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## Miller's people say: No 'appalling' conditions

By Gaynor Dumat-ol  
and Rafael H. Arroyo

THE CNMI government shouldered the expenses of the three US congressional staff members who visited Saipan last week for a first-hand observation of the reported labor abuses and immigration problems in the Northern Marianas.

Governor Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero, during a press conference attended by the guests from Washington, admitted that the CNMI government

footed the bill, explaining it was his government which extended the invitation.

The cost of the visit of Richard Meltzer, general counsel for the US House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs chaired by George Miller; committee staff member Lori Sonken and Virginia Sablan, a staff member of Subcommittee on Insular and International, was not immediately available. Guerrero said the office of the resident representative to Washington would make the necessary accounting of the expenses.

The congressional staff members were given red carpet treatment, including five-star hotel accommodation, dinners attended by government and business leaders and even a helicopter tour.

In the same press conference, Sonken said she and the two others did not see any appalling living condition of alien workers in Saipan, contrary to what has been reported to the committee chaired by Miller, particularly the plight of



GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero (left) with Lori Sonken and Richard Meltzer during a press conference Friday following a weeklong visit by the staff members of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

garment workers employed by business magnate Willie Tan.

Sonken said she visited Tan's factory and that, according to her, the factory of Tan looked "good...modern."

Other garment factories they visited, Sonken said, "looked fine."

She observed that some factories were even air-conditioned.

The three, however, failed to go to the work sites of construction workers.

The group also did not closely scrutinize the barracks of alien workers employed in garments and construction companies.

"We drove by a few barracks but did not see much. I wish we had more time," she said.

Meltzer said things looked better

than what they had been hearing in the mainland.

"It's hard not to be most favorable. We are impressed with the beauty of the islands and we had very good discussions with the people, government and business leaders," Meltzer said.

"When we go back we'll share with members of our committee what we saw and what we learned from your people," Meltzer said.

Last July 30, government and business leaders in the CNMI were called to a hearing in Washington by Miller's committee on the so-called slave labor practices and other forms of abuses committed against alien laborers in the Northern Marianas.

The reports prompted the US

government to consider taking over labor and immigration controls in the CNMI.

But Meltzer said the likelihood of an immediate legislation for such purpose was "very remote."

For her part, Sablan said the purpose of the trip was well accomplished.

"It has been our policy to receive as much information as we can and that has been the instructions given me. I feel there has been a lot of development in the islands lately. But my subcommittee's concern here is what would be of benefit to the Northern Marianas in general," she said.

Meltzer added that the quality of leadership in the CNMI "is very good."

## Omar leaves widespread damage; heads for Luzon

AGANA, Guam (AP) - Typhoon Omar left much of this US territory in a tangle of toppled trees, downed power lines and the rubble of homes, resort hotels and military installations.

The storm swept Guam on Friday with winds up to 150 mph, leaving an estimated 3,000 people in shelters Sunday and injuring at least 132 people. No deaths were reported.

Preliminary damage assessments of \$155 million early Sunday were expected to be twice that by the day's end, with 75 to 90 percent of the island's buildings affected, said Guam Civil Defense Agency Director Joe Terlaje.

"That includes thin houses and wooden structures - almost all buildings suffered serious or minor damage," Terlaje said. "This is one of the worst. Concrete poles were twisted and blown away."

The island of 135,000 residents remained without power and water Sunday, though water tankers were making rounds to villages and shelters set up at schools, Terlaje said.

President Bush on Friday declared Guam a disaster area, making residents eligible for federal grants, loans and other emergency assistance.

Some 500 to 1,000 tourists were stranded as Guam International Airport's radar was knocked out, he said. Flights were expected to resume on a limited basis Sunday, but only during daylight hours, he said. Officials were trying to bring in

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PALAU President Ngiratkel Etpison seems to be shaking the hand of a child during his meeting with the local Palau community at the old legislature building in Susupe yesterday.

## New revenues needed for 702

THE GOVERNMENT may have to identify new revenue sources, including new taxes or a portion of the tax rebates given to local taxpayers, to put up its share in the \$275 million, eight-year financial package negotiated last week with the federal government.

This was learned in an interview with Lt. Governor Benjamin T. Manglona Friday, upon his arrival from the Section 702 negotiations in San Francisco.

Manglona, as the CNMI's chief 702 negotiator, and Assistant Interior Secretary Stella Guerra on Aug. 25 agreed in principle to a \$275 million funding level for the next

eight years to finance capital improvement projects in the Northern Marianas, in accordance with Section 702 of the Covenant.

Manglona said the government would first study ways to increase revenue collection by improving the tax system and procedures, before considering at new tax measures.

He said the 702 agreement for the next eight years (starting fiscal year 1993) would be signed by Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero before it is submitted to the US Congress.

He expressed optimism that

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## World Affairs

# Hijackers surrender, release 79 passengers

ROME (AP) - The hijack of an Ethiopian airline ended safely at a military airport outside Rome Sunday morning when the hijackers surrendered, Italian authorities said.

Carmelo Caruso, an Interior Ministry official, told reporters at the airport that Italy was considering the hijackers' request for political asylum. He added that all aboard, including the nine crew members, were okay.

More details were forthcoming at an impromptu news conference. All 79 passengers had been released before the plane landed in Italy, and Caruso said the hijackers and the nine crew members who had remained on board were unharmed.

Before the ordeal ended, the hijackers said they were opponents of Ethiopia's government and were

seeking political asylum in Italy, said Mario Esposito, security director at the Ciampino airport.

It was unclear why the hijackers had chosen Italy.

One hijacker, accompanied by the pilot, had earlier met with a delegation of Italian officials in a room in an airport building, Esposito said. He had said Italy would consider the asylum request as long as the five hijackers met certain qualifications, but did not elaborate.

The hijackers were believed to have been armed with grenades, Esposito said.

Fourteen people had been aboard the Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 727: five hijackers and nine crew members, said police spokesman Nicola Cavaliere. An Ethiopian Airlines official began

talks with the hijackers shortly after they touched down in Ciampino, about 10 miles (16 km) south of Rome, at about 2:30 a.m. (0030 GMT). The plane flew from Cairo, Egypt, where it refueled.

Ridwan Abdalla, the Ethiopian charge d'affaires in Cairo, said he believed the hijackers were Ethiopians.

Civil aviation sources in Yemen, where the plane made a stop earlier Saturday, said the hijackers claimed to hold a prominent Briton. But Italian police said only crew and hijackers were aboard the plane in Rome.

In Djibouti, a tiny African nation that neighbors Ethiopia, the plane's 79 passengers were released Saturday, Yemeni sources said. There were no immediate details on the passengers' conditions.

## Iraqi planes stay out of allied 'no-fly' zone

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR

ABOARD THE USS INDEPENDENCE (AP) - US pilots protecting Shiite Muslims from aerial attack said they detected Iraqi aircraft near the "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq, but reported no attempts to enter the embargoed area.

One of President Saddam Hussein's Cabinet ministers said Saturday that Iraq would not be provoked into a military conflict, although the government has described US President Bush's flight ban as an aggressive act that could lead to war.

