

Nick Sablan released

By Rafael I. Santos

FORMER Public Works Director Nicholas C. Sablan will no longer serve nine months in federal prison even though he returned to the CNMI without a permission from the U.S. District Court.

Federal court judge Alex R.

Munson on Tuesday altered his 1993 decision prohibiting Sablan from returning to the island. As a result, a nine-month jail sentence imposed on him last month for violating the terms of his probation, was vacated. Sablan was released Tuesday.

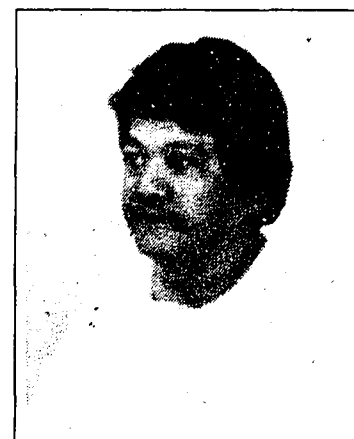
The former DPW chief has been barred from returning to Saipan

or the CNMI and required to seek psychiatric treatment in Texas as part of the conditions of his probation. The federal court placed Sablan last year after he was convicted of mail fraud for threatened Superior Court Judge Alex Castro, Tim Skinner, former lawyer for the defendant has said.

Castro told FBI last year that he

was worried about his own safety and his family as a result of the threatening message sent by Sablan from Texas via facsimile. The judge believed Sablan made the threat because "I have ruled against him in civil and criminal cases."

On June 30, Judge Munson found Sablan in contempt and sentenced him to nine months in jail for returning to Saipan without a written permission from the court.



Nicholas C. Sablan

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Members of the steering committee for the 11th Annual Pacific Educational Conference gather at D. Torres building in Garapan for their regular meeting yesterday. (From left to right) Chairperson Jean Olopai, Sarah Hunt, Lourdes Mendiola, Patrick Tellei, Margaret Dela Cruz and Ana Larson. (see story on page 6)

Hectic travel skeds for Tenorio & Borja



Froilan C. Tenorio

AFTER returning from a three-day official trip to Korea yesterday, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio is set to leave again for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a personal trip.

From there, he then hies off to Honolulu for a conference of the Pacific Basin Development Council.

But prior to the trip to Milwau-

kee, where some members of his wife's family are based, the governor is swinging by Guam today where he will take part in the territory's celebration of its own Liberation Day.

After the Guam trip, however, he might stay in Milwaukee until the end of the month when he would have to be in Hawaii for the July 31 to August 2 meeting of the four governors comprising PBDC—the governors of Guam, CNMI, American Samoa and Hawaii.

The governor's schedule was made known yesterday by Public Information Officer Bruce Lloyd, who also said Lieutenant Governor Jesus C. Borja may likewise go off-island later this month to Hongkong and China to promote the CNMI to the Chinese tourism and travel market.

"The Administration is looking at enticing the higher income Chinese to come over and enjoy our islands. We see there is a

potential market out there," said Lloyd in a telephone interview yesterday.

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DPS may be sued by robbery suspect

By Rafael I. Santos

A MAN who was brought to court on weapons charges and armed robbery has vowed to seek justice for alleged violations of his personal and constitutional rights stemming from an incident last year that led to his arrest.

Anthony Chargualaf Flores is going to file a civil rights case in federal court against the Department of Public Safety, Atty. Steven P. Pixley said Monday.

Pixley did not mention who would be the other possible defendants in the case, but DPS law enforcers were involved in what has been ruled as illegal search conducted in Flores' house last September. It is also possible that the CNMI government would be included in the lawsuit as DPS is a department of the government.

Pixley and Flores announced their decision to file a civil rights case Monday morning after the Superior Court dismissed a case

accusing the defendant of armed robbery, illegal possession of firearm and theft.

The court dismissed the charges following a recommendation from the Attorney General's Office. Assistant Attorney General Alan Gordon told Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex Castro that the prosecution could not produce a witness in the case.

Chief Public Defender Daniel DeRienzo viewed the dismissal as the government's inability to prove its case. A security guard who was being considered as a witness has already left the island while another possible witness, a cashier, could not positively identify Flores, DeRienzo said.

The government accused Flores of locking the two inside a bathroom at the RJ Game Room in As Lito during an armed robbery at the establishment last September.

In the federal court, Flores was charged last year of illegal pos-

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Cabrera puts more teeth on NMI tax enforcement

FINANCE Director Maria D. Cabrera has announced plans by the Division of Revenue and Taxation to immediately begin a "canvass project" of Saipan businesses to verify compliance with the tax laws of the CNMI, a news release from the Governor's Office yesterday said.

"One of the commitments I made upon assuming my position as Director was to make certain that every taxpayer be in full compliance under the

law. I feel the current economic climate requires that we vigorously enforce our tax code and go after those who refuse to accept their responsibilities as taxpayers," Cabrera was quoted as saying.

Upon learning of the move, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio expressed support for Cabrera's initiative saying, "the time has arrived for all good taxpayers to support the Commonwealth. We cannot have a dual system with one who pays and one who doesn't."



Maria D. Cabrera

Refugee exodus persists, many die

By PAUL ALEXANDER

GOMA, Zaire (AP) - The single-week outpouring of Rwandan refugees into neighboring Zaire stands at 1.7 million, the French reported. One U.N. official wondered aloud if anyone would be left in Rwanda by the weekend.

"People are dying from dehydration left, right and center," Samantha Bolton of the French-based relief group Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) said Tuesday.

French troops are distributing some of their own food and water, French Col. Didier Bolelli told reporters in Goma.

"We are doing a lot of things that go beyond our mandate in the Security Council resolution," he said.

Bolelli is spokesman for the French humanitarian mission in Rwanda, which was sent with U.N. blessings when the United Nations dithered about expanding its own force in Rwanda - as massacres savaged the central African country.

The number of refugees who have poured into Bukavu, Zaire, from Cyangugu, Rwanda is up to

300,000 from 100,000 last week, which would bring the total number in Zaire to 1.7 million since last Wednesday, Bolelli reported. Refugee officials say 1.5 million more are on their way to Zaire.

Nearly half of Rwanda's estimated population of 8 million has either fled abroad or is on the move toward the border with Zaire.

Hutu have fled in terror fearing Tutsi rebels want to avenge the widespread massacres of minority Tutsis by extremist supporters of Rwanda's defeated Hutu government. From 200,000 to 500,000 Rwandans, mostly Tutsis, were killed. The Tutsis declared victory Monday in the 14-week ethnic conflict and urged a halt to the exodus, guaranteeing "stability and security."

The French are dropping leaflets throughout the security zone they established in Rwanda, telling people that aid is on the way.

Hutu-led forces continue to resist the rebels in a couple of pockets in the northwest forest west of Gisenyi, Bolelli said. Gisenyi lies just across the border from Goma. "They are still regrouping them-

selves in the security zone, but there is no resistance to giving up their weapons," he said.

Panos Mountzis, spokesman of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, reported that Sergio Piazzi, a representative of the U.N. Rwandan Emergency Office, went across the border to Gisenyi.

"He said Gisenyi right now is a ghost town. He saw lots of bodies on the other side of the border from the stampedes and the mortars," Mountzis said.

Mountzis commented, "We

don't know if there will be anyone left in Rwanda by the end of the week."

Ten Egyptian observers of the U.N. Assistance Mission in Rwanda will arrive in Goma Wednesday to start assessing what shape their operation will take.

In Cyangugu, up to 50 tons of food in a World Food Program warehouse were looted. One report said that 115 tons of Red Cross supplies were looted from the Swedish Pentecostal church, which was going to distribute it.

Bolton of Medecins Sans Frontieres said that more than 1 million gallons of water are needed each day to meet the refugees' minimum needs. Only a fraction of that could be hauled with the trucks now available, she said.

Bolton said there is no way to even estimate how many are dying.

"I walked 20 yards to our tent at the Munigi camp today and saw five dead. There was another when I came out."

Mass rallies held as North Korean leader is interred

By JU-YEON KIM

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - A day after longtime ruler Kim Il Sung was laid to rest, North Koreans on Wednesday staged mass rallies and swore fervent pledges of loyalty to his son and heir apparent, Kim Jong Il.

Meanwhile, new clues emerged about a possible realignment of the new leader's inner circle, including the apparent re-emergence of his stepmother. She was previously thought to have been purged by her stepson.

Wednesday's mass rallies were officially deemed a tribute to the elder Kim, but observers in South Korea believe their main aim was to whip up support for the younger Kim, 52.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the capital's streets, stadiums and playgrounds were crowded with millions of people.

Official television showed the capital's main square, named for the late leader, overflowing with perhaps a million people, most clad in mourning clothes or mili-

tary uniforms.

Unlike during the elder Kim's funeral procession on Tuesday, when crowds wailed loudly and shook with emotion, the onlookers were still and stony-faced.

Later, a three-minute silence was to be observed, and all ships and locomotives in North Korea were to blow their whistles in tribute.

No formal succession announcement was made after Kim Il Sung, the North's ruler for nearly five decades, died July 8 at 82 of a heart attack. But indications all point to the younger Kim being in command.

The KCNA dispatch about the rally described the younger Kim as "the illustrious leader of our party and people."

South Korean officials said last week they believed the younger Kim already had been anointed at a secret meeting of the communist Workers' Party. An announcement of his ascension was expected soon.

The funeral and its aftermath brought new clues about the political hierarchy in the hard-line

state.

The younger Kim's stepmother, his father's widow Kim Song Ae, had disappeared from official TV footage last week, and could not be seen in broadcasts of the funeral ceremony distributed by North Korea. That gave rise to the belief she had been purged.

But on Wednesday, the South's North-watching Naewoo Press said her name was on the North's official compilation of those present - and placed more highly on the list than she had been previously.

