

Report: Yakuza is here

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE YAKUZA organization has succeeded in penetrating the CNMI and Guam business markets, particularly tourist related industries, according to a report by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.

The CJPA report under its Drug Control and System Improvement Strategy FY '95, a copy of which was obtained by the Variety, attrib-

uted the alarming findings to the U.S. Customs Service.

CJPA pointed out that the economic boom being experienced by the CNMI and the growing Japanese tourist presence make it reasonable to expect the long-term presence of the Japanese organization in the Commonwealth.

The planning agency's report also said recent events which allowed casino gambling on Tinian are fur-

ther indication that the Japanese organized crime group "will continue to exercise, and perhaps expand, its influence and activity in the Northern Marianas."

The Tinian Gaming Commission's background investigation revealed that one of the major investor of a corporation applying for a casino license is connected (or functioning as front) for the Yamaguchi-Gumi, said to be the most violent of Yakuza groups, said the report.

CJPA pointed out however, that this has been denied by the Tinian casino applicant and that the hearing process for the application had recently begun on Tinian.

The agency's state plan also said a suspected Yakuza member arrested on Saipan was in fact a guest relations officer at a Garapan night club/restaurant.

Moreover, the Federal Bureau of Investigation believes there had been an instance where "ice" was brought in by the Yakuza directly

from Japan for distribution, CJPA said in the report.

The Japanese National Police has indicated to the CNMI's former Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force that the Yakuza organization is known to be involved in drug trafficking.

Furthermore, CJPA said organized crime groups are traditionally involved in vice activities.

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New office soon to replace OTIA

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE OFFICE of Territorial and Internal Affairs may close down much earlier than expected and may be likely replaced by a new office to deal with insular area issues.

This was the information relayed to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio by his Washington-based consultant Roger Stillwell who said a proposal is upcoming to close OTIA by August instead of the planned September 30 closure date.

"On March 9th, Sec. Turner will send a new reprogramming request for FY 1995 that seeks to abolish OTIA by August. Congress has 30 days to reject the proposal which is probably unlikely," Stillwell said in a faxed memo, a copy of which was obtained by the Variety.

He said a new Office of Insular Affairs will be created in OTIA's place, headed by a director, presumably OTIA Deputy Assistant Secretary Allen Stayman.

OTIA is set to be closed by the end of fiscal year 1995 as per announcements made recently by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. Such closure is said to be part of a bigger administration plan, he said.

The new OIA will be placed under the Interior's Office of Planning

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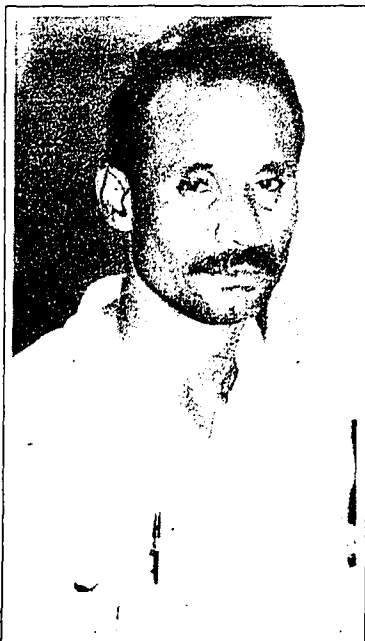


Ron Sablan, chairman for the Marianas Visitors Bureau Board of Directors budget and finance committee, (extreme left) explains the budget as MVB Board chairman Antonio Guerrero and MVB managing director Anicia Tomokane listen during yesterday's Board meeting.

Fake job scam preys on Bangladeshi jobseekers

By Rafael I. Santos
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A SYNDICATE believed to be preying on dozens of poor Bangladesh nationals in search of



Nazrul Islam Mollah

better employment opportunities in "the U.S.A." is now the subject of a possible probe by the local authorities.

This came about after a 29-year-old man from Bangladesh complained at the Department of Labor and Immigration that his compatriot who brought him to the commonwealth has failed to provide him a job.

Nazrul Islam Mollah has been promised a job as a security guard at B.G.G Ent. purportedly owned by certain Benjamin G. Galarpe. He arrived on Saipan on October 27, 1994, but has been unable to locate his employer ever since.

The recruiter allegedly promised that Mollah would be employed sooner, but again the company could not be found, the victim told the Variety yesterday.

Mollah left behind a wife and two children hoping that his work here could help him and his family live above the poverty line back home. However, the unsuspecting

job-seeker has to face a more difficult life here.

The man has been able to survive for more than four months now through the help of fellow Bangladeshis and Karidat. The charitable institution supplied him food and other necessities while concerned individuals provided him shelter.

Mollah said he met with Stan Benavente at the enforcement section of the labor division and aired his complaint. He also submitted a letter addressed to Labor Director Frank Camacho, relating how he has been victimized by a fellow Bangladeshi.

Labor officials were unavailable for comment.

Mollah said he was a victim of a recruitment scam and expressed concern that more of his countrymen could fall prey to such recruiters and other unscrupulous individuals involved in the same modus operandi.

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MVB may face a \$.6M-plus deficit

THE MARIANAS Visitors Bureau Board of Directors has predicted that MVB's operation will suffer \$648,864 deficit at year's end if the shortfall in tax collection continues.

During yesterday's Board meeting held at MVB conference room, Ron Sablan, chairman for Budget and Finance Committee, explained that the bureau's projected expense budget for FY '95 is \$7,784,697.

The available resource come September 30, 1995 however, Sablan pointed out will only be \$7,135,833, leaving an estimated \$.6 million deficit.

He said the actual room/container tax collection for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1995 shows a shortfall of approximately 13 percent.

Government has appropriated MVB \$5,446,500 budget for FY '95. Quarterly allotment is \$1,361,625. The shortfall of such allotment is -13.47%.

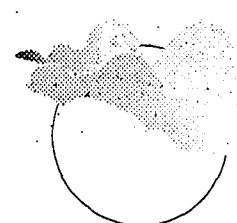
"I hope MVB can survive

through the fiscal year with our available budget," Sablan said.

To solve the problem, he pointed out that the Board asked MVB Managing Director Anicia Tomokane to request a \$346,500 supplemental budget to Governor Froilan Tenorio last February 21.

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Deadly fire sparks backlash

By PATRICIA KUO
TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - It took a fire in a nightclub that killed 64 people to jolt Taiwanese authorities into taking drastic action. The result: demolition fever.

From Taipei International Airport to the lowliest provincial karaoke bar, no structure is safe from the probing eyes of fire inspectors fanning across the island.

The blaze three weeks ago in Taichung, central Taiwan, was blamed on ineffective fire extinguishers and a lack of emergency doors. It was Taiwan's deadliest fire, and provoked public outcry for a crackdown.

That crackdown is well under way, and provoking a backlash from those whose livelihood is threatened.

On Thursday, 100 employees of condemned establishments in suburban Taipei put up barricades and armed themselves with clubs to prevent their premises being demolished.

But the demolition team managed to get around them and start work.

Throughout Taiwan, the talk of the town is firetraps - restaurants, karaoke clubs, movie theaters, department stores, even hospitals and schools.

President Lee Teng-hui himself has made a rare public apology for the fire, while Taichung Mayor Lin Po-jung is bearing the brunt of the public onslaught.

Lin claims he's being hounded by the latter-day equivalent of Mao Tse-tung's Red Guards, and by headline-seeking legislators with "black heart and black liver, who only know how to waste taxpayers' money."

Lin has come down hard on unlicensed establishments, cutting off their power and water. When owners and employees of 20 unlicensed bowling alleys marched to his office demanding a respite.

Lin rebuffed them, newspapers reported. Some Taichung restaurateurs complain that the aggressive fire inspections are costing them up to 1 million Taiwan dollars (U.S.

dollars 37,000) a day in fines and lost business.

In Taipei, a swoop ordered by Mayor Chen Shui-bian demolished 406 billboards and 151 structures before the action moved to

main street restaurants.

At the Department of Public Works, an official, Lee Chin-chi, remarked that everything had been "turned upside down. We were never mobilized to such an extent before."

FBI agents head to Pakistan after ambush

By GREG MYRE
KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - An FBI anti-terrorism team headed to Pakistan Thursday to help search for gunmen who killed two U.S. consular employees and wounded a third.

At least three men with AK-47 assault rifles sprayed the white Toyota van carrying the employees to the consulate when it stopped at a red light. The gunmen then sped away in their stolen taxi.

No one claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, the latest in a daily ritual of violence that has turned Karachi's chaotic streets into a battlefield, and no motive was clear.

Americans are seen as potential targets for a host of violence-prone elements in the southern city, including drug barons, Muslim radicals and terrorists seeking revenge for last month's extradition of the man accused of masterminding the World Trade Center bombing in New York.

The Washington Post, quoting an unidentified senior Clinton administration official, reported Thursday that one of the Americans killed was an intelligence agent working under diplomatic cover.

The report did not say which victim it was, but said the U.S. government does not believe this was the motive for the slayings.

Instead, the official told the news-

paper, investigators believe it was a payback for the extradition of the World Trade Center bombing suspect, Ramzi Yousef, or was related to the ethnic violence in Karachi.

Jamil Yousef, co-chairman of a private group that assists police, said the attack on the U.S. government van was similar to recent shooting attacks on mosques in Karachi.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said the attack was "part of a well-planned campaign of terrorism." President

Clinton called it a "cowardly act." Jackie Van Landingham, 33, a secretary from South Carolina, and communications technician Gary C. Durell, 45, of Ohio, were killed. Mark McCloy, 31, a Massachusetts native who worked in the consulate's post office, was in stable condition with gunshot wounds.

At the Aga Khan Hospital, where McCloy was being treated, an American friend who would not give his name said the wounded man was

resting and comfortable, but did not want to speak to anyone right now. Americans who work at the consulate, already under heightened security because of the daily gun battles in the city, were advised Wednesday to stay home for safety.

A nine-foot (three-meter) spiked iron gate bars entry to the four-story consulate building, located on a busy street in Karachi. Nearby in a small canvas tent, several Pakistani police surrounded by sandbags kept watch.

Filipinos rally near Singapore embassy to protest maid's case

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Hundreds of Filipinos rallied Thursday in front of the Singapore Embassy to protest the case of a Filipino maid scheduled to hang on charges of killing another Filipino maid and a 4-year-old Singaporean boy.

"We are not asking for mercy. We are not asking for compassion," said Eddie Villanueva, leader of the protesters. "We are only asking for justice. We are asking for a retrial."

Flor Contemplacion was convicted of the 1991 killing of fellow maid Delia Magat and her ward, Nicholas Huang. Singaporean officials do not announce execution dates in ad-

vance, but her hanging is believed imminent.

Teofisto Guingona, President Fidel Ramos' executive secretary, said the government may ask Singapore to reconsider Mrs. Contemplacion's case.

"It appears there are some facts that are beginning to surface which may be the basis for an appropriate plea for reconsideration," Guingona told reporters.

Villanueva and several other protest leaders requested a meeting with Singapore officials but were turned down. Villanueva said the group will continue the vigil until "justice is given" to Mrs. Contemplacion.

Also Thursday, several Manila

newspapers reported that another former Filipino maid, who fled Singapore after the killings, may have information that could clear Mrs. Contemplacion.

They quoted Sen. Anna Dominique Coseteng as saying Emilia Frenilla, who once worked at a house near where Magat was employed, could have witnessed the murders.

"Now that we have something tangible in defense of Contemplacion, we have to make the proper representations for a retrial," Ms. Coseteng said.

Ms. Frenilla is believed to be in hiding in her home province of North Cotabato in the southern Philippines.

US official begins MIA mission in Indo-China

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - A senior U.S. Defense Department official began a tour of Indochinese countries Thursday to discuss progress in resolving the fates of more than 2,000 Americans still listed as missing in action.

The U.S. Embassy said Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense James Wold flew to the Laotian capital of Vientiane. On Sunday he is to depart for Vietnam, followed by a visit to Cambodia.

Wold, the Pentagon's top official dealing with the missing-in-action and prisoner-of-war issue, is to meet with senior government officials in the three countries and visit excavation sites in Laos and Vietnam.

The department lists 2,111 American servicemen as missing in action from the Indochina wars. Despite numerous reports of alleged "live sightings" of Americans, none has emerged alive.

Former U.S. Congressman William Hendon had asked Wold to take him on the trip to Vietnam, claiming he had "irrefutable evidence" that U.S. prisoners were being held in that country.

Hendon, a North Carolina Republican, was denied a visa to enter Vietnam and is currently in Bangkok. On earlier trips to Vietnam, Hendon failed to lead investigators to live Americans and Washington views his claims with skepticism.

"The question at hand is whether General Wold will receive human remains and aircraft artifacts or go instead with me and my team to rescue living American prisoners of war," he told The Associated Press Thursday.

Hendon said he had not heard from Wold but was ready to accompany him to Vietnam at any time.

Wold is scheduled to visit a joint U.S.-Laotian effort, the 37th of its kind, to resolve MIA cases in the field. Teams plan to investigate 54 cases and excavate eight MIA sites during the probe, which began Thursday and runs until April 7.

In Vietnam, Wold is to join the 34th U.S.-Vietnamese MIA search, which ends March 21. A similar joint search is scheduled in Cambodia later this spring.

Hyatt complains of burning dump again

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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ONE OF Saipan's top hotels in the tourist district has again called on government leaders to act on the perennial problem of burning at the Puerto Rico Dump.

In a letter dated Wednesday, Hyatt Regency Saipan General Manager Clifford Grauers asked Governor Froilan C. Tenorio to act with dispatch on the problem as it could ruin business for hotels in the area as well as the island's entire tourism industry.

"Our guests are complaining about the smoke and the smell," Grauers told the governor. "We will lose potential tourists to other destinations. Local residents are also suffering," he added.

According to Grauers, the hotel has for many occasions in the last few years, brought this problem to everyone's attention. He said although

there have been some efforts to find a solution, nothing has happened.

Grauer's letter to the governor came after another fire broke out at the Puerto Rico Dump Tuesday, engulfing Garapan's tourist district and other areas in acrid smoke.

Efforts are currently in place to prevent burning at the dump, but there have been occasional incidents of fires breaking out due to unforeseen circumstances.

When this happens, the dump emits thick black smoke which then hovers across the vicinity and affects commerce in the nearby hotel row near the American Memorial Park.

The problem of the dump has long been a major concern for the CNMI government since two administrations back especially since it poses a major health hazard.

Later last year, the US Environmental Protection Agency slapped the

CNMI government with a citation for violation of the federal environmental laws because of the open dump.

Although \$16 million in federal funds has been appropriated for an alternative waste disposal system — a proposed sanitary landfill — the project got snagged after an original project site was shelved.

"In the meantime, we are sitting amid this terrible smell for 24 hours now. The staff are complaining of sore throats and their eyes irritating. Guests are asking where the smoke is coming from and why we are not doing something about the problem," Grauers told the governor.

According to Grauers, Hyatt has been spending large amounts of money to promote its hotel and the island of Saipan with emphasis on the

clean air and beautiful environment.

He, however said as the pollution increases, the tourist discovers that the island does not meet their expectation and this leads to a bad reputation for Saipan.

"We only need one journalist from Japan or other countries to experience the dump smoke and to write a negative article about Saipan. We are regularly at our own cost bringing travel writers, travel agents and others to experience our resort," said Grauers.

"What is the point if when they are here the dump is burning. Upon their return, they will not be recommending Saipan. Tourists are not going to go to destinations where there is pollution," the hotel executive added.

Grauers asked the governor that, if the government really values the tour-



Clifford Grauers

ism industry, a permanent solution should be forthcoming soon to address the problem.

Tenorio lately talked about plans to build an incineration facility in the Lower Base area and the gradual relocation of Puerto Rico Dump waste to the planned facility.

That is while construction and operation of a landfill is awaited for.

Leaders seek US nod for PIDB's loan assistance



Diego T. Benavente

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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TWO OF the CNMI's top leaders who also sit in the Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) Board of Governors are seeking federal endorsement for the Commonwealth's participation with the said bank.



Jesus C. Borja

In a letter to Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta, Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Lieutenant Governor Jesus C. Borja asked help in obtaining a favorable ruling from the US Department of State on the possibility of the CNMI receiving loans from the said bank.

"In the past, we have relied on the federal government to help us with funding," said the two leaders. "With the US government facing severe budgetary difficulties, it seems unlikely that we will be able to rely on them much longer," they added.

The CNMI thus would have to look to other sources so that infrastructure improvement can continue.

According to both Benavente and Borja, they see a real opportunity for PIDB to be a viable source of infrastructure funding for island nations like the CNMI.

Currently, however, there may be questions about whether such loans may be considered third country assistance which require the consent of the US State Department.

If so, the CNMI and other participating US entities may not be able to reap the benefits of PIDB membership unless a favorable ruling is issued by the federal government.

PIDB officials have sent two

letters to both the previous and present assistant Interior secretaries for OTIA requesting for the US endorsement.

Last October 1993, Assistant Secretary Turner advised the PIDB president that the matter was under review with the State Department and other agencies.

Benavente and Borja said PIDB has not heard from OTIA since then.

The two leaders in their letter stressed that with increased contributions from its members, PIDB is now on a firm footing and is moving ahead with plans to seek financial assistance from East Asian countries to expand its lending services.

PIDB was established in 1989 as the result of a study commissioned by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL). APIL's membership consists of the legislative entities from the CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the four individual states of the Federated States of Micronesia.

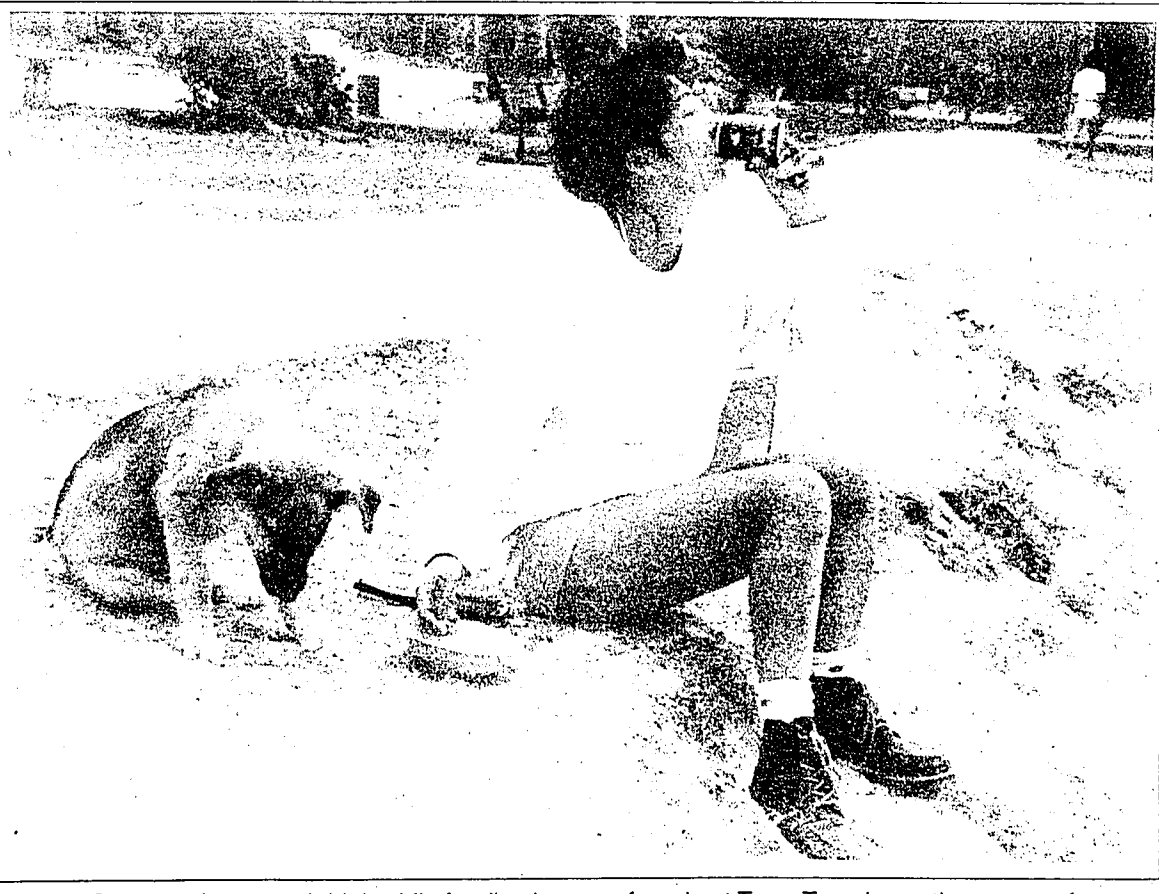
PIDB's articles of agreement provide that membership be open to the government's represented by APIL.

PIDB's mission is to provide technical and financial assistance to promote development among its members.

Financial assistance may be in direct loans, loan guarantees, servicing of loans, etc.

Meanwhile, the APIL Board of Directors will be opening its biannual meeting today starting at 9:00 a.m. at the House of Representatives Chamber in Capitol Hill.

Delegates from island nations all over the Pacific region have arrived over the last two days to attend such a meeting.



Nomura Suzuyo takes a cool drink while feeding her new found pet Tang-Tang in another sunny afternoon at Micro Beach.

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EDITORIAL

THE CNMI will have a rare opportunity to host today the directors of the Association of Pacific Legislatures which groups various Micronesian states and territories under one umbrella.

This gathering comes at a time when the Northern Marianas is experiencing serious economic and political problems, changes that were unheard of in this Micronesian commonwealth several years back.

The islands used to be a showcase of economic growth and the very epitome of the stable American political system in the region. But these have been overshadowed by man-made catastrophes such as wrong political moves as well as external and other internal factors.

To say the least, the commonwealth has to make up for a long lost good image in the region and it may take years before it could regain its envied position.

If there is that opportunity to show the good side of the islands, that is today when Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Senate President Juan S. Demapan rub elbows with APIL's top brass.

Today's meeting is an opportunity which must be seized by our leaders to show the Commonwealth's commitment to friendly ties, regional cooperation, economic and cultural exchanges among nations sharing a common bond. Nations that take pride in being part of the paradise that is the Pacific.

The CNMI must also show a renewed interest in better regional cohesiveness at a time when many countries and regions of the world cluster together and form alliances to assert their agenda in the international community.

The Northern Marianas must be one with APIL members in seeking a common goal for the region and in carving a place in global affairs. The long years of passivity and silence should become a thing of the past especially in this fastest growing part of the globe.

Indeed, APIL is the venue where common concerns such as the environment, fisheries, tourism, economic self-sufficiency and a common island culture should be brought up and discussed as everyone's priorities.

Especially so when resources and natural beauty are what make all of these entities unique and distinct from the rest of the world.

We are one region and we should be proud of that. This is our part of the world and we should make it the best there is.

How? There's no other way but to bond ourselves closer in cooperation, ready to help each other with the problems and tribulations each one must face everyday.

