

With or without the governor's blessing . . .

'I'll push for delegate'

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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WASHINGTON Representative Juan N. Babauta has vowed to carry on his crusade for a CNMI delegate in US Congress with or without support from Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

In an interview at his Capitol Hill office Wednesday, Babauta said his bid for a CNMI seat in the US House of Representative would

not be stymied by the change in leadership in the national lawmaking body, nor be affected by skepticism from local leaders.

"Regardless of politics, procedures and anything else, they all don't matter to me. All that matters to me is we have to be represented in Congress," said Babauta.

"Even if the governor tells me not to push it, I will still pursue it because it is right. I can't be con-

vinced that we should allow a legislative body to legislate for us without representation," the Washington representative emphasized.

Babauta's statements came when asked to comment on recent pronouncements made by the governor that the delegate proposal faces zero chance in the Republican-controlled Congress.

The chief executive made the remark during one of his regular news conferences where he was asked about the chances of the delegate bill in the 104th Congress.

The chief executive also in a recent interview said the delegate proposal may not be worth pursu-

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Babauta on the NMI delegate issue: "Even if the governor tells me not to push it, I will still pursue it because it is right."

Credit card firm is sued for \$10M

By Rafael I. Santos
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AMERICAN Express Travel Related Services has been sued for allegedly dishonoring a credit and wrongfully cancelling two credit cards issued to a Saipan resident.

J. Frederick Sproule filed the lawsuit in federal court here and is demanding more than \$10 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

Sproule was a holder of a Platinum Card and a Gold Card from American Express in April, 1993, according to his complaint. His Platinum Card allows him to have a line credit with American Express Centurion Bank, a subsidiary of American Express, in the amount of \$10,000.

On April 2, 1993, the complainant tried to avail of his credit line and drew \$8,000. The check representing the amount was made payable to Bobby Cadillac's and was deposited with the First American Savings and Loan Association on Saipan.

However despite having \$8,000 available on his line of credit, Centurion Bank did not honor Sproule's draw down due to insufficient funds, the civil suit said. The bank allegedly ignored Sproule's complaint when he tried to contact it concerning the alleged wrongful dishonor.

Although, the check was not honored, Sproule's billing for his

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Governor sees no need to comply with FTE ceilings



Froilan C. Tenorio

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio said Wednesday the executive branch may not be bound by the FTE (full time equivalent) ceilings imposed under the continuing appropriation levels as long as government expenditure levels do not exceed the aggregate total of the last approved budget.

In a news conference Wednesday, Tenorio said he is of the opinion that he could hire people to fill up vacant positions in the government in the absence of an approved current year Common-

wealth budget as long as the \$158 million budget is not ran over.

He however said he would have to check on whether his interpretation of the law in this matter is correct.

"In the absence of a budget, we're saying that we can reprogram money, do whatever we want as long as we don't exceed the total amount," said the governor.

"Therefore, it means, at least in my opinion, we don't have to comply with FTEs, just go with \$158 million, the continuing resolution level," he added.

The governor's statements seem to directly answer concerns raised recently in the House of Representatives regarding the current administration's hiring practices.

In a session November 2nd, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas questioned vacancy certifications issued by the governor saying there may have been positions that were unnecessarily created and filled in by the governor.

He specifically asked the leadership to look into the new positions being filled up and see whether they are in line with law.

In that session, Mafnas warned that government hiring is supposed to be done taking into consideration the FTE ceilings imposed in the government's annual appropriations budgets.

The FTE ceiling in the budget represents the allowable number of full time employees each gov-

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Two female employees of McDonald's Saipan hop in and out of rubber tires during an obstacle course race at the Civic Center Pavilion yesterday. About fifty-six employees spent the day with fun and games during a Thanksgiving party hosted by McDonald's Saipan owners Joe and Marcia Ayuyu (inset) yesterday.

Stampede kills 120 in India

By DILIP GANGULY

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - A strike closed the city of Nagpur Thursday to protest police action against demonstrating tribespeople that triggered a stampede, leaving 120 dead and up to 500 injured.

The strike was called by the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, apparently hoping to capitalize on the incident against the ruling

Congress Party in elections early next year for the legislature of Maharashtra, India's richest state.

"The city is totally shut down and there is tension," said Nagpur police spokesman S.K. Kamath, reached by telephone. "The police are on full alert."

The violence broke out Wednesday when 30,000 tribespeople demanding job quotas in government service tried to

break through a police cordon around the state legislature in Nagpur, 600 kilometers (375 miles) south of the Indian capital, New Delhi.

Witnesses told Indian news agencies that police wielding bamboo canes charged the demonstrators, who were pressing forward against the police barricades. Police pushed back the front line, triggering a stampede farther back.

The Press Trust of India news agency said the dead included 24 children and 75 were women, whose floor-length wraparound saris may have gotten tangled under their feet in the pandemonium.

The tribespeople, many of whom are poor forest dwellers, were seeking to have their caste listed as a recognized underprivileged group entitled to easier access to government jobs and education.

In recent months, similar disputes over quotas have spread across northern India following a Supreme Court order fixing a maximum of 50 percent of jobs for all categories.

Some tribespeople and members of India's lower castes want the ceiling raised.

The area around Nagpur, a city of 1.6 million people, is known for its orange orchards and the city is the main orange trading center.

Boy's death blamed on anti-immigrant measure

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - An illegal alien says he delayed getting medical treatment for his 12-year-old son because he feared hospital officials would report them to authorities to comply with the anti-immigrant measure approved by California voters. Now he's blaming Proposition 187 for the boy's death.

"If it weren't for Proposition 187, the first day he felt sick we would have taken him to the hospital," Constantino Ramirez said.

Supporters of the initiative, overwhelmingly approved by voters Nov. 8 but put on hold by the courts, suggested the father was coached by opponents of the measure.

Prop 187 bars illegal aliens from receiving schooling, welfare, non-

emergency health care and other public benefits. It also requires schools, hospitals and social service agencies to report suspected illegal immigrants. The court challenges could take years to resolve.

Ramirez's son, Julio, was born in Mexico and attended seventh grade at Sycamore Junior High School. None of his family has residence papers.

Ramirez said Julio got sick Nov. 11 with a cough, leg pain and an intermittent fever. Last week, he saw a health clerk at school twice but had no fever, said Principal Pat Savage. On Friday, Ramirez took him to a doctor, who prescribed antibiotics and vitamins and told the father to take Julio to an emergency room if he got worse over the weekend.



A surfer, taking advantage of the election day holiday, passes an Army soldier guarding a polling station in southern Rio de Janeiro, en route to the beach Tuesday, November 15, 1994. The Army was dispatched to polling stations to provide security. Brazilians went to the polls to choose 17 new governors in a second-round election runoff that will define the mandate of President-elect Fernando Henrique Cardoso (AP Photo)

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Bishop backs Chinese worker ban

By Rafael H. Arroyo

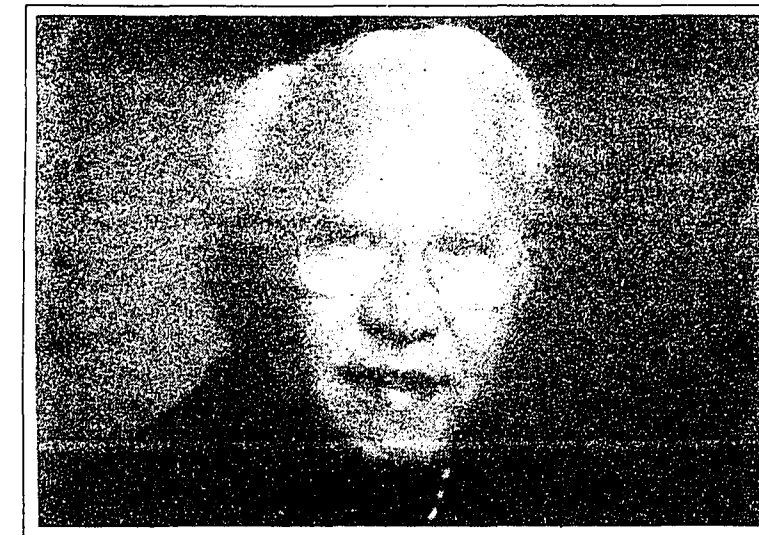
Variety News Staff

THE DIOCESE of Chalan Kanoa has publicly announced its support to the legislation proposed by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio seeking a moratorium on workers from mainland China.

In a press statement faxed to the Variety, Bishop Tomas A. Camacho said it is indeed difficult for Chinese workers in the CNMI to exercise their rights due to certain policies and practices that have remained in place over the years.

He lamented how Chinese workers seem to have been preempted from the exercise of their civil rights according to the laws of the CNMI. This is because most of these Chinese workers are fearful of retribution when they get back home to the People's Republic of China.

"These policies and practices appear to be beyond the ability of the CNMI to control. The CNMI seems to be in a situation where it may be complicit in depriving people of their rights, if it does not do everything of which it is capable to ensure that the rights of all people within its borders are fully respected," the archbishop



Bishop Tomas A. Camacho

said.

According to the CNMI's spiritual leader, whenever the rights of anyone in the CNMI are in jeopardy, the rights of everyone are in jeopardy.

"It is for this reason that we feel the draft legislation is important," said Bishop Camacho.

According to the bishop, testimonies from Chinese workers have been received by the diocese's Human Rights Advocacy Office attesting that these laborers attempt to exercise their civil rights according to CNMI.

"They reported complaint to the CNMI Labor officials and are now fearful of the consequences of their actions," said Camacho.

"We are aware of one situation that suggests the situation has not improved and may have gotten worse in recent months with greater economic pressure on some workers. We provided this documentation to the governor and the Attorney General," the bishop said.

Governor Tenorio's proposal to effect a worker ban from PROC

came last week after the governor felt something needs to be done to control the influx of such workers.

In submitting his proposed bill to the Legislature, the governor said these workers are particularly vulnerable to abuses, due to the political situation in their home country. He said many of these workers must work under foremen and supervisors who are members of the Chinese Communist Party, making it almost impossible for them to complain, no matter how badly they may be mistreated.

If passed by the legislature and signed into law, the proposed measure will take effect sixty days after gubernatorial approval and would extend a hiring moratorium until January 1, 2001.

The proposed legislation, however, would give employers the opportunity to recruit new workers from locations other than PROC and would also provide an exemption of up to three workers per employer if those employees are "domestic workers, or bona fide executive, professional, or managerial workers."

In airing support for the bill, Bishop Camacho indicated ab-

horrence of abuse, stressing that it is the teaching of the church that every human being has basic rights not because of the benevolence of the state or even because they are protected under the law.

But more so, because the rights of a human being flow from the essential dignity of man being in the image and likeness of God.

"Both employers and employees rely upon the effective operation of CNMI Labor officials to resolve differences over working conditions and compliance with the law. Creating conditions which would prevent the use of procedures provided by the CNMI government to resolve labor disputes harms both employers and employees, as well as undermining the laws of the CNMI," Camacho said.

He said workers are not merely a means of production, but are human beings and partners with their employers in a joint enterprise.

"The legislation does not deprive employers of a steady and dependable supply of workers, rather it only requires that they come from jurisdictions where there are no constraints on the exercise of basic rights while residing in the CNMI," Bishop Camacho said.

Residents celebrate Thanksgiving, island-style

By Rafael I. Santos

Variety News Staff

MANY Saipan residents stayed home yesterday stuffing and roasting their turkeys for the Thanksgiving lunch or dinner.

While some stayed indoors, others preferred to go out for two or more reasons. One is to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a big event in the United States and its territories with outdoor activities and second, to observe the holiday with family members and relatives.

The American Memorial Park was busy yesterday, with employees taking a break and flexing their

muscles in a simple sportsfest. Thanksgiving activities were also seen being held at the "roundhouse" or the multi-purpose building at the Sugar King Park.

Yet, several others celebrated the holiday in a quiet way. Two men near the Horiguchi building in Garapan appeared to be content with just a few cans of budweiser and chasers.

The men, without knowing that they were being observed, seemed to prefer a low-profile celebration, preferring to sit on top of a concrete fence while having a tete-a-tete.

Regardless of how Thanksgiving was celebrated, local residents

appear to have not lost the appetite for sumptuous Chamorro dishes despite the strong influence of the Western culture and cuisine.

The kelaguen, a spicy chicken bits mixed with grated coconut meat, a little vinegar, salt and other ingredients, was not missed by some, even in yesterday's dinner or lunch. The sticky red rice, the delicious potato salad Chamorro style, pickled papaya or cucumber were also part of yesterday's menu.

Of course, all these dishes in usually large plates adorned mister turkey in its birthday clothes. The brownish mouth-watering fowl, roasted or baked was the main course.

Indeed, for most households here, a turkey or two must be part of the set of courses for Thanksgiving, which is observed throughout American on the fourth Thursday of November each year.

About 45 million turkeys are said to have been eaten at Thanksgiving. A small fraction of the figure represents the turkeys served at Thanksgiving in the commonwealth.

To avoid hassles at Thanksgiving, some Saipan residents purchased their turkeys cooked. "We want it (turkey) to be perfect," said Cecilia Ngratrang, a junior at Marianas High School.

Ngratrang's family was among more than 500 people that ordered "turkey special" from Herman's Bakery on Airport Road.

"We've been doing this for two years," the sixteen-year old girl told the Variety while she and her friend Rosella Ngratrang, 15, put the roasted turkeys wrapped in tin foil at the back of their white car before noon yesterday.

Cleofe Antonio, comptroller at Herman's said they roasted and sold



Herman's Bakery employee Efrén Ballesteros (left), helps a customer carry a ready-to-eat turkey before noon yesterday. Hundreds of roasted turkeys were sold yesterday for the celebration of Thanksgiving Day.



Dandan residents Cecilia Ngratrang and Rosella Ngratrang put two bags containing roasted turkeys at the trunk of their car yesterday in front of Herman's Bakery. The two find Herman's turkey special to be "perfect."

at least 550 turkeys yesterday. The pre-ordered turkey special cost \$32.

Margarita Muna, a resident of Koblerville did not mind paying the amount. "It's wholesale," she said. The 55-year old mother meant that for \$32 she would get a turkey that is perfectly cooked, plus a pumpkin pie.

"It's delicious!," 29-year-old Merced Indalencio, Muna's daughter said of the turkey from Herman's. The Muna family, according to Indalencio buys its ready-to-eat turkey from Herman's every year.

Buying a cooked turkey offers a lot of advantage, said Antonio. "There's no hassle. Customers just come and pick them up," she said.

Aside from the 550 roasted turkeys sold, about 400 "raw ones" were sold by Herman's Food Basket, according to Antonio.

She did not know how long Herman's has been selling the popular "turkey special," but she did say that "we've been doing it" for the past ten years. Antonio has been working with the bakery for ten years now.

Perhaps, she said, this has been a tradition for decades as the Airport Road establishment has been in existence for about fifty years.

Others found the cooked turkey to be expensive so they decided to buy one and cook it.

For William "Bill" Bezzant, an employee at the U.S. District Court, the price was not an issue. He said he bought a large turkey for his family and planned to cook it with all the stuffings.

"I want my turkey to be special," he said.

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EDITORIAL

No thanks for Thanksgiving

THE BOUNTIFUL feast set on the dinner table last night contrasts the present predicament of the commonwealth. There are few investments, the economy is stagnant and Uncle Sam seems to be turning its back on the Marianas.

Justice is also a far away dream as far as victims of human rights abuses are concerned.

No reason to be thankful, indeed.

Business leaders are noticing some economic activity, yes, but that's all. It's a far cry compared to the booming years when businesses mushroomed everywhere. Investments promised by the administration haven't come yet. Where are the Japanese?

Not only is Japan dilly-dallying on the Marianas, the United States seems to continue to distance itself too.

This has become evident with the lack of response from the U.S. in the aftermath of two powerful typhoons. It also signals a dwindling interest of mother America in the commonwealth as to its advancement.

It sad that little was done by the federal government despite the damages wrought by devastating typhoons. Washington is not likely to declare a state of calamity.

The commonwealth, already battered by the typhoons, is being "tossed in the wind." The feds are reluctant to give, in fact they want to take.

It won't be a surprise if U.S. visas will soon be required when aliens enter the commonwealth. For businesses who are heavily dependent on alien workers, there's more reason to complain than to say thanks. The garment industry is predicting an end of its existence here if the U.S. takes over control of local immigration.

In Capitol Hill, the Tenorio administration has no reason to say thank you. What is there to be grateful about when its \$190 million budget is not being acted on by legislators?

It's unfortunate that the executive-legislative relations have never improved. Political wrangling is an everyday thing.

Rota, Saipan and Tinian constituents are getting tired of their lawmakers whom they voted to power. Most of the things they've got so far were promises of change and better life. It's all plain rhetoric, one would say, as no concrete action on our problems could be seen on the horizon.

And what has happened to the countless aliens whose humans rights have been trampled? Their tales of rapes, physical abuse and non-payment of wages remain just stories. In fact for some, their complaints were regarded as mere rumors despite the government's admission of the existence of abuse on alien workers.

Where's justice?

Thanksgiving must be a celebration for abundant harvests. But these poor workers have never "harvested" anything since they approached the authorities.

All must pause and look back over the past. What have we done so far? There's a long way to go and life won't change in the Marianas as long as we don't change our ways for the better.



JR's Agenda

by John S. DelRosario, JR.

The Price of Change in Lifestyle

After the war, we gradually moved from a subsistence lifestyle—farming and fishing—to the dreamy and uncertain glitz of modern life—janitorial, clerical, vocational and professional occupations. This dramatic shift in our lifestyle planted the permanent seed of change for good or bad, better or worse. We blindly embraced money over subsistence. There was hope, however, as we inched our way to a bright new dawn in what we know of today as Modern Day Northern Mariana Islands.

For fifty years now, we have made strides in "bettering" the livelihood of our people. Indeed, we have seen the replacement of tin houses with sanitary and safe but less comfortable concrete structures. We once dread catastrophic illnesses. We now have better health care which include tertiary care to off-island medical centers. Our parents once worked until they physically expire. Today, we have a more than generous retirement program. We have better roads throughout the island, but it also brought more than our share of run-off water.

In the olden days, we'd work the clock from dawn to dusk to plant staple food and other dietary needs for the family table. If working and toiling the soil fails to meet family needs, we extend our working hours pursuing other food gathering oriented activities, i.e., fishing and hunting to supplement what we can't provide from the farm. Today, we have food stamps to cover the nutritional needs of families whose income fall below the poverty line, including social security supplemental income (SSI) and other entitlement programs to help the needy.

Our parents once bartered cows for a house lot to pay-off a debt or other real family need or necessity. This has changed completely to windfall profits from long term land leases fully protected by the Land Alienation provision under the Covenant Agreement and further padded down by Article XII of the CNMI Constitution. This group of rich people have built family businesses, while most others wasted it in luxury items, i.e., sports cars, stereo systems and jewelry, dumping the rest in poker machines. It is this group who have leased out most of their properties and even had the audacity to seek for shelter at MIHA's Section Eight Housing program.

The resultant effect of this newly found affluence (which include the combined salaries of working couples) is the steady erosion of traditional family values. The standard of living in Modern Day Mariana Islands has become so unbearably high and expensive that make us wonder "What's Next?" Thus, the need for both couples to secure permanent jobs at the expense of sacrificing quality time with their children. The role of parenting is passed on to live-in-maids. Well, by day's end good old mom is drained of her last iota of physical and mental energies to pay attention to problems at the home front. Children learn to say "Good Morning and Goodnight Mom" which could very well be the extent of parent/children engagement. Mom and dad become strictly providers of material needs, kaput!

Cause of Expensive Standard of Living

It is interesting that even a can of Spam is one dollar cheaper on Guam than it is here. Guam's minimum wage is over five bucks while ours is more than two and a-half dollars lower. The question that

comes into mind comprises of a single word: **WHY?**

If the premise that competition among businesses here ought to govern the price of basic goods and drive it downwards, then it doesn't seem to be working. Perhaps there's a need to determine whether regulation may be in order. Though I wouldn't push the latter point, perhaps it will be good for our men of wisdom on the hill to jointly commission research work aimed at pinning down the ultimate causes of the high cost of living in the CNMI. What is the culprit in the economics of providing goods and services at reasonable cost? Is it the tax system or greed among businesses? Perhaps we've imposed too much tax on the wrong items—basic commodities—while staying obsequious to the whims of the "we few" rich companies here peddling luxury items which ought to be taxed higher.

Although the Standard of Living here is very high, the lifestyle of our indigenous people is far from reflective of this economic boom or affluence. It takes earning an annual salary of not less than \$60,000 or even as high as the justices in our courts to make ends meet. Otherwise, a majority in the lower echelon would have to make do by repeating the phrase "credit here, credit there, everywhere a credit, credit..." It forces us to live beyond our means and kills traditional work ethics. It also forces a new mind set: *Live for today, never mind what tomorrow may bring. It may seem comical, but many of our people are hurting beyond what's bearable, while our men of wisdom bask in their own fully nurtured sense of complacency.* A study into the causes of the unbearably expensive standard of living here needs to be commissioned immediately.

Succumbing to Capitalistic Democracy

It doesn't come as a surprise to this scribe that the garment industry—through L&T—has voiced its opposition against the imposition of comparable federal minimum wage and a tax system beyond what it termed "moderate increases". Admittedly, the tax measure requires delicate and equilibrating balancing though it definitely needs revamping given that it has outlived its usefulness. It's a question of downsizing profit margins, no more, no less.

It appears that most of our lawmakers are prepared to accede to the whims of the powerful and rich minority (capitalistic democracy) not that they're incapable of making bold decisions, but are deeply scripted in "doing things right" rather than "doing the right things".

If I may be as bold as to ask: Why are you again prepared to succumb to allowing the garment industry to dictate the minimum wage here? Don't you think that as leaders you must be able to climb the tree in our political jungle and yell out: "Wrong jungle, let's head the other way?" If you feel inadequate or not fully centered to face this task, the more you're vulnerable to believing what the "we few" rich people here want you to believe. Mind you, this issue requires a principle centered decision. The bottom-line question is simply: Who will it be?—the dignity and welfare of your people who elected you into office or the rich few who're dead set on protecting profit margin loss?

Gentlemen, if you're not prepared to listen to the small and helpless voices of our people, then I am prepared to launch a campaign with the US Congress to repeal the Headnote 3A provision strictly on garment products here. Think about it. The frustration between here and Washington have piled up beyond tolerance. Thanks.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Rhetoric may have killed entitlement reform

WASHINGTON — The deceit and demagoguery that's passing for dialogue on the campaign trail this fall may have jettisoned a historic opportunity to curb America's appetite for entitlement spending.

That's the blunt assessment of Sen. Robert Kerrey, D-Neb., the chairman of the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform. When the election dust settles on Wednesday, it's Kerrey who will have to survey the damage done by candidates who have proven they care more about polls than political bravery.

In congressional races across the country, beleaguered Democratic candidates have finally rediscovered an old formula for success: Tell voters that the vaguely worded GOP "Contract With America" will lead to draconian cuts in Social Security and other entitlements.

Republicans are responding to these attacks by pointing to a recent memo by Budget Director Alice M. Rivlin stating that entitlement cuts are needed to balance the budget in the near future. In their quest for reelection, both Democrats and Republicans are ignoring the fact that Rivlin was right.

Like the "no new taxes" promise that came back to haunt former President George Bush, these candidates have drawn a line in the sand on Social Security and other entitlements: No New Cuts. While that pledge is playing well on the campaign trail, Kerrey worries that it will undercut the work of the entitlement commission, which will release its final report on Dec. 15.

"The memo didn't hurt, but the reaction to the Rivlin memo has," Kerrey told our associate Ed Henry. "People are now hardening their positions (on entitlements) and saying, 'Read my lips!... Vote for me, I won't do anything unpopular!'"

In his first extensive comments about the memo that sent shockwaves through the White House, Kerrey became one of the few Democrats to rally behind Rivlin. "I think (her memo) was a very honest presentation of truth" he said. "It's not unusual for us to run from the truth."

Lost in the uproar over the memo is the fact that it is sprinkled with references to 1996, and shows an early split among Clinton's advisers about the best strategy for re-election. Rivlin believes the road to reelection is paved with honesty and deficit reduction. The reaction to the memo shows that other advisers think empty promises are easier to sell.

Now that the White House has run from nearly all of the "Big Choices" that Rivlin laid out, Clinton has lost the moral high ground to pursue that course. While it's unclear which course is better for 1996, there is no doubt that a failure to reform entitlements is the worst course of all for future generations.

"Unfortunately, people take positions (during a campaign) that they later regret, and then they're locked into a position of being afraid to reverse it," Kerrey said. "Once they take these positions they don't like to change them three months later. Maybe three years later or 30 years later, but not in three months," when the 104th Congress convenes.

But no amount of campaign promises can change the crux of the entitlement dilemma: If nothing is done to reform the system, entitlements will account for nearly two-thirds of the federal budget by 2004, entitlements and interest on the debt will consume all of the government's tax revenue in 2012.

"The biggest problem is that this is not something that's really going to be serious for another 10 years," says Kerrey. "And the action that you will have to take then is going to be far worse than what you have to do today. Today it's relatively pain-free. Ten years from now people will shake their heads and say, 'Why in God's name didn't you do that in 1995 when it was easy?'"