Her son Kim Pyong Il, who had also dropped out of sight last week, remained absent. Reports in the South speculated that the stepmother's shift in position might have been a compromise in exchange for the purging of her son, Kim's half-brother.

At the main rally, the younger Kim did not speak. Vice Premier Kim Yong Nam addressed the crowd, said to be speaking as his proxy.

Kim Jong Il has never been known to give public speeches, and some reports have said that is because he speaks too rapidly to be understood.

On Tuesday, the North provided scenes of Kim's carefully orchestrated funeral and its emotional aftermath to South Korean and Japanese television.

In the official footage, a flower-bedecked hearse slowly made its way along the broad boulevards of the North's capital, Pyongyang, with weeping mourners lining the route. A military honor guard followed the motorcade, and a giant portrait of Kim was paraded ahead of it.

Official Northern media said two million people crowded the capital's streets to watch Kim's coffin, draped in the red flag of his party, pass by.

"The Great Leader Will Always Be With Us," read a banner headline in one official newspaper.

"The People Bid a Last Goodbye ... in Bitter Sorrow," read another.

The funeral itself was a secretive affair. Only top officials, including Kim Jong Il, attended the hour-long ceremony at the presidential palace, where the late leader's body lay in state all week.

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\$1M suit vs. Saipan company

By Rafael I. Santos

A SAIPAN man is currently being held at the Department of Public Safety on charges that he manufactured and possessed a controlled substance with intent to dispense.

The Superior Court has set a \$5,000 bail for the release of Frank Edboi. Attempts to have him released to a third party custodian failed as the defense was unable to find a suitable

custodian, the court said.

A preliminary hearing has been set for July 28 at 1:30 p.m. to determine if there is enough evidence that would warrant a trial.

The government filed a complaint against Edboi last week, accusing him of manufacturing marijuana and possessing marijuana with intent to deliver. Information filed with the court also states that he was found in possession of more than 2.2

grams of marijuana and less than an ounce of the same substance.

Meanwhile, two foreign nationals are returning to court next month for the continuation of criminal proceedings against them stemming from alleged assault on a battery case last week involving a policeman.

Lyn Yun Gau and Yue Yun

Gau are scheduled to appear in court on August 4. Both were charged with assault and battery and resisting arrest last week. One count of assault and another count of obstructing justice were also filed against Yue. Lyn is accused of assaulting certain Edgardo T. Culanay while Yue is accused of "unlaw-

fully" striking, beating or do bodily harm to police officer Augustin C. Kaneshii.

Both "willfully resisted, delayed and obstructed a law enforcement officer...in the discharge, or attempted discharge, his duty of office," the information filed with the Superior Court said.

Controversy on DPS briefings resolved

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE CONTROVERSY about the cancellation of the regular press briefing at the Department of Public Safety's conference room because of video camera around has been finally resolved.

This time, DPS Director Jose M. Castro stepped in, ordering DPS Information Officer Cathy Sheu to allow the video camera during the briefing.

Castro however, put some changes in order to further upgrade the system and continue the good relationship between the DPS and media.

From the regular 9 a.m. briefing, Castro moved it to 2 p.m. in order

for the reporters and Sheu to have enough time to review the complaints received by the department.

The DPS director has been planning also to have the reporters access with the police blotter without "jeopardizing" their on-going investigations.

The issue started when Sheu cancelled the briefing last week when she noticed that John Ryan, newly-appointed bureau chief for Saipan Cable TV brought the camera inside the conference room.

The DPS information officer explained that under the department's policy, she would not allow camera and other recording devices during the briefing.

She left the room but urged reporters who were still willing to get informations to follow her in the office instead.

Claiming that he simply wants to have voice tape and footage during the briefing to have a good coverage of their police stories, Ryan insisted, prompting Sheu to cancel again the briefing the following day.

Ryan left for Guam but before leaving, he instructed his cameramen and their reporters to still bring the camera.

After Monday's meeting with Castro and one of Saipan Cable TV reporters, the regular briefing was resumed Tuesday with camera rolling.

Chemical spill at CUC power plant contained

EMPLOYEES of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) yesterday successfully applied skills they learned during a 40-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training on Hazardous Waste Operations (HAZMAT). This, after a minor chemical spill at the

Puerto Rico Power Plant IV. Eight drums of Hydrochloric Acid Solution (HCL) were being transferred on a flat bed truck from the CUC Lower Base warehouse to the Puerto Rico power plant at 9:35 a.m. Upon arrival at the plant, six of the drums shifted inside the truck. Two of the six drums leaked approximately 5 to 10 gallons of the chemical onto the asphalt. A lime concentrate powder, being basic in nature, was placed over the leak which counter-acts the chemical.

The driver of the vehicle immediately notified CUC authorities of the minor spill. The utility then notified the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Civil Defense, and the Department of Public Safety. "This was the perfect opportunity for the agencies to use hazardous materials training in a real life scenario," said CUC Executive Director Timothy Villagomez. Not only had the CUC employees completed HAZMAT training, so had the other agencies. Despite the fact that the spill was minor, the utility opted for the most precautionary approach which included inter-agency notification, help and advice, protective clothing, creat-

ing safety zones and proper decontamination methods. "We want to extend our gratitude to these agencies, including the American Red Cross, which came to the scene to offer refreshments to the workers," Villagomez explained.

While the minor spill was contained and stabilized shortly after the spill, the entire operation lasted three and one half hours. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) chose to re-route traffic as a safety measure.

Last night, the employees of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation continue evaluating every aspect of the spill. According to Villagomez, policies will be enhanced and procedures improved. He says those employees who successfully evaluated the scene and handled the spill are to be commended while those who caused the problem will be handled accordingly. "Let's learn from this experience. We want our customers to know that this may have been a minor thing, but we are taking it seriously. The public utility will take every measure to protect its employees, the public and the environment," the executive noted.



An EMT ambulance, a firetruck and a CUC vehicle cordon the area where a chemical spill occurred yesterday. The spill was contained by a joint agency effort.

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Tebuteb: Reorg to improve services

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE GENERAL public deserves quality services from the government through maximum utilization of the available meager resources, according to Thomas A. Tebuteb, director of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Tebuteb shared his views as he expressed his full support to the Executive Order 94-3 during a hearing before the Congress Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee the other day.

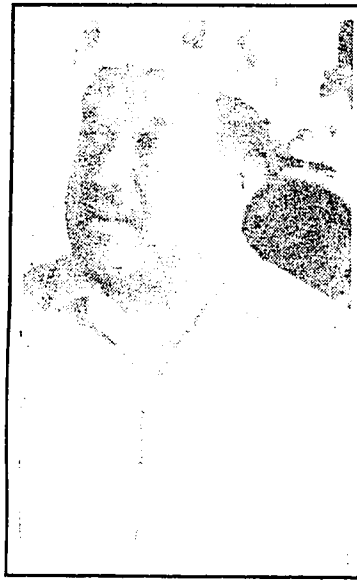
The DCCA director stressed that government reorganization is essential for economic reasons as well as in trying to raise the standards of operations to ensure effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public services.

Under the new proposed reorganization, the offices of Carolinian Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Women's Affairs will be transferred to CCA.

In addition, the Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission, the Library Council, the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture are allocated to CCA for administration and coordination purposes.

On the division level, the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association will be allocated to a new Division of Sports and Recreation while the Historic Preservation Review Board is going to be reinstated.

"Given the relevancy of these offices' functions and responsibilities to those required of CCA as a social service agency, their transfer and allocation is justified,"



Thomas A. Tebuteb, Tebuteb said.

The reorganization, he continued, is not intended to jeopardize but to enhance the public servants' fulfillment of their duties, functions and responsibilities.

In essence, Tebuteb pointed out, the EO ensures that the constitutional and statutory provisions of these offices are protected and maintained while requiring for better communication and establishing a closer working relationship between the offices and CCA.

"I have no intention of trying to usurp the authority vested in the respective officials to carry out their official duties and responsibilities," the director said. "The EO requires that CCA works closely with these offices...I have every intention of doing just that."

Tebuteb claimed that recently sponsored activities of the various CCA divisions requiring the assistance of other agencies, "illustrated the spirit of cooperation and the

need for continued positive collaboration."

"The EO strengthens that working relationship and provides direction for accountability and efficiency purposes," he said.

The DCCA director said that aside from the transfer and allocation of the various functions to the department, the creation of a Division of Sports and Recreation for CCA as indicated in the EO is most welcomed.

"While the existing organizational structure of the Division of Youth Services has a component responsible for sports activities for the youth, its existence as one

of the many units within one of the many divisions of CCA may have been a contributing factor to the unintentional limited attention it gets in terms of manpower and resources," he explained.

Tebuteb emphasized that the existence of a sports and recreation program at the division level will lessen the current DYS administrator's multiple responsibilities while enabling the new division head to focus his attention on program matters.

On the other hand, the impact of the allocation of the various offices to CCA in terms of personnel is minimal, with the ex-

ception of the new division in CCA which would need additional personnel.

The CCA's role is mainly to oversee all programmatic functions, collaborate with the respective officials and recommend for changes, when deemed necessary, to the administration for action, he said.

For purposes of CCA, Tebuteb said "the allocation of the various functions in addition to the already existing diversified programs, making it the largest department in terms of varied functions, will actually be easier to assess since they are drawn together."

Man arrested for taking stolen items

A MAN was arrested shortly after an unidentified person reportedly entered a barracks in Koblerville and took several items Tuesday night.

Police said Jesus R. Ajuju, 27, was arrested for receiving the stolen properties such as cassette player with karaoke and a TV set.

Initial police investigation showed unknown responsible sneaked inside one of the rooms at the Fortunate barracks in Koblerville, and ran away a karaoke, TV set, a bottle of wine and \$10.

No other information were given.