The government will "choose its own time and method for retaliation," said the state radio, after reporting the Cabinet had met under Prime Minister Mohammed Hamza al-Zubaidi to discuss the two-day-old prohibition on Iraqi flights below the 32nd parallel.

A Pentagon source said Saudi Arabian warplanes have joined in the operation to prevent Saddam from bombarding and strafing Shiite Muslim rebels and refugees in Iraq's southern marshes.

British and French pilots were also committed to participate. But they have not yet flown any missions, according to Lt. Col. Dennis Krembel, commander of the US Air Force 94th Squadron, flying out of Dhahran air base in eastern Saudi Arabia.

An Iraqi opposition group in neighboring Iran said Saddam's ground forces were still blasting at the Shiite areas with artillery, but there have been no confirmed reports.

US Navy pilots said from their altitude they could spot vehicles moving around the roads of the area, but no military traffic.

Before the air umbrella was raised, Western officials said the Iraqis were flying an average of 30 sorties a day to put down the rebellion that erupted after Iraq's defeat in the Gulf War.

US Air Force pilots on Saturday had their first radar contact with aircraft flying north of the exclusion zone, and one F-15C fighter locked onto the radar of

an unidentified plane, a US Air Force squadron commander said.

The unidentified aircraft did not respond, Krembel told reporters aboard the USS LaSalle in the Gulf. Since the unknown plane was flying in permitted airspace, he said, the pilot's main reason for locking onto its radar was to determine its location and direction.

US Navy pilots confirmed they had detected Iraqi aircraft. Pilots returning to the carrier USS Independence in the Gulf said they detected activity within 30 miles (48 kilometers) of the zone Saturday.

"There is some activity on our radar," said Lt. Cmdr. Bob Playfair, 35, after a six-hour air patrol over Iraq's southern marshlands in his F/A-18 Hornet fighter-bomber. The Iraqis "could be playing. They could be training. We can't tell," said Playfair.

"They want to provoke us, but we will be really patient," Omid Medhat Mubarak, the Iraqi minister of health, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"They want us to shoot down their aircraft as they wanted us to do in the north, but we will not be provoked," he said, referring to a safe haven for the Kurds which the allies established last year.

Krembel said Saudi KE-3 tankers had refueled several F-15Cs flying missions over southern Iraq on Friday night.

The Pentagon source, speaking on condition he was not identified, said that Saudi AWACS radar planes, F-15C fighters as well as Tornado reconnaissance jets and fighter-bombers also were taking part.

Saudi Arabia is the only Arab member of the coalition which fought Saddam last year known to have contributed forces to the current operation, called Southern Watch.

Britain and France pledged aircraft to the project. But Krembel said the six British Tornado reconnaissance and fighter-bomber jets were making preparations in Dhahran to begin flying missions.

an unidentified government official.

The official said South Korea hoped to delay the trip for several days so that it didn't conflict with Roh's planned Sept. 20-24 trip to the United Nations in New York, but that Chinese leaders pressed for an earlier date.

## Roh Tae-woo to visit China

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - President Roh Tae-woo will visit China Sept. 27-30 at the invitation of Chinese President Yang Shangkun, the national news agency Yonhap said Sunday.

South Korea and China established diplomatic relations last week, ending decades of Cold War

animosity. The accord capped a decade of expanding economic ties that finally prodded Beijing to recognize the Seoul government despite its long friendship with Communist North Korea. Roh will meet Chinese leaders in Beijing and will return home via Shanghai, the report said, quoting

## Wage recommendation expected in September

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE MINIMUM Wage Task Force expects to come up with a recommendation on how much local wages should be raised by the end of September, according to Finance Director Eloy S. Inos.

Inos, who is also task force chairman, said a new minimum wage law could be passed before the end of 1992.

"Minimum wage determination is quite a big job, considering that different sectors would be tossing in different figures and that numerous factors must be taken into consideration," he said in an interview Friday.

Inos called a meeting last Thursday among task force members to gather feedback from separate discussions each one were conducting among their constituencies and set a target date for the work at hand.

The task force, which was formed by Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero last August 12, is made up of a representative each from the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Attorney General's Office, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, Saipan Garment Association, Contractors Association, and Saipan Hotel Association, plus the director of Commerce and Labor and the Personnel Officer.

The move was in response to the concerns raised during the July 30 congressional hearing in Washington, D.C.

He said the main work of the task force would be to provide expert and unbiased advice and recommendation to the Legislature with regards to finding an appropriate minimum wage rate for the CNMI.

According to Inos, there is a

need to address all the concerns of the different sectors of the community so that a minimum wage would be reasonable and acceptable to all.

"There has been plenty of figures coming up every now and then, but there's the question of how much the economy can sustain. A lot of consideration has to come into play," he said.

He mentioned inflation rate, cost of living, the consumer price index, the type of industry and the benefits being provided employees as top considerations for the task force.

Inos said the most difficult part of the group's job was to see just what kind of transition would be acceptable to all sectors.

He mentioned, the construction industry where a raise in the minimum wage would have a far-reaching effect.

According to Inos, contractors have negotiated for projects that would take as much as two years to complete using the current minimum wage as basis.

"We have to consider that companies have committed to providing their services based on the rate as it stands right now. So it's not that easy to say that we have to jack up wages by 10 or 20 cents tomorrow or next year. We have to study the effects of such a wage hike," Inos said.

"But as far as the work itself, we plan to have a draft report by end of next month or sooner. It would have to be packaged together and presented to the governor and the Legislature supported by statistical information, inquiries, surveys, and other data, including a bill ready for introduction," he said.



Bruce

## Palacios, Bruce meet, exchange apologies

THE TWO officials involved in a near-fistfight that marred the visit of three committee staff members of the US Congress have smoked the peace pipe.

House Rep. Herman T. Palacios and the governor's special legal counsel, Tim Bruce, have exchanged apologies upon the mediation of Governor Lorenzo I. DL. Guerrero who personally arranged a meeting between the two Thursday evening at the Hyatt Hotel.

"All's well now," Palacios said Friday. "The governor arranged for Tim and I to meet so I met with him and we exchanged apologies."

The incident was witnessed by Lori Sonken, Richard Meltzer and Virginia Sablan, staff members of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The incident started when Bruce allegedly interrupted the meeting while another House member, Rep. Pedro R. DL. Guerrero was in the middle of a presentation to the visitors.

Guerrero and Palacios confronted Bruce, followed by a heated argument which ended

with Bruce calling Palacios names and Palacios shoving Bruce in the face, all in full view of the visitors.

"This is the biggest embarrassment that we've ever had considering that our visitors are here to see how we're doing things here," said House Speaker Thomas P. Villagomes, who broke up the fight.

In a letter to Governor Guerrero the speaker said Bruce must apologize to the congressional staffers and local representatives or be terminated for his alleged "callous and condescending behavior so unbecoming of the governor's legal counsel."

In a press conference Friday, the governor said both Palacios and Bruce had already apologized for their actions.

"Everybody makes mistakes. The mistake that was made was acknowledged and the apologies were well-received by both parties," he said.

Guerrero said, he had confidence with every staff that he has. "Otherwise, he will be terminated or be realigned for another position," Guerrero said.

