those who witnessed the Geography Bee, in which Marianas Baptist Academy eighth grader Dan Tollet won the second place.

Alina Haas, a seventh-grader at Saipan Community School, came in second.

The sponsors of the National Geography Bee are National Geographic World and Amtrak. The event's organizer was Jose C. Mafnas, the Public School System's Social Studies Coordinator. (FDT)



Jon Abraham (center) of Grace Christian Academy shows off the certificate he won as the champion of this year's NMI's Geography Bee. Also in the photo are Kevin Eichhorn of Grace Christian (left) and PSS Social Studies Coordinator Jose C. Mafnas.

CCAC seeks artists to join Guam fair

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture is calling for all artists and performers interested in representing the Northern Marianas at this year's Guam Micronesia Fair to contact their respective Arts Council offices before April 18, 1994, 4:30 P.M. The Guam Micronesia Fair will take place from May 25-May 28, 1994.

Arts Council Representatives will be on the island of Rota on April 18 and on Tinian April 20 to speak to interested artists and performers. They will be available to meet with artists and performers from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Artists and Performers must contact the Arts Council Agencies on their respective islands for the meeting site.

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Russia has developed new mini-bomb?

By EDITH M. LEDERER

LONDON (AP)—Russia has produced a miniature neutron bomb using the mystery substance red mercury, according to a British television documentary broadcast Wednesday.

However, the program didn't resolve the question of whether there is such a thing as red mercury. Many experts are skeptical, despite persistent reports that it is available on the black market.

Yevgeny Korolev, a former Soviet nuclear physicist, and some unidentified nuclear experts are

quoted as saying the miniature neutron bomb exists - and several said the technology is being sold to non-nuclear states.

"It's certainly something that governments should take seriously," American nuclear weapons designer Theodore B. Taylor said in the documentary for Channel 4's "Dispatches" series.

Sam Cohen, the American inventor of the neutron bomb, said the documentary confirms his own view that Russians have used red mercury to create a tiny neutron bomb using fusion technology for the first time.

This device, which could weigh less than 5 pounds (2.3 kg) and be hidden in a paper bag, would have "tremendously terrifying" consequences in the hands of terrorists, he told a news conference after a screening Tuesday.

A pure fusion bomb would produce massive radiation in a limited area. Current bombs relying on fission or a fission-fusion combination spread radioactive debris over large areas.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, black marketers have been peddling substances they call red mercury. Samples which have

turned up in Europe have proved to be bogus.

"We know of no substance which is of weapons interest that is described as red mercury," said David Kyd of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

"The Russians have said this is nonsense. The U.S. Department of Energy has said this is nonsense. And we haven't seen anything in Vienna that would make us think otherwise," he said in a telephone interview.

But Taylor, Cohen and British nuclear physicist Frank Barnaby, who reviewed the program's find-

ings, said the Russians may have made a major advance in nuclear weaponry.

The "Dispatches" program showed pictures of bottles and vials purportedly containing red mercury but it did not obtain any samples which could be independently analyzed. Director Gwynne Roberts said he believes he could have obtained a sample, but it would cost about \$250,000 per kilogram, 2.2 pounds.

Two years ago, Yevgeny Mikefin, a top official in Russia's Atomic Energy Ministry, told The Associated Press that red mercury was the compound mercury antimony oxide. He described it as an exotic radioactive material used in microelectronics.

An unidentified former Soviet nuclear chemist was quoted in the documentary as saying there are three types of red mercury - a toxic powder, a radioactive liquid formed when the powder is irradiated, and a highly radioactive form called RM20-20.

Korolev, now a politician in Ekaterinburg, 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) east of Moscow, said the technology was complex and dangerous "because it enables you to create micro nuclear charges."

"This means it can be used for nuclear terrorism," he said.

Barnaby said red mercury poses a more immediate threat to nuclear proliferation because it also reduces the amount of plutonium needed in conventional fission bombs.

Arafat rejects attacks on Israelis

By KARIN LAUB

JERUSALEM (AP)—PLO chief Yasser Arafat called Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and told him he rejected violence by Palestinian extremists opposed to peace talks with Israel, Rabin's spokesman said Thursday.

Israeli radio stations had reported that Arafat also expressed his sorrow over Wednesday's bus bombing by a Muslim militant in which five Israelis were killed in the coastal town of Hadera.

But Rabin spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said Arafat didn't use the word "sorrow" in his conversation with Rabin late Wednesday.

day. "All he said was that he is against violence by extremist Palestinians opposing the peace talks," Ben-Ami told The Associated Press.

Twelve Israelis have been killed in two bus bombings within a week, including seven who died April 6 in a blast in the northern town of Afula. The Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas, the leading opponent of the Israel-PLO talks, claimed responsibility for both attacks.

After Arafat refused to condemn the Afula attack, he came under U.S. pressure to publicly denounce the violence.

In response, Arafat sent a letter to President Clinton on Tuesday saying he strongly rejected attacks on Israeli civilians. The letter was followed Wednesday by a condemnation in a speech before the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, and by the call to Rabin.

Hamas scorned Arafat in a leaflet circulated Thursday in the occupied Gaza Strip.

"Very simply, we tell Arafat that we ... have sworn to defend the rights of our people," the leaflet said. "Has appeasing America and Israel become more important to you (Arafat) than pleasing your own people and telling the word of truth?"

Arafat and Rabin also discussed the remaining issues in negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization on Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and the West Bank region of Jericho. Talks are to resume Sunday in Cairo.

The negotiations are behind schedule, and Wednesday's deadline for troop withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho passed without changes on the ground. Rabin has said he believed an agreement could be signed in the first half of May, followed by speedy withdrawal.

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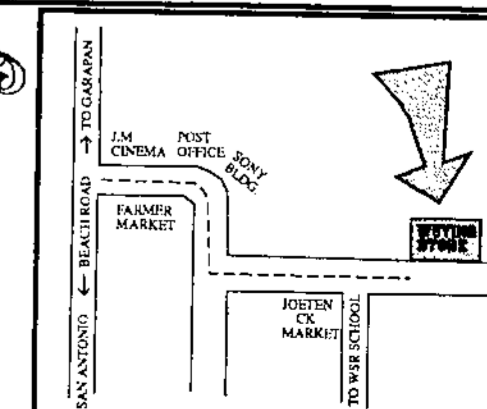
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Judge Francis Garchitorena said Mrs. Marcos appeared in court Wednesday and was fingerprinted but not photographed because she was allowed to bring her own pictures.

The widow of former President Ferdinand Marcos was charged last week with embezzling nearly 100 million pesos (\$3.7 million) in government funds 10 years ago.

The former first lady already had been charged in at least 100 other criminal and civil suits in connection with alleged corruption during Marcos' 20-year rule.

In September 1993, she was convicted of graft and sentenced to up to 24 years in prison. She is free on bail pending appeal.

Also charged with Mrs. Marcos, who was then minister of human settlements, were former deputies Conrado Benitez, Gilbert Dulay, then assistant finance manager of the ministry, and Rafael Zagala, then assistant manager for regional operations.

Prosecutors said Mrs. Marcos, Dulay and Zagala received cash advances from Benitez totaling about 97.95 million pesos (\$3.6 million), which were never repaid.

To camouflage the withdrawals, Mrs. Marcos asked her husband to classify the money for a special ministry project from which the advances were taken as "confidential funds," prosecutors said.

Benitez and Zagala posted bond earlier. The court will set the date of arraignment after Dulay posts bond, Garchitorena said.

Indonesia to import US rice

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Indonesia will import 10,000 tons of high-quality rice from the United States under new world trade rules requiring more open markets, Minister of Food Ibrahim Hasan said Thursday.

The two governments will sign a memorandum of understanding soon on the sale, Hasan told reporters. He said the imports will be financed under a U.S. export credit program that guarantees \$200 million in loans for American agricultural exports to Indonesia.

The rice is being imported to comply with rules of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade requiring Indonesia to import as much as 3 percent of the rice it consumes, Hasan said.

Indonesia has been self-sufficient in rice over the past decade, with consumption at around 25 million tons a year now.

Agriculture Minister Syarifuddin Baharsjah said the imports will not affect market stability in Indonesia.



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Senators offer compromise

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A MEETING yesterday between Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and the three minority senators who sued the leadership over the distribution of funds at the Senate ended in a status quo.

Senators David M. Cing, Paul A. Manglona and Juan S. Demapan entered a 10:00 a.m. meeting in the Senate president's conference room optimistic about a conciliatory solution to the lawsuit they filed Monday. They came back disappointed.

According to Cing, who is Minority leader, they broached the idea of an amicable settlement of the lawsuit if the president was to give them allocations for reasonable expenses and if he would agree to the enactment of a statute that would ensure equitable distribution of funds at the Senate would not

happen again.

"Although the president seemed in favor of the proposed statute, he did not even consider our proposal for what are reasonable expenses for us to operate on," said Cing when interviewed after the 15-minute meeting.

According to Manglona, they have come up with figures on what they consider as reasonable amounts for their expenses and tried to give them to Sablan.

He said they decided to suggest allocations of \$160,000 each for him and Sen. Cing and \$140,000 for Sen. Demapan based on the total \$1.4 million budget allotted for the Senate per year.

That means that for the last three quarters of fiscal year 1994, they are willing to sit down with allocations of \$120,000; \$120,000 and \$105,000, respectively.

"We would like to express our willingness to drop the suit if we are given reasonable expenses but at the same time we would like to insist on the enactment of a statute to make sure that future senators are protected from unreasonable distribution of funds," said the senators.

Last Monday, Cing, Manglona and Demapan took the leadership to court over the alleged unreasonably insufficient funds allocation given them for the last three quarters of fiscal year 1994.

Named defendants were Sablan and Senators Henry D.L.G. San Nicolas, Thomas P. Villagomez, Ricardo S. Atalig, Esteven M. King, and Eusebio A. Hocog.

In their verified complaint for temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, permanent injunction and declaratory relief, counsel G. Anthony Long argued that Article II, Section 10 of the CNMI Constitution entitles each member of the Senate to a salary and reasonable allowance for expenses.

Such section in the Constitution is said to entitle Cing, Manglona and Demapan reasonable expenses, including reasonable office expenses and imposes upon each defendant a constitutional and fiduciary duty to ensure each plaintiff received a reasonable allowance for expenses.

All three minority senators believed they were not given by the defendants "reasonable allowance for expenses" thereby violating the Constitution they sworn to uphold.

Sablan was contacted yesterday after the meeting but was not available. But an earlier interview had Sablan saying there is nothing wrong with the distribution of funds as it was done according to the Rules of the Senate.

Under Rule 12, section 2 of the Rules of the Ninth Senate, Operation accounts shall be established for the members of the Senate Leadership, for air transportation to Saipan, housing and subsistence provided for off-island senators. The total allotment to the president's official representative account and the total allotment to the leadership account

shall be divided equally among the three senatorial district delegation but that distribution among each senatorial district senator shall be determined by majority of the senators of the delegation.

According to court records, from among the three senators from the second senatorial district, Cing was given the lowest funding for expenses at \$20,550 with King and San Nicolas getting \$155,955 each. This includes \$750, \$132,155 and \$132,155 given to the Tinian senators, respectively, to cover expenses in maintaining and operating an office.

The only funds received by Demapan for operation and maintenance of his office is a \$15,000 transfer from Sablan's leadership account as authorized by a February 14, 1994 memo from the president.

Lastly, Manglona, an off-island senator like Cing, was said to have received \$19,980 for air transportation, housing allowance and subsistence allowance and \$7,500 for office expenses.

Days after the lawsuit was filed, the senators offered to sit down with the president to talk the issue over, prompting a letter from the minority to the president officially asking for a meeting. Yesterday, the president agreed to the meeting.

But according to the minority senators, what happened during the meeting was beyond their expectation, saying it turned out to be confrontational instead of conciliatory.

Although, the president said the matter about reasonable expenses is for the delegations to decide, the senators said they were disappointed that the president could not come up with a position of the leadership.

"Immediately we were asked if the meeting was meant as a delay tactic for him (Sablan) not to be able to respond within the 20 day period required by the court. We honestly did not look at the meeting that way. We were determined to resolve the matter by compromise," said Cing.

"If they (the majority) were sincere about resolving the whole thing, he (Sablan) could have listened to our offer and come up with a figure he deems reasonable to we could compromise," said Demapan.

According to the three senators, Sablan said what the minority got may be reasonable if what the three members got in the first quarter of FY 1994 was to be taken into account.

According to figures cited by Sablan, Demapan, who was then Senate president got \$36,000 for the first quarter and that Cing and Manglona got \$44,000 and \$43,000 each. That added to the allocations they were getting for the last three quarters, may be viewed as reasonable.

But according to the minority, those amounts should not be taken into consideration since they were appropriated during the Eighth Legislature.

Marshalls College seeks funding

By Giff Johnson

MAJURO — The College of the Marshall Islands began its second year as an independent college this week with a two-day celebration that featured two evenings of dance and music entertainment, rummage and book sales, haircuts, health checks, bar-b-ques and more.

It was all in aid of establishing the CMI's endowment fund to

help the fledgling campus expand in the future, said CMI President Sr. Dorothy Nook.

At the Foundation Day program, Education Minister Phillip Muller said that CMI "is a first class college." Despite funding constraints, the college has developed into a viable institution that is able to compete with any in the Pacific, he added.

The endowment fund will hold the college to provide its own

funding for programs in the future, Muller said. There are groups in the United States and Japan that are prepared to support the endowment fund, he said.

The minister recognized the Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua and the government for their strong commitment to establishing an independent college to serve the Marshall Islands.

A year ago April, CMI became independent of the College of Micronesia system. The two year institution currently offers teacher training, nursing, vocational education, liberal arts studies, and community education programs.

The celebration of Foundation Day has become an annual event. Nook said the theme for this Foundation Day is "invest in the future," an idea that reflects the

"timeless value of education."

Contributions to the college's endowment will "enhance the capability and the capacity of CNMI," she said. "Endowing CNMI with the necessary resources is an important key to secure a happier future."

CMI depends primarily on Marshall Islands and U.S.

government funding to support its programs.

Oscar de Brum, chairman of the CNMI Board of Regents, spoke briefly, recognizing the significant changes evident at the college, which is now fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in the United States.

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Atolls busy with lagoon farming

By: Giff Johnson

MAJURO — Namdrik fishermen are investing their time and energy into farming — lagoon farming, that is.

Dozens of future-thinking fishermen are cultivating black lip pearl oysters in Namdrik with the help of the Marshalls Islands Marine Resources Authority.

Potentially, pearl oysters are a lucrative business that could not only island fishermen a tidy income. But MIMRA officials believe it could take 10 years to build a viable export industry. The project is partially funded by the U.S. government.

Still, the long term nature of the project is dampening the enthusiasm of the Namdrik community.

About 100 fishermen in five teams of 20 each take their turn one day a week to check the underwater farms, clean the oysters and chase away predators, said William Gideon, who supervises the project for the Namdrik council.

The fishermen are very keen on the project "because they believe that one day the pearl oysters will provide money and benefits to the community," Gideon said. "The people are really behind the project. Women provide food for the fishermen working on it."

The oyster growing remains in a pilot stage, according to MIMRA official Virgil Alfred. They've brought in a Hawaii-based company — Black Pearl Inc. of Kona, Hawaii — to assist with the delicate spawning process. Thirty brood stock were sent from Namdrik to

Hawaii last November and the Hawaii company spawned close to 2,000 fingerling size babies that were shipped back to Namdrik for growing, Alfred said.

Another 20 were shipped to Hawaii in January for further spawning so that the number of animals in Namdrik will continue increasing gradually. The attrition rate is high. It is estimated that up to 50 percent of the animals can be lost in the first year from predators and other natural causes.

The goal is to increase the production of pearl oysters to 10,000 a year, Alfred said, adding that they'd like to increase the numbers more but the oysters don't like to be crowded and may not grow as well in larger numbers in Namdrik's relatively small lagoon.

There is a big overseas market for pearls for jewelry, as well as cosmetic and medical uses, Alfred said. The highest quality black pearls can bring up to \$1,000.

But the process for breeding these is complex. At the moment, the project is working to produce what are known as "half pearls" in 200 oysters. The half pearls can be sold for \$10 to \$20 each. The drawback is that the animal must be killed to get the pearl.

With just 2,000 oysters growing in Namdrik, the small volume makes it "premature to talk about marketing" the pearls, Alfred said. The project is concentrating on producing larger numbers to make it economically viable, he said.