In San Antonio, a man reportedly took a \$688.58 pay check from a woman at Pacific World and forged it Tuesday morning.

In Garapan, a man complained

that someone took his pouch which he left at the Hyatt Hotel's Kill restaurant Tuesday morning.

The pouch contained \$20, credit cards and a lighter.

Micronesian business workshop program slated

WASHINGTON, DC, July 1994. A program of workshops on the purposes of chambers of commerce and on how they work is being planned by the Micronesia Institute jointly with Micronesian business persons.

Business centers in all parts of

Micronesia, including Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Kiribati, and the Kingdom of Nauru, will be invited to send delegates to the workshops.

The program is sponsored by the Micronesia Institute and Micronesian chambers of commerce. The United States Information Agency and Continental Micronesia are cosponsors to date. Additional cosponsors are being sought.

These workshops are intended to expose Micronesians to the purposes and operations of the American-type chamber of commerce. Specific issues of concern will include: relationships with the government, and, building effective channels of communication to the government; chamber activities which benefit the community; accessibility of small businesses to the chamber; information-sharing; establishment of a central headquarters which can serve the needs of the visiting business person; sources of help for the developing chamber.

The first stage of the three-part program will take place in San Diego, California; Boothbay Harbor, Maine; Crisfield, Maryland; and Washington, DC this fall.

Subsequent workshops will be held in the respective home communities, preparatory to a major pan-Micronesian workshop at which remaining questions will be raised and answered.

Inos: Rota reports one-sided

ROTA Mayor Joseph S. Inos yesterday said allegations of abuse and exploitation in Rota that have recently hit local headlines involved cases that surfaced prior to his administration or cases that are already being addressed by the proper authorities.

In a telephone interview with the Variety from his office in Rota, Inos branded as unfair the reports about the Rota labor situation saying they only tend to

show one side of the story.

"This is very unfair publicity we are getting. At the very least, we should have all waited for the results of the investigation on some of these cases because a lot of them have been settled. The whole thing has been blown out of proportion," said the Rota mayor.

He added that some of the allegations that recently surfaced are about two to three years old and

have been handled by the Rota Labor office.

"Some of the cases being investigated were filed prior to this administration. The reports only depended on witness accounts and allegations," Inos added.

Inos yesterday was contacted by the Variety for his comments about the recent rash of stories that tend to picture Rota as an island where alien workers are being taken advantaged of and abused.

Although a Labor Task Force has been formed and sent to undertake a thorough investigation of the reports, Rota's image as an island of friendly people is viewed to have suffered a setback.

According to Inos, he as mayor of Rota, has a full grasp of what the real situation is on the island.

"We've studied the charges coming up. It is not all about abusive employers, some workers too contribute to the problems. That is why the focus of the reports is somewhat unfair," said the mayor.

He indicated his office is monitoring the situation and that the Rota Division of Labor is on top of things.

According to figures Inos provided the Variety with, there have only been about 36 labor cases logged from January, when Inos took office, to June this year.

Of that total, about 17 have been resolved while 14 cases have ei-

ther been classified as pending, dismissed or under appeal.

Inos pointed out that there have been incidents when employers are the ones aggrieved with agency problems, meaning employment agencies supplied them workers that misrepresent their qualifications.

"When someone comes in to work as a carpenter and the employer later finds out the worker does not even know carpentry work, they end up being given other work. That is when the work-

ers come back and cry labor abuse," said Inos.

"The whole thing is just unfair," Inos said.

Nevertheless, the Rota mayor expressed hopes that the true situation in Rota will come out in the open in the near future to dispel the negative publicity that have arisen.

"I predict that maybe in two weeks the task force will come up with a good report that will counter the exaggerated claims. The doubts that have shrouded the island will get cleared," said the mayor.

Weekly water report

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

The Division of Environmen-

tal Quality analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 37 locations on the west side of Saipan island each week. DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.

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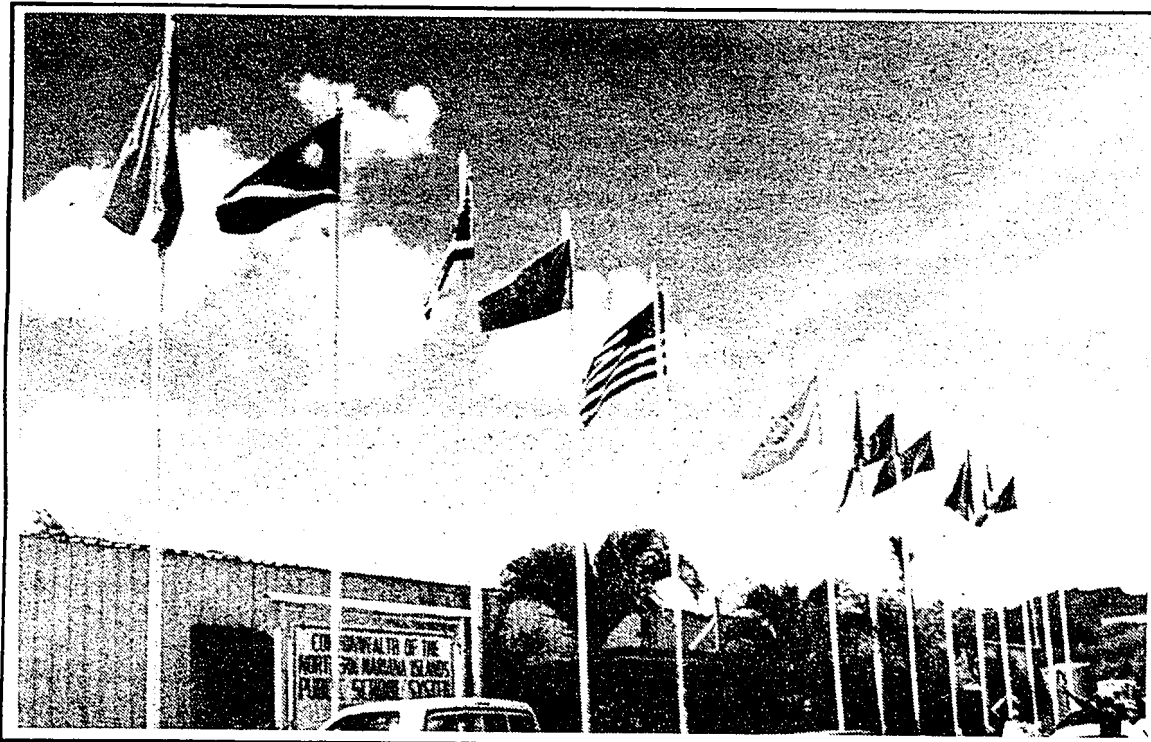
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PSS flies flags of Pacific confab



Flags from different participating entities fly in front of the PSS central office.

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE PUBLIC School System raised yesterday the flags from different participating entities in the forthcoming 11th Annual Pacific Educational Conference on Saipan.

The flags were elevated in front of the PSS central office in Lower Base at 9:30 a.m.

Jean Olopai, newly-appointed PSS Research Information Center and chairperson of the steering committee for the conference, said Education Commissioner William S. Torres wants the flags to "fly" as part of promoting the conference.

Olopai explained that the flags are supposed to be raised during the opening ceremonies of the conference at the American Memorial Park on August 10.

The flags are from CNMI, USA, American Samoa, Hawaii,

Marshall's, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Palau, Yap and Guam.

The three-day event, which will be hosted by the CNMI, is said to be the biggest educational conference ever on Saipan, drawing an estimated 1,200 to 2,000 participants from 10 Pacific entities, US mainland and other Pacific nations.

Olopai told Variety that the keynote speakers are Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, PREL deputy director and Washington Representative Juan Babauta.

She said with the supportive members of the steering committee, "everything is going well."

The committee members are now currently working with the details of the program.

Olopai said the committee however, will appreciate the support whether financial or in kind from the community particularly the business sector.

The conference is a huge undertaking that requires collaborative efforts of the government agencies and private sector.

She said although only 700 registrations were in as of yesterday, they are still expecting at least 1,200 participants.

Through the peacesat at Marianas High School, the committee has been constantly communicating with all the delegation coordinators from the participating entities to ensure the success of the conference.

The purpose of the conference, which carries theme, "The Pacific Family: Partners in Education," is to have the Pacific educators join together and share new ideas and experiences in line with their respective educational systems.

It will be the second time for the CNMI to host the annual conference. The first was in 1985.

Headstart students reminded of required documents

THE PUBLIC School System Headstart Program is reminding all parents or guardians of children registered in the Headstart Program for school year 1994-95 of the required health documentation.

Health Forms 3, 4 and 5 must be submitted to the PSS central office in Lower Base as soon as possible. Children will not be admitted into class without the required health documentation.

For more information, call Maria T. Persson or Dorin M. Salas at 322-4053, extension 248.

THERE'S ALWAYS GOOD NEWS IN THE DAILY MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS & VIEWS



Manuel C. Sablan

Joeten moviehouse nears CRM approval

By Rafael I. Santos

SAIPAN is close to having its first modern and "first-class" movie theater following the decision of the Coastal Resources Management Board to approve in principle a permit for its construction.

Coastal Resources Management Office Administrator Manuel C. Sablan and his deputy Peter Barlas said the permit decision was already being circulated for approval of the board.

The permit needs the signatures of the heads of the CRM Board which is composed of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Division of Environmental Quality, Historic Preservation Office, CRMO and the Departments of Commerce and Labor, Public Works, and Natural Resources.

The triplex movie theater, which will stand on a 20,000 square foot property, is part of an \$8.5 million commercial complex being planned by J. C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc. at the back of Joeten Motors.

Known as Saipan Power Center, the project will stand on a 71,751 square meters of property in Chalan Laolao and will include retail financial and entertainment facilities.