Yet the facts have done little to dissuade even the most prudent lawmakers from abandoning reason in favor of fearmongering about Social Security. This was underscored last weekend when Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., parachuted into a community hall in Scranton, Pa., to stir up support for Sen. Harris Wofford, who's struggling to fend off a challenge from GOP upstart Rick Santorum.

"If we lose the Senate to the Santorums and (Oliver) Norths... we will lose the most important social program of the century!" Moynihan, who is a member of the entitlement commission, told an excited group of more than 100 senior citizens. "It will only be there if senators like Harris Wofford are there to save it."

After this election season, it looks like Moynihan and Wofford are doomed to get what they wished for.

Letters to the Editor

Kudos again for Capitol Hill road

Dear Editor,

A BIG Thank You is due those responsible for the repaving of the Capitol Hill and Back Island roads. The expeditious completion of this job and the improvement in travel up to our government center and around the beautiful Pacific facing

side of our island is remarkable. Only that a job so swiftly done was so long to have begun is in question, and hopefully, the smoothness of the new path will not quickly deteriorate due to an inherent flaw in the methodology or materials used.

Today, however, let's give thanks. Island travel has taken a giant and

pleasant leap forward, and those responsible in our government for initiating the job and those on the job getting it done should take a deep bow in the warmth of our collective appreciation.

/s/JIM STOWELL

Writer toasts new HSAMP officers

Dear Editor,

THE HISTORICAL Society of the American Memorial Park (HSAMP) has elected officers for 1994-1995. They are John Walker-President, Lydia Camacho-Romisher-Vice

President and Memorial Gardens Project Coordinator, Mick Celes-Treasurer, John M. Romisher-Secretary and Fundraising Task Force Chairman, Steve Lizama-Special Projects Chairman, David K.

Benevente-Gift Shop Chairman, Noel Quitugua-Public Relations Chairman, and Joe Palacios-Scholarship Chairman.

Officers of the HSAMP want to extend their appreciation to the 1994 Veteran's Day Committee for organizing an excellent program at the American Memorial Park.

Many of the visiting veterans attending Veteran's Day ceremonies here on Saipan were active members of the Confederate Air Force. Several of these guests also visited Saipan's AMP World War II Mu-

seum and Gift Shop. They were supportive of HSAMP's continuous efforts to improve displays and expand available memorabilia in the WWII Museum.

Their presence at the Museum was encouraged by Master of Ceremonies Joe Reyes and Veteran's Day Chairman Mitch Tomokane. Thank you.

Cordially,

/s/JOHN M. ROMISHER

My Variety... Information Superhighway

By Eidfref Nonec

Food for thought, "Gentle words tame the fiercest lion."

Science and technology. Floppy diskettes before were in the size of 8", then came the 5.25", now we have the 3.5". We'll have the 2" sq. Later they will come up with the button size media. As Thomas Edison said it, "One percent imagination, ninety-nine percent perspiration."

Job related. We invite people to say something about their jobs. The nice, the nasty, the good and the bad news in your life. We'll keep your names confidential. Here's one example I took from one employee I overheard talking to his fellow in a famous restaurant in Garapan. "...we have a growing company, in fact, it's one of the top ten on the island, and yet, look how they deal with their employees - they

removed our Grievance Committee, because they said it's pro-employees and anti-management. How do you expect us be heard of our plight and problems and be protected against unfair labour practice, bias relationship, and degrading moral standards. You go to the Labour, you complain, you put your job at stake, simply because one of our officers is a relative of someone in the government ..."

Management practice. "Rule No. 1 - the boss is always right. Rule No. 2 - if the boss is wrong, see Rule No. 1." Revised, "...if the boss is right, he is always wrong."

Electronics and Communication. Have you seen a beeper with a personal alarm? or, a tv set with a built-in telephone system so you can see the person from the other side you're talking to? how about a watch that puts tv, cellular, ra-

dio, and beeper in one? you will.

On politics. There is no country in the universe that has no graft and corruption. There will always be bribery and "family influence." I will give you one plain example. My home equipment was burglarized. Fingerprints were taken and the culprit was pinpointed. Still no arrest had been made. Why? Your answer is as good as mine. The person wants his name withheld.

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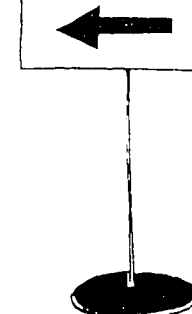
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VIP welcome for returning RP workers

By Rafael I. Santos
Variety News Staff

IF you're a Filipino contract worker and you plan to go home during the Christmas season, there's a good news for you.

Never think of putting off your vacation plans because of the holiday hassles that you anticipate once you reach the Metropolitan Manila area this season.

As a way of recognizing the economic contributions of its overseas contract workers, the Philippine government has launched a program which will provide special facilities and services for returning workers known as "balikbayan."

Since hundreds of thousands of Filipino workers are expected to come home this season, the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment and other agencies launched the "OPLAN Pamasko Pasa sa OCWs" or

Christmas gift for contract workers.

This program began last November 15 and will run until January 15, 1995, a directive from the Manila labor department said.

Under this program, returning Filipino workers will be accorded "express lane" processing through immigration and customs and free baggage carts at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

This is just part of the "red-carpet" welcome for them when they come home for Christmas.

Vacationing workers normally complain of endless queues and chaotic atmosphere starting from the immigration processing center down to the baggage claim section at the airport during the Christmas holidays. This is due to countless people who go home for vacation, family reunions and other Christmas-related activities.

But with this program, con-

tract workers will be spared from such an ordeal and go to their respective hometowns without the usual hassles.

The "express lane" at the airport will mean quick processing at the immigration and customs counters.

Workers Assistance Officers or WAOs from the Department of Labor and Employment and other attached agencies are stationed at the arrival area of NATA to distribute the free baggage cart coupons, stickers and information materials regarding the program. They can be identified through their red and green vests.

From the airport, the workers will be shuttled to a large waiting area at the Nayong Pilipino, a theme park showcasing historical and famous sites of the archipelago near the posh Philippine Village Hotel, also within the vicinity of the international airport.

They will be met by their fami-

lies at the waiting area called "Sunduan Plaza." The plaza provides a waiting area where families of the OCWs can relax and be free from "fixers" and possibly bag slashers who hang around the airport during peak season, Philippine labor officials said.

The following are the procedures on the use of the Sunduan Plaza as provided by the labor department through the Philippine Consulate.

* When calling home to inform their families of their arrival details, OCWs must advise them to proceed and wait at the Sunduan Plaza on the date of arrival.

* Upon arrival at the Sunduan Plaza, their relatives should immediately register at the reception counter manned by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and submit the names of the arriving OCWs, their flight number and port of origin.

* The OWWA reception counter will relay this infor-

mation by radio to the NATA arrival counter of OWWA.

* Upon their arrival, OCWs should immediately inform the WAO that they have made prior arrangements for their families to meet at the Sunduan Plaza.

After clearing with the Bureau of Customs, arriving OCWs should proceed to the Sunduan Plaza by shuttle service free of charge.

Workers are reminded that tipping is banned at the airport.

Filipino workers based in the CNMI may get overseas employment certificate from the office of Labor Representative Vicente Manzano at the Philippine Consulate.

This certificate, which exempts overseas contract workers from the travel tax, indicates that the vacationing Filipino is a contract worker.

IRR/IMA conference December 5

MEMBERS of the Individual Readiness Reserve (I.R.R.) and Individual Mobilization Augmentation (I.M.A.) in the CNMI are given notice that the Army Reserve Personnel Center (ARPERCEN) Liaison Office - Pacific will be conducting a conference/meeting for all members of the I.R.R. and I.M.A. on December 05, 1994 from 0800 to 1200 noon at the Procurement and Supply Conference Room in Lower Base, Saipan.

General information, Off-island Training, Promotion, Retirement Points, Etc., will be the agenda for the up-coming conference.

All members are encouraged to attend, for further information. Please call Joseph Palacios at telephone number 233-3475 or stop by the Office of Veterans Affairs, Department of Community & Cultural Affairs in Garapan.

7 die as plane crashes

ALL SEVEN people on a light plane which crashed in Papua New Guinea's Western province have been confirmed dead, NBC reported.

The plane, a Britten Norman Islander, was flying out of Tabubil on Tuesday afternoon when it came down in a remote jungle area.

The manager of South West Air which owned the aircraft, John Sauvrair, said the rescue party reached the crash site yesterday morning, and found no survivors.

He said the identities of the seven people, including the Australian pilot are being withheld until relatives are informed. He said work is progressing to retrieve the bodies from the crash site.

Civil Aviation inspectors have flown to Tabubil to investigate the cause of the crash. (Pacnews)



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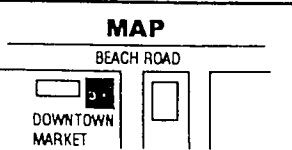
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SVES teacher reaps fruit of labor

By Rafael I. Santos
Variety News Staff

REBECCA Tabingo-Sablan is now reaping the fruits of her labor as an elementary school teacher. This year, the San Vicente Elementary School mentor was overwhelmingly endorsed by the school's teaching staff as the Teacher of the Year.

Tabingo-Sablan has been teaching for 17 years. Throughout these years, she was a firm believer that all children can learn as long as the right environment and atmosphere are provided.

This conviction, coupled by her dedication and positive attitude have enabled her to "produce" a breed of students who are more motivated and learned. After seven years at SVS, she is rewarded with something that a teacher always looks forward to—recognition.

Of course, mentors do not teach and perform well just to be recognized. The goal of the teacher goes beyond that. Teaching for them is a vocation and a commitment and this is where Tabingo-Sablan stands.

Her love for her students and commitment towards their development intellectually, physically and socially are very evident with her teaching style. No wonder that at the end of each unit of her class syllabus, a lot is retained in the minds of the students.

Just last Tuesday and Wednesday, instead of requiring small boys and girls to go through a grueling quiz about plants and trees, she let them dramatize the importance of plants.

The kids performed excitedly in the presence of their parents and other SVS teachers. Some acted as trunks of trees, others roots, some leaves and other parts of the tree. The children made their own costumes with the guidance of the teacher.

Gone are the days of written tests and other writing activities, at least for the lower grades. The SVS teacher firmly believes that learning can be fun with what she called hands-on and experiential activities. "Learning must be fun,"

Tabingo-Sablan said in an interview.

Through a "culminating activity" such as the dramatization, the teacher can gauge if her students have learned something. "We assess a unit [of the course] through an activity such as song and language," she said.

Teaching is not a dragging and boring job, according to Tabingo-Sablan, as long as you combine all the necessary "ingredients" together. "Dedication, commitment and a positive attitude towards the teaching job are important factors that make one really be fulfilled as a teacher," she said.

Tabingo-Sablan, who holds a Bachelor's Degree and Masters Degree in Human Resources Development and Planning, is involved in numerous extra-curricular activities.

At present she is the liaison officer, trainer and a board member of the Girls Scout movement. She has also organized musical groups, family resource activities, and encampment where a lot of student's potentials are tapped.

Tabingo-Sablan believes in continuing education, not just to broaden her knowledge but also to be of greater help to the community. She dreams to finish a course on special education.

Students with disabilities, she

said, deserve excellent teachers "to help them to be [productive] members of the society." To realize this goal of helping special kids, she has enrolled at the University of Guam to pursue a degree on special education.

RP explains travel tax

THE PHILIPPINE Consulate announced applicable rules of the Philippine Tourism Authority on travel tax to Filipinos as guidance to their travel for abroad to the CNMI.

What is the travel tax?

The travel tax is a levy imposed by the Philippine government on citizens of the Philippines and nonresident aliens who have stayed in the Philippines for more than one (1) year.

Non-immigrant aliens who have not stayed in the Philippines for more than one (1) year are not covered by the travel tax.

As mandated by law, the taxes are divided among the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA), the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC), the Presidential Commission for Culture and the Arts (PCCA) and the General Fund of the National Government for use in government programs.

What are travel tax rates?

	First Class	Economy Class
Full rate	Passengers P2700	Passengers P1620
Standard reduced rate	P1350	P850
Privileged reduced rate for Overseas Contract Workers' (OCWs) dependent	P400	P300

Who can avail of a travel tax exemption and what are the documents required?

Filipino Overseas Contract Workers may be exempted from travel tax provided they present the following to the PTA: 1) Passport; 2) POEA Overseas Employment Certificate; 3) Employment contract, Employment Certificate (if directly hired) authenticated by the Philippine Consulate.

Filipino permanent residents abroad may also avail of a travel tax exemption provided they present the following to the PTA: 1) Copies of the ID pages of the passport and stamp of last arrival in RP; 2) Proof of permanent residence in foreign country; 3) Income tax return (ITR) for previous year or Certificate of Unemployment or employment from the Philippine Consulate (if applicable).

Dependent minors and/or unemployed spouses should present the ITR of father/working husband or their own Certificate of Unemployment.

Other exempted are the following: Foreign diplomatic representatives, employees of the United Nations, Philippine Foreign Service personnel, Philippine government employees on official travel, grantees of foreign government funded trips, government scholars, infants (2) years and below), personnel of multinational companies not engaged in business in the Philippines.

Who can avail of a Reduced Travel Tax Rate and what are the documents required?

Minors from 2 to 12 years old are entitled to reduced travel tax rate provided the following is presented to the PTA: 1) Passport, 2) copy of birth certificate or ID pages of passport.

Legitimate spouses of overseas contract workers are also entitled to reduced travel tax rate provided they present: 1) passport, 2) POEA Overseas Employment Certificates (OEC), 3) marriage contract.

Legitimate unmarried children of OCWs below 21 years old may also avail of reduced travel tax rate provided they present to the PTA: 1) Passport, 2) OEC, 3) birth certificate.

How does one avail of a travel tax exemption/reduced rate?

If your ticket will be issued in the Philippines:

1. Secure original documents specified for either exemption or reduced rate

2. Make one copy of each

3. Proceed to the nearest PTA Travel Tax Office and:

a. Show the original documents for authentication (original of some documents have to be submitted)

b. Submit copies

c. Pay tax processing fee (for exemption)

d. Wait for release of certificate

4. Submit the Certificate of Travel Tax Exemption/Reduced Travel Tax Certificate to the airline ticketing/travel agency office for the issuance of your air ticket.

How do you pay the full travel tax?

a. For tickets issued outside the Philippines, payment is direct to the PTA Travel Tax Office.

b. For tickets issued in the Philippines, payment is through the airline/travel agency.

Travel Tax Exemption/Reduced Travel Certificates can only be issued by the PTA Travel Tax Office. Air tickets issued in the Philippines will only be released after payment of the Travel Tax or submission of the Travel Tax Exemption/Reduced Travel Tax Certificates to the ticketing office.

Oops sorry!

The caption on front page photo that appear on November 24 1994 issue should read "Selected Man' Amkos perform a traditional Chamorro dance using sticks during a luncheon yesterday sponsored by the Korean Women's Association" and not as published. Sorry for the error.

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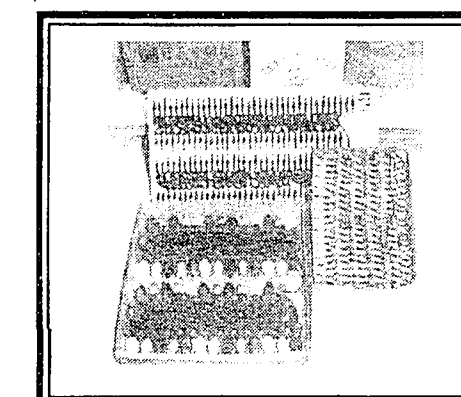
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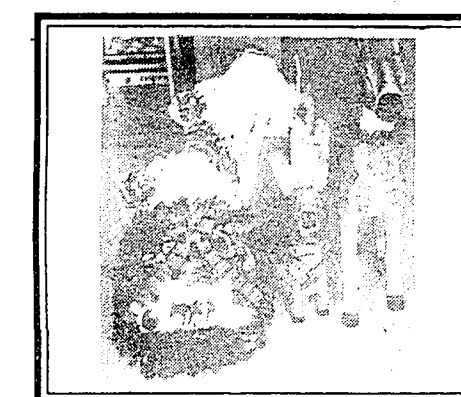
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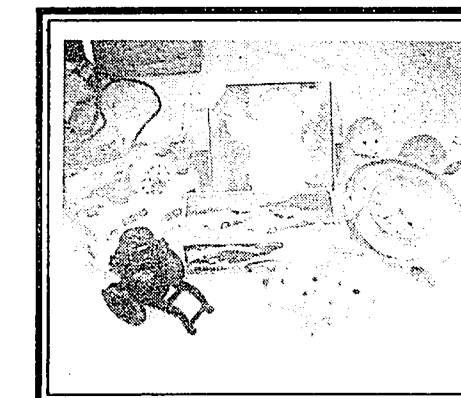
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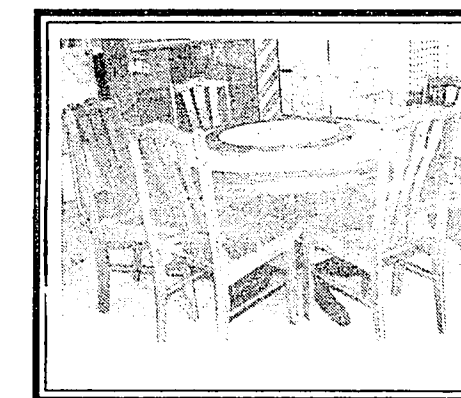
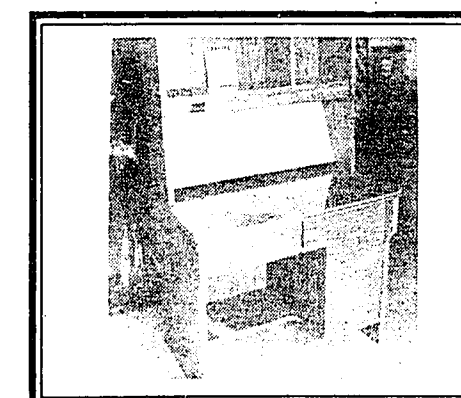
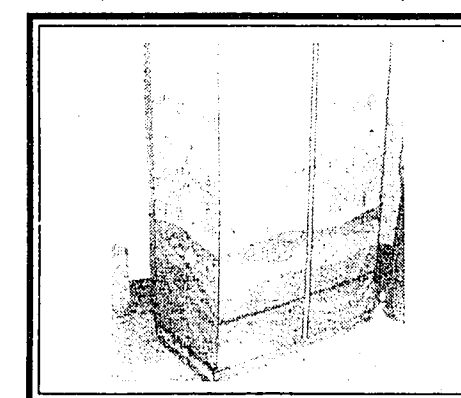


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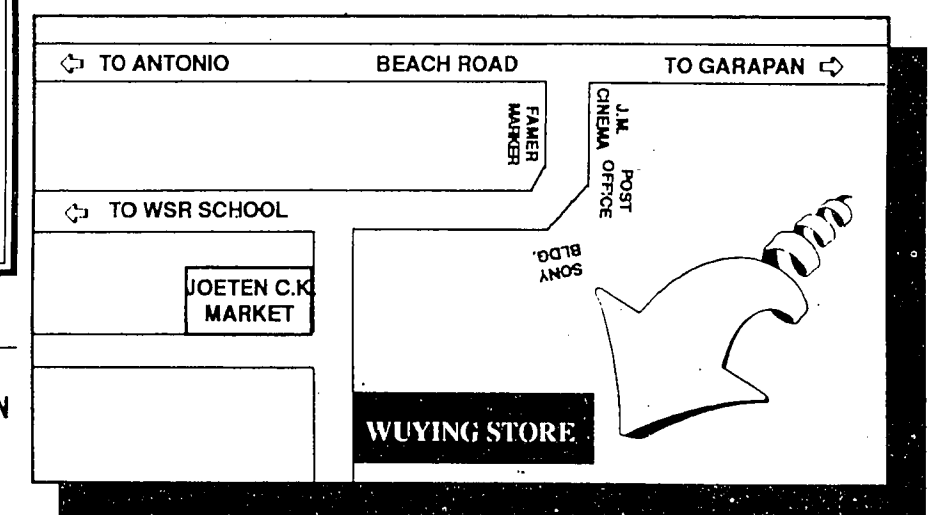
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NMI to remain SPC, PBDC member

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio said the other day he may have pulled out of the National Governors Association but does not intend to do the same for two other CNMI regional affiliations.

During a news conference Wednesday, Tenorio said he is looking at retaining CNMI mem-

bership in the South Pacific Commission and in the Pacific Basin Development Council.

He apparently felt that the two regional bodies would be more helpful in terms of moving the cause of the CNMI in the national and international community.

"I was going to withdraw from SPC but I was told we could get benefits more than we spend,"

said Tenorio. "With regards to the PBDC, I want it to do thing we never got from NGA," the chief executive said.

NGA is the organization of all United States governors. It provides for a forum where state executives could gather and pursue mutual concerns. United, NGA members are seen as a powerful group that can elicit favorable re-

action from the federal government and US Congress on their common cause.

Tenorio's withdrawal from NGA, which was announced Tuesday, takes effect at the end of the dues year.

Cited as reason for the pull out was fiscal considerations.

On the other hand, PBDC is very much the same as NGA, but that it is composed only of the governors of Hawaii, Guam, the CNMI and American Samoa.

"I like the PBDC membership to continue so we can see how we can get included in legislations in US Congress. We can get PBDC to follow up in our behalf," indicated the governor, who incidentally is the current

president of the Council.

According to the chief executive, NGA has the same basic function, although it does so for all the states and not mainly for territories.

On the other hand, the SPC is also a regional affiliation that could benefit CNMI the long run, the governor said.

He said he may not be withdrawing from them.

The CNMI's affiliations in national and regional organizations has been the subject of scrutiny by Tenorio early in his term as governor.

His avowed objective was to determine the cost-benefit derived from all organizations and see if membership justifies the sometime hefty annual dues.

PSS' Multi-track system explained

THE OTHER type of year-round education system is known as "multi-track." This is the program being used by San Vicente Elementary and the one that Marianas High and Hopwood Junior High will implement at the beginning of the next school year.

Under a multi-track system, a school's student body is divided into groups. These groups are called "tracks." San Vicente Elementary School has three tracks.

Vacation schedules are staggered in a multi-track system so that at any given time, one group of students is on vacation. At San Vicente Elementary, the schedule is set up so that two groups (about two-thirds of the student population) are always in school, while one group (about one-third of the student population) is always on vacation. These staggered vacations do not include summer vacation.

Students in the group that is on vacation are offered intercession activities and learning opportunities. All of the students in the school have the same summer vacation.

San Vicente Elementary, which has had a smooth implementation of its multi-track system, a system that has been strongly supported by the San Vicente parents and community, is now holding its third intercession.

During its intercessions, San Vicente Elementary has offered several activities to its students, including tutoring, gardening, sports, woodworking, sewing, art, Girl Scouting, and Hawaiian cultural activities.

At San Vicente Elementary, the multi-track system has been a major improvement in comparison to the double-session scheduled the school had been forced to adopt before given the opportunity to try a year-round approach.

Although the multi-track system does not necessarily translate into an increased retention of knowledge (which is more of an advantage of a single-track system), a multi-track system has proven to be an excellent way for the PSS to reduce overcrowding during a time of increasing enrollments and decreasing budgets.

The reduced overcrowding in turn means smaller class sizes, so that students get more individualized attention.

In a multi-track system, just as in a single-track system, school attendance figures can be expected to improve.

Although a multi-track system can present challenges to large families who are planning vacations and other activities, the PSS is dedicated to helping make sure that students are placed in a way that enables families to remain together.

In fact, if the situation is managed correctly, the multi-track system could offer families even more flexibility in planning vacations, because parents can choose what track they want their children to attend.

The PSS is planning to implement a single-track year-round schedule for all of the CNMI's public schools, starting with School Year 1995-96.

In an effort to prepare the schools, students, parents and community for the new system, the PSS has been conducting several training and public education sessions, including a recent series of three workshops presented by a pair of seasoned year-round education specialists from California.

The year-round approach can be successful, but it requires community support and effective communication on the part of everyone involved.

As Board of Education Chairman Daniel O. Quitugua said, "The key is in maintaining a positive attitude. The year-round system itself will not fail. If we all give it a chance to succeed, it will work. However, if we don't give it a chance, we will fail for sure."

For more information on year-round education in the PSS, contact:

•The Board of Education at 322-4006.

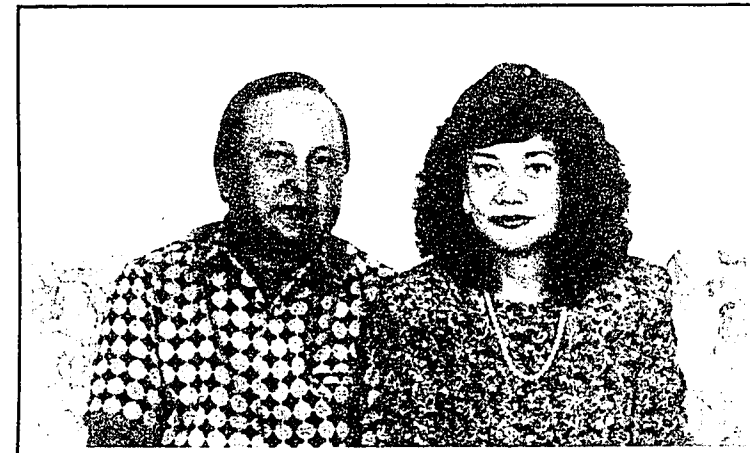
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Two more stand trial on prostitution raps

By Rafael I. Santos
Variety News Staff

TWO MORE persons are going to stand trial on prostitution charges next year, the attorney general's office said.