By pooling together the region's best minds, the very ones that shape the political life of each member nation, we are increasing each and everyone's strength and curing individual ailments.

We welcome all APIL member nations to our islands and hope that they all spend a good time here. The people of the CNMI share the honor of hosting the association's board of directors as it charts its direction for the year ahead.

We take pride in offering what is there for our islands' to give. We are anxious to bask in your friendship.

Hafa Adai.



JR's Agenda

by John S. DelRosario, JR.

Welcome APIL to Taga Stone Famous Islands. It is a privilege to welcome member island countries of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures from across the Pacific to the Taga Stone Famous Islands of the Northern Marianas.

As a legislative consultant who assisted in the original formation of APIL some ten years ago on Guam, I am quite familiar with the intent and purpose of establishing this regional body. It is a conduit to promoting a sense of regionalism predicated the dissolution of what was once an accidental creature of the US and United Nations Trusteeship Council known geographically as Micronesia.

I look back at the Micronesian Constitutional Convention in 1975 when there was hope that there will eventually emerge a Micronesian Nation. I was young and idealistic ready to take on the world to promote the idea of nation building. The powerful political rhetoric of the time leads nowhere else but towards strengthening Micronesian Unity in Diversity. But it fizzled out just as quickly as the tiny waves right outside the White Sands Hotel (PIC)—venue of the MicroConCon—rush out to the open sea.

Indeed, there were internal and external forces working for and against Micronesian Unity. The Marianas was on her way out the door when in the same year the US Congress approved the Covenant Agreement. The Republics of the Marshalls and Palau followed suit. The rest of the islands stayed behind and formed what's known today as the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). What brought our dreamed Micronesian Nation to its knees? MONEY! Each island jurisdiction wanted to keep and manage her own purse, no more, no less. Out the window went the fragile Micronesian Unity.

The tiny waves that found their way into the open sea continue to visit the shores of all the islands in the Micronesian Region since unity disintegrated in the seventies. However, the substance of unity has changed into forging a sense of regionalism—via APIL—apart from each other. It is a collective effort of putting our resources and experiences together to help one another in areas mutually beneficial to member island countries and governments. Now, what has this regional body's tangible accomplishments over its decade old existence to make life better between and among member island countries in the region?

At the risk of bubbling an issue into controversy, may I also bring to your attention the **impact of Freely Associated States citizens (FASers) in the CNMI** and whether APIL has discussed this issue in its past meetings? If not, why not? If so, what is the outcome of the discussion? Is there any direction how APIL wishes to assist in this matter—impact of FASers in the CNMI—in terms of reimbursements due the CNMI Government from the US for subsidiz-

ing education, health and other impositions on the basic infrastructure here?

May I also note that over the years, the treatment of our people throughout the APIL jurisdictions (FAS specifically) is far from reciprocal. While FASers can travel freely to the CNMI for employment and other opportunities, our people aren't necessarily accorded the same reciprocal treatment when seeking for the same privileges in the FAS. It is an unusual relationship in that our people seem to have landed in familiar but strange places whose people we know by heart. Perhaps this is where APIL can also intervene to ascertain and strengthen reciprocity among member island countries.

The impact of FASers is an issue that this regional organization can ill-afford to shelve nor ignore. While the US Government may be responsible for impact funds, APIL ought to lift its finger and assist in securing this money much like the Department of Defense paying the Government of Guam for the impact of its dependents on education, health, etc. The subsidies which we have generously provided FASers and others similarly situated will have to come to a screeching halt soon. I may be very "unpacific" in the manner I have brought this matter to your attention. But it is better addressed today under the spirit of brotherhood so that a collective effort is undertaken to resolve an issue that is **now too costly for the CNMI who must fend for herself within the context of the "Contract with America", new local fiscal policy and the prolonged economic doldrums.**

The development bank, a creature of APIL, is a noble undertaking. I do know however that most member island nations haven't been able to put in their share. It reflects a realistic problem throughout member island nations of APIL: Economic doldrums forced upon each of us by external forces to which we have no control and the unique but limited island economies upon which we must build and draw taxes to support public services. In short, the CNMI is similarly situated and while I welcome the noble intention behind the establishment of a development, the \$100,000 we've remitted to this development banking institution can best be put to better use, i.e., footing the excess baggage for FASers who are here imposing on a system whose water would soon run dry.

As difficult as it is to brave being misunderstood, I am only sharing a realistic sentiment that is now a vicious burden on our government. **Furthermore, we all know that the cost of health and education are big ticket items of expenditure anywhere throughout the global village.** They must be addressed forthwith with the view to strengthening cooperation and reciprocity among governments in the region. The money due the CNMI on the impact of the compact and the lack of reciprocity from the FAS are two thorny regional issues that call for immediate review and resolution. Again, welcome to the island and let not my very unpacific approach to these issues dampen the spirit of brotherhood and enthusiasm as you buckle down to work on the task before you. Hafa Adai and may you have a productive session. Si Yuus Maase.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

What's really going on at Job Corps centers?

WASHINGTON—Whether it's a presidential nomination or a billion-dollar federal program, Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee Chairman Nancy Landon Kassebaum, R-Kan., can't seem to get a straight story from the Clinton administration.

Last month, Kassebaum was misled about the abortion record of surgeon general nominee Henry Foster Jr., whose confirmation hearings will be held by her committee. During a private phone conversation with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Kassebaum was told that Foster had performed only one "therapeutic" abortion. Since then, the administration has been revising the figure almost daily, and Kassebaum has gotten a public apology from the president.

Although it hasn't been on the front pages, Kassebaum has also gotten conflicting stories from the Labor Department over her efforts to reform the Job Corps program.

Each year, more than 60,000 students enter Job Corps, the 31-year-old federal program that provides basic job training to disadvantaged youth. But nearly 50 percent of these students drop out of the program within the first six months.

In an internal Labor Department memo last June, Job Corps' national director, Peter Rell, explained: "The evidence strongly suggests that the greatest single factor causing students to leave our program early is violence.... If students feel threatened or unsafe at any (Job Corps) center, they 'vote with their feet' and leave before gaining any real benefit from the program."

But as soon as Job Corps' funding came under fire, the Labor Department changed its explanation. Later in June, Kassebaum asked the Appropriations Committee to slash Job Corps' \$1.1 billion annual budget because of the dropout rate and other poor performance data.

In its response to the Appropriations Committee in July—just one month after the Rell memo—the Labor Department dropped any mention of violence: "The apparently high dropout rates exist because of the strict discipline and behavioral codes at Job Corps that are part of its success." In other words, the discipline code is so strict that it tosses out the thugs, which accounts for the high dropout numbers.

In two days of hearings last month, however, Kassebaum uncovered a "pattern of uncontrolled violence" and other misconduct at Job Corps centers across the country—including murders, gang activity and drug abuse. Just a few days before Kassebaum's hearings, three Job Corps students in Knoxville, Tenn., were charged with first-degree murder for killing a classmate.

Labor Department officials called it an isolated incident, but Knoxville police officials have said that the crime rate has risen since the Job Corps center entered the neighborhood and local officials are now trying to relocate the center out of town. Kassebaum's staff has gathered evidence that reveals 23 Job Corps students across the country have been convicted of murder in the past three years.

Kassebaum's investigators charge that the Labor Department was being "disingenuous" in its letter to the Appropriations Committee last July, and that the department has been dragged "kicking and screaming" into addressing the violence problem. "(The letter) was a clear indication of their inability to admit that they had a problem with violence," one Kassebaum aide told us.

Rell sees no contradiction between the two Labor Department memos. "The vast majority of (students) drop out or are terminated because they can't accommodate themselves to the fact that they have to live within some rules," Rell told us. "Part of those rules are that you cannot engage in violence on a Job Corps center, and a lot of them have been terminated and have left because they won't abide by the rules."

Kassebaum argues that the department's policies aren't working. "I've been in correctional institutions that were better than Job Corps," Kassebaum told our associate Ed Henry.

One witness at the committee's hearings, 19-year-old Fred Freeman, attended a Job Corps center in Baltimore but left after only 23 days because he was "bred of getting beat up and being threatened by other students and having the center ignore what was happening." Freeman testified that drug use, gang activity, and students carrying knives and pistols went unpunished.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich has called Job Corps the "jewel in the crown" of job-training programs. He recently sent Kassebaum a letter saying he's "extremely concerned about any incidents of violence" and that "significant reform is needed."

That reform might begin with a straight story.

Letters to the Editor

From a ConCon delegate-elect

All Constitutional Convention Delegates:

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Kon-respetvyan saludu

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What a way to address labor abuse

Dear Editor:

On March 6th House Bill 9-371 was passed by an overwhelming majority in the House of Representatives. The bill which will institute a \$200 complaint fee was voted against by only Speaker Diego Benevente and Rep. Manuel Tenorio. While I applaud the judicious decision of these two gentlemen, the action of the 12 representatives voting in favor of the bill, clearly demonstrates our lawmakers unwillingness to address the real issue.

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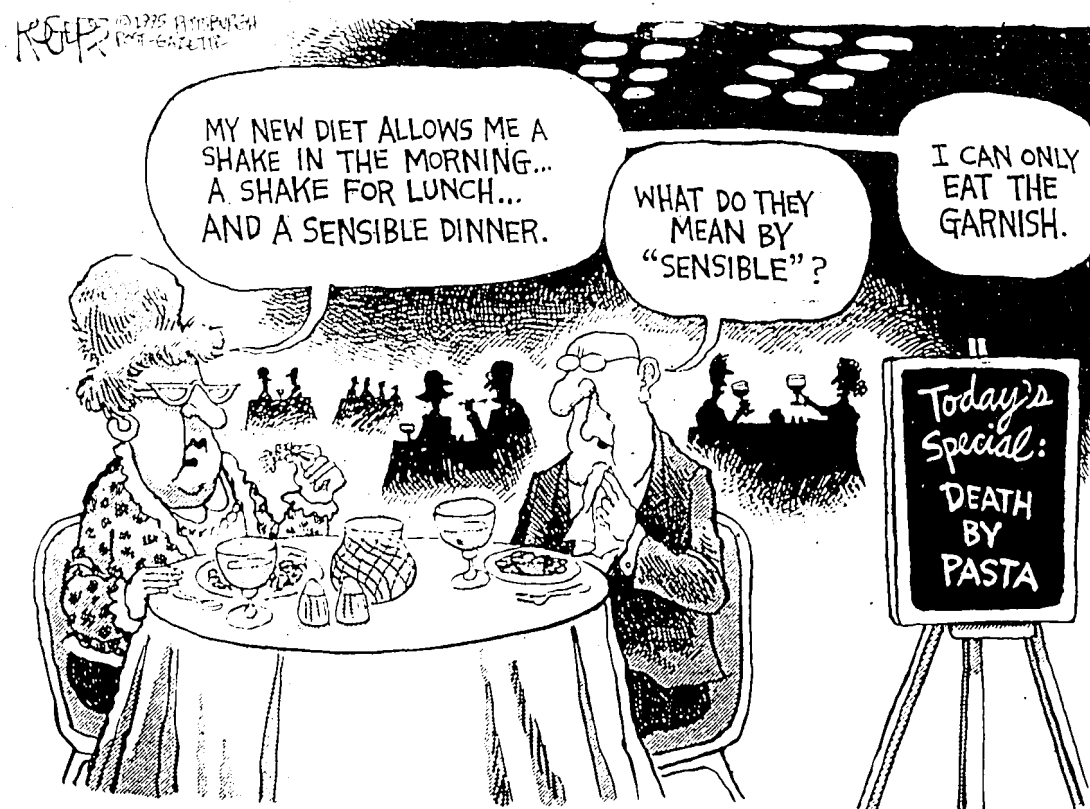
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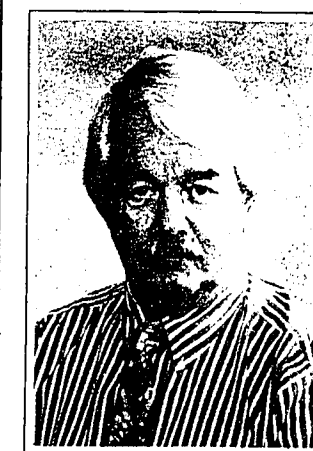
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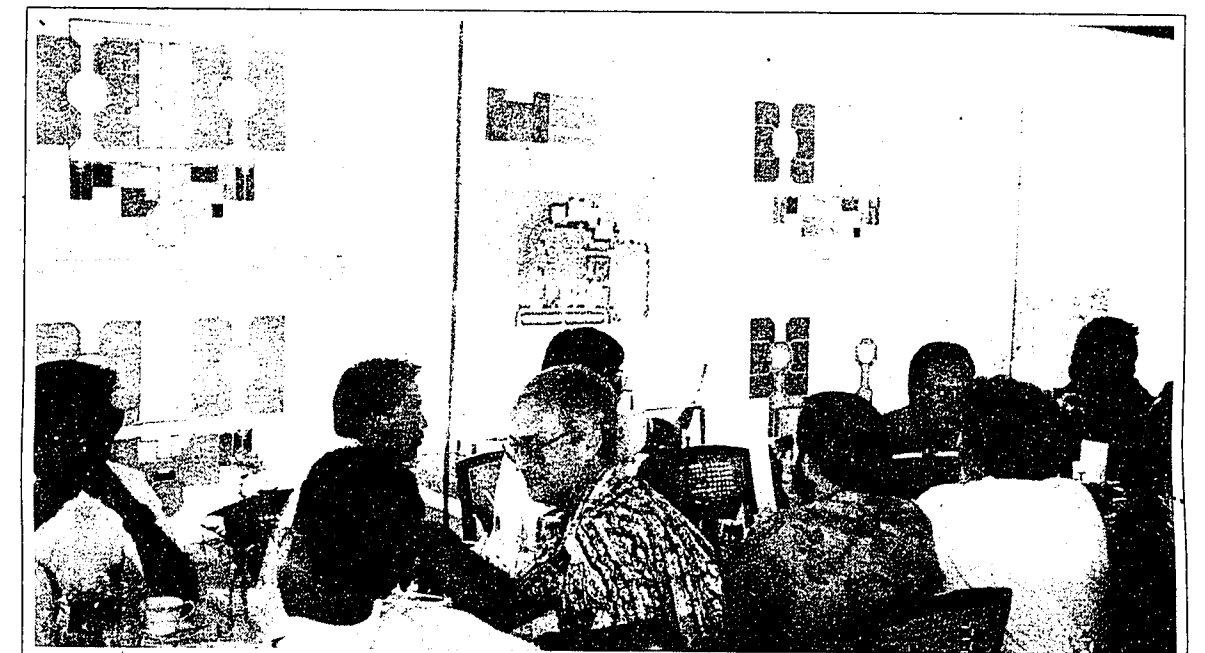
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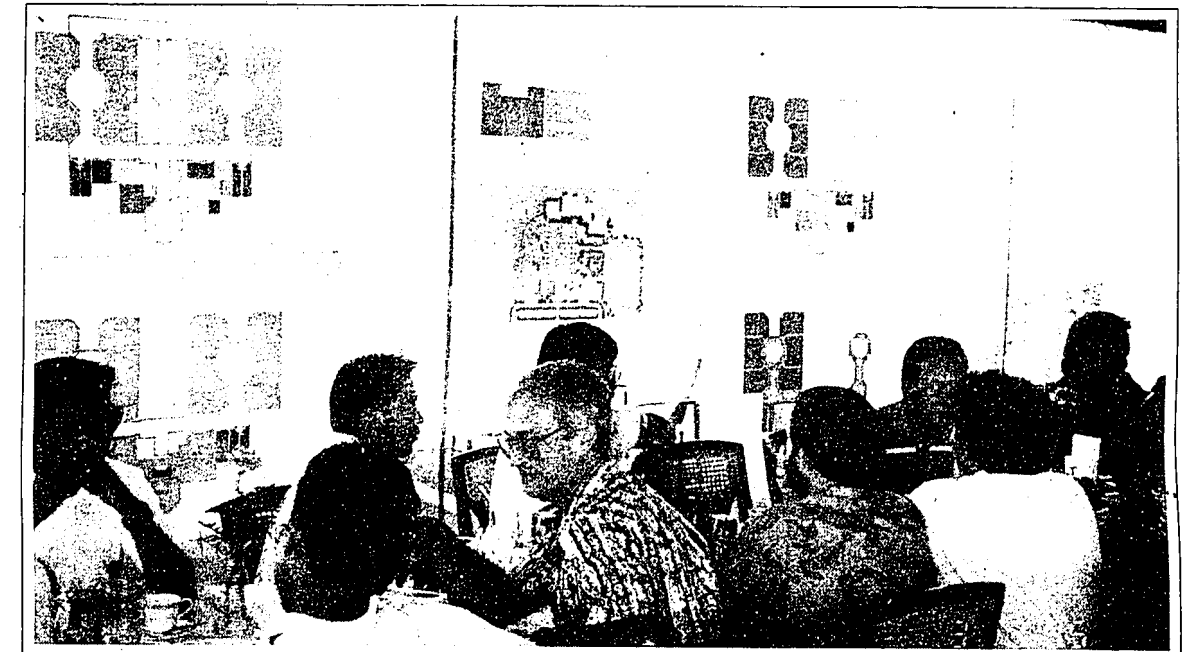
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The Bikini resolution is the first positive statement that the Bikinians have made on the possibility of using their islands for nuclear waste storage, although there has been much discussion of the subject throughout this country since the Marshall Islands government announced last year its plan to pursue a major nuclear waste facility in this central Pacific nation. The Marshalls government is actively courting Asian nations and the United States to establish a disposal site for nuclear waste in the Marshalls. But the U.S. and Japan have so far refused to participate.

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Bikini leaders were not immediately available to comment on the impact this new resolution regarding nuclear waste storage would have on plans to cleanup and resettle Bikini Atoll.

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The resolution does not give the Bikini Council's specific endorsement of nuclear waste storage for Bikini, but indicates its interest in studying the idea by

seeking information on every aspect of nuclear waste storage.

The resolution states clearly that the funds that the U.S. has provided will not be adequate to cleanup Bikini, and adds that Nam Island is already a nuclear waste dump as a result of U.S. nuclear testing.

The resolution said that U.S. funding for a resettlement provided money only for Bikini and Eneu and none of the 21 other islands in the atoll. The 1954 Bravo hydrogen bomb left Nam "too radioactive for habitability at any point in the near future," the resolution said.

"The U.S. government has

used Nam Island as a high-level nuclear waste dump from 1954 to the present without paying rent to the people of Bikini specifically for the use of Nam as a nuclear waste site and failing to provide the people of Bikini with adequate funds to conduct a radiological cleanup and resettlement of Nam," the resolution said.

Without cleanup funds, Nam Island "will continue to serve as a U.S. high-level nuclear waste dump for tens of thousands of years."

The resolution said that it will cost at least \$300 million more than the Bikinians have to clean up Nam and to resettle the atoll.

Chewers seek end to ban on betel nut

By Tom Panholzer
For the Variety

POHNPEI - Pressure from betel-nut chewers to lift the chewing ban at the College of Micronesia-FSM have persuaded the college president to have a second chew on the subject, so to speak.

After receiving a petition from students, many of whom are Yapese, and hearing from members of the staff, COM-FSM President Susan Moses met with student leaders and developed another policy on the subject.

On March 3, the chewing of betel-nut is again permitted on campus but only outside the buildings.

Trashcans with sand will be placed around campus for the chewers targets; however, those who cannot wait to get near a trashcan are to carry their own can for their droppings and spit. This can is to be deposited at regular trash cans.

This will apply to students and staff.

Pohnpei universities' new admission rule

By Tom Panholzer
For the Variety

POHNPEI - The University of Hawaii-Hilo and the College of Micronesia-FSM have agreed on a formal articulation policy.

According to Danny Wyatt, Language Division chairperson and Spensin James, academic vice-president, both of COM-FSM, UH-Hilo has stated through a memorandum in late February that all students applying from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Marshall Islands must submit to UH-Hilo a score report from the TOEFL examination showing a combined score of 500 or better in order to be admitted.

however, those students who have taken English 120A and 120B at COM-FSM and earned at least a "C" do not have to submit a TOEFL score because of the formal policy.

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Olter still ahead in FSM race

By Tom Panholzer
For the Variety
POHNPEI- President Bailey Olter still commands the lead in the Federated States of Micronesia national election for Pohnpei State's at-large seat in Congress, but that lead has slipped considerably.



Bailey Olter

700 votes from Olter. And Alexander Panuelo has dropped to third place in the four-year race.

For Pohnpei with the results in for districts numbers 1 and 3 except for absentee are: Olter, 3,164; Falcam, 2,490; Panuelo, 1,138; and Rainer Warren, 113 in the four-year term, at-large congressional seat.

Election District No. 1 reports Dohis Halbert has beat the write-in candidate Ignacio Semens 2,414 to 343 for that district's two-year term seat.

In the hard contested race for the two-year term seat to Congress from District three, Peter Christian, the incumbent, defeated former secretary of the FSM External Affairs Resio S. Moses, 2,029 to 1,496.

This is the first election Moses has lost. He is a former congressman and governor of Pohnpei.

The unofficial totals from Chuuk State show Nahoy Selifis has 1,627 votes and Redley Killian has 2,442 votes in the four-year term, at-large congressional seat.

The two-year term race has the

incumbent Nishima Yleizah in the lead with 2,244 votes. Nick Andon has 1,478 votes, and Joseph Peter has 381.

Chuuk's totals are only for that state's District 1.

Yap State reports that its unofficial

figures from Yap Proper, except for absentees, have the incumbent Joseph J. Urusemal with 616 votes and Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar with 523 in the four-year term, at-large congressional seat.

Isaac Figir is running uncontested

Traditional leader in Pohnpei dies

By Tom Panholzer
For the Variety

POHNPEI- A well-known traditional Pohnpeian leader died in a Saipan hospital March 1.

Wihper Sarapio, 39 years old, died of lung cancer in the Commonwealth Health Center in Saipan. He was famous in Pohnpei for his traditional dancing and his helping the youth in his sub-district, Enipein Pah, in Kitti Municipality.

He held the traditional title of

Kiroaulikiak.

His body arrived on Pohnpei March 6 and his funeral is being held in Enipein Pah. More than 700 people are attending the elaborate rite which will last until March 10.

Sarapio was considered to be a young talented leader who worked on community programs in Enipein Pah to assist young people earn money. He was also involved in a Kitti group working to maintain Pohnpeian culture.