Sablan said the oldest and one of the largest locally-owned companies in the CNMI plans to begin the project six months following the issuance of a permit. "I think they are ready to start the project," he said in an interview last Friday.

The movie theater building will occupy a 20,000 square foot land on the western part of the project site while a planned minor retail building will be built close to the UIU building along Chalan Mon-signor Guerrero Road.

Just Say "NO" to Drugs

CUC launches water saving plan

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation (CUC) is proud to announce the plans of the 1994 Water Conservation Task Force. For the second year, the public utility will go directly to its customers in a door-to-door campaign aimed at promoting water conservation.

This year, the task force is focusing on teaching customers how to fix minor leaks in their homes or businesses. "We don't just want to tell people to conserve water,

we want to show them how," said Pamela Mathis, CUC spokesperson.

In order to share important information on water conservation, ground water resources and this year's campaign, the task force is inviting the media to today's meeting.

**Thursday, July 21
1:00 p.m.
CUC Conference Room**

Please come see this year's mascot: Danny the Drip, learn how to fix a leaking faucet, and more about water conservation.

We acknowledge the help of

the CUC Water Division, CUC summer trainees, the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Coastal Resources Management (CRM), the Department of Public Works (DPW), Joeten Ace Hardware Stores and the Pacific Islands Club (PIC).

Government agencies involved in wetlands

(CRM series No.6)

THERE are four federal government agencies and five Commonwealth government agencies that are involved in one way or another with wetlands in the CNMI. The federal agencies are the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the United States Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Commonwealth Agencies are the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO), the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), the Forestry Section of the Department of Natural Resources, the Marianas Public Land Corporation (MPLC) and the Zoning Board.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is responsible for issuing individual permits for the discharge of dredged or fill materials into waters of the United States and for the determination and delineation wetlands that require permits under the Clean Water Act. Waters of the United States include navigable waters and wetlands. The ACOE also issues Nationwide Permits for certain activities in wetlands that are exempt from some or all individual permit requirements. These activities include farming, forestry operations, and other activities depending upon the absence of endangered species, the amount of wetland involved, and the type of activity. Nationwide permits are much easier to obtain than individual permits.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also enforces the Clean Water Act, and reviews ACOE permits under the EPA guidelines and water quality certification. EPA is primarily concerned with maintaining and improving water quality in wetlands.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) reviews ACOE permits for conformity to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and the Endangered Species Act. The USFWS is primarily concerned with the conservation of wildlife resources and protecting endangered species.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) administers the "Swampbuster" provisions of the Food Security Act. To remain eligible for certain agricultural programs, farmers cannot convert wetlands for the purpose of agriculture, and must discontinue production of annually tilled crops in wetlands converted after December 23, 1985.

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) rules and regulations designate wetlands as part of the CRMO Wetland and Mangrove Area of Particular Concern (APC). Any project proposed for a wetland is evaluated to determine compatibility with the Wetland and Mangrove APC management standards and use priorities stated in the CRMO rules and regulations.

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) administers the CNMI Water Quality Certification process under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The Army Corps of Engineers will not issue a permit for a project within a wetland unless the applicant has received a Water Quality Certification from DEQ.

The Saipan Zoning Law provides for protection of wetlands on Saipan. Under this law, certain limited uses of wetlands are allowed if mitigation is done. However, this law states that mitigation measures shall follow the Army Corps of Engineers' standards where these standards are more restrictive.

The Marianas Public Land Corporation (MPLC) has the responsibility for the management and disposition of all public land within the CNMI. MPLC has the authority to authorize land exchanges that can be used to acquire wetlands for public purposes.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the authority to designate wetland areas as critical habitat for threatened or endangered species and to manage conservation areas designated for wildlife habitat.

The Forestry Section of DNR manages forest and soil resources within the CNMI. The Forestry Section is responsible for the preparation and administration of the Commonwealth Outdoor Recreation Plan which includes a Wetlands Conservation Priority Plan.

No doubt this maze of government agencies with all their laws, rules, and regulations must seem extremely complicated to the general public. But, there is a simplified process for dealing with these agencies. Watch your newspapers for our next article which will tell you exactly what to do if you have a wetland on your property.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

SEALED BIDS for Self-Propelled, Ride-On Lawn mowers, in accordance with the specifications, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950, until 2:00 p.m., August 4, 1994, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The successful bidder will deliver four (4) each self propelled, Ride-On Lawn mowers to the Commonwealth Ports Authority as follows: 1) Two (2) each lawn mowers will be delivered to the Commonwealth Ports Authority at Saipan International Airport; 2) One (1) each lawn mower will be delivered to the Commonwealth Ports Authority at West Tinian Airport; and 3) One (1) each lawn mower will be delivered to the Commonwealth Ports Authority at Rota International Airport.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within 30 days from the opening of the bids.

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

Copies of the Specifications may be obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan International Airport.

/s/ ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director/Contracting Officer
July 19, 1994

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Hundreds file candidacy for Hawaii primary

By BRUCE DUNFORD

HONOLULU (AP) - Hundreds of candidates met the 4:30 p.m. deadline Tuesday to file nomination papers for federal, state and county offices in Hawaii's Sept. 17 primary election, including one of the largest fields of Republicans in recent years. The Republicans, now badly outnumbered by the Democrats in the Legislature, have seven candidates seeking six of 12 Senate seats up for election this year and 38 seeking House seats.

One-third of the 51 House seats and seven of the 25 Senate seats are without incumbents, including that of Democratic Sen. Ann Kobayashi who resigned Tuesday in preparation for her bid for mayor of Honolulu.

Sen. Anthony Chang is bowing out to run for City Council.

Two Democrats, Brian Taniguchi and David Hagino, are giving up their House seats and are expected to file for Kobayashi's 11th District Senate seat. The filing deadline for that seat is July 29.

Republican Rick Reed and Demo-

crats Bert Kobayashi and Eloise Tungpalan have decided not to seek re-election to the Senate. Republican Sen. Stan Koki, meanwhile, is running for lieutenant governor.

In the House, those not seeking election include Democrats Harvey Tajiri, Paula Ishii-Morikami and Henry Peters and Republican Larry Tanimoto.

Eight House members, all Democrats, are running for Senate seats. They are Avery Chumbley, Les Ihara, Rod Tam, David Ige, Julie Duldulao, Robert Bunda, Peter Apo and Marshall Ige. Democrat Duke Bainum is seeking a City Council seat. Bunda is seeking to unseat fellow Democrat, Sen. Gerald Hagino.

The race attracting the most candidates is that of governor, where 24 have filed to succeed Gov. John Waihee who is barred by law from seeking a third consecutive four-year term.

The prominent candidates are Republican Pat Saiki, Democratic Lt. Gov. Ben Cayetano and The Best Party's Frank Fasi, who resigned Monday as mayor of Honolulu to make the race.

Even though Fasi's supporters created The Best Party for his gubernatorial race, it has attracted three candidates who will face Fasi in the primary, including gay rights activist William Woods, scientist John Craven and Michael Combs.

Cayetano has opposition in the Democratic primary from six candidates, including former state Director of Health John Lewin and environmental advocate Anthony Hodges.

Saiki, a former congresswoman and Small Business Administration administrator in the Bush administration, is opposed in the primary by Charles Hirayasu, Robert Measel and Stuart Gregory.

Rounding out the field are Libertarian Party candidate George Peabody, Green Party candidates Michael Dudley and Edwina Wong and five nonpartisan candidates.

Besides Koki from the Senate, the lieutenant governor's race has attracted Democratic Reps. Mazie Hirono and Jackie Young and former Republican Rep. Fred Hemmings among the 13 candidates.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka is unchallenged in the primary race that has

attracted six Republicans and Libertarian Richard Rowland.

U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie faces a challenge in the 1st District primary from state Sen. Dennis Nakasato, who was given the Senate's 19 District seat after his original district was eliminated under reapportionment in 1992.

Republicans in the race include Orson Swindle, a 1992 national campaigner for Ross Perot, and entertainer Yvonne Perry.

U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink has primary opposition in her 2nd District from David Bourgoin while Robert Garner, Stanley Monsef and William Sink will meet in the GOP primary. Also in the race is Libertarian Lawrence Bartley.

State lawmakers facing no opposition in either the primary or general election include state Sens. Lehua Fernandes, Salling, Michael McCartney and Randall Iwase.

Gaining automatic election in the House races are Reps. Bob Nakasone, Bertha Kawakami, Dennis Arakaki, Nathan Suzuki, Thomas Okamura and Roy Takumi.

In Maui's mayoral race, incumbent Republican Linda Crockett

Lingle faces opposition in the primary from Michael Downing while Marc Hodges and former Council Chairman Goro Hokama meet in the Democratic race.

On Kauai, incumbent Democratic Mayor Jo Ann Yukimura is being challenged in the primary by Council Chairman James Tehada while Maryanne Kusaka and Dennis Nimkie meet in the Republican primary.

In Honolulu's nonpartisan City Council Race, incumbent Rene Mansho is unopposed. Former Councilman Rudy Pacarro is the only challenger to incumbent Donna Kim.

In other notable races, state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism Director Mufi Hannemann is seeking the seat now held by Arnold Morgado, who is running for mayor.

Among the candidates for mayoral candidate Gary Gill's seat are Sen. Anthony Chang and former state Rep. Tony Narvaez.

The seat of Leigh-Wai Doo, who is not seeking re-election, is being sought by Rep. Duke Bainum, former councilman Kekoa Kaapu, attorney Richard Turbin and four other candidates.

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However Sablan questioned the sentence and asked that the 1993 sentence be corrected. His lawyer, Paul A. Lawlor filed a motion to correct sentence early this month and asked that the defendant be released from incarceration pending appeal of the revocation of his probation.