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# \$400M offered for Continental

HOUSTON (AP) - Air Canada and a group led by a pair of Fort Worth, Texas, investors became the third bidder for Continental Airlines Thursday, offering \$400 million.

The offer from Air Canada and Air Partners L.P. would best a \$385 million bid proposed by Houston financier Alfredo Brener and a \$350 million proposal led by Charles Hurwitz, the Houston owner of the Maxxam Inc. conglomerate.

Continental has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy since December 1990 and last week received a sixth extension for filing its reor-

ganization plan.

Under their offer, Air Partners, a limited partnership including Texas businessmen David Bonderman and James Coulter, would get a 41 percent voting interest and a 29 percent equity stake in Continental while Air Canada would get a 24 percent voting interest and a 29 percent equity interest.

Continental's creditors would get the remaining 35 percent voting interest and 42 percent equity interest in Continental.

"It is a win-win situation since both companies will benefit from synergies in such areas as net-

work coordination, information systems and maintenance," said Hollis Harris, Air Canada chief executive.

The deal would also give Air Canada access to Continental's extensive domestic network.

Continental, the nation's fifth largest airline, filed a reorganization plan with the Delaware bankruptcy court in February that contemplated no need for an outside investor. But the fare wars and a moribund US economy made an outside investor imperative.

Last week, US Bankruptcy Judge Helen Balick urged any

would-be bidders to come forward, saying she wants to confirm Continental's bankruptcy reorganization by December.

Air Canada, which the Canadian government sold to investors in 1989, has long been known to be interested in making a bid for Continental.

"Its chief executive led Houston-based Continental for about a year until August 1991 when Robert R. Ferguson III took over. Harris has been the chief at Montreal-based Air Canada since February.

US law forbids foreign companies from owning more than 49

percent of an airline's stock and 25 percent of its voting shares. Participation by Bonderman and Coulter would help circumvent that problem.

Bonderman and Coulter are longtime business associates of Fort Worth billionaire Robert Bass. Bass, however, is not a party to the Air Canada-Air Partners offer.

Brener, a Mexican national, faces a similar obstacle in the foreign ownership rule, although he is considering applying for US citizenship. The Hurwitz-led group hopes to buy 72 percent of the airline's voting shares.

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## Senior Northwest exec leaving

NORTHWEST Airlines has announced that Allen W. Johnson, senior vice president-international, will leave the company in mid-September.

Johnson directed much of Northwest's international growth during the last 10 years. "Sixteen years with Northwest have been the highlight of my career," said Johnson, who noted that for the past seven years he has been a round-the-world commuter between his Tokyo base and Northwest's Minnesota headquarters.

Johnson joined Northwest's US staff in 1976 and obtained sales and operations experience before becoming country manager-Sweden in 1979. After holding several other European posts, Johnson became the airline's first vice

president-Atlantic Region in 1984. He relocated from London to Tokyo in 1985 where he was promoted to vice president-Pacific Region. Johnson took on additional responsibilities in 1989 when he was appointed senior vice president-international.

"Allen has made significant contributions to Northwest during his 16 years with the company," said William Slattery, executive vice president-operations. "He helped orchestrate Northwest's entry into the trans-Atlantic market and directed Northwest's operations in the Pacific market during a period of substantial growth. His services will be missed, but his departure will not negatively affect Northwest's ongoing effort to enhance its No. 1 market share position in

the trans-Pacific market and to become the trans-Pacific customer's airline of preference."

Johnson will stay with Northwest until mid-September to ease the transition to a new Pacific Region vice president and to oversee the airline's restructuring of its Tokyo Narita airport hub. Effective September 15, Northwest will re-time its Pacific schedules to reduce layover times at Narita by as much as fifty percent and to reduce travel times from the US to Asia by as much as two hours and 45 minutes per trip.

Northwest is the world's fourth-largest airline and with its Airliner partners serves 240 destinations in the US, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Australia.

## People ask Ramos how to get out of country

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos invited ordinary Filipinos to the presidential compound in what aides said was an attempt to learn what the common people want. He found out that many of them want out.

About 5,000 people turned out Saturday in blustery winds and intermittent rain to attend the "Peoples Day" open house at the Malacanang presidential palace.

Government departments set up booths at the palace grounds, where senior officials were on hand to listen to complaints from ordinary people about problems involving their areas of responsibility.

But Tomas Padilla, undersecretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, said one of the most frequently asked questions was how to get an American visa in order to leave the country.

Others wanted to know how to get jobs abroad, especially in the Middle East.

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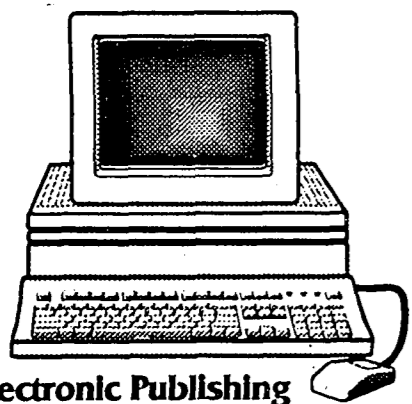


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# Investors see Vietnam as Asia's next 'dragon'

By DENIS D. GRAY

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - Hoang Van Nghien planted a dynamic capitalist company in communist ground, where he turns out robot parts, seeks other profit opportunities and instills Japanese-style company spirit in his employees.

Hanel Corp., with more than \$2 million in assets, assembles videocassette players and other consumer electronics under license from South Korean and Japanese giants.

Nghien, an electronics engineer, said his company also gets more overseas orders than it can handle for such items as Japanese robot components.

To accumulate hard currency, Hanel recently invested in factories that export shrimp and silk. To forge the 350 workers into a dedicated team, his managers follow the Japanese model, throw parties, attend weddings and hand out bonuses.

Optimistic foreign business-

men point to such growing enterprises as Hanel to support their contention that Vietnam will follow Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore to become Asia's next economic dragon.

They cite its largely untapped natural resources, traditional work ethic, low labor costs and an entrepreneurial spirit pent up through decades of war and communism. Nghien noted that Japanese workers are paid the equivalent of \$2,000 a month for the same work his employees do for \$35. "There are billions of dollars in business opportunities in Vietnam," said Raymond Eaton, an Australian businessman. "I'm quite convinced that Vietnam is going to be a real key player in the region."

Eaton's Export Development Trading Corporation does \$5 million to \$6 million of business a year in textiles, handicrafts and commodities trading. He recently signed a joint-venture agreement for a gem-cutting and trade op-

eration.

Like other businessmen, Eaton is positioning himself in the market rather than putting in a lot of investment capital, awaiting what some believe will be a big breakthrough by Vietnam.

They expect that to come, possibly next year, when the United States lifts its trade embargo and its blockage of loans from international financial institutions.

The World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank are expected to make billions of dollars in loans to rebuild Vietnam. Renovation of roads, harbors, airports and power plants will spawn a host of business opportunities, or so Vietnamese and foreign businessmen hope.

"Once the Americans press the green button, there's going to be transformation overnight," Eaton said in an interview. He added that big investors will shy away until Washington and the World Bank approve.