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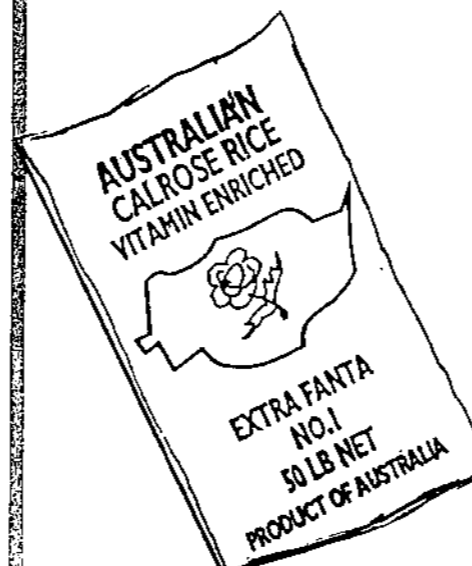
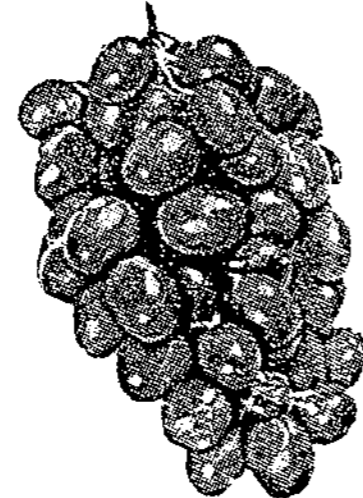
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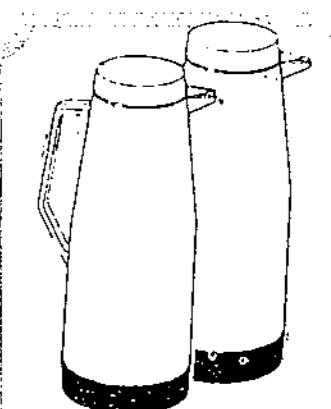
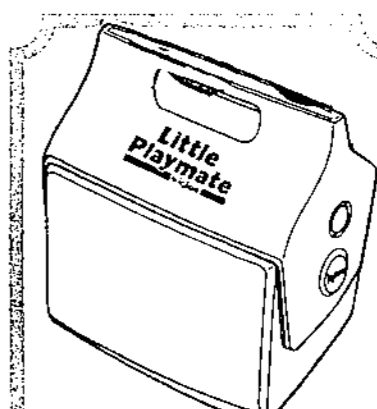
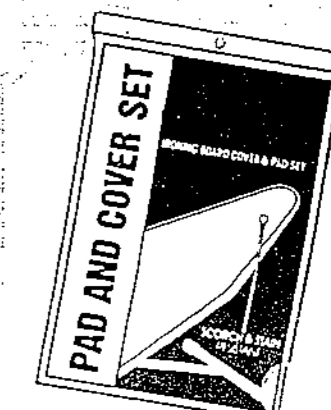
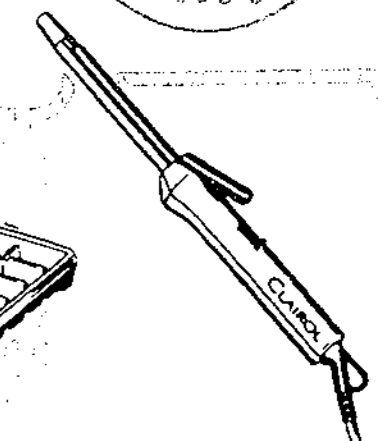
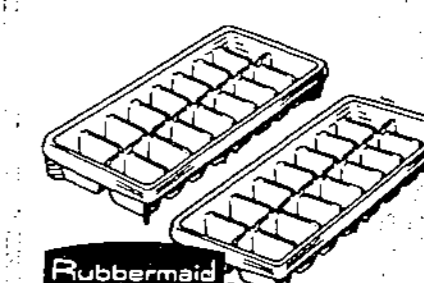
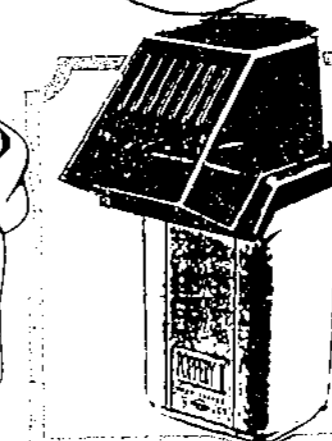
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Microsoft seeks \$22M in piracy case

By TIM KLASS

SEATTLE (AP) - U.S. computer software maker Microsoft Corp. is seeking \$22 million in a trademark infringement case in China, a company lawyer said Wednesday.

The case stems from raids in which police seized tens of thousands of fake holograms - insignia that appear to be three-dimensional and are used to

identify Microsoft products as genuine - at the Shenzhen Reflective Materials Institute in Guangdong Province, about 10 miles from Hong Kong, in early 1992.

Microsoft filed for damages in the spring of 1992, shortly after five police raids at sites in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, but Wednesday was the time specific figures have been cited.

"We conservatively believe we

can show" the holograms were used in shipments of about 220,000 units of pirated MS-DOS 5.0 operating software, said David Curtis, an attorney at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Wash.

Under Chinese law, Microsoft is entitled to compensation for lost sales at about \$99 a copy plus attorney fees, Curtis said.

"I would say it's among the largest (software counterfeiting) damage claims that we have

made," Curtis said.

Overseas copyright, trademark and patent infringement, especially in Asia, have been blamed for billions of dollars in lost sales and revenue for U.S. industries ranging from clothing to computers to compact discs.

On Nov. 30, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said China was being put on a "priority watch list" that could

lead to trade sanctions by April 30 for failure to enforce laws protecting U.S. intellectual property rights.

"I think (the hologram case) is somewhat of a test of the Chinese government's willingness to enforce it," Curtis said.

On Feb. 18, two major high-technology and entertainment trade groups asked the trade representative to follow through with retaliatory action.

Consumer prices up in March

By JAMES H. RUBIN

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. consumer prices rose moderately in March, with increases in the cost of housing and clothing accounting for nearly half the upturn, the government said Wednesday.

The Labor Department said the Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 percent for the second straight month, in line with economists' predictions. Prior to February's

0.3 percent rise the index was unchanged in January, the first time it did not rise in more than four years.

The Commerce Department reported separately that retail sales rose 0.4 percent in March, with sales totalling a seasonally adjusted \$182.3 billion, up from a revised \$181.5 billion a month earlier.

Also, the Labor Department said weekly earnings of U.S. workers rose 0.9 percent in March,

after falling 1.5 percent in February and increasing 1.4 percent in January. Seasonally adjusted earnings were \$383.09 in March, up from \$378.33 a week in February.

For the first three months of the year, the annual inflation rate was up 2.5 percent, compared to 2.7 percent for the same period in 1993.

Energy prices, which had shot up a revised 1.6 percent in February, advanced 0.4 percent

with the arrival of spring and milder March weather. Food prices rose a mere 0.1 percent in March, following two straight months of declines.

Excluding the volatile food and energy costs, the index still rose 0.3 percent last month.

The Labor Department said the cost of medical care rose 0.2 percent in March, matching the smallest increase in a decade.

Economists said in advance of the report that a 0.3 percent rise in

the consumer index should be considered a second straight day of reassuring inflation news.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that wholesale prices were in check in March, increasing 0.2 percent, and for the first quarter of 1994 they were up 3.9 percent at an annual rate.

Analysts said the inflation figures could help hold down short-term interest rates for a while. But some said they still expect the Federal Reserve Board, looking further down the road, to move again this spring to tighten the money reins.

The latest reports "probably should not upset (Fed) Chairman (Alan) Greenspan and his colleagues," said Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "But they're focusing on 1995 and later this year. Those concerns probably have not abated."

Another quarter percentage point boost in short-term rates could come May 17, when the policy-making Federal Reserve Open Market Committee next meets.

Hoping to restrain inflation before it gathers a head of steam, the Federal Reserve in the last two months nudged short-term interest rates from 3 percent to 3.5 percent.

Inflation has been mild for more than three years, the best stretch in three decades. The cost of living was up 2.7 percent last year, following a 2.9 percent rise in 1992 and 3.1 percent in 1991.

The government reported Tuesday that wholesale prices for crude material surged 2.8 percent in March, the biggest advance since an 8.6 percent jump in October 1990. But analysts said consumers are not likely to feel any impact for months.

Some economists said that with labor costs declining so far this year, the increase in commodity prices has not been passed on to consumers. Labor costs account for about two thirds of the wholesale index, which for all of last year rose only 0.2 percent.

The Clinton administration expressed confidence inflation will remain under control.

"We just don't see a scenario under which inflation rises meaningfully from present levels," said Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman.

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Asian markets close generally higher

HONG KONG (AP) - Share prices on Asian markets closed generally higher Wednesday.

In Tokyo, stock prices rebounded on bargain-hunting and reaction to reports that Japan's eight-bloc government coalition would try to unite to select a successor to Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who resigned last week.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange's 225-share Nikkei Stock Average gained 412.08 points, or 2.10 percent, closing at 20,060.41.

Volume on the first section totaled 320 million shares, compared to 264 million on Tuesday. Gainers outnumbered losers 850 to 180, with 134 issues remaining unchanged.

The dollar closed at 103.65 yen, up 0.13 yen from Tuesday.

In Hong Kong, share prices closed higher for the sixth straight session. Brokers attributed the gains to buying by foreign investors.

The Hang Seng Index, the key indicator of blue chips, gained 15.67 points, or 0.2 percent, closing at 9,753.76.

Turnover totaled 5.562 billion Hong Kong dollars (U.S. \$713 million), compared to 5.9 billion Hong Kong dollars (U.S. \$758 million) on Tuesday.

The Bangkok market was closed for Thailand's New Year holidays.

In other markets: KUALA LUMPUR: Share prices closed modestly higher in light trading. The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Composite Index gained 4.63 points to 1,029.45.

MANILA: Share prices closed higher in busy trading, buoyed by favorable corporate reports. The Philippine composite index of 31 selected issues gained 61.11 points to 2,695.71.

SEOUL: Share prices closed slightly higher after a day of wild swings. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index gained 1.51 points, closing at 882.38.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed lower on profit-taking. The 30-share Straits Times Industrials Index lost 2 points to 2,231.66.

SYDNEY: Share prices continued to rally. The All-Ordinaries index of share prices closed at 2,111.2, up 16.2 points from Tuesday's 2,095.

TAIPEI: Share prices continued to slide over reports of weak economic performances. The market's weighted price index closed at 5,453.14 points, down 22.20 points, or 0.4 percent, from Tuesday.

WELLINGTON: Share prices closed slightly lower in sluggish trading. The NZSE-40 Capital Index lost 6.38 points, closing at 2,145.49.

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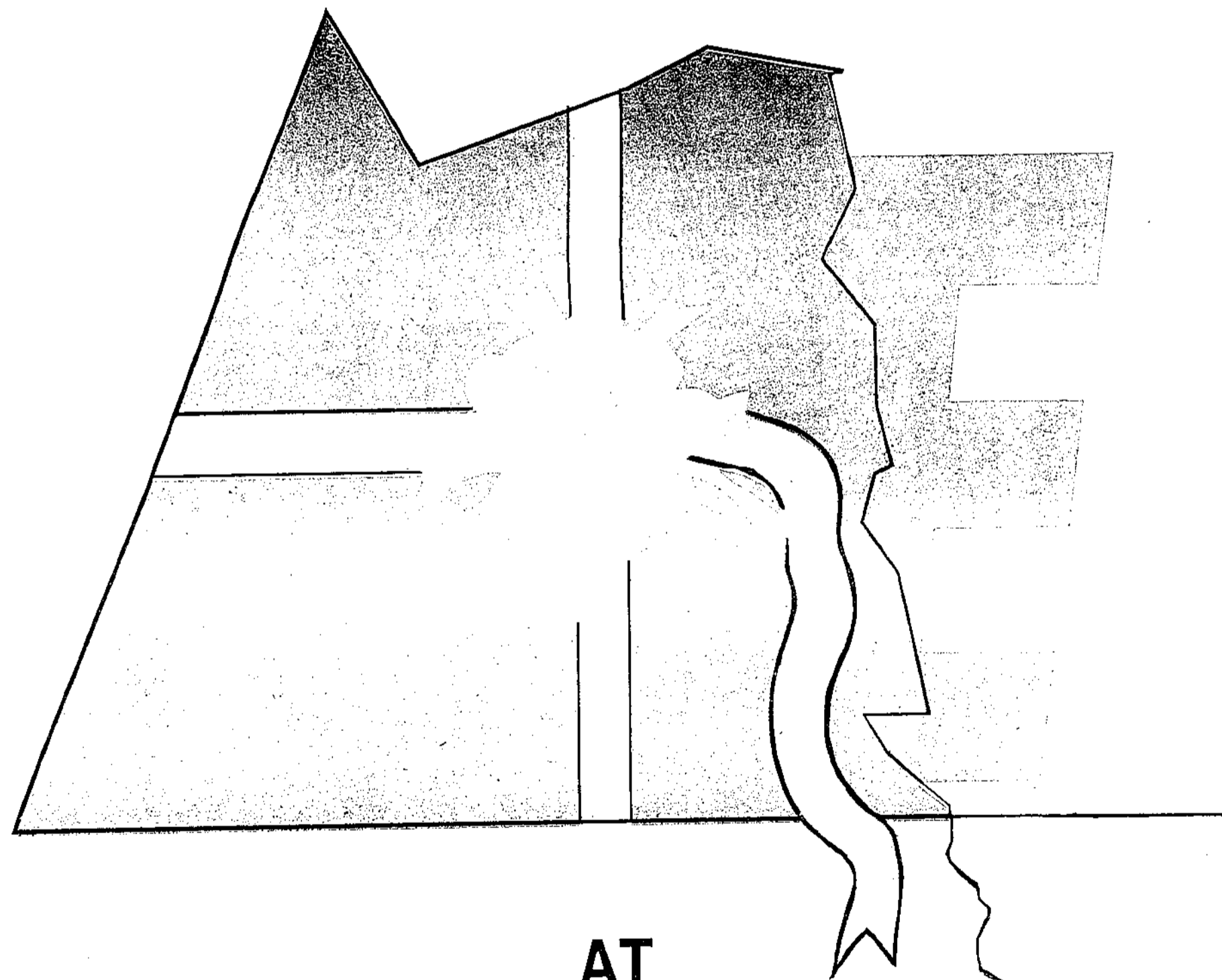
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China's trade privilege urged revoked

By CARL HARTMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lane Kirkland, head of the biggest U.S. labor group, urged President Clinton on Wednesday to revoke the privileges which helped China build a \$22.8 billion surplus in its trade with the United States last year.

Clinton must decide by June 4 whether China has made enough progress on human rights to

warrant his renewing its status as a "most favored nation." If he says no, a big rise in U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods will make them more expensive and harder to sell in this country. The Chinese surplus would drop sharply.

"It is our view that China has not met the most minimum conditions for satisfying the requirements of granting most favored nation treatment ... and

the evidence of that is so clear and abundant that it puzzles me ... why that should even be considered controversial," Kirkland said.

He denounced Chinese trading companies in the United States which he said are controlled by the Chinese army and include weapons among their exports for sale here. His organization, the AFL-CIO, has also criticized China for shipping goods made

by prison labor, a violation of U.S. law.

Kirkland rejected the idea of supporting trade with China for the sake of promoting jobs in the United States.

"We are losing jobs to China," he told reporters. "The (U.S.) deficit in the balance of trade is a measure of the dimensions of that ... The issue with us is how human beings, how our brothers and sisters in China who work for a

living, are treated. There can be no enhancement of the position of workers in any part of the world when workers in another part of the world are abused and treated like slaves ..."

Kirkland also emphasized the question of workers' rights in the discussions now in progress in Marrakech, Morocco, before the signature by 122 governments of new rules on world trade.

He said he was "somewhat gratified" by the report that the preparatory committee for the new World Trade Organization will have the question of workers' rights on its list of topics for discussion. Asked whether he would support the new agreements when they are discussed in Congress, he said:

"We want to see what happens in Marrakech."

His organization opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), on trade with Mexico and Canada, partly over the issue of labor rights in Mexico. The Clinton administration won the support of Congress despite labor opposition.

IBM expands to Vietnam

By BRUCE STANLEY

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - IBM is expanding its computer sales and service network in Vietnam and will spend \$2 million to help develop computer science institutes in the country's two largest cities, a company official announced Thursday.

The U.S. computer giant has increased its number of Vietnamese partners from three companies to five to improve its ability to offer both personal computers and mid-range systems, said Michael Hill, IBM's regional manager for Southeast Asia.

Vietnam has tremendous potential as a market, Hill said. But he said it was too early to estimate possible sales here, nor did he say when the company expected to make a profit on its Vietnamese operations.

IBM opened a representative office in Hanoi last June and a second office in Ho Chi Minh City last November. It chose its first local partners while the 19-year U.S. economic embargo against Vietnam was still in effect. The Vietnamese companies began selling IBM equipment after the embargo's removal on Feb. 3.

The relaxation later that month of international restrictions on the export of technology with possible military applications enabled IBM to expand its product line in Vietnam. It now offers equipment ranging from personal computers up to advanced supercomputers for use in the oil industry, said Bill Howell, IBM's chief representative in Vietnam.

IBM signed the \$2 million agreement with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment to establish training institutes for Vietnamese computer industry executives and managers in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Hill said at a news conference.

Under a second agreement with the ministry, IBM is to help establish a computer-based system for teaching English in Vietnam's primary and secondary schools.

Both agreements were signed Wednesday.

IBM's five local sales partners are CMT, Seatic and Viettronimex, based in Ho Chi Minh City, and FPT and Tradevico of Hanoi.

IBM first opened an office in Hanoi in 1938. It is one of several computer companies advising the science ministry on an estimated \$500 million program to develop information technology by the year 2000.

Other companies advising the ministry include Digital

Equipment, Unisys, Hewlett-Packard and NEC, said Do Van Loc, a senior expert at the ministry.

As part of the plan, Vietnam hopes to introduce computers and computer education into each of its 1,113 secondary schools by the end of the century, Loc said. Vietnam also hopes, with IBM's help, to develop its own industry for manufacturing computer components. Loc gave no date for the development of this industry, which is now under study, he said.

IBM's initiatives come as the United States is pressing Vietnam to settle \$230 million in financial claims left over from the Vietnam War era. IBM is one of the U.S. companies seeking compensation for property seized by victorious North Vietnamese troops after the fall of U.S. ally South Vietnam in April 1975.

The original amount of IBM's claim was \$5.6 million, now equal to \$12 million including interest, Howell said.

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Clinton defends Whitewater

By TOM RAUM

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton heatedly defended his handling of the Whitewater affair Wednesday, telling newspaper editors, "I have done my best to answer the questions asked of me."

"Maybe you have total and complete recollection of every question that might be asked of you at any moment of things that happened 12, 13, 14 years ago," he told a questioner.

"You think I should have shut the whole federal government down and studied these things fulltime?" Clinton asked.

He was talking about the tax and other voluminous records involving his and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's investment in the Whitewater land deal in Arkansas.

The president's sharp words came after an editor suggested that his explanations so far of Whitewater-related matters reminded him of a daughter's excuses for not doing her homework.

"All I can tell you, sir, is I have done my best to answer the questions asked of me," Clinton responded to John Simpson, international editor of USA Today.

"I have been as candid and as forthright as I can," he said.

The president complained that he had supported creation of a special Whitewater counsel so that all details of the affair could be investigated, and he could get on with his job as president.

"Since then, the same people who have asked for the special counsel... have decided they were kidding and they wanted for us to continue to deal with this."

"Well, I'm sorry but I'm doing the best I can doing the job I was hired by the American people to do," he told the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Clinton was invited by another questioner to assess the news media's coverage of his administration and of the Whitewater affair, but declined to do so. "If I could grade the press, I wouldn't," he said.

As to Whitewater, he said, "If

you have any doubts about it, then that's good because you ought to be having doubts about things like this."

But he quoted humorist Garrison Keillor, who had told a broadcasters' dinner the night before that Clinton attended: "All I know is what I read in the papers, so Whitewater is a mystery to me."

Clinton skirted an editor's question about limits on the use of American tax dollars for abortion overseas.

"I think at a minimum that we should not fund abortions when the child is capable of living outside the mother's womb,"

Clinton said. "Secondly, we should not in any way, shape or form fund abortions if they are forced on citizens by the government against their will."

The administration is trying to get more liberal language into a U.N. plan to stabilize the world's population. Currently, the population plan only addresses abortions in the case of incest or rape.

In opening remarks, Clinton cited an erosion in what he said were the middle-class family values of earlier generations and a decline in living standards.

"Fear of violent crime has made neighbors seem like strangers,"

he said.