According to Lawlor, Sablan from returning to his own place constitutes what he called illegal, void imposition of a sentence of banishment. Banishment is defined as a punishment inflicted upon criminals by compelling them to quit a city, place, or country for a specified period of time or for life.

"Although such a sentence is not considered cruel and unusual punishment, it is impliedly pro-

hibited by public policy," Lawlor said in his motion. Likewise, he said, the suspension on reduction of a sentence on condition that the convicted person leave the state or country is void.

The federal court agreed to alter its previous sentence by deleting the banishment order as well as the paragraph that compels Sablan to undergo mental tests.

Sablan, who is currently facing a criminal charge in the Superior Court for assault and battery, was released Tuesday to the custody of Father Gary Bradley of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and Lucy Sablan. Both were appointed third party custodians. The court said Sablan was on formal probation.

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session of firearm after law enforcers seized a gun inside the man's house in DanDan Homestead. The case however was dismissed by U.S. District Court Judge Alex Munson last May, saying the search at Flores' house and the seizure of the gun were illegal.

Munson found that DPS law enforcers entered Flores' house without a warrant from a court.

On September 18, 1993, 19 DPS officers raided the man's house "with [their] weapons drawn. A

gun was found under a mattress during the search which led to the arrest of Flores and the subsequent filing of charges.

"They searched my house illegally," Flores said Monday. Pixley said the lawmen's action violated the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which guarantees people's right "to be secure in their persons and homes against unreasonable searches and seizures."

This provision also states that "no warrant shall issue but upon

probable cause supported by an oath and particularly describing the places to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Pixley could not say when he is going to file the civil rights case. "There is no timetable," he said Monday.

DPS legal counsel Jane Arthur-Burkhardt said she could give any comment regarding Flores' plan.

"At this time, I know nothing about a lawsuit being filed and so I'm unable to comment about it," she said.

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According to Lloyd, Borja will be flying on July 25th to Hongkong, where he will be picking up his entry documents en route to Guangzhou, PROC where he will be participating in the International Travel Fair from July 28th to August 1st.

In the absence of both Tenorio and Borja, Senate President Juan S. Demapan will again be acting governor.

Demapan was acting governor for about a week late last month when Tenorio came to Korea at the start of his current economic

mission to the Asian republic and when Borja himself attended the annual lieutenant governor's conference in Alaska.

Under Section 8, Article III of the Constitution, the president of the Senate assumes the role of acting governor when both the governor and lieutenant governor are out of the Commonwealth.

About two weeks after initial contact with Korean officials and businessmen, Tenorio was back to Korea, this time with five senators accompanying him last July 6.

In that trip, he successfully se-

cured support from Korean Transportation Minister Oh Myung about his plans to put up a CNMI liaison office in Seoul, prior to coming home a few days later.

According to Lloyd, the governor again left for Seoul last Saturday following up on the progress of earlier contacts. He was reported to have been accompanied by some senators, although who went with him was not immediately confirmed.

Tenorio returned either Tuesday evening or yesterday morning, said Lloyd.

Millions of ransom for US missionaries

By TOM RAGAN

LOMA LINDA, Colombia (AP) - U.S. missionaries and guerrillas coexisted uneasily for years in the wilds of central Colombia, then the rebels went on a kidnapping spree, snatching Americans for ransom.

Guerrillas in Meta state, a region of jungle-covered plains and mountains laced with rivers, have abducted three American missionaries this year. They also kidnapped a French couple; thinking they were Americans, but freed them a month later.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known by its Spanish initials FARC, calls its victims "prisoners of war" and is demanding millions of dollars for their release.

Two of the missionaries represent the New Tribes Mission of Sanford, Fla., and the third is from the Summer Institute of Linguis-

tics in Dallas, Texas. Both organizations work with jungle Indian tribes.

New Tribes responded to the kidnappings by closing its missions in Colombia.

Summer Institute pulled back to its compound at Loma Linda - Pretty Hill in Spanish, but "Loma Gringa" to some disparaging locals.

Sixty Colombian soldiers posted next to Loma Linda's dirt airstrip protect the 40-acre (16-hectare) compound of frame houses, established three decades ago as a center for evangelism and translating the Bible into Indian languages.

Loma Linda's 80 families are tightening their own security, too. Only vehicle travel is permitted after 6:15 p.m. and all residents of the compound must be in their own homes by 11 p.m.

No one is allowed to visit the mission cemetery, which contains the grave of Chester Bitterman III,

slain by guerrillas 13 years ago in Bogota, because it is too far from the compound. The nearest town - Puerto Lleras, 5 miles (8 kilometers) away - also is off-limits.

An estimated 2,500 guerrillas operate in the area, outnumbering government soldiers. Many wear green uniforms with a red-and-blue bandana tied around an arm, but others are in civilian clothes, making it hard for the missionaries to tell friend from foe.

"One day I was in town, drinking a Coke in a bar, and a man sitting next to me said, 'Don't look now, but the men who just left were guerrillas,'" said Al Nickel, a Summer Institute security officer.

Despite the danger, none of the missionaries has abandoned Loma Linda since the disappearance of a colleague, Raymond Rising of Glenwood, Minn. Although no one has claimed responsibility, the assumption is that FARC ab-

ducted him. FARC is demanding \$3 million for the New Tribes missionaries, Timothy Van Dyke, of Towanda, Pa., and Stephen Welsh of North Platte, Neb., kidnapped in January.

New Tribes spokesman Mel Wyma said the group closed its missions in Colombia after the abductions and is keeping only a small staff in Bogota, the capital.

Wyma said New Tribes will not pay a ransom.

"If we did, we'd be putting every missionary around the world on the market," he said by telephone from the Florida headquarters.

The Summer Institute plans to stay, as it did in Peru in 1975 when leftist intellectuals accused it of ties to the Central Intelligence Agency. The allegations were not substantiated and the missionaries were permitted to remain until they finished their

translation work a few years later. In Colombia, the institute and guerrillas had a tacit arrangement not to interfere with each other.

Fernando Larzabal, head of the institute's Bogota office, said the institute's small aircraft often took sick and wounded people from the countryside to towns for medical treatment. Some may have been guerrillas, he said, and that might explain why FARC left Loma Linda alone for so many years.

"We help those who ask us for it, without asking who they are," he said.

Although they still don't know what happened to Rising, his colleagues take heart from the belief that he is continuing his missionary work.

"The way I see it, he's doing God's work with the guerrillas," Nickel said. "Ray's probably telling them there's more to life than being a guerrilla."

Serbs appear set to test peace plan

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS

GENEVA (AP) - Bosnia's best hope of ending its 27-month war rested in the hands of international mediators Wednesday as they prepared to meet on a peace plan that drew only lukewarm support from Bosnian Serbs.

The international resolve to end the war could crumble if the Russians, traditional Serb allies, insist that the Serb response not be rejected out of hand.

The Serbs gave only conditional acceptance of the plan to redraw the map of former Yugoslavia.

Their hedging apparently defied the demands of U.S. and European envoys at a Naples summit earlier this month that the Serbs go along.

The parliament of the Muslim-led government and Bosnian Croats accepted the plan Mon-

day.

Special envoys from Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Germany were in Geneva to await the formal responses from Bosnian Serb and Muslim-Croat delegations on Wednesday.

One Western diplomat said it was likely that Russia would argue that the Serbs had gone far enough, but that the United States would insist on reprisals.

But a Russian official denied there were signs of a split in the contact group. That official described as more or less positive the atmosphere of a four-hour preparatory session of the envoys Tuesday.

On July 6, the group's foreign ministers presented the warring parties with their plan to give the federation 51 percent of Bosnian territory and the Serbs 49 percent. It would mean the Serbs would

have to give up about 21 percent of the territory they now control.

The ministers demanded that the warring parties give their clear acceptance in two weeks and said there would be rewards for going along and penalties for rejection.

The foreign ministers told the Serbs that they could see the lifting of U.N. sanctions against them if they agreed, but that the world would be free to arm the Muslims if the Serbs rejected the plan.

The Group of Seven leaders joined with Yeltsin in Naples in putting the Bosnia plan at the top of their final statement, vowing that they would assure the minis-

ters' threats or promises would be fulfilled.

It was the first time Yeltsin had taken part as a full participant in political talks at a G-7 summit and the leaders say they were resolved "to tackle together today's problems in a constructive and responsible manner."

The Bosnian Serbs declined to make public details of their decision until after they presented it to the mediators. But sources close to the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale said the conditions included modification of maps to allow Serb access to the sea.

The Serbs also are unhappy with

the mediators' plan because it ignores their desire to link the territory they hold in Bosnia to Serb-held parts of neighboring Croatia, and to Serbia proper to form a "Greater Serbia."

The leaders in Naples also warned that "if the opportunity (of the contact group's plan) is not seized, there is a grave risk of renewal of war on a larger scale."

A re-flaring of the conflict not only would bring new suffering for the people of Bosnia, it also could drag the United States and other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization into deeper involvement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CNMI SPECIAL PARENTS ORGANIZATION

Paving The Way

The CNMI Special Parent Organization will be conducting its General Membership Meeting on Friday, July 22, 1994, 9:00 a.m. at the Saipan Dai Ichi Hotel, Azucena I conference room. Parents or Guardians of Children with Disabilities are urgently requested to attend and participate in this important gathering. This meeting is open to the public.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTIONS
- III. SPECIAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS
- IV. FORMULATIONS OF COMMITTEES
- V. FUND RAISING
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. 1993 Christmas Picnic
 - B. Persons with Disabilities parking access act of 1993 (PL. 8-35)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Parent Center/Training Grant Proposal
 - B. ADA Consumer Training
 - C. Partners in Policy Making Academy
 - D. H.B. 9-103 "HIRE THE HANDICAPPED TAX INCENTIVE ACT OF 1994"
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a meeting, you should contact the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council at 322-3014 (Voice/TDD) or 322-3015 (Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the organization to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

/s/ JUAN C. REYES
President

NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

Antonio P. Agulto and Josephine B. Agulto, on or about April 5, 1983, gave and delivered to the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, acting on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, United States of America, a Deed of Trust, upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 5, 1984, under Document 16869 to the secure payment of a Promissory Note of the said Trustor to the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, acting on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, United States of America.