## Foreign cigarettes flood Russian mart

MOSCOW (AP) - Shiny packs of Camels and Kents have almost crowded out drab gray boxes of Russian cigarettes at a kiosk on busy Pushkin Square.

"Russians buy more foreign cigarettes now because they are much nicer," said 18-year-old Valery Naumov, puffing a Marlboro. The popular American brand sells for 150 rubles a pack, or about \$1, five times the price of local brands.

"We are tired of Russian cigarettes with no filters, bad taste and bits of tobacco that stick in our throats," Naumov said.

As more people in the West kick the habit, US and European tobacco companies have been drawn east by the passion for cigarettes in what used to be the Soviet bloc.

The former Soviet republics are a bonanza. At least 70 million smokers consume 450 billion cigarettes a year, making the region the third-largest market after China and the United States.

In Russia, from 40 percent to 70 percent of men and about 30 percent of women are chronic smokers, according to the All-Union Cancer Research Center in Moscow. The heaviest smokers are blue-collar workers in industrial cities.

"We see tremendous opportunity here," said Dale Sisel, president of RJ Reynolds Tobacco International. The company's brands include Camels and Winstons.

"Even if our business in the United States wasn't declining, we'd be investing here anyway," said Sisel, announcing the purchase in June of a 52 percent share in the Uritski Tobacco Factory of St. Petersburg.

Supply outstrips demand in Russia alone by at least 50 billion cigarettes a year, Sisel said. Russian estimates put the figure at 100 billion.

Reynolds and Philip Morris International, the world's largest tobacco company, began shipping cigarettes to the Soviet Union after tobacco shortages set off protests in 1990. Philip Morris also manufactured Marlboros here in the early 1980s.

Filling an order for 14 billion cigarettes accounted for about one-third of Reynolds' exports last year. Philip Morris filled an even larger

order, for 24 billion cigarettes, in 1990 and 1991.

That gave the two American companies a combined 7 percent share of the cigarette market in the 15 republics last year, according to Diana Temple, an industry analyst at Salomon Bros. in New York.

British American Tobacco and other major firms also have joined the competition.

Tobacco companies have had to deal with private buyers instead of the government since the Soviet Union collapsed in December, but sales of foreign cigarettes remain brisk.

Reynolds has spent more than \$15 million on new equipment for the Uritski factory. Sisel said the factory will continue to produce Uritski's own brands, including the popular Kosmos and Belomorkanal, then start making Camels and Winstons in three years.

Philip Morris has started producing Marlboros at a converted plant in the Samara, southern Russian, in a joint venture with Avtovaz, a huge auto manufacturer. A second cigarette factory is to open this year in Krasnodar.

In the early 1980s, the company made Marlboros in Moscow, Kishinev and other cities.

Not everyone is pleased with the developments.

"The impact of foreign cigarettes here could become incredible because smoking is already an epidemic in this country," said David Zaridze, deputy director of the All-Union Cancer Research Center.

More than 400,000 people die in the former Soviet Union every year of diseases linked to smoking, and lung cancer rates are among the world's highest in the world.

Jerie Jordan of the American Cancer Society, which held a "smoke-out" in Moscow last year, said Russians show comparatively little interest in quitting.

"The idea of being healthier doesn't seem to have gotten to the former Soviet Union yet and shortages don't seem to cause any decrease in demand for cigarettes," said Jordan, who works at the society's headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

## Video poker player wants all winnings

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

LUCKY Spot Gameroom, a video poker establishment in Garapan ordered by the Superior Court last month to pay a total of \$25,000 in winnings to a player, is not off the hook yet.

Last July 21, Superior Court Presiding Judge Pedro M. Atalig ordered Lucky Spot to pay Francisco C. Agulto \$12,500 aside from the \$12,500 the video establishment earlier paid to the poker player.

But less than a month late or on Aug. 19, Agulto, through his lawyer Reynaldo O. Yana, appealed his case before the Supreme Court, saying Lucky Spot owed him \$68,000, not just \$25,000 in winnings.

Agulto claimed in his complaint before the Superior Court that on Aug. 3 last year, he accumulated 28,000 points while playing at Lucky Spot Gameroom which is

operated by Northern Marianas Investment Group Ltd.

The player claimed his 28,000 points became 128,000 when he placed a 100-coin bet and won a royal flush.

Confident that he was on a roll, Agulto said, he risked all the 128,000 coins he accumulated, for the chance of having them doubled and won.

Agulto claimed he played further and subsequently earned 273,673 points or about \$68,000 at 25 cents a point.

The lower court, however, said that the most points Agulto could obtain from the poker machine was 100,000 or \$25,000 worth of winnings.

Aside from the \$68,000 Agulto was seeking, the poker player asked the lower court to order Lucky Spot's owner to pay him \$1 million in punitive damages but the presiding judge turned down the claim.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR CNMI WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

The Water Quality Standards (WQS) of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands protect the value and use of CNMI waters. The use includes propagation of fish and wildlife, recreation, public water supply, and navigation. The WQS require a water quality certification be obtained for activities which result in a discharge into CNMI waters.

Applications for water quality certifications are reviewed by the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Upon determining that an application is complete, DEQ issues a public notice describing the project's potential impacts on water quality, aquatic life, and human health. The public comment period for a Water Quality Certification Application is 30 days from the date of the first publication of notice.

Based upon a complete technical review, and receipt of public comment, the DEQ may issue the Water Quality Certification. The Chief of DEQ may, upon request, provide the opportunity for a public hearing to consider issuance of the water quality certification.

DEQ is soliciting comments on the following application for a CNMI Water Quality Certification:

1. APPLICANT: Department of Public Works, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

APPLICANT'S AGENT: Henry K. Pangelinan Associates  
P.O. Box 1531  
Saipan, MP 96950

2. APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES: CNMI Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act (Public Law No. 3-23); Part 10, CNMI Water Quality Standards (Commonwealth Register Vol. 13 No. 11, November 15, 1991). Section 10, River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

3. LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Saipan

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: The Department of Public Works plans to construct a box culvert structure as a base for the construction of a Talofoto access road crossing of the Talofoto stream. three rectangular, concrete culverts with the dimensions eight feet (8') wide and seven feet (7') high, with inlet and outlet wing walls will be constructed in the existing stream bed. Velocity dissipators and riprap will be constructed for erosion control. The design flow capacity of the culvert is 3,680 cfs, which is adequate to accommodate a fifty (50) year storm occurrence. The natural course of the stream will not be permanently altered. The stream discharges to the Pacific Ocean at a site commonly referred to as Jeffry's Beach.



SEVEN of the 11 immigration officers who left for a weeklong training in Honolulu, with Immigration Chief Jose P. Mahas and Deputy Chief Frank Villanueva.

## 11 officers to train in Honolulu

ELEVEN immigration officers from Saipan, Tinian and Rota left yesterday for a weeklong training in Honolulu, Deputy Immigration Chief Frank P. Villanueva said.

Three of the 11—Carmen B. Crisostomo, new acceptance Agent Remedio S. Reyes and new acceptance Agent Marian S. Adriano—will focus their training on US

passport computerization.