Jun-Guo Dong and Yuan Yuang Wong, both Chinese, will go on trial in January next year for violating the anti-prostitution law, according to Assistant Attorney General Alan Gordon.

Gordon has already prosecuted more than ten Asians who were arrested in August last year during a crackdown on night clubs

believed to be promoting prostitution. Some of the defendants have either pleaded guilty or convicted after a trial.

So far, no one among the defendants has been acquitted of prostitution charges although one of them reportedly avoided trial and never returned to Saipan after visiting a sick mother in the Philippines.

Last week, a Korean club owner was convicted of two counts of promoting prostitution. Ok Soon Kim Pak, 54, was sentenced to five years probation and fined \$10,000. Judge Miguel Demapan found her

guilty of encouraging undercover policemen posing as customers to engage in sexual activities with her club workers.

Pak, a part owner of the Bonita club in Gualo Rai, was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community work service and obey all laws. The \$10,000 fine must be paid at a rate of \$500 a month.

It was the first prostitution promoting case to go to sentencing in the commonwealth court without an agreement between the parties as to what the sentence should be, Gordon said.

Gov't mulls 5 more offices across Asia

By Rafael H. Arroyo

AFTER establishing the CNMI office in Manila, the government is next looking at setting up similar offices in five other major Asian cities, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio said Wednesday.

In a news conference, Tenorio said he is looking at establishing CNMI offices in Hongkong, Taipei, Seoul, and Osaka and Tokyo in Japan mainly for tourism purposes.

"Right now, we have an office in Tokyo which is just strictly a representative office. They just hired a person there to represent the Marianas Visitors Bureau," said the governor.

"We are going to change that. We are going now to open an office representing the Commonwealth in both Tokyo and Osaka, just like what we have in Manila," said the governor.

The CNMI office in the Philippine capital was began operating in October mainly as an authentication center for Filipino workers seeking to work in the Commonwealth.

The creation of the office was in line with the government's effort to at least avoid the occurrence of labor problems in the

CNMI by checking on the worker prior to his departure for the Marianas.

Aside from checking on the authenticity of worker credentials and documentation, the office is also envisioned to sideline as a trade and tourism office, and also as a coordination center for the planned Manila medical referral program.

As with the Manila office, Tenorio said funding for the five new offices being planned will be shouldered by the MVB, in as much as their functions are mainly tourism-related.

"The funding will be included in the FY 1995 budget. I want MVB to foot the bill for these offices, in as much as they will be under MVB to promote tourism," said the governor.

Prior to Wednesday's news conference, MVB Board Chairman Tony Guerrero was asked if the board approves of funding the Manila office.

He said such an issue has yet to be discussed by the board.

"I don't see any problem but this thing has to be discussed by the board. It has not been brought up in our meetings," said Guerrero.

CNMI Special Parents Organization meeting

THE CNMI Special Parents Organization is scheduled to meet 29, 1994 at Hyatt Regency - Oceana Room.

Agenda will be unmet need of children/individuals with special needs in the CNMI such as accessibility barriers, barriers that impede advancement opportunities for individuals with special needs in the government and non-government establishments; other highlights will be empowering parents to be strong advocates for their children and individual with disabilities; and the awareness of services provided by the NMI Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., and fund raising plans among others.

Maggie Olopai-Taitano, the President of the Special Parent Organization encourages parents with special needs and humbly asks the general public to support the mission of the Special Parents Organization which primarily exists to advocate for the best interest of children/individuals with special needs in all areas affecting their lives.

According to a news release, there is substantial population of individuals with disabilities in the CNMI but can hardly be seen around public places because of barriers that physically exist.

For example, roads have no sidewalks for wheel chairs, public places have no accessible bathrooms, no accessible public transportation (except for special edu-

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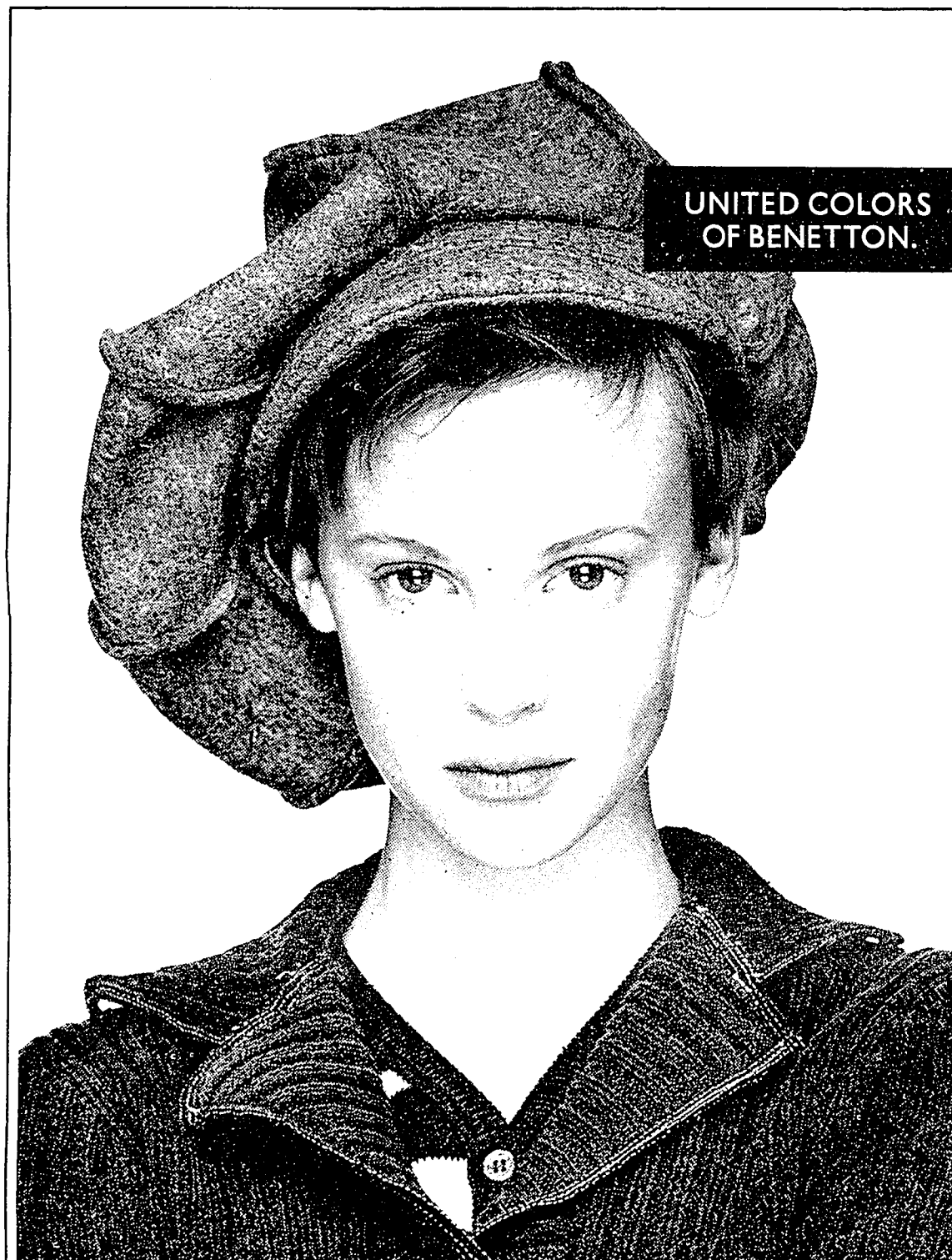
The CNMI Special Parents Organization is a non-profit organization organized in June of 1993 and chartered by the CNMI Attorney General's Office Registrar of Corporation. The CNMI Special Parents Organization is strongly supported by parent agencies NMI Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. and Development Disabilities Council.

Parents/legal guardians or individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the meeting. Individuals who need special assistance to participate in the meeting should contact the Developmental Disabilities Council at 322-3014 (Voice/TDD) or 322-3015 (Voice). If you have special needs, please contact the Developmental Disabilities Council two (2) days in advance for arrangements to ensure that your special need(s) is accommodated.

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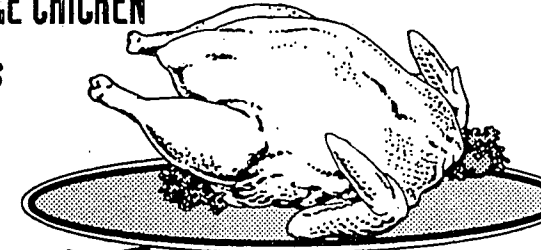
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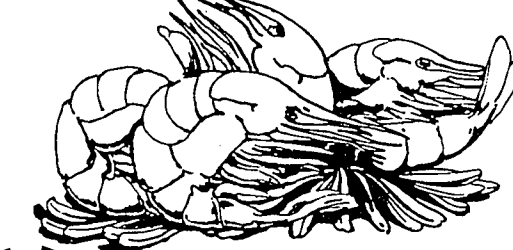
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MVB to host more sports events

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff
THE MARIANAS Visitors Bureau is looking at the prospects of hosting more international sporting events and other competitions to provide for more tourist related activities in the islands, MVB Board Chairman Tony Guerrero said Tuesday.

Moreover, the tourism bureau is trying to project the islands' image as a family vacation destination where tourists can feel safe relaxing with their loved ones.

In an interview, Guerrero said MVB is encouraged by the recent success of beach volleyball tournaments sponsored by the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel and Continental Airlines. He said the board would like to see more sporting competitions that could bring more tourists from Japan and the neighboring islands.

"As you know, Japanese are very competitive, sports-minded people. They really love to go where the action is," said Guerrero. "Sports contests really have a lot of following and so that's where we plan to concentrate," said the MVB chairman.

Currently, Saipan plays hosts to at least two annual big events

that lure participants from Japan, Hawaii, Guam, Australia and elsewhere - the Tagaman Triathlon and the Maruzen Cup Golf Tournament.

Saipan hotels also regularly host beach volleyball tournaments while the islands of Tinian and Rota also have their own annual fishing derbies and running events.

He said MVB would like to promote more sporting contests, including golf and tennis for the elderly, water sports, diving and others.

"The thing about sports contests, they bring in a lot of tourists. Not only could you count on participants, you could count on their friends and families tagging along to watch," said the MVB chairman.

To keep on attracting tourists from Japan though, Guerrero said there is a need for more sporting facilities like more quality golf courses in the islands.

"We have to encourage more first class golf course development. The Japanese, when they come here, they try to play every course. The competition in Japan when it comes to golf is really intense such that the piece of con-

versation becomes mostly on how they played golf and how they enjoyed it," said Guerrero.

Currently, Coral Ocean Point Golf Course in Koberville remains one of the most frequented course on Saipan, even as such first class courses such as the Shimizu golf course and the Laulau Bay resort have lately opened.

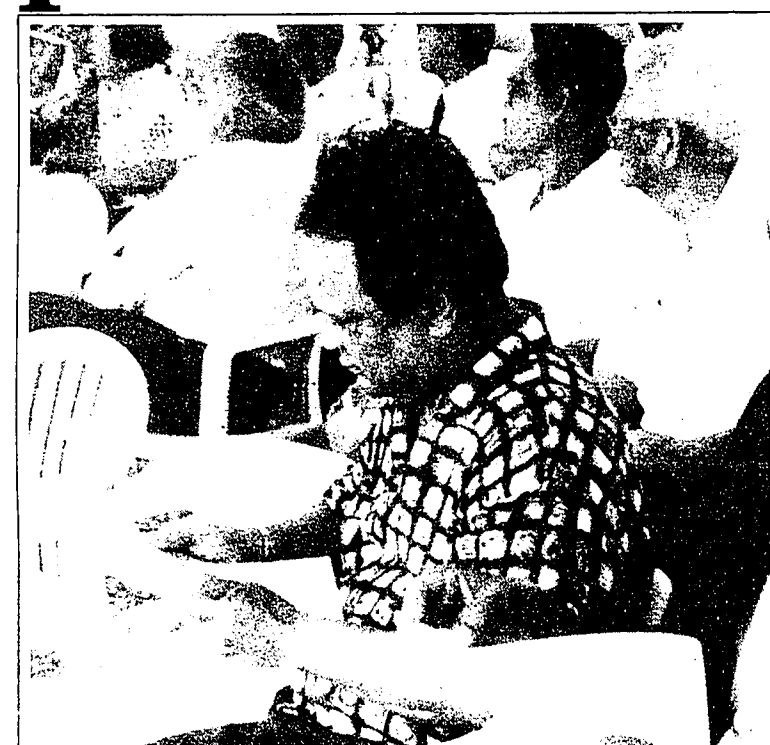
Aside from golf and other sports events, Guerrero is getting some encouragement in the area of karaoke singing competitions, a big hit in Japan and elsewhere.

"This is something we are exploring. I have been told by some Japanese advertisers that promoting these kinds of events in Japan will bring a lot of people because these people love to sing," said Guerrero.

Aside from that, he said other activities needed are recreational centers and parks where the family market could spend more time.

All in all, he said he plans on increasing efforts aimed at promoting the islands for family travel, be it for relaxation, or for participation in such sporting and singing competitions.

"We would like to intensify our efforts at attracting more people.



Tony Guerrero

As you know, during a recent promotion in Osaka I learned of people who do not know how close the NMI is. We are only three hours away and we are part of the US. I consider these factors as a major come-on," said Guerrero.

Guerrero also maintained that there is also much more confidence

among visiting Japanese that they are safe in the islands, a reason why family visits are registering encouraging highs.

Also a major event MVB is looking forward to is the arrival of United Airlines on Saipan next month as one of two carriers serving the Osaka-Saipan direct route.

"Right now, we are experiencing an increase of arrivals from Osaka because of the direct flight served by Continental, the other carrier. We have to look at more hotel developments as there would be a need for more rooms," said Guerrero.

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Aust-back project for women's business

By Giff Johnson

For the Variety

MAJURO - Eighteen women from remote outer islands in the Marshalls are in the capital of Majuro this week to develop plans for launching small scale income-generating projects on their home islands, with the goal of exporting products to sell in the urban center. The project is funded by the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB).

The workshop on women's leadership for self-reliance for primary health care opened this week with Health Secretary Donald Capelle encouraging the women to work for self-reliance. "Others can come from outside to help us, but we have to do our part to help ourselves," he said.

The workshop is sponsored by Youth to Youth in Health, a non-governmental agency that works closely with the Ministry of Health, and which has brought in three women each from its youth health chapters on six remote outer islands. Each of the six islands

sent the wife of the health assistant and two youth peer educators.

One of the goals of the project is to combine small business plans for women with ongoing primary health projects on the outer islands to expand their resource base and reduce their dependence on outside funding, according to project staff.

In addition to AIDAB, the College of the Marshall Islands job training program and the University of Hawaii's Pacific Business Center Program are assisting the workshop.

"I agree with Youth to Youth in Health philosophy that teaching individuals how to generate their own income is the best way to promote self-reliance in Marshall Islands," said John Van't Slot, a business development specialist from the Pacific Business Center who is teaching workshop sessions.

Many community problems in the Marshall Islands are associated with young people having nothing to do, said Sypher Ria, a

staff with Youth to Youth in Health. This project aims to involve Youth to Youth in Health members on the outer islands in productive activities, such as garden projects, handicraft making, and cleaning the islands to help their communities to develop, he said.

"We're training the women to start small businesses instead of sitting around their houses doing nothing," he said. The Majuro Youth to Youth in Health office will act as the agent for the outer island women, assisting them to sell their products in Majuro, he

added.

On Tuesday, the group toured a large commercial farm/plant nursery run by Marshall Islander Rose Mary Kendall in a rural part of Majuro Atoll.

"They were really surprised to see that only one woman did all of that," Ria said. "Now that they've seen what she's done, they know that they can do it, too."

The youth health program has recently been coordinating a national AIDS education program in island schools and on the radio. Other projects include using skits and songs by youth peer educators

to spread information about family planning, alcohol abuse and malnutrition to other youth and the community.

To raise funds for these health activities, the youth health program on one island has grown hundreds of pumpkins and shipped them to Majuro, where they are sold in local stores. Members of another Youth to Youth in Health chapter made salted and smoked fish that was shipped to Majuro for sale. The aim of the training workshop is to develop and expand these projects involving young people on the rural islands, Ria said.

Credit. . .

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Platinum card from AmEx reflected a charge for the \$8,000 in May 1993. Two months later, card privileges were suspended due to non-payment of the amount, the complaint alleged.

Sproule's Gold Card was subsequently suspended and a collection agency was assigned to

collect the money which was never drawn, the suit said.

Plaintiff accused both AmEx and Centurion Bank of making false statements when both defendants allegedly assigned a collection agency the collection of delinquent payments.

The false statements were defamatory and adversely affected Sproule's reputation, according to the 11-page lawsuit. He also accused the defendants of mis-

representation. Such acts, he said, were made "intentionally, knowingly, willfully and with reckless disregard for the truth."

Sproule is demanding \$8 million in punitive damages and \$2 million in compensatory damages. He is also asking for special damages to be proved at trial, plus cost of suit and attorney's fees.

Governor. . .

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ernment agency could have in at any time during the budget year.

The FTE figure is set during the budget appropriation process vis-a-vis the amount set aside for personnel wages and salaries.

Mafnas said in the absence of an approved current year budget, continuing FTE appropriations must be observed.

Otherwise, he said any new positions are supposed to be approved by the legislature via a joint resolution.

After Mafnas concerns were argued during the November 2nd session, Speaker Diego T. Benavente directed his Committee on Ways and Means to review government jobs certified vacant by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio since he assumed office.

As of late, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Pete P. Reyes said there may be reason to be concerned about the administration's hiring practices in as much as he estimates Tenorio to have hired about 500 new employees since he assumed power, alleged to be in excess of allowable FTE levels.

He, however, said he is still in the process of gathering the data and other information to support his claim.

Asked if he indeed hired an estimated 500, Tenorio's answer was an emphatic "no."

"We were just filling up those positions that were vacant. Of course, we hired people for the ones we replaced," said the chief executive.

As to how much the government spent in the recently concluded FY, Tenorio said he does not know the figure, although he said he was sure it did not exceed the \$158 million continuing resolution level.

He stressed that his Administration was able to contain spending within that level notwithstanding the previous administration's debts that he is now paying for.

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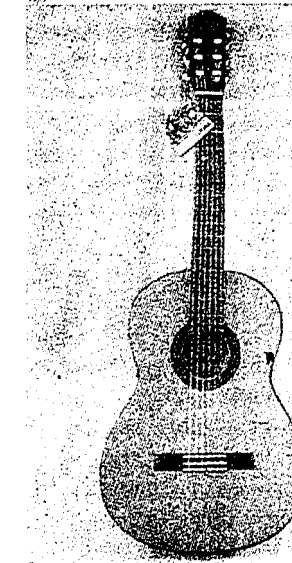


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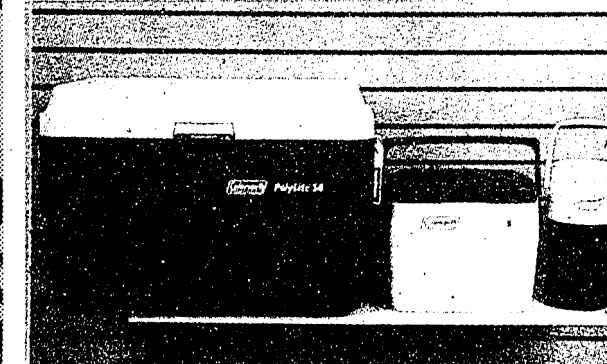
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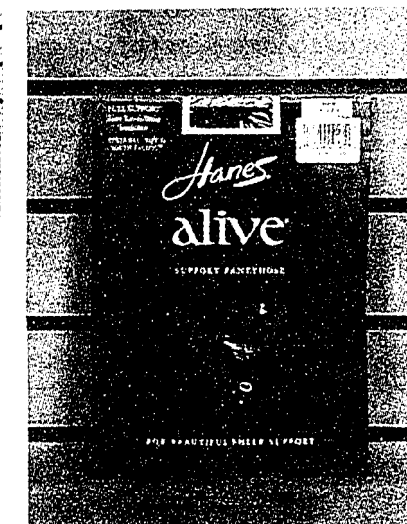
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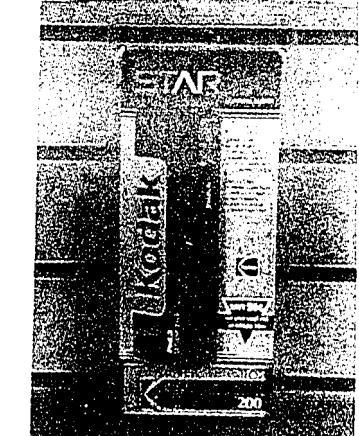
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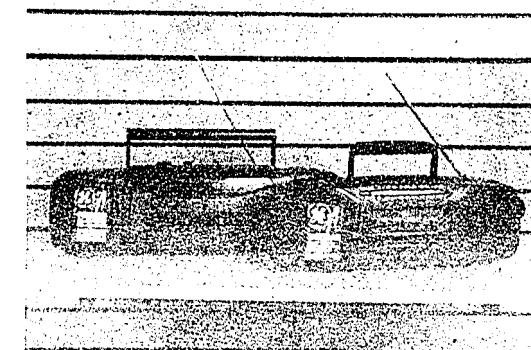
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Diplomatic training held in Majuro

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety
MAJURO - Marshall Islands government staff received a three-day diplomatic training course in Majuro this week that was run by a State Department official.

James Morton, who directs the Micronesian Diplomatic Training program for the Foreign Service Institute at the State Department, conducted the basic diplomatic course for staff from many agencies of the government. He is enroute to Palau, where he will conduct that nation's first in-depth diplomatic course, following implementation of the Compact of Free Association. The Palau training starts Monday November 28 and

will run for two weeks.

The three day workshop that ended Wednesday in Majuro was a condensed version of a two-week program that Morton first began conducting in the late 1980s for Marshalls and Federated States of Micronesia diplomatic staff. The program is provided as part of the Compact of Free Association with the United States.

Morton said that the idea for the Majuro workshop came about because of the many new staff in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Ministry has more than doubled the number of staff working there since early 1994. But because for-

ign affairs matters touch so many agencies of government, other ministries were invited to send staff, he added.

The program is aimed to improve a variety of communications, management and protocol skills for successful diplomatic work.

The Micronesian Diplomatic Training Program was first started in 1988 with two years of trainings in Washington. Since then, the training site shifted to the islands, Morton said. "It's become more specialized, with an emphasis on investment and trade," Morton said.

Although the training programs

started out the same, it has now changed in response to particular needs of the Marshalls and FSM. Earlier this year, the FSM received a training for trainers so they can continue their own basic training program, Morton said. The Marshalls training earlier in 1994 focused on training staff to use a document retrieval and storage system for diplomatic communications.

Morton is also conducting similar trainings for foreign ministry staff in the new nations of the former Soviet Union. "We found the materials developed for Micronesia fit perfectly," he said.

Exploitation of workers condemned

TRADE unionists have ended a three day international conference in Port Moresby by condemning the exploitation of South Pacific Workers by transnational corporations, the National reported yesterday.

They also condemned what they call the false concept of development by South Pacific governments, where they complete for foreign investments by undermining or restricting trade union and other human rights.

The unionists said this created a

global downward competition towards the lowest common denominator in workers' and social standards.

Conference participants singled out the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund for their roles in influencing structural adjustment programmes which focused "solely on restrictive economic policies." They said these policies undermined wage and job security, social standards and workers' conditions.

The conference resolved that

trade union rights were "indivisible from all democratic rights" and that any social, political and economic activity which suppressed one, also suppressed the other.

The conference called for "full respect for the right to strike" and underlined the people's and workers' social or cultural diversity or national differences could not be used to apply sub-minimum standards in any part of the world. The conference was sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation of Germany. (Pacnews)

Three die fighting for food on PNG

THREE people have died fighting for food in Papua New Guinea's Southern Highlands province as another 50-thousand face starvation because of frosts, the National reported yesterday.

Southern Highlands police confirmed the deaths of the three people believed to be from Nipa district.

The Nipa and Magarima areas are in the grip of heavy frosts which have wiped out all

crops and displaced thousands of people. To date, the number who have died from frost related cases has risen to 24.

Frost in the area followed heavy rains and floods that occurred in the past four months.

A delegation of village councillors from Nipa and Magarima who arrived in Port Moresby this week estimates the number facing starvation or near starvation as a result of the floods, landslides and frost at well over

50-thousand people.

The councillors said bands of hungry people were now roaming from place to place fighting to survive and those who had food gardens still standing were increasingly coming under attack from looters.

Delegation spokesman Paul Laia said, "Approaches were made to the national and provincial governments for food assistance but there were only negative responses." (Pacnews)

Vanuatu ministers accused of abusing judge

LEGAL authorities in Vanuatu are considering charges against the deputy prime minister and justice minister, Sethy Regenvanu, for allegedly interfering with a court case and abusing a magistrate, Radio Australia reported yesterday.

Legal sources in Port Vila say that the magistrate has laid an

official complaint with the Public Solicitor's Office against Regenvanu.

The sources said Regenvanu approached magistrate Wycliffe Taga on the island of Malekula early last month and allegedly demanded the release of a member of his People's Democratic Party being held in police custody

during a trial.