"Our issue at this moment in history is to assure the American dream for the next generation," Clinton said.

Clinton said that "we" have focused on starting the engines of upward mobility in his economic program.

He praised newspapers for bringing light to bear on social and economic problems. "My job is to act" in a world that Clinton said is "increasingly disorderly."

And, he joked with the editors: "We probably have some things in common. Both of us battle from time to time with reporters."

Manufacturers, builders optimistic on economy

NEW YORK (AP) - Manufacturers and builders remain upbeat about the American economy, suggesting continued near-term growth, Dun and Bradstreet Corp. reported Wednesday.

Its monthly surveys of 1,000 manufacturers and 200 construction firms showed a tempering of manufacturers'

positive expectations while builders said they expect more growth next quarter due to increases in orders, employment and prices.

"Higher interest rates have not dampened the optimism of the nation's construction executives," said Douglas Handler, an economist for the business information company. "They are

expecting boom times which should continue through the end of the summer."

The construction industry can be vulnerable to rising interest rates because it makes mortgages more expensive and discourages home-buying.

The manufacturers survey, which gauges new orders and inventories for the past three months and the coming three months, showed that expectations had moderated slightly after February's strong gains in optimism levels.

Handlers said March results were strong but that recent growth increases have apparently leveled off.

"Manufacturers are settling in for a period of sustained, healthy growth," he said. "The fact that capital spending plans are still very bullish, despite the recent increase in interest rates, suggests that most industries are generally optimistic about ongoing improvements in economic conditions, although not at the torrid pace seen last year."

The survey also said that expectations of higher prices fell sharply for the second straight month, suggesting that inflation is under control.

Spot metals

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Wednesday.

Aluminum - 58.7 cents per lb, London Metal Exch. Wed.
Copper - 9100 dollars Cathode full plate.
Zinc - 44.0748.62 per lb, delivered.
Tin - n.a. per pound.
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U.S., Europe reach contracts accord

By CLARE NULLIS

MARRAKESH, Morocco (AP) - The United States and European Union agreed Wednesday to open up government contracts worth \$200 billion to competitive bids.

The deal means that European companies will be able to compete for public tenders to supply hospitals or build bridges in the United States. And U.S. firms should be able to increase heavy-electrical equipment sales to state-owned utilities in Europe and, for the first time, bid for wider contracts handed out by city authorities.

"This is a major step forward in our continual quest to expand markets and open trade," said U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, negotiating on the sidelines of a signing conference for a landmark world trade treaty.

European Union trade chief Sir Leon Brittan labeled the deal "very

Cigarette additives being questioned

The eight chemicals among cigarette additives most questioned by tobacco opponents:

_Megastigmatienone: a flavoring tobacco companies contend is found naturally in grapefruit juice and considered safe by the food industry. U.S. government's Food and Drug Administration couldn't confirm that.

_Dehydromenthofurorolactone: a flavoring tobacco companies say is found in peppermint and considered safe by the food industry. FDA couldn't confirm that.

_Ethyl furate: found naturally in coffee, kiwi and peanuts. FDA hasn't formally ruled on the issue, but said the food industry considers it safe. But a toxicologist last week said the chemical can cause liver damage in laboratory animals.

_Maltitol: a sweetener used in chewing gum and diabetic candy. The food industry considers it safe, but FDA hasn't ruled on a petition questioning the safety.

_Sclareolide: a synthetic form of a naturally occurring tobacco element. The food industry considers it safe.

_Tobacco extract: used to boost flavor of reconstituted tobacco; companies say it does contain a small amount of nicotine.

_Ammonia: a processing aid. FDA considers certain forms of ammonia safe in foods but couldn't comment on the type in cigarettes.

_Methoprene: an insecticide that toxicologists say is biodegradable and works by stopping insects from growing to adulthood. Tobacco companies say FDA allows it in dried fruits, but FDA couldn't confirm that.

More common items added to cigarettes:

_Yeast
_Wine
_Caffeine
_Beeswax
_Beta carotene
_Chocolate
_Coconut oil

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However, Brittan said certain sectors were excluded from the agreement. Europe will not change rules giving a price preference to European companies in purchases of telecommunications equipment.

And the United States had not dropped its Buy America policy, which favors U.S. suppliers to federally-funded mass transportation, highway and airport projects, Brittan said.

The breakthrough on government procurement practices came after afternoon talks between the pair.

"It means more than \$200 billion in opportunities for European and American companies in each other's markets," Kantor said.

Under the deal, Brittan said, European companies will be able to compete in contracts for publicly funded projects in the United States at the federal level and in 39 states.

"If a Texan public hospital needed to supply an operating theater, or if New York Power wished to install power generation

equipment ... European firms could supply the goods without discrimination," Brittan said.

In return, U.S. heavy electrical equipment firms would get access to European utilities.

Europe last year narrowly averted a trade war with the United States by granting temporary bidding rights to U.S. heavy electrical supply firms. Wednesday's deal makes it permanent.

The deal was clinched on the sidelines of a meeting of 120 ministers meeting to sign the Uruguay Round trade accords, reached in December under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It is much wider in scope than the GATT accord on government procurement.

U.S. Vice President Gore addresses the delegations Thursday to push the Clinton administration's view that future trade talks must pay more attention to environmental concerns.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Gore would meet Japanese Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata during his one-day visit to this Moroccan

oasis.

The United States, frustrated at Japan's \$60 billion trade surplus, has threatened punitive tariffs against Japanese cellular phone industry. Negotiations aimed at redressing the trade imbalance broke down earlier this year.

Kantor is due to meet Hata on Friday in a tentative move to restart the negotiations. But, with the Japanese government in paralysis, it seems unlikely that Hata will be able to offer any real concessions.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official said that Hata would not accept numerical targets, or fixed numbers of imports, to prove its markets are opening. This is one of the most contentious issues between the two trade giants.

Gore will also meet with Moroccan King Hassan II to promote more trade and investment links and thus encourage Moroccan stability in the face of Muslim fundamentalist struggles in Algeria and Egypt.

In the ministerial session Wednesday, China firmly staked its claim to become a founding member of the new World Trade

Organization.

"We believe that China, with its booming economy and an open market of 1.2 billion people will make important contributions to the prosperity of the world economy and the expansion of international trade," Gu Yongiang, head of the Chinese delegation, told the ministerial session.

But the U.S. official said there were still "substantive issues" that needed to be solved, including Chinese copyright piracy and secretive limits on import.

In addition to trade reforms, the Clinton administration has linked Chinese admission into the mainstream international trading community to progress on human rights.

China wants to join the World Trade Organization, which succeeds the GATT, and be a member when it starts life, in theory next Jan. 1.

Japan, the United States, the European Union and Canada set a target Wednesday to have the world trade treaty ratified by Jan. 1. The Japanese set a goal of autumn, the Japanese official said.

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Beta carotene actually causes cancer

By DANIEL Q. HANEY

BOSTON (AP) - Scientists who launched a major study in Finland to prove that a form of vitamin A prevents cancer were amazed when their findings suggested just the opposite.

After 10 years of study, it turns out that beta carotene might actually cause cancer.

Beta carotene is the vegetable source of vitamin A. Dozens of studies have suggested that people who get lots of it lower their risk of cancer. Beta carotene

and other so-called antioxidants are widely touted as natural cancer fighters.

So scientists felt confident when they launched a \$43 million study on smokers that they would find in the end that beta carotene pills helped them ward off lung cancer.

Instead, to their complete amazement, they found that people who got the beta carotene were 18 percent more likely to have lung cancer than those who did not take the vitamin.

The study was so large, involving 29,133 men, that there

was just one chance in 100 that the finding was a statistical fluke. Still, some scientists, including the researchers themselves, said this might indeed be the explanation.

"We are not convinced there was definitely a harmful effect," said Dr. Demetrius Albanes of the National Cancer Institute, a principal researcher. "There is a suggestion of it. We definitely have to look at it more."

Some experts - including those at the Food and Drug Administration, which has

required vitamin marketers to tone down their health claims - say the work shows the pitfalls of making assumptions based on skimpy evidence.

"It underscores the need to have safety data before assuming something is safe, and there just was not much data out there prior to this," said the FDA's Dr. Beth Yetley.

The evidence in favor of beta carotene came from large population surveys of people's eating habits. But until now, there had been no carefully conducted experiment in a Western country to see what really happens when people begin using it in large doses.

"The message to the public is: Eat a good balanced diet, be pleased that scientists are working on these complex cancer prevention strategies, but be forewarned that there are no simple answers and there is no guarantee of safety when you take capsules into your body," said Dr. Gilbert Omenn, dean of public health at the University of Washington.

The study was conducted in Finland in conjunction with that country's National Public Health Institute. The results are being published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Smokers were chosen because they are already at high risk of lung cancer, and beta carotene seemed especially promising as a way to prevent this disease.

The volunteers were randomly assigned to take 20 milligrams of

beta carotene, 50 milligrams of vitamin E or dummy capsules every day for five to eight years.

During the study, 876 cases of lung cancer were diagnosed. There were 474 cases among men getting beta carotene, compared with 402 in those who did not, an 18 percent difference. There were 433 cases in men getting vitamin E vs. 443 in those who did not. This small reduction was not statistically meaningful.

"It's not just a surprising result. It's completely unexpected," said Dr. Charles Hennekens, who is conducting a similar study at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Beta carotene is especially common in deep yellow, orange and dark green vegetables and fruits, such as carrots, broccoli and yams. Typically Americans consume two or three milligrams of this nutrient daily, or one-tenth of that consumed in the study.

Among other findings: "Vitamin E users had a 34 percent reduction in prostate cancer. No previous studies have hinted at such a possible benefit. Vitamin E is found in oils, nuts and grains.

"Those using vitamin E were also somewhat less likely to have strokes resulting from blood clots in the brain but more likely to have strokes involving bleeding in the head.

Overall, the death rate among those getting vitamin E was the same as in those who did not. However, it was 8 percent higher in the beta carotene users.

FDA approves new liver transplant drug

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration has approved a third drug, made from a fungus found in Japan, to help prevent rejection of organ transplants.

The drug, tacrolimus, was approved only for use in liver transplant patients. It is an alternative to cyclosporine, an anti-rejection drug used in liver, kidney and heart transplants.

A third immunosuppressant, azathioprine, is approved only for kidney transplants.

Tacrolimus is manufactured by Fujisawa USA Inc. of Deerfield, Ill.

About 3,000 liver transplants are performed every year, and the one-year survival rate for first-time transplant patients is 75 percent.

Although cyclosporine is credited for that high a survival

rate, doctors are searching for even better anti-rejection drugs that don't come with the large number of side effects that cyclosporine causes.

Early clinical trials suggested tacrolimus might be safer and better tolerated. But in November, an FDA advisory committee agreed unanimously that later trials showed it was neither.

Still, the committee recommended approval of the new drug because it would provide an equally good alternative to cyclosporine. In two trials, one in the United States and another in Europe, covering more than 1,000 patients, survival of the patient and the transplanted liver were similar for both drugs.

Both can cause side effects including headaches, tremors, high blood sugar, kidney disorders and high blood pressure.

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Dollar, Gold lower

NEW YORK (AP) - The U.S. dollar was lower against all major foreign currencies except the British pound Wednesday as latest inflation and retail sales figures failed to shake currency markets from their week-long malaise.

Gold prices fell. On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold for current delivery closed at \$378.20 a troy ounce, down 30 cents. Republic National Bank of New York quoted gold at \$378.25 as of 4 p.m. (2000 GMT), down 75 cents.

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 percent in March - matching February's rise, the Labor Department said. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported retail sales rose 0.4 percent last month, a figure economists said is a sign of healthy but not worrisome growth.

"Both figures are a little bearish for the dollar," said Bob Near, a vice president at the Bank of New York. "The inflation numbers weren't high enough to cause the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates and retail figures weren't as high as expected. There's no reason to buy dollars right now."

Margaret Kudrauskas, foreign exchange analyst at Technical Data, a financial research firm in Boston, said dollar traders also were disappointed by only a .03 percentage point in the German securities repurchase rate. A cut of .08 percent was expected.

The rate, a money market rate which banks pay to borrow from the German central bank, the Bundesbank, is now at 5.70 percent, down from 6 percent six weeks ago.

The Bundesbank council meets Thursday but a lowering of the discount rate - the lowest rate charged to banks borrowing money - is not expected, Kudrauskas said.

A drop in foreign interest rates tends to strengthen the dollar because it makes U.S. investments - which must be purchased with dollars - more attractive. But if rates don't fall far enough to satisfy the market, the dollar could still fall even as overseas rates climb.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 103.65 yen, up 0.13 yen from Tuesday. Later in London, the dollar was unchanged at 103.55 yen. In New York, the dollar closed at 103.35 yen, down from 103.65 yen.

Jack Griffin, a vice president at Fuji Bank, said the markets may be waiting for talks later this week in Morocco between the Japanese and American envoys. Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata is scheduled to meet with Vice President Al Gore on Thursday and U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor on Friday during sessions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The U.S. has been pressing Japan to open its markets to help narrow the trade gap between the two nations. If that effort fails, many market players think the Clinton administration will support a higher yen to shrink the U.S. deficit.

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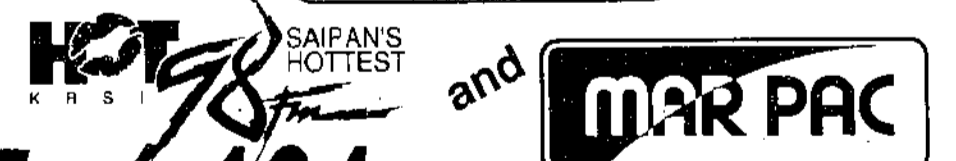
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S. African candidates flee from riots

By TINA SUSMAN

PHOLA PARK, South Africa (AP) - Attempts to bring democracy to this squalid camp of shacks and sewage ponds failed miserably Wednesday, as a swarm of ANC supporters sent candidates fleeing in armored vehicles.

Luckily, no one was hurt. Sadly, noted angry candidates and elections workers, it was evidence the country is far from ready to stage the first all-race elections in just two weeks.

The obstacles are daunting as April 26-28 nears:

Candidates from smaller parties are routinely run out of black townships by angry youths who see the African National Congress as the only acceptable choice.

Zulu nationalists have yet to join the election, making it impossible for the Independent Electoral Commission to finalize voting stations in Zululand regions.

Piles of voter registration documents lie unclaimed, raising fears many people will be barred from voting for lacking proper papers.

Trying to oversee it all is the IEC, which was given four months to manage an election that will expand voting rights from 3 million whites to a multiracial, multilingual mass of nearly 20 million people.

"There is total chaos. I've never experienced such chaos. But people are managing to pull it all together," IEC spokeswoman Niki Moore said after Wednesday's failed mission to Phola Park in part of the commission's attempt to allow campaigning in areas wracked by violence between rival factions.

"This is hardly the ideal situation," said Reg Austin, a spokesman for the United Nations Observer Mission who oversaw the 1993 Cambodian elections.

"Something normally done in a period of years has to be done in a very short period, and of course this all has to be done in an environment in which the ground rules of democracy are actually being put in place," he said.

The first of the millions of national ballots have arrived in South Africa from Britain, where they were printed, and the rest are

due by April 17. When voting begins, the IEC will have more than 190,000 people staffing about 9,000 polling stations, ushering first-time voters who in many cases will be illiterate and cowed by years of political oppression.

Still, Moore says recruiting of poll workers is on schedule.

"We are ready," she said. "Two weeks might not sound like a heck of a lot of time, but it is, actually, because most of the structures only have to be in place three days before the election."

The country's fluid political situation, however, is threatening to leave the IEC in limbo in KwaZulu, the Zulu homeland where Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi is boycotting the vote. If he changes his mind, that would force revision of ballot papers. If he sticks to the boycott, the IEC will have to arrange alternate ways of voting for KwaZulu.

As Wednesday's operation showed, KwaZulu is not the only area where the concept of democracy has yet to sink in.

IEC workers and candidates from other parties arrived in

Tokoza township in a convoy of minivans, accompanied by police pointing automatic rifles out of their armored vehicles.

"This is the IEC. Our mission is simple - to provide free and fair elections," an IEC worker shouted through a megaphone as the convoy passed through the notorious Inkatha neighborhood lined with Zulu hostels.

So cautious were police and the IEC that they would not stop the convoy until they reached the site of the rally in Phola Park.

Candidates began taking turns reading statements through the megaphone, often in languages not understood by many bewildered listeners.

When several hundred ANC supporters learned there was no ANC candidate in the convoy, they swarmed past the vans, shouting "ANC! ANC!" and marched through the dust to line the road leading out of the camp.

Not even the venerable Helen Suzman, a prominent IEC official and anti-apartheid heroine, was spared the indignity of being bundled into one of the police vehicles to be driven out of town

under armored protection.

Behind her went candidates from President F.W. de Klerk's National Party, the Pan Africanist Congress, the Federal Party, the Democratic Party and the African Christian Democratic Party. The ANC candidate never showed up, leading to suspicions from rivals that the ANC planned the walkout.

"We were ambushed," fumed National Party candidate Xolani Gumede.

John Barrington of the Federal Party was disgusted.

"I don't believe we're ready for a democratic election," he said. "This is the result - an exercise in futility."

Commuter airline safety study launched

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government will take a close look at the safety of the small commuter airlines that carry passengers on short trips and connect them to larger carriers.

The National Transportation Safety Board announced the study on Wednesday, saying it will look at 25 airlines on issues including pilot training and qualifications, maintenance and inspection programs.

Commuter airlines are a fast-growing portion of the travel business, carrying more than 50 million passengers in the United States last year.

Most operate smaller planes carrying 30 passengers or less, which face less stringent government rules than larger aircraft.

In 1993 U.S. commuter airlines had 0.5 accidents per 100,000 flights, nearly twice the rate for major airlines.

Recent accidents involving commuter craft included the crash of a United Express plane at Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 8 that killed five people, and the deaths of 18 people in a crash at Hibbing, Minn., last Dec. 1 involving an Express II airline plane operating for Northwest Airlines.

Asian news briefs

N. Korea has until May

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) - North Korea has until early May to accept new international nuclear inspections or risk action by the U.N. Security Council, the head of a U.N. agency said today.

Hans Blix, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said North Korea has not responded officially to a request from the IAEA for permission to visit a key facility where inspectors were barred last month. The North's official news agency, however, has ruled out new inspections.

North Korea claims its nuclear program is peaceful, but has refused to allow complete inspections. The partial check last month was the first the North has permitted in about a year.

Blix is in Hiroshima for a meeting of Japan's nuclear power industry. It is the first time that the annual meeting, attended by about 1,200 industry and government officials, has been held in this city, the target of the world's first atomic bombing.