Capt. Thomas O. Sablan, Capt. Ramon Sablan, Officer II Patricia C. Cabrera, Inspector III John A. Demapan, Inspector II Adrian P. Sablan and Inspector trainee Juan Rabauliman will be trained on how to detect illegal and overstaying aliens as well as fraudulent documents and taught interrogation techniques and procedures.

The six will also be briefed on profiles of organized crime mem-

bers and taught investigation and interrogation techniques.

Investigation Supervisor David Ayuyu and Assistant Investigation Supervisor Rafael Demapan will be trained on how to detect illegal and overstaying aliens as well as fraudulent documents and taught interrogation techniques and procedures.

The project construction will take place in three stages. Silt screen fences (two) will be constructed downstream of the site to control sediment run-off the project.

Stage 1 will include the discharge of approximately 230 cubic yards of coral fill to the natural streambed in order to divert flow to a temporary streambed to allow for construction of (1/2) half of the box culvert structure.

Stage 2 involves the realignment of 160 cubic yards of the coral fill placed in Stage 1 to divert stream flow to allow for construction of the other half of the box culvert structure. The 70 cubic yards of fill remaining from Stage 1 will be removed from the streambed.

Stage 3 includes the demolition of the existing concrete slab and construction of the remainder of the wing walls, velocity dissipators, and riprap. In Stage 3 construction of the entrance/outlet wing walls and riprap may require a diversion confederdam.

Upon completion of construction, 147 cubic yards of compacted coral fill will remain in the natural streambed as a base for the box culvert structure. All remaining coral material and debris will be removed from the streambed and the silt screens will be removed.

5. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The project will result in an increased sediment load and turbidity in the receiving waters due to the disturbance of the natural streambed and the placement of fill to the streambed during construction. The impact of increased turbidity and sediment load discharged to the marine waters can be lessened through the implementation of sound construction and sediment control practices.

COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES: The Division of environmental Quality is soliciting comments from the public, federal, CNMI, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by DEQ to determine whether to issue or deny certification for these proposals.

Written inquiries and comments should be submitted to DEQ within 30 days from the date of this notice. Mail to: Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1304, Saipan, MP 96950. Deliver to: DEQ Office, Old Dr. Torres Hospital, As Terlaje. Or, call DEQ at (670) 234-6114/6984.

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# AIDS top killer in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN — The National Commission on AIDS today released its report on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Puerto Rico that includes calls of raising the cap on Medicaid, anti-discrimination measures, better access to clinical trials, and much greater efforts in drug use and HIV prevention, including bleach distribution and needle exchange.

A major theme of the report is the need for a greater "partnership" between the federal government and the Commonwealth. Specifically, the Commission calls upon the Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with the Commonwealth on a comprehensive study of the overall health status and services of people living in Puerto Rico. As important, expansion of prevention efforts is critical now, targeted to groups at high risk including drug users, women, adolescents, prison inmates and men who have sex with men.

These recommendations and others are the result of two days of hearings by the Commission in

Puerto Rico, site visits to 12 locations throughout the island, as well as testimony and subsequent consultations with dozens of Puerto Ricans involved in health care at governmental and non-governmental organizations, and people living with AIDS or HIV infection.

While its 3.5 million residents are US citizens, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is not included in many federal government AIDS efforts. The Commission's report today to Congress and President Bush recommends a major enhancement of federal AIDS policy to Puerto Rico, where AIDS is the leading cause of death for men aged 25 to 44, and women aged 25 to 34.

"The Commission's report and the recommendations therein now belong to the people of Puerto Rico, who contributed so much to its production," said Eunice Diaz, a member of the National Commission on AIDS and a native of Puerto Rico.

The Chairman of the National

Commission, June E. Osborn, MD., said, "While AIDS is overwhelming Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth's unique relationship to the US mainland has presented special challenges and frustrations to federal policy development.

"In its report, the Commission has identified common themes that submit to recommendations based on collective national experiences as they apply to Puerto Rico, but also those distinctive problems arising from cultural and/or governmental features that require special remedies," Dr. Osborn added.

Ms. Diaz added, "It is our hope that this report will contribute to continuing dialogue among the parties entrusted to respond to this epidemic, and that that dialogue will move us into an agenda of coordinated action."

Among the Commission's recommendations:

\*Raise the Medicaid cap, currently set at \$79 million. While the annual incidence of AIDS cases in Puerto Rico in 1991 was

second highest in the nation (50.9 per 100,000 population), it ranks 55th among the 57 states and territories in the total funding per reported case.

The majority of HIV infected people in Puerto Rico are impoverished and dependent on government health care services, such as Medicaid. Were zidovudine (AZT) available for all who need it, it is estimated that the cost alone is this primary drug treatment for HIV infection would be \$60 million a year. If Puerto Rico operated under the same tax and funding formulas as the 50 states, it would have received more than \$400 million last year in matching Medicaid funds.

\*The federal government as well as Puerto Rican governmental and nongovernmental organizations should coordinate a strong response to the "twin epidemics" of substance use and HIV.

Seventy-four percent of the AIDS cases in Puerto Rico are directly linked to injection drug use. The report says this is "a dynamic that has been nourished

by the social and economic deprivation of those caught in this human tragedy."

While the Commonwealth government, as well as some private organizations, have responded with various programs to expand access to drug treatment, the need remains enormous for programs like needle exchange, bleach distribution and condom distribution to injection drug users, according to the report.

\*Major efforts must be made to identify and address the impact of the HIV epidemic on the 2.7 million Puerto Ricans who live on the mainland in cities such as New York, Boston, Hartford, Chicago, Miami and elsewhere.

The HIV related issues raised by the extensive "air bridge" migration between Puerto Rico and the mainland are just beginning to be addressed by agreements such as that announced earlier this month between New York City and San Juan to identify and coordinate AIDS services available in both cities, including case management.

\*The federal, commonwealth, and municipal governments, as well as the private sector, should cooperate to expand clinical research, as well as access to experimental therapies.

Access to experimental treatments is an essential component of health care services for the HIV infected people in Puerto Rico, many of whom are otherwise too poor to afford many treatment options. Few clinical trials are conducted in Puerto Rico.

\*The federal and commonwealth governments must cooperate on programs to combat the high level of stigmatization and discrimination faced by HIV-infected people seeking housing, health care and employment.

The Commission feels that special efforts should be made to educate the community about the provisions and rational for anti-discrimination laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In its conclusion, the Commission's report "calls for community-based organizations, churches and religious organizations, organized labor, trade associations, professional associations, small businesses, corporations and other to join forces in responding to (the AIDS) crisis."

The National Commission on AIDS is an independent body created by federal statute to advise Congress and the President on development of "a consistent national policy" concerning the HIV epidemic.

The 15-member Commission includes five voting members appointed by the Senate, five appointed by the House, and two appointed by President Bush. Three members of the President's Cabinet are non-voting members of the Commission. They are the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### ADOPTION CASE NO. 92-79

In the Matter of Petition for the Adoption of:  
AARON ALFREY  
QUILANTIF ARCALA  
Minor,  
By: DANILO A. VEGAMORA,  
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that on September 3, 1992, Thursday, at 1:30 PM in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioner will petition the Court to adopt the above-mentioned minor.  
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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.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 1**

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Today is the 244th day of 1992 and the 73rd day of summer.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1886, the first major earthquake in the recorded history of the eastern United States occurred. Centered near Charleston, S.C., the quake was felt up to 80 miles away.