Election results from FSM

ACCORDING to the Office of the National Election Director, the following are the current unofficial results of the election as provided by the National Election Commissioners:

State of Pohnpei

For the State of Pohnpei, the following is the unofficial total figures for District No. 1, except for absentees and Kapingamurangi precinct, of District No. 1:

At-Large
1. Alexander Panuelo 287
2. Bailey Olter 2,250
3. Leo A. Falcam 582
4. Rainer Warren 84

Two Year Term
1. Dohis Halbert 2,502
2. Ignacio Semens 343

Constitutional Amendment
1. Yes 1,100
2. No 1,683

State of Yap

For the State of Yap, the following is an unofficial total figures for Yap Proper, except for absentees. Yap Outer-Islands is expected by the 10th of March along with absentees:

At-Large
1. Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar 523
2. Joseph J. Urusemal 616

Two-Years Term
1. Isaac Figir 1,061

Constitutional Amendment
1. Yes 701
2. No 365

State of Kosrae

For the State of Kosrae, the following is an unofficial total figures for all of Kosrae District, except for Walung polling place and absentee:

At-Large
1. Jacob Nena 1,572
2. Yosiwo P. George 1,328

Two-Year Term
1. Alik L. Alik 1,339
2. Claude H. Phillip 1,545

Constitutional Amendment
1. Yes 1,504
2. No 858

PEOPLE OF SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS

To all my supporters, co-workers (CUC), friends, elected and non-elected Con-Con candidates, 3rd Senatorial voters, and especially my wife and family:

I am honored to extend my deepest appreciation and special thanks to all of you who gave your vote of confidence in this historical special election. It has given me a very positive personal experience that I will never forget and marks the initiation of my political career.

I salute each and every delegate-elect and wish you all the best of luck throughout the duration of the Third Constitutional Convention. I beg you all that whatever you intend to change in our Constitution, first and foremost, will be for the benefit and protection of our Chamorro and Carolinian people. I trust that you will protect and strengthen our rights, especially our land, in the best interest of our future generations.

Again, thank you for your vote of confidence.

Hafa A dai,

Para todü i sumapota yo, mangachong-hu siha gi chechoho, i man-man ganna yan iti man-man ganna siha na kandidato, i botadot siha Saipan, yan esepialmente i asaguaho yan i familiako siha.

Sumen magof yo hu ekstiende un sen dangkulo na si Yuus Maase para todos i botadot ni munae yo nui botan konfiansa gi Matso dia kuattro.

Para ayo siha i man-man ganna, hu saluda hamyo todos, ya hu diseseha na gi kareran miyo mona gi Convention in pega finena para i probechu yan proteksion i taotao i tano, esepialmente para i manmamaila na tiempo--CHAMORRO YAN REFALAWASCH.

Talo, un sen dangkulo na si Yuus Maase.

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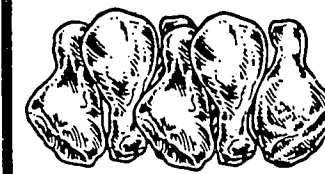


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Who'll be ConCon president?

WITH WINNERS in the recent Constitutional Convention elections yet to be officially proclaimed, speculations have started as to who would be vying for the presidency of the Third ConCon.

Informed sources told the Variety yesterday that certain delegates-elect have already started sending feelers and making their bids for the presidency of the Third ConCon known to their fellow delegates hoping to garner enough support.

A number of probable names have already been tossed into the contest as delegates start to consider who among themselves will best head the next constitutional body.

Among the names being heard are those of delegates-apparent Victor B. Hocog and Benjamin T. Manglona of Rota; Herman T. Guerrero, Carlos S. Camacho, Bennet T. Seman, Juan S. Tenorio and Esther S. Fleming, all from



Herman T. Guerrero



Carlos S. Camacho



Victor B. Hocog

Saipan.

Saipan delegate-to-be John Oliver DLR. Gonzales, may also be in the running, although he has indicated such option is still being weighed.

Guerrero, who was president of the last ConCon, is said to be interested in becoming president again although his plans are yet to be

made public. He could not be reached for comment as of yesterday.

As president of the last ConCon, Guerrero in a previous interview said there is a need to "correct" the previous ConCon's mistakes and that was why he decided to join the next ConCon.

Hocog, who along with

Guerrero is a close associate of Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, has been reported to be eyeing the top seat.

Fellow Rotanese, Manglona, a former lieutenant governor and delegate to the First ConCon is also considered by political analysts as a strong bet. He could not be reached for comment as of

yesterday.

Nonetheless, sources in the know insist the president would most probably come from the predominant force — Saipan, the island that boasts of 19 votes out of the total 27 delegates.

Another close adviser of the governor, Juan S. Tenorio has also been heard as a possible presidential bet. He, however could not be reached to confirm any plans.

Camacho, the CNMI's first governor is also being bruited as a strong, excellent choice by some observers but he has yet to express interest.

Nevertheless, the names heard loudest are those of Fleming and Seman, women candidates who placed topnotcher and second placer, respectively, in the Saipan delegate race last Saturday.

Seman, according to sources, may not be really interested with the presidency but is deemed a most formidable choice due to her experience in government service, most recently as managing director of Marianas Visitors Bureau.

In a television interview last night, however, Seman said running for president is "farthest from my mind."

Fleming on the other hand is said to be interested. But she would have to bank on the women delegates' vote to make it, if ever.

The former member of the Board of Education is said to be capable of getting the solid vote of women delegates which number about eight as per unofficial election counts.

The presidency of the Third ConCon is considered to be of utmost importance as this will determine the direction such a body will be taking in the future.

The ConCon president will play an integral part in the ConCon proper as he or she will preside over deliberations on any measure before the body.

Meanwhile, Board of Elections Executive Director Juan M. Diaz said yesterday was the deadline for absentee ballots for the ConCon elections.

In a phone interview with the Variety yesterday, Diaz said the Board will be aiming for a certification of election results by today, meaning winning candidates may also be proclaimed this day.

MCC to meet

THE Marianas Computer Club is holding its general meeting on March 12, Sunday at 1:00 pm at the Northern Marianas College, Room V215.

Special guests are Agnes McPheters, the College President, Bill Michling of the Marianas Electronics and Bill Bezzant of Saipan Datacom.

All MAC and IBM users are welcome to attend.

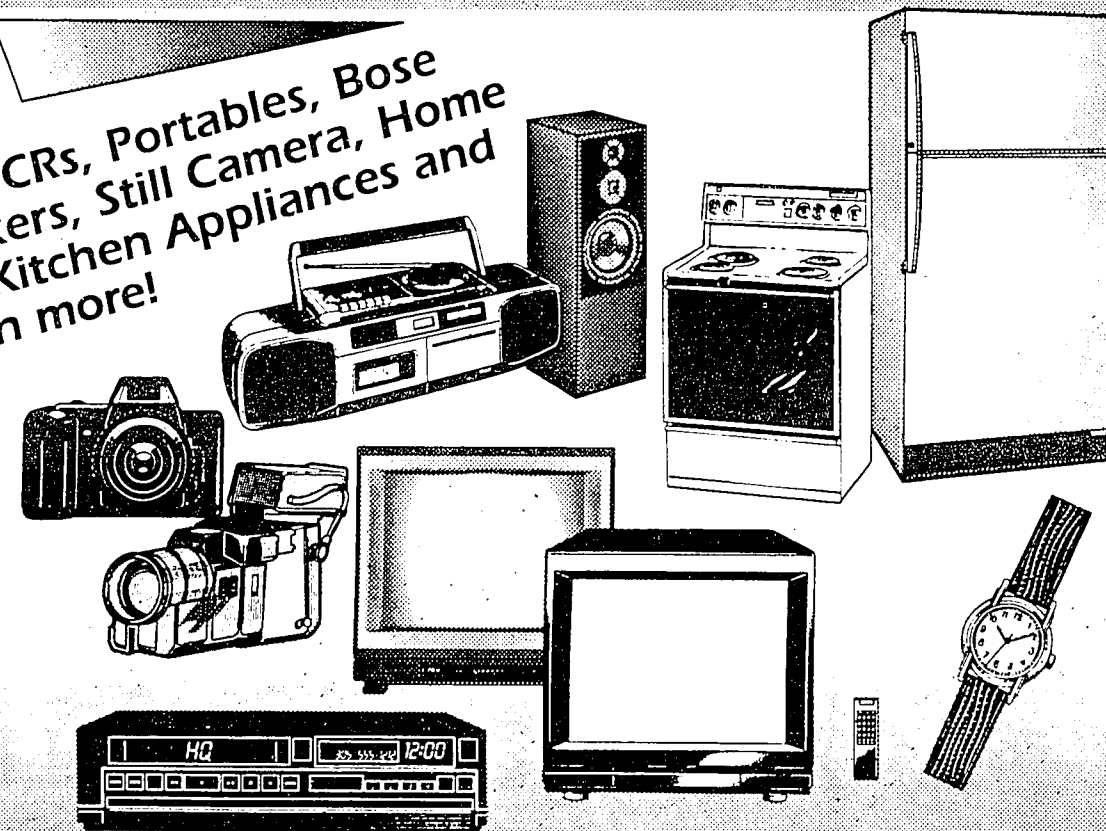
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Korean arrivals up again

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

KOREAN arrivals in the CNMI posted an impressive 53 percent growth while Japanese visitors reported a slight increase for the month of February as compared to the same period last year.

Marianas Visitors Bureau Managing Director Anicia Tomokane

said yesterday during the MVB Board of Directors meeting that based on arrival statistics, CNMI's tourism industry continues to boom, showing a 10% increase.

A total of 53,918 tourists arrived last month while 49,044 came for the same period in 1994, Tomokane said.

For Korean travels, from 7,662

it climbed to 11,758, showing a high 53% increase.

Statistics indicated 33,377 Japanese arrivals last February as compared to 32,949 of the same month in 1994, or up by only 1%.

Last January, Japanese arrivals dropped to 4% due to Kobe earthquake, while arrivals from Korea resulted again in an impressive

39%.

Japan however, still dominated the visitor arrivals.

Koreans had illustrated strong and potential growth for the CNMI visitor arrivals since Fiscal Year 1985.

Tomokane noted a remarkable 216% increase of arrivals on Rota, from 995 to 3,144. She attributed the growth to magazine promo-

tions.

For four consecutive months, arrivals from the U.S., including Guam, have indicated increase to the same period last year. U.S. arrivals for the month registered 16% increase.

Visitors from Hong Kong, Philippines and other areas dropped to 8%, 12% and 32% respectively, according to MVB statistics.

Auto sales getting better, says report

By Rafael I. Santos
Variety News Staff

AUTOMOBILE sales improved slightly during the past two months despite the new tax rates which the government began implementing in January.

Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association reports indicated that vehicle purchases were up in January and February, but the increase was not so significant.

Douglas Brennan, CADA secretary noted the increase in sales during the early part of 1995, however he said consumers appear to be reluctant to spend more because of economic factors.

Consumers, he said, tend to wait a while and limit spending because of the tax increase on food items.

According to the association, a total of 111 cars, trucks and vans were sold during the month of February, compared to only 95 during the same month last year. Almost all car dealers registered an increase in sales.

Leading the market is Microl Corporation which sold 19 cars, 31 trucks and 1 van for a total of 51 vehicles. In the same month last year, only 47 vehicles were purchased from the car dealer.

February also appeared to be a

good month for Joeten Motors and Triple J Motors, selling 27 and 27 vehicles respectively.

While automobile sales during the past two months were up compared with last year's figures, current data appear to be on a declining trend.

In January, a total of 143 automobiles were purchased from the five members that comprise the association. CADA groups Joeten Motors, Triple "J" Motors, Microl Corporation, Midway Motors and Trans-Micronesia Motors.

Toyota remains a leading automobile brand as indicated by the January figures. Microl sold 25 cars, 33 trucks and 5 vans, as well as a Hino car, for a total of 64.

Triple "J" sold 32 vehicles in January, most of them Mitsubishi cars, trucks and Isuzu trucks. Eighteen Nissan cars and trucks and 7 Ford autos were purchased from Joeten during the entire month for a total of 25.

In 1994, a total of 1,320 automobiles were purchased from the five Saipan auto dealers, slightly higher than the 1993 figure of 1,314.

A slowdown in the economy plus other economic factors have been blamed for the low auto sales for the past two years.

Thank You

Steven, Kimberly, and I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your vote of confidence on March 04. We would also like to thank all of our family, friends, and supporters who helped us during these last three weeks. We are eternally grateful to you all and we will always remember your loyalty and encouragement.



Si Yuus Ma'ase,

Steven, Kimberly, Marylou, and Anicia

Steven, Kimberly, and Marylou

Si Yuus Ma'ase... Ghitisou ... Thank You

On behalf of my family I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your vote of confidence you have given me during the March 4, 1995 election.

MARIANO TAITANO
(Mario)



Thank You

To the over 1200 people who voted for me in the 3rd Con-Con, Domie and I extend our deepest gratitude. You are a significant number of SOLID and GENUINE VOTES. You warm our hearts and keep us going.

I figured that Con Con was my bet ever in getting elected to a position for which I'm highly qualified. I figured that each voter would have 19 votes in an election which by its very nature should be decided by qualifications. I figured that I only wanted to help. How could I closet? In ever figured that each voter would vote only a few times!! Good Grief!!

To those voters who forgot about me I want you to know that I am deeply saddened but will continue to speak out for what I believe, especially in regards to Public Land. Maybe someday you'll understand how important it is. Maybe someday I shall earn your trust.

Congratulations to the Delegates. You have a burdensome challenge and a chance to do great good. Please try to live up to your campaign promises. Good Luck!

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MOVIE REVIEW

Enigmatic Foster stars in "Nell"

By Lucette Bentley
From Hollywood

TWO-TIME Academy Award winner Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson, the star of "Schindler's List", and Natasha Richardson star in "Nell", the poignant drama based upon the play "Idioglossia" directed by Michael Apted.

Raised in a remote cabin in the woods speaking a strange impenetrable language, Nell is a source of great wisdom and inspiration to the doctor and psychologist whose lives are unexpectedly transformed as they decide whether to bring this mysterious young woman into contemporary

society.
"In 1989", producer Renee Missel said, "I saw a Los Angeles production of a play entitled 'Idioglossia', written by Mark Handley, and fell in love with its lead character, the beautiful and mysterious Nell."
"I am always attracted to sto-



Liam Neeson (left) stars as Jerome Lovell while Jodie Foster plays the title role in "Nell."

ries with strong female characters, and this story stayed with me."

"I knew I needed a dynamic performer to bring 'Nell' to life" added Missel, "so I took the property to Jodie Foster."

"I loved this story" interrupted Foster. "I not only wanted to star in the film but decided to produce it with Missel. There is something so essentially pure and authentic about Nell, a quality most people have lost. I know I have, and I like to choose characters from whom I can learn, people who have lived totally different lives than myself. Nell is a woman who sees the world with all her senses, not just through her mind."

The movie is about defying description, about not being put in a box, and not being labelled and marketed. Everyone prejudices Nell. They think she has never known any human contact, that she has never known love, that she can't articulate anything, that she's dull.

What they soon discover is somebody who is totally the opposite of that and, if anything wiser and more in touch with things than the other character themselves have lost. Who is to say that

someone who lives alone without all of the conveniences of modern society must be unhappy?

We discover that Nell was raised by a reclusive mother, Violet Kelly, whose speech patterns were damaged by a series of strokes. Subsequently, Nell was forced to invent her own, seemingly impenetrable language, dubbed "Nellish". Even though you may not know the words she is saying, you might still be able to understand them.

Michael Apted, a director who is drawn to character-driven projects, say he was particularly intrigued by the complexity of the lead character. Is she autistic? Is she an abuse victim? Is she intelligent? These are the questions we keep asking an ultimately find out as the story unfolds.

Nell is a source of great wisdom and inspiration to the doctor and psychologist whose lives are unexpectedly transformed as they decide whether to bring this mysterious young woman into contemporary society. For the doctor who finds her, Nell is a discovery he must protect; for the psychologist, Nell is a scientific challenge to be carefully studied.

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"Nell," Foster's latest movie earned her an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress.

Enigmatic...

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However, as they both get to know this emotionally pure and beautiful woman who defies all characterizations, they realize that they will never be able to understand Nell's world; quite unexpectedly, they find that Nell has helped them discover how to understand theirs.

To appropriately illustrate the seclusion of Nell's existence, cast and crew traveled to Graham County, North Carolina, and set up residence in Fontana Dam, nearly two hours

from the nearest metropolis. Housed in rustic cabins, crew members lived for months without the "luxury" of phones or television, far from civilization. Cinematically the location was perfect, logistically, it was problematic. Cast and crew were transported to and from the site daily by boat.

"Initially it was very difficult" added Apted. "There were no modern-day comforts... but the incredible thing is that after preparing everybody for the worst, I never saw a happier crew."

JODIE FOSTER began her career at the age of three, appearing in the television commercials as the "Coppertone Girl." She gained international recognition in 1976 for her performance as a street-wise prostitute in Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver." She received her first Oscar nomination and awards from the National Society of Film Critics and the Los Angeles Film Critics. Foster has established herself as an accomplished director and actress whose stunning performances as a rape survivor in "The Accused" in 1988 and as Special Agent Clarice Starling in the hit thriller "The Silence of the Lambs" 1991 have earned her two Academy Awards for Best Actress.

In total, Foster has appeared in 32 films in 32 years. She has recently been nominated "Best Actress" by the Academy Award for her role in "Nell."

LIAM NEESON (Dr. Jerome Lovell) is the recipient of three outstanding Best Actor nominations, including an Oscar, a Golden Globe Award and a British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award, for his moving portrayal of Oskar Schindler in Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning film "Schindler's List."

The Irish-born actor originally sought a career as a teacher, attending Queen's College in Belfast and majoring in physics, computer science, math and drama. Neeson made his feature film debut as Sir Gawain in director John Boorman's epic saga of the Arthurian legend "Excalibur" after Boorman spotted him in a production of "Of Mice and Men" at the Abby Theatre.

Japan will survey deep sea minerals

JAPAN is to carry out a survey of the deep sea mineral resources of four Pacific island countries under an agreement signed with the South Pacific Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) in Suva Tuesday, Fiji Times reported.

The survey of the 200-mile exclusive economic zones of Tonga, Fiji, Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia will take 5 years and cost 5 million US dollars.

The state of the art Japanese research vessel Hakuri-Marui No. 2 is due to begin the first part of the program in the next few days.

The director of SOPAC, Phillip Muller, said the purpose of the program was to assess the potential of the deep seabed resources of member countries so they could better manage their 200 mile exclusive economic zones. PacNews

SI YUUS MAASE THANK YOU



MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU WHO GAVE MY DAUGHTERS MARYLOU ADA SIROK AND LILLIAN SEMAN ADA TENORIO YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. I ALSO WISH TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

ALTHOUGH ENJOYING RETIREMENT LIFE, I REMAIN COMMITTED AS EVER TO THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF PUBLIC SERVICE. I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO THE TABLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WILL BEAR IN MIND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE IDEALS AND REMEMBER THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS NOT FOR A FEW BUT FOR THE PEOPLE.

FRANCISCO CASTRO ADA

#37 MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION #37

"Ta Planeneha Yan Ta Fofotma I Fottura-ta."

Camacho-Romisher, Lydia Flores

Constitutional Convention Delegate



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I offer my sincere appreciation and gratitude to family members and friends who voted for me during our 3rd CNMI Constitutional Convention Campaign.

Si Yuus Ma'ase... Ghilisoi ...Me Sulang ... Thank you

Father: Vicente Sablan Camacho (deceased) Husband: Dr. John M. Romisher, Ph.D.
Mother: Estefania Flores Camacho Daughters: Stephanie, Michelle, Lindsey

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To family, friends and supporters,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and vote of confidence on Saturday, March 4, 1995, and to all who gave part of their time to participate in that most important election. To our 19 elected delegates, I extend my most sincere congratulations and best wishes for a smooth and productive constitutional Convention.

Once again, thank you, Si Yuus Maase, Ghilisow, and Salamat Po.

Antonio Pangelinan Sablan and Family

Kiribati to lead fact-finding mission of the Phoenix group

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UN DANGKULO NA SI YUUS MAASE,
TOM AND BECK

THE VICE-PRESIDENT of Kiribati, Tewareka Tentoa, is to lead a fact finding mission to the remote, uninhabited islands of the country's Phoenix group to assess their potential for development, Radio Kiribati reported Wednesday.

The Phoenix group lies about 1,800 kilometers to the south east of the capital Tarawa and are uninhabited except for Canton which has a handful of people to look after infrastructure left behind by the US Army. The Army used the island for satellite tracking and other military purposes plus the refuelling of B52-bombers during the Vietnam War. Manra, Orona and Nukunono will also be included in the fact finding mission as will be another four small islets in the group, mainly occupied by rabbits, land crabs, turtles and thousands of birds.

The purpose of the visit is to do a general survey to assess their potential for settlement, tourism development, and business opportunities.

The radio says since Kiribati gained independence in 1979, foreign businessmen have indicated an interest in building mega-hotel resource centers on some of the islands as well as fisheries and other marine developments. PacNews

Elsewhere in the region Bougainville leader mysteriously gone

A PROMINENT Bougainville leader, Dennis Sareke, has disappeared at the hands of the Papua New Guinea Defense Force, according to a statement released by the Bougainville delegation at the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva Wednesday.

The statement said news of Sareke's disappearance was brought by a delegation from Buka Island which secretly slipped into Central Bougainville last week.

It said Sareke, a strong and vo-

cal supporter of independence for Bougainville, came from Lemankoa village on the east coast of Buka and was a member of the now defunct North Solomons provincial government.

The statement said Sareke was jailed by the PNG government four years ago and was only released at the time of his disappearance.

It said the disappearance of other people is also being investigated. PacNews

PNG public servants face likely dismissal

ABOUT 4,500 Papua New Guinea public servants face the axe following the tabling of the 1995 budget in parliament Tuesday, NBC reported.

This will reduce the 60,000 strong public service by 7.5 percent. But despite the reduction, about one third of the total budget of \$1.53 billion US dollars will still go to public service salaries.

The redundancies will be accompanied by the start of a major program to rationalize departments and agencies and restrict public sector wage increases to between 1.5 percent and 3 percent.

Finance Minister Chris Haiveta said the retrenchment will cost about \$39 million US dollars to be funded by the World Bank. PacNews

Cook Islands PM Asked to resign

THE COOK Island opposition Democratic Party is calling for the Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey Henry, to resign, RNZI reported Thursday.

Party leader Dr. Terepai Maoate is in New Zealand to invite the Serious Fraud Office to extend what is known as the Winebox Inquiry and investigate the letters of guarantee because fraud could be involved.

The guarantees were issued by the Cook Islands for hundreds of millions of dollars the country doesn't have.

Meanwhile, Cook Islands gov-

ernment ministers have rallied around Sir Geoffrey, and say they support his signing of the guarantees.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Inatio Akaruru, says the New Zealand government has no right to interfere in the affairs of the Cook Islands and can only do so at the invitation of the Cook Islands government.