Study on defection ordered

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - President Kim Young-sam today ordered a study of ways of making defection to South Korea easier for North Korean lumberjacks who escape from camps in Siberia.

The order appeared to signal the lifting of a government ban on such defections.

Last week, Kim had said his government had no plans to allow North Korean escapees from Siberia to settle in the South. Local media criticized the remarks.

Today, however, presidential spokesman Choo Don-shik quoted Kim as saying: "In hoping that North Korea will allow nuclear inspections, the government had put on hold plans to allow defections. But North Korea's continued refusal has made such precautions unnecessary."

Monks clashed with riot police

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Some 1,000 dissident monks and supporters clashed with riot police in downtown Seoul today in protests against earlier police intervention in Buddhist factional fighting.

Police twice had raided a downtown temple compound to halt fighting between factions of South Korea's largest Buddhist order. The violence left 78 people, including about a dozen riot policemen, injured. Police arrested 350 monks and supporters.

The dissidents gained their key demand earlier today when Suh Ui-hyun resigned as chief monk of the Chogye order. The dissidents had accused him of corruption and manipulating votes in March, when he was running for re-election for his third four-year term as the order's leader.

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Nominations and resumes for people wishing to be considered for selection to the Council should be sent to: Executive Director, CNMI Council for the Humanities, Callar Box AAA 3394, Saipan, MP 96950. For further information contact Ron Barrineau, Executive Director, at telephone number 235-4785.

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The public hearing tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 05, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the San Vicente Elementary School Cafeteria. A second and final notice will be announced at a later date.

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/s/ Timothy P. Villagomez
Acting Executive Director

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

On Saturday April 16, 1994 the CNMI Council for the Humanities will conduct a workshop for the general public at the Joeten Kiyu Library conference room from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The workshop will focus on developing and writing a grant application, the types of grants the council funds and the council's mission. There is no charge for the workshop and everyone is invited

For further information, contact the CNMI Council for the Humanities office at telephone numbers 235-4785

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these issues without delay.

The previous administration did not see things this way. They thought, instead, that we should demonstrate our "sovereignty" and "independence" by defying Congress and refusing reforms.

But we do not have the power to do that. We gave up certain rights, including most of our sovereignty, when we negotiated the Covenant. And we received certain things in return—U.S. citizenship, control over our own tax laws and customs, hundreds of millions of dollars in federal aid, and the right to restrict land ownership by Article XII. The previous administration seemed to think that we could get all the benefits of the Covenant without agreeing to the drawbacks. This is just not so. We cannot "defy" the Congress on this issue any more than a man who has borrowed money can "defy" the lender when it's time to pay up. As we've all heard so many times, a deal is a deal.

More than one reason to raise the wage
Of course, keeping Congress

happy is not the only reason to raise the minimum wage. A group of high school students recently visited our offices. At one point, we asked how many of them had jobs outside school. Only one did. Then we asked how many would be interested in jobs if the minimum wage were \$4.25. More than half of them said that they would be.

A higher minimum wage would put our young people to work. We are expecting more than 500 young adults to graduate from high school this year. The government, with its present budget deficit and financial problems, will not be able to hire very many of them. Can we really expect the rest of them to enter the private sector at \$2.45 an hour? No. Instead, too many of them will leave—to Guam, to the U.S. armed forces, to Hawaii or California. And many of them will never come back.

Increasing the minimum wage will also reduce the number of alien workers. This will reduce the strain that they place on our government, our infrastructure, and our culture. It would also encourage a general shift from unskilled to skilled labor. Instead of "throwing bodies" at a problem,

employers would be encouraged to hire fewer but better workers, and to train their workers up to a higher skill level.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a higher minimum wage would tend to reduce human rights abuses. Workers would be better paid, more skilled, and, thus, more highly valued. And higher paid workers would be in a better position to challenge employers who abuse them. A relatively small group of employers have brought shame on the entire Commonwealth by failing to respect the basic human dignity of their employees. A higher minimum wage would help bring an end to this.

Certain special interests have argued against raising the minimum wage. So far, they have been successful, for the Legislature has not yet passed the bill. But this is not over. The Tenorio-Borja Administration intends to keep on pressing for a higher minimum wage, for as long as we are in office. We are doing it to please the U.S. Congress, yes; we are doing it because we want to keep local control of immigration, yes; but most of all, we are doing it because it is the right thing to do.

Finally, we should all remember Congressman de Lugo's parting comments. As a legislator himself, he agreed that the Legislature has the right to disagree with the Executive and to reject its suggestions. But he then added that the Legislature also has a positive duty to come up with an alternative.

If our Legislature does not like the Administration's minimum wage bill, they certainly have the right to reject it. But, if so, they should come up with some other proposal to improve relations with

Congress, increase local employment, cut the number of aliens, and improve our human rights record. We would be willing to cooperate with the Legislature on any reasonable alternative, but we have not been given any. We are told that our bill is impossible, but we are not told what might be possible instead.

These are difficult times, and there are more difficult times ahead. Ron de Lugo, as a friend, has given us good advice on how to get through the difficulties. We should all listen carefully.



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Taiwan asks China to explain mishap

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - China must provide an explanation and compensation for a boat fire that killed 24 Taiwan tourists, or risk ruining the growing detente between the two sides, senior Taiwan officials said Wednesday.

Tsiang Yien-si, secretary-general to the president, told legislators that the government would press its demands by filing suit against China in the International Court of Justice.

Press reports said Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council is

expected to announce a tourism boycott against China starting next month over Beijing's handling of the boat fire.

The council already has said it is suspending cultural exchanges with China.

The fire on a Chinese lake March 31 killed 32 people, including 24 Taiwanese tourists.

Relatives of the Taiwanese victims came back Saturday with only ashes of the dead and no explanation from China on what caused the fire.

At their weekly meeting,

members of the Central Standing Committee, the governing Nationalist Party's highest decision-making body, expressed worries about the issue's effect on China-Taiwan relations.

Former Premier Hau Pei-tsun described China's handling of the case as "stupid, ignorant to the extreme," and said feelings of people on both sides have been hurt.

Koo Chen-fu, head of the semi-

official Straits Exchange Foundation, said China should take steps to prevent the case from ruining the detente established between the two sides in the past six years.

China's semi-official organization dealing with Taiwan agreed Tuesday to make efforts to discover the truth about the fire, and said it would confer with its Taiwanese counterpart soon on enhancing Taiwanese tourists' safety in China.

Chinese officials have sought in recent days to rebut accusations of a cover-up in the fire. After initially describing the fire as an accident and suggesting that robbery was unlikely, mainland officials have acknowledged that the deaths were suspicious and could have been deliberately caused. They have appealed for patience during their investigation.

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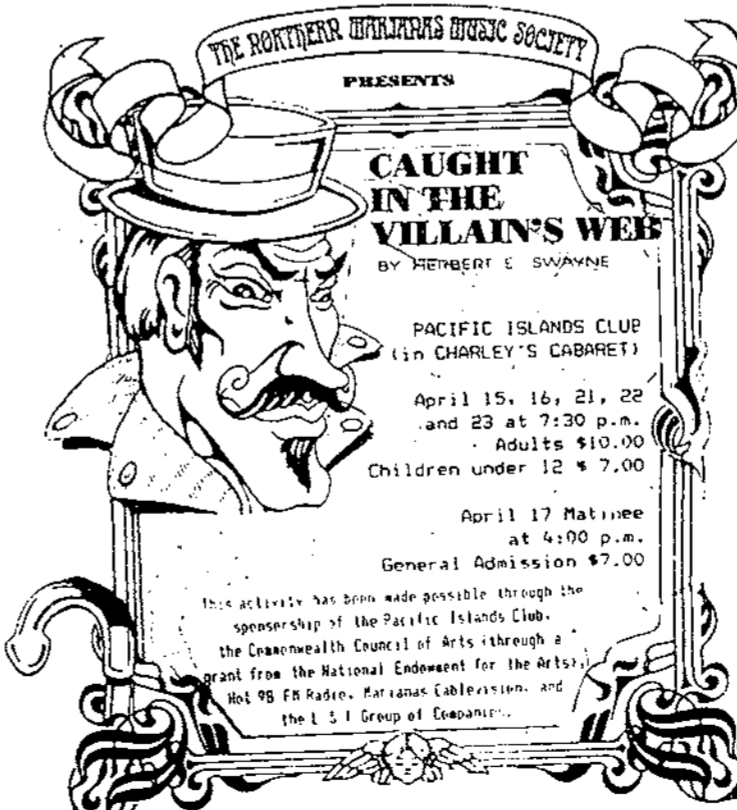
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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION DPW94-IFPQ-00278

The Department of Public Works is inviting interested CNMI Registered Construction Firms to submit "Construction Qualification Statement" for the purpose of selecting qualified bidders for the construction of "Road Projects including Traffic Signal Lights" under CNMI and Federal Highway Funds for the island of Saipan. The "Construction Qualification Statement" form can be obtained from the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division.

The proposals shall be submitted in duplicates to the Chief of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m., April 19, 1994.

Contractors will be pre-qualified based on the information provided in the statement and in addition to this, contractors will be evaluated according to CNMI Procurement Regulation Section 3-301. Only those selected Contractors will be qualified to participate in the bidding of all road projects.

For more information, please contact Mr. Leonardo Gernale of the Department of Public Works at telephone numbers 322-9436 or 322-9828.

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA, P.E.
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INVITATION TO BID DPW94-1TB-00279

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the completion of the Construction of "Rota Health Expansion Project, Rota MP 96951". Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the office of the Chief of Procurement and Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, April 29, 1994, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1453".

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

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after April 11, 1994 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$250.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, April 29, 1994, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan. Questions concerning the plans and specifications of the Special Provisions should be submitted prior to the conference.

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

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

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

REVIEWED BY:

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA, P.E.
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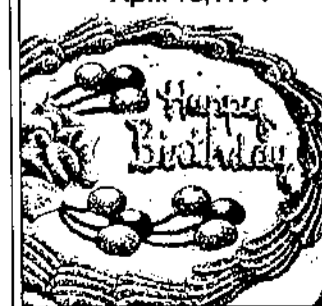
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April 15, 1994



Letters...

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would like to see the yet unpublished portion of the Solomon Report. This is perhaps, the only study of the Northern Marianas Islands that ever effectuated. The declassified portion revealed that we have fulfilled their prophecies.

But let's own this dilemma. Our traditional parenting has changed along with "new polity" yet in certain circumstances certain familial devotion evidently endured. What?

First, in my opinion, is the magic ingrained in the stories repeated to, and practiced by all "taotao-mona" believers and those who claim an encounter with the ancient ones. For instance, it is very unchamorro to pass water outdoors without acknowledging to the living spirits of ones intentions or need. This is usually passed on to the children from their parents, but today's children are heirs of the maid system. These unfamiliar employees have become the calabash surrogate parents of a significant number of our youngsters whose parents are busy fixing the "necessities" for the "home" and the community.

Second, these shifts in the family structure came rather suddenly to this community. The shift from a subsistence economy to a commodity based economy raised perceived living requirements. This commanded a two income household and with this added buying power, more leisurely activities, usually alcohol related, and more recently adult only activities such as poker houses, further removed family relations.

Third, the educational system until very recently made all of the decisions with respect to the education of each child. The curriculum taught exposed the students to the world outside with little about who or what is in our own backyard. In Tinian, a significant number of teachers are not chamorro literate in all aspects but recently are required to enroll in chamorro orthography.

The advent of alien labor paid with mental salary to do what is commonly misconceived as menial unskilled work created an unpronounced caste system. They speak different, look different, act different which some locals find offensive. For instance, it is a common sight to see construction workers peeing in full day light at a road project, further defining this prejudice. Or the maid not understanding simple chamorroified english is harshly criticized in the presence of the little ones. The little ones go to school with this exposed perceptions, hold little confidence in their educators.

These are just in the "tip of the iceberg" that contribute to the widening of the generation gap, the loss of customary "respect" in this multiracial society. While there are no exceptions to his living legacy, inter-marriage with different ethnic groups further diminish the traditional ways and value system. Cognizant of all these factors, what then can we all agree to defend as "distinctly OURS", that make us different from other cultures, other political entities?

Other Nations within the Pacific Rim have faced this issue. While they are markedly different, the route they each took to preserve their way of life was all the same. Through indoctrination of their value system within a divers citizenry.

Singapore, like the Northern Marianas, was under the colonial power of a Foreign people. The Singapore miracle is a true story of the struggles of a handful of western educated multiracial group who foresaw that their only saving grace from total dislocation of domination in their homeland and its people was to emplace a unified nationalistic value for their diverse multitudes with a system that will deliver the greatest good of the greatest number based on the assumption of popular rule.

Quoting from the book titled Governing Singapore by Raj Vasil, "In 1927, King Prachatiok of Siam, anticipating the problems of working the Western democratic system in an Third World country, had cautioned:

It seems to me that, if it is admitted that some day we may be forced to have some form of democracy in Siam, we must prepare ourselves for it gradually. We must learn and experiment so as to have a better idea of how a parliamentary government would work in Siam. We must try to educate people to be politically conscious, to realize their real interests so that they will not be misled by agitators or mere dreamers of Utopia. If we have to have a parliament, we must teach the people how to vote and how to elect representatives who will really have their interests at heart."

However, the Singaporean experience left its political development as its least priority. Foremost was to assert policies which emphasized on socio-economic change and progress. The commitments were on Right to a job, Right to housing and Right to education. With education, Mother country, Mathematics and Morals are the prerequisite in the first three years in the learning institutions.

In the Cook Islands, to speak Maori was illegal until 1975 when the Education Policy Statement recognized that Maori should equally be compulsory with the English language in their educational system from elementary through the post secondary level. It is even offered as a degree subject which greatly contributed to the resurgence of the old culture. As stated at the Pacific Islands Educational Leaders Summit in Guam by the Honorable Ngereteina Puna, Minister of Education, Cook Islands, "On Language: The Cook Islands' Maori language is an issue of cultural importance to us because it touches on the very fabric of our cultural survival. Our language is the window through which we, as Cook Islanders, see and understand the world. Most other aspects of our culture hinge upon our own language, and hence, its retention is crucial to the survival of our culture."

In the Commonwealth, is it just my observation and could I be wrong in this observation, that most significant emphasis is in the development of our political direction without enough emphasis on the foundation of a value system

that will strengthen our destiny. Have we gone too far in giving so much "rights" to our little ones who lack experience and knowledge of basic right and wrong that "discipline" has lost its real meaning? Who should own the responsibility of defining what our collective values should be to off-set the ambiguities existing in our plural society. The preamble of our Constitution declares "WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN

MARIANAS ISLANDS GRATEFUL TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR OUR FREEDOM, ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION AS THE EMBODIMENT OF OUR TRADITIONS AND HOPES FOR OUR COMMONWEALTH IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". From a customary standpoint, the great significance of our Constitution for the Chamorros should be the

mention of its traditions and the protection of the land limited time-life of this provision. Time is of the essence.

We are the witnesses and the instruments of a society in transition. "The hand writing is on the wall" I am hopeful that our inevitable exit from the status quo will be with stately legacy like there is Chamorro.

Hafa Adai!
/s/ DEBORAH F. CLARK

Hotels...

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decrease over 1992. The decrease can be attributed in part due to the loss of some flight services to the island.

While the number of tourists increased overall, the Association noted that the average length of visitors' stay was only 3.5 days in 1993 and visitors are generally spending less than in prior years. The average room rate was

\$113.64, which was \$3.11 higher than 1992.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana is a professional association made up of the both large and small hotels on Saipan. Their total of 2,355 rooms accounts for 88 percent of total number of hotel rooms available on the island. The total number of people employed by the 10 hotels reporting was approximately 2,214, of which approximately 25% are resident workers, and

75% alien contract workers.

The 1994 council of officers of the Association includes: President Mark Murai (Aqua Resort Club), Vice President Clifford Grauers (Hyatt Regency Saipan), Vice President of Governmental Affairs Ben Camacho (Summer Holiday Hotel), Vice President of Community Affairs Ronald Sablan (Pacific Gardenia Hotel), Legal Counsel David Wiseman, and Public Relations Advisor Lynn A. Knight.



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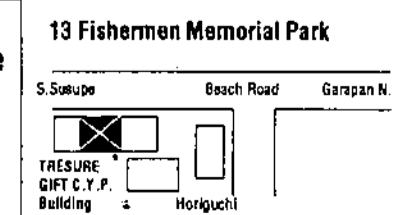
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INVITATION FOR BID

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The breathing air center shall include three cylinder fill station, and air storage system, all completed as 1 integral piece with double wall insulating compartments. It must have a roll-out filter drawer, three-cylinder TM-003 6000 psi DOT cylinders with interconnecting piping, CO monitor and dual pressure switch. The breathing air center must be able to fill 12/2216 psi cylinders without compressor having to kick off. calculated on cascade fill method. It shall include warranty for mechanical parts; must include operator instructions and certification for personnel and the company selected must offer instruction repair and maintenance or specify closest repair facility.

The system will be used to provide purified air suitable for human respiration with self-contained breathing apparatus.

- A. Codes and standards
Air purity shall meet or exceed the standards of the compressed gas association specification G-7.1 for Grade "E" breathing air.
- Pressure vessels shall be designed and fabricated in accordance with either the applicable DOT codes or the ASME Code for unfired pressure vessels, (4:1 Safety Factor).
- All tubing shall meet NFPA, SAE, JIC, and ANSI standards.

All valves shall meet the applicable national codes such as those of the Bureau of Explosives, DOT and CGA.

The entire air system shall meet all the requirements established by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, otherwise known as OSHA. Purification systems shall be constructed in accordance with Section VIII of the ASME Code for unfired pressure vessels.

B. Identification

All major components and accessories are to be clearly identified with permanently affixed nameplates stating the make, model and serial number. Other pertinent information such as capacities, pressure, voltages, currents, etc. are to be indicated in the proper manner.

C. Instructions

Appropriate tags and warning labels shall be affixed where necessary for safety and ease in the operation and adjustment of the valves, switches and controls.

A manual shall be delivered with the system containing information in operation, maintenance, troubleshooting and replacement parts.

D. Testing & Warranty

All equipment shall be factory assembled, thoroughly tested and backed by a one-year limited warranty covering parts and labor. The warranty period shall be one year regardless of the hours accumulated on the equipment.