**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Arthur Godfrey (1903-1983), broadcaster; William Saroyan (1908-1981), playwright-novelist; Buddy Hackett (1924-), comedian, is 68; James Coburn (1928-), actor, is 64; Frank Robinson (1935-), baseball star-manager, is 57; Richard Gere (1949-), actor, is 43; Edwin Moses (1955-), hurdling great, is 37.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1985, the Longest-Hole golf tournament, a 37-mile, par-400 hole across the South Nevada Desert, was inaugurated.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know." — William Saroyan

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1971, a high of 94 degrees and a low of 84 degrees were the coolest high and low observed at Death Valley for the entire month. The average high was 115.7 degrees; the average low, 93.4 degrees. **SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 1992 Weather Guide Calendar.** Accord Publishing, Ltd.

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
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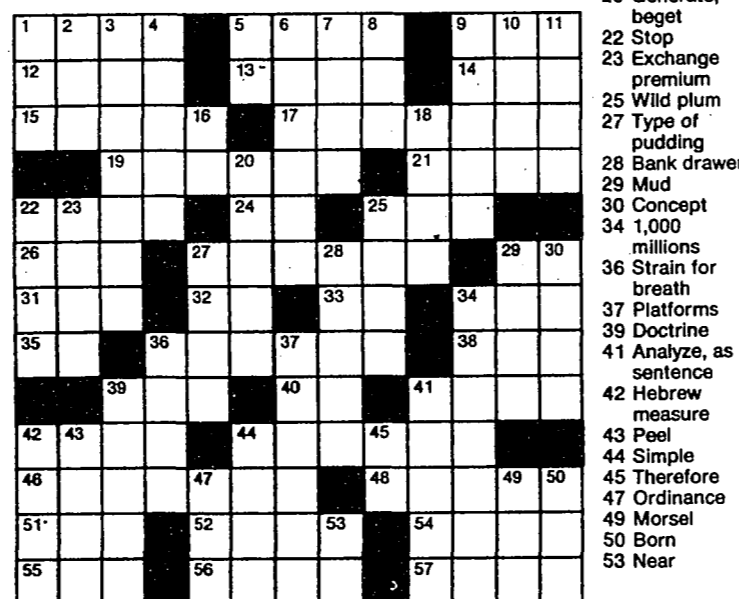
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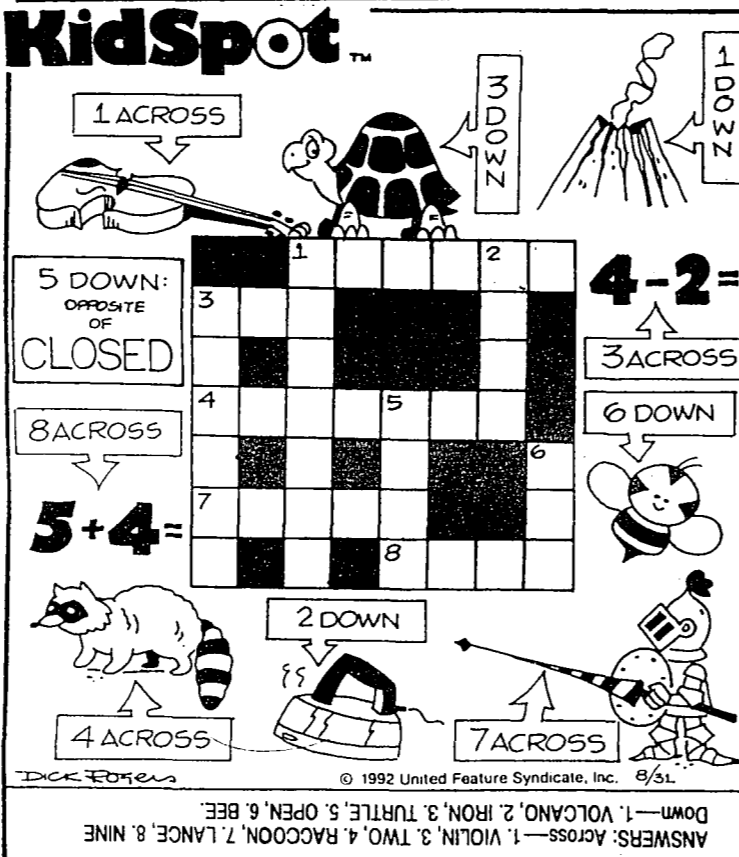
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ENROLLMENT in local public and private schools except in the Northern Marianas College grew by an average of 6.5 percent in the past four years, statistics released by the Public School System show.

Total enrollment for school year 1992-1993, however, posted a slower growth rate of 4 percent, from 9,015 in 1991-1992 to 9,373. The previous year's growth in enrollment was recorded at 5.2 percent.

The peak growth in the student population was registered in school year 1990-1991, when enrollment increased by 11.9 percent to 8,570 compared with 7,659 in the previous school year.

Enrollment in public schools totaled 7,384 for school year 1992-1993, while enrollment in private schools totaled 1,989 for the same school year.

Saipan accounted for the bulk of the student population, with 3,888 students enrolled in eight elementary schools for this school year out of a Commonwealth-wide enrollment of 4,517.