Taga, in his official complaint, alleged Regenvanu used abusive language to demand that he and a police inspector release the man, or face disciplinary action.

Regenvanu denied the allegations when questioned by opposition politicians in parliament yesterday. (Pacnews)

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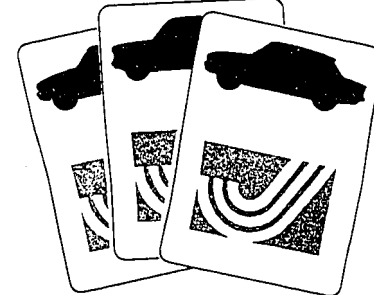
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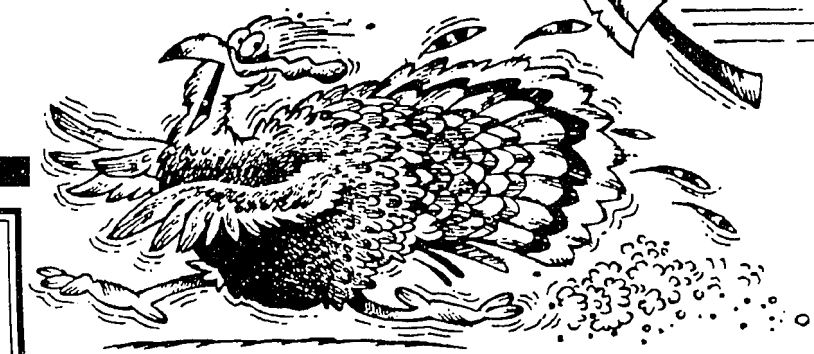
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For the Variety

MAJURO - The reorganization of the U.S. Farmers Home Administration will dramatically increase federal housing aid to individuals and community projects in the Marshall Islands, according to the head of the Marshalls program.

The new agency combines the resources and programs of Farmers Home with the Rural Development Administration and is now known as the Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) program.

"We'll be eligible to administer more economic and community development-related programs," said acting area supervisor Shelton Neth, who also runs the Pohnpei office. The agency "will be able to fund more housing, water projects, and community facilities. Up to now, it's been very small scale housing loans."

Neth is training Marshalls staff to take over full operation of the RECD program in the future.

The quickness of the Marshalls government to act on policy matters for RECD is assisting expansion of the new programs, Neth said. The Cabinet has been swift to develop the regulations and legislation needed to implement

expanded RECD development programs in the Marshalls.

"The Marshall Islands is right on track," he said. "The Cabinet is on top of things."

In Pohnpei, it took as long as two-to-three years to get legislation passed that was needed before certain loan and grant programs could be established. "Here it took just two weeks," he said.

"If I was the (permanent) head of the Marshall Islands office, with this kind of government support, the rest of the offices in Micronesia would be eating my dust."

Apparently, even with slower legislative action in his home state of Pohnpei, Neth has been kicking up a lot of dust in the area of program action. Asked to compare the size of Pohnpei's RECD program with that of the Marshalls, Neth said that if the programs of Yap, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk and the Marshalls were all added up they still wouldn't equal Pohnpei's.

"Our program is a go-getter," he said. As an example of the work of the RECD office, Neth mentioned an \$11.6 million 250-unit housing subdivision that RECD is financing in Pohnpei. The project that is soon to start will be built near the new College of Micronesia campus in Palikir.

Fiji opposition leader lashes back

Fiji's opposition leader, Jai Ram Reddy, has described as a "monstrous lie" claims that Fiji Indians control the economy, Radio Australia reported Tuesday.

In his reply to the government's 1995 budget, Reddy said Fiji's Indians were constantly made scapegoats to explain the lack of economic progress by indigenous Fijians. But he said Fijians now enjoy a higher per capita income compared with Indians.

He told parliament Fijians owned the country's main economic resources and, particularly since the

two 1987 military coups, had acquired significant stakes in major commercial ventures.

Reddy said the fact that Fiji had a higher per capita gross national product than many of its Pacific neighbors was because of the willingness of migrants to work hard and invest their savings.

He said the root of Fijians' economic problems was that they spent their money too freely and did not save enough. Reddy said if the Fijian people want to make economic progress they must learn to consume less, save more and to invest. (Pacnews)

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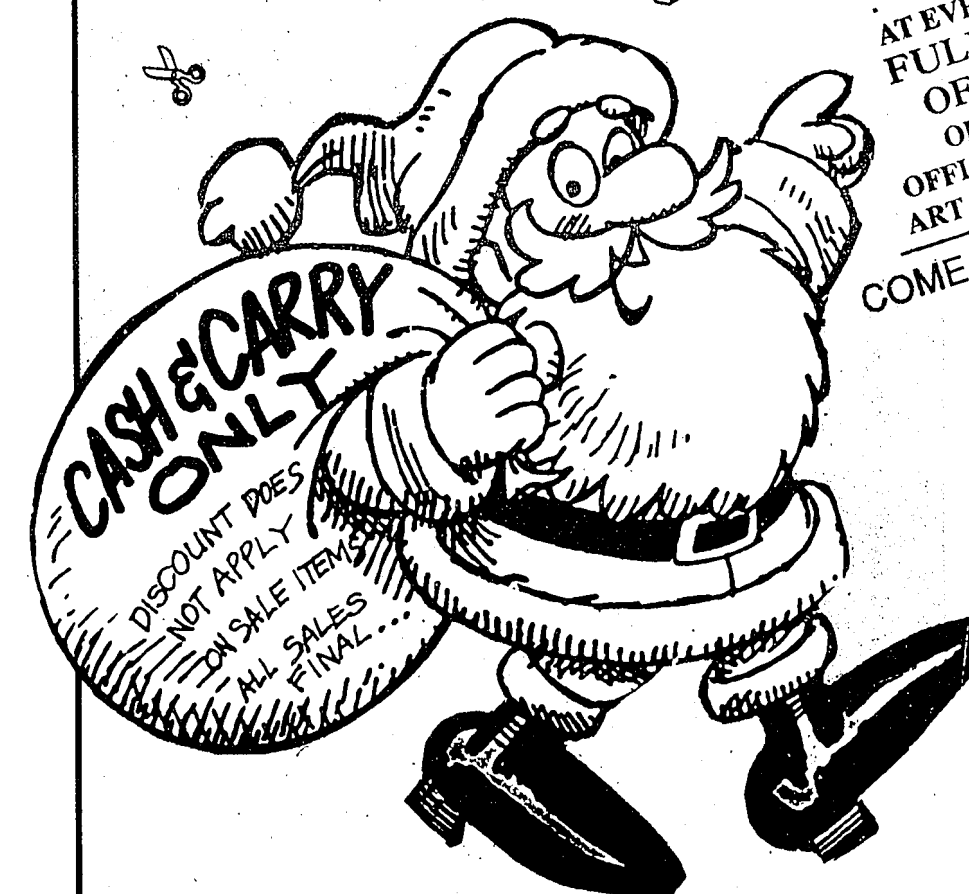
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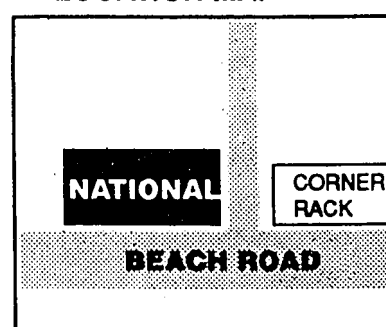
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Fiji lawmaker hits at gov't for indifference

A FIJI opposition parliamentarian, Anand Babla, has accused the government of not being committed to resolving the uncertainty facing agricultural leases in the country, the Fiji Times reported yesterday.

Babla told parliament that the defeat of the Labour Party's motion calling for a Parliamentary Select Committee to review the Agriculture Landlord and Tenants Act (ALTA) legislation was a clear indication

that the government was neither serious nor sincere with regard to the renewal of leases.

"With the first 46 leases expiring in 1997 and a total of 1949 leases by the year 2000 and no statutory provision for renewals, and given the government's current pro-Fijian leanings in all matters, how can it be trusted to ensure fairness to the Indian tenants?" he asked.

Babla said questions about

the future of the farmers needed to be answered now as 1997 was only two years away.

He said banks were not giving loans to farmers for capital improvement because of the uncertainties facing leases.

With the cane farmers' total debt currently standing at US\$78 million, Babla said they were in a situation where, unless initiatives were undertaken to help them, very few would survive. (Pacnews)

Niue's PM faces challenge

NIUE's premier, Frank Lui, is facing a renewed challenge to his leadership, RNZI reported yesterday.

It comes from a new political group called the Niue Peoples Party. Party spokesman, Terry Chapman, has confirmed another vote of no confidence will be moved at the next sitting of parliament on December 7th.

Chapman won't say how many of the 20 Niuean MP's are back-

ing the new group but he's claiming firm commitment from those who want to end the island's political instability.

Premier Lui successfully challenged the validity of a no confidence motion in the High Court earlier this month. He says the democratic process must take place but he's sure the majority of Niueans want his government to complete its three-year term. (Pacnews)

Fiji Bank reports profits

THE FIJI Development Bank (FDB) has reported a new operating profit of US\$1.16 million for the year ending June 30, 1994, according to an FDB press statement. This represents an increase of 28.63 per cent, compared with the previous year.

Announcing the results, chairman Charles Walker said the last financial year was one of evolution and growth, with FDB implementing significant measures to ensure its services meet

the changing needs of the market.

During the year, FDB approved 3,560 loans totalling US\$53 million.

Of the total, US\$11.4 million went to agriculture, 29 million to the industrial sector and 12.6 million to ethnic Fijians and Rotumans under a soft loans scheme for indigenous people.

Total assets of FDB rose from 179 million in 1993 to 206 million in 1994. (Pacnews)

Malaysian firm pushes forestry project in PNG

A DELEGATION from Malaysia's Damansara Forest Product Company has arrived in Papua New Guinea to finalize documentation for the establishment of a multi-million dollar integrated agro-forestry project in the Sandaun province, NBC reported yesterday.

The project encompasses a land area of 122 thousand hectares for the planting of oil palm, coffee, vegetables, cut-flowers and raising poultry, goats and fish farm-

ing. In the process the forests are to be cleared.

The life span of the project is 99 years while the developer has a lease of 66 years. It is to employ about seven thousand people.

Damansara Forest Product is one of the two major developers in the Sandaun Province and has been in PNG for almost six months. The other developer is Lian Yi Investment also from Malaysia. (Pacnews)

Vanuatu solons to allow islanders land purchase

THE VANUATU parliament has passed legislation allowing long-standing islanders to buy land in urban areas, Radio Australia re-

ported Wednesday.

The new law allows the purchase of land for the first time, but is restricted to government-owned urban areas. Buyers must also prove they had an ancestor from a tribe or community in Vanuatu prior to the year 1800.

The government has taken possession of all land it declared to be urban from traditional owners, many of whom have been fiercely opposed to the policy despite being offered compensation.

Traditional owners were only allowed to lease it on 75 year contracts, whether the tenants were foreign or local.

Opposition politicians say Prime Minister Maxime Carlot Korman had violated the constitutional provision that only traditional land owners should enjoy "perpetual ownership." (Pacnews)

Olter pays tribute to Refalopei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei - The FSM President Bailey Olter issued on Tuesday, November 22, 1994, a declaration on FSM Flags in mourning for the untimely passing of Senator Kalisto Refalopei, representing Faichuk in Chuuk State in the FSM Congress who passed away in Guam at about 10:47 p.m., November 21, 1994.

The text of the President's Declaration reads: "Whereas, the Of-

fice of the President has been informed of the sudden and untimely passing of the Honorable Kalisto Refalopei in Guam on the evening of November 21, 1994; and, Whereas, Honorable Kalisto Refalopei was a senator and a member of the Federated States of Micronesia since he was elected to the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia in 1979; and,

Whereas, Honorable Kalisto Refalopei was an esteemed statesman and distinguished official of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia as a valorous congressman and representative of the people of Chuuk State and FSM since he was first elected to the Sixth Congress of Micronesia in 1979 and from the First Congress of Federated through the Eighth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and,

"Wherefore, pursuant to the FSM Regulations for display of the Flag of the Federated States of Micronesia at Half-Mast, I, Bailey Olter, President of the

Federated States of Micronesia, hereby declare that the Flags of the Federated States shall fly at half-mast on all buildings, grounds and vessels of the National Government in Pohnpei and throughout the Nation and all its peoples to respect and mourn the sudden death of The Honorable Kalisto Refalopei, a Senator of the Eighth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, a highly respected Senator of Chuuk and a person of honor and wisdom. All such flags of the Federated States of Micronesia be lowered and descended at half-mast to be flown for four consecutive days begin-

ning on the day the body of the late Honorable Kalisto Refalopei arrives in the FSM or Chuuk State. So, declared on this 22nd day of November 1994 at Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM." Signed, Bailey Olter, President, Federated States of Micronesia.

FSM President Olter, who is in Guam, will be arriving Chuuk Continental Micronesia Flight No. CO956 Friday morning, November 25, 1994, with the remains of the late Senator Refalopei. Viewing will be at the FSM Supreme Court in Chuuk following arrival. No other details has yet available, according to President Olter.

Fiji gov't wants local part in news business

THE FIJI government wants to force the foreign owned daily, the Fiji Times, to sell a majority shareholding in the company to local interests, the information minister, Ratu Josefa Dimuri, told Parliament Wednesday.

The Fiji Times, which is more than 125 years old, is currently owned by media magnate Rupert Murdoch's Australian-based News Limited.

Ratu Josefa said the government would begin talks with News Limited to secure a minimum of 51% shareholding in the Fiji Times because "national security is at stake."

He said the political economy of the Fiji media is fast changing and it was time to review media ownership to ensure it is in the hands of Fiji owned interests "as part of an industry strategic to our national interest."

All other media outlets in Fiji are locally owned with the government itself, through the Fiji Development Bank and the Unit Trust, holding 84% of the Daily Post newspaper, 65 percent of Fiji Television Limited and 100% of Radio Fiji.

Opposition leader Jai Ram Reddy criticized Ratu Josefa's announcement saying it would scare off foreign investors.

Reddy said the only way the government could enforce its intentions was through legislation and this too would frighten investors.

The opposition leader said he believed the government's moves were linked to the newspaper's criticisms of government policy. (Pacnews)

Confab costs Fiji \$220K

THE FIJI government has revealed that it spent nearly US\$220 thousand to help stage the annual conference of the Methodist Church in the last three years, the Fiji Times reported Tuesday.

In answer to Opposition questions, the minister of finance Berenado Vunibobo said the money was given to assist the provinces in the overall administration of meetings.

Asked why the government had not assisted other religious organizations, Vunibobo said other groups had not sought financial help from the government. (Pacnews)

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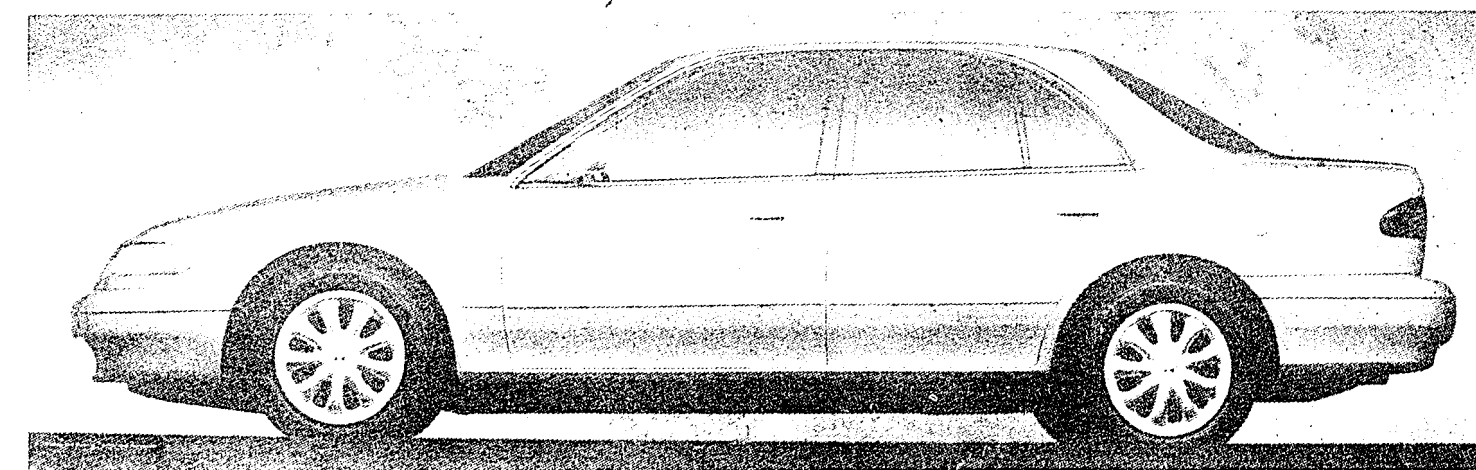
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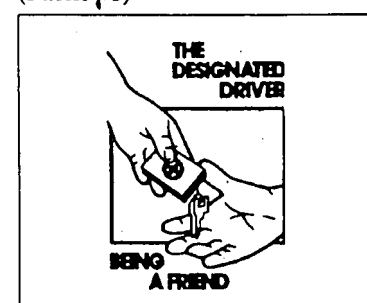


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Opposition says corruption occurred in Vanuatu polls

ELECTION corruption was rife in the Vanuatu's first provincial government elections last week, opposition group Unity Front spokesman Peter Taurakoto said Tuesday.

Taurakoto said five ballot boxes from Big Bay in Santo, were opened by a man in high-way robbery style.

Presiding officer, Henry Wanis, complained that he was

held up on the road to Matantas by a man who took the keys from him, opened all the five ballot boxes he was carrying and tore open the voting envelopes.

Taurakoto said complaints like this and others from the Malampa and Penama Provinces are still coming in.

Official results are yet to be released but the ruling Union of Moderate Parties says it's se-

cured Sanma and Tafea while the opposition Unity Front claims Shefa and Malampa and the National United Party, Penama and Torba.

There is some dispute over the results with the Unity Front claiming votes from Ni-Vanuatu in New Caledonia that counted towards the Tafea province should not be included. (Pacnews)

Lawlessness in PNG heads to declaration

THE MUNICIPAL body administering the Papua New Guinea capital, Port Moresby, is considering the declaration of a State of Emergency in the city as a result of the rising lawlessness, NBC reported Tuesday.

The mayor of Port Moresby, David Unagi, says the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) may request the national government to declare the State of Emergency to assist police crack down on law-breakers.

The proposal was discussed

during a meeting of the NCDC Law and Order Committee Monday.

Unagi said the meeting felt an emergency should be declared to counter the current upsurge in serious crimes like armed hold-ups, bank and company robbery, shootings, rapes, car thefts and breaking and entering.

As well, the police should also use provisions of the Internal Security Act which give police the power to search and arrest without warrants. (Pacnews)

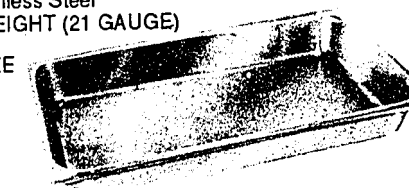
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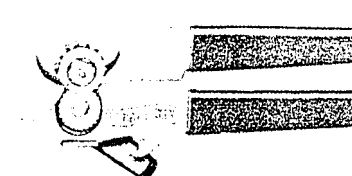
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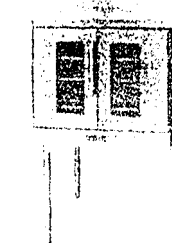
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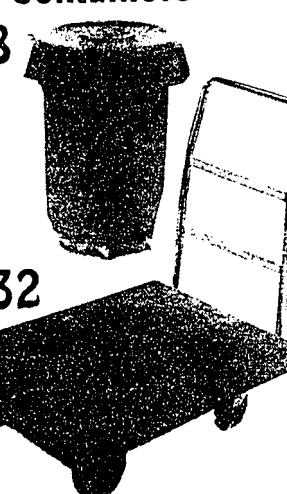
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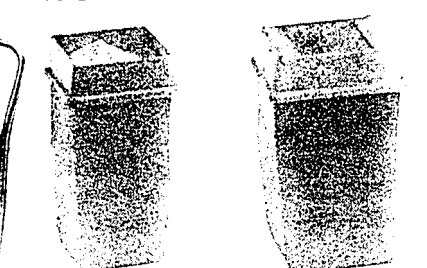


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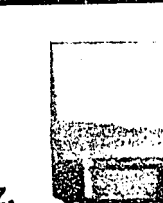
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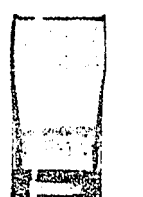
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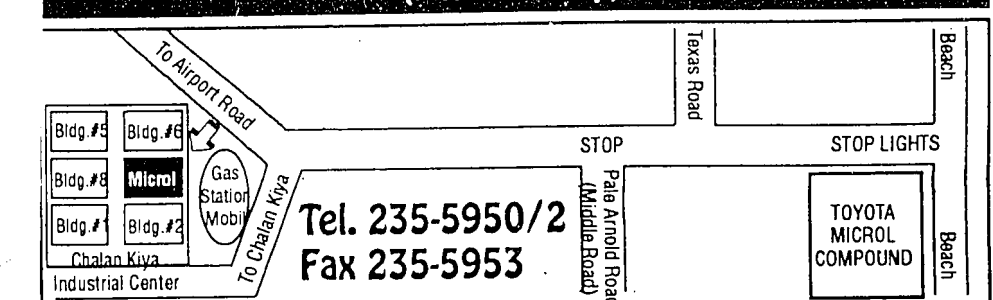


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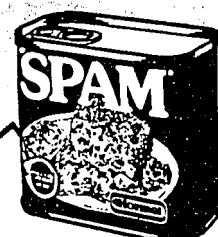
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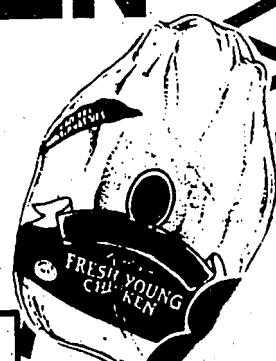
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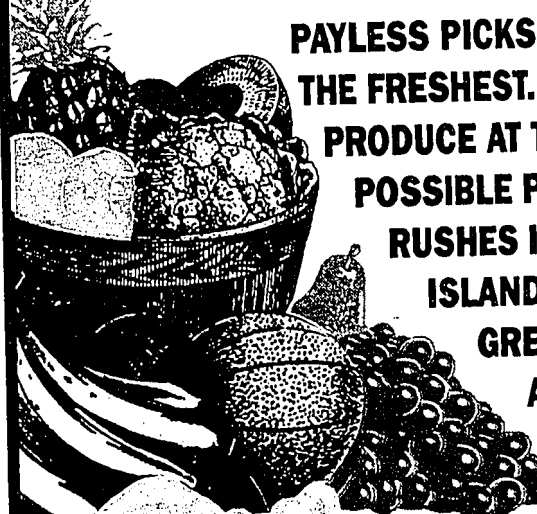
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South Pacific Forum meet

SENIOR officials from the South Pacific Forum member countries will meet in Fiji next Monday to discuss the Forum Secretariat's 1995 Work Programme and Budget, a Forum secretariat statement said Wednesday.

The secretary general, Jeremiah Tabai, said the three-day annual meeting will be held at the Forum Secretariat headquarters in Suva on 28-30 November.

The Forum Officials Committee is responsible for approving the Forum Secretariat's Work Programmes and Budget each year. In the meeting next week,

the committee will be asked to approve a proposed budget totaling US\$9.7M in 1995.

This amount represents an overall increase of 13 per cent over the total budget outlay for 1994 and comprises a Regular Budget of near US\$2M and an Extra Budget of US\$7.7M.

Funded by assessed member contributions, the Regular Budget, is used to pay for the day-to-day running of the South Pacific Forum Secretariat.

The Extra Budget is funded by donor countries and agencies, including Australia, New Zealand,

France and Japan, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Tabai said the Forum officials committee is also expected to approve a number of important regional projects encompassed in the Secretariat's 1995 work programmes, including a common logging policy for Melanesian countries. (Pacnews)

Blind law graduate gets kudos

HUNDREDS of people gave a standing ovation to a blind student who graduated with a law degree from the University of Papua New Guinea Tuesday, the National reported.

Nita Pupu, 40, from Wakumale village in Enga Province, is the first blind student to graduate from the university.

When Pupu was led up the platform by his helper, Chancellor Sir Alkan Tololo hugged him to a standing ovation.

Pupu lost his sight in 1981 in a car accident between Mount Hagan and Enga. He learned Braille and in 1992 he came to Port Moresby to continue his law studies.

About 390 other students graduated from UPNG Tuesday. (Pacnews)

Pacific News Update

Police chiefs vow end to crime in the region

TOP SOUTH Pacific police chiefs have pledged to work together to stamp out crime in the region, reports said Wednesday.

The commitment was made at the end of the annual conference of South Pacific chiefs of police held in American Samoa this year.

Issues discussed at the conference included concerns over the use of South Pacific ports as transshipment points for drugs as well as the arrival of international scam operators into the islands.

Conference chairman Tuala Michael Sala called on the 27

member countries to contribute to the South Pacific Islands Criminal Intelligence Network (SPICIN), a database for tracking criminal activity in the region.

He says in order for it to operate effectively, members had to provide the system with crucial information. The information is centralized and distributed to all members.