The unit shall include all necessary gauges and lights necessary to indicate all normal and shutdown conditions. All gauges, lights and indicators shall be mounted on a 14 gauge stainless steel control panel centrally located on the front of the unit. All gauges shall be liquid filled. As a minimum, the instrumentation panel shall include the following: compressor interstage and final air pressure gauges; oil pressure gauge; hour meter; power selector switch (auto-off) with power "on" light; high air pressure shutdown light; high air temperature shutdown light; low oil pressure shutdown light; compressor inlet filter service indicator; emergency stop button; visual moisture and carbon monoxide indicator.

The fill station shall be totally enclosed and constructed of steel and designed to completely contain a SCBA/SCUBA cylinder and all metal fragments in the event of a rupture during the fill process. The enclosure shall be designed to vent rapidly expanding air away from operators and bystanders. To insure operator protection, a mechanically operated safety interlock shall be provided to prevent filling unless the sliding front access door is completely closed. Three fill hoses with SCBA adapters shall be provided and located within the enclosure.

A copy of an affidavit, stating that the enclosed fill station has successfully withstood an SCBA rupture test (completely contained all fragments and safely vented rapidly expanding air) at a pressure of at least 4500 PSI, shall be signed by a professional engineer that is an employee of the manufacturer. The signed affidavit shall be included with the sealed bid. Failure to submit this certification will result in the rejection of your bid.

The vendor shall provide with this bid the name and address of the nearest factory authorized service center. The service center must be factory authorized to perform warranty work, preventative maintenance, and on-going service. Sales offices without factory trained service personnel shall not be considered acceptable. The fire department reserves the right to ask for an authorized document verifying that service personnel have been factory trained.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any bids in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Roman T. Tudela
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Russian officials support partnership for peace

MOSCOW (AP) - A high-ranking general and a senior diplomat spoke in parliament Thursday in favor of joining NATO's Partnership for Peace, saying it would give Russia a stronger voice in the world.

The statements suggested that Russia's leadership is still split on the East-West military cooperation program. On Wednesday, President Boris Yeltsin said he was in no rush to join, the strongest indication yet that Russia might not sign the agreement as planned this month.

"We will be gradually preparing ourselves, making up our mind to sign such an agreement, but we won't be in a hurry," Yeltsin told the Interfax news agency.

The debate comes amid harsh criticism in Moscow of NATO's bombing of Bosnian Serb positions in the former Yugoslavia.

Russia is angry that it was not consulted in advance of the air raids against the Serbs, who are fellow Slavs and Orthodox Christians. Some Russian officials have said the attacks shattered Moscow's peace initiatives.

Testifying at a parliamentary hearing Thursday, senior diplomat Yuri Ushakov said Moscow must break "NATO's claim to a monopoly on decisions in the area of collective security."

However, Moscow may be more effective "from within," he said. Ushakov heads the Foreign Ministry's department for European cooperation.

Maj. Gen. Pavel Zolotarev, representing the Defense Ministry, also endorsed the Partnership for Peace program, saying it would be a transition to a new collective security system in Europe.

"If Russia fails to join the program, it will be left in self-imposed isolation," he said. "Decisions on collective security in Europe will be taken without its participation, and NATO will indeed get a passageway to Russia's borders."

Despite the testimony, opposition to the program appeared to be mounting within the State Duma, the parliament's lower house, which has many nationalists and hard-liners in its ranks.

All four committees that organized Thursday's hearings were opposed to the program, Interfax said. In joint working documents, the committees said it would mean "a direct loss to Russia's national security."

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they were "punched, kicked, and mercilessly beaten up" and locked inside the trunk of a car for almost an hour.

While on their way to Lau Lau where the two were supposed to be thrown off the cliff, Rivera managed to jump out of the car after successfully opening the trunk. Bowie's van which was tailing the car swerved to try to hit Rivera, but the Filipino managed to run and hide in the bushes.

Laude attempted to escape, but the moment he fell on the ground, Reyes shouted "Hit him! Hit him!" The carpenter was run over by the van Bowie was driving and dragged to a distance of about 100 feet.

Police found Laude's body in Dan Dan homestead area early in the morning, a few blocks away from his burning car which was set ablaze by the abductors.

Laude was the second Filipino contract worker to be brutally murdered in just a matter of one or two years. Earlier, a mutilated body of Crisanto Robles, a Saipan photographer, was found at the Banzai Cliff.

Judge Castro, before handing

down the sentence yesterday, recalled that the court has imposed severe punishment for serious homicides in the commonwealth, however he said, the warning was apparently ignored.

"I want to make sure that the message is heard this time," the judge said.

Under the CNMI law, a person convicted of kidnapping may get a penalty of not more than 10 years imprisonment if the victims were released in a safe place and uninjured.

Castro said it is "mandatory" that he impose a life sentence because the victims were beaten up almost to death and one of them was killed.

For the kidnapping Laude and Rivera, Castro said the court has no other choice but to sentence them to two life imprisonment.

As to the first degree murder charge, life imprisonment is just appropriate, the judge stressed.

"For you, Mr. Bowie and Mr. Reyes, one of the 10 Commandments of God is 'Thou shalt not kill,' Castro said. He explained that both the law of God and man acknowledge the right to live.

Before the judge handed down the sentence, Bowie, through his

lawyer asked the court to take into consideration that he has a one-year old daughter. Reyes also asked the court to take into account the fact that he is married and has a child who is also almost a year old.

Castro said however that he should also take into consideration the family of Laude back in the Philippines and the nightmare the 1992 incident has created into the life of Rivera.

"For the [killing of Laude], the court has no choice but to sentence you to life," the presiding judge said to both Bowie and Reyes.

Both convicts were ordered to

pay \$50,000 restitution for the family of Laude and \$25,000 for Rivera. The government earlier recommended \$96,000 restitution for the family of the murder victim and \$84,000 for Rivera.

Long has asked the court to sentence Bowie between 3 to 20 years in prison, saying his client had no prior criminal conviction. He also opposed the amount of restitution recommended by the government.

For his part, Atalig asked the court to give his client "a serious consideration" and must be given a lenient sentence of 10 years imprisonment. "Why ten years? Because we're punishing the

wrong person," the defense counsel said.

In recommending penalty for the criminal offenses, Rotbart stressed that Bowie and Reyes must be meted life sentence for each of the two counts of kidnapping and one count of first degree murder — criminal offenses described by the attorney general as "most egregious and heinous."

The community must be protected and individuals convicted of heinous crimes must be punished, he said. Rotbart added that imposing "appropriate" penalty will serve as a deterrent to others who contemplate violating the law.

Japanese Proficiency Test

The second annual Japanese Proficiency Test sponsored by the Japanese Teachers Association of the CNMI will be held on Saturday, April 23, 1994 at Hopwood Junior High School.

Place:	Hopwood JHS Cafeteria
Date:	April 23, 1994
Time:	Registration 8:30 AM Test Begins 9:30 AM
Test:	Level 1 Proficiency Test
Duration:	Approximately 1 hour and fifteen minutes
Recognition:	A handsome certificate of recognition will be issued by the above named association to those who pass the test.
Eligibility:	All non-native speakers of Japanese are eligible.
Bring:	Two (2) sharpened pencils.
Fee:	None required
For more information, please contact:	Hirako sensei of MT. Carmel Musashi sensei of Hopwood JHS. Cullen sensei of MHS. Kojima or Kinoshita sensei of NMC.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The NMI Retirement Fund is requesting proposals from banks and savings and loans institutions to handle the Fund's pension and operation accounts. The institution must be FDIC or FSLIC insured.

For prospectus, inquiries, and submission of proposals, call, write or visit the Retirement Fund office, located on the First Floor, Nauru Building, P.O. Box 1247, Saipan MP 96950; Attention: Administrator

The last date for submission of proposals is May 2nd, 1994. The Fund has the right to reject any and all proposals if it deems it to be in its best interest.

/s/ TOMAS B. ALDAN
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SECOND Anniversary
Rosary

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would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the Second Anniversary Rosary of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Rosary will be said nightly at our residence at Sadog Tasi beginning April 10, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Sunday Daily mass will be offered at 6:00 a.m. Kristo Rai Church.

On the final day April 18, 1994 Monday, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of Intention will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 5:00 p.m. at the same day. Dinner will be served immediately at our residence at Sadog Tasi.

Please join us. Thank you
The Family



By ANITA SNOW

LACANDON JUNGLE, Mexico (AP) - Small barefoot children scampered toward the pickup truck rumbling down the dirt road in a cloud of dust and music from Paul Simon's "Graceland" album.

"It's Marcos!" some cried, skipping past the one-room wooden huts of their rebel-controlled village.

The arrival of the ski-masked military commander known as Subcomandante Marcos was cause for excitement in this community cut off from the rest of Mexico since a Jan. 1 uprising. So too, was the arrival of journalists earlier.

"Candy! candy!" children in raggedy clothes cried as they crowded around reporters' four-wheel-drive vehicles. A little girl with a black braid stared silently, holding a smooth, oval-shaped piece of wood like a doll.

The wave of visitors for a celebration dedicated to the rebels' namesake, Mexican revolutionary hero Emiliano Zapata, was a major event for villagers living under siege in rebel-controlled territory.

For security reasons, rebels and villagers alike refused to name the village, which is among countless ones in the region that serve as guerrilla bases.

Fearing arrest or worse from government soldiers, members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army and their supporters have remained inside their territory since a Jan. 12 government cease-fire was declared, ending the fighting that killed at least 145 people.

Visits from outsiders, already

rare in a area reached only by rocky dirt roads, are even more infrequent because of military checkpoints outside and rebel roadblocks inside the region.

Supplies such as gasoline, clothes and canned goods are hard to come by because they are seized by soldiers searching vehicles entering the region. Communications with the outside world, already difficult, are now even harder.

It helps that the villagers and the rebels they support have long been accustomed to living without telephones, electricity, running water and other basic services, surviving by growing corn and beans to feed their families.

For things they can't get, they depend on infrequent visitors, asking them to sell or give them such things as cigarettes, batteries, gasoline, and oil for their trucks and semi-automatic weapons.

"Do you have any socks?" a young Zapatista asks, pointing to the toes sticking out from his worn, black combat boots.

"Do you have any children's shoes?" asks a village woman holding a barefoot toddler in her arms.

Information from the outside is provided by battery-powered transistor radios and newspapers, magazines and books brought in by journalists. Gifts ranging from cassette tapes of jazz and rock music to bags of toothbrushes and hairbrushes make life under siege more bearable.

Car batteries power CB radios for communicating with other rebel bases. They also are used to power the computer rebel leader Marcos uses to type communiques from the rebels' political

director.

Meanwhile, events like last weekend's celebration help keep morale up as peace talks to end the uprising remain on hold and fears of an imminent army attack remain high.

"Companeros," Marcos said as the Sunday celebration began. "Today is the 75th anniversary of the assassination of Gen. Emiliano Zapata and 100 days of our just war against the bad Mexican government."

"Just as in 1919, the Zapatistas must pay with their blood the price of our cry of land and liberty," he said. "As in 1919, arms are the only road the bad government leaves for those without land."

The thundering sound of some 300 Zapatista foot soldiers and 35 more on horseback resounded through a canyon as they marched down a rugged dirt road into the village.

About 400 villagers listened stoically, covering their faces to conceal their identities. Men shielded their faces with red bandanas while women used the black lace mantillas popular in the region. Even small children wore ski masks.

A generator droned as rebel leaders in ski masks and dark sunglasses on a makeshift wooden stage praised Zapata and the movement that bears his name.

Later, young masked rebels danced with giggly teen-age village girls wearing aprons over dresses bordered with brightly colored ribbons.

But several hours later Marcos burst through the crowd with about 20 heavily armed rebels and roared off in the pickup. The music was silenced and the villagers sent home.

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DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FRANCISCO MANGLONA TAIMANAO

BORN: JANUARY 14, 1924



of Rota, passed away on the grace of our Lord on April 13, 1994 at the age of 70.

He is predeceased by his Wife: Cecilia Ramos Taimanao

Parents: Sixto Arriola Taimanao & Ramona Mendiola Manglona Taimanao

Parents In-Law: Bernardo Pangelinan Ramos & Maria Diaz Castro Ramos

Brothers: Vicente M. Taimanao & Jose M. Taimanao

Brother and His Wife: Alfonso M. & Gesina S. Taimanao

Sister and Her Husband: Maria T. & Jose T. King

Sister In-Law: Maria Ch. Taimanao

Sisters In-Law and their spouses: Francisca R. & Juan Guerrero

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Luciana C. & Francisco Ada

Brother-In-Law & Wife: Manuel C. & Elena M. Ramos

Brother-In-Law: Juan C. Ramos

Son-In-Law: Jose S. Arriola

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES:

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Pia T. & Dimas A. Hocog

Francisco R. & Lily O. Taimanao

Gloria R. Taimanao & Max Ladore

Abraham R. & Rosita M. Taimanao

Daughters: Merced R. Taimanao & Virginia R. Taimanao

Reared Grand Children: Rhonda Yvette Taimanao, Petry John Taimanao

Terrence Taimanao and Rebecca Taimanao

Brother: Leonardo M. Taimanao

Brother and His Wife: Ramon M. & Ana A. Taimanao

Sister In-Law: Cristina S. Taimanao

He is also survived by 24 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He is also survived by several uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 P.M. at his residence in Rota, dist. #4, and CHC Chapel in Saipan and will end on April 21, 1994. Wake services will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 1994 at 8 P.M. at their residence in Rota, dist. #4. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, April 21, 1994 at 10 A.M. at the San Francisco De Borja Church. Burial will follow immediately after the mass. Lunch will be served after interment services.

Thank You,
From
THE FAMILY.

INVITATION TO BID

DPW94-ITB-00277

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the completion of the Construction of Fina Sis Road, Phase 1, Saipan, MP Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, April 29, 1994 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.

Contract time is 120 Calendar Days. All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of not less than 15% of the total bid price. Bid security may be bid bond, certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1453". The payment of \$150.00 is required for every set of plans, specifications and other bidding instruction which can be secured from the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan, MP, on or after April 8, 1994. A receipt for the payment should be obtained from the CNMI, Treasurer, Department of Finance in Capitol Hill, before applying for the bidding documents.

The Department of Public Works hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, and national origin in consideration for an award.

In addition, bidders are hereby notified that all bids may be rejected if the lowest responsive bid received exceed the Government's estimate by more than 7 percent and it is determined that an award of contract would cause excessive inflationary impact. In the event all bids are rejected for this reason, this contract proposal will be modified and may be deferred to re-advertising for bids until a more competitive situation exists.

A pre-bid conference for prospective bidders will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, April 22, 1994 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works. Questions concerning the plans and specifications of the Special Provisions should be submitted prior to the conference.

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.

REVIEWED BY:

/s/ DAVID M. APATANG

Chief, Procurement & Supply Division

Date: 3/21/94

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA

Acting Director of Public Works

Date: 3/18/94

COMMONWEALTH ZONING BOARD

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PUBLIC NOTICE/HEARING

COMMONWEALTH ZONING BOARD MEETING/HEARING PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CONFERENCE ROOM

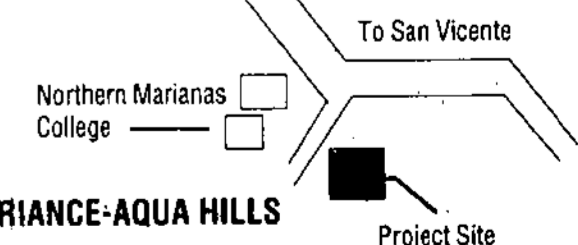
Lower Base

April 21, 1994-1:00 P.M.

The Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider a request for a variance from the parking requirements of the Saipan Incorporated, P.O. Box 1670, Saipan, MP 96950 in conjunction with the development of the proposed Aqua Hills Resort to be develop on Lot 504 TD and public Tract 21816 in as Terlaje as shown below.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
4. PUBLIC HEARING PARKING VARIANCE-AQUA HILLS
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. ADJOURNMENT



SPECIAL NOTICE

Harbor Pilots, Shipping Companies/Agents
and the General Public

Part V of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) regulations states that all commercial vessels while underway in the territorial waters of the Northern Mariana Islands shall require a pilot duly licensed by a federal or Commonwealth laws. A pilot is required, when bringing in or conducting a vessel of 300 gross tons or above to or from a wharf or berth, to use the aid of tug (5) or any safe docking devices. No vessel, other than publicly-owned vessels, 300 gross tons and above, including tugs with tows, shall enter or leave or otherwise be underway without a pilot aboard, unless such vessel is sailing under enrollment with a pilot duly licensed by federal law or Commonwealth law on board.

The Board of Professional Licensing wishes to remind the general public that it has adopted the regulations for Harbor Pilots which went into effect in November 1990 which applies to the pilotage districts of Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Part III of the regulations states that a person may pilot a vessel where such vessel is required to have a pilot under regulations promulgated by CPA only if the Board has issued the person a pilot's license and endorsed the license for the applicable pilotage district. A pilot must obtain a separate license endorsement to pilot a vessel in each separate pilotage district.

For further information, please contact the Board's office at 234-5897/235-5898, fax 234-6040 or come by our office located on the 2nd floor of the Island Commercial Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Elizabeth Salas-Balajadia
Chairperson



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the Marianas Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is currently accepting "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)" Program loan applications for the rehabilitation and repair of residential housing units owned and occupied by very low-income families.

Under the HPG Program, low interest (3%) loans of up to \$10,000 with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years will be available for, but not limited to, construction of water catchment tanks, septic tanks, additional room(s), repair or replacement of deteriorating plumbing system and hazardous electrical system, installation of special features for handicapped and/or disabled member(s), additional windows for adequate ventilation, repair or replacement of roofs damaged by storms or typhoons, and replacement of tin roofing to concrete roof.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, homeowners must meet as a minimum, the following eligibility requirements:

1. Adjusted annual income is less than or equal to the "very low-income" limits according to size of household as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Must own the property for at least one (1) year prior to requesting financial assistance or have a leasehold on the property at least ten (10) years beyond the term of the loan.
3. Property must be primary residence after HPG assistance is completed.

The time period for acceptance of applications will end on April 30, 1994, or for a period of time to allow for the receipt of the first twenty (20) applications. Recipients among the eligible applicants will be randomly selected by drawing of lots. Those interested in obtaining an application or additional information about the program, should contact the MIHA Central Office at telephone nos. 234-6866/9447/7670/7689; Tinian residents call 433-9213; and Rota residents call 532-9410.

The "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)" Program is an equal opportunity program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law.