CNMI Annual Growth By Schools							Annual Growth Rate for the Last Four Years			
	Last 5 Yrs. Beg. Enrollment Data SY 1988-89 through SY 1992-93					Annual Growth Rate				
	88-89	89-90	90-91	91-92	92-93*	SY'89-90	SY'90-91	SY'91-92	SY'92-93	Average
Public Elementaries										
Total Elementary	3,662	3,761	3,779	4,105	4,517	2.7%	0.5%	8.6%	10.0%	5.5%
G.T. Camacho	204	183	173	226	246	-10.3%	-5.5%	30.6%	8.8%	5.9%
Tanapag	261	286	229	234	285	9.6%	-19.9%	2.2%	21.8%	3.4%
Garapan	627	631	645	721	798	0.6%	2.2%	11.8%	10.7%	6.3%
San Vicente	526	530	509	607	780	0.8%	-4.0%	19.3%	28.5%	11.1%
Oleai	354	337	313	382	428	-4.8%	-7.1%	22.0%	12.0%	5.5%
W.S. Reyes	650	643	640	608	729	-1.1%	-0.5%	-5.0%	19.9%	3.3%
San Antonio	189	173	183	200	242	-8.5%	5.8%	9.3%	21.0%	6.9%
Koblerville	245	276	312	473	381	12.7%	13.0%	51.6%	-19.5%	14.5%
Saipan total	3,056	3,059	3,004	3,451	3,889	0.1%	-1.8%	14.9%	12.7%	6.5%
Rota Elem.	324	375	406	324	322	15.7%	8.3%	-20.2%	-0.6%	0.8%
Tinian Elem.	282	3227	369	330	306	16.0%	12.8%	-10.6%	-7.3%	2.7%
Public Secondaries										
Total Secondary	1,801	1,929	2,374	2,532	2,620	7.1%	23.1%	6.7%	3.5%	10.1%
Hopwood	730	737	838	912	815	1.0%	13.7%	8.8%	-10.6%	3.2%
Marianas High	836	953	1,326	1,241	1,371	14.0%	39.1%	-6.4%	10.5%	14.3%
Rota High	149	144	114	119	134	-3.4%	-20.8%	4.4%	12.6%	-1.8%
Tinian High	86	95	96	108	110	10.5%	1.1%	12.5%	1.9%	6.5%
Tinian Jr. High	0	0	0	79	97	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.8%	0.0%
Rota Jr. High	0	0	0	73	93	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	27.4%	0.0%
Private Schools										
Total Private	1,487	1,609	1,938	1,929	1,989	8.2%	20.4%	-0.5%	3.1%	7.9%
Mount Carmel	758	833	857	652	576	9.9%	2.9%	-23.9%	-11.7%	-5.7%
Grace Christian	174	242	391	533	530	39.1%	61.6%	36.3%	-0.6%	34.1%
Marianas Baptist	31	20	41	61	56	-35.5%	105.0%	48.8%	-8.2%	27.5%
Saipan Comm.	174	171	184	203	234	-1.7%	7.6%	10.3%	15.3%	7.9%
Sister Rem.	210	214	216	202	197	1.9%	0.9%	-6.5%	-2.5%	-1.5%
7th-Day Adv.	75	66	85	89	89	-12.0%	28.8%	4.7%	0.0%	5.4%
Calvary Christ	51	44	70	62	110	-13.7%	59.1%	-11.4%	77.4%	27.8%
Whisp. Palms	14	19	24	27	27	35.7%	26.3%	12.5%	0.0%	18.6%
San Frn. De Borja	0	0	53	72	103	0.0%	0.0%	35.8%	43.1%	19.7%
Smith Pre-Sch.	0	0	17	28	67	0.0%	0.0%	64.7%	139.3%	51.0%
Summary Totals	88-89	89-90	90-91	91-92	92-93					
Total Public Schools	5,823	6,050	6,632	7,086	7,384	3.9%	9.6%	6.8%	4.2%	6.1%
Headstarts	360	360	479	247	0.7%	33.1%	-6.3%	-45%	-4.5%	
Elementary	3,662	3,761	4,105	4,517	2.7%	0.5%	8.6%	10.0%	5.5%	
Secondary	1,801	1,929	2,374	2,532	2,620	7.1%	23.1%	6.7%	3.5%	10.1%
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CNMI Totals	7,310	7,659	8,570	9,015	9,373	4.8%	11.9%	5.2%	4.0%	6.5%

PUBLIC School System Commissioner William S. Torres and the deputy commissioners for instruction and administration, Rita Sablan and Justo Quitugua, and an assistant deputy commissioner for administration congratulated seven PSS staff members who completed the requirements for University of Hawaii-Manoa and California State University-San Jose in a ceremony held at the PSS Central Office on Aug. 18.

The PSS employees completed three summers filled with graduate degree course work and a research project earlier this month and were notified that they successfully completed their candidacy for the degree this week. The University of Hawaii candidates will formally graduate in a ceremony on Nov. 4 and will be granted their degrees by Dr. John Dooly, dean of UH-Manoa School of Education and their faculty advisor, Dr. Mitsuo Adachi.

Torres said that the graduate degree program enabled many PSS employees to meet the enhanced Board of Education requirements for some of the key positions within education.

He said that the master's program was a logical step to upgrade those who wanted to take on increasingly more responsible and complex roles within education.

The PSS commissioner also outlined further professional opportunities saying that he has targeted the PSS counselors and librarians next. There is even a PhD program being explored, he said.

PSS staff development officer Jean Olapai expressed her pleasure in the group having made it through this training cycle. She said the program was rigorous and thorough. "About half of those starting have not finished," she said.

But she pointed out that the program has had a flexible timeline for completion. Cynthia Sar Nicolas started before this group and completed her program at San Jose State University while on leave



**SUCCESSFUL PSS Master's candidates gather in the PSS Executive Conference Room for a debriefing session with CMMI Education Commissioner William S. Torres. Graduates from the left of Torres (front row) are Antonio Romero, Marianas Baptist Academy, Louise Concepcion, PSS Procurement & Supply, Margarita Adriano, Kobleville Elementary; to the Commissioner's right are Cynthia San Nicolas, Hopwood Jr. High, Lins Lizama, Tanapag Elementary and Isao Ngirabul, Marianas High School. Graduates not present for the photo are Jovita Masiwemai, Jesus Sorsong, Jovita Taimanao.**

# SPORTS

## RP beats Long Beach for World Series title

By KELLY P. KISSEL

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) - Another year, another blowout loss for the Americans at the Little League World Series.

Taiwan wasn't there this year, but the team that beat them in the Asian qualifying round - the Philippines - was a worthy replacement.

The Zamboanga City team sent 11 batters to the plate in the first inning against Long Beach, Calif., and picked up seven quick runs en route to a 15-4 win.

"In essence, they just jumped on us real fast. It was difficult to make a recovery," said Long Beach manager Larry Lewis.

"I knew in the first inning we were going to win the tournament,"

Philippine manager Rudy Lugay said. "We had not made a run in the first inning (in previous games), so when we got seven runs, I knew we were going to make it."

The title marked the 21st time in 26 years that Little League's Far East champion has won the World Series title. Taiwan won 15 of the 21.

The star of the game was Ian Tolentino, who hit a two-run homer in the first inning and pitched three innings of strong relief to earn the decision. It was 8-0 in the third when Ryan Stuart gave the Americans some hope with a grand slam that cut the deficit in half.

"When the score was 8-4, I think the mood in the dugout was a bit

optimistic," Lewis said. "Then they exploded for five runs and that pretty much took the wind out of our sails."

The Philippines batted around again in the fourth and took a 13-4 lead. They added their final two runs in the sixth on two singles, a walk and a sacrifice fly.

"This is something for the Philippines," said Lugay, whose team was the first from the country to make a World Series. "I'm sure everybody in the Philippines is celebrating."

Tolentino (1-0) gained the victory because starter Ignacio Ramacho didn't pitch the required four innings. Ryan Beaver (1-1), who left the game after four innings, took the loss.

## Mets edge Reds

Dwight Gooden survived six shaky innings and doubled in a run as the New York Mets beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 on Saturday for their season-high sixth consecutive victory.

Gooden (8-11) gave up four runs on seven hits with four walks and six strikeouts. The right-hander is now 80-26 lifetime at home.

Chico Walker went 3 for 3 and drove in three runs for the Mets. Hal Morris had three hits for the Reds, including a two-run homer in the first inning. New York rallied in the second for four runs on six hits off Chris Hammond (7-9). With two out, Gooden doubled in the first run of the inning, Vince Coleman had a two-run single and Walker added an RBI single. Anthony Young, who entered the game with a scoreless streak of 23 2-3 innings in 20 appearances, pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 11 opportunities. He extended the streak to 24 innings before Dave Martinez drove in the Reds' final run with a groundout.