SPICIN has been responsible for the arrests of several international criminals in the South Pacific in the last few years. (Pacnews)

Airport work stalls flights

SCORES of airline passengers are now stranded in the Kiribati capital Tarawa because Air Nauru no longer has an aircraft that can land at Bonriki airport which is being upgraded, Radio Kiribati reported Wednesday.

Air Nauru cancelled its flight Tuesday because the runway is only partly open because of upgrading work being carried out by Chinese companies.

Last week the airline sold its two smaller Boeing 737s leaving only larger planes in the fleet which at present cannot land at Bonriki.

Among those stranded is a 20 member darts team from Nauru which arrived in Tarawa a week ago. The USP Centre in Tarawa said four summer courses would have to be cancelled unless flight connections are made soon.

Radio Kiribati said it is not known if alternative flights are being sought. (Pacnews)

East Timorese protesters fear for their own safety

EAST Timorese students holed up in the US embassy in Jakarta for the past 10 days say they will accept asylum in Portugal because they're afraid for their safety in Indonesia, RNZI reported Wednesday.

A spokesman for the 29 youth, Domingos Sarmiento Alvez, says they will continue fighting for self determination for the province, occupied by Indonesia in 1975.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has begun making

travel arrangements for the group which scaled the embassy fence on November 12 to demand the release of East Timorese resistance leader Xanana Gusmao.

Their action, during an APEC meeting of regional leaders in Jakarta, was given widespread media coverage.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian government has expelled the 5th foreign journalist this week from East Timor, after he arrived without proper accreditation. (Pacnews)

Clinton, Zedillo discuss Prop 187

By GEORGE GEDDA
WASHINGTON (AP) - Mexican President-elect Ernesto Zedillo said Wednesday he believes the furor over undocumented Mexican aliens in the United States will subside once Americans become fully familiar with the issue.

"As the subject is debated, as the facts become known about Mexican migration, I am confident that good judgment will prevail," Zedillo told reporters after a 75-minute luncheon meeting with President Clinton.

"I believe that at this time there is a great ignorance with respect to emigration to the United States," Zedillo said.

Zedillo and Clinton discussed Proposition 187, the Nov. 8 ballot measure under which California voters imposed sharp restrictions on social services available to the state's undocumented aliens, the great majority of them Mexicans.

Zedillo said he told Clinton of the "enormous concern" in Mexico over the initiative. But, he said, Mexicans are able to distinguish between the measures carried out by an American state and those of the federal government.

He noted that President Clinton himself has questioned the constitutionality of Proposition 187.

Speaking in Spanish to a large crowd of reporters, Zedillo characterized his meeting with Clinton as "extremely positive." White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said the two leaders agreed that relations between the two

countries were at a "historic high." "They agreed to continue to work together in seeking solutions to problems that arise in this area," Myers said, referring to the immigration issue.

Clinton also expressed confidence in Mexico's economic prospects, and Zedillo promised to maintain the country's growth-oriented economic policies, she added.

Zedillo's visit was accompanied by few ceremonial trappings, consistent with his waiting-in-the-wings status. He will be sworn in on Dec. 1, replacing President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Zedillo has much in common with Salinas, under whose leadership relations between the United States and Mexico have prospered as never before. Both are technocrats educated at prestigious U.S. universities and are strongly committed to economic reform and close ties with the United States.

Officials said U.S. appreciation for Salinas is reflected in a still-unannounced decision to endorse his candidacy to head the new World Trade Organization, which is scheduled to go into operation on Jan. 1.

Mexicans from across the political spectrum have reacted angrily to the approval of Proposition 187.

Two days after the election, Zedillo denounced the measure and said Mexico will monitor rights abuses against Mexican nationals. "My government will denounce before international forums every violation of human rights against

Mexicans in the state of California," he said.

U.S. officials are eager for the controversy to die down and prefer to talk about the Salinas legacy,

particularly the landmark North American Free Trade Agreement, which has produced a substantial surge in cross-border trade since taking effect Jan. 1.

Official figures show Mexican exports to the United States were up 23 percent during the first six months of the year while U.S. exports to Mexico were up 17 percent.

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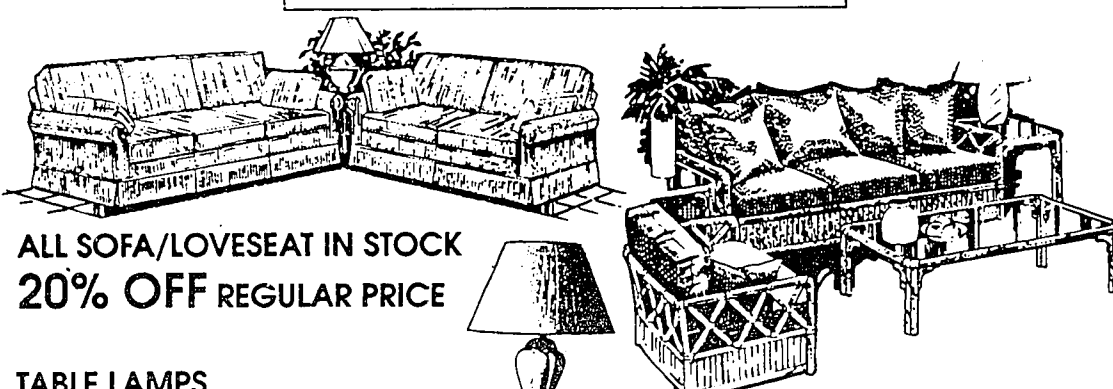
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Dole: No problem with Helms

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Jesse Helms' comments about President Clinton should be no barrier to his becoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said Wednesday.

Helms, R-N.C., was strongly criticized by several Democrats, including Clinton, for his remark that the president was so unpopular with the military that "he'd better have a bodyguard" if he visited Helms' home state of North Carolina.

Several critics said such comments raised doubts about Helms' fitness to head the Foreign Relations panel when the Republicans take control of Congress in January.

Dole said Wednesday that Helms had telephoned him and

had said the comment was made when he and a reporter "were joshing back and forth." Dole said he'd assumed that but "it probably shouldn't have been said, even in jest." Still, he said he saw no problem with Helms taking the chairmanship.

In general, Republicans have steered clear of criticizing Helms. However, Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., a member of the Foreign Relations panel, said Wednesday, "As a former lieutenant in the Army I very much disagree with his remarks. ... It's unwise for senators to suggest things like that."

Helms said in a statement Tuesday that he had made a mistake. He had nothing further to say on the subject to reporters outside his home in Raleigh Wednesday morning.

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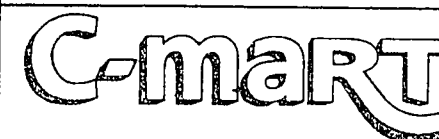
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Virtual reality in military technology

By JAMES HANNAH

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - The wars of the future are being fought right now.

The battlefields are three-dimensional, computer-generated images projected on a big screen. It's "virtual reality" - and the military has jumped into the new technology.

Tucked away in Armstrong Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is a curved screen nearly four stories high.

With six projectors firing away, viewers find themselves in a virtual sky chasing nonexistent enemy fighter planes, plummeting helplessly through a bottomless tunnel or bounding over an alien moonscape.

The screen is called SIRE - for Synthesized Immersion Research Environment.

"The kind of work that's being done here is not being duplicated anywhere else," said Michael Haas, an electronics engineer at the lab. "It's absolutely critical for design, but it's not being done in industry or academia."

Haas said the lab will be used as a flight simulator to improve the cockpit design and pilot performance.

For example, the lab will be

used to measure how aware pilots are of the combat environment from inside the cockpit and whether there comes a point when the computer-generated information being fed to them creates a mental overload.

Flight simulation is just the beginning.

Haas said images of human heads have been enlarged and displayed on the screen to improve the helmet and body suit design. New camouflage designs have been flashed on the screen against a backdrop of jungles or forests to test visibility.

"It's a virtual alternative to going out and painting a real truck and hoping for the best," said Haas.

The lab also represents the military's effort to transfer technology to private businesses.

Companies have used the lab to visualize new products or to improve a design.

"One of the things we want to do is blow that screen up so that people are actually inside the thing that they're designing," said Haas.

Across the base, the Air Force Institute of Technology also is doing research to determine whether virtual reality can help improve flight simulation tech-

niques - at a lower price.

Existing flight simulators can cost as much as \$40 million, said Lt. Col. Martin Stytz, associate professor of computer science and engineering. Virtual reality testing can cut that price to \$150,000.

It also will improve pilot performance.

"If we're going to go in and drop bombs, you'll be able to fly that mission five, six, 10, 20 times before you take off," he said. "You're going to see the pilots be able to fight better."

Mike Zyda, professor of computer science at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., said a virtual reality simulator developed by the Army to train tank operators now is being used to train airplane and helicopter pilots.

Zyda is getting ready to demonstrate an experimental virtual-reality battlefield.

The battlefield will come to life for soldiers who wear upper-body suits and helmets with visors that generate computer images on the inside.

Virtual reality could reduce the need for military exercises, save money on fuel for military vehicles and reduce the stress on soldiers, he said.

Zyda served on a National Research Council committee that studied virtual reality. It concluded there is potential for the practical use of virtual reality in training, hazardous operations, medicine and design.

"When very complex and expensive systems, such as an aircraft or submarine, are being designed, the potential for cost savings by using virtual mockups and prototypes rather than real physical ones is enormous," the report said.

But the report also said there is a great deal of hype about virtual reality and that research and development are just beginning.

Gerald Pitts, professor of computer science at Trinity University in San Antonio, said the Army is using virtual reality to train medics and doctors. Battlefield medics wearing helmets equipped with video cameras and microphones can transmit pic-

tures back to surgeons at hospitals behind the lines.

Pitts said virtual reality is a great training tool because it allows doctors and medics to operate without real patients.

The government's use of virtual reality is not confined to the military.

Jeff Carr, spokesman for the Johnson Space Center in Houston, said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration last year began using a virtual reality lab to train astronauts. The lab simulates space conditions with computers, a special helmet and gloves with sensors that allow astronauts to navigate through the environment.

The astronauts sent to repair the Hubble space telescope got first crack at it in the virtual reality lab.

"The astronauts were able to virtually explore the telescope itself," said Carr.

Scientists test fish motif for submarines

By JON MARCUS

WHEN engineers began casting around for a more efficient means of driving submarines, they spied on nature.

And so, after three years of research, scientists have created an unmanned sub shaped like a fish.

A bluefin tuna, to be precise.

Robotuna, they call it.

"Sixty million years of evolution have made this the epitome of high-speed motion," said David S. Barrett, a graduate student in ocean engineering who is developing the robot fish.

The 4-foot-long (1.2-meter-long) prototype, dubbed Charlie, made its maiden voyage July 4. It has 41 polystyrene ribs, compared to 48 ribs in a real tuna. Its "tendons" are made of stainless-steel aircraft cables and its skin of latex, foam and Lycra in a sort of neon-blue California beach design that makes it easier to see during testing.

It swims gracefully down a 110-foot (33.5-meter) testing tank, its tail oscillating and its body bending to cut down on drag, exactly like a living fish.

"It kind of startles me at times," said Barrett. "It's amazingly biological."

To accomplish this, designers camped out at the New England Aquarium's tuna research tank and built a scale model that hangs by its tail in the lab. They use a pool in MIT's Department of

Ocean Engineering where models of most U.S. Navy and many America's Cup boat designs were tested.

But Robotuna far exceeds the efficiency of sails or propellers.

"What we're trying to do is achieve maximum watts of thrust going out for watts coming in," said Barrett.

Unmanned submarines used for research have a restricted range because of their limited power supply. One solution is to improve the supply, but "nobody likes the idea of a totally autonomous sub with a nuclear generator," Barrett said. "What if it washed up on Hampton Beach? So the option is better propulsion."

Within five years, engineers believe they can construct 15-foot (4.6-meter), fully autonomous, tuna-shaped underwater submarines to carry sonar, navigation equipment and testing instruments to map the ocean floor and find the sources of underwater pollution.

They even could collect specimens through their "mouths" and store them in their "stomachs."

The projected cost is \$50,000 each; so far, the research has been partly underwritten by the Navy. "We could throw it off the dock in Charlestown and tell it to find out what's out there and come back in three months," Barrett said.

Nicole's sister denounces O.J.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - Hours after the slashing death of Nicole Brown Simpson, her older sister yelled into the telephone at O.J. Simpson: "You murderer! You killed my sister! You always said you were going to do it!"

"He said, 'Me?' That's all he thinks about, 'Me, me, me,'" Denise Brown, 37, recalled in an interview published Wednesday by The Orange County Register. It was the first time she publicly

condemned Simpson as the killer of her sister and Ronald Goldman. Brown previously had said her sister was a battered wife, and questioned why the defense was trying to have evidence thrown out if Simpson was innocent.

"Nicole had always said, 'O.J.'s going to kill me one day and he's going to get away with it ... because he's O.J. Simpson and O.J. Simpson never has to pay for anything," Brown said in the inter-

view. When detectives telephoned the family to announce Ms. Simpson's death, Brown said, she yanked the receiver from her mother's hand and told the investigator: "Oh my God, he killed her, he murdered her."

"Who?" the detective asked. "I said, 'O.J.' He always said he was going to kill her."

Brown said her sister left several scribbled notes documenting

alleged incidents of abuse by Simpson. She wouldn't elaborate on the notes, which were turned over to prosecutors.

"I can't wait for them to get me on the stand," Brown said, apparently expecting to be called as a witness. "O.J., the man, honestly thinks he didn't do it. He believes his own lies."

Calls to Simpson attorney Robert Shapiro for comment weren't immediately returned on

Wednesday.

Simpson, a pro football Hall of Famer who became an actor and TV sports commentator, is on trial in the June 12 knife slayings of his 35-year-old ex-wife and her friend Goldman, 25.

There were no court proceedings Wednesday. Selection of alternate jurors resumes Tuesday, after time off for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Appeals panel upholds decision vs Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A state appeals court has upheld a libel ruling against The Philadelphia Inquirer while reducing damages from a total of \$34 million to \$24 million.

The newspaper plans to appeal. A Philadelphia jury in 1990 awarded former prosecutor Richard A. Sprague \$2.5 million in compensatory damages and \$31.5 million in punitive damages.

At the time, the combined award was the largest libel verdict on record involving the news media

in the United States. The current record is a \$58 million judgment awarded against a Dallas television station.

On Tuesday, a three-judge panel of state Superior Court let stand the compensatory damages but reduced punitive damages to \$21.5 million, saying the original award was excessive.

Sprague sued 21 years ago over reports questioning his handling of a homicide case while he worked as a prosecutor in Philadelphia.

Sprague's libel claim focused

on a front page story that questioned whether he had stifled a 1963 homicide investigation as a favor for a friend, former State Police Commissioner Rocco P. Urella.

In the 1963 case, Urella's son and a friend were questioned in a killing. Sprague recommended against prosecuting the friend and agreed with police that Rocco Jr. should not be prosecuted.

Sprague said the newspaper acted maliciously in publishing the story. He said that in 1972, he personally won a misdemeanor wiretap conviction against one of the two reporters who worked on it, Greg Walter.

Sprague said he warned the newspaper that Walter had been "overheard saying he would 'get' Sprague, an accusation that Walter denied in a 1981 deposition. Walter died in 1989.

A jury awarded Sprague \$4.5 million in 1983. The state Supreme Court in 1988 ordered a new trial on the grounds that Inquirer reporters had been barred improperly from testifying about information from confidential sources.

Sprague said the Inquirer should acknowledge its mistake.

"It was malicious, and it's about time The Philadelphia Inquirer was grown up and acknowledged

it was wrong and move on from there," he said.

Inquirer editor Maxwell E.P. King said the ruling was disappointing.

"We disagreed with the original court finding. We disagree with this court finding. And we will appeal," King said.

The court found "clear evidence of malice" on the part of Walter and other reporters, and knowledge of that conduct by former Inquirer executive editor Eugene L. Roberts Jr., now managing editor of The New York Times.

Roberts was out of the country Wednesday and unavailable for comment.



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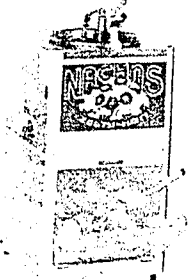
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of the targets later to try to ensure it was out of commission.

Anti-aircraft radar at three sites -
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Bosanska Krupa in Bosnia, and Dvor just across the border in Serb-held Croatia - locked onto the NATO planes.

Warplanes fired three missiles at the Dvor and Otoka sites, and went back after the Otoka site later because it appeared still to be a threat, Mitchell said.

The Bosnian Serb military command claimed in a statement that NATO hit eight sites, including a hospital.

Bosnian Serb leaders, who have threatened retaliation against the United Nations and NATO, were meeting in their headquarters in Pale, outside of Sarajevo.

Nikola Koljevic, a deputy to Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, said that by attacking the Bihac region, NATO "openly sided with the Muslim side in the war."

A U.N. source in Zagreb, Croatia, said Karadzic met with the U.N. commander for Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, and threatened war against U.N. personnel. The United Nations "is taking the threat seriously," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rose was "thinning out" personnel in high-risk areas such as weapons collection points to lessen the danger of hostage-taking, said Maj. Koos Sol, a U.N. spokesman.

Twenty Canadian peacekeepers were detained Wednesday in Ilijas, south of Sarajevo, by Bosnian Serbs who sealed off their checkpoints following the air strikes, according to Canadian Capt. Richard Moreau, who said the Canadians weren't being mistreated.

The top U.N. official in former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, was trying to defuse the Bihac situation in a meeting in Belgrade with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and the leader of rebel Croatian Serbs, Milan Martić.

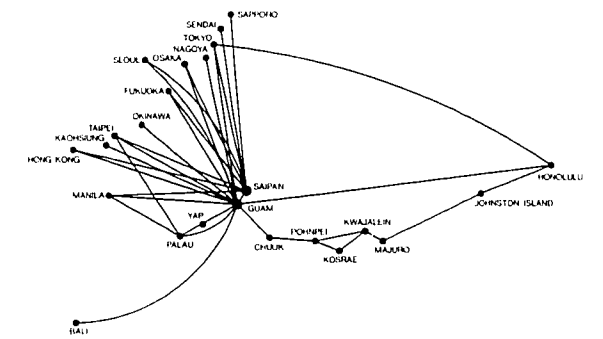
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Clintons serve meals to homeless

By TOM RAUM

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton granted a traditional White House Thanksgiving pardon to a frisky 50-pound (22.5-kilogram) turkey on Wednesday, then joined his wife Hillary in serving a turkey meal at a local soup kitchen.

The Clintons, wearing bright green aprons, helped dish out a mid-day dinners to nearly 150 homeless people at the So Others May Eat kitchen in northeast Washington.

The president put heaping portions of cranberry sauce on the plates; Mrs. Clinton added rolls.

They both helped in passing out the meals, then moved from table to table chatting with diners.

"I think that this is an important time for all of us to think about the larger American community of which we are a part," Clinton said about the soup kitchen in earlier remarks at the White House.

So Others May Eat, about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the Capitol, serves nearly 1,000 meals a day. Patrons were told the day before that a special meal with a special guest would be served on Wednesday.

Thanksgiving is an annual U.S. holiday, observed on the fourth Thursday of November, as a day of giving thanks and feasting. It commemorates the Pilgrim settlers celebration of the good harvest of 1621 in what is now Massachusetts.

Earlier Wednesday, the presi-

dent presided over what has been an annual tradition at the White House since 1947 - a ceremony for a turkey not destined to end up on a dinner plate.

The gift turkey this year, "Tom," was a 32-week-old snow white male bird raised by Shawn Arbogast, 9, of Harrisonburg, Va. The president received it on behalf of the U.S. government, then announced it would be turned over to a local farm park, as is traditional.

Shortly before Clinton arrived at the Rose Garden ceremony, Tom squeezed between two shrubs, disappearing for a few moments from his handlers.

"It's not registered on the turkey that he's pardoned yet," Clinton said later with a laugh.

The Clintons plan to spend a four-day weekend at Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Catocin Mountains of Maryland.

Mrs. Clinton said the family would have a traditional turkey dinner. While she won't actually cook it herself, she indicated she will supervise its preparation.

"This year, I'm taking my mother's recipes and Virginia's recipes and making the best of both," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. Virginia is the late Virginia Kelley, the president's mother.

A menu released by Mrs. Clinton's office listed: turkey and dressing with bread stuffing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry mold, a relish tray, fruit salad, cranberry bread,

peach pie and pumpkin pie.

Mrs. Clinton said her mother, Dorothy Rodham, and at least one of her brothers and his wife will be at Camp David, along with some friends the first lady did not identify.

At the White House turkey ceremony, attended by a group of elementary school students, Clinton called Thanksgiving "an opportunity and a responsibility for all of us to give thanks for our many blessings in this life, to appreciate the good things we have in this country and to think about those who still live among our ranks who don't have the things that many of us take for granted."

TWA pilot praised for quick thinking in a fatal collision

By JIM SALTER

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The TWA jet was hurtling down the runway at 80 to 100 mph (128 to 160 kph), just short of takeoff, when the pilot spotted an errant twin-engine plane ahead of him and swerved to avoid a catastrophe.

The MD-80 sheared off the roof of the tiny Cessna, killing both people aboard. But none of the 132 passengers and five crew members on the Denver-bound jetliner was seriously hurt in the Tuesday night accident.

Airport officials and others were quick to call the TWA pilot a hero.

"Picture yourself driving 90 miles (145 kph) per hour in a car and a guy steps in front of you," Lambert Airport director Leonard Griggs said Wednesday. "It was extraordinarily lucky. Had he hit that airplane head on, we would have had a lot worse than we had."

TWA officials refused to release the name of the pilot, who is based in St. Louis, pending a fed-

eral investigation.

Eight people reported minor injuries, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. TWA would confirm only two injuries.

A team from the National Transportation and Safety Board examined the wreckage Wednesday morning, trying to determine why the smaller aircraft had pulled onto the wrong runway.

Griggs said the Cessna was supposed to be on a shorter strip used by smaller planes that is roughly parallel to the runway the jetliner was using.

"How it got to where it was, I do not know," Griggs said. The weather was clear at the time.

Rick Smith, a pilot with American Trans Air, was impressed with the TWA pilot's actions.

Smith noted that the pilot had only the 150-foot (45-meter) width of the runway to work with while pulling more than 100,000 pounds (45,000 kilograms). Griggs said the jet was about 50 mph (80 kph) short of takeoff speed when the

pilot veered to the left.

Had the two planes collided head on, Smith said, a fire and explosion would probably have occurred.

"That's damn hard - very good airmanship," he said.

"I'll tell you, that pilot did a wonderful job controlling the plane, getting it down and stopping it," passenger Pat Durken told KSDK-TV.

The runway, one of three at Lambert used by large aircraft, was reopened Wednesday. Delays of about 40 minutes were reported on the eve of the busy Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The private plane had been headed to Iron Mountain, Mich., said FAA spokeswoman Sandra Campbell. The plane was registered to Superior Aviation Inc. of Iron Mountain.

The two on board were identified as Ralph Petersen, the pilot, and Donald Hendrickson, the husband of a Superior Aviation employee.

Clinton-Dole pact permits GATT vote

By DAVE SKIDMORE

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton and Republican Senate leader Bob Dole reached their own accord Wednesday on a new world trade pact, clearing the way for action next week by the lame-duck Democratic Congress.

Surrounded by Cabinet members and senior senators in the Rose Garden, Clinton announced an understanding with Dole, the senator from Kansas whose support the White House will need for virtually every piece of legislation it wants over the next two years.

"Today we have moved one step closer toward gaining broad bipartisan support for... the largest, most comprehensive trade agreement in world history," the president said.

He expressed his "deep thanks" to Dole and his "appreciation... for the very constructive working relationship that we have had."

Dole, meanwhile, backed away from his demand for immediate administration support of a capital-gains tax cut and promised to tell Republican senators "we ought to be all in support of GATT when it comes up next week."

Clinton had rebuffed Dole's suggestion that he endorse a reduction in the 28 percent capital-gains tax on profits from selling securities, real estate and other assets. It is a key part of the 1995 agenda for the first Republican-controlled Congress in 40 years.

However, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen sent Dole a letter promising the tax cut "will be carefully reviewed."

"There should be a big, big vote - not a narrow vote, but a big margin, a bipartisan margin" for the trade pact, Dole said.

Another Republican senator who had been undecided, Phil Gramm of Texas, said the Dole-Clinton agreement "clears the way for me to vote for GATT." He did not say how he would vote on a waiver of Senate budget rules that is crucial to GATT's passage.

The 123-nation pact, negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, would reduce tariffs worldwide by about a third and offer more protection for American patents and copyrights.

It is scheduled for a vote Nov. 29 in the House, where it is expected to pass easily with bipartisan support, and Dec. 1 in the Senate, where the margin is viewed as narrower.

Dole had withheld his support for GATT for weeks, seemingly raising the price for his backing with every appearance on a television talk show.

Administration officials, facing the defection of senior Democratic senators Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia and Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, conceded they could not win the fight without Dole.

The administration granted Dole's demand for separate legislation next year making it easier for the United States, if necessary, to withdraw from the World Trade Organization, which would be set up to police the new trade accord.

A panel of five retired appellate

judges would be created to review WTO decisions. The panel could recommend that Congress vote to pull out of the WTO if the organization rendered three adverse decisions within five years that the judges considered unjustified.