He says there was nothing wrong with the Cook Islands using a system that has been used by other countries and there were no risks to the country. PacNews

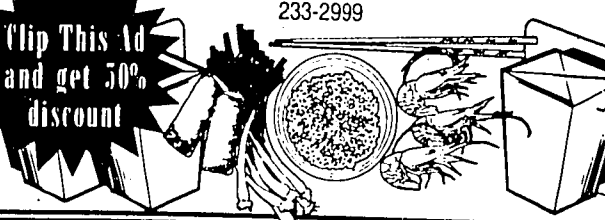
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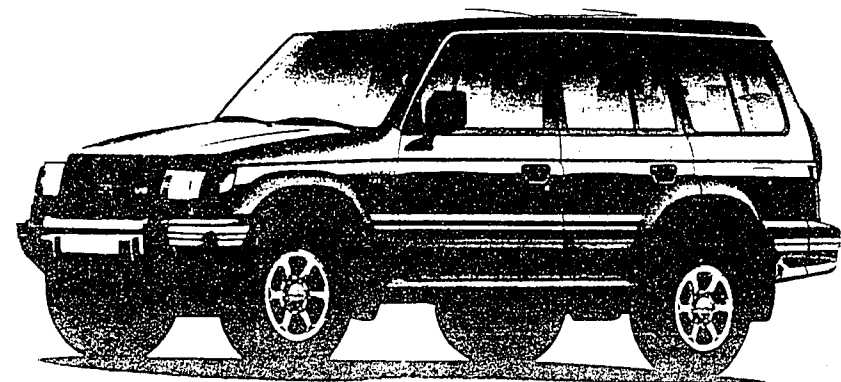
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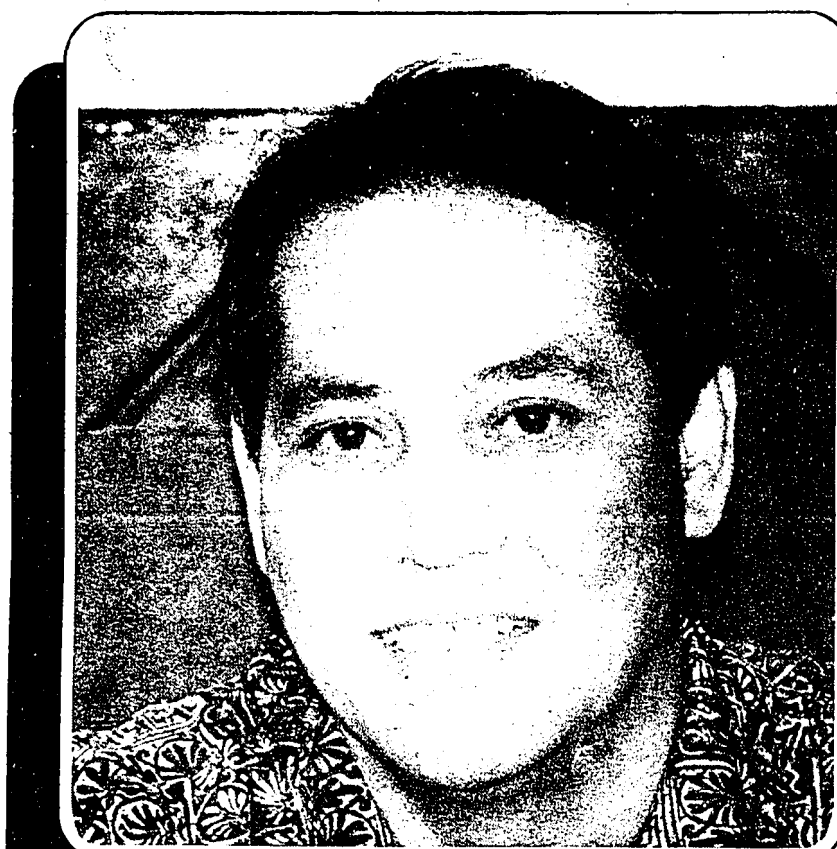
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I wish to thank my family, friends and business associates for their vote of confidence in the Constitutional election on March 4, 1995. Many, many people gave of their time in preparations for the election and I am grateful. I am also grateful to those who helped with matters immediately following the election. To the community at large I ask for your support and your guidance during the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention. The Constitutional Convention delegates will require your full support.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE 2,081 VOTES.
JUAN SANTIAGO, BECKY & KIDS

CPA opens new port building

DEDICATION ceremony marking the completion of the Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) Saipan Seaport Office Building was held Wednesday morning (March 8) at the Saipan Commercial Port. The \$1.1 million, 7,000 square feet, two-story building houses the CPA's Seaport staff, Divisions of Customs, Quarantine, and Immigration.

"The completion of this beautiful structure," said CPA Board Chairman Victor B. Hocog, "is one more example of the Commonwealth Ports Authority's commitment in enhancing the necessary services for our people in general and our seaport tenants in particular. It was built in anticipation of the completion of the Saipan Harbor in about a year and a half, if everything goes according to schedule."

The building replaces the old facility built during the Trust Territory administration and later inherited by the Northern Marianas Government and turned over to the CPA in 1981.

"This is a building which we all can be proud of," Hocog said, adding there will be more

projects scheduled to be completed in the near future. He promised the tenants and the general public "vast improvements in our port facility" and added that the CPA is working closely with the Seaport Tenants/Operators Committee to ensure a more efficient operations at the Saipan Commercial Port to expedite cargo movements.

"Everyone of you know that the Saipan Commercial Port serves as the economic backbone of the Commonwealth," the CPA Board Chairman pointed out. "Just about everything passes through this harbor, from food stuff to construction materials. Everybody's life is affected, one way or another, by the Harbor."

Chairman Hocog urged the CPA Seaport staff and other tenants of the building to maintain the building properly at all times. He congratulated the CPA's engineering consultants, the management and staff, and also the contractor, Sablan Construction Company, for completing the building on schedule and within the contract amount.

The new Saipan Seaport Building has a 500 square foot conference room on the second floor that can be made available for

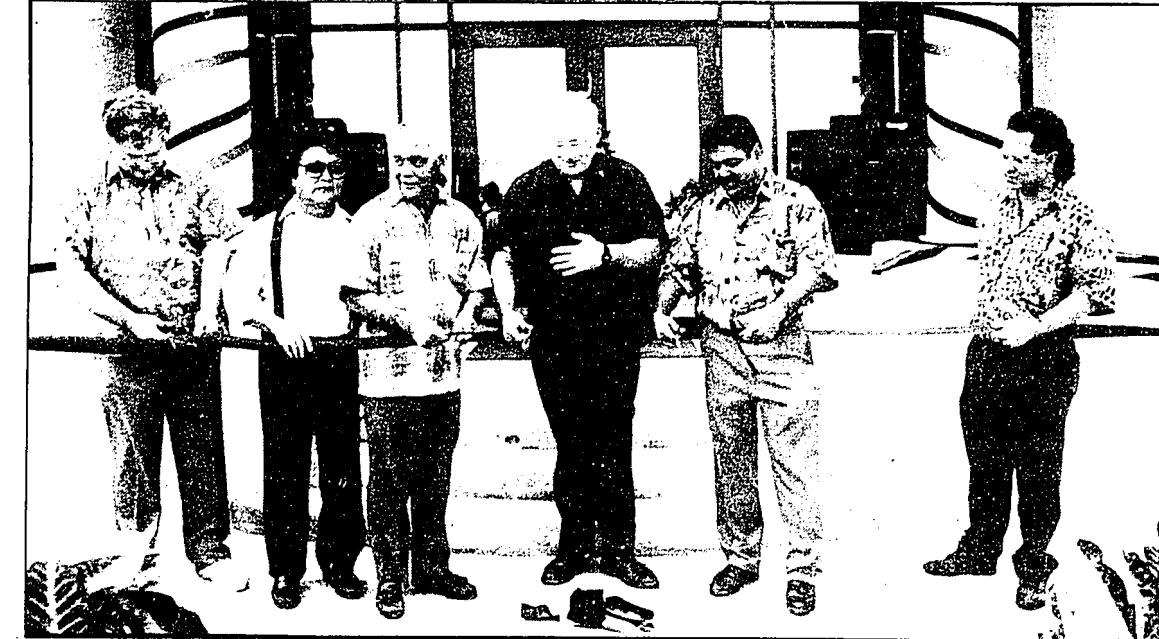
both government and community use. The site is landscaped to help beautify the area. The office building has paved parking that will accommodate 63 cars and four tour buses, including designated handicapped accessible parking spaces.

The construction type of the building is the first of its kind on

Saipan. The building has no concrete or concrete block structural system. The main structural system (beams and columns) are steel, with steel roof and floor framing systems.

The building's exterior walls are made of composite materials consisting of Styrofoam boards, metal lath and silicone plaster, all

attached to steel support. The exterior system has a high thermal insulation value, virtually maintenance free, and will withstand the effects of salt spray and typhoon winds in excess of 155 miles per hour. The steel structural system will also withstand the effects of earthquakes, much better than concrete.



CPA Board members led by Chairman Victor B. Hocog (second from left) cut the ribbon at the entrance of a brand new Saipan Seaport Office at the Saipan Commercial Port in Puerto Rico. The \$1.1 million office was dedicated Wednesday morning. Others in the photo are: (L-R) Ed Comfert, Chairman of the Seaport Tenants/Operators Committee; Board Members David Q. Maratita of Tinian, Manual D. Muna from Saipan; Father Gary Bradley; Hocog, and Board Vice Chairman Juan T. Guerrero (Juan Pan). (CPA Photo)

Humanities Council receives donation

ED TENORIO, Assistant General Manager for J. C. Tenorio Enterprises has presented a check to Herman T. Guerrero, Chair for the CNMI Humanities Council and to Ron Barrineau, Executive Director, to support projects that focus on pictorial and oral histories of families in the Northern Marianas.

Last August the Humanities Council sponsored several exhibits depicting family folklore and history.

The exhibits, grouped under the general title of "Familian Islas Marianas" featured over sixty portraits of Chamorro, Carolinian and Palauan families dating back to the turn of the century.

One portion of the show, "La Sangri Yama," the work of Anthony Ramiriz, historian and genealogist from Guam, is a collection of portraits of mostly

Chamorro families from Saipan and Guam, many of whom were recognized by the elders who attended a special session of the show.



The award from J. C. Tenorio Enterprises, will be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue the work of collecting, preserving and celebrating family history and folklore.

"The Council is deeply grateful to Tenorio Enterprises for their generous gift," said Guerrero. He then urged members of the community to contact the Humanities Council to find out how to qualify for a grant to collect and preserve family folklore and history.

The CNMI Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit, private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.





Humanities Council Chairman Herman T. Guerrero (center) and Executive Director Ron Barrineau (left) receive check from Joeten's Ed Tenorio.






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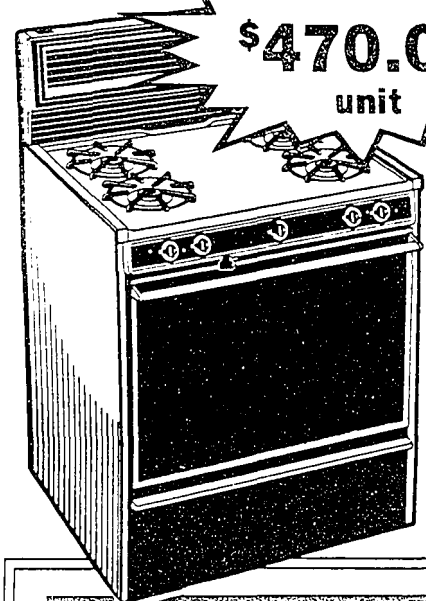
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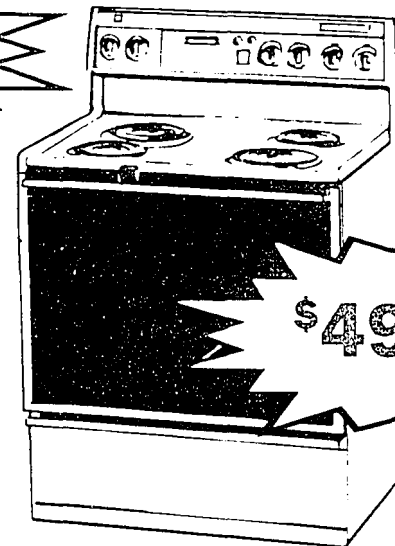


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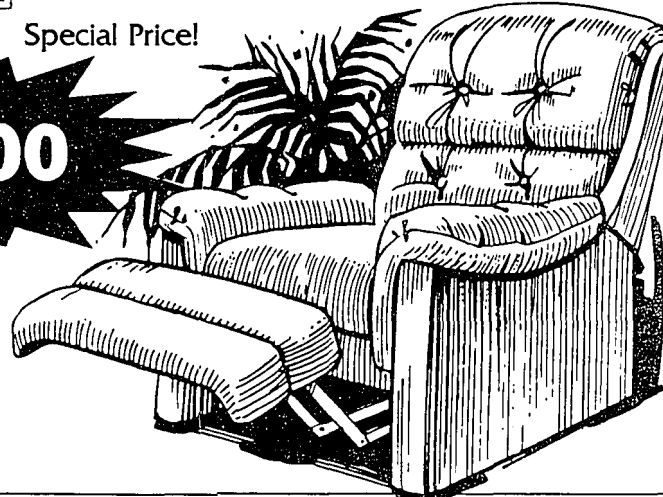
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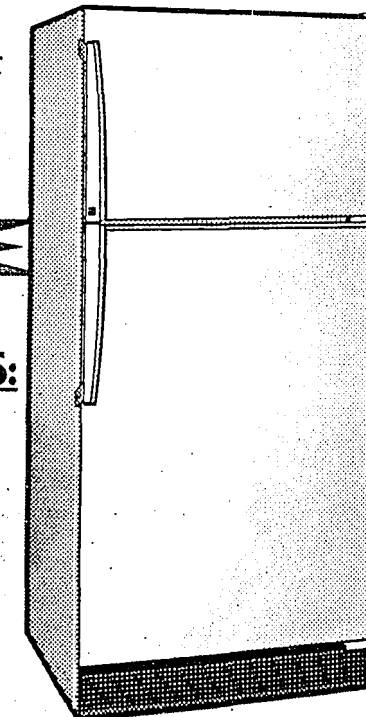
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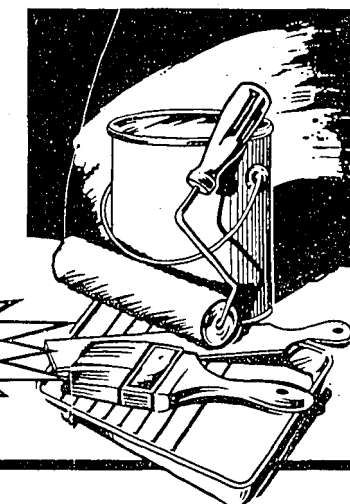


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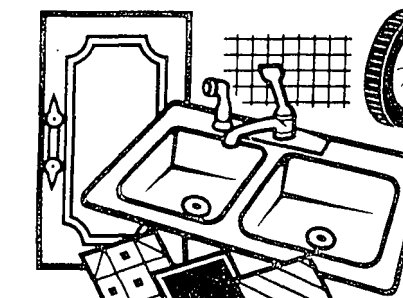
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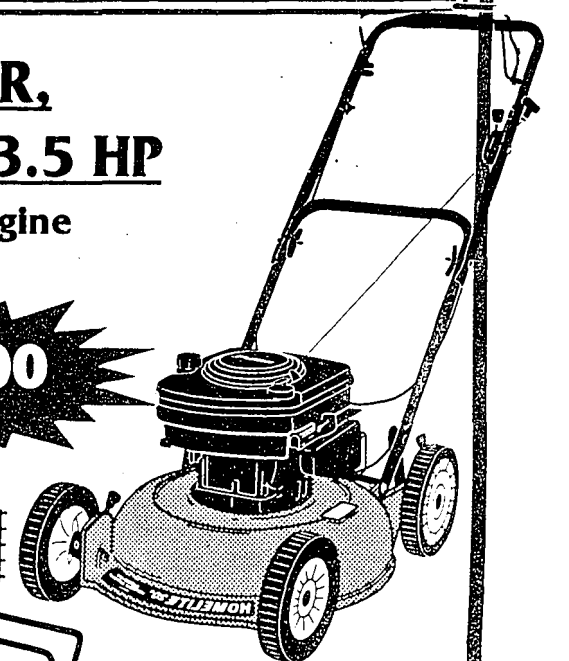
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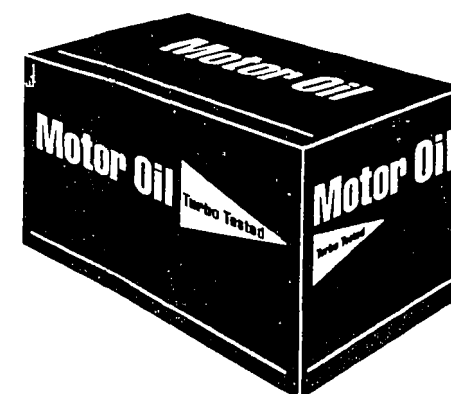
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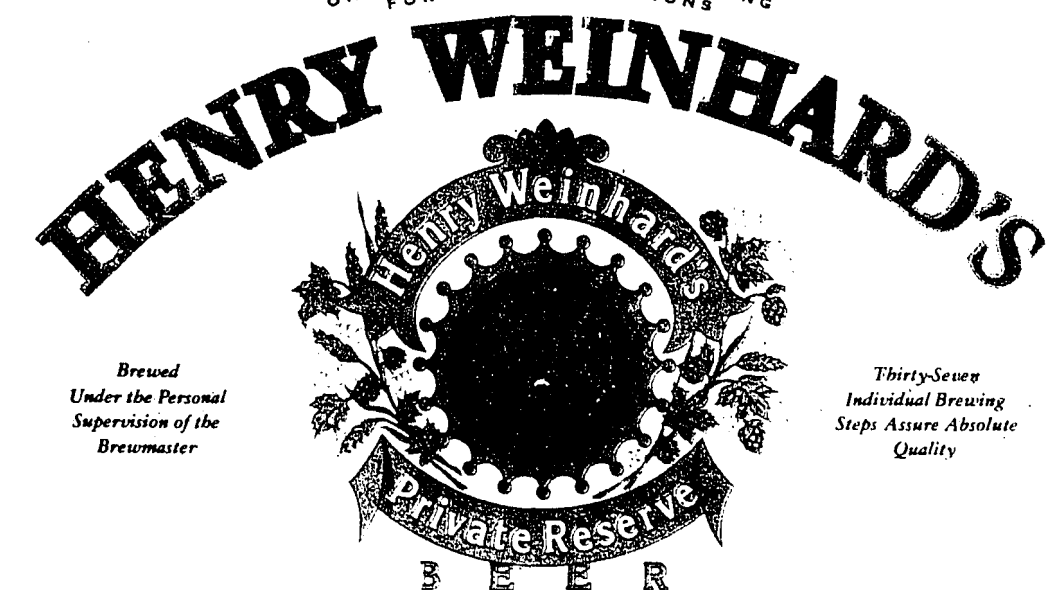
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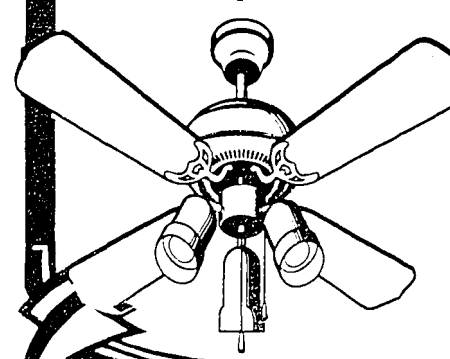
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Two agencies raided for bid-rigging

TOKYO (AP) - Prosecutors on Wednesday raided the offices of nine electronics companies accused by Japan's fair trade watchdog of rigging bids on public works contracts.

The searches for evidence came one day after the Fair Trade Commission filed a criminal complaint accusing the nine, including Hitachi Ltd., Toshiba Corp. and Mitsubishi Electric Corp., of meeting to divide up sewage agency contracts by deciding in advance who would submit the low bid for each project.

After the commission files a

complaint, it is up to prosecutors to decide whether to take the case to court.

The commission said that in a meeting in June 1993, Hitachi, Toshiba, Mitsubishi, Fuji Electric Co. and Meidensha Corp. guaranteed themselves 75 percent of the contracts for items like computerized pumps and sewage aeration devices. The rest went to the four smaller companies - Yaskawa Electric Corp., Nishin Electric Co., Shinko Electric Co. and Takaoka Electric Manufacturing Co.

FTC spokesman Shozo

Takahashi said the commission had no estimate of how much the contracts were worth, but sewer agency official Nobuaki Kon said the sewer authority awarded 46.8 billion yen (\$520 million) in elec-

trical contracts in 1993.

The sewage agency is a special corporation supervised by the Construction Ministry that awards contracts for sewage facilities. It was also raided, although

Japan's Anti-Monopoly Law has no provision for punishing authorities who place orders for public projects on which there is bid-rigging. No criminal accusation was filed against the agency.

US asked to freeze prosecutor's assets

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Mexico's Attorney General asked the United States on Wednesday night to freeze the assets of a prosecutor suspected of covering up his brother's murder.

Former prosecutor Mario Ruiz Massieu deposited millions of dollars in U.S. banks while he served as a deputy attorney general, said the Attorney General's office in a statement.

From March to November of

1994 while he served as the nation's top drug enforcement officer, Ruiz deposited almost \$7 million in Texas Commerce Bank, the statement said.

The Mexican government on Monday began extradition proceedings for Ruiz, saying he had covered up investigations into the assassination of his own brother.

Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the No. 2 official in Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary

Party, was murdered last September as he was leaving a restaurant.

The former prosecutor is accused of ignoring evidence that would have implicated Raul Salinas de Gortari, brother of then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, in the crime.

Former prosecutor Mario Ruiz Massieu was arrested by customs agents at the Newark International Airport last week for carrying \$30,000 more than he had declared.

Clinton sets March 31 for visit to Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will visit Haiti on March 31 to celebrate the handoff of the peacekeeping mission there from U.S. and allied troops to the United Nations.

Clinton had been on the brink of invading Haiti last fall when a last-ditch mission led by former President Carter produced an agreement under which Haitian military leaders agreed to the peaceful return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

U.S. troops came ashore to foster a peaceful transition of power,



Bill Clinton

and are to be replaced by a U.N. force of up to 6,000 peacekeepers and 900 police officers that is to be in place by March 31.

During his visit, Clinton will meet with U.S. and allied forces, and with Aristide to review economic, security and political progress since the U.S.-led force intervened.

"The president looks forward to an opportunity to thank American forces who have done a splendid job in not only returning President Aristide to his rightful position as the democratically elected president of Haiti but also have restored democratic process and increasingly the prospect of economic livelihood to the people of Haiti," press secretary Mike McCurry said Wednesday.

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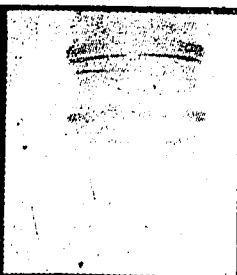
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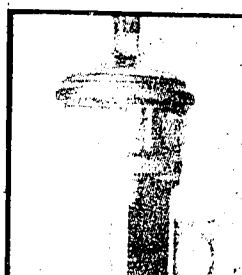
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President's wife challenges gov't order

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - Who's in charge here, anyway?