The Deed of Trust and this Amended Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 011 H 11, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 H 00, DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1971, AND containing an Area of 821 Square Meters.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default the Mariana Islands Housing Authority issued its notice of Default on APRIL 29 1994

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Mariana Islands Housing Authority will, on July 29, 1994 at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, Garapan, P.O. Box 514 Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$54,000.00 total amount due to FmHA loan and MIHA's expenses.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to the conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Mariana Islands Housing Authority is the Lawful holder of such Deed of trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check and shall be paid within 72 hours from the time of sale.

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

dated this 17 day of June, 1994

by: Executive Director

Mariana Islands Housing Authority

Commonwealth Of The Northern Mariana Islands

On this 14 day of June 1994, before me, a notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of The Northern Mariana Islands, personally appeared Juan M. Sablan, duly authorized representative for the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same on behalf of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first written above.

Notary Public

/S/ BENJAMIN B. SEMAN

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

My Commission expires on the 26 Day December 1994

Black leaders oppose death for Simpson

By ANNIE SHOOMAN

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A coalition of black leaders is urging officials not to seek the death penalty against O.J. Simpson if he is convicted of murder in the stabbing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend.

"I am categorically opposed to the district attorney seeking the death penalty in this case, or for that matter every case," said Urban League President John Mack, who was host of Tuesday's meeting. Mack said his opposition to the death penalty in the Simpson case was shared by the 14 other black leaders who attended.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti is expected to announce some-

time before the trial whether he'll ask the jury to recommend a death sentence if Simpson is convicted in the June 12 stabbings of Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and Ron Goldman, 25.

Simpson, 47, faces a Friday arraignment in Superior Court and must go to trial within 60 days of that date unless the defense requests a delay.

Garcetti, meanwhile, assured the group that Simpson will get a fair trial despite widespread suspicions among blacks that an impartial jury can be found.

"We're interested in fairness for Mr. Simpson and that's my interest also. But we're also interested in fairness to the victims and interested in fairness, frankly,

for the community as a whole," Garcetti said.

Simpson has maintained his innocence, and NBC News reported Tuesday that the former football star plans to offer a \$250,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the killer of his ex-wife and Goldman.

Goldman's family has hired a lawyer to file a wrongful death lawsuit against Simpson, KNBC-TV reported.

In the meantime, a new poll shows that Californians are divided along racial lines on the question of Simpson's guilt or innocence.

Fifty-eight percent of adults of all races questioned by the Field

Poll say it is "very likely or somewhat likely" that Simpson committed the slayings compared with 17 percent who feel it is "not too likely or not likely at all."

But just 38 percent of blacks believe it is likely he committed the crimes compared to 62 percent of whites.

Additionally, 55 percent of whites believe it is likely Simpson can get a fair trial compared to 35 percent of blacks.

The poll of 847 adults, conducted between July 12 and Sunday, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

"Blacks feel that they don't get the same measure of justice that whites and others get, and

they feel discriminated against by the police and the judicial system," pollster Mervin Field said.

Mack said racial discrimination plays a role in who ends up on death row.

"We don't need to add another human being to that already overcrowded line that is clearly a product of racism in this country and a product of classism in this country," he said.

In other developments, Simpson was visited Tuesday by longtime friend Al Cowlings, who drove the white Ford Bronco that led police on a 60-mile freeway chase June 17 that ended with Simpson's arrest.

beating of Cockett in November 1986. His body was found in the trunk of a parked car at Ala Moana Center, four days after he was reported missing.

The prosecution alleges that Makaila was hired by Cockett's estranged wife to kill her husband for insurance money.

Masunaga said Makaila in a 1987 taped conversation described how he assisted two other men in beating Frank Cockett to death.

Hawaiian can keep counsel says judge

HONOLULU (AP) - A federal bankruptcy judge allowed Hawaiian Airlines to keep its lead attorney even though the attorney has a conflict of interest in the case.

Hawaiian's effort to emerge from bankruptcy would have suffered a devastating blow had attorney Ron Orr been ordered off the case.

The Office of the U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee wanted Orr removed from the case because his law firm represents American Airlines, one of Hawaiian's creditors. Neither the airline nor Orr disclosed the possible conflict.

Judge Lloyd King said it wouldn't be fair to Hawaiian to remove Orr at this late juncture of the reorganization, but the airline may have to pay for the conflict as part of its effort.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
CIVIL CASE NO. 94-656

OH, KJUM SUN,
Petitioner,
vs.
OH, YOUNG JIN,
Respondent.

Summons

To: OH, Young Jin
You are hereby summoned and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the complaint, a copy of which is given you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to David A. Wiseman, whose address is P.O. Box 2607, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of this Court at Saipan, MP. 96950. 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 in accordance with this summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of The Above Court.
Dated this 21st day of June, 1994.
/s/ Charlene Teregyo
Deputy Clerk of Court

Hawaii News Briefs

Grand jury indicts missing husband

HONOLULU (AP) - A grand jury on Tuesday indicted the missing husband of a woman who was found dead last week as authori-

ties continued their search for the man.

Richard Star is accused of strangling wife Cynthia Star, 40, and

dumping her body in waters off Honolulu Harbor on July 11.

Star was seen at the helm of a boat identified as being near the area where his wife's body was dumped. Police say Star bought the boat under a fake name a few days before the body was found.

Star, 37, and his two young boys haven't been seen since the discovery of Cynthia Star's body. His car was found parked at Ho-

nolulu International Airport, and police believe he has left the state.

An indictment in Honolulu will enable mainland police to arrest Star.

Cockett murder trial continues

HONOLULU (AP) - A Honolulu deputy prosecutor has told a Circuit Court jury that accused murderer George Makaila admitted he helped murder Habititat executive Frank Cockett in 1986.

Deputy Prosecutor Bruce Masunaga made the statement Tuesday at the start of the retrial of Makaila. A mistrial was declared in the case last year after jurors said they were deadlocked following five days of deliberations.

Makaila is accused in the fatal

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Dozens of bodies feared under rubble

By IAN KATZ

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) - Rescue crews searched with diminishing hopes for dozens of people still missing from a deadly explosion that flattened the headquarters of two Jewish groups.

On Tuesday, a man trapped for 31 hours was pulled from the pile of jagged concrete, glass and steel that once housed the Delegation of Argentine Israeli Associations and the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association.

Twenty-seven people were killed and at least 127 were injured in Monday's blast. The Jewish organizations released a list of 74 people still missing Tuesday, based on information from relatives and friends.

Alberto Crescenti, a spokesman for the rescue crew, said workers no longer heard voices under the rubble but were continuing the search anyway.

Police kept silent on leads in the investigation, but officials from President Carlos Menem on down called the explosion an at-

tack. Menem said it was planned "from abroad and helped by people here."

Israel blamed Muslim fundamentalists backed by Iran for the attack, but Iran denied the charge. Israeli special agents arrived in Buenos Aires to help investigate.

Jacobo Echemanuel, 56, opened his eyes and smiled as he was carried out on a stretcher to the cheers of doctors and rescue workers. He had been trapped beneath a steel beam and masonry.

Rescue physician Alberto Crescenti said Echemanuel was given intravenous fluids, painkillers and oxygen while rescuers applied liquid vaseline to slip his legs loose.

Rescuers who pulled out Echemanuel told the Noticias Argentinas news agency they saw six or seven bodies in the rubble. Crescenti said two bodies were seen. At least nine people have been rescued.

Authorities speculated the explosion may have been caused by a car bomb similar to one that destroyed the Israeli Embassy here on March 17, 1992, killing at least 28 people and injuring more than 200. Israel blamed Muslim fundamentalists for that attack.

Menem said an Iraqi man carrying an expired Brazilian passport was detained Monday night while trying to cross the border to Brazil in Paso de los Libres, about 620 miles (1,000 kms) north of Buenos Aires. He was identified in news reports as Mohammed Yousif, 31.

Menem also said a Moroccan man, identified as Kabir Palkan, 33, was detained in the neighborhood of the explosion.

Laborers remodeling the building could have smuggled in explosives, Menem suggested. "There were bricklayers working, and someone could have brought in explosives in a wheel-

barrow ... or could have entered the basement and placed bombs," he said.

In Jerusalem on Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin blamed Islamic extremists sponsored by Iran for the attack and called on the international community to "to strike at this viper and crush its skull."

Iran denied involvement and accused Israel of carrying out the attack.

Alberto Krupnicoff, president of the mutual association, said many employees working on the first and second floors were able to escape but several construction workers and waiters were trapped in the basement.

Elderly people were on the building's fourth floor collecting their monthly pensions when the blast occurred, he said.

At 250,000, Argentina's Jewish population is the largest in Latin America.

Train accident kills 7 people

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - A long-distance express train ran off the tracks Wednesday, killing at least seven passengers, a news agency reported.

The train connecting the northern city of Amritsar to the eastern Calcutta, about 2,000 kilometers

(1,250 miles) away, derailed near Moradabad, about 300 kilometers (185 miles) east of New Delhi, Press Trust of India said.

The agency did not report the number of injured, but said they had been taken to a hospital in Moradabad.

Drug dealer slain after police chase

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Police killed a drug courier during a high-speed chase through a Manila suburb Wednesday and recovered 45 million pesos (\$1.7 million) worth of illegal drugs, officials said.

Vice President Joseph Estrada, chairman of the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission, said the amount seized was among the biggest haul in several years.