The GATT accord already allows any country to withdraw with six months notice, but U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said Dole's suggestion strengthened that protection.

The administration offered Dole concessions on three other issues:

-It promised to review discounts on licenses to three companies developing the next generation of wireless telephones and to seek a change from Congress if it decided the government was not receiving a fair price.

-It said it would not oppose legislation next year fixing the term of U.S. patents at 20 years from the date of application or 17 years from the date a patent is granted, and the GATT bill changes it to 20 years from the application. Inventors complain the change is worse than the current arrangement because it sometimes takes many years for an application to be granted.

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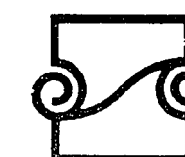
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Humans chased by hounds

By JOSEPH WHITE
HOWE GREEN, England (AP)
- The hounds were baying in the distance. They had latched onto our scents. Within seconds, they would be upon us.

And we were lost.
"I don't know which way to bloody go," said my companion, Richard Fishendon. "Oh, no.

They're going to catch us." Richard was getting frantic. No doubt many a fox has been in the same predicament.
"None of this looks familiar," Richard said, as he ran into a vineyard, then quickly realized it was yet another dead end.
Our one solace was that when the hounds did catch us, they

would not treat us like foxes and tear the two of us to shreds.

In fact, it would be the followers on horseback who would be more agitated, having paid \$40 a head to take part in what many are calling a humane alternative to fox hunting, only to have it cut short because the human prey had lost its way.

Richard tried darting down another lane. Trying to keep up, I slipped and fell flush into a mud puddle. It didn't matter: the water was already an inch (2.5 cms) deep in my boots and my sweatshirt was filthy with paw tracks from where the hounds - one does NOT call them "dogs," I was sternly told - had greeted me earlier in the day.

The first hound found us and began licking Richard's hand. The others were close behind. Then came the horse bearing the hunt master, Roger Clark, looking the quintessential picture of the British huntsman: his big, bushy sideburns emerging from beneath his black, bowl-shaped riding hat and his classic red coat shining with the familiar round, gold buttons.

Some 50 followers - one doesn't call them "riders" or "chasers" - in similar outfits trailed behind. It was another good turnout for the weekly Sunday chase of the East Anglia Bloodhounds in the sport known as "clean boot hunting" - one of the fastest growing hunting sports in Britain.

It's supposed to be just like a fox hunt. The followers don't know where the runners are going.

Only the owner of the land, the hunt organizer and Richard knew

the trail that we were supposed to take on this particular chase.

Now, two miles (3.2 kilometers) into the four-mile (6.4-kilometer) trek, Richard had forgotten.

"It's the first time it's ever happened to me," said the 18-year-old runner, who's been chased by hounds for two years. "I'm a bit ashamed of myself really."

Clark, realizing the hounds had found their prey too soon, blew his horn and literally began whipping the animals into submission before they could surround Richard and me. The land owner pointed us in the right direction. Given a big headstart, we took off running and the hunt resumed a few minutes later.

This time, Richard and I found our way successfully through the muddy plowed-up fields to the predetermined finish line where the spectators were gathered - basically to watch us get licked... and licked and licked.

The hounds caught us there, but this time they didn't go for us right away. Exhausted from back-to-back hunts over a combined 10 miles (16 kilometers), all 14 of the 70-80-pound (31.5-36-kilogram) hounds instead dived straight into a huge muddy ditch for a drink - then they came and licked us.

Lying on the grass, I was exhausted, exhilarated and reeking with some of nature's most distinguishable smells. I had met the hounds earlier in the day - some of them I remembered by name (Bungay, Wendy and Gloria). Lovingly treated like a long-lost buddy by man's best friend, I

shared with them a strange but common sense of accomplishment of having made it through the long, tough slog.

The hounds graciously accepted the pieces of cooked liver that Richard had carried in his pocket, and were rounded up for the trip back to the kennel. The horses were secured, and the followers gathered at the farmhouse for the traditional post-hunt tea, whisky and cakes - with some moral debate thrown in.

"I do it as an alternative to fox hunting because I don't approve of fox hunting," said Linda Sergar, whose change of clothes didn't quite hide all the mud that was splattered all over her during the chase.

Sergar is one of some 400 members who have joined the East Anglia Bloodhounds since its formation three years ago. Other groups throughout the country have also reported a growing enthusiasm for hunts that chase humans instead of foxes.

But, in general, the participants at Howe Green did not see man hunting as a replacement for fox hunting, nor were they in favor of the movement by animal rights campaigners to have fox hunting banned. Sergar's view was in the minority. Many at Sunday's clean boot hunt had been fox hunting the day before.

"We like to think of ourselves as another field sport, another aspect of hunting," Clark said. "We're fox hunting people, I used to hunt the fox myself. They will come out to do this as an extra rather than an alternative."

Nuclear experts use stealth to get cache

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
WASHINGTON (AP) - Night and day in a remote site in central Asia, a 36-year-old U.S. nuclear engineer and 30 other experts labored six weeks in secrecy over a huge cache of bomb-grade uranium. Their goal: secure the dangerous material and put it out of the reach of terrorists by spiriting it away to America.

By Wednesday, top-secret "Project Sapphire" was complete - 1,400 stainless steel canisters filled with nearly a half-ton of nuclear material had been flown by Air Force C-57 cargo planes from the outer reaches of Kazakhstan to safety in an Oak Ridge, Tenn., storage site.

"It was a very hard, but a very rewarding job and we're glad to be back home," said Alex Riedy, smiling and patting his wife Maggie's hand after the mission

was disclosed at a Pentagon press conference.

"With some very good planning, it all went very smoothly," he said.

The slim, bespectacled father of two from Tennessee hardly looks the central character in a stealthy mission to thwart international bad guys. But top officials from the Pentagon, Energy and State Departments heaped praise on him for organizing what would have been a "Mission Impossible" during Cold War days.

"It does not take a great deal of sophistication to work with some of this material," Riedy said, adding, "So here was a real significant proliferation threat."

After President Clinton gave the go-ahead for the operation on Oct. 7, Riedy moved his team to Kazakhstan, where they built several small buildings to process the nuclear material for transport.

Riedy's team was composed of nuclear scientists and technicians, all civilians working for the Department of Energy in either Tennessee or Nevada, as well as four

Pentagon translators.

"It was a difficult working situation," Riedy said, pointing out that many in the group "had never been out of United States before, and suddenly they redeployed to the other side of world."

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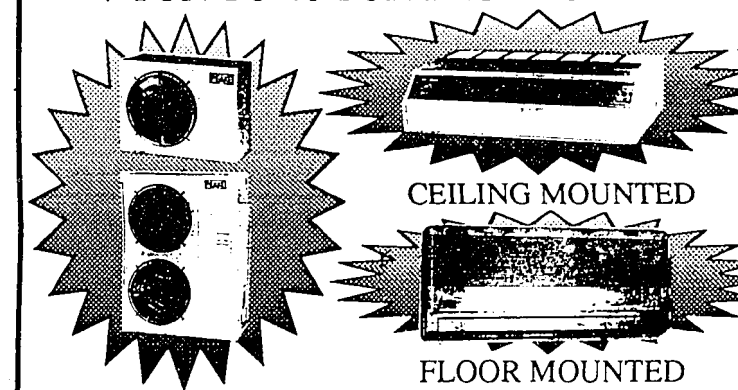
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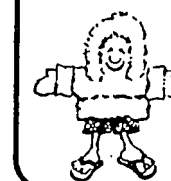
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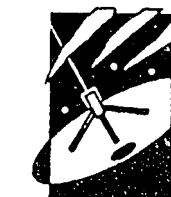
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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks fell for a fifth straight session Wednesday, although the Dow Jones industrial average ended down only slightly, as investors tried to make sense of the previous session's steep losses. Stocks seasawed throughout the day, with the Dow average down about 40

points at its worst. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 3.36 points to 3,674.63.

Oil workers walk off their jobs

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) - Thousands of oil workers walked off their jobs Wednesday, shutting down most of Brazil's refineries to demand more pay and benefits, union

leaders said. The Federation of Oil Workers estimated that 70 to 80 percent of Brazil's 50,000 oil workers had joined the strike and crippled operations at eight of the nation's 10 refineries.

Orders for durable goods decline

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. factory orders for durable goods declined sharply last month as demand for cars and other transportation equipment nosedived. But analysts said it was too early to be certain that rising interest rates were slowing U.S. manufacturing. Orders dropped 1.5 percent in October, the first decrease since they fell 3.9 percent in July, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday.

Civil servants go on strike in Paris

PARIS (AP) - French work-

ers flexed their muscles Wednesday with protests by tens of thousands of public sector employees and strikes on the Paris subway and national rail network.

Angry pickets at a subsidiary of the Franco-British group GEC-Alsthom meanwhile ignored a vote in favor of ending a month-old strike, and guards demanding more staff picketed at least 54 prisons. The labor unrest reflected the concern of workers to keep their jobs in the face of 12.7 percent unemployment.

Clinton, Dole agree on GATT accord

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton and Republican Senate leader Bob Dole announced Wednesday agreement on ratification of the 123-nation world trade agreement. Dole's support removes a potential barrier and paves the way to expected Senate pas-

sage next week of the trade liberalization pact, a new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, that Clinton has made a top priority. House approval is also expected before the end of the year.

Worst air travel blamed on human factors

MOSCOW (AP) - The "human factor" and cutting corners to save money are the main reasons for a decline in safety that made 1994 the worst year ever for air travel in the former Soviet Union, investigators said. So far this year, 318 people have died in crashes in the Commonwealth of Independent States, compared to 197 people in 1993, according to findings at an Interstate Aviation Committee seminar last week, the daily Izvestia reported Wednesday.

Italian premier offers to sell TV networks

NAPLES, Italy (AP) - Premier Silvio Berlusconi, under investigation for corruption, reached out to critics Wednesday and offered to sell his television networks. Opposition leaders demanded Berlusconi step down after Tuesday's news he was placed under investigation in a probe of his Fininvest conglomerate. Prosecutors are looking into whether the company bribed tax inspectors.

Mitsubishi reports increase in profit

TOKYO (AP) - Mitsubishi Electric Corp. said Thursday the company's pretax profit had a 35 percent rise to 48.40 billion yen (\$491.9 million) for the half-year ended Sept. 30.

The third largest electric machinery maker of Japan said its net income was 20.7 billion yen (\$210.4 million), up 144 percent from a year earlier, on net sales of 1.533 trillion yen (\$15.58 billion), which represented a 3.6 percent increase.

Mitsubishi Electric was the sixth of Japan's top electronics companies reporting larger profits for the April-September period, weathering the adverse effects of the sharply higher yen.

The other companies were NEC, Mitsubishi Electric Corp., Toshiba Corp., Hitachi and Fujitsu Ltd.

The yen's value has increased nearly 20 percent over the last year to about 98 yen per dollar, hurting Japan's export-dependent economy by making its exports less competitive in price. It also has eaten away at the yen value of profits made overseas.

The electronics makers all report that cost-cutting and stronger overseas sales helped their companies' net profit rises.

Christian activists beaten, harassed

By CHARLENE L. FU

BEIJING (AP) - Beijing Christians active in blocking government moves to sack their popular pastor have been taunted, harassed and beaten by police in recent days, and a foreign reporter was detained Thursday for visiting one of them.

At least a half-dozen Christians belonging to the Gangwashi church, the most popular in the capital, say they have been followed since last week by police who have vandalized the Christians' bikes and ordered them to behave.

On Wednesday, one of them, Liu Fenggang, was beaten by plainclothes police, who hit him in the face and head. Friends said his eyes were virtually swollen shut and that doctors were worried he may have suffered head injuries.

When Jane Macartney, a Reuters reporter, went to see Liu on Thurs-

day morning, police took her away. She was released in the afternoon.

The Christians all were active in organizing church members to oppose the government's attempts to dismiss the church's senior pastor, Yang Yudong, who has long irritated the government with his pro-democracy views and his attempts to distance himself and his congregation from government supervision.

The Chinese Christian Council and the Three-Self Patriotic Movement, the two government bodies that govern the nation's Protestant churches, in recent weeks has tried to enforce a year-old decision to dismiss Yang and install Yu Xinli, chairman of Beijing's Three-Self Patriotic Movement, in his place.

But church members say the congregation's objections and the attention the incident has gotten have

forced the authorities to delay implementing their plan.

An attempt several years ago to sack Yang was also foiled because church members threatened to take to the streets in protest and told foreign reporters of their plans.

Church members say police infiltrators have attended their services, which attract thousands of believers. The church membership is about 3,000, but many more attend its five Sunday services.

Believers have had repeated scuffles with police and religious authorities. The church has hired a lawyer and protested the beatings to the State Council, or China's cabinet, and the Religious Affairs Bureau.

Yang earned the wrath of the government for having allowed his young congregations in 1989 to join the Tiananmen Square democracy movement, where they took part in the

massive street marches carrying wooden crosses and banners

identifying themselves as Christians.



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Pursuant of Section 11 of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust hereby serves notice that it will hold a special board meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. at the MPLC conference room, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for this meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes - 10/18/94 and 11/9/94
- II. FINANCIAL MATTERS REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 1. Review of FY 1994 draft audit report
 2. Adoption of FY 1994 audit report
 3. Review of proposed FY 1995 operating budget
 4. Report on FY 1994 investment returns
- III. REVIEW RESPONSES TO RFP FOR LEGAL SERVICES
 1. Open sealed proposals received in response to RFP
 2. Make a preliminary review of each proposal noting who submitted, etc.
- IV. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- V. ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with P. L. 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body.

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ JUAN S. TORRES
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Carmen Manahene Benavente
(D.O.B. 3-16-04; D.O.D. 11-28-64)

We, the family invite our relatives and friends to join us for the Joint Anniversary Rosary of our beloved parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Nightly rosary will be said at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Takesy Royal (Rosa) at As Perdido commencing on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. thru Sunday, Nov. 27, 1994. Mass will be offered daily. On the final day, Monday, Nov. 28, 1994. Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of Intention will be offered at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Jude Church in Koblerville. Dinner will be served after mass at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Takesy Royal.

Please join us in your prayers.
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The Family

FIRST ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

We, the family of the late

**BERNADITA
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"Bernie"



wish to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in commemorating the First Anniversary Rosary of our loved one. The nightly rosary will commence on Saturday, November 26, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Rideb formerly (Bernie's residence) in China Town.

Beginning November 26, daily mass will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. The special mass of intention will be offered on Saturday, December 03, 1994 at 4:00 at Kristo Rai Church. Dinner will be served after mass at her son's residence. Final day of rosary will end on Sunday, December 04, 1994 at 8:00 p.m.

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We, the family of the late Augustin T. Palacios invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the First Anniversary Rosary of our beloved one beginning Monday, November 21, 1994.

Nightly Rosary is being said at 7:30 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. Esperanza U. Palacios in San Antonio. On the final day, Tuesday, November 29, 1994, Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of Intention will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church.

Dinner will follow immediately at the family's residence in San Antonio.

Please Join Us In Prayers
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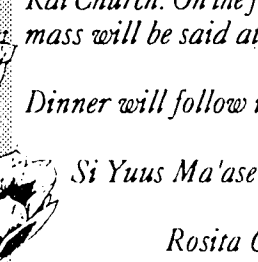


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**JOSEPH
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My children and I, would like to invite all our relatives and friends to share our prayers, as we commemorate the First Anniversary Rosary of my beloved husband and their father. Rosary will begin on Sunday, November 20th at 8:00 p.m. at the family residence in Gualo Rai. Daily mass will offer at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. On the final day, Monday, November 28th, mass will be said at 5:30 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.



Dinner will follow immediately after the mass.

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Request For Proposal

CUC RFP 95-0004

November 4, 1994

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is soliciting proposals from certified and experienced companies for Security Guard Services for Power Plant I, Power Plant II, Power Plant IV, and its Main Compound.

Contractors must possess a business license and adhere to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure and adhere to all CNMI Labor Laws.

Specifications may be picked-up at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Procurement and Supply Office, Lower Base, between the 0730 and 1630 hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Selection Criteria will be technical qualifications, approach to project, experience, organization, and cost.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00.

Five copies of proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked CUC RFP 95-0004 to the Procurement and Supply Manager, Lower Base, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 1600 hours (4:00 p.m.), local time, on November 30, 1994.

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

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

Timothy P. Villagomez
Executive Director

AGP 108/114/111, 18829

Boat grounded in FSM for illegal fishing

By Tom Panholzer
For the Variety

POHNPEI - Accusation of illegal fishing can literally tie up a boat for a long time in the Federated States of Micronesia.

On September 29, FSM police of the Maritime Wing boarded the Zhong Yuan Yu no. 621 while it was fishing in FSM waters.

According to FSM Supreme Court records, police found that the vessel's name and registration did not match those appearing on the fishing permit issued by the FSM Micronesian Maritime Authority.

Court records also show that police found the VHF radio on board out-of-order, and the vessel did not have a call sign.

The vessel's owners, the Beihai Fishing Co., its registered agent, the Micronesia Fishing Venture,

a Saipan-based operation in joint venture with the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation; and the ship's captain, Wu Ya Si, were charged with multiple counts of violating FSM fishing laws.

Wu and the ship's crew were released October 7; however, the ship has remained arrested.

At first the Attorney General's Office demanded a \$500,000 bond before the ship could be released.

And, as with most cases in the FSM involving FSM fishing violations, this case resulted in civil and criminal actions being filed.

What remained unclear in court records until November 10, even to the boat owner's locally hired attorney, John Brackett, was under which proceedings, civil or criminal, was the boat being held.

The court records prior to November 10 show that this ques-

tion was sidestepped by the AG who said he didn't want to get trapped into deciding which.

Meanwhile Brackett argued that a clerical error resulted in the MMA issuing a permit with the wrong number.

He said the application for a fishing permit was sent to the MMA and the Forum Fisheries Agency, but the Forum caught the error and notified MMA. The Forum issued a corrected permit May 30, 1994, but MMA did not.

According to court records MMA said it would issue a corrected permit but needed the original license; however, the AG's Office wouldn't release it.

The ship's attorney also argued that \$500,000 was much too high for a bond.

He said, according to the court record, that FSM law requires only that bond on a boat to be "at least equal to the fair-market

value."

The AG stated that his office should not be required to carry the cost of bringing in an assessor from Guam or Saipan to determine the value.

On October 10, Brackett produced a statement from a local underwriter, who insured FSM government ships, who assessed the 621 at worth at maximum \$40,000.

On October 21, bond was reduced to \$100,000, but the court said it would not release the boat until the court approved the terms.

Then in early November, the court issued an Order of Bond stating the boat could be released if \$100,000 cash is posted as bond, or an irrevocable letter of credit for \$100,000 is posted.

Then on November 10, Andon L. Amaraich, associate justice, wrote in an Order and Memorandum of Decision concerning sev-

eral motions filed in the criminal action concerning the boat:

"While this criminal prosecution concerns the actions of the individuals and corporate defendants responsible for the vessel, it does not involve the vessel itself. Rather, the vessel is a defendant in the civil action only, and the seizure and detention of the vessel, as well as the terms and conditions established by the Court for the vessel's release, are matters pertaining solely to the civil forfeiture action. Accordingly, because the defendants filed their motion regarding the release of the vessel in criminal action, the motion is not properly before the Court and the Court will not rule on that motion."

Meanwhile the boat sits under arrest at the Pohnpei Commercial Harbor until perhaps late December when further court action is expected.

I'll push. . .

Continued from page 1

ing as he thinks the role of the Washington representative could just be strengthened.

Only last August, Guam Delegate Robert Underwood introduced H.R. 4927 to confer the status of delegate to the Washington representative.

In a news conference at the House Chamber August 11 this year, Tenorio said he will support the bill given a proviso that having a delegate would not affect any portion of the Covenant.

The chief executive had earlier rejected the idea of a delegate because he said it might affect the benefits the CNMI enjoys under the Covenant.

During the interview with Babauta Wednesday, the resident representative said he is still taking Tenorio's statement of support during the August 11 news conference as his current position, "unless he notifies me otherwise."

According to Babauta, the support of the governor, as with the support of the Legislature, the mayors, the municipal councils and other elected leaders, is critical if the CNMI is to get a voice in the US House.

"It is always good to have the unanimous backing of everyone back home on any issue," said Babauta.

He lamented the governor's skepticism on the issue, saying his gloomy forecast may have emanated from dissentiment coming out with the emergence of a new Congress leadership.

"It's premature to speculate on what the new Congress will do. I want to wait on actual plans and if I see they will not address this issue, then I'll be the first one to inform our people about it," said Babauta.

But the resident representative seem resolute the delegate issue is too important an issue to just let go.

"I am not going to back off on this no matter what. It is a basic right we are lacking as Americans. It is undemocratic, it is colonialism in its purest sense and it is not right not to have a delegate for the CNMI," said Babauta.

"I still plan to push this, I still would point out this basic flaw because laws are being passed in Congress affecting us but without our participation," said the resident representative.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

DPW95-RFP-00306

The Public School System in conjunction with the Department of Public Works in soliciting proposals from interested contractors for the construction of a Library Building Facility at San Vicente and San Antonio Elementary School on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The proposals must address the following:

- Profile of the company and key personnel;
- Past experience with similar projects;
- Time frame for design and construction; and
- Financial and manpower capability.

A business license is a requirement, plans and specification must be prepared and stamped by a CNMI Registered Engineer or Architect.

Proposals must be delivered to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Department of Finance, no later than 4:00 p.m., December 23, 1994.

A detailed Scope of Work will be available at the Department of Public Works on or about November 25, 1994. All concerns may be referred to Mr. Oscar R. Babauta at telephone number (670) 322-9828 or 322-9436.

The Government reserves the right to accept or reject or all proposals in the interest of the Government.

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA, P.E.
Secretary of Public Work

/s/ WILLIAM S. TORRES
Commissioner of Education

Political prisoners live under inhuman conditions

By JU-YEON KIM

SEOUL (AP) - A former North Korean guard said Thursday that tens of thousands of political prisoners "live worse than dogs and pigs" in concentration camps in the communist country.

"Many people are just skin and bone," claimed Cpl. Ahn Myong Chul, who said he was a member of a guard unit for a political prison camp for seven years before he defected two months ago.

North Korea has in the past denied the existence of concentration camps for political prisoners and their families.

Ahn, 25, reported he knows of four other camps besides the one in South Hamkyung Province where he was kept.

He said most of the 50,000 prisoners at his camp are constantly

hungry and that many die of disease and cold every year.

"They live worse than dogs and pigs," he said, looking nervous during his first news conference since his October arrival in Seoul.

Prisoners are allotted 300 grams (10.7 ounces) of corn a day and a small garden to farm, he said, adding that their clothing consists of discarded army uniforms.

"I've seen people eat the garbage from the guard barracks because they are so hungry," he told reporters.

Ahn also claimed dissidents and pregnant women are publicly executed by a firing squad twice a year. Marriages and pregnancies are forbidden in the camp, he said.

Since the July 8 death of North Korea's longtime ruler Kim Il Sung, the camp has been on full

alert against possible rebellion or celebration among the prisoners, he said.

Outside the camps, most people were devastated by the death of Kim, revered as a godlike figure, but Ahn said he also heard rumors of an attempt by laborers to blow up a huge statue of Kim Il Sung in the capital, Pyongyang.

Ahn, who escaped from North Korea by swimming across the Tuman River on Sept. 17, was the 45th defector to arrive this year.

He said he decided to flee, leaving his mother and two younger siblings, when his father committed suicide after being caught stealing food.

He expects his family now also lives in a camp such as the one where he worked.

"I have sinned against my par-

ents," he said, his voice shaking.

Ahn was accompanied by an official from South Korea's Agency for National Security Planning, the country's primary intelligence agency. He has been carefully and extensively debriefed since his defection.

The two Koreas have remained bitter enemies since their division after World War II. North Korean defectors have increased in the past two years as the North's economy has deteriorated, with many of them reporting widespread hunger and fuel shortages.

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Cable outlet hopes to target conservatives

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A proposed new cable television channel will be directed toward conservatives who may think the rest of the media are too liberal.

Producers of the Conservative Television Network hope to begin offering 24 hours of conservative news and entertainment programming in early 1996.

"We believe it would be more successful than the Golf Channel and I'm going to subscribe to

that," U.S. Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., said in an interview Wednesday from his Washington office.

Wallop, retiring from the Senate after 18 years, is chairman of CTN's advisory committee. He said he expects the network will have a full-time news department, documentaries, talk shows and old television programs.

Co-founder and President Anthony Fabrizio, senior partner in

a Republican polling and strategy firm, said the channel might charge subscribers \$3.95 monthly.

Wallop said the channel would be profitable if it attracts 1.5 million viewers.

The Republican Party's success in the Nov. 8 election, he said, "certainly helps demonstrate that there is a target audience in existence that is willing to think and act on its own."

Accused in Chinese smuggling case sentenced

BOSTON (AP) - A former Quincy resident was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison on charges that he helped smuggle Chinese aliens into New Bedford.

Tri Nguyen, 36, of Kansas and formerly of Quincy, Mass., pleaded guilty in U.S. Federal Court for his

role in alien smuggling and unlawfully dealing in firearms.

Nguyen had also pleaded guilty in September to participating in the smuggling of about 400 illegal Chinese aliens into New Bedford in May, July and September 1992.

Prosecutors said Nguyen had been working for a Chinese gang based in New York.