While President Nelson Mandela heads the government, Winnie Mandela, the president's estranged wife, appears to be calling the shots in the latest twists to her never-ending saga.

Mrs. Mandela, a deputy minister in her husband's Cabinet, returned from an unauthorized trip abroad last week to find police had raided her house and offices as part of a bribery investigation.

Mandela had directed his deputy, Thabo Mbeki, to meet with her. Many news organizations, citing unnamed government sources, reported she would be fired within hours.

A week later, she still holds her job and has avoided the meeting. Her legal challenge has prevented police from studying material seized from her property and may get the search warrants declared illegal.

Once again, the flamboyant, controversial Mrs. Mandela has staved off, at least temporarily, apparent political and personal ruin. Allies in the African National Congress women's and youth leagues have supported her, along with Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Her brazen manner - refusing to meet with Mbeki, calling the police raids a conspiracy to vilify her - has critics crying for tough government action.

"Thus far she has won every round as a result of the hesitation of the ANC leadership to act against her," said David Malatsi, a member of the Senate from the white-led National Party. "If the ANC continues to handle the controversy around Mrs. Mandela in such a spineless manner, any rules of discipline which the government imposes are worthless."

Winnie Mandela presents a complex personal and political

problem for her husband. The couple separated in 1992, two years after Nelson Mandela was freed from 27 years in prison. The separation followed her conviction on a kidnapping charge relating to the beatings of four young men in her Soweto home. There were also allegations she had an extramarital affair and misused ANC money.

Mandela has never publicly criticized his wife, only saying she suffered immensely during years of being detained, banned and harassed by the white government while he was in prison. But he reportedly was ready to fire her from the Cabinet last month after she accused his government of ignoring the masses who fought apartheid and put it in power.

Mbeki reportedly saved her job by convincing Mandela to accept her public apology, drafted by Mbeki and others after Mandela

rejected an original effort from his wife. Shortly after that, trouble brewed anew when Mrs. Mandela traveled to Burkina Faso after Mandela told her not to go.

Her defiance prompted Mandela to ask Mbeki to draft a report on the matter and increased speculation she would be fired when she returned. Then came the police raids.

Police accused Mrs. Mandela of taking bribes and peddling her influence for personal benefit, though no charges have been filed.

Mandela could accuse her of disloyalty, but dismissing her from the Cabinet before charges are filed could make it appear he was siding with the hated police, creating a martyr and strengthening his wife's popularity among poor blacks.

Cuba's Fidel Castro gets royal place on Sunday in Denmark

By JAN M. OLSEN
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - President Fidel Castro of Cuba will have a place of honor next to Queen Margrethe II of Denmark during a banquet Saturday at the U.N. poverty summit.

Castro, with his trademark cigar and military fatigues, has led Cuba since 1959 and will be the longest-serving head of state at the confer-

ence. Despite his revolutionary rhetoric, traditional protocol will also put the "dean" of world leaders next to Denmark's popular monarch during Saturday's royal banquet at the Christiansborg Castle.

The weeklong summit has sapped many police districts outside Copenhagen. Officers from all over the country are forming the special 3,200-man summit force.

Some policemen have hard times giving traffic information to foreign guests simply because the officers barely know the city.

The traffic squad in Odense, Denmark's fourth largest town, has currently one man because the 26 others are taking part in the largest-ever police operation. Colleagues from other departments are helping out.

The Dalai Lama will go on cyberspace. Tibet's spiritual leader's annual speech on March 10 will be sent out on Internet, Danish media reported.

His supporters in Denmark will translate the text and will immediately be sent out on the information highway to enable others to read the pronouncements.

Denmark's public radio distributed pocket radios to the more than 1,500 journalists but none of them work inside the summit site.

The receiver is promoting the Danish radio's special "Summit Channel," one of the numerous sources of information during the meeting.

Three free English and one Danish-language summit dailies are available when the roughly 9,000 participants arrive in the morning. Organizers have unveiled what it takes to hold a summit.

Workmen have installed some 1,000 phones, six kilometers (3.7 miles) of carpet, 7.5 kilometers (4.65 miles) of tables, 200 television sets and 520 microphones.

Delegates have food - including 1.2 tons of shrimp and 50,000 small packages of butter - served on 600,000 disposable dishes.

National leaders are expected to hold bilateral talks on the sidelines of the summit. South African President Nelson Mandela will be among them.

On Saturday, he will meet with Nordic leaders on the future relations between Scandinavia and South Africa.

Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland long opposed South Africa's former apartheid regime.

But after the whites-only referendum in March 1992 to get a mandate to pursue reform on abolishing apartheid, the Nordic countries were also among the first to re-establish ties with South Africa.



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Cash and due from banks	\$ 42,113	Deposits:	
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	8,452	Noninterest bearing	\$ 180,111
Federal funds sold	31,670	Interest bearing	349,595
Investment securities	116,824	Total deposits	529,706
Loans	359,816	Accrued interest payable	854
Less allowance for loan losses	7,214	Other liabilities	1,931
Net loans	352,602	Total liabilities	532,491
Accrued interest receivable	3,624	Shareholders' equity	
Premises and equipment	30,361	Capital stock	12,040
Other assets	14,841	Paid-in surplus	12,885
Total assets	\$ 600,487	Retained earnings	43,071
		Total shareholders' equity	67,996
		Commitments and contingencies	
		Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 600,487

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Branches

Statement of Condition
At the close of Business December 31, 1994 (in thousands of dollars)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 4,486	Deposits	
Loans	67,889	Noninterest bearing	\$ 28,373
Less allowance for loan losses	1,507	Interest bearing	114,717
Net loans	66,382	Total deposits	143,090
Accrued interest receivable	582	Accrued interest payable	206
Premises and equipment, net	4,003	Other liabilities	35
Other assets	203	Commitment & contingencies	
Due from headquarters	67,675		
Total assets	\$ 143,331	Total liabilities	\$ 143,331

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First lotto draw stirs controversy

By OLIVER TEVES
MANILA, Philippines (AP) -
With singers, comics and even a

priest to bless the enterprise, the
Philippine government launched
a new weekly lottery Wednesday

despite efforts by the Roman
Catholic hierarchy and an anti-
gambling group to stop it.

Manuel Morato, chairman of
Philippine Charity Sweepstakes,
switched on a machine that
jumbled 42 ping-pong-size balls
with numbers from one to 42. Six
of them were sucked into a trans-
parent tube that displayed the win-
ning combination: 30 38 20 24 22
4.

Winners will share a 3 million
peso (dls 115,380) payoff. Offi-
cials said it could take days to
determine how many people
picked the winning combination.

Last week, Peoples Action, a
citizens' group, asked the Su-
preme Court to block the lottery,
arguing that state-sponsored gam-
bling undermines public morals.
In a split decision, the high court
last Friday turned down the re-
quest.

The Rev. James Reuter, spokes-
man of the Catholic Bishops Con-
ference of the Philippines, said
many of the country's bishops
have spoken out against the lot-
tery.

"In general, the bishops' posi-

tion is against gambling of any
sort and the rumbling among the
bishops is that they are not wildly
enthusiastic about this," Reuter
said.

But Morato, who once headed
the government's movie censor-
ship board, said there was no moral
issue involved. Besides, Morato
said, so few Filipinos pay their
taxes that the lottery is in effect
"voluntary taxation" with prizes.

Reuter said the government
tried to convince some bishops
that the lottery was necessary to
curb illegal gambling. Illegal gam-
bling, mostly numbers rackets,
flourishes in the Philippines and
is often used as a source of un-
documented funds to finance elec-
tion campaigns.

For years, the government has
operated a weekly sweepstakes in
which bettors buy tickets with
pre-printed, six-digit numbers.
Bettors win if the numbers they
are holding are drawn.

In the new lottery, bettors them-
selves choose six numbers. The
size of the prizes will depend on
how many people chose the same
winning number.

Critics argue that the govern-
ment has taken an inconsistent
position on gambling. Last month,
the government won a Supreme
Court decision to close a private
jai alai operation, using the same
argument as lottery critics: gam-
bling is immoral.

On the same day, Morato an-
nounced the start of ticket sales
for Wednesday's lottery. The gov-
ernment also operates a nation-
wide string of gambling casinos
featuring roulette, slot machines,
blackjack and other games of
chance.

The government says earnings
from Wednesday's lottery will be
used to buy 300 ambulances and
finance health clinics throughout
the country.

Wednesday's drawing came at
the end of an hour-long program
broadcast nationwide by the
government's television station.
The program featured singers, co-
medians and videotaped testimo-
nials on the advantages of govern-
ment lotteries operated in the United
States, Australia and Germany.

At the end, the Rev. Ruben
Lumapas shook holy water on the
lottery machine and asked God to
bless the enterprise to "contribute
to the common good of the nation."

Hundreds of people jammed lot-
tery outlets Wednesday to beat the
8 p.m. (1200 GMT) deadline for
buying tickets.

"I admit I'm
a gambler and this is gambling,"
said Rolando Varona, 44, a self-
confessed blackjack devotee who
bought two tickets at 10 pesos (40
cents) apiece. "Who knows? I might
win."

Curiosity drew housewife
Corazon Marquez to buy one ticket
with numbers taken from the birth
dates of her son and husband. She
and a friend were shopping when
saw a crowd gathering around the
ticket stand.

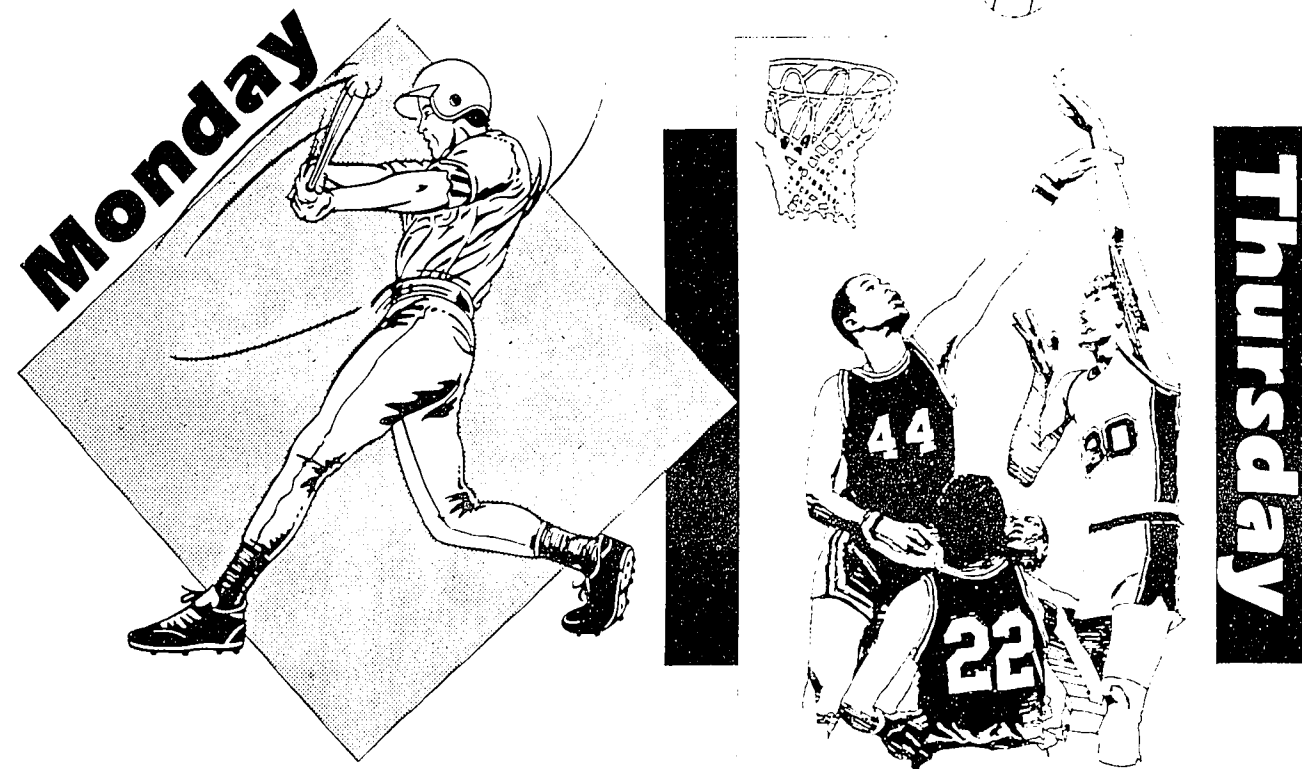
"This is the first and the last,"
she said, waving the ticket.

"It's gambling for a good cause,"
Evelyn Musngi, 28, said as she
bought nine tickets. "A quitter never
wins."



An attendant wheels the covered body of Philippine Congressman Tito Espinosa early Wednesday morning, March 1, 1995 after he was killed by a lone gunman Tuesday night, a few hundred yards from House of Representatives and 55 yards from police station in Manila. Espinosa, whose brother was also a congressman who was killed in 1988, is a scion of a political clan in Masbate, in the central Philippines. (AP photo).

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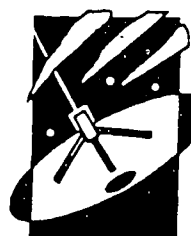
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Dislocation, adjustment leave French grumbling on Chunnel

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER,
France (AP) - Striking ferry
workers clash with police, resi-
dents grumble about drunken
Britons, and businessmen still
await a payoff from the tunnel
that was to bring a pot of gold.

It wasn't supposed to be this
way when the "Chunnel" be-
tween England and France was
inaugurated in May by Queen
Elizabeth II and President
Francois Mitterrand, who called
it "a new chance for the region."

A fitting symbol of Europe's
halting steps toward unification,
the 51.5-kilometer (32-mile), \$
16 billion Eurotunnel under the
English Channel has brought
more grief than joy to this re-
gion.

"There was no positive tunnel
effect - just problems," said
Gerard Foly, owner of Le
Plaisance bar in this port city of
150,000 people where unemploy-
ment is an estimated 20 percent.

"For a merchant, it doesn't
bring anything," said Marie-
Sylvie Le Grand, owner of a
flower shop in Coquelles, near
the sprawling, 570-hectare
(1,400-acre) Eurotunnel termi-
nal that will open its own mall of
150 shops, restaurants and the-
aters later this year.

Over the past three years,
"Boulogne has gone from
France's largest ferry port to
zilch," costing the city about
3,500 jobs, said Gerard Barron, a
British lawyer and consul repre-
sentative in Boulogne.

Most of the 13,000 workers
who built the Chunnel are now
out of a job.

So far, the Eurotunnel is cut-
ting into Paris-London air traffic
and ferry freight service, but man-
agement gives no figures on pas-
sengers.

Meanwhile, ferry companies
are engaging in a cutthroat price
war to preserve market share.
One ferry company has begun

hiring Poles at low wages, spark-
ing violent protests by French
sailors.

Compared to the tunnel's
minimum dls 78 round-trip fare
for a car crossing the channel,
ferries are charging as little as \$
32.

As a result, Britons are pack-
ing onto the ferries in record
numbers to take advantage of
lower French alcohol taxes and
enjoy the countryside. But the
ferry service is now concentrat-
ing on Calais- virtually wiping
out ferry operations in Boulogne.

"I don't like England. I don't
like the English," said Foly, the
bar owner. "They're drunk, they
take over, they come en masse
and jostle everybody."

"In France they know they
can come here, break everything
and be released 24 hours later,"
he said.

A land rush fueled by British
speculators four years ago in
anticipation of the tunnel's open-
ing has gone bust and some Brit-
ish buyers have only now begun
to return.

"They rushed in and bought
dozens of properties," said
Barron, the British lawyer.
"They bought gorgeous homes
for a song compared to what it
would cost in Canterbury."

Then the bubble burst, largely
due to an economic downturn in
Britain.

About 3,000 British citizens
still reside in far northern France,
the British Embassy says.

"The tunnel was an important
factor in our coming here," said
Anthony Cooper, a retired man-
ager at Rolls Royce. He and his
wife have lived in a spacious
villa next to a fortress in
Boulogne's historic district for
four years.

"Our family and friends use
it. We'll use it all right," Mrs.
Cooper said of the tunnel. "But
for the moment, the ferries are
giving us such a great deal."



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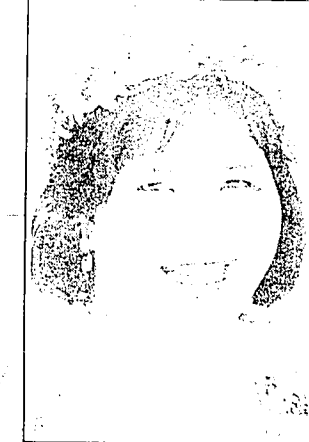
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Survived by:
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Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm at the residence of Maria M. Rasiang (Mariko) in Oia. Funeral will take place on Friday, March 10, 1995 in San Diego, California

Final Day of the rosary will be said Tuesday March 14, 1995 at 12 noon mass will be offered at Oia Church, at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will follow immediately at the Residence of Maria M. Rasiang (Mariko)

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On the final day, Saturday, March 11th, Rosary will be said at 12:00 Noon followed by the Mass of Intention at 4:00 P.M. at the San Vicente Church. Dinner will follow after the Mass.

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THE FAMILY

For one of poorest countries Europe summit may be a bust

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - Afsarul Qadar got \$ 50 a day for food and a chance to see Denmark. But unless things change fast, the Bangladeshi doctor thinks that's all he'll get at this week's global poverty summit.

"If there really is debt relief, and if there really is an effort to give Third World countries access to markets, then maybe something can come from this," the Bangladeshi delegate said Wednesday, midway through the summit.

"But most things are being done on the basis of politics," he said. "It's just talk, not backed up by substance. Of course, it will be waste of our time and money." The 193-nation summit was

heading toward rejection of firm conditions for debt relief, expanded foreign aid and social spending. Donors may be asked only to give more aid money on a "case-by-case" basis.

"Of course it's a defeat," Qadar said.

Initiatives to fight female illiteracy and unemployment might help. But for developing countries like Bangladesh, the whole reason for making the expensive trip to Copenhagen was to get something tangible in return from wealthy countries.

"It isn't anybody's fault in particular," Qadar said. "But there is an expression in Western philosophy: 'noblesse oblige.' They have an obligation to help."

Per capita income in Bangladesh two years ago was \$ 220, about 100 times lower than the \$ 23,300 level in the United States.

Officially, Bangladesh has 45 delegates at the World Summit for Social Development. Back home, there are 120 million others who need more than hopeful words of support, Qadar said.

"You can ask for many things," he said, "but it's easier said than done."

Greenspan testimony may give clue on dollar

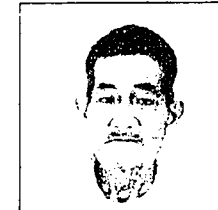
By JAMES H. RUBIN WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, whose public remarks are blamed by some for contributing to the fall of the dollar, was likely to give some clues about the currency's direction in new congressional testimony on monetary policy.

The dollar has hit record lows against the Japanese yen and the German mark in recent days, and Greenspan, in an appearance scheduled before the House Budget Committee Wednesday, was bound to be asked about its descent.

Two weeks ago Greenspan hinted that the central bank's year-long drive to boost interest rates was drawing to a close and that the Fed might actually reduce rates.

Analysts said that could have added to the dollar's downward momentum by convincing investors and speculators they could get a better rate of return elsewhere.

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Final Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of intention will be on March 18, 1995 (Saturday) at San Roque Church at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served immediately after mass at his son residence (Tom and Margaret S. Castro in San Roque).

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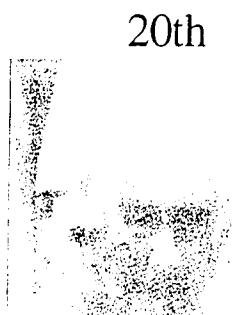
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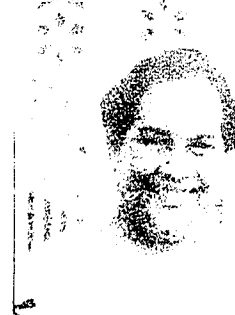
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Rosary will be said nightly at 8:00 pm beginning March 15, 1995 through March 22, 1995, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Iglesias Deleon Guerrero behind ICC Bldg. Across the street from Ben Franklin in Gualo Rai. Final rosary will be said at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 23, and Mass of Intention will be offered in the evening at San Jose Church at 5:00 pm.

Our appreciation dinner will be served at Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Iglesias Deleon Guerrero residence following the mass.

DANGKULO NA SI YU'US MAASE GINEN I FAMILIA

Hatfield keeps key chairmanship

By JILL LAWRENCE WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans decided Wednesday not to punish Sen. Mark Hatfield for casting the decisive "no" vote on the balanced-budget amendment, a top Republican priority.

"No action was taken on any resolution to remove Mark Hatfield as chairman of his committee. No such proposal was made by any member of the conference," said Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, the No. 3 Republican leader in the Senate.

Hatfield, of Oregon, chairs the Appropriations Committee. Several lawmakers raised the possibility of forcing him to step down from the post because he had voted against the balanced-budget measure last week.

But the drive ebbed as Hatfield's colleagues - not all of them party-line voters themselves - began defending his right to stand on his principles. Senators seeking to punish Hatfield had forced a private meeting of Republican senators to discuss the matter.

"A lot of people had feelings they wanted to get off their chests," Hatfield said afterwards. He called the meeting therapeutic.

Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma said the Hatfield controversy "was discussed briefly" at the meeting. Asked if it would be coming up again, he replied, "We're done with the Hatfield situation."

The effort to exact a price from Hatfield was led by Sens. Connie Mack of Florida and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania. They had called the balanced-budget

measure a core Republican issue and said party leaders should express the position of the party.

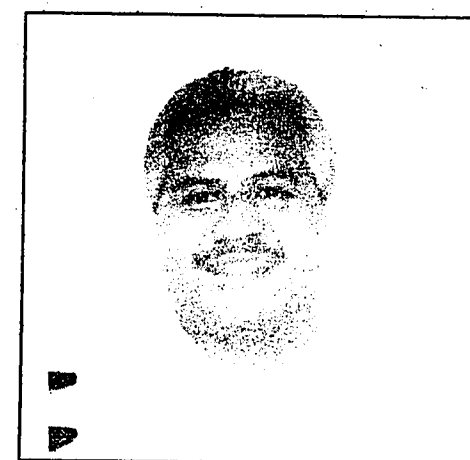
Mack said Wednesday he was disappointed with the outcome. "I made it pretty clear that my objective was to see that Sen. Hatfield was to step down as chairman. It ought to be equally clear that that's not going to occur," he said. "The issue of whether Sen. Hatfield

should step down is behind us."

Mack and Santorum had to settle for a study of how to strengthen the authority of the Senate Republican leader and the unity of the party. Unlike in the House, where the new Republican leaders selected chairmen with an eye toward discipline and harmony, Republican committee assignments in the Senate are based strictly on seniority.



Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas is pursued by reporters on Capitol Hill Wednesday, March 1, 1995, after recessing the Senate. Dole called a halt to proceedings while searching for one more vote for the balanced budget amendment. (AP Photo)



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Women civilians who served in Vietnam war plan reunion

By JAMES O. CLIFFORD
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Maureen Nerli survived the Vietnam war. Fifty-six of her women colleagues didn't. Nerli, who worked for United Service Organizations - the legendary USO which operated clubs and other support services for soldiers - leaves Thursday on a scouting mission to Vietnam, paving the way for a reunion of women civilian workers who worked in the war zone.

The Burlingame, California, television producer isn't taking anything away from women who served in the armed forces in Vietnam. She simply wants it understood that civilian women paid a high price, too. She feels slighted that the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington depicts only Army nurses.

"They lost eight people," said Nerli, referring to casualties among the nurses.

Losses were far higher among civilian women, including USO, Red Cross and media workers, said Nerli, who has a list of 56 civilian women killed in the war. Nerli ran a USO club during the war.

The list bears the names of 36

women - employees of various government agencies - who died in Operation Babylift, a secret, last-ditch effort by the United States to rescue Vietnamese orphans and children as Saigon was about to fall. They died when a Babylift plane crashed April 4, 1975, moments after taking off from Saigon.

Publication of the incident was withheld so the South Vietnamese government wouldn't learn the evacuation of Saigon had started, according to A Circle of Sisters-A Circle of Friends.

Nerli belongs to the group, a coalition of civilian women who served with various organizations in Vietnam and throughout Southeast Asia during the war.

She also is one of 26 women included in the book, "A Piece of My Heart," in which San Francisco Bay area author Keith Walker chronicles the experiences of American women who served in Vietnam.

Nerli plans to check out hotels and other facilities for reunion trips in October and November expected to draw hundreds of veterans, military and civilian.

Actress and singer Connie Stevens, who toured with Bob Hope on many USO shows during the war, is among those scheduled to be in Vietnam for a ceremony on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

"I want to make contact with people who worked with me," said Nerli, who arrived in Vietnam in 1969 for an 18-month stint as associate director of one of 22 USO clubs.

Ads in newspapers in Vietnam should be enough to make contact with the Vietnamese workers, said Nerli.

Nerli becomes excited when she talks about the Vietnam she once knew.

"I liked the smells, the sound, the colors," she said. "The people are great. There's a real Vietnamese spirit."

China sends Tibet herders needed help

BEIJING (AP) - China has sent food and feed to Tibet's main cattle-raising area to help it recover from snowstorms that left hundreds of people with frostbite and snow blindness and thousands of cattle dead, an official report said Wednesday.

The severe storms have been hitting Nagqu prefecture, north of the capital of Lhasa, since Feb. 15.

In one township, more than half of the 764 residents suffered frostbite or snow blindness, and nearly 6,000 head of cattle, half the number there, have died, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

In two other of the most seriously affected areas, Baqen and Bangon counties, 30 percent of the cattle have died, the report said.

The government has prepared to send the area fodder and zanba, a local food made of fried barley, and fuel for transportation. On Monday, relief teams broke through the deep snow and managed to bring relief materials into Baqen and Bangon, Xinhua reported.

Simpson defense unveils new theory

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Faye Resnick said in her book that former U.S. sports great O.J. Simpson is a murderer. Simpson hinted in his book that Resnick played a role in the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend. Now, Simpson's attorneys have finally spelled out their "Faye's fault" theory: the killings were drug hits

intended to send Resnick a message to pay her cocaine bills.

Simpson, 47, a professional football Hall of Famer who became an actor and television sports commentator, is one of the most famous Americans ever to stand trial for murder. He has pleaded innocent to the killings.

Although attorney Johnnie

Cochran Jr. offered no evidence, he spent much of Wednesday aggressively questioning Detective Tom Lange about a possible drug connection. Cochran went so far as to say the murders may have had a drug lord's signature in the form of a "Colombian necklace," defined by Cochran as an ear-to-ear throat slash.

Lange insisted there were no signs that drugs were involved in the June 12 killings. He was to return to the stand Thursday for an eighth day of testimony.

In her book "Nicole Brown Simpson: The Private Diary of a Life Interrupted," Resnick admitted using cocaine last spring but did not say she used it in Ms. Simpson's home. She was more than clear, however, about her views on who killed her friend.

"I truly believed that O.J. Simpson had murdered Nicole," she wrote near the end of the book. "It was as pre-ordained as the path of the sun across the sky."

Simpson made his own allegations in his book "I Want to Tell You."

"I know in my heart that the answer to the death of Nicole and Mr. Goldman lies somewhere in the world that Faye Resnick inhabited," he wrote.

Simpson's attorney was far more

explicit.

In a rapid series of hypothetical questions, Cochran tried to show that police ignored leads that might have led them to a drug connection - particularly one that involved Resnick.

Under earlier questioning from prosecutor Marcia Clark, Lange insisted that the murders had none of the telltale signs of a drug hit.

Cochran asked Lange whether his theory about the crime would have been affected if he had known that Resnick lived at Ms. Simpson's condominium from June 3 to June

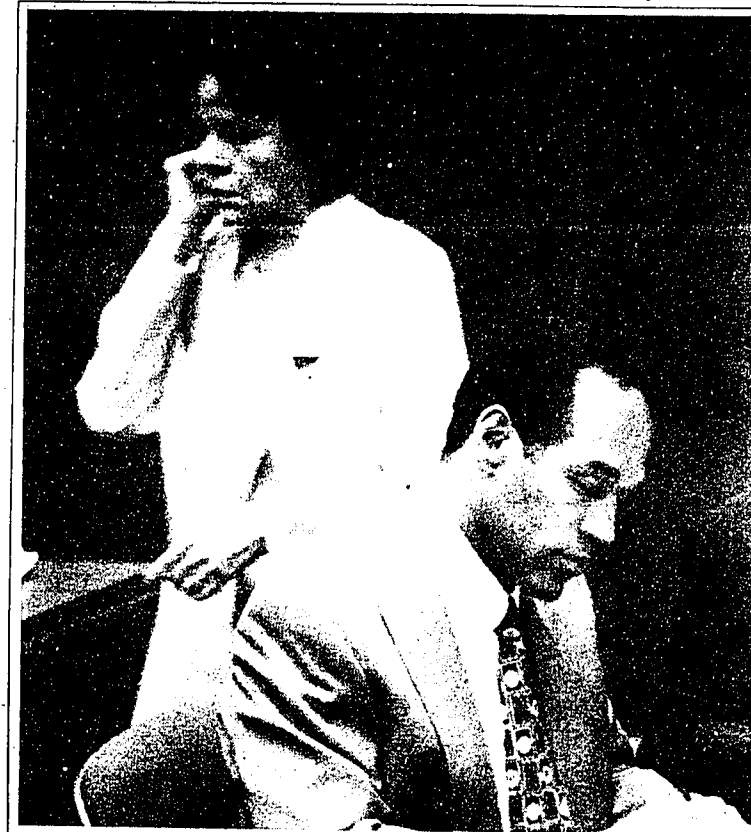
8 and free-based cocaine daily just before she went into drug rehab.

Simpson sat passively as Cochran worked Lange over so intensely that the judge at one point told Cochran he was badgering the witness.

As Cochran hammered away on the drug issue, Lange blurted out: "Just the fact the victim had a friend who used drugs is of little consequence. The fact that every bit of evidence I have in this case points toward the defendant is of more consequence to me."



Judge Lance Ito talks to the jury in the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial during brief session Wednesday morning March 1, 1995 in Los Angeles. Ito told the jurors that a juror had been dismissed. The 46-year-old black man was replaced by a 38-year-old white woman. The juror is the fourth panelist dismissed from the sequestered jury. (AP Photo)



Potential alibi witness Rosa Lopez walks behind O.J. Simpson on her way to the witness stand during the morning session of the Simpson double-murder trial, Thursday March 2, 1995, in Los Angeles Criminal Courts Building. (AP Photo)

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US pledges \$.1B for women's education

By MATTI HUHTANEN
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday urged rich nations to spend more to abolish illiteracy and announced a \$ 100 million U.S. initiative to improve women's education in poor countries.

Addressing an international poverty summit, Mrs. Clinton said the United States wants to increase by 20 percent women's literacy and the number of girls finishing primary school in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In a speech marking International Women's Day, Mrs. Clinton reminded the 193-nation gathering that more than two-thirds of

the world's nearly 1 billion illiterate people are women.

"The goals of (the U.S.) initiative are ambitious," she said. "I respectfully urge other governments to join the United States in creating or expanding the opportunities for all women worldwide."

International Women's Day dominated the 9,000-member global conference, as women worldwide celebrated their advances and protested their plights.

As Russian women received the traditional chocolates and flowers - and a day off from work - a report released by Human Rights Watch-Helsinki said they suffered from widespread domestic vio-

lence and state-sanctioned employment discrimination.

In Dhaka, 2,500 women marched through the streets to protest Islamic clerics who oppose jobs, education and family planning for Bangladeshi women.

In Copenhagen, a dozen women demanding debt relief and an end to poverty began a hunger strike in the central hall of the summit center.

"The U.S. proposal is a good start," said 44-year-old Jocelyn Dow of Guyana. "What we need now is a commitment from other rich nations, too."

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said that women's problems were at the

heart of international efforts to increase social equality.

"Until the rights and full potential of women are achieved, enduring solutions to the world's most serious social, economic and political problems cannot be achieved," Boutros-Ghali said in a speech to mark Women's Day.

The U.N. Development Program issued a report saying nearly one-half of married women are subjected to domestic violence.

"No society treats its women as well as its men," the agency said.

The agency also said that one in 2,000 women is reported to have been raped; nearly one-third of women report sexual abuse during their childhood; women workers

on average earn one-third of national incomes; and among all the governments in the world, only six were led by women in 1993.

"Gender inequality is often reinforced by law," the report said. "Women can be denied rights to own or inherit property, to receive pensions or even to decide whether or when to bear children."

Conference delegates, dismayed by squabbles over commitments to increase aid and debt relief to poorer countries, applauded the U.S. initiative.

U.S. officials said they expected the 10-year education program to be active in a dozen countries, with \$ 11.7 million to be spent this year.

Cosmonauts to Astronauts: Put patch away

By MARCIA DUNN
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - NASA astronaut Norman Thagard isn't even off the ground yet and he's already broken a cardinal cosmonaut rule: Thou shalt not give away crew patches before launch.

Uh oh. Cancel the man's ticket to the Russian space station.

Thagard is scheduled to blast off Tuesday on a Russian Soyuz rocket. Two days later, he and his two Russian crewmates will dock with the orbiting Mir station for a three-month stay.

As the first American assigned to fly on a Russian rocketship, he

can be excused for violating the No. 1 cosmonaut custom.

"For the most part, I follow their traditions, but in the giving out of the patches, for instance, I've done that - I've given our patches out," Thagard confided during a trip home last fall.

At least he's observed cosmonaut custom No. 2: Thou shalt not autograph crew pictures before launch.

"They don't like to sign things as a crew before flight," he explained. "Things that would indicate that you are basically a done deal."

How does Thagard, a four-time

space shuttle flier, find all these superstitions?

"Just interesting," he said, smiling. "I mean, ballplayers in our country are notorious for doing that, and that's exactly what the situation is."

And there's even more awaiting Thagard.

Austrian astronaut Franz Viehboeck, who flew to Mir in 1991, was surprised that when it came time for his crew to leave for the launch pad, everybody sat down quietly for a minute.

"Whenever you go somewhere on a big trip, you will sit first in

the room from where you're leaving ... and then off you go," Viehboeck said. "It's a Russian tradition, not only when you go to space."

Viehboeck also noticed that when the cosmonauts said goodbye to their instructors, no one shook hands. Instead, they raised their hands in farewell. It had nothing to do with spreading germs - departing cosmonauts just don't shake hands, he said.

Yet another cosmonaut custom is to plant a tree near the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan after returning to Earth. The return-

ing cosmonauts are presented the customary bread and salt from young women dressed in traditional costumes.

Robert "Hoot" Gibson, the commander of the first shuttle-Mir docking mission, scheduled for June, is getting the skinny on these Russian customs and superstitions from two cosmonauts who have flown on a NASA shuttle.

Gibson went straight to Sergei Krikalev, who flew on Discovery in 1994, when he heard it was customary to present flowers as a welcoming gift in Russia: He needed to know what to give cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhnev, the commander of Thagard's mission, when the two meet aboard Mir.

"Come on, really - really. What do you really do?"

Gibson said he asked Krikalev. "If we bring flowers to a bunch of boys, aren't we being kind of dumb?" Krikalev assured him flowers would be not only acceptable, but appreciated.



The Space Shuttle Endeavour thunders off Launch Pad 39-A early Thursday morning March 2, 1995 beginning a 15-day scientific mission.

UN finds women plagued by violence, illiteracy

By KEVIN COSTELLOE
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - Violence, illiteracy and second-class status plague women throughout the world and lead to cycles of degrading poverty, the United Nations says.

"No society treats its women as well as its men," the U.N. Development Program told delegates to a global conference on poverty and social inequalities on Wednesday.

Still seeking consensus on dozens of issues, the summit heard sobering statistics on International

Women's Day:

Nearly one-half of married women suffer domestic violence.

Two-thirds of the world's 1.3 billion impoverished are women.

Women make up two-thirds of the nearly 1 billion illiterates.

"Gender inequality is often reinforced by law," the U.N. agency said. "Women can be denied rights to own or inherit property, to receive pensions or even to decide whether or when to bear children."

To help overcome gender barriers, U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham

Clinton announced a 10-year, \$100 million program to help education for girls in a dozen countries. U.S. officials said they view education as a key means of breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

"The goals of this initiative are ambitious," Mrs. Clinton said. "I respectfully urge other governments to join the United States in creating or expanding the opportunities for all women worldwide."

A few hundred peaceful women demonstrators walked in a torchlight procession in downtown

Copenhagen, showering sparks in the windy night air Wednesday.

Carrying banners demanding an end to violence against women, marchers chanted, "We shall overcome."

It's beautiful to see torches as far as eye can see," said Susan Davis, head of the American Women's Environment and Development Organization. "It gives me feeling of hope."

The conference, and an alternative summit of non-governmental organizations present a potpourri of issues suited to nearly every taste. From human rights in Iran to Mexico's tense standoff in Chiapas, there's someone on hand with a position to push.

British actor Peter Ustinov holds

a briefing for reporters late Thursday on yet another topic: "Progress for Children and the Social Summit."

U.S. delegation leader Timothy Wirth holds a news briefing on Thursday morning.

Though Washington supports the idealistic goals of eradicating poverty, the embattled administration isn't willing to committing itself to radical measures. And President Clinton is skipping the 193-nation summit, raising the ire of poorer countries around the world.

The United States has been holding out against demands for more aid to the Third World, said Carol Lancaster, deputy chief of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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The public is invited to attend and to submit written comments and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 1995 at 6:30 pm at the San Vicente Elementary School. This is the second and final notice of this public hearing.

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China auto market may be overrated

By TERRIL JONES
GENEVA (AP) - Ford Motor Co. and General Motors are anxiously waiting to see who wins out this month on a \$1 billion car factory in China, but they may be overestimating the potential of the Chinese market, according to auto experts.

"The interest in China seems a little overblown to me," said Glenn Mercer, director of automotive services for the consulting firm McKinsey and Co.

"If a company were to be going

into China to the extent of not looking at Southeast Asia or India, they may be missing the boat," Mercer said at the 4th Annual Motor Conference sponsored by The Economist magazine.

Western automakers are eagerly jockeying for a share of China's potentially vast car market, although the government has said no new passenger car assembly projects will be approved until next year.

But Beijing is expected to approve in principle the joint ven-

ture by Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp., China's leading carmaker, to build 200,000 minivans and 100,000 mid-range luxury autos annually by the year 2000.

"As a source of components, India has some prospects more promising than China," Mercer said at the conference, held alongside the Geneva Motor Show which opened Thursday. "I'm almost more worried that the Japanese could pre-empt the Americans and to a lesser extent the

Europeans in Southeast Asia." Japanese car manufacturers have been aggressively putting production capacity into India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

In 1983 there were only 60 privately registered cars in all China, while today there are 50,000, said Graeme Maxton, an industry analyst with autoPOLIS strategy consultants. China's overall passenger car market grew sevenfold from 50,000 in 1987 to 350,000 today, but there are still only two

passenger cars per 1,000 Chinese, he said.

"High rates of growth and low penetration made it attractive" to foreign automakers, Maxton said. "But the opportunities are not what they seem."

The average Chinese income of \$380 a year is "barely enough to buy a car radio, much less a car," said Maxton, who also writes for the Economist Intelligence Unit and recently co-authored the book, "Driving Over a Cliff" about the global auto industry.

American Airlines tests its new entertainment system

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - American Airlines Inc. will start testing a new in-flight entertainment system this summer that will give passengers access to movies and electronic games on its trans-Atlantic flights.

The six-month test on flights between Europe and the United States will be available to passengers in all classes of service, the Fort Worth, Texas-based carrier said Wednesday.

A personal video unit will be mounted on the arm of each first-class seat, while other passengers will use a monitor on the seatback in front of them. Travelers will operate the system through a handset at each seat.

Other airlines have already installed interactive systems, but American said it waited to avoid investing in equipment that would rapidly become obsolete.

The system is made by Matsushita Avionics Systems Corp. and is compatible with American's new in-flight digital phone system.

American now is remodeling its fleet of 41 Boeing 767-300s and installing digital phones compatible with the entertainment systems. The handset also will operate the phone, and a phone jack at each seat will let customers transmit facsimiles and data from notebook or laptop computers, the airline said.

USAir to cut its flights by 10%

WASHINGTON (AP) - USAir plans to cut nearly 10 percent of its 2,500 daily flights by July in an effort to save more than \$100 million a year and move back toward profitability.

The reductions and a plan to add 70 new flights will reduce USAir's overall capacity by about 5 percent, the company said Wednesday.

USAir will substitute regional

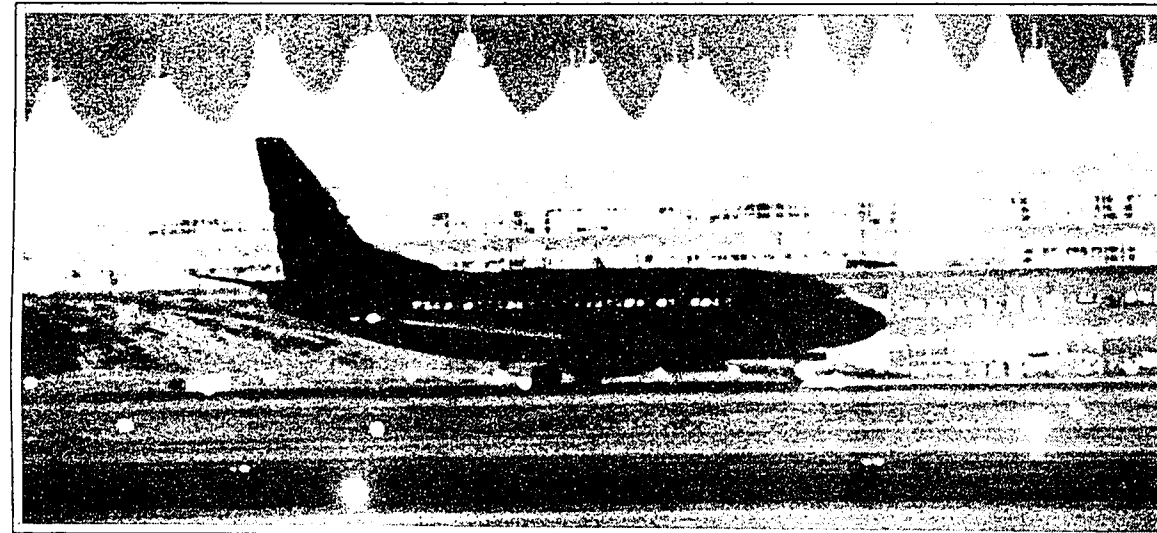
aircraft in areas where passenger loads have been too low to justify jet service, USAir Chairman Seth Schofield said.

"We indicated a month ago that part of the path to profitability is properly sizing this airline, a process that would lead to fewer planes and fewer people," Schofield said in a written statement. "The first step of matching capacity and demand is to cut 240

flights by July."

USAir has been struggling with large financial losses. The airline recorded a \$322 million loss in the fourth quarter of 1994, triple that of the last three months of 1993.

Seventy new flights will include flights to Frankfurt from Philadelphia and Boston and to the West Coast from Charlotte and Pittsburgh, USAir said.



The first revenue-generating passenger jet, United Airlines flight 1474, arrives at Denver International Airport from Colorado Springs, Colo., early Tuesday morning, Feb. 28, 1995 on the first day of operations at the new \$4.9 billion airport.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP-DPW95-00321
Municipal Solid Waste Incinerator

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed proposals for a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Incinerator to be installed adjacent to the Central Repair Shop at Lower Base, Saipan. Proposals will be accepted at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply at Lower Base, Saipan, until 4:00 p.m., local time on April 3, 1995. Any proposals received after the above date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The selected company must hold or obtain should constitute one or more of the components (other than a landfill) of one of the integrated strategies described in section 4.3.3 of the October 1994 EMCON Associates Final Report entitled "Integrated Waste Management Cost/Benefit Analysis and Planning Considerations," or an alternative strategy may be proposed. Strategies that include an alternative cover program are not currently under consideration.

Copies of the EMCON Report are available from the Department of Public Works for a fee of \$250.00 per copy and a check must be paid to the CNMI Treasury Office. Interested persons outside the Commonwealth may obtain a copy by sending a U.S. dollar check or money order in the same amount payable to the Treasurer, CNMI, in care of Mr. John R. Sablan, Director of Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950.

Proposals will be evaluated on their overall merit and advantage to the Commonwealth. The following factors, among others, may be considered:

- The qualifications of the engineering consultants, contractor, and subcontractors and their experience in MSW incinerator design, construction, and operation.
- Time frame or proposed schedule.
- Affiliation or participation with one or more locally companies.
- The financial stability of the contractor, as evidenced by its financial statement accompanied by a letter from a major financial institution vouching for its stability.
- Volume reduction and ancillary benefits, such as WTE conversion, ash treatment, or recycling.
- The degree of creativity and innovation in the proposal, and the demonstration value of the proposal for future procurement of Capital Improvement Projects.
- The cost, if any, to the government, and the terms of any financing.
- Any proposed user fee schedule.

The Scope of Work and Specifications will be made available to interested individuals and a copy may be obtained after March 6, 1995 from the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

Interested proposers may contact Mr. Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero at the address specified below or at telephone numbers (670) 322-9570 and 322-2692 or facsimile number (670) 322-3547, for additional information.