/s/ JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Northern Mariana Islands Housing Authority is scheduling a regular meeting on Friday, April 15, 1994, at 10:00 a.m., at the MIHA Conference room in Garapan. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call Recording - Secretary
- II. Adoption of Previous Minutes
- III. Election of Board Secretary
- IV. 1994 & 1995 budget
- V. Audit Reports for 1993
- VI. Administration & Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Plan for Section 8 and Voucher Programs/ Contracts
- VII. 1993 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- VIII. Guam Savings and Loan and- Loan Closing and Resolution
- IX. Bid Proposals: Rota/Tinian Section 8 Maintenance
- X. Resolutions to Former Board Members: Messrs. Benjamin Sablan and Norman Tenorio

Interested persons may present oral or written comments on the above agenda. For information, please contact John M. Sablan, Executive Directors at the MIHA office in Saipan, telephone nos. 234-6866/9447, Monday through Friday, except holidays, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BID PSS-IFB94-009

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting sealed bids for the remaining scope of work for the Rota Elementary School Cafetorium, Rota, MP. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the PSS Office of the Procurement & Supply in Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 P.M., local time, Friday, April 29, 1994, at which time and place all the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid, a copy of his Business Permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Plans and Specifications are available on or after April 04, 1994 at the PSS CIP Office in Lower Base, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$300.00 is required for each set. A pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 2:00 P.M., local time, Monday, April 18, 1994, at the Office of the PSS Board Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan, MP.

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 documents received shall be the sole property of the Public School System, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications "Instruction to Bidders" Page 1-2, Paragraph No. 05, 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 Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

GUARDIANSHIP CASE NO.
94-334

IN THE MATTER OF THE
GUARDIANSHIP OF:

ALEC JOSEPH WHITE,
Minor

By: ANGEL MARIE WHITE
Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on May 19, 1994 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court in Saipan, CNMI, a hearing shall be had on the Petition to Establish Guardianship, when and where all persons interested shall appear and show cause why the prayer for relief in the petition should not be granted.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1994.

GLENN A. JEWELL
Attorney for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-352

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LEGITIMATION OF:

JEREMIAH JOSEPH R.
PANGANIBAN,
Minor,

By: JOSE IGUEL REYES and
EVANGELINA REYES
PANGANIBAN,
Petitioners

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on April 21, 1994 at 1:30 p.m., in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the court to confirm the paternity of Jose Iguel Reyes and change of name of the above-mentioned minor.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1994.

/s/ REYNALDO Q. YANA
Attorney for Petitioners

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1 WAREHOUSE MANAGER - High school grad., 3 years experience. Salary: \$900 per month.
Contact: MICRONESIAN BROKERS, PPP-128, P.O. Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-0318(04/15)F/8409.
1 MANAGER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$700-\$1,000 per month.
1 COOK
1 WAITRESS (REST)
8 WAITRESS (NC) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: KWON ENTERPRISES dba K's Hide-Away Restaurant, P.O. Box 3706, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1775(04/22)F/14684.

1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$8.65-\$12.00 per hour.
Contact: T & W INVESTMENT CO., INC., P.O. Box 486, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-5165(04/22)F/8503.

1 MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,200 per month.
Contact: SUNLAND SAIPAN COMPANY LTD., P.O. Box 5236 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-8291(04/22)F/14677.

Accountant

2 ACCOUNTANT - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary: \$5.20 per hour.
2 FRONT DESK CLERK
1 GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER

2 COMMERCIAL CLEANER - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: FAMILY ALLIANCE CORPORATION, P.O. Box 5308, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6670(04/22)F/14676.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$4.00 per hour.
Contact: EQUITABLE INSURANCE CO., INC., P.O. Box 686, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-5452(04/22)F/14675.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$900 per month.
Contact: KAZOKU CORPORATION, P.O. Box 5771 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-0676(04/15)F/15223.

SALESPERSON

2 SALESPERSON - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: SHADOWIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. dba Shadow Adult Shop, P.O. Box 5542 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-444(04/15)F/15213.

2 SALESPERSON - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: QUEEN'S INT'L INC. dba Tropical Theme, P.O. Box 5642 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-3996(04/15)F/15214.

1 SUPERVISOR (WAITER) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.00 per hour.
2 WAITER, RESTAURANT - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: VECTOR CORPORATION dba Subway Deli, Call Box AAA 957, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-7051(04/29)F/14783.

FRONT DESK CLERK

1 FRONT DESK CLERK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$4.00 per hour.
Contact: SAIPAN HOTEL CORP. dba Hafadai Beach Hotel, P.O. Box 338, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6495 ext. 806(04/15)F/6406.

1 FRONT DESK CLERK
2 CASHIER
1 COOK HELPER
1 DISHWASHER
1 BARTENDER
1 WAITER
1 MAINTENANCE WORKER
2 ELECTRICIAN
2 AIRCON (TECH) MECHANIC
1 BARTENDER
3 CASHIER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: KAN PACIFIC SAIPAN, LTD., P.O. Box 527, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-4692(04/15)F/8396.

Miscellaneous

1 WAITRESS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50-\$2.90 per hour.
1 MAINTENANCE CARPENTER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.00-\$3.40 per hour.
Contact: INTERPACIFIC RESORTS CORP. dba Pacific Islands Club, P.O. Box 2370, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7976 ext. 5121(04/15)F/8403.

1 FLORAL DESIGNER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: RITA C. CRUZ dba The First Floral Shop, P.O. Box 796, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-4438(04/15)F/15216.

1 MASON
1 CARPENTER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: EUGENIO C. VARGAS dba Vargas Enterprises, P.O. Box 623, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-9297(04/22)F/14688.

1 MASON - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.00 per hour.
Contact: JESUS B. YUMUL dba YCO Corporation, P.O. Box 932 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-6604(04/22)F/8499.

1 WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$4.05 per hour.
1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$800 per month.
Contact: TRI-ALL INTERNATIONAL CORP., P.O. Box 2610, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1603(04/22)F/14687.

1 SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$700 per month.
Contact: WALLTRADE INTERNATIONAL CORP., P.O. Box 2610, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1603(04/22)F/14686.

1 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
1 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC
1 WELDER COMBINATION - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.00-\$3.50 per hour.
Contact: CM GENERAL FABRICATOR, INC., P.O. Box 432, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5203(04/22)F/14679.

1 DOMESTIC HELPER - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary: \$250 per month.
Contact: JOSEPHINE DLG. MESTA, P.O. Box 5227 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 256-0314(04/22)F/14685.

1 CHEF - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000-\$3,000 per month.
1 ASSISTANT CHEF - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$800-\$2,600 per month.
Contact: MICRONESIA SYSTEMS, INC., P.O. Box 228 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-6201(04/22)F/8505.

1 CARPET LAYER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.75 per hour.
Contact: RMS CARPETING INC., Call Box PPP-047, Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1153(04/22)F/14681.

1 MECHANICAL DRAFTER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$450 per month.
Contact: EMC 2 MECHANICAL, INC. (CNMI), PPP 226 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-3532(04/22)F/14671.

7 KITCHEN HELPER
3 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: HANFORD DEVELOPMENT, P.O. Box 2706, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3481(04/22)F/14673.

1 BAKER - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.00 per hour.
Contact: THERESITA B. PANGELINAN dba Pangelinan Store, P.O. Box 1452, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6684(04/15)F/15225.

1 HOUSEWORKER - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: RODRIGO M. CAPATI dba Saipan Woodcraft Ent., P.O. Box 2314, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-5607(04/15)F/15212.

1 WAITRESS (NIGHT CLUB) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
20 DANCER
2 DISC JOCKEY
1 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.75 per hour.
Contact: STAR FOUR CORPORATION dba Starlite Disco Club/Siargazer Club, P.O. Box 1778, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5520(04/15)F/15224.

1 COST ENGINEER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000-\$1,300 per month.
5 WAREHOUSE WORKER
12 SALESPERSON
6 CASHIER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.00 per hour.
1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50-\$4.00 per hour.
5 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.00-\$8.00 per hour.
2 SALESCLERK
1 JANITOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$2.57 per hour.
2 FARMER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$2.84 per hour.
1 STOCK CONTROL CLERK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$2.63 per hour.
3 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$4.14 per hour.
1 POULTRY WORKER
1 REFRIGERATION MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.15 per hour.
1 JAPANESE INTERPRETER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$2.75 per hour.
1 DIESEL MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.83 per hour.
J.C. TENORIO ENT., INC., P.O. Box 137, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6445 ext. 7584(04/22)F/8510.

1 AUTO MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: PAUL B. ROBERT dba Kand P Auto Shop, P.O. Box 2668, Saipan, MP 96950(04/15)F/15220.

1 PRESSER (STEAM) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: COMMONWEALTH GARMENT MFG., INC., P.O. Box 741, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7550(04/22)F/14674.

3 GLAZER ALUMINUM FABRICATOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: RICHARD P. KAUTZ, JR. dba Kautz Glass Company, P.O. Box 2656, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-9282(04/15)F/15215.

2 SHOP SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.50 per hour.
Contact: MARIANAS REPAIRS COMPANY, INC., P.O. Box 2690, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9083(04/15)F/15218.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$550-\$900 per month.
3 WAITER, REST. - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.00 per hour.
1 ASSISTANT MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$650-\$1,000 per month.
6 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.50 per hour.
Contact: NINO'S INC., P.O. Box 1808, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-9299(04/28)F/8567.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.25-\$3.75 per hour.
1 SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.50-\$4.00 per hour.
Contact: CNMI CONVENIENT STORES, INC., P.O. Box 487, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-6550(04/29)F/14715.

1 MECHANICAL ENGINEER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000 per month.
Contact: BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, P.O. Box 545 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6800(04/29)F/8577.

1 SHOP SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$4.05 per hour.
Contact: CAMILLO A. ORALLO dba Universal Enterprises (Universal Iron Works), P.O. Box 1751, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3701(04/29)F/14779.

1 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: PAVILLON ENTERPRISES dba Island Snack Bar, Call Box AAA 31, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8970(04/29)F/14785.

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Contact: M.S. VILLAGOMEZ INCORPORATED dba MSV Construction Co., P.O. Box 74, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6108(04/29)F/8570.

1 CIVIL ENGINEER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000 per month.
1 COOK
1 WAREHOUSE WORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.
5 MASON
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Contact: D & S CONSTRUCTION, INC., P.O. Box 155, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8897(04/29)F/14773.

1 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: JUANITA REYES DELA CRUZ dba Ding's Chicharon, P.O. Box 2193, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-1586(04/29)F/14774.

1 TRAVEL AGENT (TRAVEL COUNSELLOR) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.
Contact: SAIPAN KORESCO CORPORATION dba Saipan Koreesco Resort Club, P.O. Box 3013, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-6001(04/29)F/14775.

1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$8.65-\$12.00 per hour.
1 ASSISTANT FACTORY MANAGER
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20 CUTTER
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10 HAND PACKAGER
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2 ELECTRICAL REPAIRER (MAINTENANCE) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$10.00 per hour.
Contact: SAM MARIANAS, INC., P.O. Box 1630, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-3444(04/29)F/14776.

1 OPERATION MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000 per month.
Contact: CHALAN KANOA BEACH CLUB CORP. dba Chalan Kanoa Beach Club, P.O. Box 356, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7829(04/29)F/14791.

1 MARKETING MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$5.00 per hour.
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Contact: CLIFFORD SHOEMAKE dba Shoemake & Associates, P.O. Box 2912, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-3442(04/29)F/14784.

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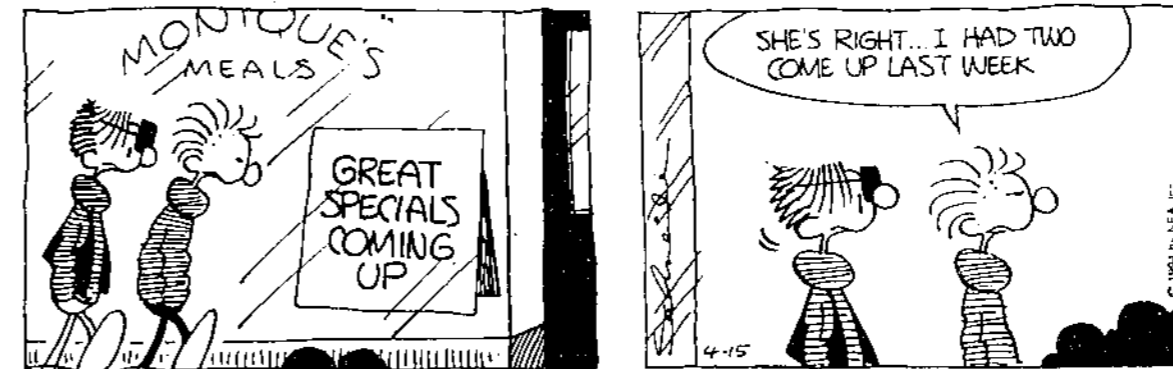
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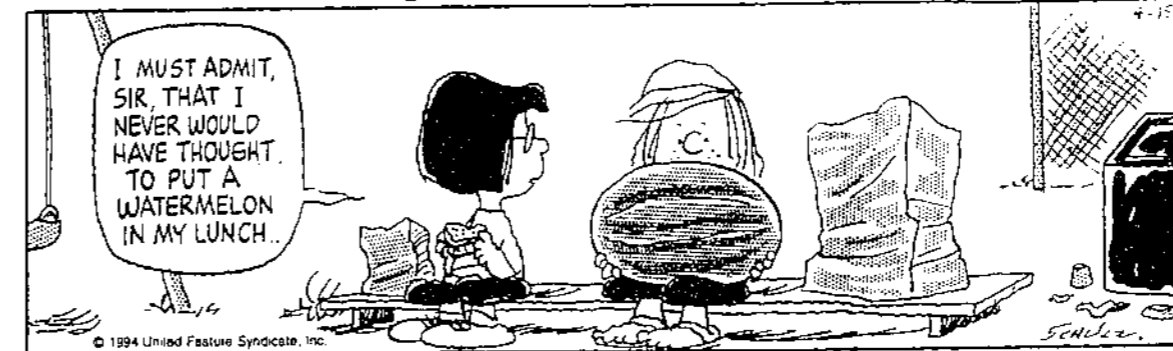
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are the possessor of many talents, many desires, many aspirations, many joys, many fears — and many facets to a complex and often mysterious personality. You are fond of all endeavors which enable you to stretch the limits of your past experiences; you're not one to enjoy doing the same things again and again. You have big ideas and you know how to transform them, as if by magic, into a reality that wins the respect of all those around you.

You are sensitive and always in tune with those who are in trouble in some way — and you seem to know, without being told, just what others need at any given time. People around you are always looking to you in times of trouble, and you are quite adept at improvising your way out of tricky situations.

Also born on this date are: Henry James, author and critic; Leonard Euler, Swiss mathematician; George Perkins Marshall, diplomat and author.

DATE BOOK

April 15, 1994

Today is the 105th day of 1994 and the 27th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died after being shot the previous night by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Wilson Peale (1741-1827), painter; Henry James (1843-1916), writer; Thomas Hart Benton (1889-1975), artist; A. Philip Randolph (1889-1979), labor leader; Bessie Smith (1894-1937), singer; Elizabeth Montgomery (1933-

), actress, is 61; Evelyn Ashford (1957), track-and-field athlete, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers became the first black man to play in a major league baseball game, as the Dodgers beat the Braves, 5-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?" — Peg Brackton

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1873, a violent blizzard gave Yankton, S.D., an average wind velocity of 29 mph for a continuous period of almost 100 hours.

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back seat today to one or two urgent practical needs. Health may be in the spotlight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — What you don't know can hurt you today, despite conventional wisdom to the contrary. Get the facts!

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You are more and more in the mood to entertain, to socialize today. Evening brings an opportunity you can't miss!

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A non refundable fee of \$25.00 U.S. Dollars must accompany the bid. These twenty five dollars may be a certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable by the Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder is required to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit.

The Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple awards or to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Public School System. Inquiries may be directed to the Public School System Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 322-6407 during working hours.

/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner Of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PSSRFP 94-006

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting proposals from interested firm in providing to the Public School System with a proposal for the Procurement or lease option of copier machines for the Public Schools on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Procurement or lease option must include a minimum of one year repair and maintenance service to be inclusive of parts and labor. Specifications may be picked up at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located at Lower Base, Saipan during regular working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday except Holidays. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. April 28, 1994 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office, Public School System Central Office, Lower Base. All proposals must be submitted in triplicate copies. Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and facemasked with "PSS RFP 94-006". A non refundable fee of \$25.00 U.S. Dollars must accompany the proposal. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, a cashier's check, or other forms acceptable by the Treasurer, Public School System Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Public School System reserves the right to award, amend, or reject any or all proposals in the best of the Public School System. Any question(s) pertaining to this announcement can contact the Procurement Office at telephone number 322-6407.

/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

Bowie to fight Mathis

NEW YORK (AP) - Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe will meet unbeaten Buster Mathis Jr. on June 11 in the first of three fights for Bowe this summer against up-and-coming opposition.

Bowe, who lost his title last November to Evander Holyfield,

whom he had beaten to win the championship a year earlier, is 34-1 with 29 knockouts for his career. The three fights are designed to get him in shape for another try at the heavyweight title.

The fight with Mathis, a son of Buster Mathis, a heavyweight contender during the 1960s, will

take place at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Mathis is 13-0 with three knockouts in his career.

The other fights are not yet set but could involve South African Corrie Sanders, Henry Akinwande of England or Jorge Gonzales, a Cuban defector to the United States.

Tanapag...

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walk, stole 2nd, and scored on Tony DL Guerrero's single. Dela Cruz and company held the Braves from scoring in innings 5 & 6 while scoring 1 more run at the bottom of the 5th. On 2 outs, Reno Celis singled to center, advanced to 2nd on a pass-ball, went to 3rd on a throwing error by relief pitcher Jess Taitano on a pick-attempt, then scored on a wild pitch.

Trailing the Hustlers by 2 runs with the score 7-5 going into the top half of the 7th, the Braves scored 2 runs to tie the score and held the Hustlers from scoring at the bottom of the inning to force

the game into an extra inning. Kelvin Kalen led off with a single to center, Eric Kani followed with a walk and both were driven in by another Joe Taitano's double.

On top of the 8th (extra inning) and with 1 one out, Gary Pua had an infield single, Ned Norita followed with a walk, both stole 3rd and 2nd respectively, and the Braves reclaimed a 2-run lead on a Hustlers' throwing error which scored Pua and Norita.

At the bottom of the inning (8th), and trailing the Braves by 2 runs, the game was seemingly headed for another extra inning when Reno Celis was walked leading off and stole 2nd. Robert

Torres followed and fled out to center for the 1st out of the inning. Frank Angel then ripped a single to center advancing Celis to 3rd. On the very same play sequence, an overthrown ball from the outfield to cut off Celis at 3rd, a miscoached Celis hesitated at 3rd then tried to gun down home but was nailed inches from home-plate by a 2 (catcher) - 1 (pitcher) play at home-plate for the 2nd out of the inning. The next batter later lined-out to 2nd for the final out of the game with the score 7-5. Umpiring the game were Mel Sakisat at 1st, Ron Benavente at 2nd, Joe C. Guerrero at 3rd, and the Chief Umpire was Joe Camacho.