Five of the co-defendants in the smuggling case were sentenced last week in federal district court and received sentences ranging from 18 to 48 months in prison.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DPW-RFP-00308

The Department of Public Works, CNMI Government, is soliciting for proposals from engineering firms to perform a "siting study" for the proposed landfill site in Saipan.

The proposals shall be evaluated based on the following but not limited to:

- qualifications
- experience
- familiarity with EPA's and DEQ's requirements
- familiarity with the environment
- time frame

The proposals are due at the Office of Procurement and Supply on November 30, 1994 no later than 2:00 p.m. The scope of work will be available on November 17, 1994 at the Office of Technical Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950.

The Government reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal in its best interest.

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA, P.E.
Secretary of Public Works

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Don't Drink and Drive

Thai-Saudi relations strained anew

By SHEILA McNULTY
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thailand's foreign minister has further aggravated relations with Saudi Arabia by warning its top diplomat to watch what he says about a \$20 million gems and murder case Thai authorities have failed to crack.

The newly appointed foreign minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, told reporters Wednesday he had pre-

pared suitable measures to deal with the "spoiled" diplomat if he didn't stop criticizing efforts to recover the jewelry stolen from a Saudi prince and stop talking to the media about the five-year-old case.

Poldej Worachatr, Foreign Ministry spokesman, said in an interview Thursday that those measures would be determined by whether Charge d'Affaires

Mohammed Said Khoja observed the warning to "be careful" about what he says.

The outspoken Khoja, who was dispatched here to help solve the case, said in an interview Thursday he was surprised by the attempts to silence him about such an important case.

"I am defending the interests of the government of Saudi Arabia," Khoja said. "I am not talking nonsense."

And he insisted that business tycoon Thaksin had showed his inexperience by issuing such a warning: "He doesn't know about diplomacy. He is new. He is a businessman."

The case dates back to the 1989 theft of the gems from the palace of a Saudi Arabian prince by a Thai who worked there. The thief was tried and jailed in Thailand but much of the jewelry was never recovered. Many of the gems that were retrieved apparently went missing from police custody here, broadening the case.

The subsequent unsolved murders of four Saudi Arabian diplomats and the disappearance of a Saudi businessman, on top of the failure of Thai authorities to wrap up the theft case in a timely fashion, led Saudi Arabia to all but suspend relations with Thailand. It withdrew its ambassador and barred Thai workers from employment there.

Dozens of Thai police officers and several police chiefs have since been implicated in the case. At least eight people - including five Saudis - are believed to have been killed in connection with the case.

While some Thai officials talk about how Khoja's comments are tarnishing the country's international image, newspapers and the general public continue to ridicule the police and others in the power hierarchy for their incompetence and corruption.

Khoja said Thai authorities had only recovered eight of the more than 200 pieces of gold, diamonds and gems stolen and that they needed to find at least 100 of the jewels - including a sizeable number of the more valuable pieces - to satisfy Saudi Arabia.

"I am not dictating to Thailand what to do," Khoja said. "I am encouraging them to find more."

Thai officials have been angered by such calls, however, insisting that Khoja is attempting to tell them what to do.

Poldej of the Foreign Ministry said Khoja had overstepped his bounds as a diplomat by spending too much time with the gem case and not enough concerning himself with relations between the two countries.

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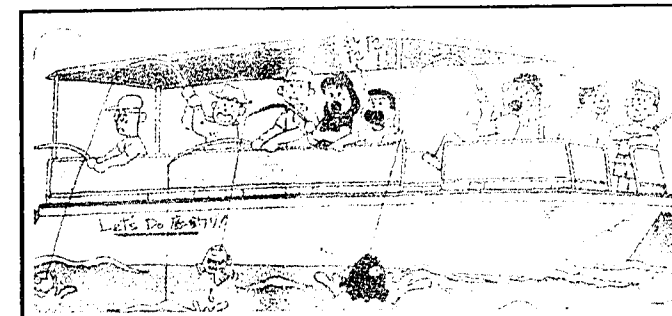
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The case dates back to the 1989 theft of the gems from the palace of a Saudi Arabian prince by a Thai who worked there. The thief was tried and jailed in Thailand but much of the jewelry was never recovered. Many of the gems that were retrieved apparently went missing from police custody here, broadening the case.

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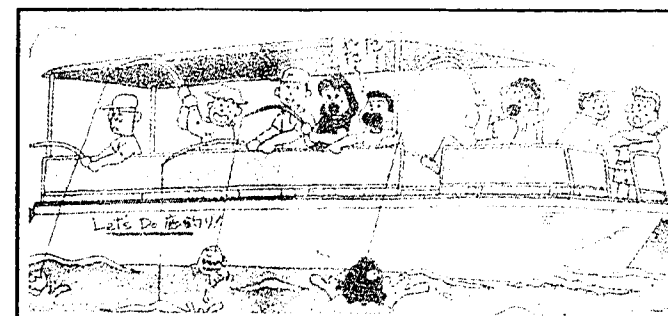
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By MICHAEL LANDWEBER
WASHINGTON (AP) - Record U.S. imports of agricultural products helped cut the country's agricultural trade surplus to \$17 billion in fiscal year 1994, down \$600 million from the previous year.

The U.S. Agriculture Department says the surplus dropped to \$1.2 billion for September, the final month of the fiscal year, a decline of \$102 million from August.

Exports in September increased 1 percent over the previous month to

\$3.6 billion. Imports totaled \$2.4 billion, up \$148 million over August.

Overall, exports for the fiscal year totaled \$43.5 billion, \$900 million above 1993 and near the record of \$43.8 billion set in 1981. Gains were posted for poultry meat, cattle, cotton, vegetable oil, fruits, nuts and vegetables.

However, the strength of exports was offset by imports of \$26.4 billion, \$1.9 billion, or 8 percent, higher than 1993's previous record.

Coffee imports valued at more than \$2 billion in 1994 contributed strongly to the record year.

Marking a 13 percent rise over the previous year, wheat exports totaled

3.2 million tons in September. Wheat finished the fiscal year with exports of 31.1 million tons, the lowest level since 1991 and 14 percent below fiscal 1993. Top buyers for September included Japan, China and Egypt.

September corn exports fell 17 percent from the previous year to 2.9 million tons. The fiscal year total of 33.1 million tons lagged behind 1993 by 21 percent. Japan and Mexico were the major buyers.

Soybean exports in September jumped 41 percent over the previous year to 1.2 million tons.

Despite a bumper crop, fiscal year exports of 16.4 million tons still trailed the 1993 level by 20 percent.

Shipments of cotton in September posted a 33 percent increase over 1993 at 72,000 tons. At the end of the year, cotton exports ended with the strongest showing since 1980 at a total of 1.6 million tons. This was 441,000 tons higher than the previous year.

For fiscal 1994, 10 countries accounted for 66 percent of agricultural purchases from the United States.

Japan topped the list of buyers at \$9.2 billion, nearly 21 percent of U.S. export value. The European Union was next with imports of \$6.6 billion, 15 percent of the total. Canada came in third with \$5.3 billion or 12 percent.

Lady who shot abortion doctor arraigned on charges of arson

By ANDREW WATERS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A woman already in prison for using a Kansas abortion doctor was arraigned Wednesday on charges she set a series of arson fires at clinics across the West.

Shelley Shannon of Grants Pass pleaded innocent to 18 federal counts.

She is accused of setting fires at eight abortion clinics in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and northern Cali-

fornia in 1992 and 1993. She allegedly started one fire with napalm. She also is charged with using acid to create stink bombs at clinics in Reno, Nev., and Chico, Calif., in September 1992.

She has yet to be arraigned on 12 other charges contained in a second indictment.

A trial date will be set at a Dec. 7 hearing. Shannon will probably remain in jail in Portland until after her trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Stephen Peifer said.

Wearing a blue prison uniform and shackles, Shannon sat impassively during the brief hearted murder of Dr. George Tiller in Wichita in August 1993. He was shot in both arms but returned to work the next day.

After Shannon was arrested, authorities found letters, diaries and other documents buried in her back yard that led to the federal charges.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BID PROPOSALS for the construction of the SECURITY ACCESS SYSTEM, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP Project No. 3-69-0002-20 will be received at the Office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 2:00 p.m., November 30, 1994, at which place and time the sealed bid proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The work to be performed under this contract consists of furnishing, installing and maintaining a Security Access System which includes computer hardware and software, card-readers, door/gate hardware, architectural security barriers, and electrical wiring at the Saipan International Airport.

The project is being financed by funds from the Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two (2) months from the date of bid opening. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months from the date of bid opening.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of \$100.00 for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Bidder's notice of intention to bid must be received at the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for the opening of bids. Only contractors with a valid C-13 or C-15 license in the CNMI shall be permitted to bid on this project.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., November 7, 1994, at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions for clarification should be submitted in writing, and received no later than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting at the Office of the Executive Director. Prospective bidders are advised to attend this pre-bid meeting. Project site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-bid meeting. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting and site visit is considered essential to the prospective bidder's understanding of the project elements.

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

/s/ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: 9/30/94

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(NOTICE TO BIDDERS)

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3. Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.
4. The EEO requirements, labor provisions and age rates are included in the specifications and bid documents and are available for inspections at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
5. Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the bid, the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause" and the "Certifications of non-segregated Facilities" as contained in the Bid Proposal.
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9. Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of minorities.

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UN calls for action to protect Bihac

By LOUIS MEIXLER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The Security Council on Wednesday expressed its "deep indignation" over a Serb assault against the U.N.-declared safe haven of Bihac and said NATO was authorized to take action to protect the zone.

Serb infantry has penetrated the safe area and there is "intense combat" in Bihac, Security Council President Madeleine Albright said. Albright, the U.S. ambassador, said there were 7,000 Serb soldiers in the area, facing 3,000 to 4,000 Bosnian government troops.

Council members "expressed their deep indignation about the deteriorating situation developing in and around the safe area of Bihac," Albright said in a statement on behalf of the council.

NATO aircraft bombed Serb missile batteries in two air raids on Wednesday. The strikes were in response to threats against NATO aircraft and not in support of the "safe zone."

"Council members called on the United Nations and NATO together to take further action as necessary," Albright said.

She pointed out that U.N. resolutions already give peacekeepers the power to use force to prevent the bombardment or invasion of "safe zones."

"We made clear that there were things for UNPROFOR and NATO to do and that they had all the authorization to do so," Albright said. UNPROFOR is the U.N. force in the former Yugoslavia.

Albright also said the council called for using "all authorized means" to resupply the 1,200 Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the besieged enclave.

The U.N. is authorized to use force, including air power, to protect its soldiers and their freedom of movement.

The peacekeepers only have enough food to last until Friday and lack proper winter clothing, U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said

earlier Wednesday.

The top U.N. official in former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, was trying to arrange a cease-fire and resupply the peacekeepers, Albright said.

Although the council did not specify exactly what actions should be taken, a U.S. official said earlier Wednesday that Washington is proposing an exclusion zone around Bihac to protect the city from Serb attack.

NATO forces would respond with air strikes against forces attacking the town or U.N. peacekeepers, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The proposal has been presented to the NATO allies, the official said.

It is, however, not clear how large the zone would be, or if air power would be used against infantry attacks or only against artillery and tank bombardments.

Washington has also suggested using air power to back up the encircled Bangladeshi peacekeepers, the official said.

"We are trying to generate political support for action before it is too late," the official said.

Earlier Wednesday, Bosnian Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey said the situation in Bihac has become desperate and criticized the United Nations for refusing to take action to protect civilians living in the area.

"The U.N. is only willing to respond to attacks against the U.N.," he said. "Attacks against civilians do not warrant a response."

He said Serb soldiers had entered areas of Bihac and civilians fleeing the attack were being sheltered.

"Bodies are littering the area," he said. "The number of casualties are impossible to ascertain. All we can do now is ask the international community to live up to its minimal standards."

The United Nations has declared six "safe zones" in Yugoslavia, including Bihac.

Man goes to wrong hospital for his kidney transplant

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) -

When Michael J. Turik finally got the call that would save his life, all he could think about was getting to the hospital as fast as possible. He just forgot to ask which hospital.

The 37-year-old Williamsport man ended up in Pittsburgh on Nov. 3 for a kidney transplant he had awaited for nearly two years.

The kidney, however, was waiting on ice in Philadelphia.

When the emergency room nurse at Pittsburgh's Presbyterian Hospital expressed surprise that he was there, Turik realized his mistake and became frantic.

He depended on dialysis to keep him alive while his name stayed on waiting lists at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and at Presbyterian Hospital. Donated kidneys do not last long on their own.

"My mind went blank," he said.

"That's when other people stepped in. ... I just sat back ... those people in Pittsburgh were so nice. They could have just said, 'Too bad. You screwed up. Go home.'"

Williamsport is located in north-central Pennsylvania, 200 kilometers (130 miles) northwest of Philadelphia.

A Pittsburgh social worker, Robin Cameron, tried to get Turik aboard a helicopter or jet as he and his wife, Eileen, scrambled to come up with the \$4,400 bill. Frantic phone calls were made.

Then the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania agreed to pay for a jet from Allegheny County Airport in Pittsburgh.

"Rather than waste a kidney, (HUP) felt it was best to get him to the hospital as soon as possible," spokeswoman Scana Walter said Wednesday. Walter wasn't sure how much the ride cost.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: November 17, 1994

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Governor
Saipan, MP 96950

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about December 6, 1994, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following projects:

Project	: As Liyo Tank and Waterline Project
Purpose	: To construct water storage facility for Section 8 Housing Subdivision
Location	: As-Liyo, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Federal Funds	: Federal Community Development Block Grant will finance approximately \$82,425 or 100 percent of the estimated total project cost.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named jurisdiction has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: (a) the scale of the proposed project is not considered a major Federal action that would require an assessment in accordance with NEPA, and (b) the activity is consistent with all applicable Federal and local environmental regulations.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named jurisdiction which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Mariana Islands Housing Corporation Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the Mariana Islands Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950. Such written comments should be received at the address specified in the preceding sentence on or before December 4, 1994. All such comments so received will be considered and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from HUD under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is certifying to HUD that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Governor, Froilan C. Tenorio, in his official capacity as Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Area Office, Seven Waterfront Plaza, 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96813-4918.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after December 21, 1994, will not be considered by HUD.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PER NO. RFP95-0006

FOR THE PROCUREMENT AT A 2-BODY MORTUARY REFRIGERATOR
OPENING DATE: DECEMBER 19, 1994 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP RFP FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN. THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-85

ALEXANDER WELL DRILLING EXPERT,
Plaintiff,
v.
LUIS C. BENAVENTE
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of a Judgment by Default and Foreclosure Order entered by this Court on July 14, 1994, I am commanded and empowered to sell at public auction, for cash, the following described real property:

LOT 411-5-1 containing an area of 717 square meters, more or less, located in As Lito, Saipan, MP 96950, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 2089/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry Number 14264, on the 19th day of May 1982.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 15, 1994 at 10:00 a.m., at the Police Station, in Susupe, Northern Mariana Islands, I will pursuant to the said Order, sell the above-described property to satisfy the Judgment by Default and Foreclosure Order, costs and expenses of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States.

Dated: November 10, 1994.

/s/ ANTONIO REYES
Chief of Police

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-1205

RHODA YAMANO,
Petitioner,
v.
HAJIME YAMANO,
Respondent.

SUMMONS

TO: RESPONDENT HAJIME YAMANO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Law Offices of Robert J. O'Connor, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 1969, Second Floor Nauru Building, Saipan, MP 96950, an answer to the Petition which is given to you herewith, on or before December 22, 1994. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer on or before December 22, 1994, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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/S/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO. RFP95-0005

FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A 2-BODY MORTUARY REFRIGERATOR
OPENING DATE: DECEMBER 19, 1994 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS MAY PICK UP RFP FORMS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN. THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ADOPTION CASE NO. 94-91

In the Matter of the Adoption of
MARIE LOUCHELLE F. REYES,
A minor child.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION

1. This is a Petition made pursuant to the Adoption Act of 1993, for the adoption of, Rochelle Francisco Arcala, a minor child, born on October 15, 1990. A true and correct copy of the birth certificate of the said minor child is attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Petitioners are Pepito O. Reyes and Maria Lourdes F. Reyes, husband and wife, hereinafter the "Adoptive father" and the "mother" respectively, and were lawfully married on the 12th day of November, 1993, on Saipan. The Adoptive Father is 40 years of age born on May 17, 1954, and is a citizen of the Philippines, residing on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a nonresident worker since January of 1990. The Mother is the natural mother of the minor child and is 27 years of age born on December 22, 1966, and is a citizen of the Philippines, residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a non-resident worker since June of 1990.

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2 PAINTERS - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour.
Contact: EMILIO P. QUIATCHON SR. dba EQ Construction. P.O. Box 1073, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8827 (12/09)F/17497.

1 MAINTENANCE WORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.65 per hour.
Contact: JUAN I. CASTRO, JR. dba Pacific Land Surveying. P.O. Box 5055 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-7571 (12/09)F/17498.

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1 MANAGER, REST/BAR - 2 years experience. Salary \$700 per month. Contact: YOUNIS ART STUDIO dba Eagle's Putt Rest & Snack/Bar, P.O. Box 231, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6341/7575/9797 (12/02)F.

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1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2,500-\$3,200 per month. **1 TRANSPORTATION AGENT** - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2,600 per month. Contact: ASIAN AIRLINES, INC. PPP 574, Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-2626 (12/02)F/17407.

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1 ACCOUNTANT - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3.00 per hour. Contact: ROYAL FAME SILK COLLECTION INC. P.O. Box 741 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7550 (12/02)F/17399.

1 ACCOUNTANT (CPA) - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$16,000-\$24,000 per year. Contact: HOTEL CINEMA INTERNATIONAL dba Hotel Cinema Int'l. Inc. AAA A38 Call Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-4246/7 (12/02)F/17402.

1 COST ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$4.20-\$5.20 per hour. Contact: BASIC CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, P.O. Box 331, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-7666 (12/02)F.

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1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$600-\$800 per month. Contact: MICRONESIAN BROKERS INC. PPP 128 C. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-1029/0318 (11/25)F/17313.

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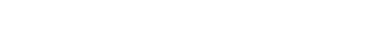
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1 ELECTRONIC (TECHNICIAN) MECHANIC - Two years experience. Salary \$700 per month. Contact: K. SADHWANI'S, INC. dba Tick Tock, P.O. Box 1999, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6090 (11/25)F/17314.

2 SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS/SUPERVISORS - High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary \$5.50-\$8.50 per hour. Contact: HANSAE (SAIPAN) INCO. dba Kyung Suh Co. (Saipan) Ltd. P.O. Box 2029, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1501/1502 (12/02)F/10755.

1 COOK **1 WAITRESS (RESTAURANT)** - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. Contact: FAR EASTERN GENERAL MERCHANDISE INC. dba Diamond Chinese Restaurant, P.O. Box 1147, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8188 (11/25)F/17312.

1 INSTRUCTOR, DIVING - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$1,500 per month. Contact: MARINETECH (SAIPAN), INC. dba S2 Club, P.O. Box 5739 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5079 (11/25)F/17316.

1 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50 per hour. Contact: HWANGJAE CORPORATION, PPP 140 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-8107 (11/25)F/17317.

1 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRER **1 SECURITY GUARD** - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. Contact: JOSEPH T. TORRES dba Courtney's Plaza, P.O. Box 714, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-5662 (11/25)F/17319.

1 BARTENDER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50 per hour. **15 DANCERS** - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50 per hour. **1 SUPERVISOR (NIGHT CLUB)** - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50-\$2.75 per hour. **5 WAITRESSES** - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. Contact: COMMONWEALTH ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION dba Golden Club, P.O. Box 2853, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-1254 (11/25)F/17322.

1 FAST FOOD WORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50 per hour. Contact: RODICO G. VIDAL dba R.V. Enterprises, P.O. Box 3350 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-7044 (11/25)F/17323.

1 ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE (MECHANIC) - Two years experience. Salary \$2.45-\$3.50 per hour. Contact: BAZAAR COLLECTION INCORPORATED dba Paack Ma Karaoke Box, P.O. Box 3577 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-6349 (11/25)F/17324.

1 CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$700 per month. Contact: GUERREROBROS., INC. dba Marianas Hardware, P.O. Box 924, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6258 (11/25)F/17325.

1 STEEL WORKER, REINFORCING - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. Contact: GIT BROTHERS, INC. P.O. Box 2399, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1299 (11/25)F/17326.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.65-\$3.50 per hour. **1 MECHANIC, PRINTING MACHINE** - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45-\$2.65 per hour. Contact: JARIDON, INC. P.O. Box 3516 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6651 (12/02)F/10772.

2 BAKERS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.50 per hour. Contact: YOUNIS ART STUDIO dba Dandan Bakery House, P.O. Box 231, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6341/7578/9797 (12/02)F.

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1 STORE SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$4.05 per hour. Contact: DIEGO'S MART, INC. P.O. Box 1699, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6153 (12/02)F/10773.

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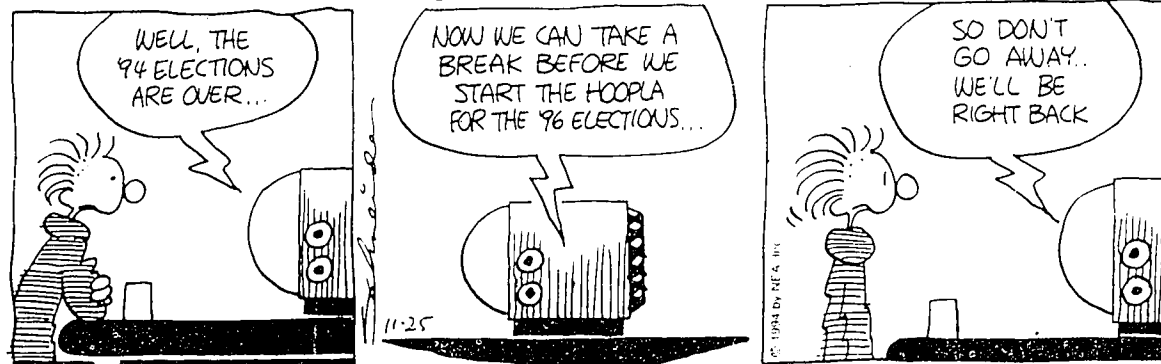
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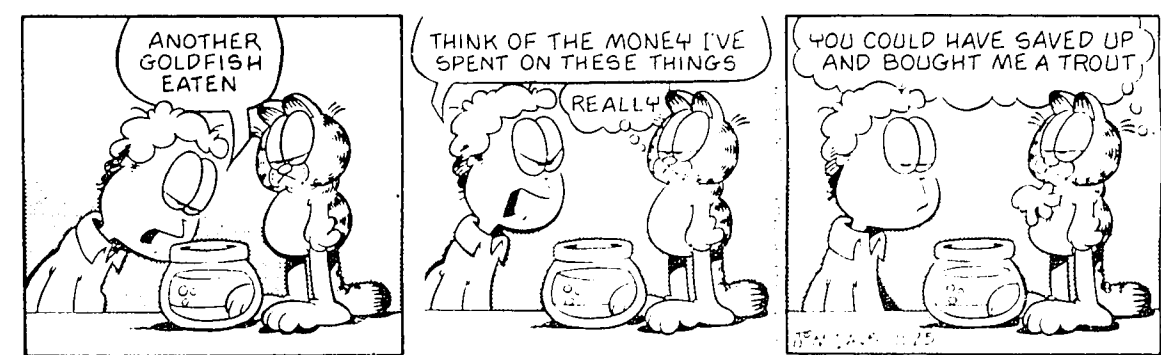
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1 SALESPERSON - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. Contact: KIM'S JEWELRY CORPORATION dba Kim's Jewelry, PPP 504 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5051 (12/02)F/17406.

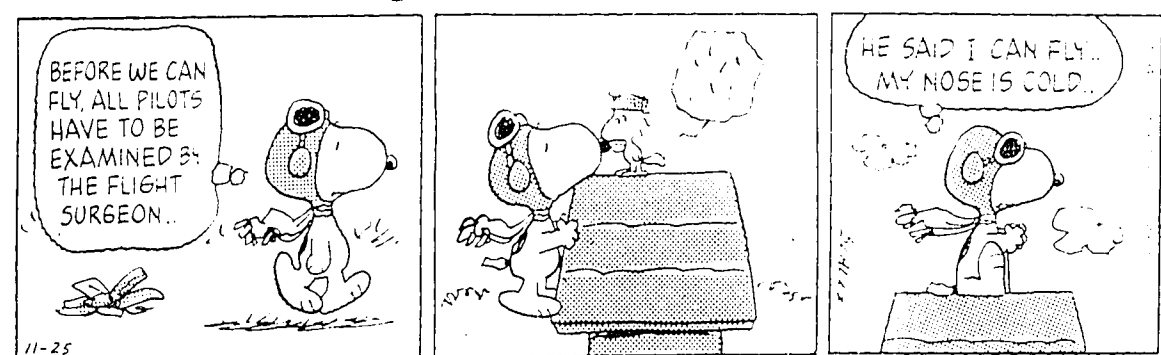
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are an honest and forthright individual. You will never miss an opportunity to share your opinions with others. You are confident of your abilities, and even more so of your point of view. There are times when you are absolutely certain that you are the only person who sees things as they really are — on occasion, you're right! You have a way with words, and you know how to capture the attention of those around you. You have many tricks up your sleeve, allowing you to enthrall audiences. You are sure to win approval from some for your vociferous ways; others will only find it in themselves to criticize.