Brig. Gen. Panfilo Lacson said police learned of a major drug ring through a tip from Hong Kong authorities. The drugs - methamphetamine crystals, apparently came from Xiamen in mainland China, Lacson said.

During a brief chase in Quezon City, police killed Jose Co, a Chinese-Filipino who allegedly opened fire on the pursuing vehicles. The driver of Co's car escaped during the shootout.

Meanwhile, A dozen Filipinos picked the Burmese embassy Wednesday calling for the release of Burma's opposition leader now entering her sixth year of house arrest.

Aung San Suu Kyi, 49, was arrested on July 20, 1989 under a law safeguarding the state from "subversive elements." She was awarded the Nobel Peace prize two years later.

The picket was organized by the Philippine Democratic Socialist Party, which invited her cousin, Sein Win, to visit here last week. Sein Win was elected prime minister of a self-styled opposition government after the National League for Democracy won a landslide election victory in 1990.

Burma's military junta nullified the results and Sein Win fled into exile.

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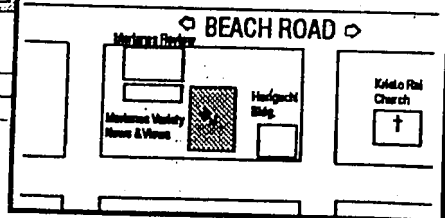
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Plane crashes, 21 dead

By JUAN ZAMORANO

PANAMA CITY (AP) - A commuter plane exploded in the air and crashed Tuesday in a mountainous area in northern Panama, killing all 21 people aboard, the Civil Aeronautics Administration said.

Administration director Zozimo Guardia told a news conference several witnesses saw the Alas Airline plane explode around 4:30 p.m. about 10 kilometers (6 miles) after taking off from the airport at Colon, a city at the Atlantic entrance of the Panama Canal.

"The reports received is that the aircraft is in pieces and the bodies are strewn over an area of a quarter of a mile around it," Guardia said. "There are no survivors."

He said an investigation has been opened into the crash. "There are witnesses who saw the plane explode in the air," he said.

Guardia said the plane, a Brazilian-made Embraer, carried 18 passengers and a crew of three. It was on a routine flight from Colon to Patilla airport in Panama City, at the Pacific entrance of the canal.

Most of the passengers were businessmen, he said.

The plane crashed in a ravine in the vicinity of Santa Rica Mountain, near the village of Aguas Claras, the airline said.

Rescue crews have already retrieved 14 bodies from the wreckage, the National Civil Protection Service said.

It was the worst crash in Panama since June 1992, when a plane from COPA airline crashed in mountainous Darien province, killing 47 passengers on board, most of them Colombians.

Haitian police raid opposition offices

By ANDREW SELSKY

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Police raided an opposition coalition's offices and roughed up activists while the United States belittled diplomatic efforts by military rulers to end their international isolation.

Firing into the air, police and gunmen in civilian clothes Tuesday raided the downtown headquarters of K-16, roughed up several people and arrested at least one person, said Sen. Turneb Delpe, a coalition spokesman. The man later was released.

The coalition, formed in June, supports exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and has called for the resignation of army chief Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras. One of its leaders is Port-au-Prince Mayor Evans Paul, who has kept a low profile since the army toppled Aristide's government in September 1991.

The group's name, K-16, is a Creole reference to Dec. 16, 1990, the date Aristide won Haiti's first free elections with a landslide.

Asked about the raid, police officials said they were unaware of it and sent three officers to investigate. They arrived more than an hour later, when the opposition headquarters building was deserted.

Delpe called the raid "a serious violation of the right of assembly." He wasn't present during the raid, but witnesses confirmed his account.

Diplomats fear human rights abuses will increase after Haiti last week expelled rights observers from the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

Police also used belts and switches to control a crowd of about 1,000 people who stormed a Roman Catholic food distribution center that was distributing rice.

Already the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, Haiti is suffering acute shortages of basic foods in part because of an international embargo designed to pressure the military to step down and allow Aristide to return.

The United States has threatened an invasion to restore democracy. U.S. warships carrying more than 2,000 Marines are standing by off Haiti.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schragger said Haiti's military was "trying to buy time" by raising the possibility of a negotiated solution to the crisis.

"The days of negotiation are over," Schragger said.

He said army chief, Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, showed he wasn't interested in a diplomatic solution when he reneged last year on a U.N.-brokered agreement in which he promised to resign in exchange for an amnesty for coup plotters.

Charles David, the de facto government's foreign minister, said Monday that Haiti was open-

ing "several channels" abroad to seek a diplomatic solution.

"We are open to every dialogue, the best being through the United Nations," David said. He didn't elaborate.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., warned Cedras and other military leaders in an "extremely frank" meeting that Congress supports President Clinton's strategy to restore democracy in Haiti, Schragger said.

Richardson met Cedras on Monday with the White House's blessing but did not deliver an ultimatum, Schragger said. "The ultimatum is the 14 U.S. naval ships outside Port-au-Prince and 3,000 Marines," he said. Richardson left Haiti early Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, 235 Haitian boat people were returned to Haiti aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Diligence. The Coast Guard said they chose not to take safe haven at the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Coast Guard also picked up 37 refugees in two boats off the Haitian coast Tuesday, bringing to 15,667 the number of boat people interdicted in July, said Petty Officer Jeff Hall in Miami.

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By Stella Wilder

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Highly creative, you must often go off by yourself to seek out those things which inspire you to your greatest efforts and, in the end, your greatest accomplishments. You are the kind to be remembered for much — throughout your lifetime and long afterward as well!

Also born on this date are: Ernest Hemingway, author; Norman Jewison, film director; Don Knotts, actor; Robin Williams, actor and comic; Cat Stevens, singer.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding para-

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JULY 22
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take care that you do not spend more than you have today. Other resources, too, must be guarded with care at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're not likely to enjoy a quick start today. You are in need of a little prodding, and encouragement from a friend or loved one can work wonders.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your imaginative approach to even the most mundane affairs will keep you from becoming bored or frustrated today. Share your plans with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You're feeling daring and experimental today, and some may be shocked by the kinds of suggestions you have to offer. Observe protocol, propriety!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You're in the mood to assist others today, and you may be willing to sacrifice your own progress to help a friend achieve something wonderful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll be quite vulnerable to suggestion today — at all times, and in all places! Take care others do not take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19) — You can capture the interest of others today by presenting your own problems in a new and more attractive fashion. Avoid falsehood, however!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Adopt a light, suggestive, easy-going approach today, and you may be surprised to discover that almost everyone is willing to work with you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your interest in others will extend to domestic affairs as well, but you must not make the mistake of becoming intrusive, even unintentionally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll insist that those who want to get closer to you today do it through common interests, and a desire to get more done than usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're likely to be a pushover for anyone who agrees with you readily. Don't, however, let this become common or widespread knowledge!

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Raiders sign Fredrickson

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Raiders signed first-round draft choice Rob Fredrickson on Tuesday and the linebacker went right to the practice field.

To make room for Fredrickson under the NFL salary cap, the Raiders released 11-year defensive end Greg Townsend.

Fredrickson, the 22nd overall pick in the draft, was the last of the Raiders' six draft picks to come to terms.

Terms were not disclosed, but Fredrickson said he signed for five years.

Fredrickson played outside linebacker at Michigan State, but will work at middle linebacker with the Raiders.

"I've been chomping at the bit waiting to get here," said Fredrickson, who missed eight days of training camp while his contract was settled. "It's great to finally make it in. I'm glad things did not drag out any longer."

Fredrickson spent the last week at the Redondo Beach, Calif., home of his agent, Bruce Allen, while the contract was negotiated.

"It was frustrating because all

football players want to do is play football," he said. "I didn't want to get too involved in the negotiations, other than to stay involved with where we were at."

Raiders coach Art Shell said he expected Fredrickson to immediately work toward having an impact.

"When you take a guy in the first round, you hope that some time in his first year, he can make a contribution," Shell said.

As for moving to middle linebacker, Shell said that shouldn't be a problem for Fredrickson.

"He's very intelligent and he's a good athlete and he started working at that position in the mini-camps (in May)," Shell said. "We know he can run and he can cover backs and tight ends."

Fredrickson will line up behind second-year man Greg Biekert, who inherited the starting middle linebacker spot when Joe Kelly left as a free agent and signed with the Rams.

The release of Townsend, 33, came as no surprise since the Raiders asked him not to report to training camp with the other veterans last Friday. The team attempted to trade Townsend and his \$1.5 million salary before deciding they needed to release him to get Fredrickson into camp.

"It was time for Greg to move on and time for us to move on," Shell said. "Greg had a great career here and he was one of the best pass rushers I've ever seen."

The signing of Fredrickson and the release of Townsend means the Raiders have all of their players under contract and in training camp.

Flyweight...

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ing the inactivity, the USBA stripped the title in November 1991.

In June 1991, the New Mexico Athletic Commission began regular weekly drug testing for Tapia.

In October 1991, the commission said he had tested positive for cocaine days earlier, as well as in mid-August of that year.

Rangers...

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or Campbell, but the bonus never was mentioned.

"They called about all sorts of things, ranging to tickets for Barbra Streisand, but when it came to a check for a significant amount, I find it interesting that their fingers could not do the dialing," Gutkowski said.

Gutkowski added, "As a matter of fact, I think he was one day late on his payment for the Streisand tickets."

Although it seemed obvious that Keenan could never coach the Rangers again after what has transpired, regardless of a commissioner's or judge's decision, the Rangers would not tip their hand.

"We believe Mike Keenan is the property of the New York Rangers. It's really that simple," Gutkowski said.

Injuries...

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But the loss of rookie tackle Ernest Greene with an ankle injury and backup center Curtis Whitley, waived Monday after being arrested Sunday night on suspicion of driving under the influence, has put the Chargers in a bind.