Cubs 7, Giants 2

In Chicago, Frank Castillo won his second consecutive start after going nearly two months without a victory and Chicago hit a pair of back-to-back homers to beat San Francisco.

Castillo and Cubs manager Jim Lefebvre were ejected in the seventh inning when Robby Thompson was hit by a pitch. An inning earlier, San Francisco's Jeff Brantley hit Steve Buechele with a pitch after Mark Grace and Andre Dawson hit back-to-back homers.

Rey Sanchez and Ryne Sandberg completed the scoring with back-to-back homers off Francisco Oliveras in the eighth.

Castillo (8-12) gave up four hits, walked two and struck out two in six-plus innings. Dawson had four hits and three RBIs to lead Chicago's 13-hit attack.

It was Chicago's 10th victory in its last 14 games, while the Giants lost for the fifth straight time.

In Philadelphia, Charlie Leibrandt pitched a four-hitter over eight innings and David Justice homered and drove in three runs as Atlanta beat Philadelphia to end a four-game losing streak.

Leibrandt (11-5) matched his season high with seven strikeouts and walked only one. He had a two-hitter going into the seventh inning when he gave up a two-run homer to Dave Hollins. It was Hollins' 19th of the season.

Philadelphia rallied for four runs in the ninth. Mike Stanton allowed three runs, two earned, and Marvin Freeman allowed another before Kent Mercker got the final out for his sixth save.

Justice gave the Braves a 2-0 lead in the first with his 12th homer.

Atlanta added a run in the fifth off starter Curt Schilling (11-9) and four in the seventh off reliever Kyle Abbott. Otis Nixon and Deion Sanders hit back-to-back triples and Sid Bream hit a two-run homer, his eighth, in the inning.

Philadelphia has lost seven of its last eight games.

Athletics 4, Indians 1

In Oakland, Calif., Dave Stewart and four relievers combined on a four-hitter and Jerry Browne homered and drove in three runs in Oakland's victory over Cleveland.

## Bloody fight ends in draw

By TIM DAHLBERG

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Tracy Spann knocked down and bloodied Fred Pendleton Saturday night, but left the ring without the IBF lightweight title the two were fighting for.

Pendleton didn't win it either after their 135-pound (61-kilogram) fight was ruled a technical draw when a clash of heads in the second round opened a cut that spurted blood into Pendleton's right eye.

Ring doctor James McClellan recommended the fight be stopped at 2:05 of the round as blood gushed from a deep cut over Pendleton's eye.

Spann, thinking he had won the bout, celebrated by jumping on the ring ropes and raising his arms in triumph. Then he watched in disbelief as the fight for the vacant title was ruled a technical draw.

Under IBF rules, if an accidental foul forces a fight to be stopped, the fight is ruled a technical draw if the injury occurs to the fighter who is behind on the scorecard.

"We'll settle it again," said Pendleton, who got into a shouting match with Spann's relatives after the fight was stopped.

The fight was on the undercard of the middleweight title rematch between champion James Toney and former champion Mike McCallum.

The cut may have been the best thing to happen to Pendleton, the IBF's No. 1 contender, who was knocked down by a left hand from Spann midway through the first round and lost the round 10-8 on the scorecards of all three ringside judges.

## Hearn, 34, mulls boxing comeback

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Former world boxing champion Thomas Hearn says that age is all in the mind.

The 34-year-old six-time title-holder said he plans to return to boxing and won't quit until satisfied.

"If I don't win again, I can tell people Thomas Hearn gave his all to his profession," Hearn said in a telephone interview from Detroit.

Hearn lost his last fight to Iran Barkley in April.

He didn't say when his next fight would be. But he said he hopes his continued boxing will help people both young and old realize they can do whatever they set out to do.

"A lot of people say when you're a certain age you can't do certain things, but that's wrong," he said.

"You just have to work a little longer."

Hearn, who held titles in five weight divisions, said he spends much of his time giving back to others.

"My entire life, I always wanted to be a positive role model for younger people and older people," he said. "Nobody should be too busy where they can't do something for somebody else."

Hearn has donated money to organizations like the American Cancer Society and helped groups battling diseases such as sickle cell anemia. He said he's currently trying to start a program that will aid infants born with cancer.

"It's not OK for a child to have to come into the world and deal with cancer the first days of its life," he said.

## Raiders down Oilers

Not since last Dec. 1 had the Los Angeles Raiders won a football game. That changed on Saturday when, thanks to the Nick Bell's 2-yard touchdown run with 2:05 to play, Los Angeles beat the Houston Oilers 30-26.

The Raiders lost their final three games of the 1991 season, the AFC wild-card game and their first three exhibition games before finally getting into the win column.

"This win came at a real good time for us," said Raiders quarterback Jay Schroeder, who completed seven of 10 passes for 92 yards and one touchdown without being intercepted while playing the first half against the Oilers. "I think we looked a lot crisper today. Next week, we start shooting live bullets."

In another Saturday game on the last weekend of exhibition play, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the New York Giants 24-3.

In later games, Minnesota was at Washington and New England faced Green Bay at Milwaukee.

The weekend began Thursday with the New York Jets beating Philadelphia 22-13, New Orleans beating Miami 17-3 and San Diego beating the Los Angeles Rams 30-19.

On Friday, it was Cleveland 24, Tampa Bay 3; Cincinnati 34, Detroit 17; Buffalo 27, Atlanta 21; Chicago 20, Dallas 13; Indianapolis 21, Kansas City 10; San Francisco 24, Seattle 17, and Phoenix 21, Denver 17.

The Raiders moved 82 yards in 12 plays for the winning TD after Cody Carlson's 12-yard scoring pass to Corey Harris had put the Oilers (4-1) ahead 26-23.

Carlson's pass to Harris came two plays after Darryl Lewis intercepted Todd Marinovich's pass and returned it 16 yards to the Los Angeles 16, but Marinovich bounced back to guide the Raiders to the winning touchdown. "It was a good effort," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "They've got a football team that has been knocking people around. We did a pretty good job, especially our first-line guys."

Bell rushed for 102 yards on 13 carries and Marinovich, playing the second half, completed 10 of 18 passes for 177 yards with two interceptions.

Ernest Givins caught two touchdown passes in the third quarter to put the Oilers ahead before Marinovich's long pass to Brown.

"There are a lot of things we did real well, and there were a lot of things we were pretty bad at," Oilers coach Jack Pardee said. "As poorly as we looked that first half, we still could have come out of that thing ahead. About the season, I'm ready to get started."

Steelers 24, Giants 3

Neil O'Donnell made a claim for the starting quarterback job, capping two 11-play drives in the first half with touchdown passes of 2 and 7 yards to Eric Green.

Former Steeler Matt Bahr's 28-yard field goal gave New York a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, but O'Donnell hit Jeff Graham for 27 yards and Dwight Stone for 19 on a 92-yard drive that ended with Green's first scoring catch at 2:48 of the period.

Pittsburgh's defense held the Oilers (4-1) until beating Chicago 28-17 last Sunday.

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