Mr. Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero
Acting Secretary
Department of Public Works
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
Lower Base
Saipan, MP 96950

One or more proposals may be selected for further negotiation and refinement. The government reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or to waive any imperfection in its best interest.

Date March 3, 1995

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

Gulf vets urged to see DVA physicians

The Division of Veteran Affairs, Department of Community & Cultural Affairs and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs wish to inform all U.S. Armed Forces Veterans of the Persian Gulf "Agent Orange" (claim) for the Vietnam Veterans, and all veterans with Service-Connected disability who wish to see a VA Physician should contact your local VA at telephone number 233-3475

for an appointment.

The VA Physicians will be on island from March 29-30, 1995 a news release from the DVA said.

A copy of your discharge papers (DD214) is needed to determine your eligibility. All Veterans (Persian Gulf-Vietnam Service Connected) are encouraged to call the Division of Veterans Affairs for an appointment. The Veterans Affairs Office

also wish to remind all interested Veterans that the Native American Home Loan Program is now available in the CNMI, application may be picked up at the division of Housing (formerly MIHA) or call Diana Cristofomo at telephone number 234-7689 or call Joseph Palacios at the Veterans Affairs Office at 233-3475 for further information.

Fake...

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He and his companions, who have been staying on island for ten years now, said they believed there are other Bangladeshis who victimize their own countrymen.

There are about 300 Bangladesh nationals in the commonwealth, estimates one of them. The figure could not be independently verified.

While in Bangladesh, the victim said he paid \$5,900 to one Anwar Hossain who claimed his son has a recruiting agency "in Saipan, U.S.A." and would be able to find him a job.

Mollah was also assured that he would get more than a thousand dollars a month as a security guard and that the recruiter would be responsible for his housing, his letter

dated March 8 said.

Lured by an attractive salary in a place thought to be a haven and a part of the mainland United States, Mollah raised the money, a big amount in this poor Asian nation.

Mollah recalled that he was picked up at the airport by the recruiter and has since tried contacting his supposed employer but to no avail. Frustrated and hopeless after several weeks of unemployment, he demanded that the recruiter provide him a job or return the money he had paid over in Bangladesh.

The suspect allegedly refused and promised he would do everything to look for a job for him.

On February 13, the recruiter together with two relatives choked Mollah and threatened to kill him after refusing to sign some "blank

papers," his letter alleged. Mollah provided the Variety with a copy of his letter to the labor division and a document showing the case number of the incident and names of Department of Public Safety investigators.

In his letter to Camacho, Mollah requested that he be allowed to work elsewhere by giving him a temporary work permit or a transfer.

"At present, everything in my life is hopeless, no job, no food and no security whatsoever for my life. In view of this, I am endorsing this serious matter to your office, with some hope that justice may [result]," Mollah said.

"I hope that CNMI/US laws will bring justice to all of the abused individuals like me in the Commonwealth."

MVB...

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Of that budget, \$150,000 is for reinstatement of the amount transferred to the Washington Liaison Office, and another \$196,500 to be allocated for Japan Investment Tourism Office.

Expressing concern with the available budget, Board member Rosita Hocog indicated that "somebody must spend extensively."

Sablan did not elaborate.

However during their last meeting, Sablan disclosed that the MVB former and current Board of Directors had already spent 67% or \$3.7 million of their total 1995 budget, leaving only \$1.8 million to be allocated until September.

Projecting a possible shortfall, he decided to freeze all further commitments or obligations not budgeted or approved by the present Board.

Sablan also clarified that part of the 67% expenditures was spent by the former Board.

The former Board allegedly spent more than \$40,000 for legal fees while challenging the legality of Governor Tenorio's executive order.

Part of the expenses mentioned was the \$182,000 "settlement" agreement between the former Board and former MVB Managing Director Bennet Seman.

Another \$150,000 was taken out of MVB's advertising and promotion budget to supplement Washington Representative Office.

lar affairs will be pursued with Stayman most likely being a member.

"Ms Turner is unlikely to be on the council since she will no longer be connected with island issues wherever she ends up even as moving up to Secretary Babbitt's office is certainly a strong possibility," said Stillwell.

New office...

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and Budget, he added.

According to Stillwell, the new OIA is slated to be divided into two parts - operations and policy - with a total of about 26 staff, all in all down from the previous OTIA staff of 36.

At present, Stillwell said there are plans to close down OTIA's field representatives office in Virgin Islands but to keep open the ones in Samoa, Palau and Saipan.

Yakuza...

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laundering operation will evolve into more profitable activity, such as dealing in the manufacturing and trafficking of illegal drugs," said the report.

CNMI recently passed numerous legislations which toughen the CNMI's Customs laws and included a chapter and sections addressing the importation of contraband.

The study stressed that changes are seen as being necessary because an integral part of controlling the importation of controlled substances and other contraband is an effective customs inspection system that includes prosecution of persons who are importing or attempting to import contraband.

S.I.S. holds fundraiser

SAIPAN International School, a non-profit organization is holding a fundraising event "TEA AT THE HYATT", featuring Mr. Randy Johnson and the Guam University Choir and Choral singers. They will perform at

Gilligans on Saturday, March 25, 1995 at 1 pm - 3 pm. Tickets are \$12 for Adult and \$7 for children (7 years and under). This includes tea, coffee, juice, and pastries. For more information call Karen King at 235-9660.

NOTICE

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PLEASE COME AND HELP!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NMC RFP NO. 95-128

The NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Contractor for MAINTENANCE MANPOWER SERVICES for the As Terlaje Campus, and NMC Housing Units.

The proposal is for an hourly rate quotation for Manpower Services in the field of construction for the repair and renovation of classrooms, offices and NMC housing units and is strictly on an On-Call basis for a period of one year. Contractors or bidders shall provide housing, transportation, liability insurance, and workman compensation. Proof of insurance and a copy of a current business license must be submitted with the proposal.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked NMC RFP No. 95-128, to the NMC Procurement & Property Management Office, NMC As Terlaje Campus, Bldg "L" Saipan, no later than 11:00 am, March 17, 1995.

The Northern Marianas College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in proposals if determined by the College to be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the property of NMC. For additional information call NMC Plant Facility Manager, Mr. Ben Diaz at 234-3690, extension #2310.

/s/John T. Flores
Procurement & Property Manager

/s/ Felicitas P. Abraham
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Brazil sells dollars to control rates

By STAN LEHMAN
SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) - The devaluation earlier this week of Brazil's currency, the real, has unleashed a wave of speculation that sent the dollar soaring, forcing

the government to intervene on the foreign exchange market. The dollar, which was trading for about 84 centavos Monday, shot up to 90 centavos on Tuesday and retreated slightly to 89

centavos on Wednesday.

On Monday, the Central bank officialized its so-called "band system," establishing a maximum and minimum range in which the U.S. dollar can be traded.

The band allows the dollar to be traded in the 86-90 centavo range, up from a previous informal range of about 82-86 centavos.

The Central Bank also said the range would be expanded to 86-98 centavos as of May 2.

Every time the exchange rate reaches the upper or lower limits, the Central Bank will intervene, said Gustavo Franco, the Central Bank's director of international monetary policy.

That's exactly what the bank did on Tuesday and Wednesday

when the dollar approached the upper limit.

Central Bank President Persio Arida said the government spent \$ 300 million to keep the lid on the dollar. But traders said the government spent much more; something closer to \$ 1 billion. Traders said the government appeared to be selling heavily again on Wednesday.

Before recent government moves, many economists said the real was overvalued by about 40 percent against the dollar.

In Brasilia, the capital, Finance Minister Pedro Malan told a congressional hearing the government's change in foreign exchange policy was necessary to turn around the trade and balance

of payments deficits.

After years of trade surpluses, Brazil has experienced a trade deficit in recent months. In November to January, the deficit was \$ 1.67 billion. The balance of payments deficit has also grown, according to government officials.

The minister said that the recent change was consistent with the government's policy since introducing the real last July.

"We always said there would be no fixed exchange rate and that we won't make a system of daily corrections," he said. Brazil's previous currencies were devalued daily to compensate for high inflation. "Let's be clear that we don't want either one. What's ideal is the band system."



Nicholas Leeson, 28, of Watford, England, is escorted by police officers at Frankfurt airport Thursday March 2, 1995 as seen in this photo off German television. After a week on the lam, the young trader blamed for destroying Britain's oldest investment bank was taken into custody Thursday by German police who said he was heading to London. Police escorted Leeson and his wife, Lisa Simms, seen in the background, off a flight from Malaysia. (AP Photo)

Mexican congress OKs aid

By JOHN RICE
MEXICO CITY (AP) - Despite complaints over the harsh austerity it imposes, Mexico's congress

has approved a \$ 20 billion U.S. aid package that could help to halt the precipitous slide of the economy.

President Ernesto Zedillo said he would await congressional action on the package before announcing a new economic plan. Delays in the plan had repeatedly sent markets plunging.

On Tuesday, the Mexican peso fell to a record low close for a third straight day and the central bank was forced for a third straight week to abandon its auction of dollar-denominated bonds.

Opposition party deputies voted against the loan package in the lower house of congress, the Chamber of Deputies, on the ground that the high interest rates and spending cuts it imposes will do more harm than good.

Many also say its tough austerity conditions gives the United States too much control over Mexico's economy.

But Jorge Cejudo Diaz of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party urged lawmakers to "reject false solutions, evasions of reality and the risk of fearful and unworkable measures" such as a debt moratorium to solve the economic crisis.

The peso ended at 6.795 to the dollar - a new low close for the third straight day. It closed at 6.575 Monday after briefly falling below seven to the dollar earlier that day.

The peso has lost almost half its value against the dollar since Dec. 20 - and even more against other currencies such as the German mark and Japanese yen.

Analysts said the dollar has been hurt by concern that funding for the Mexican plan might drain reserves for backing the U.S. currency. The peso, in turn, has been hurt by the fall of the dollar. Traders have sold pesos to buy dollars they can exchange for stronger marks or yen.

The government canceled its weekly auction of dollar-linked bonds because of a lack of demand. The central bank hasn't sold new dollar-linked bonds since Feb. 14 - either to avoid high interest rates or due to lack of interest. Some \$630 million of obligations are set to expire this week.

Mexico's markets have been unsettled for at least two weeks over the government's failure to come out with new economic projections for the year.

World still battling against cancer

By A.J. HOSTETLER
ATLANTA (AP) - Despite some gains made against cancer, the world seems to be losing the war against the often fatal disease.

The Geneva-based World Health Organization, the U.N. health agency, calculates that in 1992, the latest year for which a detailed survey was made, there were about 9 million new cases of cancer worldwide - 4 million in developed countries and 5 million in the developing world.

By 2015, WHO predicts, there will be 5 million new cases annually in developed countries and 10 million in developing countries.

A big rise in cancer cases in developing countries is expected because people are adopting western-style lifestyles, such as smoking and high-fat diets. Tobacco consumption is rising as much as 2 percent per year in these countries.

In the United States, 1.25 million Americans will learn they have cancer this year, the American Cancer Society predicts. The Atlanta-based group predicts that there will be 547,000 cancer deaths in 1995 - nearly 1,500 a day. The top four cancer killers are lung, colorectal, breast and prostate.

Growing use of a test for prostate cancer is expected to boost the number who discover they have that disease, but lung cancer is still seen as the deadliest diagnosis.

Death rates for most cancers continue to drop as people heed advice about healthier lifestyles and warnings to seek help when they suspect a problem, according to Joann Schellenback, a spokeswoman for the society.

"We're getting some messages across. The most important thing about cancer is early detection and very prompt treatment. Prevention will play the most important role in the long run, but detection and treatment are helping us make headway," she said.

Lung cancer will strike 169,900 people, mostly smokers, and kill 157,400.

"The frustrating thing about that is that much of it is preventable," said Phyllis Wingo, the society's director for surveillance. The society estimates that 170,000 lives will be lost to diseases like lung, throat and mouth cancers this year because of tobacco.

Although prostate cancer cases are increasing, from about 200,000 cases last year to an estimated 244,000 cases this year, it's not becoming a bigger health threat.

More men are being diagnosed with the disease largely because more doctors are using the prostate specific antigen, or PSA, screening test and

because of the growing number of older men, who are most likely to develop the disease, Wingo said. Prostate cancer, which will kill about 40,400 men this year, is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men.

The society was pleased that the numbers of women discovering they have breast cancer and those dying from the disease isn't growing, Wingo

said. The figures for 1995 among women are close to those of a year ago - 1

82,000 new cases and 46,000 deaths.

"When you see the curve turn and start to level off, that's pretty exciting," Wingo said. She attributed that improvement to better screening and treatment, particularly among white women, whose death rate from breast

cancer has fallen 5 percent, according to recent statistics from the National Cancer Institute.

Better screening has also continued to the drop in deaths from colorectal cancer, which will strike 138,200 people and kill 55,300 this year. The death rate has dropped by a third for women and by about 7 percent for men over the last 30 years.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS FOR TERMINAL BUILDING EXPANSION AND RENOVATION AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. R-CPA-A-001-95, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 1995 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of renovation and the building of an expansion to the existing Terminal Building at Rota International Airport all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

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 two months (2) from the date of bid opening. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI Government. A copy of the Department of Labor Wage Rate Determination is applicable to this contract and is made a part of this specification (See Section 70-24)

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (R-CPA-A-001-95) the "Bidder's Statement of Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Specifications.)

Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.
b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidder that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is called to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302 (b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4 (b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152 of the Federal Aviation Regulations and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulation of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

If the bidder has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instructions, the bidder shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Executive Director requests prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the Director requests.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00) for each set of plan documents. The amount is non refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at the ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 1995, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least (5) days in advance for answers at this conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, CPA. Attendance at the pre-bid conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding of the project elements.

Each prospective bidder shall file with CPA, a notice of his/her intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied in the specifications, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of bids.

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

Carlos A. Shoda
Executive Director
Date Jan. 6 1995

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVERTISING (INVITATION FOR BID/NOTICE TO BIDDERS)

- The proposed contract is under the subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.
- All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law.
- Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.
- The (EEO) requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents and are available for inspection at the commonwealth Ports Authority.
- Each Bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the bid), the Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause, and the "Certifications of Non-Segregated Facilities" as contained in the Bid Proposals.
- A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
- To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements which are contained in the specification.
- In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
- Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of minorities.

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- Completed Application (Forms available at PSS Central)

For more information and application please contact:

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A teacher affects eternity: He can never tell where his influence stops. (Henry Adams)

More action, economic help sought to combat sex trade

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - Desperately poor villages in remote northern Thailand and other countries need tougher laws and economic development to stop exploiting young women and feeding the global sex trade, activists say.

An alternative summit run by aid groups, activists on International Women's Day urged the U.N. poverty summit to push more strongly for rural credit, employment and support programs for divorced women with nothing left to sell but their bodies.

They also launched a drive Wednesday calling on world leaders to sign letters before the Women's Summit in Beijing in September, with the promise to fight violence against women.

"Governments need to tell men to stop hitting and beating women and girls" by passing legislation and publicizing the message via the media, said Khunying Supatra Masdit, a former Thai lawmaker who held up the first letter signed by her prime minister.

Despite the fight against prostitution by various governments and Interpol, the industry still "operates through a sophisticated network" of recruiting poor women in developing countries, said Anima Basak, former president and current member of the International Abolitionist Federation based in Vienna Austria.

"Thailand has become a major center for the trafficking of women," said Ms. Basak, who is Indian-born. "In Africa, Kenya has become a center for sex tourism."

Panel leader Aase Rieck Sorensen, head of Denmark's National Council of Women, said a lack of statistics on prostitution around the world demonstrated that it was "a hidden problem."

Ms. Basak said an estimated 80 percent of women who become prostitutes "are not free agents but do so under duress," forced by their families or as a way to repay loans.

When prostitution is prosecuted, "in 90 percent of the cases it's only the prostitutes who are fined and jailed," she said. She urged more understanding of women who are former "sex workers" facing "social segregation, isolation, discrimination and lack of any other skill."

Ms. Basak urged reform of the 1948 Convention Against Sexual Exploitation to include calls for laws against the clients, sex tourism and mail-order brides.

Jennifer Gray, an anthropologist working in rural northern Thailand, said her research shows "an economic basis for prostitution at the village level," where poor families borrow money from recruiting agents and hand over their daughters to pay off the loans through prostitution.

Gray said that aside from local loan sharks, it's the only way to get credit. In some villages as many as 75 percent of the young women in villages are forced into prostitution, and HIV infection is skyrocketing, she said.

Falling world rice prices are causing further hardship in rural areas, and divorce puts more pressure on women to turn to prostitution, said Ms. Gray, of the National Center for HIV Social Research at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

"The Thai government needs to set up support programs for these women," she said. In some villages, tradition dictates that a woman must either remarry in a matter of weeks or leave.

Thai men hooked on opium are increasingly switching to heroin and pawning off their daughters to support their expensive habit, Gray added. Dorit Otzen, head of an outreach group for prostitutes in Copenhagen, called for tougher laws against sex tourists traveling from richer countries.

While a summit draft declaration includes a passage against the "trafficking of women and children," it doesn't go far enough, Otzen said.

Regulators still probing tobacco as kids' disease

WASHINGTON (AP) - The head of the federal Food and Drug Administration resumed a crusade against tobacco Wednesday by labeling smoking the nation's latest childhood disease.

"Nicotine addiction begins when most tobacco users are teen-agers, so let's call this what it really is: a pediatric disease," FDA Commissioner David Kessler said.

The Food and Drug Administration caused an uproar last year when it began considering regulating nicotine as an addictive drug, a move that threatened to pull some tobacco products off the shelf. It spawned a series of heated congressional hearings where tobacco executives denied their products were addictive or harmful, despite internal industry documents that stated otherwise.

The issue died when the Republicans took control of Congress in January and ended the hearings.

But Kessler reopened the fight Wednesday in a speech to Columbia University law students in New York, alleging that tobacco companies

encourage teen smoking through aggressive advertising campaigns.

He presented two 1990 memos in which R.J. Reynolds employees in Florida and Oklahoma targeted stores near high schools to be heavily stocked with T-shirts and other paraphernalia bearing its popular Joe Camel cartoon. The Oklahoma memo specifically recommends sites "across from, adjacent to (or) in the general vicinity of the high schools."

R.J. Reynolds dismissed the memos' importance. It said the U.S. Federal Trade Commission reviewed them last year before clearing the Camel campaign of any wrongdoing. Memo writers were disciplined, and the high school plan was not enacted, spokeswoman Maura Ellis said.

Kessler told the law students he continues to accumulate evidence that nicotine could fall under congressionally established FDA jurisdiction, but FDA officials wouldn't say when Kessler will make a final decision.

A transcript of Kessler's remarks was made available in Washington.



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CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-1096

PACIFIC FINANCIAL CORP.
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANCISCO EVANGELISTA,
ANA SN. EVANGELISTA,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the Judgment Foreclosing Mortgage and Ordering Sale on Default issued on December 16, 1994, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which Plaintiff obtained against Defendant Ana Sn. Evangelista, I am commanded to sell all the certain lot, place, or parcel of land located here in Saipan, bounded and described as follows:

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Public notice is hereby given that on April 7, 1995 at 1:00 P.M., I will, in compliance with the Judgment Foreclosing Mortgage and Ordering Sale on Default, sell the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient proceeds to satisfy judgment with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder for cash.

Dated the 7th day of March, 1995

/s/ CHIEF OF POLICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-199

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT WAYNE SMITHEE II, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIAL L. SMITHEE of Saipan, CNMI, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT WAYNE SMITHEE II, Deceased. The attorneys of record are the Law Offices of David A. Wiseman, PO Box 2607, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on said petition is set on March 28th, 1995, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, CNMI.

Notice is also hereby given to all creditors, heirs and any person having any interest in or claim against the estate of ROBERT WAYNE SMITHEE II, Deceased, to file any claim they may have with the Superior Court or with the Law Offices of David A. Wiseman, attorneys for Petitioner, at the above address, within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this Notice.

DATED This 23rd day of February, 1995.

Law Offices of David A. Wiseman

by: /s/ R. DARRIN CLASS
Attorneys for Petitioner

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT INVITATION FOR BID

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OPENING DATE: **MARCH 23, 1995** TIME: **3:00 P.M.**

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/S/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT INVITATION FOR BID

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CIVIL CASE NO. 94-692

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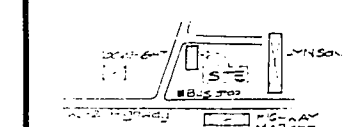
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TO: The Above-Named Defendant.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file an Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, the original of which was filed with the above-entitled Court, within Twenty (21) Days after the last publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Office of Brian Sere Nicholas, Attorney at Law, Katupak Bldg., Suite #206, P.O. Box 2876, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts of the above-entitled Court for filing.
Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Courts at Civic Center Building, Susupe Village, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your Attorney and sent to the Clerk of Courts 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 pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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News
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Second-seeded Agassi routs Wilander

INDIAN WELLS, California (AP) - Andre Agassi, bidding to become the world's No. 1 player, routed Mats Wilander 6-0, 6-2 Wednesday in the second of the Newsweek Champions Cup.

Agassi, ranked No. 2 and seeded second in this tournament behind top-ranked Pete Sampras, needed only 58 minutes to dispose of Wilander, himself a former No. 1 player.

If Agassi wins this tournament and Sampras is eliminated early, Agassi would ascend to No. 1.

"I want to play the best tennis in the world every time I'm on the court," Agassi said. "A few guys hope for that. If it happens this week or next week or whatever, it's like, you just stick to your game plan and hope for the best. This has been a pretty fantastic year to date."

Agassi has won 16 of his 17 matches this year and captured the Australian Open and San Jose

Open. His only loss was to Thomas Enqvist of Sweden in the semifinals of last month's U.S. Indoor in Philadelphia.

Agassi will get another shot at Enqvist in the third round. The Swede advanced Wednesday by upsetting No. 16 seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 6-2, 7-5.

In the day's other upset, Carlos Costa of Spain defeated No. 9 Jim Courier, a two-time winner of this tournament, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

Sampras, who lost to Agassi in the Australian Open finals in January, plays his second-round match Thursday against Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden.

Agassi says he respects Wilander, but acknowledges the 30-year-old Swede is no longer the same player who was No. 1 in the world in 1988.

"He was a great player, and you are beating him handily, and there is that side to it," Agassi said. "But the other side to it is he

is a great player and he knows how to win. And so you don't want to give him a chance.

"It was a good start for me today. I felt like I was hitting the ball well. It's nice to be back on the hard courts again. I'm looking forward to each match and that is a good feeling."

WCC beats SBC in roccball

WESTERN CAROLINIAN Club (WCC) defeated Super Blood Sisters (SBS) with a comfortable 14-point margin, 39-25, in four sets in yesterday's roccball action at the Marianas High School Puga Court in Susupe.

The victory saved WCC from being eliminated in the league and also placed the Blood Sisters in the danger zone.

Prior to the game, WCC and SBS had 1-2 and 3-1 win-loss cards, respectively.