A born strategist, you always know how to take a dull plan and turn it into something singular and remarkably successful. You are daring and creative in your endeavors, and you seem to derive a great deal of pleasure from situations presenting "impossible" odds.

Also born on this date are: Kathryn Crosby, actress; Bucky Dent and Joe DiMaggio, baseball players; John Larroquette and Ricardo Montalban, actors.

To see what is in store for you

tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Take care not to become defensive among those who know you best today. Remain open to friendly, honest criticism and all will be well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't limit yourself by labelling or pigeon-holing yourself today. You may realize that you will never be only one thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Look to past experiences for the answers you most need today. Better self-knowledge will open doors for you financially and personally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Beware of those walking around with clouds over their heads. Don't let yourself be trapped into a negative attitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Resist the urge to show off today. Your attributes and merits will shine in a subtle and far more effective way if you play it cool.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is a good day to get into a complex debate with a friend or loved one. Sharing your thoughts in a rational way will benefit all

concerned.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Now is no time to share all those secrets. Resist the temptation to put all your cards on the table today; it may leave you vulnerable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You have what it takes to influence others in a highly positive way today. Your bright, cheery side will welcome new friends into your circle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A door may be opened for you today, allowing you to explore a romantic opportunity. Now is no time to question or second-guess others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You must remain aware of your emotional needs at this time. Avoid any tendency to sacrifice yourself; hang on to your inner strength.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You won't be able to accomplish much if you continue with the on-again, off-again approach. Stick to it today!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Guard against becoming too self-absorbed today, and you will be able to meet another's needs when the time comes.

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second before Great Britain's Derek Johnson

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Joe DiMaggio was the best I ever saw. He made it look so effortless. If Joe played in Fenway Park in Boston he would have hit 1,000 homers." — Henry Kissinger

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1950, nine inches of snow fell throughout the title game at Columbus, Ohio, between Michigan and Ohio State. Forty-five punts were kicked.

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Sports Date

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER CALENDAR

November 26

GLAW Games at the Garapan ball park. First Game, Resjudicata vs. Amigas. Game 2, CUC Can Do Team vs. DPW Bucnas Marianas. Game 3, Just 4 fun vs. CHC Emergency Crew.

November 26

RGA mini tournament at the laolao Bay resort Club. Tee time is 6:30

November 26

BOWLING: New Builders vs. KAS Suwaso, Mark Shark vs. Saipan Shooting Range, RV Enterprises vs. Fun and Games, RB Electrical vs. Dollar Up, Mary's Bakery vs. Budweiser, CMS vs. D'Mixers.

November 27

CNMI YFL: Eastern meets Central at 12 noon. Southern faces Northern at 2:30 p.m.

November 28

SABA Championship game at 7:30 at the Ada gym basketball court between Ol' Aces and Takai Hawks.

November 30

Athletes Foot Boys' Volleyball. 5:30 p.m.-Juniors-Tanapag Rockets vs. Team Garapan. 6:45 p.m.-seniors-MHS Power Slammers vs. Grace Christian Academy.

December 2

Athletes Foot Boys' Volleyball. 5:30 p.m. Juniors.-Oleai Dream vs. William Reyes. 6:45 p.m. Seniors- Garapan Island Sons vs. Oleai Dream Team.

December 3

RGA Ace of Aces golf tournament. Coral Ocean Point. Reception will be at Killi Pavilion across the Ada gym. Call Tony Rogolofoi at 234-1001 and Tony Satur at 322-6914 for more information.

December 5

Athletes Foot Boys' Volleyball. 5:30 p.m.- juniors-Garapan Island Sons vs. Koblerville. 6:45 p.m.-seniors-Power Jammers vs. Power Slammers.

December 6

NMITA MEETING. 11:30 a.m. Poon's restaurant along Middle Road.

The agenda includes the 1st Marianas Classic Tournament, Jr. tennis Development Program, Oceana Davis Cup, AMP Tennis Center Status and the Oceana Davis Cup

December 7

Athletes Foot Boys' Volleyball. 5:30 p.m.- juniors-Grace Christian vs. Oleai Dream team. 6:45 p.m.-seniors-Grace Christian vs. No Fear.

December 9

Athletes Foot Boys' Volleyball. 5:30 p.m.- juniors-Tanapag Rockets vs. Garapan Island Sons. 6:45 p.m.-seniors-Grace Christian vs. Jammers.

December 10

Bodybuilding contest at the Saipan Grand Hotel at 1 p.m.

Women's Softball...

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innings led by Lorraine Babauta's two-run homer but went cold the rest of the way as the Express picked up the last eight runs of the game led by Mengreng Haruo's three RBIs. W.P. Irene Facey (5-6) L.P. Lorraine Babauta (1-5).

After witnessing teams come from behind in the first three games of the day, the Queens Bud broke the streak surviving a late Sunrisers surge and held on for a 9-8 victory. Leading 9-1 after five innings led by Dee Cepeda's four RBIs, the Sunrisers trying to make it four in a row for a come-from-behind day rallied but failed by a run with the bases loaded as the Buds held on for the win. W.P. Remy Celis (5-8). L.P. Lucy Ada (0-6).

Women's Softball Slow-Pitch League
Team standing as of Sunday November 20th, 1994

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
Lite Mix-a-Lot	12	1	.923	-
Tanapag Lady 8'ers	11	2	.846	1
Ms. Ohn Sakau	9	4	.692	3
IBC Coca Cola	7	6	.538	5
Duty Free Islanders	6	7	.462	6
Queen's Bud	6	8	.429	6.5
Hafa Adai Express	5	9	.357	7.5
Sun Risers	3	11	.214	9.5
Kautz Glass Glazers	1	12	.083	11

Batting Leaders: (based on 33 or more times at bat)

Player	Team	AB	Hit	Batting
Jovie Omar	Tanapag	40	26	.650
Thelma Flores	Mix-A-Lot	42	25	.595
Emy Quitugua	Tanapag	37	22	.595
Doris Roberto	Sunrisers	39	22	.564
Dora Palacios	Queens Bud	34	19	.559
Julie Omar	Mix-A-Lot	38	21	.553
Sochedur Ito	Hafa Adai	43	23	.535
Bert Sablan	Mix-A-Lot	45	24	.533
Beverly Skerei	Islanders	34	18	.529
Emiliana Analisa	Sakau	38	20	.526

Runs: (27) Thelma Flores (26) Lilian Mendiola, Emiliana Analisa (25) Bert Sablan (23) Emy Quitugua (21) Lou Lieto (20) Jovie Omar

Doubles: (5) Thelma Flores, Liz Lebría, Sly Ubedei (4) Bert Sablan (3) Gina Sablan, Evelyn Franklin

Triples: (4) Doris Roberto (3) Emiliana Analisa (2) Beverly Skerei, Liz Lebría, Cindy Hilbert

Homeruns: (7) Emy Quitugua, Jovie Omar (5) Julie Omar, Jennifer Gernance RBIs: (30) Emy Quitugua (26) Jovie Omar, Emiliana Analisa

Pitching

Player	Team	G	Inn	ER	W/L	ERA
Julie Omar	Mix-A-Lot	13	77	29	11-1	2.64
Polly Omechelag	Coca Cola	12	77	38	7-5	3.45
Jovie Omar	Tanapag	12	74	38	10-2	3.59
Semerina Simram	Sakau	13	80	50	9-4	4.37
Irene Facey	Hafa Adai	10	67	43	5-6	4.49
Remy Celis	Queens Bud	13	87	56	5-8	4.51
Leinani Taro	DFS	11	69	48	6-5	4.85
Lucy Ada	Sunrisers	7	37	33	0-6	6.24
Lorraine Babauta	Glazers	7	32	34	1-5	7.43
Doris Roberto	Sunrisers	9	46	51	2-5	7.76

Strike-Outs: (47) Remy Celis (42) Polly Omechelag (37) Jovie Omar (33) Julie Omar (32) Leinani Taro (30) Irene Facey, Semerina Simram

Magic...

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performance by Alonzo Mourning, who had 36 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks and led the Hornets back into the game.

After the Celtics took a 86-60 lead, the Hornets rallied to pull to 94-87 with 2:55 to go.

Charlotte made one last charge as Mourning's dunk closed the score to 96-89 with 44 seconds remaining. Darrin Hancock stole the ball and Johnson's layup cut the lead to five points with 34 seconds left. Johnson was fouled on the play, but missed the free throw.

Pistons 113, Bucks 108

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Terry Mills had 24 points and 14 rebounds to lead Detroit over Milwaukee. The Pistons trailed 55-50 at the half, but took control in the third quarter, using a 25-4 run to turn an eight-point deficit into a 75-62 lead.

Johnny Newman scored the first

five points of the fourth quarter to pull the Bucks within 11, but consecutive 3-pointers by Joe Dumars and Mills made it 89-72.

Dumars added 23 points and Grant Hill 20 for Detroit. Newman and Vin Baker each had 23 points for the Bucks and Marty Conlon had a career-high 22.

Hawks 89, Timberwolves 77
In Minneapolis, Steve Smith scored 18 of his 28 points in the second half and Atlanta survived a six-point second quarter to win consecutive games for the first time this season. It also was the Hawks' first victory when they have scored fewer than 100 points.

J.R. Rider paced the Timberwolves with 26 points.

The Wolves, held to a season-low 77 points, fell to 0-6 at home this season and have lost a franchise-record 10 consecutive home games dating back to April 6, 1994.

The Hawks' six-second-quarter points set franchise lows for both Atlanta's offense and the Wolves' defense.

1994 Palau Men's Softball Slow-Pitch League
Team standing as of Sunday November 20th, 1994

By Ray D. Palacios

"A-Division"	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
Team				
Kautz Glass Current	3	1	.750	-
Youth Spec	2	2	.500	1
Mwar Mwar Warriors	2	2	.500	1
PMCI Wild Things	1	3	.250	2
O & K Goods	1	3	.250	2
Ngerbeched Invaders	1	3	.250	2

"B-Division"

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
GIG Turtles	4	0	1.000	-
Korror Bombers	3	0	1.000	.5
Korror Tigers	3	1	.750	1
L&T Red Torch	2	2	.500	2
Pellieu	1	2	.333	2.5
Styx	0	4	.000	4

Batting Leaders: (based on 10 or more times at bat)

Player	Team	AB	Hit	Batting
Saisang Ngirmidol	Red Torch	10	9	.900
Ray Villagomez	Turtles	12	9	.750
Mel Sakisat	Currents	11	8	.727
Allen Aguan	Turtles	14	10	.714
Joe C. Lizama	Styx	10	7	.700
Kelvin Cepeda	Currents	10	7	.700
Mabel Ngingmelas	Warriors	10	7	.700
Tony Luzama	Wild Thing	12	8	.667
Ray Saka	Red Torch	12	8	.667
Mel Teregeyo	Wild Thing	11	7	.636

Runs: (9) Allen Aguan (8) Wills Takeo (7) Frances George, Jack Guerrero, Saisang Ngirmidol, Gloyd Martin (5) Ray Saka, Dennis Camacho

Doubles: (3) Tony Camacho, Eddie Aguan
Triples: (2) Melvin Teregeyo, Harvey Masaharu (1) Twenty Three Players

Homeruns: (4) Jerry Ayuyu (3) Kelvin Cepeda, Kaleb Dulei (2) Poland Yamada, Tom Tebekol, Joe C. Lizama, Elmer Sablan, Allen Aguan, Gloyd Martin

RBIs: (10) Jerry Ayuyu (9) Wilber Ada (8) Kaleb Dulei (7) Mark Quitugua, Ray Saka, Bano Babauta

Sunday November 20, Game Results:

Korror Bombers - 9	Wild Things - 8
Ngerbeched Invaders - 7	Pellieu - 3
Mwar Mwar Warriors - 14	O & K Goods - 13
L&T Red Torch - 16	Styx - 15
GIG Turtles - 18	Kautz Glass Current - 10
Youth Spec - 3	Korror Tigers - 2

First...

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hooked into it.

"As long as I am able, I will always be into bodybuilding. I feel great during and after workouts. It gives you a lot of cardiovascular exercise. It's a real healthy thing to do and the sport is a good example to children," Tinchin said.

Tinchin was referring to her five-year old twin kids who use to imitate or show to her their biceps during her workout.

Tinchin describes her husband as a supportive partner, particularly on her plan to join the SPG.

"He also intends to join the men's masters. Mr. Tinchin weighs 160 at his age of 38.

Utahna Tinchin goes to the Ada gym weightroom four days a week for a one-and-a-half hour workout.

On the belief by some men, or even women, that bodybuilding is not good

for women and their sexuality, Tinchin said, "the belief is a big misconception."

"Nothing negative changed in me except that my health has improved a lot. I see myself the same, before I started bodybuilding. Bodybuilding helps you stay active," said Tinchin.

Tinchin said, so far, she has not received negative comments about her involvement in the sport.

"Except my mom. She was not excited about it. For her, women should not do it. Women should help in the kitchen and should conform to other (conservative) ideas about women."

To compliment her bodybuilding regimen, Tinchin eat less meat. She refrains from eating fatty and junk foods and eats a lot of chicken breast.

Tinchin's mother may not be very supportive to her bodybuilding involvement but a lot of people are proud of her for breaking down the walls of male chauvinism and female ultra-conservatism. (AAPD)

Russian...

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hand touchdown from a double Axel and her early step-out from another jump.

"We were happy we stayed on our feet on both cases," said Steve, who expressed satisfaction with the silver and plans to go for the gold next year in Brisbane, Aus-

tralia.
The other American pair, Erin Elbe, 13, and Jeffrey Weiss, 17, finished ninth.

Also Wednesday, Russia's Ilia Kulik won the men's short program. The 17-year-old skater from Moscow performed several combinations of secure jumps, skating to the popular La Donna Mobile from Verdi's Rigoletto.

Saipan's...

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Davis Cup is a trophy awarded to the nation whose team is the winner of the International Lawn Tennis Association.

The tournament was later named after Cup trophy donor, Dwight F. Davis (1879-1945), an American civic leader and government official.

Some fifteen to eighteen nations in the Pacific will send delegates to Fiji for the tryout series.

In the Oceania Davis tryout, all players will play the singles match. The top two finishers will represent the region in the singles event while two more will be chosen by the Oceania tryout committee to play in the doubles.

The tryout aims to produce and form a 4-man all-star team from the Pacific

"This will be the first time that the Oceania Davis Cup will be held. This is a historical event. It is really a great honor for any player to be part of the Oceania Davis Cup program which is the highest goal in the men's tennis player will aspire to reach," Race told

Variety Sports.

"It is the biggest country-to-country tennis competition in the world. Germany won the Cup last year and previous to that year, U.S. won the Cup," Race added.

Part of Race' training program regimen is a two-and-a-half hour run a day, one-and-a-half hour of weight-lifting, four-and-a-half of hour practice matches and a lot of drills.

On top of these regimen, Race, who owns and operates the Power Sport Tennis clinic for kids, also spend six hours a day with about fifty tennis students.

Jeff Race started playing the sport at age 15, about 19 years ago. Race is 34.

He won this May the singles event of the DFS Micronesian Tennis Championship at the Pacific Islands Club. Earlier in Guam, Race also won the Chamorro Open Singles Championship in March.

He brought honor to the CNMI in the last Micronesian games when he won two silver and two bronze medals.

He won silver medals in the Team and singles competition and won bronze medals in the men's doubles and mix doubles.

This early, Jeff Race is working hard to bring honor again to the Commonwealth.

"I plan my training program (for Oceania and SPG) carefully, not haphazardly. Mike Walsh will be a great help in my preparation for the SPG. I have coaching background and I respect Mike as a coach. He has good coaching experience," Race said.

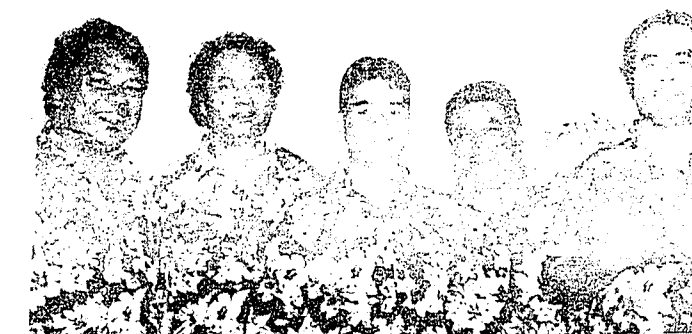
"I believe I'm a good tennis player. I will do my best in the Oceania but my best also depends on the support I will get from NMITA."

"I believe I have a fifty-fifty chance in the Oceania doubles team, but everything depends on the tryout coaches and committee members' judgement," Race added.

Years back, Race was also a president of the NMITA for three years. He is now in-charge of the association's development program, like coaching the Saipan junior tennis players for the South Pacific Games.

Tennis sport observers believe Jeff Race has the potential of an international competition champion. Many of his colleagues also believe he has a good chance in the Pacific All-Star Team. (AAPD)

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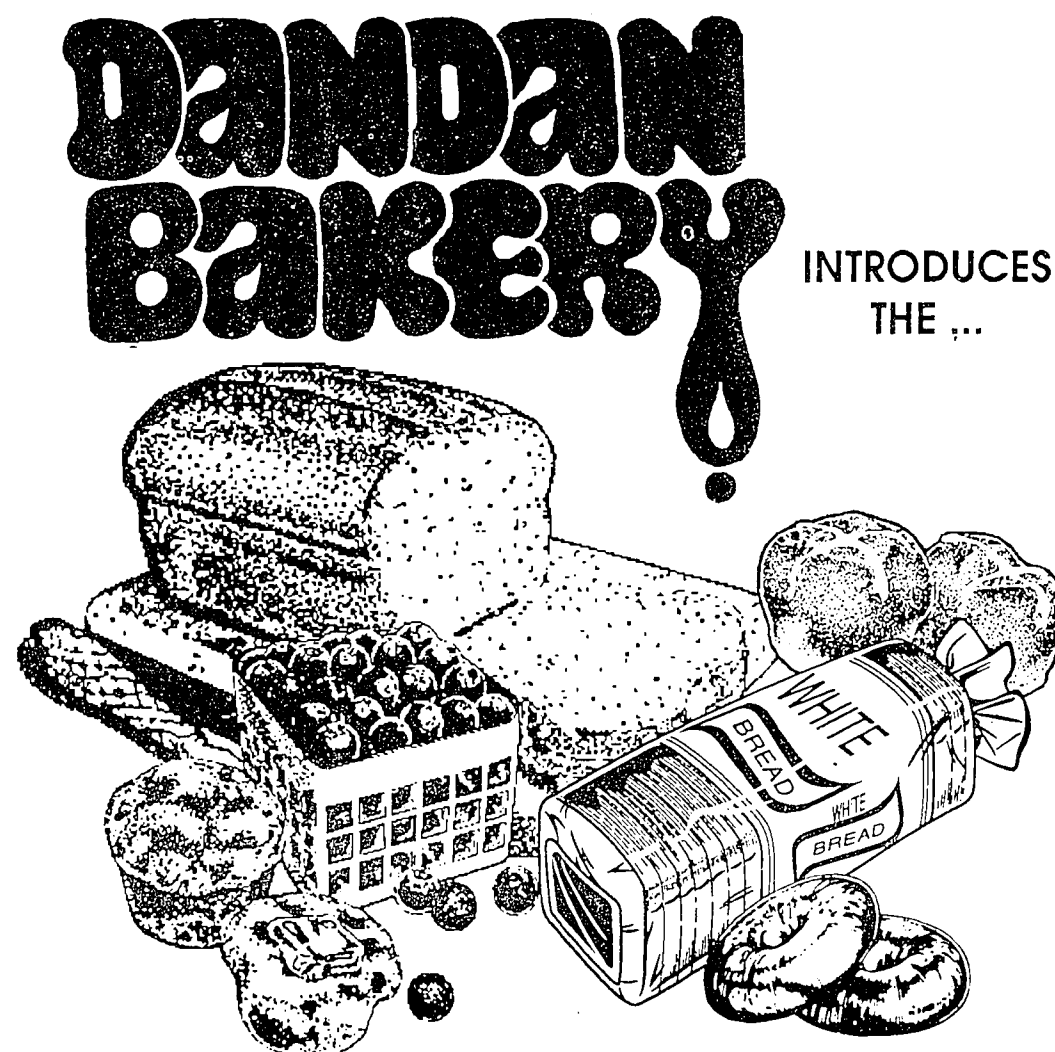


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SPORTS

Magic defeats Rockets

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal scored 30 points and Anfernee Hardaway had 29 points, nine rebounds and a career-high seven steals

Wednesday night as the Orlando Magic handed the Houston Rockets their second consecutive defeat, 117-94.

The triumph was the fifth straight for Orlando. Houston had opened the season with nine consecutive victories.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets, who lost to Portland on Tuesday night, with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Heat 100, Cavaliers 87.

In Miami, Glen Rice sparked a third-period rally and finished with 30 points as Miami snapped a three-game losing streak.

Rice scored five points during a 9-2 run that gave the Heat a 75-60 lead with 3:05 left in the third period. Miami was never threatened after that, leading by as much as 21 and

maintaining an advantage of at least nine points the rest of the way.

Bimbo Coles added 19 points and 10 assists for the Heat, while Cleveland was paced by Mark Price and Chris Mills with 17 points each.

Celtics 98, Hornets 91

In Boston, Dee Brown's 24 points sparked the Celtics, who took a 26-point lead late in the third quarter, then held on.

Boston overcame an outstanding

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On the first day of the Mobil Pohnpei Fishing Club Fishing Tournament, November 11 and 12, Dr. Aminis David reeled in 513.6 pounds of fish including these wahoo seen here. David won the tournament.

David wins Mobil fishing

By TOM PANHOLZER

POHNPEI - In the best turn out yet, Dr. Aminis David won first place in the Mobil Pohnpei Fishing Club Fishing Tournament held November 11 and 12 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

David netted a huge hand-carved trophy, two round-trip tickets to anywhere Air Micronesia/Continental Airlines flies, and \$1,000 for pulling in the only billfish.

John Sondern also won a trophy for the largest yellow fin tuna reeled in and two round-trip tickets to anywhere Air Micronesia/Continental Airlines flies.

On the first day out, heavy rains proved to provide fine fishing for the vessels which ventured out. David pulled in 513.6 pounds, including a 115 pound marlin.

Twenty-two boats registered in the club's tournament whose

major sponsor was Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., which provided up to 50 gallons of gasoline to each registered boat entering the tournament, banners, posters, and the awards banquet.

The hand-carved trophies were donated by Bank of the FSM, the billfish trophy, and Bank of Hawaii donated the yellow fin trophy. Both were carved by Kapingamarangi wood carvers.

First Saipan woman bodybuilder to join SPG

Utahna Tincher, Saipan's first woman bodybuilder will join the South Pacific Games women's bodybuilding competition in Tahiti next year.

Tincher, 32, started her bodybuilding regimen about a year ago.

Tincher recently won silver medal in the 1994 South Pacific Bodybuilding Women's Middleweight Division

Competition in Guam.

Raised in Guam, Tincher worked in the Air Force Service there for ten years. It was in the military service where she met her husband, an avid bodybuilder.

"My husband was instrumental in my personal decision to get into this sport. He is into bodybuilding a lot.

We have our own equipment at home. I see him often on a workout and that was how I got motivated in trying the sport," Tincher said.

Despite a good start — one silver medal in her first year in bodybuilding — Tincher is not yet sure if she will join the Northern Marianas Bodybuilding Championship at the Saipan

Grand Hotel on December 10th.

"I have no decision yet. I am not yet physically ready. It is a big maybe," said Tincher.

When asked about her plans for the SPG, Tincher gave a big "Of course."

She just completed her first year in bodybuilding but Tincher is already

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Russian pair retain title

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) - Maria Petrova and Anton Sikhanulidze of Russia retained their pairs' title Wednesday night by winning the free skate at the World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

The American brother-sister duo of Danielle and Steve Hartsell took the silver, and Evgenia Filonenko and Igor Marchenko of Ukraine the bronze.

Petrova, 17, and Sikhanulidze, 18, both of St. Petersburg, skated a solid and well-choreographed routine to the music of Prokofiev. With only minor mistakes, such as Petrova's hand touchdown off a double Axel, the pair earned marks as high as 5.5 for technical merit and 5.7 for artistic impression.

The Hartsells, Danielle, 14, and Steve, 16, of Ann Arbor, Mich., also skated well with significant deductions for two errors: Danielle's right-

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Saipan's Race to tryout in Davis Cup

A challenging and colorful year is ahead of compleat tennis player Jeff Race.

Four challenging big events awaits Race in 1995.

On February 27, Race will try a

slice of history of the First Oceania Davis Cup in Nadi Fiji.

Race will bid to make it to the 4-man Pacific All-Star Team which will represent the Oceania Region in the prestigious International Lawn Tennis

Competition.

By March 3, Race will join the Federation Cup tryout series, also in Fiji, and by August, Race will represent the CNMI in the South Pacific Games.

The father-to-be tennis titlist spends one-and-a-half to two hours a day at the Hyatt hotel tennis courts honing his stamina and skills for the Oceania Davis Cup tryout.

Race was highly recommended re-

cently by the Northern Marianas Island Tennis Association to the Oceania tryout in a bid to represent the Oceania region in the prestigious world tennis tournament.

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