Atlanta...

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scored a season-high 21 points and Indiana established season highs for rebounds and assists in a rout of Philadelphia.

The Pacers, who have won four of six games and snapped a two-game losing streak on the road, grabbed 59 rebounds and passed for 39 assists.

Indiana beat the 76ers for the first time this season after three tries. Philadelphia has lost 26 of

31 games.

With the victory, the Pacers moved into sixth place alone in the Eastern Conference. Clarence Weatherspoon led Philadelphia with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Celtics 109, Pistons 96.

Boston used a 26-4 burst to turn a one-point game into a rout of Detroit, which lost its seventh straight game in Boston.

The Celtics pulled away after Lindsey Hunter's basket with 5:47

left in the third quarter drew Detroit to 67-66. Boston outscored Detroit 17-4 the rest of the period for an 84-70 lead and got the first nine points of the fourth quarter. The lead ranged from 11 to 23 points after that.

The Celtics were led by Dee Brown with 21 points and Dino Radja with 20 points and 14 rebounds. For Detroit, Terry Mills had 25 points and Allan Houston 24.

INVITATION FOR BID IFB94-001

The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) Board of Directors is soliciting, Competitive Sealed Bids for an office for the CDA branch office in Rota.

The building must be conducive for office use, a concrete structure with a minimum office space of 400 square feet ground floor, air-conditioned, and ample parking area. The building must be easily accessible to a public road and situated in Songsong Village, Rota. The building should have adequate lighting fixtures, electrical outlets, indoor toilet, and meet the ADA requirements. Maximum amount of monthly rental payment should not exceed \$600.00. Owner must maintain public liability insurance for not less than \$100,000 per accident and not less than \$300,000 total coverage for a one time aggregate claim. The term of lease is for one (1) year with an option to renew for additional periods by the Lessee (CDA). CDA can also provide 60 day's notice to terminate the lease at any time without the consent of the lessor. Owner must have clear title to the premises and existing encumbrances must be acceptable to CDA. The office space should be ready for occupancy no later than five (5) days after notification of award. Interested lessor should submit their written bid in a sealed envelope marked IFB94-001 no later than 2:00 p.m., April 22, 1994.

Commonwealth Development Authority
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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The Executive Director, or his designee, shall make a site inspection of the office space available for rent submitted by the owner to ensure it meets the requirement for a CDA branch office in Rota before an award is given. Upon acceptance of the bid proposal, the Executive Director or his designee will execute a lease agreement with the lessor. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ JAMES RIPPLE
Executive Director

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Island-wide softball league opens

By: Frank D. Palacios

Losing Pitcher: Howard Markley

THE HIGHLIGHT of the day was a close contest between the Just for Fun and the Century Insurance 4-3 game, two homeruns by S. Payton, Nick Guerrero, Greg Camacho; Carlos Sablan's grand slam homer and six RBI by Greg Camacho. At the end of the day, only three games went seven innings, four ended in five inning, and one forfeiture.

Game-1. Bud Dry 13, Bombers 6.

Centerfielder P.J. Foehr went for 4-for-4, single, double, triple and homerun with five RBI's to lead the Bombers to a five inning shut out over the Beer boys. The Bombers scored in every inning' four in the first, five in second, seven in third, and five in fourth.

Winning pitcher: Dick Weil, Losing pitcher: Dan Ignoef.

Game-3 Great Boleros 27, DFS Rebels 7.

First baseman Mira Giovani knocked in five runs with a double and homerun, and Jerry Ayuyu, George Francis and Pete Camacho homers and Ben Mesa was 4-for-4 to lead the Lite Taste Great Bolero to a five inning victory. Boleros scored all their runs in the first four inning including thirteen runs in the third.

Winning pitcher: Ray Aldan,

Game-4 Toyota Wheels 18, Hi-Rollers 6.

First baseman John Idichil was 3-for-3 including a double and homer and four RBI's, Mabel Ngimgemelas and Nap Singers also went 3-for-3 and scored three runs apiece for the wheels. Jeff Camacho and Tony Benavente homered for Hi Rollers. The Wheels exploded for seven runs in the top of the fifth on eight hits to stop the contest at five inning.

Winning pitcher: Harvey Masaharu, Losing pitcher: Joe Sablan.

Game-5 Marpac Bud-Light 17, Army Reserve 12.

The Bud Light exploded for seven runs in the fourth highlighted by Sal Hesus' inside the park homer and Idir Naruses two run triple that widened their lead to 14-6. The Bud Light went on to score three more runs on Jess Manibusan's two run double. Army reserve bounce back with three runs in the fifth and seventh inning.

Winning pitcher: Andy Nepeal, Losing pitcher: Johnny Aldan.

Game-6 Just For Fun 4, Century Ins Defenders 3

Wilber Adia's one out homer in the bottom of the seventh lifted the Just for Fun to an exciting 4-3 victory over Century Ins

Defender. Earlier in the game; Joe Palacios' lead off homer and Martin Cruz's RBI single gave the Defenders a 2-0 lead in the top of the second but the lead was short lived as the Just for Fun struck right back with two runs in their bottom half that tied the game up at all. Just for Fun went on to steal the lead 3-2 in the fourth on a triple by Dennis Camacho and Jack Santos' sacrifice hit. The Defenders tie the game up again at 3-all in the sixth on a lead off single by Martin Cruz aided by

two wheels errors.

Donald Flores who relieved starter Richard Sana in the fifth gave up just to runs and two walk in the last three innings for the victory. Starting pitcher Sana gave up four hits and walked just one. Losing pitcher Mariano Palacios went the distance and walked only one.

Game-7 A-Team 24, CID 39ers 7.

First baseman Greg Camacho ripped two homers and knocked in six runs to lead the A-Team to

a 24-7 five inning shut out over the CID 39ers. A-Team scored in every inning with 24 hits; five doubles, two triple, four homerun including a grand slam homer by Carlos Sablan, the other homerun was Jess Peterson. Nick Guerrero had two homers and John Diaz one for the 39ers.

Winning pitcher: Al Taitano, Losing Pitcher: John Diaz.

Game-8 Bud Bad Boy walked away with a 7-0 forfeiture win over the Oleai IT&E.

Seles set on skipping one more grand slam

PARIS (AP) - It appears Monica Seles will miss her fifth Grand Slam tournament since being stabbed last April.

Seles' name was not on the list of entries announced Wednesday for the French Open, scheduled May 23-June 5.

Tournament referee Gilbert Ysern said he has received no news from Seles or her agent concerning a possible entry. Even if Seles does express an interest to play, she will have to either go through qualifications or receive a

wild-card invitation.

Seles was stabbed on April 30, 1993, during a tournament in Hamburg, Germany, and has not played since. She dropped out of the WTA rankings in February because of her long absence from the tour.

The 128-player women's field will be filled by 112 players admitted directly because of their rankings over the past year, eight wild cards and eight qualifiers.

When she was injured, Seles had won seven of her last eight

Grand Slam tournaments. She had won three consecutive French Open titles from 1990 to 1992.

Since Seles' stabbing, Steffi Graf has dominated the women's tour, winning four consecutive Grand Slam titles.

Seles' continued layoff was confirmed in a written statement released in February by her agent, Stephanie Tolleson.

"Monica has spent the past few months focusing on her physical rehabilitation in order to return to the sport she loves," the statement said.

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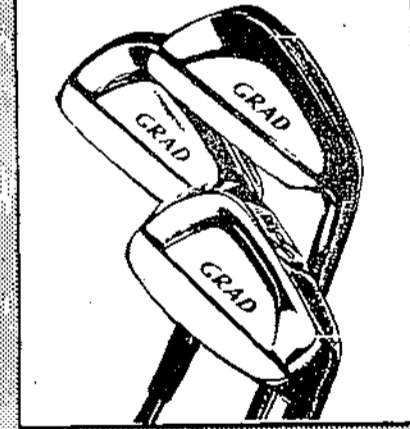
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SPORTS



Tanapag in little league win

COMING into the game Tuesday night, April 12, 1994, with one loss against them, the Koblerville Hustlers let another game slipped by them in a heart-breaking, but very exciting game against the Tanapag Braves in the Senior League Division (ages 13-15).

The Tanapag Braves took a 1-run lead at the end of the opening inning. On top of the inning, Brave's catcher Joe San Nicolas came on board on a 1-out walked and scored the 1st run on 2 wild pitches. Greg Pua, the Braves starting pitcher, followed with a

single to right-center then later scored on an error by the Hustlers' 2nd baseman. The Hustlers' scored their 1st run on the bottom of the inning when Jesse Celis led off with a single to right, then later scored on an error by the Braves' 3rd baseman.

On top of the 2nd, Hustlers' pitcher Tony Dela Cruz held down the Braves from scoring while his team scored 3 more runs at the bottom of the inning taking the lead with the score 4-2. Frank Angel walked leading off, Tony

Dela Cruz followed with a single to right and both scored on Jesse Celis' single to center. Celis when to score on a slow ground-out to 2nd by Audie Maratita.

On the top half of the 3rd, the Braves reclaimed the lead by scoring 3 runs in the inning. Gary Pua led off with a walk and was driven in by Ned Norita's double to left. With Norita at 2nd, Kevin Kalen was walked and both scored on Joe Taitano's ground-single to center. However, the Hustlers bounced back at the bottom of the

inning to tie the game when Frank Hocog singled leading off, stole 2nd, advanced to 3rd on a wild pitch, then later scored on another wild pitch.

On top of the 4th, Nick Phillip of the Braves led off with a single but Hustlers' pitcher Tony Dela Cruz committed the next 3 Braves batters to ground-out. At the bottom of the inning, the Hustlers reclaimed a 6-5 lead over the Braves.

Tony Dela Cruz led off with a
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Big League Division Team standings as of April 14, 1994

Team	Sponsor	Win	Loss
Garapan Pirates	Sen. Tom Kiyu (Villagomez)	1	0
Tanapag Spartans	Tan Group of Companies	1	0
San Vicente As'	Just Tours	1	1
San Roque 9ER's	Saipan Stevedore Company	0	2

Hyatt tropical funfest Saturday

The SECOND annual Hyatt tropical funfest returns at the Micro Beach Saturday, April 16, after a very successful first holding of the event last year.

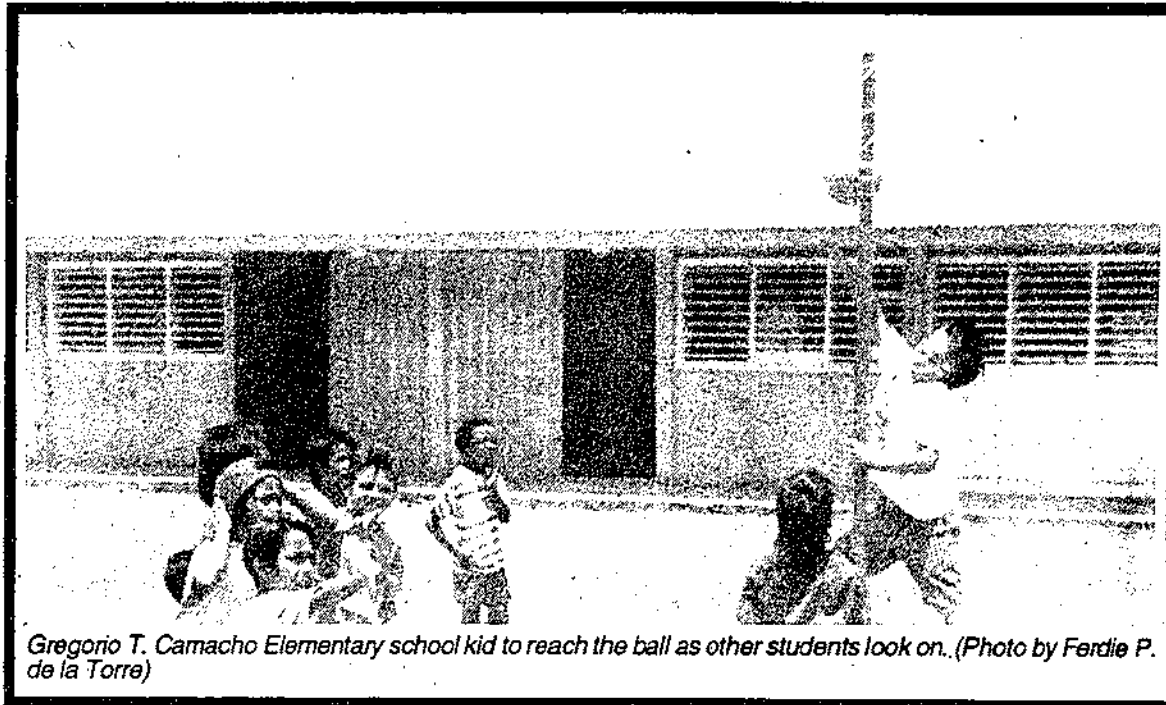
This year's event, which goes by the theme, "Do the Right Thing... Do the Fun Thing... The 2nd Annual Hyatt Tropical Fun Fest!" starts 9 a.m. all the way up to 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the Funfest go to support Karidat, a social service outreach agency of the CNMI.

There will be food, drinks, ice cream, and a raffle drawing for all participants and spectators so the public is invited to watch their friends, co-workers, family and even a team of beauty queens compete in four "crazy" events.

Participants will be competing in the DFS Alu'u Raft Race, the MTC Kaduku Obstacle Course, the FHP Gagu Bed Race, and the Taga Slingshot events.

For more information, call Scott Pitts, Hyatt Regency Saipan at telephone 234-1234, extension 25.



Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary school kid to reach the ball as other students look on. (Photo by Ferdie P. de la Torre)

Atlanta over Cleveland; Bulls mangle Miami

Mookie Blaylock scored 19 points and ignited two first-half 14-0 runs as the Atlanta Hawks took control early by hitting 23 of their first 29 shots in a 110-95 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night in Atlanta.

It was the 10th victory in 14 games for the Hawks, who moved a half-game ahead of the idle New York Knicks in the fight for the Eastern Conference lead.

Reserve Terrell Brandon led the Cavs, who lost for the third time in four games, with 16 points.

Blaylock, who hit his first eight shots before missing at the buzzer to end the third quarter, had four points in the first 14-0 run and five in the second. He also had six in a 13-0 burst that started at the end of the second quarter and carried over into the third period.

Craig Ehlo scored 18 points for the Hawks, whose biggest lead was 88-54 on Ehlo's tip-in with 3:20 left in the third quarter.

Bulls 96, Heat 90

Scottie Pippen scored 27 points and made a crucial defensive play

to help Chicago beat Miami for its ninth consecutive victory in Miami.

The Bulls began the night trailing Atlanta and idle New York by one-half game in the race for the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Baskets by Bimbo Coles allowed the Heat to close within two points twice in the final three minutes. Steve Kerr hit two free throws to put Chicago up 92-88, and Horace Grant's jumper made

it 94-90.

Pippen then blocked an attempted dunk by Grant Long with 40 seconds left to seal the victory.

Grant scored 23 points for Chicago. Glen Rice, John Salley and Steve Smith had 16 each for Miami, which has lost 10 of 12 games and now leads Charlotte by three games for eighth place in the conference.

Pacers 115, 76ers 87

In Philadelphia, Byron Scott

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RGA tourney on Sunday

THE REFALAWASCH Golf Association would like to inform all its members and other interested golfers about the upcoming mini-tournament scheduled to be held on Sunday April 17, at the Coral Ocean Point. Tee time is at 12:15 p.m. Entry fee of \$60.00 includes membership fee, green fee and tournament.

Also, the selection of Ace of the month for January, February,

March and April will be based on the top four low net scores from the result of April 17 and April 30th tournament.

If you are interested, drop by the Coral Ocean Point golf course on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and sign up.

Further information regarding the tournament could be obtained from Jess Wabot, tournament chairman at 233-9153 or Tony Rogolifoi at 234-1001.

SAVA to hold meeting today

THE SAIPAN Amateur Volleyball Association would like to inform and invite all interested Volleyball players and individuals to attend a very important meeting tomorrow, Friday, April 15, 1994, at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Gilbert Ada gymnasium.

The agenda includes: Report on Micro Games '94, Financial report update, Date of up-coming leagues, Election of officers and board members, and others. For more information please call Mr. Tone Rogolifoi, President, SAVA, at telephone numbers 234-1001/2.

Joeten-Sunraysia open April '90

THE FOURTH Annual Joeten-Sunraysia Tennis Open reels off April 30, May 1, 7 and 8.

Tournament organizers remind interested participants to submit their names at Micropac in San Jose or at Las Vegas Golf &

Discount Club in Garapan before the April 25 deadline. Draw date is set the next day, April 26.

For more information about the tournament, contact Nestor or Mario at telephone 322-3793 or James Santos at 235-8939.