WCC showed its determination to win the game right in the first set when it skunked SBS, eleven to nothing.

WCC increased its comfortable margin to 16 points, in a bid to win the game, in the second set when it defeated SBS 17-match-12.

WCC sealed the outcome of the game when it skunked SBS again, this time in the third set, eleven to nothing.

The Blood Sisters bounced back in the fourth and last set, 13-0, but not

enough to win the game.

Twenty aces, four xunks, eight kees and a goal were recorded in the game.

The heavy hitter was Joanne Elimas of the Blood Sisters. She scored six aces, two xunks, and a kee for a total of eighteen points.

Japan, Guam swimmers coming

TANKERS from Japan and Guam will arrive in the CNMI to compete with local swimmers in the Saipan Ocean Swimming event.

The event will be held on April 1st at the Saipan Diamond Hotel beach front.

This was learned from Saipan Swim Club personnel and one of the event organizers, Bill Sakovich, who said that the upcoming event will be open to all ages.

The first event will start at 8 p.m..

Otelia Alonzo, of WCC, scored five aces and a kee, or twelve points for her team.

Today, Hardkore will play against Ting Tai. The latter is already in the danger zone with two losses. (AAPD)

There will be 8-under, 10-under, 12-under, seniors event (14 to 18), and masters event in the competition.

The 8-under swimmers will hurdle a .6 kilometer distance, 1.1 kilometer for the 10-under, 1.6 for the 12-under, 2.6 km in the seniors and 1.3 km for the masters. The masters event will have four divisions.

Interested swimmers may call Sakovich at 234-1001, or Ann Jordan at 322-9554 for inquiries. (AAPD)

SABA Games results Monday, March 6 (Second Game)

Team: FT/SNE

Coach: Ronnie Bayle

Player	No	2s	3s	FTM	TP
Alegre, Ric	5	10	0	7/10	27
Alegre, Tom	4	8	0	5/8	21
Cosino, Ed	18	4	2	3/4	17
Dominguez, Noel	10	1	0	0	2
Magcalas, Allan	9	9	0	5/7	23
Lizama, Ray	15	7	0	4/13	18
Gutierrez, Evan	11	0	1	0	3
Mananzaia, Nestor	13	1	0	0	2
Generao, Bert	17	1	0	2/2	4
Parayno, Dong	12	0	0	0	0
Biazon, Jose	7	0	0	0	0
Bayle, Ronnie	6	1	0	0/2	2
Total		42	3	26/46	119

Team: Hi-Five

Coach:

Player	No	2s	3s	FTM	TP
Alan, Lebria	15	2	0	1/2	5
George Boguiz	11	4	0	0	8
Steve Rasa	4	7	0	1/1	15
June Aaron	5	3	0	0	6
Jack Manglona	7	3	0	0/2	6
Ponce Rasa	8	2	1	0/2	7
Tim Wesley	16	2	0	9/1	4
Gary Lashley	13	7	0	0	14
Roy Matagolia	9	1	0	0	2
Eric Atalig	12	3	0	0	6
Vince Salas	14	0	0	0	0
John Aquino	6	4	0	0	8
Total		38	1	2/8	81

Team: Sharks

Coach: Cuci Alvarez

Player	No	2s	3s	FTM	TP
Wise Aguon	8	5	0	0	10
Tom Cruise	7	2	1	1/2	8
Tom Washington	17	8	2	4/7	26
Murphy Shiro	14	9	0	5/8	23
Shout Tarkong	13	1	0	0	2
Ben Palacios	4	1	0	0	2
Cuci Alvarez	9	0	0	0/4	0
Ben Guerrero	15	1	0	0	2
Luis Cepeda	5	0	0	3/4	3
Rick Sanchez	11	2	0	3/4	7
Lar Camacho	3	0	0	1/2	1
David Atalig	12	1	0	0	2
Total		30	3	17/33	86

Team: Joeten

Coach: Charles Cepada

Player	No	2s	3s	FTM	TP
Charles Cepeda	21	1	0	0	2
Warren Villegas	24	4	1	6/8	17
Walter Macaranas	14	0	0	0/2	0
E. Cuenca	32	1	0	1/2	3
Joey Villegas	16	2	2	0	10
J. Santos	4	1	0	0	2
Y. Irinaka	9	4	0	0	8
Calvin Farley	69	1	0	0	2
Dave Otiwili	11	2	0	0	4
Olikong Tkell	7	0	0	0	0
Daryl Voss	33	8	0	3/4	19
J. P. Sablan	22	3	0	0/1	6
Total		27	3	10/17	73

Kart craze on Saipan

A KARTING mania is developing at the newly-opened Mariana Seaside Circuit in Marpi, especially on weekends.

An average of 150 enthusiasts 'burn' go-kart tires along the

speedway everyday.

A mix crowd of young and not-so-old, and of various nationalities make up the festive mood at the kart ring.

Mariana Resort Planning De-

partment staffer Bernard Palomares said that each week, roughly a thousand eager riders flock to the latest Kan Pacific Saipan Limited entertainment center.

The ring was opened to the public last month in a ceremony attended by top government and Kan Pacific officials.

Planning Department manager Naoto Suzuki is rushing the construction of a clubhouse which will house a snack bar, game room, gift shop and a veranda which will provide a good view of racers zooming the race track.

In view of the positive response from the public, KPSSL will hold kart racing competition in the ring to further promote the sport.

Bleachers will soon be built fronting the track, and a picnic ground as part of the overall architectural and landscape design

of the circuit.

The development of the area into a tourist and local entertainment destination is expected to invite small and big business investors to put up related business activities near the area.

The area is blessed with the majestic beauty of Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, and Bird Island which is just a few minutes drive from the circuit.

Earlier, Palomares said that a group of riders from Guam tried the speedway and was motivated by the experience to plan and put up one there also.

Located on 1,025 square meters of land across from the Kan Pacific Pool, the circuit offers 20 units of FK 9 conventional karts with a speed of up to 40 miles an hour, and several units of RC100 professional karts with a speed capability of up to 80 miles.

The new tourist destination was the result of years of planning and hard work under the leadership of Executive Manager Yoshihiro Kitami and Suzuki.

The circuit also offers five units of two-seater leisure karts, with a speed of 10 miles an hour, which is ideal for relaxation drive.

Areas and turns which are perceived as hazardous to riders are padded with thick rubber mats and foams to avoid injuries in case of a spin.

The management also hired enough staffers called flaggers or flag men. The flaggers control the flow and traffic in the circuit. They also make sure that the riders are wearing helmets and suits which are available for rent at the waiting area.

As one staffer would put it, the circuit already captured the excitement beyond the speed of the imagination of the riders. (Sony Daleno)

Bowling tourney starts tomorrow

THE PRIZE-FILLED 1st Budweiser No-Tap Bowling Tournament will start this Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

More than \$4,000 worth of prizes in cash and in kind await winners of the Philippine Bowling Association (PBA) organized four-day, two-weekend tournament.

Marianas Pacific (MarPac) Distributors, the major sponsor of the event will give away \$1,000 to the Best Bowler in the event.

The tournament which is open to everybody will be held on March 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th. Entry fee is \$20.00.

Among the prizes to be given away are: round trip ticket to and from Manila, \$700.00 for the second prize winner, \$300.00 for the third prize winner, \$200.00 for the fourth placer, and \$100.00 for the fifth finisher.

A big trophy, compliments of MarPac Budweiser, will be given to the top bowler.

Bowlers who will not make it to the top five finishers will have the chance to also win prizes during the raffle.

draw after the tournament.

Five prizes will be given away to five lucky non-finishers.

The round trip plane ticket to Manila will go to the first prize winner. A color television will be given to the second prize winner, video cassette recorder for the third prize winner, camera for the fourth winner, and radio cassette for the fifth prize winner.

Lots of consolation items will likewise be given away to non-finishers and those who will not win in the raffle draw.

The No-Tap tournament is just one of the PBA events MarPac Budweiser is supporting for the whole year.

Earlier, PBA officials and MarPac Promotions Manager Tom Garcia agreed in principle to hold joint projects with PBA for its bowlers.

The event is called no-tap tournament in reference to a 9-pin down strike by a bowler.

A bowler who knocks down nine pins need not tap the last pin. In the no-tap tournament, a 9-pin knock down is considered a strike. (AAPD)

Chess clinic Sunday

A CHESS clinic for players under-18 years old will open 2:00 pm Sunday, March 12, at Ramble's Restaurant, Oleai Center.

Sponsored by the CNMI Chess Association (CCA) and Ramble's Restaurant, the clinic will include lectures in basic lessons and a simultaneous exhibition by CCA's Ramon Morales.

Admission is free.

Morales finished second in the recently held First CNMI Blitz Tournament, and is the team captain and board 1 player of the Saipan Sun

Tours team competing in the ongoing First CNMI Chess Team Championship. A veteran tournament player back in the Philippines, Morales has competed in several CCA-sponsored tournaments. He is, at present, a high school teacher here in Saipan.

The chess clinic and the simultaneous display are part of the CCA's "Push Pawns Not Drugs" campaign.

For more information, please call, after office hours, CCA president Ed Benavente at 322-5516 or John Villamin at 235-6453.

Race ...

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scored two service breaks to secure his position on the travelling squad.

Morriswala joins fellow Fijian Sanjeev Tikaram, as well as top players Motuliki Kailahi of Tonga and Lency Tenai, of Nauru, on the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup Team

which will travel to Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The squad will compete from April 10-17 with five other nations in Group 3, Pool B of the Asia/Oceania Region Davis Cup event.

The squad hopes to place no less than third against the likes of Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, and top seeded Pakistan.

Miller ...

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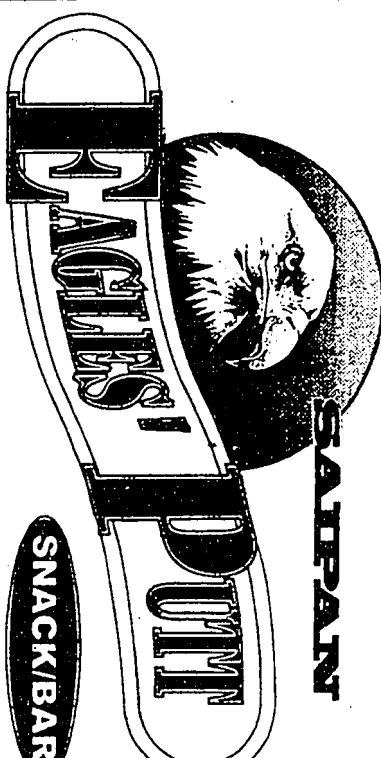
the Islanders scoring on Magofna's sacrifice, his seventh of the game. Tony Dela Cruz ripped a double and a homer with four RBI's for the Amigos.

Winning Pitcher: Joe S. Camacho (1-0) L.P.: John B. Manibusan (0-1)

Tony Satur struck-out eight batters and Jerry Ayuyu ripped a homer and

scored three times as the Seabees four double up the Kan Pacific San Roque D-9's, 12-6. Trailing 1-0, after 1 1/2 inning the Seabees, then rallied for six runs in their half of the second to take the lead to 8.5 after four innings. But the Seabees regrouped to score four of the last five runs of the game for the victory.

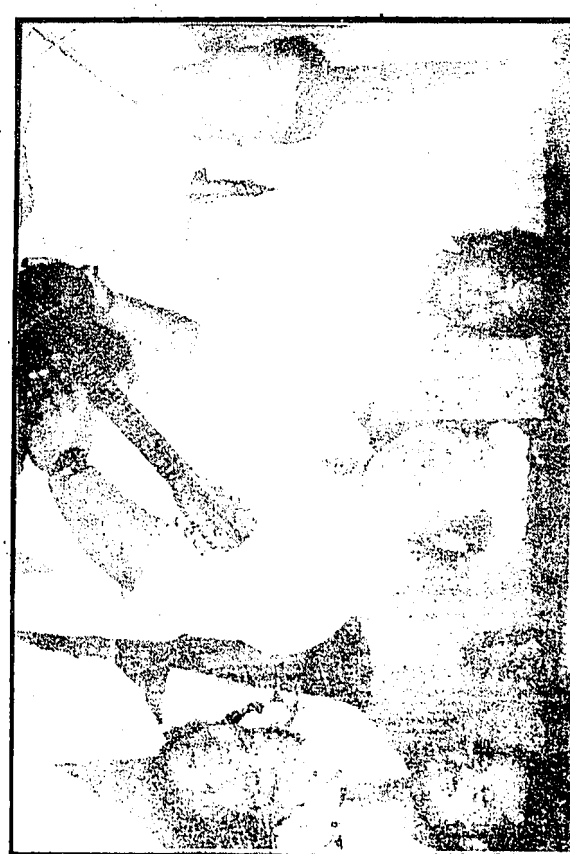
Winning Pitcher: Tony Satur (1-0) L.P.: Jess Peterson (0-1)



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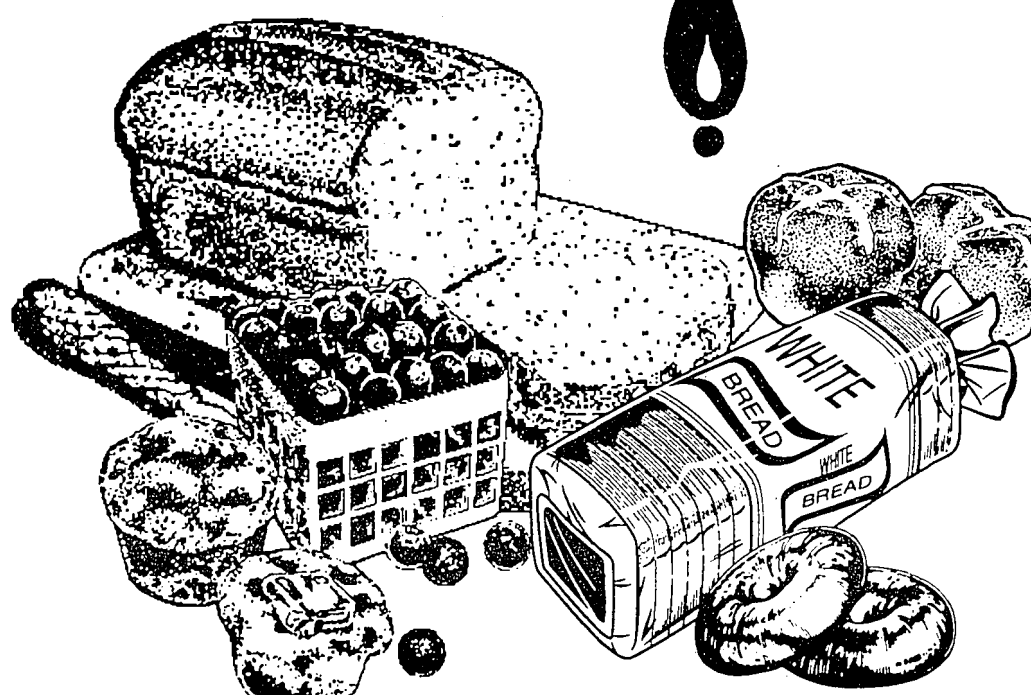
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SPORTS



Race Davis Cup reserve

THE LOCAL TENNIS association brought another honor to the CNMI in the field of sports in the person of seasoned tennis player Jeff Race.

Jeff Race was recently named as a reserve member of the 1995 Pacific Oceania Davis Cup squad which will compete in the Asia/Oceania Davis Cup event in Dubai this year.

After a week of competition in Fiji among the best players in the Pacific Islands, Race returned home with mixed feelings about his performance.

"To make in the first Pacific Davis Cup Team as a reserve is quite an honor, but I had hoped to finish higher," Race said.

The 34-year old, father to be tennister had enjoyed a record of

four wins and one loss, but unfortunately, that one defeat left him just short of the goal he had hoped to reach.

The crucial loss for Race was a 7-6, 6-2 quarterfinal defeat against Hitesh Morriswala, 21, of Fiji. The match remained even

throughout the first set, with the contest reaching tie-breaker at six games all.

Morriswala took an early lead in the tie-breaker as Race narrowly missed a wide volley.

The tall Fijian then, benefitted from a volley exchange which

glanced off the net and over Race's racquet.

Race came back with several strong serves late in the tie-breaker before Morriswala closed out 7-6 (7-5).

In the second set, Morriswala

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Kaipat qualifies for RGA Ace of month

BILL KAIPAT shot a net total 64 to qualify for the Ace of the Month (March) during the Refalawasch Golf Association (RGA) mini qualifying tournament held last Saturday at the Coral Ocean Point Resort.

Kaipat bested ten other golfers to qualify for next weekend's Ace Tournament which will be held at the Lao Lao Bay golf course.

Two strokes behind Kaipat at 66 was John Tagabuel who shot an identical 40's on both the front and back nine for a gross total of 80. Kaipat on the other hand, played consistency on the back nine by carding a one over 36 for a total of 78 which enables him to bag the first place award.

Trailing Tagabuel by a stroke after nine holes, Kaipat made his move in the back by paring holes #10 and 11, bogeyed 12 and 13 and then birdied #14. He then managed to par three out of the next four holes to lead by three strokes.

Four other golfers also scored in the 70's but none could match Kaipat's net score.

Jess Wabul recorded the day's lowest score with a 75, followed closely by the "fast" man Ed Peter who carded a 76. Andy Nepaial and Tony Satur both carded a 78 and 79 respectively for the day.

The two top winners were awarded cash prizes by the Association for their outstanding efforts.



Disgruntled baseball fan Ken Kiesewetter of Madison, Conn., wears a T-Shirt proclaiming "Listen to Mom, Don't pick scabs", as he watches the Minnesota Twins take batting practice at McKechnie Field in Bradenton, Fla., Thursday March 2, 1995. The players on the field he said "they should get a real job". The Twins played the Pittsburgh Pirates at McKechnie Field later in the afternoon.

Magic, Jazz down rivals

These days it seems the Magic can't miss - even with Shaquille O'Neal at the foul line with a victory at stake. Neither can the Utah Jazz, who won their sixth straight Wednesday night.

O'Neal made two game-clinching free throws in Orlando's 114-110 win over the Los Angeles Lakers to improve their home record to 30-1 and stay six games in front of the New York Knicks in the Atlantic Division.

"I just put them up and they went in," O'Neal said of his foul shots with 4.6 seconds left.

Utah's game with Dallas wasn't nearly so close. The Jazz, who increased their Midwest Division lead over San Antonio to three games, were up by 20 in the third quarter, allowing coach

Jerry Sloan to rest Karl Malone and Jeff Hornacek in the final period of a 114-87 victory.

In other games, it was Detroit 114, Washington 105; New York 108, Boston 100; New Jersey 115, Philadelphia 108 in overtime; Atlanta 99, Denver 88; Seattle 118, Minnesota 104; and Golden State 120, the Los Angeles Clippers 107.

The Magic benefitted from another big game by O'Neal, who scored 29 points in the first half and delivered two crucial layups in the last two minutes. He finished 20-of-26 from the field, had 11 rebounds and blocked five shots.

"He showed that he is the best player in the league," Lakers center Vlade Divac said. "He's not supposed to make those two (freethrows) at the clutch time."

Thursday SABA results

First Game:
Lite, 81-Sunrisers, 76

Halftime score: 30-29

Second Game
(Women)
Bud Dry, 63-
PepsiCo, 59

Halftime score: 31-28

Anthony Peeler led Los Angeles with 26 points. Divac had 23 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers, who played without injured starters Cedric Ceballos, Eddie Jones and Elden Campbell.

Men Softball Fast-Pitch League (Team Standing As of Sunday March 5, 1995)

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	G.B.
Dandan Protectors	2	0	1.000	-
D.P.W. Maileg	2	0	1.000	-
PDL Islanders	1	0	1.000	1/2
San Antonio Amigos	1	1	.500	1
Kan Pacific D-9'ers	1	1	.500	1
Stevodore C.K. Defenders	1	1	.500	1
Seabees Four	1	1	.500	1
Lite Beers	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Miller Draft Sunrisers	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Ace Hardware Pinos	0	2	.000	2

Batting Leaders: (Based on 6 or more times at BAT)

Player	Team	AB	HIT	Batting
Fernando Camacho	Sunrisers	9	6	.667
Paul Roberto	Sunrisers	6	4	.667
Dennis Ngeskebei	Amigos	8	5	.625
Wilber Ad	Lite Beer	9	5	.556
Elmer Sablan	Lite Beer	10	5	.500
Jess Peterson	D-9'ers	8	4	.500
Joe Tudela	Sunrisers	8	4	.500
Roland Sablan	Amigos	6	3	.500
James Diaz	Protectors	6	3	.500

Runs: (6) Paul Roberto, (5) Paul Tenorio, Fernando Camacho, Pete Roberto, Dennis Ngeskebei, Elmer Sablan.

Doubles: (2) Dennis Ngeskebei, Roland Sablan, Nick Guerrero.

Triples: (2) James Diaz (1) Fernando Camacho, Dennis Ngeskebei.

Roland Sablan, Nick Salomon.

Homeruns: (2) Blas Magofna, Elmer Sablan, Wilber Ada.

RBIS: (7) Blas Magofna, Paul Roberto, Elmer Sablan, Wilber Ada.

"PITCHING LEADERS"

Player	Team	INN	ER	HIT	WL	ERA
Joe Sablan	D-9'ers	6	0	5	1-0	0.00
Tony Camacho	Sunrisers	5	1	3	1-0	1.40
John Sablan	Amigos	13	6	16	0-1	2.23
Tony Satur	Seabees	7	3	8	1-0	3.00
Ben Sablan	Protector	10	5	12	2-0	3.50
Paul Roberto	Sunriser	5	3	5	0-1	4.20
Henry San Nicolas	Defenders	9	6	9	1-0	4.67
Jack Taitano	Lite Beers	12	11	15	1-1	6.41

Strike-Outs: (11) Ben Sablan (10) John Sablan (8) Tony Satur.

Miller, Seabees, Islanders win in softball

Ray D. Palacios

For the Variety

Pete Roberto blasted the second Grand-Slam of the season and Joe Tudela knocked in three runs in a nine-run fifth inning rally, giving the Miller Draft Sunrisers their first victory of the season with a devastating 12-3 fifth-inning shut-out over Lite beer on an eight runs go-ahead rule.

Leading by just a run, 3-2, after

four innings, the Sunrisers then exploded nine runs in the top of the fifth and held for the victory.

Wilber Ada ripped a two-run Homer but the Lite team were overpowered by veteran Tony Camacho who gave up just four hits. W.P. Tony Camacho (1-0) L.P. Jack Taitano (1-1).

Blas Magofna ripped the homeruns and Paul "I'll do it all" Tenorio hammered one leading the

PDL Islanders pass the San Antonio Amigos in an eight inning Marathon, 17-16. Needing three runs for a tie in their last at-bat in the bottom of the seventh.

The Islanders did just that when Tenorio walked and scored his fifth runs of wild-pitch before Magofna ripped his second homer of the game to force extra inning.

Bobby Lizama then won it for

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