"Defensively we started doing some stunting," said Ross. "When that starts to happen, it creates some problems for us offensively. When you create those problems, it starts to slow it down offensively."

Ross added there is a good chance that Milinichich won't play in the Chargers' first preseason game, July 30 against the Atlanta Falcons in the Hall of Fame Game at Canton, Ohio.

In another development, Ross said running back-kick returner Walter Dunsen, who separated his shoulder last week, has decided against surgery.

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Today, one in three women lives with a man before marriage.

A single gallon of gasoline can con-

taminate 750,000 gallons of ground water.

When an opossum appears to "play dead," it actually has fainted. There is also a type of goat that does the same thing.

If you count the number of times a cricket chirps in 14 seconds, then add 32, you'll have a pretty close approximation of the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees.

Chickens don't sit on their eggs, but squat low over them.

On a county-by-county basis, the predominant religion in the United States is Baptist, which predominates in 1,322 counties, followed by Catholic (959 counties), Lutheran (266), Methodist (249), Latter-day Saints or Mormon (83) and Disciples of Christ (54).

Oklahoma's state motto, "Labor Omnia Vincit," would appear to be a play on "amor omnia vincit." The second means "love conquers all," amended by the motto to the sterner "labor conquers all."

SPORTS



Tracy Austin quitting tennis

MAHWAH, N.J. (AP) - Tracy Austin, saying she "stopped feeling that spark on the court," said Tuesday night she is quitting tennis for good, ending a comeback bid that began 1 1/2 years ago.

Austin, 31, made the tearful announcement after retiring from her opening match at the Pathmark Classic against Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere because of a groin injury. Maleeva-Fragniere was leading 6-4, 2-0.

"This is my last match," Austin said. "I came back because I was enjoying it. And about three months ago I stopped enjoying it."

Austin then cradled her head in her hands, asking for a towel to wipe away tears.

"I can't believe I'm upset," she said. "It's the end of a long, good career."

At age 16, Austin defeated Chris Evert to become the youngest player to win the U.S. Open (1979), a record that still stands. In 1980, she was ranked first in the world.

She originally left the game in 1983 because of a bad back. Austin returned in 1988, primarily for doubles, but after a car accident in New Jersey in 1989, was forced out of the game until 1993.

Austin stressed her retirement has nothing to do with her groin injury, originally sustained 10 days ago while playing Pam Shriver in Newport, R.I.

"Now it feels like closure on a career," she said. "It feels good to walk away from it rather than have it taken away from me."

Austin, who lives in Redondo Beach, Calif., plans on continuing her work as a television commentator with USA Network.

"I look at the glass half full," she said. "I feel very fortunate and hope I can play until I'm 80."

In the first evening match, Shriver defeated Jill Craybas 6-1,

6-1, with the 32-year-old veteran later pondering how to gracefully exit from tennis.

"Those of us who are over 30 are trying to figure out how to maneuver this last stage and move on," said Shriver, acknowledging the three Wimbledon semi-finalists over 30 (Lori McNeil, 30; Martina Navratilova, 37; and Gigi Fernandez, 30) have provided inspiration.

Lisa Raymond, the 1992 and 1993 NCAA champion, defeated Sandy Collins 6-2, 6-0 during the day. Last year, Raymond was a semifinalist in this tournament, won by Jennifer Capriati.

fer Capriati.

In the round of 16, Raymond meets Patty Fendick, who later defeated Angela Lettieri 7-5, 6-2.

In other first-round matches, No. 8 seed Marketa Kochta rallied past Jessica Emmons 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 and will meet Stephanie Rottier in the second round. Japan's Ai Sugiyama downed Kerri Phebus 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 and will face No. 3 Amanda Coetzer.

Alix Creek defeated Terri O'Reilly 6-0, 6-3; Stephanie Rottier stopped Aida Khalafian 6-3, 6-3; and Nicole Provis took Laura Glitz, 6-3, 6-1.

Japanese horseman purchases derby foal for \$1.05 million

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - A Japanese horseman paid \$1.05 million for a daughter of 1988 Kentucky Derby winner Winning Colors on Tuesday night at the Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sale.

The price topped the two-day sale, which showed a decrease of less than 1 percent on the average from last year.

Bidding through a representative, Hirotohi Nakamura, who is in the construction and real estate business in Japan, purchased the filly out of Winning Colors, who earned \$1,526,837 in her career.

The bay filly, sired by Mr. Prospector, is Winning Colors' third foal. The filly was consigned by Gainesway Farm, agent for Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.

She is the first filly to top the Keeneland summer yearling sale since Reine Enchantee, who sold for \$405,000 in 1968.

The second-highest price of the evening session was \$775,000 for a colt by Pleasant Colony-Minstrella. Trainer D. Wayne

Lukas was the buyer of the colt, who was consigned by Lane's End Farm in Versailles, agent for Spring Hill Farm.

Earlier in the day, a colt by Mr. Prospector sold for \$775,000 to top the afternoon session.

William S. Farish, owner of Lane's End, bought the colt, which was consigned by King Ranch Farm. The yearling is out of Too Chic, dam of stakes winners Queena and Chic Shirine. Queena won the Eclipse Award as champion older female of 1991.

The second-highest price of the session was the \$500,000 that Gainesway Farm paid for a colt by Danzig-Queen. This yearling also was consigned by King Ranch Farm.

Lukas purchased the third-highest priced yearling at the session, a Mr. Prospector filly for \$460,000. The filly, consigned by Mare Haven Farm, is out of Pound Foolish, the dam of stakes winners Goodbye Halo and Rampaging Native.

For the two days of the sale, a

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Injuries worry Chargers' coach

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Injuries and off-field problems with the offensive line have become a source of concern for San Diego Chargers head coach Bobby Ross.

Since the veterans reported Sunday, San Diego has lost three offensive linemen, including starting guard Joe Milinichik, from their workouts. Ross is worried about the affect on the remaining linemen.

"We're hopeful we can get a

couple of people into camp shortly," Ross said Tuesday. "It will help us in our work. If they have to take 10-minute turns, they get a little tired and their feet get heavy."

The absence of Milinichik from contact workouts was expected. The nine-year veteran underwent two arthroscopic knee surgeries last season, and will be rested as much as possible in training camp.

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Flyweight boxer arrested

By EDDIE PELLIS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Johnny Tapia, who last week won the super flyweight title of the North American Boxing Federation, was arrested Tuesday on charges he and two other men allegedly tried to sell what they claimed was crack cocaine to an off-duty police officer.

But a police report filed by the arresting officer identified the substance as soap.

The incident was another in a string of drug- and crime-related setbacks for Tapia.

The 27-year-old boxer was being held at the Bernalillo

County Detention Center along with David Brooks, 25, and Gary Smith, 25, both of Albuquerque.

They were charged with possession of a controlled substance and conspiracy to distribute, both fourth-degree felonies. All three were jailed on \$5,000 bond. An arraignment was not scheduled.

In filing a criminal complaint, officer Mike Scheel wrote: "Smith was found with a razor blade which can be used to cut the soap, which was cut in a manner of crack cocaine." Scheel described the substance as "imitation cocaine."

Police capt. Gary Weidner said tests would determine whether the substance was cocaine. But even

if it wasn't, he said the charges would remain because "the intent was there to portray it as cocaine."

Tapia (26-0-1, 16 KOs) won the vacant NABF crown in Phoenix last Friday with a third-round knockout of Oscar Aguilar. The win was Tapia's fifth after he began a comeback in January following a 41-month layoff from boxing.

He won the U.S. Boxing Association's super flyweight title in 1990, stopping Roland Chavez. But after a November 1990 positive drug test, Tapia backed out of a string of fights, claiming illness or injury. Cit-

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Rangers sue former coach

By JOHN NELSON

NEW YORK (AP) - Mike Keenan is engaged in a premeditated effort to break his contract with the Stanley Cup champion New York Rangers, the club's chief executive said Tuesday as the Rangers filed a suit calling the coach a "faithless employee."

In a news conference Tuesday, Bob Gutkowski, president of Madison Square Garden, which owns the Rangers, depicted Keenan as an erratic, greedy man who happens to have a great talent for coaching hockey.

Keenan, who led the Rangers to their first Stanley Cup since 1940 in his first season with the club, declared himself a free agent Friday, accusing the Rangers of breaching his five-year, \$5 million contract.

Two days later, he announced he had signed as coach and general manager of another National Hockey League team, the St. Louis Blues.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in New York, contends Keenan was seeking either "a more lucrative offer" or a promotion to coach and general manager. Gutkowski said when Keenan took the Rangers job last April, he said he did not want to be a general manager.

"I think, in all truth, Mike Keenan would always want to be coach and general manager of any team - coach and general manager and president and vice president and especially treasurer," Gutkowski said. "Mike Keenan moves in strange and different ways."

In the suit, the Rangers called him not only a faithless employee but also "one who has betrayed the New York Rangers hockey club, its management and millions of Rangers fans."

Keenan and his lawyer, Rob Campbell, contend the Rangers breached the contract by failing to pay several in-season bonuses and then did not meet the 30-day

deadline for paying him a lucrative, six-figure postseason bonus.

The Rangers admitted Tuesday they were late by one day on the postseason bonus, although Madison Square Garden general counsel Kenneth Munoz said that did not constitute a "material breach of his contract."

Munoz said he was holding Keenan's bonus check in escrow.

The Rangers also asked NHL commissioner Gary Bettman to validate their contract with Keenan, void any contract Keenan had made with St. Louis and launch an investigation into possible tampering by either St. Louis or Detroit. Detroit reportedly was interested in Keenan during the playoffs.

Bettman asked for full written reports from both sides by Thursday, and the Rangers have asked for a hearing on Monday.

During the 30 days after the season ended, Gutkowski said he talked several times with Keenan

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