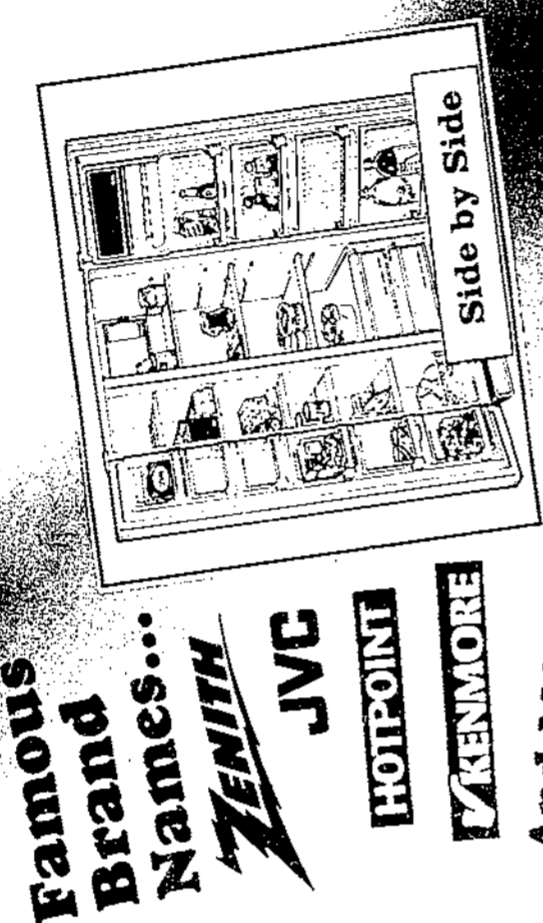
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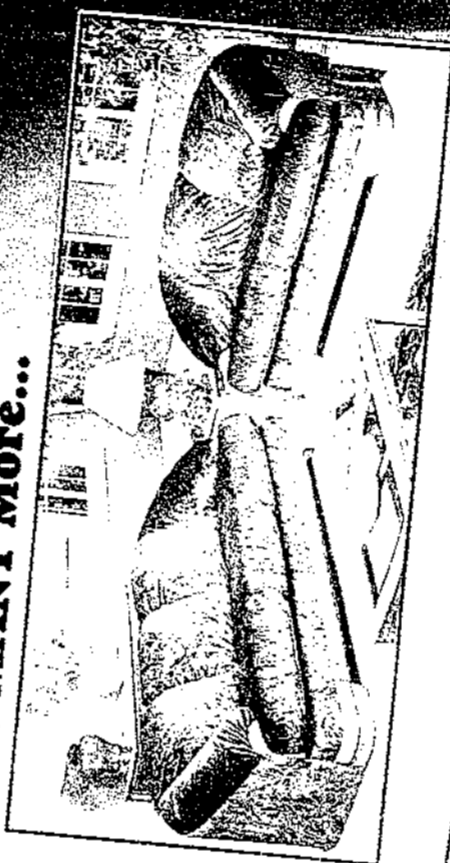
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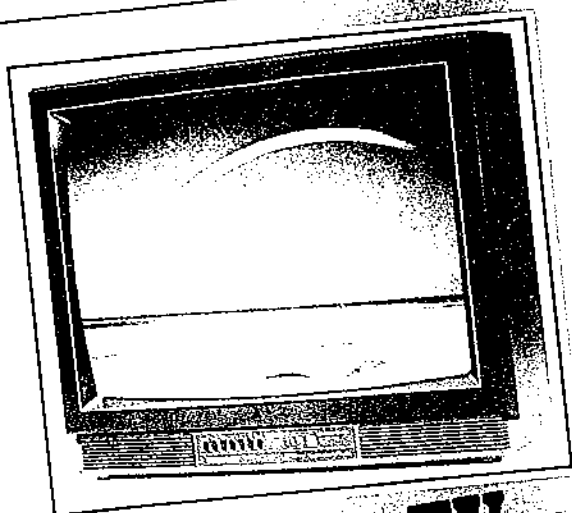
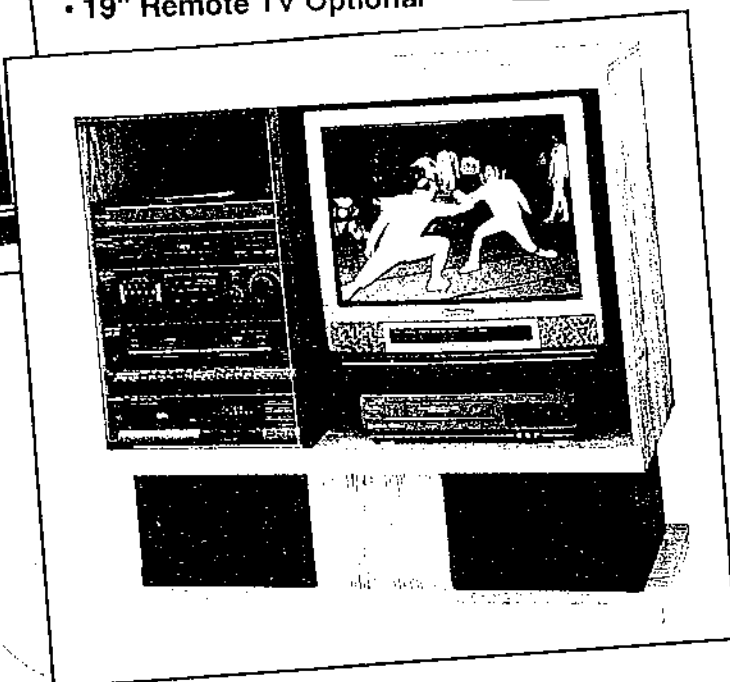
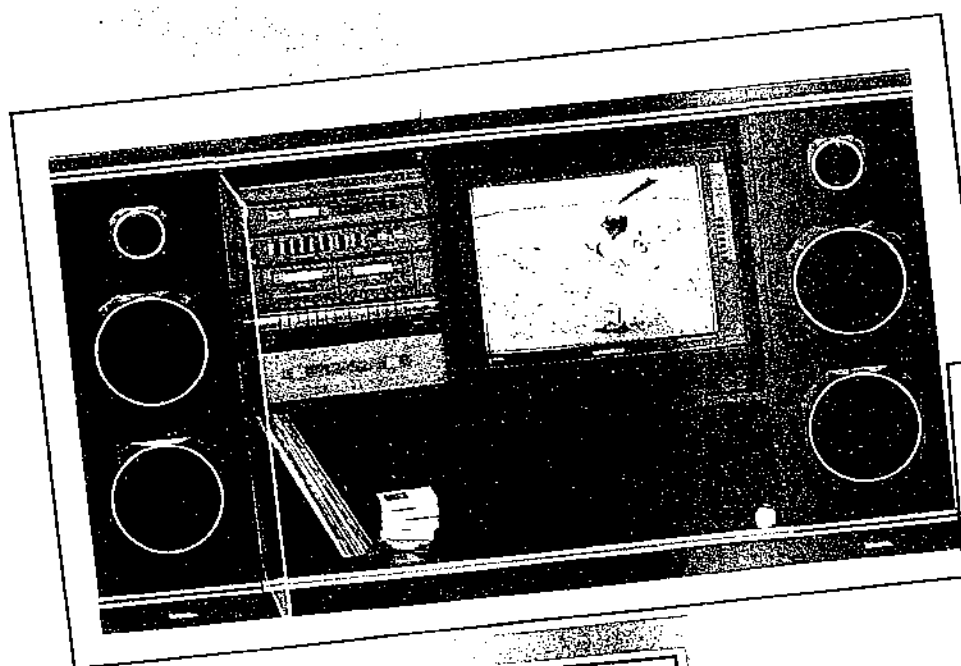
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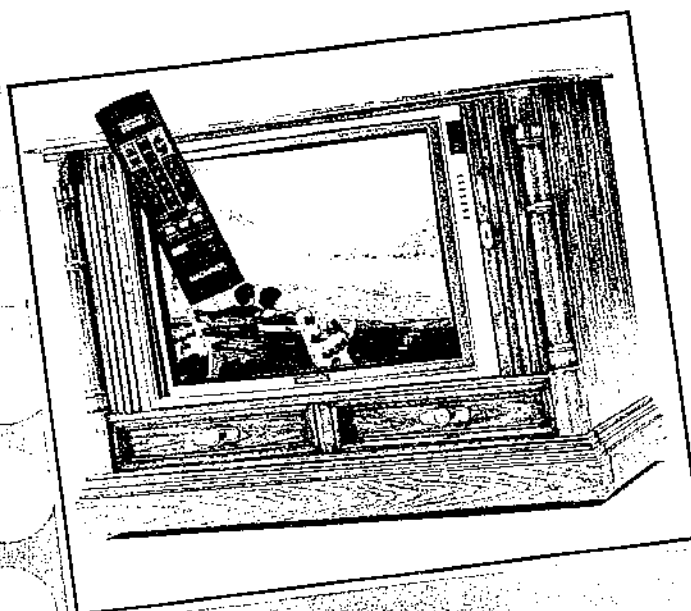
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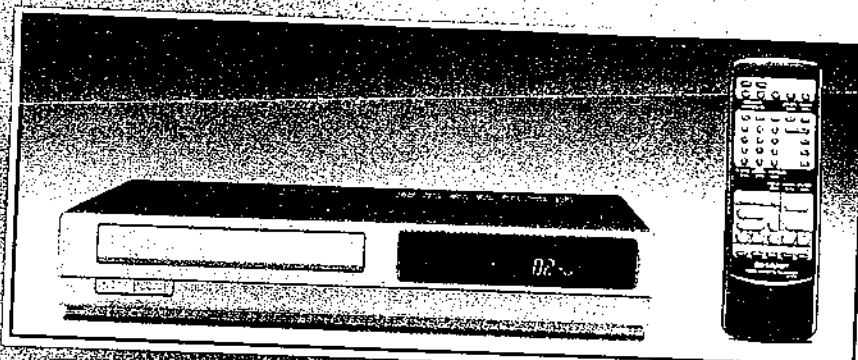
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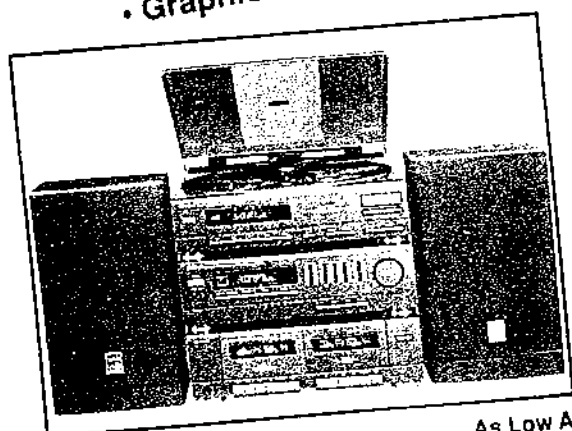


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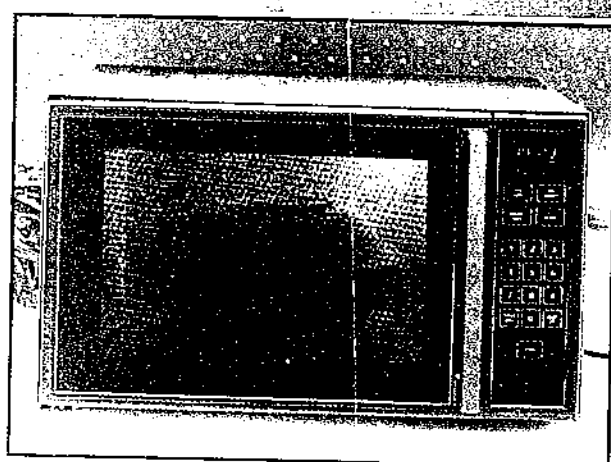
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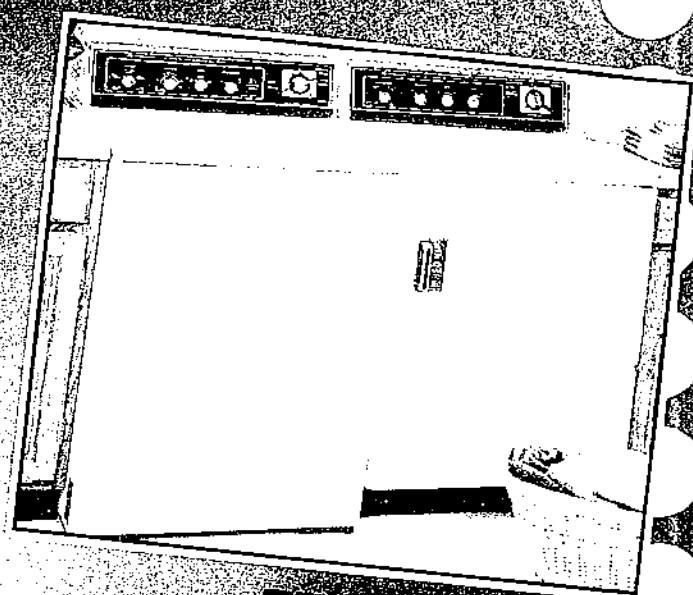
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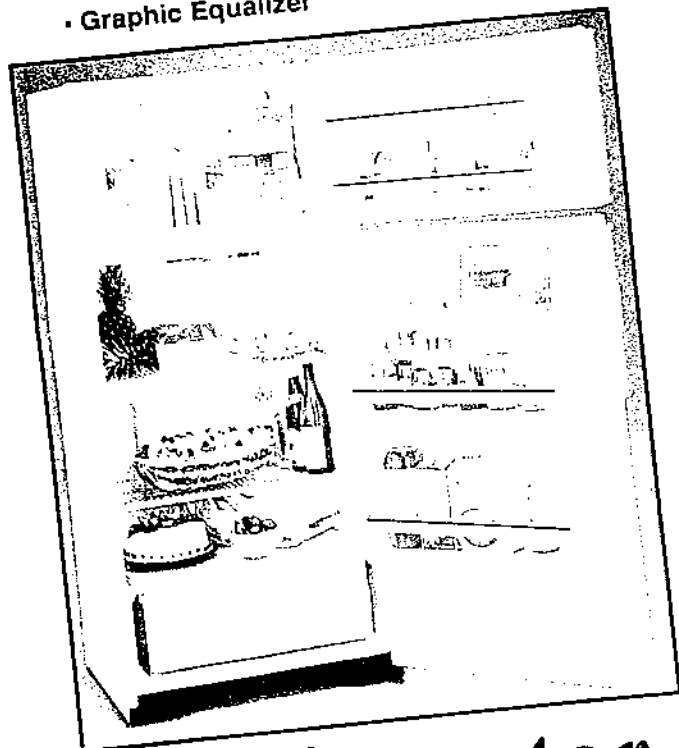
Microwave As Low As
\$9²⁵
A Week
• Meals In Minutes
• Fully Programmable



**Washer
or Dryer**

• Large Capacity
• Heavy Duty
As Low As
\$16⁵⁰
Rent The Pair & Save

**DON'T
WAIT...
CALL NOW!**



Refrigerator As Low As
\$19⁹⁵
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• Family Size
• Frost Free



**MOM Will
Love You!!**

- Chest
- 7 - 15 cu. ft.

As Low As
\$14⁰⁰
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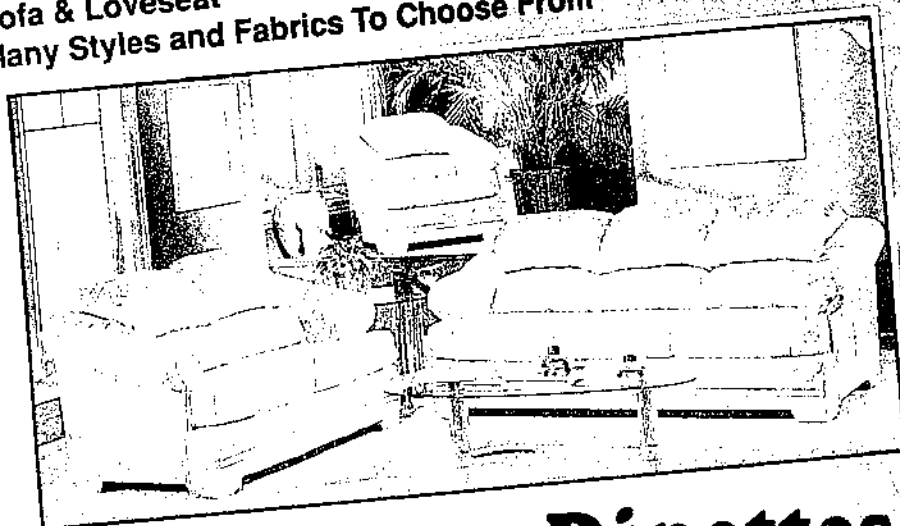


Living Rooms

- Sofa & Loveseat
- Many Styles and Fabrics To Choose From

As Low As

\$26⁵⁰
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Bedrooms

- Dresser
- Mirror
- Headboard
- 2 Night Stands
- ★ Matching Chest Available
- ★ Many Styles To Choose From

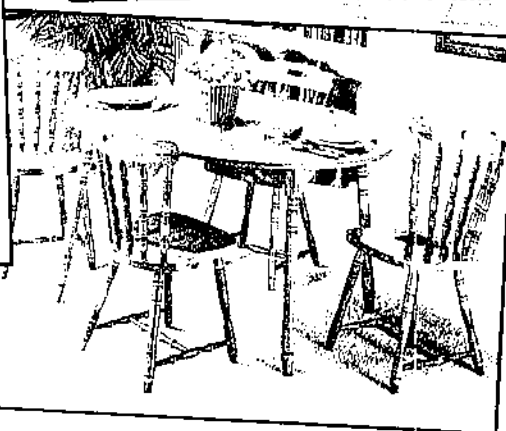
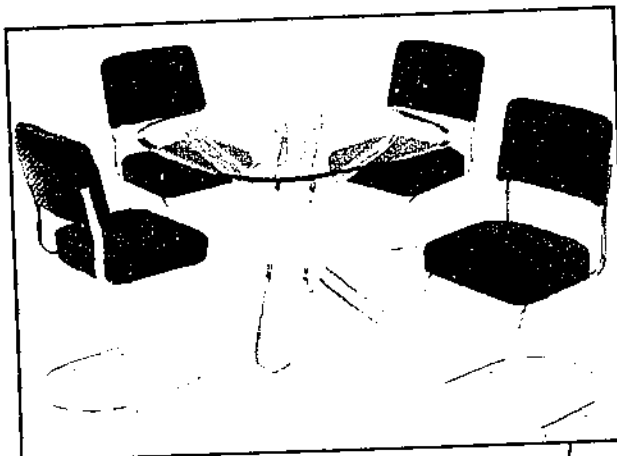


Dinettes

As Low As

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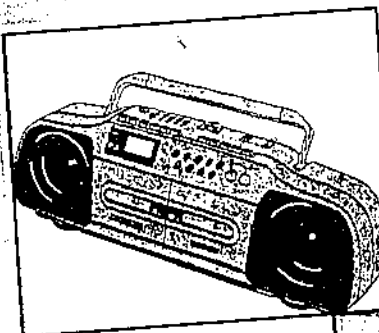
- Several Styles
- 4 & 6 Chair Styles Available



Bunk Beds

As Low As

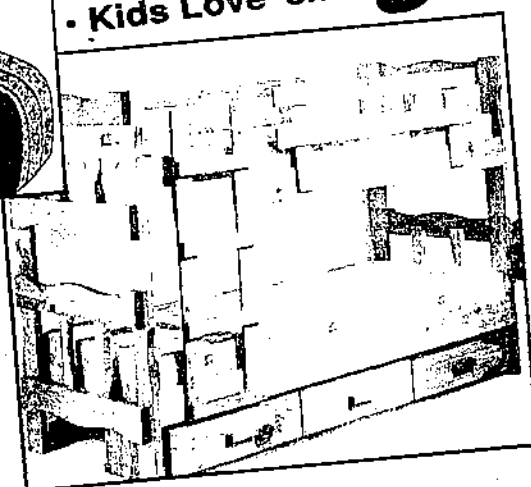
- Sturdy Construction
 - Kids Love 'em
- \$9⁹⁹**
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Boom Box

As Low As

\$10⁵⁰
A Week



**Prices To FIT
Every Budget**